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### Important activities of March 2009 in Namma Veedu

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This year the summer has started soon. The village is experiencing very hot temperature in the day time and cool nights. So we have decided not to conduct nature walks till the climate gets into the natural moods.

Mr.Muthusundaram from USA could not visit our school because of his family's health condition. But he has expressed his warm wishes to all of us through phone.

The school has spent Rs.20000 to master Ravikumar who was the victim of the fire accident and we are educating the parents to care him more. The child is very calm and quiet without realizing the inner pain. Is this is GOD?

Mean while Saravanan is getting into better progress. We thank all our staff for taking care of him. He is progressing in language program and also wanted to write directly on note books but his fingers are still getting the strength to hold the pencil. Still he has to exercise all the sensorial materials because he has become more aware after the treatment now only. Just we have celebrated his 4th birthday.

The poor hut with lovable cake:

Saravanan is our special child. He is under going multiple tasks emotionally, physically and socially because of his health and family. The child has requested us to celebrate his birth day with a cake and gift. He used the word "parisu" in Tamil meaning gift. The school has arranged for the cake and small gift and celebrated on 12.3.09. The poor hut was filled with the real bliss of joy and the child thanked all the staff for supporting him. The father is just roaming to earn and mother is with the fire victim child. She has requested a job in HOC but we have decided not to give because Saravanan will turn back in his development in his mother's presence.

Mrs.Jothy akka is our beloved helper. She is an example for a real service. But she has decided to depart from HOC because of her health. We have asked her to join with us at any time in future. She will be working till March end.

Mean while Mrs.Usha amma is rendering her good service and taking care of the children and also supporting the staff. She is maintaining the HOC well. We thank her daughter Sreedevi for assisting us in all work when ever we need.

14.3.09- We have conducted the important parents- staff meeting. The minutes will be following:

1. We have appreciated the parents who have considered the importance of the meeting.
2. We have spoken in detail about the various issues which we face with the age group of 3 – 6 years old.
3. We have insisted the importance of model role living in family situations.
4. We have cleared the idea behind 7 days working cycle and May holidays. Like last year we will function even during May month. Those who wish to take off can do it with prior letter to the school.
5. We spoke about the tuition fees structure and transport fees structure which may alone get changed after looking into future fuel cost.
6. Few requested to keep the school even on week ends because they have realized that their children are learning some thing good from us than in playing out with the children. But we have explained the need of normal socialization also.
7. There was a very important question about the religion and culture of the school.

“ IS THIS SCHOOL IS TEACHING HINDUISM RELIGION? WHY THE SCHOOL IS NOT ASKING THE CHILDREN TO COME IN FANCY DRESS MODELS LIKE NATIONAL LEADERS BUT ONLY AS GODS AND GODDESSES?”

Dr.Madeswaran answered as follows,

“ Thanks for asking such an important question. It is a very important question. We are expecting this question from the first day of the school. The school appreciates true Indian culture and ethics. The school is appreciating the values of all religions. We celebrate all festivals in the HOC equally. But no body has come far ward to appreciate the festivals and to put the national festivals in grand way. The response of the parents is very poor.

The school appreciates all culture and religions because tomorrow in this village our school children as adults must not lift the weapon to have a conflict for the religions. The school also asks the parents to appreciate the family culture and social unity without polluting the minds of young citizens.

There is an age in which the parents of all religions can guide their children to follow the personal culture but without hating other culture. This is the most unique and important aspect of Montessori school. [ Mr.Floris’s report about this unity education was highlighted]

The parent was happy to hear this answer and accepted to buildup the concept of unity and faith in all cultures in her son.

Then we gave the open idea of taking the children out for structural kinder garden schools and grade one in June. Balamithran, Rajasree and Swetha are leaving us by May to other school. We have requested the parents to see to the narrative and academic reports before they receive on April 25th. We are also incorporating the special skills of the children observed by their parents in our reports.

We have opened up the idea of appointing a Trans gender person as part of the SriSakthi Foundation’s service to the man kind. Parents have thanked us for asking them and promised to support in that project. Our teachers are also welcoming that.

We have shared the various experiences with the children.

Saravanan has asked all his relative boys in a festival to stand in line and then to sit. Then he chanted the prayers and asked them repeat to have the food. He is willing to write now in his notes. But we are yet to complete few more important exercises with sensorial materials to strengthen his fingers.

Mishal is walking few steps by holding her teacher’s hands. She also wants to assist her mother in all house hold activities.

The twin brothers of 1.5 years have well settled. Their mother requested us to have them till 3.30 P.M. But we have explained the physical strain of our staff and said that they will be included after 2 months.

We have spoken very firmly to Saravanan’s parents regarding the medical care given to Ravikumar for fire accident. We have told them that the financial help is given just based on humanitarian care and they can’t miss use it and talk ill about the school in the village. The amount saved for Saravanan’s future education has been spent. Their parents have promised that they will follow a good family setup and child care.

Then we have celebrated MAASI MAKAM FESTIVAL. Lord was taken out for procession. No auto with battery was taken. Parents were strictly advised to care the children.

15.3.09 – We have edited the narrative reports of few children. Their parents also came to the HOC and saw the report as they are leaving the school by June.

21.3.09 – We met and analyzed the narrative reports. Our house owner Mr.-Mrs.Murugesan has

visited our school. They were very happy about the maintenance of the home and school.

22.3.09- Dr.Madeswaran met Dr.Chellakumaraswamy regarding a new Montessori school which can be planned and projected in a very remote village called Eengoor Thulukapalayam in Erode district. They visited the village and studied for any possibility. The village is surrounded by many packets of residential areas and an industrial colony also. There are also few granite mines. There is only one Government school for the whole 10 KMs. So we may plan for a new environment.

Today Dr.Madeswaran has attended the condolence of Mrs. Mounaswamy-83 years old. She has played a very major role in praying for the beginning of the school and also has come front to give her own house in her village. Let her soul rest in peace.

24.3.09- HOC went out for a nature walk to the near by poultry. Children and staff have enjoyed a lot with fun and learning.

27– 29.3.09- HOC is on leave for the week end along with Telugu New Year Day celebrations.

29.3.09- Dr.Madeswaran has attended the open day exhibition in SPROUTS MONTESSORI SCHOOL in Madras. Many things were shared among the staff and him to incorporate in our school. The correspondent Ms.Smitha has agreed to visit with her staff to our HOC soon for a week end.

30.3.09- Ms.Jothy has accepted to continue her service in our school after a simple friction of thoughts between her attitudes in leave taking. Miss.Sasikala will be celebrating her wedding engagement on 9.4.09. She is getting married to the local village officer. We wish her all the success in her married life. Hoc will be closing from coming Saturday till next Tuesday because of local temple festival.

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