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Virtual Bonding

Dear Parents,

After the mid-term break, in line with our Government's announcement on MCO 3.0 and based on our Country's latest Covid Recovery Plans, Yorkland is permitted to only operate exclusively in two conditions, to cater for the front liner's children and in households where both parents are working, full time until further notice.

In response to the current situation, as teachers we have been instrumental in finding new ways to ensure learning continues for children by developing online and offline learning materials. To ensure, we are able to meet our children regularly and feel be connected.

We truly appreciate the parents and children for their cooperation and involvement during the online sessions that we have held for the past one and half months.



We are also amazed to see the skill and composure which the children pose during online class. Handwork, craft and sensory activities during the online session have relation to the development of a child. We carefully planned activities consist of moving fingers and hands, as they help in developing fine motor skills. Simple actions like tearing papers, beeswax modelling, weaving, paper folding, drawing, holding a scissor help strengthen muscles and improve their control.

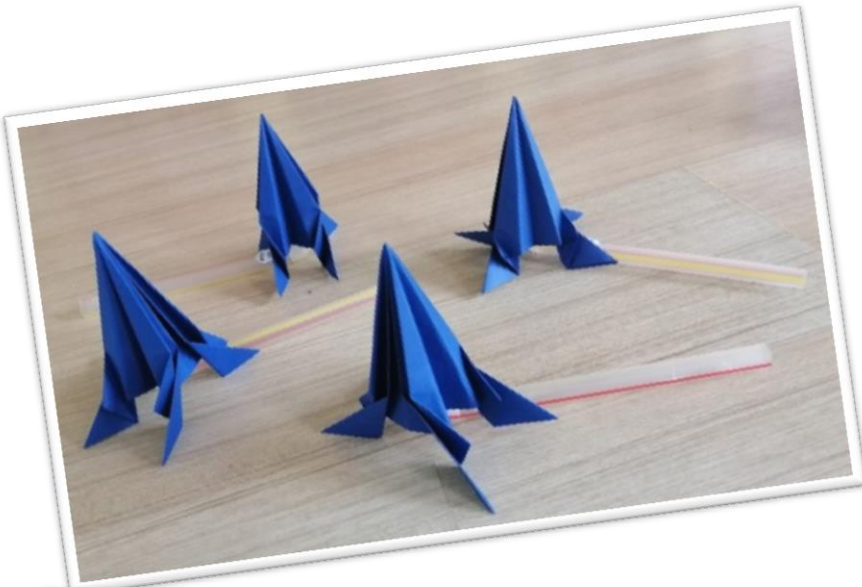


Those varieties of activities including simple puppet show with the children's enhance manual dexterity, coordination, patience and persistence of a child. We ought to remember that is always the process and not the end-product!



On the other hand, an hour lesson time online class is being conducted for our six-year-old children. Virtual learning is relatively a new concept to these 7 children. Though it is a bit challenging for the young kids but we are experimenting and adapting a new trend that is suitable for time being. Adding on, all these virtual learning journey is creating a meaningful engagement with the children.

Hence, the month of Jun and July was a busy bee month for both teachers and the children comprising various activities and events planned. They started with Father's day craft followed by Harvest festival craft, continuing to some additional online class crafts, and Tanabata craft.



Harvest Festival

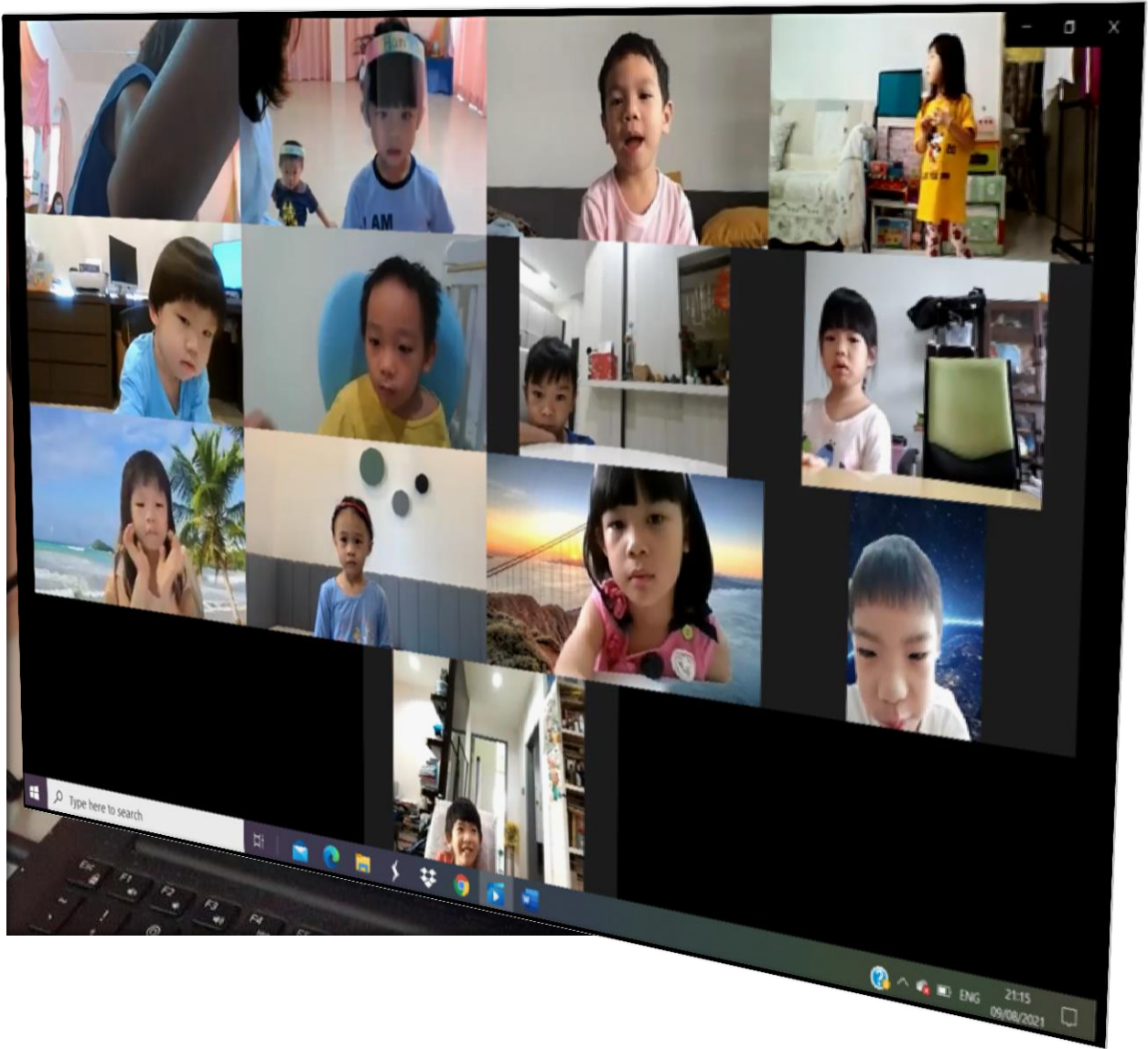
We celebrate the Harvest festival with a thankful heart to Mother Nature for blessing us with sun, rain, and wind. Through the poems and signs, the children express their gratefulness for the food on their plates, to the farmers who work hard to grow the crops as well as to their parents who lovingly prepare food for them.

This year, we are unable to do the Harvest festival circle time together but we managed to opt out for partial simple virtual session with both group of the children who attended Yorkland and stay home children. Without a doubt, their classmates missed each other as all the children couldn't gather together and attend Yorkland.

The children have bonded well and grown fond of each other during their presence in Yorkland. They have developed their own "preferred" group of friends to play with. Although the children may sometimes quarrel, they usually make up with each other after a few minutes. Through these daily activities, they learn how to give and take while playing with friends.



Again and again, we were surprised how gracefully the children performed that day. They learned well by imitating the teachers during practices but this year we believe we had limited practice and yet the children could do it without much of the teacher's help. The highlight was their ability to recite the long poem "The Carrot Story".



During the virtual festival celebration, one of the girl got emotional and burst into tears. Later, we learnt that she missed her friends and coming for her classes at Yorkland. It was indeed a touching and emotional moment for teachers as well. To ease the air; as a wrap up, both groups of children watched a puppet show.





At Yorkland, the children enjoy making their own special bread on this day. These bread are made using organic flour with many types of fresh herbs and vegetables for the purpose of beautifying and decorating their breads.



Mini sweet pepper
Thyme
Rosemary
Dill
Cilantro
Parsley
Cherry tomato
Black sesame
White sesame
Beech mushroom
Raisin





Tanabata

During the Tanabata, both in-house and online class children joined in the celebration by making their wishes which they hang them on the bamboo leaves. This year many children's wishes were the usual demand that we get to resume our normal life to do all that we could before the pandemic such as going out to the playground, shopping, hotel stay with family and fun activities like swimming. Some children were extremely concern about the Coronavirus and wished that the virus would disappear in near future. We felt privileged and honoured to be the mediator in conveying their messages of their little inner voices. It's also quiet translate that through their wishes, we understood that many children misses their nursery days and normal weekend activities.





It's been a little discomfort for all of us when extra measures were taken by Yorkland to close the center for a week. But we would like to sincerely thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding.

On top of the closure, one of our parents helped and sponsored us to engage a professional company to disinfect and sanitize the whole building. Our heartfelt thanks for their generosity.

We are always concerned when our child/children are not well but rest assured that we at Yorkland will do our part by making it our utmost priority to maintain a clean and safe environment for all the children who have been entrusted to us. We spent a few days during the closure break, washing, cleaning, and sunning the toys and cloth in Yorkland.





We are glad that all the children are safe and sound and we welcome back all our children that meet the Covid-19 Phase 2 SOP and have rejoined back with their friends.

This is an unsettling times and COVID-19 is clearly impacting our personal and professional lives and most things that we used to love doing. We want to wish you, our children, and our loved ones safe passage through this difficult period.

Please take care, stay positive, and sort some new ways for having fun and to smile. As for Yorkland, it is indeed a great challenge to operate under these current restrictions; however, we are confident we will get through this, together.

Events and Activities

July 2021

5th [Mon] Haley, a 3 year-old girl joined us.
She is Gerald's younger sister.

August 2021

10th [Tue] Public holiday – Awal Muharam.

31st [Tue] Public Holiday – Merdeka.

Yorkland Garden Grown Stories

This month, we had to bid a farewell and goodbye to the shady tree right next to our treehouse. As after a strong wind, some branches from the tree have fallen out. The tree specialist inspected and have advised us to take it down.

The children whom are familiar with this said tree, always runs behind the butterflies flying around the tree. Usually, the children will use the netting to catch the butterfly and release it after playing with it.

Alas with a heavy heart, we have to let the tree go. For the time being, we have spared the ground for the children to run and play, freely.