

August Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a warm welcome to all our students as we begin the school year 2017 – 2018. We are so happy to have our classrooms filled with smiling faces, eager to embrace all the opportunities ahead. A very warm welcome also, to all parents and guardians. Without your continued support of your children and of our school, none of this would be possible.

This first two weeks of term has flown by and it's great to see that our students are settling into school and preparing for the busy year ahead.

After School activities will begin week of Tuesday September 5th following the public holiday on Monday

Class News

4th. We have an exciting variety of activities to choose from. There is I hope something for everyone!

We will hold a parents information evening on Thursday September 14th. Please keep this date free. More info to follow.



September 4th (Mon)
Vietnamese National Holiday
School Closed

September 14th (Thur)
Back to School Night

Tigers & giraffes



We are the Giraffes!

The Giraffes and Tigers have all had a great first couple of weeks settling into their new classroom and making new friends. We have all been very busy exploring all of the different activities going on in the classroom and learning the daily

routines. We have also enjoyed physical play outside and upstairs with the balls and assault course.

Our topic this term is "All about me" so we have been learning new songs about our body parts and moving our bodies to music. We have also been busy painting and gluing lots of lovely pictures and crafts to decorate our classroom. The Giraffes have also had fun building with various types of building blocks. We all worked well as a team and made some great towers, houses and also a big train we could all sit on! Well done Tigers and Giraffes!

Ms Emily, Ms. Giang & Ms. Van Anh

Hippo

Dear parents,
The weeks are already flying by. The new students to the Hippo class have settled in nicely. The children have grown so much over the Summer Holidays. I couldn't believe it when I saw them.

The first week was orientation week. We had a lot of fun getting to know each other and our new teacher Ms. My. We have moved onto our first topic of the year "My 5 senses" and the activities and the crafting has been endless so far.



The Hippo class students have taken a few new subjects in their afternoon schedule such as cooking class every Monday with Ms.Hang and myself and Fun Science class with Ms. Emily on Wednesdays. They have loved it so far and have been eager to participate in all activities. Thank you for all of your help in the first month and I'm sure we will have a wonderful year working together.

Kind regards,

Ms.Keyleigh, Ms. Hang and Ms. My

Monkey



The students of Monkey class have enjoyed a great start to the New Year. We have been spending our time getting to know each other and welcoming the new children to the school. We have played some *getting to know you* games and have been learning about school rules, how a run my class and the daily routine. I am delighted with how the children have managed to settle into the new school year so quickly.

Monkey class students will study the alphabet in more detail this year. They have been learning their letters and are beginning to understand the

concept that each letter has a sound (phonic) and that those sounds, put together, form words. They have started putting together their own scrap books and the majority of their work will be kept for everyone to see at the end of the year.



The 2nd week has been taken up, predominantly by assessments. These are thorough assessments that will allow me to understand the requirements of each child and help me to monitor their progress during the course of the year. We did manage to mix in some fun games and activities. The children took part in a couple of small class projects, we built our word tree and we are currently creating some life-sized portraits. These projects allow for the children to work together and communicate with each other.



Have a great September. Mr James, Ms Giang & Ms Ly

Lions



The last two weeks have been wonderful with the Lions. All the Lions already knew each other from

previous year(s) so they were all very happy to see each other again. Also, for me it was great to be reunited with some of my former Hippo students.



This year the Lions will be working more on literacy skills. The Lions are all so excited about learning how to read and write and can't wait to begin. We start every day by writing in our journal and the students are loving writing new words and short sentences! During the first week, the Lions got used to being back in school and did simple work to refresh their memories. This second week, we have started working in our very own study books. These books cover language skills as well as math skills and we will be working with this book during the school year. As their teacher, I am looking forward to working with them on developing their skills. I am excited about sharing this school year with them and am sure we will have a great year together!

Ms. Sarah & Ms. Van



Morningstar Staff 2017-2018

Elementary School (MSIS)

Grade 5 & Dir. Of Studies:	Ms Ashley Heil
Vietnamese teacher:	Ms Trang
Grade 4 & Lead Teacher:	Ms Nathalia von Witt
Vietnamese teacher:	Ms. Hang
Grade 3:	Ms. Emily Medcalf
Vietnamese teacher:	Ms. Thao
Grade 2	Ms. Melissa Human
Vietnamese teacher:	Ms. Liên
Grade 1	Ms. Catherine
Vietnamese teacher:	Ms. Mai
Assistants:	Ms. Cuc, Ms Ha, Ms Thuong

Kindergarten (MSIK)

Lion (Age 5-6)	Ms. Sarah Devriess
Assistant:	Ms Van
Monkey: (age 4-5)	Mr James Howard White
Assistants:	Ms Giang & Ms Ly
Hippo (Age 3-4)	Ms. Keyleigh Stakem
Assistants:	Ms Hang & Ms My
Giraffe (Age 2-3)	Ms Emily Green
Assistant:	Ms Giang & Ms Van Anh
Tiger (Age 1.5-2.5)	Ms Nicky Birch
Assistant:	Ms. Mai

Office

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