

EVENTS OF JANUARY -2011

The school got opened on 3.1.2011 with as usual fun and colors. The year is very busy with report writing, folder making, greetings making etc. Our teachers have made few mistakes in making the Greetings card and it was pointed out by the principal and immediately they have accepted and started correcting which shows the open mindedness of the teachers.

Dr.Madeswaran has taken the responsibility of typing the narrative reports in PC. The teachers have to learn how to make the narrative reports from the various observations made by them.

Panchabootha concept has been daily introduced after Dr.Pradheep's advice to initiate the 5 elements concept for the future.

Vinayagar yoga is getting practiced daily by the staff and children.

5.1.2011 – NATURE WALK OBSERVATION:

1. Children saw few Tahaila trees and could not make difference between its whitish barks and paint.
2. AdishKumar observed custard apples and related his experiences with the fruits.
3. Ravikumar used more English vocabularies. He was also very keen in observing small insects.
4. 3 year old Vishwa was very particular about the road rules.
5. Madhumitha is also clear about many plants and trees.
6. She very well knows that ulundhu dhal is used to prepare idlies. She also knew a plant which can medicate the hurts. When her brother fell down she immediately crushed the leaves and applied on his wounds. She is also aware of keelanalli plant which is used to cure jawndice.
7. Saffana was very much scared about the loud sound made by road rollers.
8. As usual children saw many vegetables and fruits in farms.
9. Sebashini wants some of the plants to get transplanted to the school.
10. Children also touched and experienced a whole coconut with fibers.
11. Children thanked the farm owner for permitting them into his farm.

We are at the end of the term and we need to look back into the year.

7.1.11 – SCHOOL PONGAL DAY

We are celebrating school Pongal today with traditional back ground and all the children have dresses well including teachers. Children have observed floral drawings, colorings, thoranam making, pot painting and pongal cooking. The school will close for Pongal from 8.1.11 – 17.1.11 because this locality celebrates the festival with great fun and colors.

Pongal was cooked outside of the school just below the flag post. Stove, pots, fire, pooja items all were placed in perfect way by the school staff members. Children were watching the festival. Mallika and Kalaivani were involved in maintaining the order of the school. They showed thoranam making and pot painting. Helpers Amudha and Jothyakka came at dawn and drew kolams with coloring. It looked very beautiful. Mani's parents joined in Pongal celebration and Panchabootha concept was again presented by Kalaivani. Poojas were offered to Sun and all poojas with chantings. Pooja was also done to Lord Murugan. Our house owner's son and his wife joined for the celebration along with Sudeesh's mother [old parents] and other few trainees from their computer training.

IMPORTANT DECISION ABOUT TRANSPORTATION FEES:

The school has raised the auto fees from Rs.100 to Rs.150 and we have requested the auto owners and drivers to collect the fees from the parents with a week so that the parents who are delaying in paying the fees will be in a check. This will help them to understand the need to pay a fees and responsibility. This may bring drop outs of children and we must be ready to face it. A letter will be sent today regarding this. Parents can leave their children by themselves instead of auto. For this the school timing can also be changed. This will be a very important discussion on our report giving day.

Jerin's first birthday got celebrated with fun and blessings in the school.

THIRD ANNUAL DAY – 22.1.11

Chief guests: This time we are inviting 5 children of various age groups as our chief guests along with our parents from M.Ganesan's family. The children have their own great human qualities with many talents.

Master. Sandheep, Master. Sachin, Baby. PrathikaShanmathy, Master. RithwikSiddarth and Baby. Harisundhan are going to facilitate the festival along with their parents.

The school got closed for the children on 21st to setup the environment for the school day. Teachers and helpers worked well and made the school looking good and tidy. We were very particular about plastic garbage.

We all expected Dr.Pradheepkumar to conduct the festival but he could not come just because of his research and experiments which he has to finish before January 30th. Most of us were upset that as a correspondent of the school he could not meet the parents.

22.1.2011, THIRD ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION REPORT.

1. We appreciate our parents first for their attendance. Except one parents all others attended the festival.
2. Kolam was drawn and colored in presence of many children by Ms.Amudha.
3. Mango leaves thoranam was put up on 2 doors and the children were prepared to receive the chief guests.
4. Auto facility was arranged to parents and children to reach the school and leave after the festival.
5. Children arrived as usual and started the session.
6. Parents arrived around 10.45 A.M. Soon 12 guests arrived from Coimbatore.
7. After giving the traditional welcoming, they worshipped Lord Murugan in our school and started the festival.

EVENTS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL DAY

Flag Hoisting was done by **Ms.Maragatham**. She belonged to a very rich land lord family near Coimbatore. But she stands for her simplicity and humbleness. Her dedication to her husband, family and guests has to be appreciated. Her guest treatment is the most special character which got highlighted in the function. She has encouraged her son-in-law and son to continue with the agriculture.

This was followed by the state song.

After that all the guests offered flowers to Dr.Montessori and lighted the 4th lamp which symbolized the school's entry into the 4th year.

Mr.ArulBalaji, Dr.Pradheepkumar, Ms.Mahalaxmi spoke to the staff members and parents and conveyed the annual day wishes. Previously **Ms.Priya from USA** also conveyed her wishes through cell phone call to the principal.

Principal introduced the guests.

Mr.Ravi, Ms.MythiliRavi, Ms.DeviEshwaran [a teacher], her 2 daughters, Miss.Sathya [a P.G student interested in teaching], Mythili's mother, Mr.MarrappanGaneshan and Ms.JeyanthiGaneshan.

Baby Harisudhan, Selvi.PrathikaShanmathy and SiddarthRithwick were much interested in exploring the materials and involved in the festival without any distraction. They wanted to give away the prizes, certificates and reports.

Prathika's very first mass concert:

Prathika who is very much interested in signing learned many Bajans and small devotional songs from her school and Dr.Madeswaran has prepared well to present her first concert before the mass. She was very bold enough to stand and sing before all and she felt very happy about it.

We thank her mother and father for the best support without pressurizing her.

YOUNG MOTHER'S ADDRESS:

Ms.Mythili addressed the gang about child care and shared her experiences about HariSudan who has his own tiny Montessori environment within his home. She also listened to many parents' output talks about their child's growth and development.

We are very happy to say that most of our parents stood before the mass and spoke confidently about their own child's development. The 3 important points which were addressed by most of them are:

1. **Children learn to talk soon in good language.**
2. **Children are developing good inner order.**
3. **Children's personality development is obvious and very appreciable when compared with other children.**

Montessori education is very particularly focusing upon these 3 developments within a child. So we are happy to know about it. It is not only our school can do this. Anybody who implements this will achieve the same.

After that reports were distributed by Prathika and Rithwick to the children. Transport fees were announced, summer holidays were announced but most of the mothers wanted the school to be run in May.

As the teachers are supposed to attend their semester exams in May, we have welcomed parents, +2 students and volunteers are encouraged to join with us in May to handle the children. The salary for a month will be paid.

SPECIAL GIFTS:

Pounding set, pattern set, pencil holder, kumkumchimil and greetings cards.

Special thanks:

Special thanks were given to baby **Jerin's** mother who has believed in the system and put her baby at 11 months.

Teachers requested M.Ganeshan to start the school building soon.

Mr.Ravi requested our teachers to observe Harisudhan for an hour and give a short Montessori observation report and teachers also did that.

The festival ended with national anthem and sweet distribution. A special cake was ordered behalf of the school and abroad chocolates were also given by Dr.Mani's parents.

We wish that the guests who are well to do in their villages will put effort to promote Montessori education to their locality children.

We also thank Mani's parents for serving very good lunch to the guests.

Traditional ritual of removing negative energy was performed by the teachers and all left for the day.

Guests left to Madurai and saw Alagarkoil, Pazhamudirsolai, MeenakshiKoil and few other shrines of interest accompanied and guided by Dr.Madeswaran and left to Coimbatore on 23rd after noon.

Mr.Ravikumar is very much interested in having a fresh environment in his locality especially to educate his own child. Sakthi foundation has to discuss with him.

24.1.11 – We planned for the fresh term. Two weeks syllabus was prepared and handed over to the staff. The school has to focus more on maintaining the materials and stock keeping. Still we need to focus much on children regarding the handling of materials. Staff can be little bit firm and also more aware about what is happening in the school.

Puranic story about Indra worshipping Lord Shiva in Madurai has been planned to do it as a drama for Shivarathry.