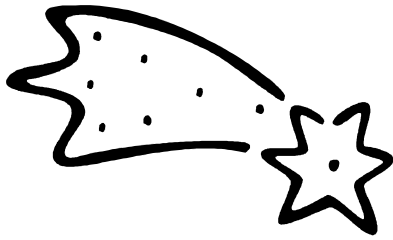




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Starlight Newsletter

Term 1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to St James' Church Kindergarten! For those whose children have joined us for the first time this year, we welcome you to St. James' Church Kindergarten. The staff and I would also like to wish you a happy 2010.

Through our term newsletters, we hope to share with you what we would like to do to help your child get ready for Primary One. We believe that you will take an active interest in your child's pre-school education and look forward to a positive partnership.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Bernice, the Vice-Principal, or any of your child's teachers. Do call the office to make an appointment or leave your name and contact number so that we can return your call. We will be happy to help in any way.

We thank you for your trust and confidence in us, and for the opportunity to guide your child through his/her final year in kindergarten.

God bless!

Yours faithfully

Jacqueline Chung

Principal

~ Curriculum ~

I English

If your child has been with us since Nursery, he/she would have had two years of phonics background. This would mean that your child would be able to read simple words by sounding out the letters. Even if your child is new or has no phonics background, he/she would be able to catch up as we go through the previous sounds on a regular basis. By the end of Term One, your child would have covered

- beginning & ending sounds of consonants
- short vowel medial sounds

In addition to phonics, there will be an emphasis on reading and spelling high frequency words.

II Mathematics

- Rote counting 1-20, 1-100
- Recognising numerals 1-20, 1-100
- Recognising number words 1-10
- Ordinal numbers – 1st to 10th
- Sequencing numbers 1-20, 1-100
- Addition
- Measurement – length, weight, volume, area
- Shapes / Tessellation

III Chinese

The emphasis is on listening, speaking and recognising Chinese characters through meaningful activities. The topics covered this term are:

- Colours
- Nature
- Chinese New Year
- My school, classmates and friends

We do hope that you will encourage your child to speak more Mandarin at home as this will help him/her gain more confidence in the subject.

IV MATAL

MATAL is an early childhood programme from Israel. We hope to stretch your child's creativity through meaningful and enjoyable activities and also to develop his/her critical thinking skills. This term, the children will look at the linear shapes – straight lines, curved lines and angular lines.



School Bag & Name Tag

Children have to carry the school bag every day. New children will receive their school bags and iron-on name tags within the first week of school. Letters from the school or notes from the teacher 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. If your child is required to complete some work, do supervise your child to ensure that instructions have been followed. If your child's old bag is lost or damaged, please get a replacement from the office.

All children are required to have the iron-on name tag on the uniform. Please place an order with the office if you need a set of name tags.



Term 1 Fees

Term One fees are due in the first week of the term. If you have not made payment yet, please write a cheque for the amount you have chosen (**\$674.10, \$706.20, \$738.30 or \$770.40**) and make it payable to **St James' Church Kindergarten**. Write your child's name and class at the back of the cheque. For those paying by GIRO / Baby Bonus, the fees will be deducted on 8 January 2010.

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.

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