



Kindy Newsletter



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Dear Parents, we trust that all our SIS families enjoyed the Chuseok break. We'd like to extend a very warm welcome to a few new families. Now, let's take a look at all we learned last month.



English Language Arts (ELA)

Apple Group

Our group has shown huge progress in September. All students have been working on better expressing themselves and their emotions using English. Using synthetic phonics, we have begun to decode CVC words using Phase 1/2 sounds (starting with the letter Sa-Aa-Tt-Pp-li-Nn). This is a crucial skill for not only reading but also speaking and listening. All students have demonstrated and practiced how to identify sounds and blend them together to sound out these CVC words. We will continue to reinforce what we have learned and also expand on our early reading skills in the coming month as well as introduce our very first sight words. This month in Thursday Center time we worked on emotion vocabulary, letter formation, and CVC word building. I am so proud of each and every student in Apple Group! 😊



Banana Group

This past month, our Banana Group students have continued their reading journey by focusing on more CVC words as well as developing their recognition of important sight words. We've been focusing on short "u" words (hug, fun, nut, etc.) as well as reviewing the vowel CVC words we've already learned. During our weekly Center Time, we've been playing CVC Bingo to help students recall and recognize the vocabulary we have been studying. We've worked on letter formation with clay and letter puzzle pieces, as well as with our weekly writing practice. With our weekly problem solving mission, they've explored patterns, shapes and measurement. Great work Banana Group!



Cherry Group

In September, Cherry Group had a busy month of language development. Monday Speaking Class: Fluency, new vocabulary, and grammar were in the spotlight, boosting our students' confidence in expressing themselves orally. Tuesday Phonics: We delved into the September unit of Phase 3 Phonics, emphasizing digraphs, consonant blends, and spelling, building a strong foundation for reading and writing. Wednesday Reading and Writing: The children explored four new sight words—**by, any, came, out**. They not only memorized the spellings but also crafted full sentences, enhancing their reading and writing skills. Thursday Rotating Literacy Centers: Thursdays were filled with exciting activities in small groups, reinforcing sight words, expanding transportation vocabulary, exploring rhyming sounds, and refining writing accuracy and precision. Excellent work this month, Cherry Group!



September 8th Kickball Tournament

Fun Fridays

September 27th Chuseok Event



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Theme Education

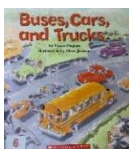
September was an exciting month filled with engaging lessons and hands-on activities in our Theme class. We embarked on a fantastic journey exploring the fascinating world of transportation, covering land, air, and water transport. From crafting toilet roll cars to experimenting with paper helicopters and learning about how boats and ships float, students had lots of fun discovering the various modes of transport. In the final week, we did a mini-unit all about Chuseok, the Korean holiday of reflection and celebration. Our students had the opportunity to create Chuseok posters, reflect on their experiences, and immerse themselves in the cultural significance of this holiday.

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Key Concepts/Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What is transportation? •Land transportation vehicle vocabulary •Road and vehicle safety Hands-On Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Craft: Toilet roll racing car •Cooking: Traffic light cookie 	Key Concepts/Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Air transportation vehicles •All about airplanes •Rotor/clockwise/heavy Hands-On Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •STEM: Paper Helicopter Investigation •Paper airplane making/ following instructions 	Key Concepts/Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Role of water transportation •Varieties of boats and ships •Sink/float/prediction •Buoyancy/density Hands-On Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sink or float experiment •Foil boat coin STEM team challenge 	Key Concepts/Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •History and Culture of Chuseok •Tradition/ritual/harvest/ Hanbok/season/ancestors •Reflection: All About my family's Chuseok celebration Hands-On Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chuseok poster to decorate the SIS ritual table



Story Time

In this month's Story Time class, we've had a lot of fun exploring our Transportation theme through various stories and activities. In *Buses, Cars and Trucks* by Susan Hughes, we followed a boy whose only focus was watching the vehicles in all the places his uncle took him. We learned about camper vans, lawnmowers and shuttle cars. In *Planes and Other Flying Machines* by Jim McDonald, we explored different types of flying transportation and learned about the history of flight from hot air balloons, to the Wright Brothers, and even rocket ships. We even got to design and make our own helicopter! With the catchy song *We All Go Traveling By*, students developed their sequencing skills while learning the sounds of many vehicles. In *Wheels Go Round and Round* by Im Yujin we practiced predicting which wheels belonged to which vehicles, while exploring the concept of round throughout objects in our classroom. We also developed our sorting and organization skills by grouping vehicles into those with and those without wheels as well as those that fly and those that don't.





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Center Time

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<p>Fine Motor/Cognitive Skills: Land Transportation Pattern Block Mats – Build, Write & Count</p> <p>Literacy: Transportation Syllable Activity</p> <p>Dramatic/Collaborative Play: Land Transportation – building a transport network</p>	<p>Sensory/Creative: Transportation play dough mat prompts</p> <p>Literacy: 'Things That Go' – Visual and listening-based Bingo game</p> <p>STEM: 'I Can Build' Land transportation Lego card challenges</p>	<p>Sensory Math: Dump truck counting with real rock manipulatives</p> <p>Literacy: A-Z Train Puzzles – Matching images to sounds/letters</p> <p>Sensory/Dramatic Play: Vehicles in pine cube play mat</p>	<p>Fine Motor Skills: Air & water transportation pattern block mats – Build, count and write</p> <p>Numeracy: Transportation number connect (connect and draw by 1s and 2s)</p> <p>Teamwork & Logic: Transportation puzzles</p>

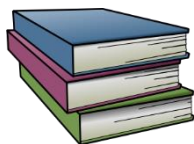


Daily Physical Activity (DPA)

We started September off strong with our SIS Kindy Kickball Tournament. Every student tried their best and had a great time playing together, showing off how hard they had worked at learning the game. In September, we started to practice the basics of running. This included proper running form, relays, and hurdles. I'm already blown away by how quickly everyone has shown improvement. Many of the skills that we practice in our warmup routines every day are actually applicable to good running form. We also added a transportation themed warmup which related to our monthly theme. Indoors, we spent time on the mats practicing some basic tumbling skills and as always kept up with our stretching/yoga practice. Our next sports day event coming up in November will be a soccer tournament.



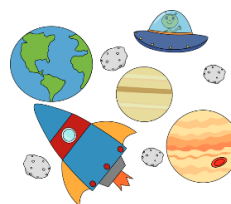
Classroom Theme Library



We would like to invite students to bring any books from home (Korean or English) that match the monthly theme. This is a fun and educational way to learn together that encourages a love of books and reading. Please clearly label any books with your child's name and they will be returned at the end of the theme.

Thank you ^^

November Theme – Space



**December Theme –
Winter & Christmas**

