



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



This week and next, I'll be sharing some ideas for parents on what they can do with their children to connect with them and continue to support their growth in fun ways.

Here are some initial ideas:

- ⇒ Go to the beach and collect shells or make a sand castle.
- ⇒ Complete a jigsaw puzzle or play a board game together.
- ⇒ Cook or bake something that they've never cooked before.
- ⇒ Plant a mini indoor garden with herbs or other plants to brighten the home.
- ⇒ Learn about a new country or culture together.
- ⇒ Plan a dream vacation for after the pandemic is over. Build hope!
- ⇒ Make a friendship bracelet to give to a friend after the holiday.
- ⇒ Go to a park and enjoy a picnic in the sun with warm blankets and cocoa.
- ⇒ Work on a plan for the upcoming MIS Science Fair (more details to come).
- ⇒ Write a fantasy story together line-by-line as a family.
- ⇒ Get out in nature. Take a hike in the forest. Get some fresh air!
- ⇒ Create a family capsule (can be a simple box) filled with some of their favorite things to open in five years and look back on.
- ⇒ Practice origami. Great for the mind and hands.

These are just a few ideas to get you started thinking. Of course, we hope that your family has some special holiday traditions that you will be able to celebrate together!

HOW TO MAKE YOUR
HOLIDAYS
JUST A BIT
MORE FUN!



Calendar

Per MIS's Return to School Operation Protocols, in order to prevent the risk of COVID-19, events have been limited or revised.

Tuesday 15 December

PTA Board Mtg - 1:15pm

Wednesday 16 December

G3&4 Swimming - Day 7

Friday 18 December

Last Day of Term 2

19 December - 03 January

Winter Holiday

Monday 04 January

First Day of Term 3

Check out the latest efforts of the MIS PTA by visiting the MIS PTA website at:
www.mispta.com



House Point Totals

Rosso House were this week's big winners!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Book Week Parade and School Life photos are being sold until Dec 23.

Order at:

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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Planting for the Future

This week in Kindergarten, we were blessed to be visited by our expert gardener, Ito-san (aka the school's site manager). In small groups, each child in Kindergarten took their turn to plant a tulip bulb along the entrance of the Kindergarten Building (120 bulbs in total!). He taught each class how to be a gentle and caring gardener by filling the planters with soil, digging a hole, planting their tulip bulb carefully (and pointing up!), covering the bulbs with soil then finally watering the soil with a watering can. His passion for gardening was infectious causing children to jump with joy and express how excited they were to see the tulips bloom in Spring.

It is great feeling positive and excited for the future again and perhaps by the time we see parents on campus again our new tulips will be there to welcome you!



K1:
Making
Christmas
Story Props!



K2:
Planting
Tulip Bulbs
for Spring!



K3:
Ordering
Months and
Days of the
Week!



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MIS Writer Earns Award

Congratulations to Leona Higuchi, G2G, who won an honorable mention award in a national writing competition. The competition is called “「いつもありがとう」作文コンクール” and she wrote about her baby sister. There are several other MIS children who took part in this competition and they should also be proud of themselves for trying their best. Well done, everybody! To read Leona’s writing go to https://sinanengroup.co.jp/sakubun/prize/pdf/vol14/kasaku_20/29_higuchi-reona.pdf.



For G2G, It’s All About Theatre and Visualization

This week the children in G2G student practiced their Reader’s Theatre about community helpers in PSNS. The students rehearsed their characters’ lines and used the app ‘Clips’ to record and create a video of their performance. During English, the students practised the skill of visualising while listening to a poem. As the teacher read the poem, the students used the descriptive language to help them accurately draw a picture of the setting.



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Beautiful Art out of Styrofoam?

In Art this week, the students in G1G created beautiful art out of paper and Styrofoam. How did they do it? The children began by sketching and coloring different geometric patterns on a piece of paper. They then transferred this pattern onto their piece of Styrofoam and carefully painted the Styrofoam patterns with a wide variety of colors to make the patterns really POP! What talented artists we have!



Grade 5 Bring Comics to Life!

This week, G5G have been studying comic books. Using the app Comic Life 3, the children experimented with using different camera angles for each frame such as close ups and wide shots. They also learnt how to tell a story using visual metaphors that convey a theme or send a message to the reader. Finally, they looked at how to choose suitable onomatopoeic words to bring their comic books to life.



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