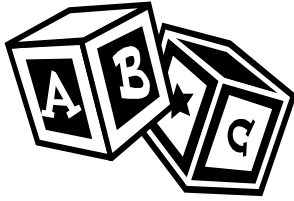




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Dew Drops Newsletter

Term 1

Dear Parents

Welcome to St James' Church Kindergarten! The staff and I are glad to have you and your child join us and we would also like to wish you a happy 2010.

The first few days of school will be an exciting time for many children. As parents, do be encouraging and positive so that your child will be able to settle in quickly. One adult is allowed to remain with the child for the first four days of school. After that, we would advise you to just drop your child off and make a quick and cheerful exit. We have found from experience that children often settle in faster without their family members around. We would like to assure you that your child is in good hands and should we at any time feel that your child needs you, we will definitely contact you and ask you to come into the class.

If you have any queries or concerns, you may call the office to make an appointment with your child's class teachers, me, or Bernice, the Vice-Principal. Do also leave your name and contact number so that we can return your call. We will be happy to help in any way.

God bless!

Yours faithfully

Jacqueline Chung

Principal

~ Curriculum ~

The emphasis at Pre-Nursery Playgroup level is on learning through creative play and on developing the whole child. There are six components to our curriculum:

- Personal awareness
- Emotional well-being
- Socialisation skills
- Communication skills
- Cognitive skills
- Perceptive motor skills

The theme for Term 1 is **My Body**. Your child will learn language and mathematics through games, stories, songs, rhymes, art & craft, music & movement, physical development, gym, sand & water play, and indoor & outdoor play activities in a bilingual environment.

~ General Information ~

School Hours

Send your child to and pick your child from his/her classroom.

| | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Arrival | 8.15 – 8.45 am | 11.30 am – 12pm | 2.45 – 3.15pm |
| Dismissal | 10.45 – 11.15am | 2.00 – 2.30pm | 5.15 – 5.45pm |

Do note that classes only start at 8.15 am (Session 1), 11.30 am (Session 2) and 2.45pm (Session 3). So you need not send your child in any earlier.

Payment

Please do not send in large sums of cash through your child whenever a payment has to be made. We cannot be held responsible for any loss should you choose to do so.

Uniform & Footwear

The Dew Drops children may wear the regular school uniform or the school T-shirt with the uniform bottom to school every day. On days when there is sand & water play, your child is required to wear sandals.



Sand & Water Play

As part of the water play activities, there will be pool water play. On the days when there is pool water play, please pack a swim suit and a towel for your child in a plastic bag.



Communication Book & Notices

Each child is provided with a communication book which will be used for communication between parent and teacher. Please check the communication book daily for any information the teacher may wish to pass on to you and initial after reading. The teachers will also check the book and initial after reading.

Letters from the school will be inserted in the bag, so do check your child's bag daily. When you receive notices from the Kindergarten which require a reply, we would appreciate a prompt response.

Family Day Carnival

Saturday 13 March 2010
@ St James' Church Kindergarten

Open to friends and family members of children in
the Kindergarten and alumni.
More information will be given closer to the event.

Calendar for 2010

| Term | School Terms | Term Breaks |
|------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 5 January – 12 March | 13 – 21 March |
| 2 | 22 March – 27 May | 29 May – 27 June |
| 3 | 28 June – 3 September | 4 – 12 September |
| 4 | 13 September – 19 November | 20 Nov – 4 Jan 2011 |

Public & School Holidays during School Terms

| Date | Day | Event |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 14 – 17 Feb | Sun – Wed | Chinese New Year Holidays |
| 2 April | Friday | Good Friday |
| 1 May | Saturday | Labour Day |
| 3 May | Monday | Day off in lieu of Labour Day |
| 28 May | Friday | Vesak Day |
| 5 July | Monday | Youth Day |
| 9 & 10 Aug | Monday & Tuesday | National Day Holidays |
| 31 Aug | Tuesday | Teachers' Day |
| 2 September | Thursday | Kindergarten Anniversary |
| 10 Sept | Friday | Hari Raya Puasa |
| 1 October | Friday | Children's Day |
| 25 October | Monday | *Post-Concert Holiday |
| 5 Nov | Friday | *Deepavali |
| 17 Nov | Wednesday | Hari Raya Haji |

School Events

| Date | Day | Event |
|---------------|-----------------|--|
| 12 March | Friday | 'Wear your favourite clothes' Day |
| 13 March | Saturday | Family Day Carnival |
| 28 & 29 April | Wed & Thu | Excursions for Sessions 1,2 & 3 |
| 10 -14May | Monday – Friday | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| 26 May | Wednesday | 'Dress up' Day |
| 27 May | Thursday | K1 & K2 Camp |
| 14 & 15 July | Wed & Thu | Field trips / excursions for Sessions 1,2 & 3 |
| 24 July | Saturday | P.A.R.T. Workshop |
| 6 August | Friday | National Day Celebrations |
| 16 August | Monday | Project Work Open House (Nursery, K1 & K2) |
| 31 August | Tuesday | Teachers' Day Celebration |
| 18 September | Saturday | Orientation Talk for Nursery 2011 parents |
| 25 September | Saturday | Orientation Talk for Pre-Nursery 2011 parents |
| 29 & 30 Sept | Wed & Thu | *Children's Day Celebrations |
| 21 & 22 Oct | Thu & Fri | *Full-dress Rehearsals for Sessions 1 & 2 |
| 23 October | Saturday | *Annual Concert (Nursery, K1 & K2) |
| 9 & 10 Nov | Tue & Wed | Excursions for Sessions 1, 2 & 3 |
| 16 November | Tuesday | Class Party & last day of school for Pre-Nursery, Nursery & K1 |
| 18 & 19 Nov | Thu & Fri | K2 Graduation Camp |

* to be confirmed