

Minnie Mouse group news letter
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Age group: 2-3 Years

Dear Parents,

Hurray! It's summer fun, fun, fun with the Minnie Mouse group summer school programme 2008
I am looking forward to meeting you and your child and sharing all of the activities I have prepared for your child.
The programme that your child will be following is related to the Early Years Foundation stage. The six areas of your child's development are:

- Knowledge and understanding of the world
- Mathematics
- Creative
- Language and Literacy
- Emotional and Social
- Physical

Throughout the programme I have prepared for your child I will be implementing activities related to all of the key development stages mentioned above.

If you have any further questions about the Early Years Foundation Stage programme please don't hesitate to contact me. I would be very happy to discuss the programme further with you.

My primary topic will be all about 'The Ocean', a science topic all about 'Fruits', language and literacy programme based around the 'Letterland syllabus' and the 'Flippity Fish Story'. Mathematic topics and activities related to 'Ten Town' and some spectacular special events including our traditional 'T Shirt Painting' and an outdoor visit to 'Stanley Beach'

Thank you for attending the Minnie Mouse summer fun programme

Ruby and Jaspreet

Primary Topic (covers all areas of Early Years Foundation stage)

'The Ocean'

Your child will be having a lot of fun with me discovering all about Ocean life and all of the interesting activities that are enjoyed in the Ocean.

These are the specific activities for each block:

Block 1: Animals in the ocean

Block 2: Animals in the ocean

Block 3: Coral and soft Coral

Block 4: Sound of the Ocean

I will be using a variety of learning tools to introduce 'The Ocean' to your child, based around the Early Years Foundation Stage. Your child will also have the opportunity to attend our sensational outing to 'Stanley Beach'

All of your child's work related to the topic will be filed in the 'Summer Fun activity folder' and attractively displayed around the classroom.

Language and Literacy programme

Our Language and literacy programme will be based around the Letterland syllabus, Nursery Write Dance and the 'Story 'Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea'

Letterland: Have you been introduced to the Letterland syllabus before?

If you have, well I have no doubt that you have enjoyed meeting all of the friendly characters and isn't it just amazing how quickly that the children are able to recognize the letter and the correct sound too!

If you are new to the syllabus please ask me for a list of all of the friendly characters from Letterland to help you to introduce them to your child.

I will provide your child with their own individual activity book related to the syllabus and they will also have the opportunity to participate in practical activities such as: JIGSAW PUZZLES/ COMPUTER PROGRAMME/ STORY BOOKS AND VISUAL AIDS.

Nursery Write Dance Activities: Are you new to the Nursery Write Dance programme? If so please view all details about the programme on our web site www.letter-land.com under the 'Minnie Mouse Group Programme'.

I will be introducing your child to a variety of Nursery Write Dance topics and look forward to them creating their own actions and movements along to the music and recording all of their wonderful creative master pieces.

I love participating in the Nursery Write Dance activities and they are certainly rewarding experiences for all involved!

Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea: I have chosen the 'Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea' as our primary language and literacy book during the summer school programme.

The book has a lovely story all about a little boy's adventure for the day under the sea! The book is written by Jan Peck

Songs for summer fun 2008

All of my summer fun songs will be available for your viewing in the classroom and on our web site

www.letter-land.com

Have fun singing along with your child and don't hesitate to ask me if you need any help with the lyrics and tunes.

Science Activities

It is so important to understand that your child's mathematical skills are related to such a variety of practical activities as well as number recognition and learning to count by rote.

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in lots of messy, gooey and fun textile experiences and experiments, Ten Town and Colour academic and practical activities, some yummy cooking and a science topic too!

I will provide your child with their own colour and Ten Town activity book and any cooking ingredients.

The Minnie Mouse Group science topic for summer school will be:

Fruits

I will have lots of experiments and scientific experiences for your child to enjoy related to fruits, including looking inside fruits, painting with fruits, making fruit salad and other yummy fruity delights.

Art and Crafts

I will provide art and craft activities throughout each class and encourage your child to participate and to produce their own creation onto paper.

All of your child's wonderful work will be displayed around the classroom and filed into their 'summer fun art folder' to take home.

If you are a newcomer to the Minnie Mouse group please do note that any work completed by your child will be their own individual work. No matter what the picture looks like, you must remember that it is the time and effort that your child has put into their work, not the end result that counts.

And always remember to praise your child for all of their creative efforts.

Music and Movement

A physically active child is a healthy child, I ensure throughout each class that your child joins in daily action rhymes and games, such as 'Tick Tock', 'Running round the mountain' and 'Sleeping bunnies'.

Nursery Write Dance activities will also provide your child the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills.

Every Friday I will arrange a structured Music and Movement class for your child to aid their posture and large movement skills.

The classes are always lots of fun and a great learning opportunity for your child.

Special Events

Summer school always includes a couple of special events for the children, just to make it a little extra special for your child!

This year I have arranged two special events for the Minnie Mouse group. Please do ensure that you record all of the dates in your diary so that your child doesn't miss out on all of the extracurricular fun!

T Shirt Painting

Who needs Ralph Lauren and Zara when your child can create their very own unique personal T shirt design at Letterland!

T shirt painting is always part of our summer school programme and the children get great pleasure out of the activity and particularly wearing their unique design to the centre!

T Shirt Painting will take place on the following dates:

A.M Class: Wednesday 6th August

P.M Class: Wednesday 6th August and Thursday 7th August

Please ensure that you provide your child with a plain white T shirt for the event.

We are very excited about viewing the final creations!



Outdoor visit

For our summer fun outdoor visit I will be taking the Minnie Mouse group, with help from mummies, daddies and Aunties to 'Stanley Beach' for the day.

I know that you and your child will have a wonderful and memorable experience.

The event will take place on Friday 8th August

Your child must wear their Alison's Letterland Child Care Centre' Polo shirt and be accompanied by the parents or guardians for the event.

Please also provide your child with a packed lunch, plenty of fluids, mosquito spray and sun block.

All of the Minnie Mouse group students are invited to attend the outdoor event. Please complete the form attached and return to me when you register for the summer school.

I will issue you another letter with times and meeting places when summer school commences

If you have any questions about the visit and questions about weather conditions before the event please don't hesitate to contact me.

Child's Name _____

My child will/will not attend the visit to 'Stanley Beach' on Friday 8th August

Signed Parent/ Guardian _____

Date _____



Rules and Regulations For Summer School 2008

We can only secure your child's place once we have received the registration and medical form, registration fee and summer school payments.

Your child must register for two week blocks available.

There will be no refund of payment once you have registered for the summer school programme.

You must complete a registration form and medical consent form for your child. We will not accept your child to stay independently at the centre unless the forms are completed, signed and returned to your child's class teacher..

There will be no classes conducted at the centre if the following weather conditions are announced by the Government of Hong Kong:

Typhoon signal 3 and 8
Red and Black rain storm warnings

If any of the above signals are issued during the class you will be contacted to come and collect your child from the centre.

Please note that there will be no make up classes when the centre is closed due to weather conditions.

Materials to provide for your child:

School bag with change of clothes
Nappies if necessary
Indoor Shoes

Classes and sessions available::

A.M Class: Monday to Friday

Your child must attend the centre five mornings a week

P.M Class: Monday to Friday

Option of sessions:

Tuesday/ Thursday
Monday/ Wednesday and Friday

Blocks available:

Wednesday 2nd July– Friday 18th July

Monday 21st July– Friday 1st August

Monday 4th August– Friday 15th August

Monday 18th August– Friday 29th August

Cost of two week blocks:

Monday– Friday A.M HK\$1,800
Monday– Friday P.M HK\$ 1,800

Monday/ Wednesday and Friday P.M HK\$ 1,100
Tuesday and Thursday P.M HK\$ 750

Registration fee HK\$150 (Includes Polo Shirt) All other teaching materials will be provided by the centre/Kindergarten