

PARENT NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back families!

It is great to see that 3e is off to another successful school year. I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms on a daily basis and work with teachers in order to ensure a smooth transition for your children. As we near the end of our first month together, children are settled into a routine and teachers are off and running with planning of the curriculum.

Something different you may have noticed this year is your child's classroom placement. Child placement was done a bit differently this year in order to encourage more peer interactions and relationships. Children are still in the classroom that is most developmentally appropriate for them; however, they now have a wider range (12 months) of other children that they share the classroom with. There is an

even ratio of children at each of the older, middle and younger stages of those 12 months within each classroom providing children opportunities to interact with children of other developmental levels.

You may be wondering, "How will my child's needs still be met in this type of learning environment?" I can assure you that our Teachers are still looking at each child as an individual and planning for your child accordingly. In Education, we call this "differentiated instruction." "Differentiated instruction means creating multiple paths so that students of different abilities, interest or learning needs experience equally appropriate ways to absorb, use, develop and present concepts as a part of the daily learning process."

Our Teachers use this approach by modifying their planned activities according to the needs of all children in their classroom. Additionally, we have a curriculum that has been uniquely designed in which Teachers can easily consider each level of development represented in their classroom.

Overall, 3e is committed to providing quality care and education for all children. Our commitment goes beyond the curriculum and is carefully thought out in all components of our program. Together we will look forward to the great things to come this year!

Sincerely,

Nadia Perez

SEPTEMBER COFFEE

Our first Morning Coffee topic of the school year will be "Your Child's Nutrition". Please join us at 3e for a presentation from Dr. Dyann Chao from International SOS Clinic, who will be discussing food choices and nutrition for children. (English) 9AM-10:30AM.

Dr. DyAnn Chao graduated from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1999. She completed her pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital in New Orleans in 2002, and is board-certified in pediatrics by the American Academy of Pediatrics. She has practiced as a pediatrician in Louisi-

ana and California (in both inpatient and outpatient settings), and, prior to moving to Beijing, served as an urgent-care physician at the Children's Hospital of San Diego. Dr. Chao joined International SOS Clinic in July of 2006. She is a native English speaker, who also speaks conversational Mandarin.

SEPTEMBER 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Morning Coffee, Wednesday September 24 @ 9AM*
- *National Holiday, No School September 29-October 3*
- *Community event, October 18*

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PARENT WEBSITE

We have been working diligently to iron out any kinks in our system and we appreciate parents and families bearing with us as we continue to work on and update our parent website. Despite the fact that our system is being worked on, our teachers are still working on posting journals, weekly plans and updating parent communication in order to have that information available to you as soon as the website is available. Most recently our website is up and running; however, if you have difficulty logging in, have forgotten your login and password or are finding it difficult to

move around the website, please contact us as soon as possible so we can resolve any complications right away.

Additionally, please keep in mind that we typically run maintenance checks on our holiday breaks, so you may not have access to your child's website over the National holiday. Another reminder is that at the end of each school year, all information is deleted in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. If you wish to copy pictures from your child's site, please do so periodically throughout the school year as they will not be available to you after year's end.

EXPECT TRANSITION DIFFICULTIES AGAIN

Although your child(ren) may have adjusted to their new school routine and show excitement to arrive each morning, you should anticipate somewhat of a regression with the upcoming National Holiday break. Because your child(ren) will have been away from school for a week, it may be difficult for them to once again adjust to their return to school. A week long holiday may seem short to an adult, but to a child it is long enough to forget about how much they enjoyed school and the routine that they once followed.

While you are home or away on your holiday, it is best that you continue to have your child follow the same routine as much as possible. Encourage them to engage in the same bedtime and morning routine. Additionally, do your best to support your child in following meal times that are similar to

that of school and when you typically have dinner. Overall, it is important to make an effort to maintain your child's routine as much as possible.

When your child returns to school Monday morning after the holiday break, they may have a difficult time parting with you as they have spent a week at home or on holiday with your family. Do not be surprised if your child illustrates some hesitation when approaching their classroom, teachers and peers. This type of behavior is typical for children to display after a long break from school. As you did at the start of school, it is important that you follow some simple guidelines for parting with your child in the morning. One strategy is to continue to talk about school with your child while on holiday and remind them each day that on Monday they will return to school as normal. On your way to school Monday morning, remind your child that you will

be bringing them into school, saying good bye and leaving for the day. Also remember to let your child know that you or another family member will return at the end of their day to pick them up and bring them back home. The most important point in all of this is to FOLLOW THROUGH!!! Despite any tears, hesitations or anxiety for either child or parent, it is important to follow through. This will allow the children to be reminded of their routine, their trust for their teachers, and help them become reacquainted with their peers.

Our teachers and support staff are fully prepared for days as such. They will be there to support you and your child as needed. Keep in mind that we all have the same goal and that is to give your child quality care and education! For further information please see the "Transitions" section of the 3e Parent Handbook.

MILK CRISIS

In light of the recent news on milk product safety in China, 3e has stopped serving dairy products until further notice. We have also just received this note from Eurest, our catering partner:

"The latest development on the Fresh Milk and Yogurt products sourced in the PRC brings us unfortunately to the decision to react.

In absence of any clear and reliable analysis or statement from relevant official departments we hereby take the decision to withdraw Fresh Milk Products and Yogurts from our Offer. We would wait to see the development of the situation but we consider, as far as the health of children and other consumers might be concerned, to be proactive. We are sorry for the inconvenience and we hope that the situation would be back to normal very soon."

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Tony Gao Christopher Shia	4 Emily Ji	5 Janet Vineberg	6
7	8	9	10	11 Emma Desmaele	12 Eagle Guan	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Mats Hauber
21 Alvin Zou Hany Lee	22	23 Ula Ekmecic	24 Ingrid Murphy	25	26	27
28 Jackson Chadwick	29 Catherine Chao	30				

October 2008

	Nur Farzana Hazirah	1/Oct
BUNDSCHERER	Nicolas	2/Oct
FLYNN	Adrian Kleine-Ahlbrandt	2/Oct
CAI	Catherine, Jia Zhen	8/Oct
CHEN	Nicole	10/Oct
XING	Driver Xing	10/Oct
CHEN	Elizabeth May	14/Oct
KOH	Andy	17/Oct
JIA	Cecilia Enci	19/Oct
NACCARATO	Giulia	21/Oct
HU	Constance Elizabeth Yinghua	21/Oct
Huang	Andrew	25/Oct
TONG	Yat Fung (Elijah)	26/Oct
CHANG	Colbert Aiden	27/Oct
SHEN	Celena	27/Oct
ELIS	Hanna Ellis	27/Oct
REN	Cisco	29/Oct

FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD

Due to the popularity of last year's "Families around the World" event, we will be holding it again on October 18 from 10AM-12PM at 3e. For those that were here last year, you might have remembered seeing beautiful traditional clothing worn by 3e families, tasting wonderful foods from different cultures, practicing the traditional crafts of different places, and learning fun facts about different countries. In order to hold another successful event this year, we need your participation! You can join with other parents to create an interesting display about your home culture, or you can prepare a display with your kids, etc. You are welcome to participate in any manner you'd like—just let us know beforehand!

If you would like to set up a table to "show off" your home culture, please respond to Vicky at vicky@3eik.com and let us know the following:

- 1) What country/culture you will be representing
- 2) What kind of presentation you are preparing (so we know what to prepare for you—table/ chairs, floor space, etc.)
- 3) If you are working with other parents, who is in your group
- 4) If you will be bringing food, since we will need to allot space for your special dish at the "food table". There is no need to make enough for everyone, just a sample is fine.



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3e Mission statement

Our mission is to develop critical thinkers and passionate learners who can move confidently and fluidly across cultures.

3e Philosophy

We work from the premise that diverse educational settings offer distinct and valuable advantages for the child's learning experiences. We combine the west-ern styled, child centered, progressive approach to learning with the teacher di-rected, systematic instructional practices of the East. Each approach is inti-mately connected to its respective language, and culture.

Our Principles

We at 3e International strive to fulfill our mission by abiding by our philosophy, employing our approach effectively and living up to our principles. Our staff is committed to decisions and actions that follow these principles:

- All children have the capacity to learn and succeed.
- Children need to have a positive image of themselves as learners, individuals, and community members.
- Diversity of culture and language is a valuable learning resource.
- Community members contribute to the child's positive learning experiences.
- The school environment acts as another teacher as children learn about them-selves and their world.

LIBRARY UPDATE

As many of you know, our library has been a work in progress. Several of our staff have spent several hours each day over the summer in order to put a system in place for more efficient library use. Even though we now have system in place, we will still be working to improve our library and again make it even more efficient. We will be working with a library consultant in doing so. As we work with our consultant, we want to still make the library available to you.

After the National Holiday break, the library will be available for families to use on Thursdays from 8:30AM-11:30AM and 1:00PM-4:00PM. A teaching staff will be supporting you at that time.

More library updates to come!!

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

New Medication Form: If children are sick and require medicine from home, parents must fill out the new medication form. This form includes space for details that are important for the safe administering of medication to children. Available on the Parent Website, forms can be filled out and emailed back to school nurse Annie Pan, pan@3eik.com, or it can be dropped off at the school.

Research Consent Form: Please sign and return the Research Consent Form you received during the Parent Orientation. If you need another copy, it is available on the Parent Website.

Weekly Plans: Teachers have their weekly plans posted just inside or outside their classrooms for all to see. Additionally, they are posted in PDF format on the parent website for parents and families to access at their convenience. Please refer to teacher plans for inquiries regarding daily activities.

Parent Handbook: We have sent a printed copy of the Parent Handbook home in each child's cubby. Along with the handbook we have included a form that needs to be signed and returned to the school indicating that you have received and read the handbook. Please send forms back to school asap.

ASA: Enrollment deadline for After School Activities in Wednesday, September 24.

Class Directory: If you do not want certain contact information for your family made available in the Class Directory, please return your "non-consent form" to school by Friday, September 26.