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Week At A Glance



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Inspired by President Barrack Obama, TLC will explore the World of STEAM.

From The Director

Dear Parents,

It makes us proud to see our children achieving success in activities outside TLC. One of the key goals of education is to bring out the best in every child, in every domain of learning, at every stage of the learning journey. We are committed to providing opportunities for every child in TLC Montessori Preschool, to succeed.

Congratulations to Dhyan N Ranganatha from scholars who secured 1st place in 1st term evaluation for KG2 level in Abacus. Dhyan is an intelligent child who enjoys doing puzzles and drawing. He loves to make sandcastles during his play time. His favourite subject is math and he loves to do math worksheets.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,
Usha Lamba
Director



News From Our Classrooms

An update from the
teachers

Explorers & Adventurers

With the UOI for the month coming to an end this week, the children have learned the names of Pet, Wild and Domestic Animals and it is really heart warming to see them recognize an animal and excitedly name it.

In the last week of August, the artwork for the class of Explorers was varied and interesting. While on a particular day they painted using a comb, on another day they used forks, sponges and glue to complete their artistic master pieces. Where the Adventurers were concerned, artwork included colouring and sticking. These activities are aimed at re-inforcing all concepts taught to the children in a fun and interactive way and it is also a time where the children let their imagination run wild.

In the area of Montessori, this week the Adventurers have been working on transferring beads from one container to

another and strengthening their skills of rolling and unrolling a mat.

Special Thursday was Sports this week and keeping in line the UOI of the month, we had an exciting race for the little ones, where they had to hop like a bunny to the finish line. With squeals and laughter, the children had a lovely time as each one tried to outrace the other.

This week we also celebrated Rakhi and the class of Adventurers and Explorers had a little something to take back home that was symbolic to the festival.

Next week we will start off the new month of September, by talking about Fruits and Vegetables and their importance.

Discoverers

The Animal Kingdom was researched and relearned, as the children revised the UOI.

Excitement continued as we played 'The Sound Game' this week, with teachers using the phonetic sound that an animal name began with and the children had to guess the animal. To extend the game and increase the phonetic experience, the teachers played a similar game only this time they used children's names instead of animal names.

Animals got an artistic twist with a red kangaroo, a green giraffe and 'Creative License' was allowed and our children had a great time sponge dabbing, earbud dabbing, dotting, etc...

Montessori: Transferring liquids with a funnel, Velcro frame, transferring rice with a spoon and transferring beans with a spoon.

As we celebrated a trio of festivals this weekend, which were explained through stories - Onam, Rakhi and Varamahalaxmi Puja. Rakhis were decorated and were tied to their teacher's hands.

Special Sports Thursday saw a 'Kangaroo Race' replete with a 'Joey' run to the finishing line.

Enquirers

The week started with a build up to the oncoming festive season. Children talked about the colourful bands which are worn for raksha bandhan and the gifts and sweets that go with it. The truly exciting part was making their own rakhis . They shared their plans to use them with their siblings or cousins and one could see a lot of thought was being put to giving or receiving the best gift for their brothers or sisters on this festive occasion.

We continued talking about animal cries, food and their homes as well as reiterating their young ones in circle time and with work sheets. The children enthused over sponge painting a duck, and using feather and brushes to vividly bring to life a fox and a hen in the art class.

"One stood down" is the new number song introduced to the children.

In Montessori we started sand paper tracing of vowels and numbers as well as revised short bead stairs, cards and counters.

For Special Sports Thursday, we had a frog race in which the children participated with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Yoga and light exercises are also being done.

We now look forward to a fun September learning about Fruits and Vegetables and Flowers.

Rangers 1

This week was all about discussing animal food, animal products and special features of animals like size, shape, colour and so on and children were shown flash cards and Power point presentation of the same. Children are enjoying solving worksheets on animal size, shapes and colours and are also learning to categorize animals as herbivorous, carnivorous and omnivorous according to their food habits.

They were also amazed to learn about the huge range of animal products we use in our daily life. They were shown a video on nocturnal animals. Art work comprised of making an Iguana with a cut out of letter 'I', colouring a stag in the jungle and a gerbil in the desert.

On special Thursday children played a game of 'Dog and the bone' and 'Mr Crocodile can I cross your river'.

Children made rakhis to celebrate the festival of 'Raksha Bandan' which is being celebrated across the country over the weekend and we also spoke about the significance of this festival.

In Geography we revised the names of continents and in Montessori children were introduced to 'Short Bead Stairs' and the 'Snake Game'.

After an enjoyable and eventful month learning about the Animal kingdom we eagerly look forward to another fun filled month learning about the 'Plant Kingdom'.

Rangers 2

Our Animal Kingdom extended to the world of Reptiles, Insects and Birds. We studied Vertebrates and Invertebrates, Carnivores, Omnivores and Herbivores.

Habitats were rediscussed and we delved into discussing the environment briefly, as and how an environment is of importance to animals. Worksheets and Art was done keeping in mind the UOI.

Montessori: Snake Game, Addition Strip Board, Language word list using Pink Series picture cards.

Science: Special Features and uses of animals classified into different species.

Geography: Environmental hazards faced by animals due to pollution and other man-made errors.

Our class put up a Special Assembly for the rest of the school on Thursday, where we enthused them with Animal Songs and a few Solo Performances.

The story of Rakhi was said to the children and they excitedly made Rakhis for all their friends.

Scholars

“A bird doesn’t sing because it has an answer`, it sings because it has a song.”

Last week TLC was a witness to a vivid ambience, where the world of birds and animals came alive. Our Scholars came all dressed as a cheetah, a swan, a crab, a lion, a snail and a tiger.

Science:-

After learning about mammals, scholars moved to the world of Amphibians and Birds.

Videos and worksheets were done and shown on the above topics.

Geography:-

We revised the three continents that we learnt-Asia, Africa and North America.

We moved on to our new continent South America.

Language:-

Children have been revising the first sound and last sound to be able to recognise 3 letter and 4 letter words. They are also being taught the spellings of the days of the week and 5 vegetables. We have started encouraging children to bring their favourite book to class and to read it in front of the class. Besides their regular notebook writing they are doing many relevant worksheets.

Math:-

In math children are revising counting 1 to 200, number names 1 to 15. They are also learning ascending and descending orders, place value and numbers in expanded form. In addition we are doing 3 digit additions

with carry over. In subtraction we are doing 2 digit subtraction and learning borrowing method subtraction. Besides their regular notebook writing they are doing different worksheets.

Hindi:-

Doing workbook and practicing writing alphabets.

Looking forward to September as it is going to be exciting with many exciting topics.

STEAMY September



In his book, *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World*, author Tony Wagner notes, “Business leaders...say that we need many more young people who can create innovations in the areas of science, technology, and engineering. Many argue that so-called STEM education (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) is increasingly important to the future of our country.”

This September we are going to focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics), a learning process empowered by scientific inquiry, technological expertise, engineering design, mathematical logic, rational reasoning and creativity. The teaching is based on a whole-child educational approach and characterized by an emphasis on independence, freedom within limits, and respect for a child’s natural psychological and emotional development, as well as technological advancements in society.

A few years back, President Obama realized that very few young people are drawn towards Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Scientists and Engineers have made innovations and discoveries that have made USA a global leader. To encourage children to develop an interest in these crucial subjects, he created STEM.

All young people should be prepared to think deeply and to think well so that they have the chance to become the innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve the most pressing challenges facing our world, both today and tomorrow. Inspired by this movement, TLC Montessori Preschool has decided to provide an initial impression of these important subjects through a range of hands-on experiments and activities that will leave an ever-lasting impact on the minds of our children and will hopefully stay with them as guiding principles throughout their lives. This program intends to prepare students to embrace these challenges with an inquiring mind and empower them with a progressive outlook and scientific skills to persistently and successfully tackle them.

Upcoming Events

For STEAMY September, this week children will experiment with bubble making, colour mixing, what is a volcano and photosynthesis.

Special Thursday 3 September: Group Art

Funtastic Friday 4 September: Bring your favourite vegetable



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