

Dear True Sunshine Community,

This month we will be saying goodbye to many of our old friends, while welcoming new friends. If you are the parent of a graduate we hope that you will come back to visit when you have time. You are always welcomed and it would be fun to have your child come back as a "visiting expert" on what Kindergarten is like. As the new children start school at True Sunshine we will focus on helping them to develop friendships, to feel comfortable in their classroom environment, and to understand the school rules. We want them to feel they are a part of the community and will ask them to help develop rules to keep everyone safe. I wish you a wonderful new school year, whether it be at True Sunshine or in your new Kindergarten classes!

Best,

Marianne Lam
Director

Important Dates

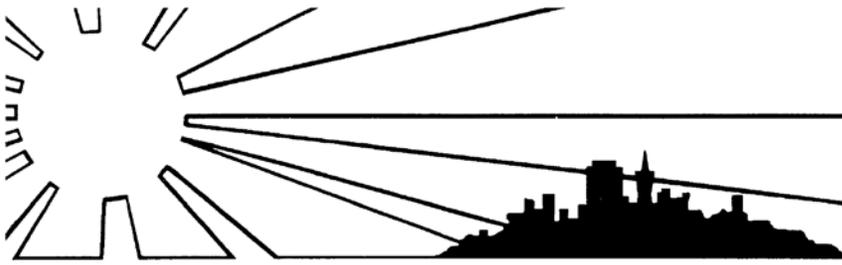
- 08/03 Library (Crafts)
- 08/09 Constance's Birthday
- 08/10 Staff Development
(True Sunshine Closes at 4pm)
- 08/10 Library (Summer Films)
- 08/11 Rhyan's Birthday
- 08/31 Christine's Birthday

Special Acknowledgements

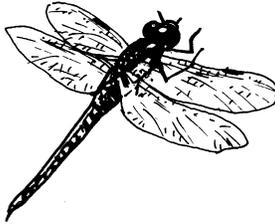
- The Butterflies and Dragonflies wish all of the graduates good luck in Kindergarten and a bright future.
- Thank you to Johnny's mom for bringing birthday treats for all of the children.
- Thank you to Karina's grandmother for bringing watermelon for the staff.
- Thank you to May and Morgan's mom for bringing in cookies for the staff.

Special Requests

- Adults please ask for the bathroom key from Peony or any staff member and use the adult bathrooms down the hall. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



- If you haven't brought in a family picture yet, please bring one in so that we can create a family mobile using the family pictures and cds.



The Dragonflies

Teacher Julie, Teacher Anna, Teacher May, Teacher Bao Wen

Five Food Groups Classification Activity

In July Teacher Anna led a small group activity on food classification. First, Teacher Anna placed 5 different colors of construction paper on the table along with all of the toy food from the center. Secondly, she had each child pick-up an item and match it to the same colored construction paper. She then started a discussion with the children by asking if certain items were fruits or vegetables. When she asked which group eggplants belong in some children just looked around, while others responded "vegetables".

Through this activity, the children learned that it is not always easy to tell if something is a fruit or a vegetable. As Teacher Anna talked with the other staff about this topic, it turned out that they did not all give the same answers themselves. For instance, some people thought tomatoes were a fruit, while others thought they should be in the vegetable category. Teacher Anna ended the discussion that day by telling the children that it is important to eat foods from a variety of color groups, because each group contains different nutrients that our bodies need. However, she will re-visit this topic with the children by asking them how they can find out if a tomato is a fruit or vegetable, and by getting their ideas for what makes something a fruit versus a vegetable.



The Butterflies:

Teacher Wendy, Teacher Mei Yi, Teacher Ming, Teacher Irene

Making Fruit Salad

In July, the Butterflies explored a variety of fruits during small group activity time. The children learned to use a plastic knife to cut up a variety of fruits including plums, nectarines, pears, and oranges. The children could then choose to mix the fruit together on a paper plate or paper cup.

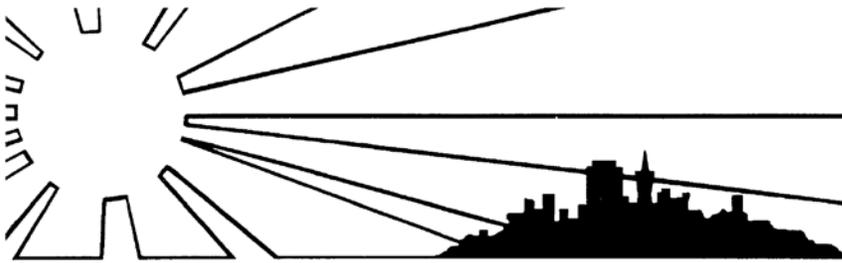
From this activity the children strengthened their fine motor skills by learning to use the plastic knives to cut the fruit into smaller pieces, they used their senses to taste, smell, and feel the fruit, they learned new vocabulary words related to fruit in both Cantonese and English, they worked on their language skills as they discussed the fruits, and used math skills to count the fruits and to describe the shapes they were cutting.

Butterflies Special Requests

- The Butterflies will start greeting the children with their Chinese names beginning on August 15th. If your child has a Chinese name please write it down for one of the Butterfly Teachers. If you would like a Chinese name for your child you may ask a teacher to help select one.

Fundraising

Schools



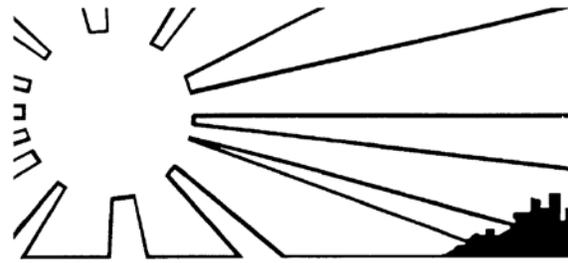
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