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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Dear Parents,

Real soon, 2022 will draw a closure. Reminiscing, the past 12 months, we have had many meaningful and eventful times with the children. We are part of their growth, laughter and tears. Every day they say goodbye to their friends and teachers but then can't wait to see them the following day. They devotionally remember the friends who are absent and offer prayers for those who are unwell.

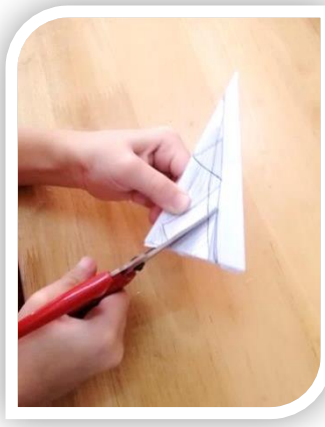
They inspire each other daily in their own ways and towards the end of school year, they have all learnt to play harmoniously together.

A significant and obvious growth is their tremendous speech ability. The children's verbal expression typically increases in our program and setting. Besides socializing, the children learn to foster empathy, improve language skills, and discover the concepts of sharing and teamwork. The children grows more confident, not limiting to that, practicing these concepts through socialization our children are able to grow and build a friendship bond with mutual respects for each other.

The children also expand their drawing abilities. They usually start by drawing lines, then move on to heavy strokes which gradually morph into drawing of rainbow, characters, garden landscapes, houses, blue skies, flowers and butterflies.

With Yorkland's history, the boy's ratio has always exceeded from our fellow girls. From 11 boys to 8 girls at 2021-end, we are glad to share that, we are ending this year with 11 boys and 11 girls, a balanced group of 2022 classroom.

With our mutually balanced class, we the teachers are constantly on our toes, not only keeping an eye on the children but also to be their 'play buddies'. So, we are missing our play buddies now over this long break! And eagerly looking forward on seeing them again after the break to a brand-new year, brand new moments to cherish, to create!



As part of the Christmas festival preparations, Yorkland children made a few simple handmade ornaments, individual Beanie Hat and paper snowflakes.

Each child takes turn to hang the ornaments on our simple twig Christmas tree at the entrance. We are pretty sure that you all have stopped by, to admire the adorn Christmas tree jazzed up with cute ornaments and glowing fairy lights.



They brought home back the painted Beanie Hat first drawn out with candle wax, a fun filled activity. The children learnt a new technique when they saw the magical background appears after they painted the Beanie Hat. Then the little white dots were printed using finger tips to create snow shapes. As always, it's an amazing sight to see children using their nimble finger to create more wonders, each time.

The making of the Adorable Buttoned Sock Snowman





As the snowman description goes, this project idea started off with 3 types of socks. The first sock is the white sock which was cut out to create the Snowman's body. We then proceeded to stuff the sock with plenty of cotton. Meanwhile the other part of sock is stretched out to build the Snowman's head and neckline. Next, the little black buttons were glued, bringing out the Snowman's body coat. It's beginning to look like a sock snowman.



The second sock is happily chosen red sock for our Snowman's hat. The third sock, a soccer sock was chosen on purposely as its thicker and longer which was used to wrap around the Snowman's neck.

The last part was fun of them all! Cutting smaller pieces of orange pipe cleaner for the nose! With scissors, we trim the end of the snowman's nose to more of a point to resemble a carrot, which was then glued to the sock material.



Here we have our Yorkland's very own Buttoned Sock Snowman!

No Christmas without cookies, we say! Along this line, we baked a batch of Christmas cookies. Starting off with whipping the egg whites and lemon juice with icing sugar until soft peaks are formed to make the Royal Icing. The children create a border around the cookie in the shape they desire, and then begin to fill the shape. While the big children use a toothpick to smooth any holes. The best cookies are the ones the children's overloads with sprinkles. Their eyes light up and they think it's the best thing ever. We always start with no expectation but the end results always look amazing, it's like; what could ever go wrong on cookies!



Christmas Presentation

Like always, we had a wonderful time with Yorkland's children preparing for our Christmas festival and on the celebration day.





I'm a little star, hanging on a tree

I'm a pretty angel, hanging on a tree



I'm a bright light, hanging on a tree

I'm a candy stick, hanging on a tree



The key element for Christmas is the spirit of sharing and caring, we reflect with the children on the unfortunate global situation of human population, i.e. homeless, hunger and illness. Via those reflections, we hope to lead the children to kindle their inner light with kinder thought and experience the warmth and joy of giving and sharing.

Each child carries a candle and is asked to make their wishes. The beatific nature of the children shined through splendidly when each one of them makes their wishes for others. The children sang with melodious voice just before we arrange and light on the candles.



I wish all the people in the world have enough food to eat.



I wish all the homeless people in the world to have a shelter to live in.



I wish all the sick people in the world will get well soon.



I hope my wish will come true.



I wish all the people in the world will be happy.

Christmas puppet show - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

A short story on how Rudolph, the reindeer used his luminous red nose to lead the reindeer team and guided Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve. Dear Rudolph would be ridiculed over his bright red nose that appeared different from all the other reindeers. But the story goes when the brightness of his nose helped to illuminate the team's path through harsh winter weather. It depicts that each child poses their uniqueness and should always accept his and her own individuality and special qualities.



On this note, we are wishing everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy wonderful New Year, 2023** it is!