

EVENTS OF AUGUST 2010

We are happy about the active participation of our teachers in spoken English session with **Ms.Balambika**. Few among them tried and conversed in English with Ms.PriyaChalliyil who came from USA and gave a phone talk. The school also celebrated the river festival on August 2ND. On 3rd the school gave leave for the festival and also on 9th the school got close because our staff members went to Madurai for their distance education program.

On 11th we have admitted one more child called **Alagumani who is 3.75** years old. She got settled soon. We have also insisted her parents to put her 1.5 year old child in the school.

We are also happy in welcoming Ms.PriyaKannan's brother's 3.5 year old child **Vijayakumar** to our environment. He has been given concession based on his family back ground.

IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

It is very important to see children from 1 year old working with own interest in this mixed age environment. We have not separated 1 to 2.5 years old children from 3 – 6 year old children which has brought many changes in our study and observations. Few infants are exploring themselves by watching, seeing, exploring, tracing, feelings, touching all the available things in the environment. They also peep into other's work and we are assisting them not to distract them. A child is still taking time to feel safety and hard to mingle with teachers. She is only moving with a helper which has to be changed by the adults of the school slowly. We have observed many young children are imitating our conversations during various presentations as they have the sensitivity of language and sound to gain their spoken skills in this age.

We have also realized that many of our children need the physical pampering for the esteem support some times and they come frankly to us to hold them, hug them and express their love just for few seconds. After that they settle back with their own work.

We have observed 1.5 year old boy trying his best to work with EPL materials after taking his own time to settle calmly. He took 5 solid months to settle by calm watching, wandering and observing others. He has started choosing pouring activity and working individually without any distractions. This says that children need a time to make up themselves for settling and to choose the work.

We have also observed another 1.25 year old child who was just crying and roaming for a month has calmly settled and observing others work.

CHILDREN REFLECT THE HOME:

Master **PranavChalliyil** spoke with the adults of the school and thanked them for their service. We also feel happy that the way he has imbibed the school from his father and created special interest in its growth.

TEMPERORLY SOLVED PROBLEM...Our house owner Mr.Murugesan has accepted to extend the agreement for the school building for next 3 more years and the trust has to take measures to erect the building soon.

EVOLVING SYSTEM...

The school building has been segregated into various areas [rooms] which have been named as various Indian rivers. Each room has been arranged with materials of a particular concept and adults take charge of the environments. This has helped the school a lot in handling the big group of children within a small campus and also to have a check upon the materials and maintenance.The school has to be very particular in maintaining the surroundings without plastic.Same time we are in need to get trained to handle special children. We are just keeping one special child within the room but no activities have been given.

THREATS TO BE FACED...

We are facing the slight pressure from Government side as the Government's child centre which is functioning just opposite to us is not gaining enough admission. We have clearly told them that our center is not a school it is a child care center for 1 to 3 year old children.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

We have celebrated the nation's Independence Day on August 15th by hoisting the flag. We thank Mr.Ayyannan and his wife for being the chief guest. The center gives real freedom to children to evolve along with their age and the needs in the Montessori environment. Teachers and helpers also enjoy the freedom of work and time. For example we allow the helpers to take turn to get their monthly rice from the Government ration shop when they announce the time.

On 18th Mr.Rajkumar came to the center and gave us the direction in maintain the accounts and other requirements for the annual tax payment. We hope soon he will help us in getting 80 G certificate.

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NATURE WALKS

Three times we have conducted nature walks. Children have observed many things in the nature around us. The sessions are very helpful to cultivate civics sense and human values. We are sharing the minutes of three nature walks here.

- Children brought local millet after observing the farm. They got permission from the farm owner before plucking the millet.
- They have observed Mary Gold farm which was ready for harvest and brought few flowers for the children who stayed back in the school.
- Children also observed maize farm, guava farms and paddy fields and teachers presented the need of paddy and rice.
- We were lucky to observe varieties of roses and vegetables especially chillies.
- They have observed few farm animals.
- In the farms our children followed all the civics values which are getting followed in the school also; especially they arranged their foot wears in order and stepped into the farms.
- Children got the chance to observe butterflies, birds and dragon flies.
- They saw a rare variety of Jasmine and smelled. They also got permission and took 3 bunches of jasmine flowers. Later the colors got presented with various flowers and also they matched various leaves based on the shapes.
- The story of coconut tree got presented. Children also came to know about coconut oil extraction.
- Children saw banana, papaya, lemon and custard apple farms.
- They made a visit to one of our staff's home where she has cultivated radish and she gave the presentation about it. She is newly married and also showed her husband's photos to the children. There also they arranged all their slippers in order and sat in a row upon the cot.
- Children also played with 2 dogs in her house and imitated their voice patterns.
- Following this when they were coming back, they saw few farm animals and imitated their voice patterns.
- It has been observed that many of our children are free to move with the public.
- Children also observed the local electricity office.

CLASSES FOR DEGREE STUDENTS

From 19th onwards Dr.Madeswaran has started handling degree coaching sessions for our staff members. He will be especially teaching English and Tamil grammar.

FESTIVAL

On 20th the center has celebrated **VARALAXMI NONBHU** which is the festival to welcome wealth and health. Staff members have arranged for delicious sacred food items.

From this day, we have started doing physical meditation as directed by Dr.PradheepChalliyil.

NEW ADMISSIONS

We are happy in welcoming two new children baby Keerthana [2yrs], and master Sanjai [3 yrs] to our school.

We have started narrating the legends of SreeKrisna for Janmastami celebrations on September 1st.

Oonam festival will be celebrated on Friday.

The school is also getting ready to celebrate Janmastami – SriKrishna's birth day. Every day our teachers are narrating, acting, showing SriKrishna's legends. We thank Dr.Montessori for giving space for all such things.

Ms.Balambika has started extending her spoken English class to Ms.Gomathy in Pongalloor village in Tirupur Dt. Ms.Gomathy has the love for Montessori system. Years back she has visited our school and observed. She is also preparing herself to undergo Montessori training under Fundamental learning center. Dr.Madeswaran will be handling theory sessions every month in Tamil language.

We have given an article about food habits in Tamil to our parents.

Mr.Rajkumar and Mr.Jeyaraman are taking proper steps to get Government approval for the school.

Everybody has started praying for own school building!