



- 2/1 Butterfly Field Trip
- 2/3 Hearing Screening
- 2/9 Library (Films)
- 2/12 Jenny's Birthday
- 2/15 Picture Day
- 2/15 Raymond's Birthday
- 2/20 President's Day (School Closed)
- 2/21 Fundraising Meeting
- 2/26 Tony's Birthday
- 2/28 BMI and Carotene Screening

Dear True Sunshine Families,

January was a great month for parental involvement at True Sunshine Preschool. We had many parents come in to work with the children and had a great turn-out at our first fundraising committee meeting! I hope we will continue to have good parent participation in center activities for the rest of the year. Please save the date for our next fundraising meeting on Tuesday 2/21 at 5:30. More information will come soon.

I also want to thank Laurent's father John for organizing a collection of Lunar New Year gifts for the staff from the families. Thank you to all of you who were able to contribute. We raised a total of \$941 and each staff person received \$86.00 .

In addition, thank you to Elsa's parents Scott and Crystal for managing updates to our website, Aaliyah's father for emailing information to our families, and to Sonya's mom who will help with our Facebook page! I hope these will be useful tools for current True Sunshine families, as well as prospective True Sunshine families.

Sincerely,

Marianne Lam

Director

Important Dates

Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Aaliyah's dad Kevin for sending out the weekly curriculum via email and for making smoothies with the Butterflies
- Thank you to Laurent's father John for organizing a New Year lucky money collection and thank you to all of the families that contributed.
- Thank you to Emily's mom(Karina), Rhyan's mom (Karen), and Rhyan's dad (Johnny) for showing both classes how to use paper mache to make piñatas.
- Thank you to all of the families who brought in delicious treats for the staff to share.

Special Requests and Announcements

- If you would like to be added to True Sunshine's email distribution list to receive copies of the curriculum and important announcements please let Marianne or Wendy know.

- We would like all families to bring in a baby picture of their child for display in the classroom.
- We would like donations of empty containers of infant formula, baby food jars, diapers, infant clothes, infant baby carriers, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, and other baby products to add to the dramatic play area.



The Butterflies:

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

Making Smoothies

On January 3, 2017 we were excited to have invited Aaliyah's dad (Kevin) to the classroom to show the children how to use a blender to make fruit smoothies out of frozen fruit. The Butterfly teachers split the children into three small groups. Then Kevin introduced the ingredients to the children and explained how to blend all the ingredients together. In the process of making the fruit smoothies, Kevin chose different children to assist him by using a plastic spoon to scoop frozen fruit from the packages and chose another friend to hit the button on the blender to blend the fruit and juice together. Lastly, the children each received a cup of the fruit smoothie to try.

The children learned many new things through this activity including:

- Turn taking skills-Adding fruit to the blender one at a time
- Fine motor skills-Scooping the fruit using a small plastic spoon
- Sensory exploration-Tasting, touching, and smelling the smoothies
- New vocabulary for the various fruits
- How using a blender was faster to cut up fruit than their previous experience cutting up fruit manually for their fruit salads.

Fundraising

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- To purchase children's and women's clothing do a search for clothing that benefits True Sunshine using the following



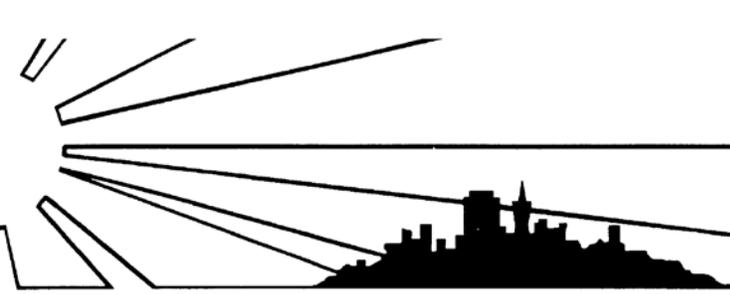
The Dragonflies

Teacher Julie, Teacher Anna, Teacher Bao Wen

Making Pinatas

In January the Dragonflies made piñatas! To begin this activity we blew a balloon for every child to work with. Then Rhyan's parents (Aunty Karen and Uncle Johnny) brought in homemade glue for the children to use to glue strips of paper onto the balloons. After they finished gluing the strips of paper onto the balloons, the teachers set all the wet balloons on the counter of the display window to dry. Once dry, Teacher Anna set out some paint and brushes for the children to paint their own balloons. We then set the colorful balloons aside to dry before the children could take them home.

From this activity, the children learned to work carefully with the paper mache, newspaper, and balloons. They had to dip the strips of newspaper into the special glue and used two fingers to slide the extra glue down from top to bottom. They then had to make sure they were applying the strips of newspaper smoothly with no bumps. They also learned about how some of our friends fill piñatas with special goodies which are released when hit, and they learned two new vocabulary words: smooth and bumpy.



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