

SIS Parent Conference



On May 30th, SIS held a parent conference. The main reason for this conference was to up date the parents on the changes that will be happening for the next school year and to field any questions that the parents had about those changes. Some of the changes that were discussed for the next school year was the change in the school system, use of an overhead system with camera, and the use of smart pads for the higher readers.

The changes for the school system will be a change from the grade level system (i.e. grade 1, grade 2, grade 3....) to the WOW (World of Wonders) system. The WOW system will put the students in their respective levels for English and Math classes. The students have already

taken a placement test to see what level (i.e. level 1, level 2...) they will enter for those two classes. Now all we have left to do is to see how it will go next year. We are hoping that this system will help the students learn at the level they need to learn and will help them accelerate into the proper level they need to be in. But once again, this remains to be seen in the next school year. Teacher Chris and Teacher Jumar have made an overhead

system with a camera for the purpose of using it as a visual aid resource to help with Math and also reading. Instead of using the blackboard, the teacher can use this device to show all the students at once what is being taught. This is the shift from the traditional to the technological teaching methods that these kids are much more inclined to want to use.

SIS is also using smart pads for higher readers. They will be using the smart pad for downloading reading materials for their reading class. In this technological age, these students will be able to read better using up to date technology. We really hope that these will be used to the best possible way so that the students will be able to learn a lot from it.



Friendly soccer match with AIS

On the 23rd of May, the 10 and under team from SIS went and played a friendly match against AIS (Australian International School). Our team consisted of Dylinh, Uro, Ongly, Johnny, Will, Pinter, and Daesik. SIS was the first to score. Daesik was able to kick one into the back of the AIS net. But AIS was able to come back in the second half and

kick in an equalizing goal. But with a stroke of good fortune, the defender from AIS kicked the soccer ball which rebounded off Pinter's leg and went back in into the back of the AIS goal. The rest of the match, SIS was able to hold off the attack of AIS and finished the game as winners. Although AIS was technically sound and was good at passing the ball, SIS had the better

fortune and the crazy Korean coach yelling the whole game!



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Primary One Prep.

Teachers Wilma & Dor

It seems that this month has struck a chord among all the students of the Primary 1 Preparatory. They come to school and do their tasks merrily. They seldom bicker with each other and play merrily. And despite the heat, they are progressing in their reading, writing, arithmetic, science, and social studies in preparation for their final examinations. Conclusively, every one did good in the final examinations.

The month of May is also the penultimate month of the school term. This is another feather to add to our hats. As the children grow, we grow older and pray that the knowledge and skills that we impart to them shall forever be cherished and nurtured. And my hope is that they shall also impart to others as they come of age. It is this cycle that one can truly say that "the wisdom a person gains through the years is incomparable to youth." And as the school term closes, this is the time that the very essence of a teacher is appreciated. This is a thankless job for some but a very rewarding vocation for many.

It should be remembered that - the Gambler, the Fisherman, the Carpenter, the Soldier, the Priest, the Lawyer, the Doctor, the Presidents and Prime Ministers of every nation - they could and would have never been in their places without the Teacher! The Teacher taught them all!

Primary One

Teachers Sally & Chanthala

"I want to erase Teacher's Sally writings on the board because she does not erase them properly." It was an honest comment given by my sweet and very helpful student in my class a month ago.

I felt a little bit embarrassed, but then I managed to laugh over it. Nine months ago, these kids were terrible, noisy, and out of control. How many times have we had to say our five golden rules over and over again just to keep these handy for them. As days passed, I have seen how they changed for the better and it has made me love teaching them. They have turned a new leaf and have become obedient, responsible, and loving kids. My morning shines

brightly with them, and the school turns out to be a home for me. I like the way they call my name in the hallway, and run excitedly toward me. They are always smiling and happily completing their class tasks without me or Teacher Chan supervising them. I'm often surprised that our chairs are all arranged, the fans and air-condition are on and off, the board is cleaned, and all of them are sitting on the mat while waiting patiently on me. Every day is a busy day for them. They are asking about and volunteering for class jobs, and I never have to look for help since they are always ready to lend a hand.

They love to read, to draw, to tell, listen to stories, and to spend time in the library. They have anecdotal stories and humorous jokes which they share with me and Teacher Chan. These kids are our stress relievers and give us laughter no matter how humid it is outside.

As years go on and as they grow up, we hope these kids continue to grow obediently, respectfully, and lovingly. We, your teachers, are blissful for being a part of your First Grade primary memories. Way to Go, First Graders!!!

Primary Two

Teachers Billy & Somneuk

Time really does fly as it is exam time already. We have been working hard for these tests all year, and I am optimistic that the students will do well.

I have really enjoyed teaching P2 this year and have seen the students grow a lot academically and socially. There

is a clear contrast between how the students are now and how they were when I first met them. I am really proud of all of these students this year regardless of their exam results.

My job was not only to develop them academically but also to guide them on how to be good, responsible, honest, and kind people.

The students are very busy with their English and Lao tests and are likely to be quite tired upon completion of

these tests this month. I feel that the students have gained a lot of knowledge and skills this year which will stand them in good stead for the next academic year.

After their exams, I will try to teach them some fun and educational topics whilst also allowing the students some well-earned rest time after their exams.

I hope you all enjoy the summer break with your families.

Primary Three

Teacher Michael

The month of May was all about P3's final exams.

We started the month going back over spelling, revising, editing, grammar, and writing. Also we are reviewing China, Laos, South Korea, Vietnam, Japan and finally Africa in Geography. After marking the tests, I've seen a great improvement in most of the student's results and would also like to thank all the parents who assisted at home. The students will now focus on getting ready for their performance at our end of the year graduation intermeshed with a continuation of classroom studies.

I have enjoyed teaching all the P3 students this year and hopefully have helped with their future development.

Teacher Kristyna

The month of May was very busy for both students and teachers. During these two weeks, the students have been taking their English, Math, Science, Geography, and Lao final exams. They had been working hard and really deserve a holiday. However, there are still two weeks left before the end of the school year. With that being said though, we are taking it easy by relaxing, playing games, and having contests to review in a funny way what we've learned this year. We're enjoying our last days together. Next year will bring a lot of important changes to SIS. We're all very excited about them and hope they will help our students learn in a more efficient way so that they can achieve even

better results. We've had a wonderful year together. We've been working hard and having a lot of fun and nice moments together. We hope that next year will be as great or even better as the one we're about to finish. I wish everyone a wonderful summer together and will be looking forward to the next school year.



Primary Four

Teacher Jumar

Math P4

For this month of May, we will have number sentences with variables. We assume that we will only spend a week or two with this lesson. Then we're down to evaluating the skills they have learned in Math. HOOOOOORRRRAAAAAY!

Math P5

This month will be more on reviewing and recalling the previous lessons we had the whole year. Shapes, sequences, even numbers, odd numbers, prime numbers, composite numbers, perimeter, area, volume, probability are just some of the things we need to review for their upcoming FINAL TEST...

Geography P4 & P5

Oceans – Check

Continents – Check

- Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania (Australia), North America & South America.

We've learnt about different continents, the countries included in these continents, and their flags, too.

And here ends our tour around the world. Adios!



Primary Five

Teacher Chris

English P4 and P5

We are finishing up the year with reading mystery books, specifically about the great detective Sherlock Holmes, and independent reading.

In Writing, we are looking at question sentences, or interrogatives, to better learn how to ask them correctly.

Parents, I want you to know that it has been my honor to teach your students this year. I will sorely miss my P5 students next year, but I look forward to my P4 students returning to us all again next year. Students, your life is your own storybook, so live it the way you would want someone to write it for you. May you be a masterpiece! See you next year!!

Kindergarten One

Teachers Kezia, TookTa and Onh

May was fun and busy time at preschool. We learned about how plants grow. We recited a few rhymes and learned about the different parts of the plants.

This term has been super special and very busy in preschool. We have enjoyed many interesting and fun themes. This is our last month of school which means there is little time left for us to be with your little one! They have become very precious to Teacher Tookta, On & myself. We treasure the time we have had with them. It will be very hard to see them go, but then who are we to hold them back? Onward and upward they must go!

Now, we all get to enjoy the summer time. What a fun time of the year! Be sure to play outside in the sunshine as much as you can, ride your bikes, play in the sand, go swimming, and eat plenty of ice cream! I will miss you, but I will never forget all the joy and laughter that you've filled my heart with. You are good little children, and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to be your teacher.

*"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go."*

— Dr. Seuss,
I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Kindergarten Two

Teachers Almie and Anna

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived! 10 months have passed very quickly, and we've accomplished many things this year! It has also been my pleasure getting to know not only your child, but you as well. Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. As your child moves into the next grade level, there are some very important things you can do to help them succeed. Engage in meaningful conversations with your child everyday, take time (if only a few minutes a day) to really listen to what they have to say, constantly practice with them in numbers and all of the lessons that we had tackled in math. And most importantly, review the letter sounds with them so that it would be easy for them to read words when they are in the next grade.

Thank you so much for all you have done to make our year so fulfilling, memorable, and wonderful. Have a safe and restful summer!

Kindergarten Three

Teachers Nery and Bout

At last, we are at the verge of the end of the school year program. The children are pretty exhausted in practicing the activity, though they are also having fun with it. They love dancing and singing a lot.

We reminisce the previous days that we have had from the very beginning until now. And we couldn't imagine that we could surpass a year of learning. Some of the children have been showing huge progress and some not that much. Nonetheless, children have been trying their best to perform well in class.

Some children in K3 are somewhat ready to explore the new horizon of their studies, but they all still need guidance and help from their parents or guardian to fully develop their acquired English skills. This batch of K3 have fun doing things they like as well as learning from it. They are very sociable with each other.

Hope that they will continue to show what they have learned in this level. Good luck and Congratulations to all Graduates of K3!!!

Don't Forget!

HEAD TEACHER'S CORNER

June. 6th

Kindergarten Graduation Day
& Last Day of School

June. 23rd ~ August 1st
August 28th

Summer School Program
School Year 2014-2015 begins