



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



Again this week, I want to continue to share 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:

- ⇒ Do a blind taste test of different kinds of fruits.
- ⇒ Teach them how to navigate using a paper map on a road trip.
- ⇒ Read a new (or old) book together.
- ⇒ Build a fort in your house out of furniture, boxes and blankets and then role play with your child.
- ⇒ Go fishing at the shore or a nearby river. You never know what you might catch!
- ⇒ Learn to knit or sew together. What will you create?
- ⇒ Consider getting a fish tank and teach you child how to take care of the fish.
- ⇒ Learn something interesting about the undersea world and why it is important to take care of our oceans.
- ⇒ Get a pair of binoculars and go bird watching. How many different birds can you find?
- ⇒ Write thank you cards to essential workers like nurses, doctors, grocery store cashiers, EMTs and police.
- ⇒ Play a new sport.
- ⇒ Learn a new language - even if it's only a few words or phrases. They might come in handy in the future!
- ⇒ Donate clothing or food to charity.

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.

19 December - 03 January

Winter Holiday

Monday 04 January

First Day of Term 3

Mon-Fri 04-08 January

MIS Calligraphy Week

Friday 08 January

Global Citizenship Time
During Creative Studies for
Elementary Grades

(G3-6 Students should make
sure that their GCA Journals
are at school)

Monday 11 January

Coming of Age Day
School Holiday

Lost and Found

The Office will dispose
of the Term 2 Lost &
Found items on
Friday 15 January.
Please check for missing
items before then.
Thank you!

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



House Point Totals

**Midori House
were this week's
big winners!**



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Happy Holidays from the Kindergarten Team

As the festive season and New Year approaches, the teaching team of Kindergarten would like to extend a warm and heart filled 'Happy New Year' and may 2021 bring your family health and happiness.

We hope that you have a great winter break and that you are able to make lots of special holiday memories.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year!



K1:
Celebrating
their
Hundredth
Day of
School!



K2:
Using Tech-
nology to
Enhance
their Learn-
ing!



K3:
Writing
Cinderella-
Inspired
Stories!

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MIS Writer Earns Award

Congratulations to Karin Ito, G5G, who won an Encouragement Award in the Tsuda University Junior English Essay Contest. The competition asked students to write an essay about their favorite phrase in the world. Karin wrote about the phrase "Nothing worth having comes easy". She even got her name in the newspaper. Congratulations to you, Karin! You should be very proud of your efforts.



That's a lot of Pressure (Air Pressure, that is)

This week G4 put their knowledge of air pressure into practice during their investigation. They made predictions about the force needed to move objects, and how much air would need to be compressed to make objects move through pressure. They also had a lot of fun!



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G2Y Makes Beautiful Art Patterns out of the Earth!

This week, students in G2Y painted patterns onto leaves. The children then used these leaves to form bigger patterns, creating earth art. These beautiful art forms combine this term's focus on patterning while also introducing next term's focus on sculpture and 3D representation in art.



It's Elemental in G5

This week, Grade 5 students have worked on a project about the four elements of earth, wind, air, and fire in preparation for the annual art exhibition. They painted individual tiles using abstract art ideas and learned a few new painting tricks too!



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Grade 4 Yellow Bring the Water Cycle to Life!

The students in G4Y have been studying the water cycle in Science. This week, students worked in pairs to represent the different stages of the water cycle including evaporation, condensation, transpiration, precipitation, surface run-off, and collection. We think you'll agree that they did a wonderful job!



Grade 2 Green Really Measures Up!

This week in G2G the students studied measurement, with a particular focus on using the centimetres/metres units of measurement. The students predicted the distance in metres between different locations around the school and then measured the actual distance using trundle wheels.



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Out and About at MIS



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