

Miss Kelly's

NEWS

Hello Everybody!

February 2010

Directress' Message

Greetings!

January was a big busy month here at Miss Kelly's. The kids baked a chocolate cake on Miss Julie's last day. They also made playdough with Miss Kerri on her last day.

More than anything January was a month of change. We said goodbye to Callum, and miss him and hope to hear from him soon. We said goodbye to Miss Julie, who has landed happily in Manilla and is having a wonderful time catching up with her cousins (we miss you Julie!). We were surprised and a bit sad when Miss Kerri was unable to return to us. We hope everything works out for you Kerri! We also missed Ella and Lucia who were away in Australia, but they are back now. Welcome home girls!

Staff changes have required some try-outs. We have sought to find dedicated helpers to continue the program here, thus it is with pleasure that we bring on board on a more regular basis, Miss Tara and Miss Ashley, who have both substituted with us in the past. Tara and Ashley have both worked closely with Julie and Kerri, and myself of course, and they have a solid grasp of some of the Montessori concepts we've been focusing on with your children.

We would also like to introduce you to Jennifer Yee and Chunyu Shi. Miss Jennifer has been working with special education high school students and has experience in Kumon learning centers. She is a teacher at Vanguard on her days away from Miss Kelly's. Miss Chunyu has over ten years experience in education including eight months experience in a Montessori environment. Miss Jennifer and Miss Chunyu are both delighted to be here and to have this chance to work with your wonderful children.

We would also like to welcome Nele Vandersteen as a possible substitute, for as long as she's available. We hope to see more of Nele as she is wonderful to have helping us. I will, of course, be working with all our helpers in my own capacity to share more of the Montessori vision and guidance as we move forward. We are looking forward to this new chapter in Miss Kelly's, and to spending more time than ever learning and growing with your wonderfully fun and inquisitive kids!

Sincerely,

Miss. Kelly

FEBRUARY REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February is the month of Chinese New Year and this year it's the Year of The Tiger!
- Clothing. As always, please make sure we have hats, scarf and mittens, and appropriate outer wear - kids who don't have warm enough clothing will not be permitted to go outside, for safety reasons. Please also have slippers and socks for your children - floors are cold here in the winter, even when heat is on
- Lost and Found. Anything you've lost? Please ask to see the lost and found box. As a special precaution, please consider labeling your child's clothing with name tags to help keep track and differentiate pieces of clothing. We try to keep track of everything and what belongs to who, but with this many children coming everyday it's not always easy.
- Toys. When possible it is best that children keep their treasured toys at home.
- Colds happen. But if your child has a fever, or is definitely unwell, please consider keeping her home for a day. If you have any doubts about coming in, don't hesitate to call and check with Miss Kelly first.
- Announcements. If you have anything you wish to announce in our newsletter let us know. We can also send out notices to all parents, so any announcements at any time can be forwarded to Miss Kelly for review.

