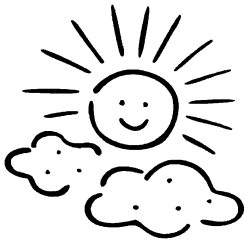




# St. James' Church Kindergarten

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## Sunshine 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 two 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

The emphasis at Nursery level is on the development of gross and fine motor skills as well as in laying the foundation for reading readiness.

Below is an overview of the Nursery Curriculum for Term 1 so that you are aware of what your child is learning and are able to reinforce these concepts through informal ways at home.

### **I English**

- 'Ă' - as in antelope
- 'M' - as in mule
- 'S' - as in sunfish
- 'F' - as in fox
- 'R' - as in rabbit
- 'Ĕ' - as in elephant

An animal story, together with a song and relevant activities, help reinforce each letter sound. After letters A, M and S have been covered, the Word Building RR01 and English Book 1 will have been completed and will be returned to you. Summaries of the animal stories will be inserted but they represent only a small fraction of the complete stories told by the teacher. Encourage your child to expand/retell the stories in greater detail. This will build up his/her vocabulary and oral skills.

### **II Mathematics**

- One-to-one correspondence
- Same or different
- Big or small
- Long, short or tall
- Wide or narrow, thick or thin
- Space and shape

### **III Chinese**

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

- My body
- My family
- Fruits

### **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 focus on the body – face, hands, legs, and their functions.



### **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