

Green Class Insider



YA YA TALE - RABBIT YEAR

To celebrate the Year of the Rabbit and embrace Chinese culture, we spent the last few weeks focusing on the traditions, vocabulary, and everything else related to the new year in depth through an original story about a rabbit family. As we followed Little Rabbit's adventure to look for help from the Ya Ya Knights, we learned about new year decorations such as spring couplets (春聯), firecrackers (鞭炮), new year's eve dinner items such as dumpling (餃子), orange (橘子), pineapple (鳳梨), rice cake (年糕), and things related to the last day of new year, Lantern Festival, such as lantern (燈籠) and glutinous rice ball (湯圓). Some of our favorite activities are turning rice into red by dyeing it with food coloring and vinegar, making a huge dragon with the Yellow Class, feeding our "rabbit" with carrots in different shapes, deepening our understanding of numbers by counting gold coins and going through the calendar, etc. We enjoyed singing the new year song and using props to act out the motions. Everyone was a little star on the stage at our Ya Ya Lunar New Year Festival event and our families and friends couldn't be more proud of our performance!



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Classroom Happenings



We practiced our fine motor skills by tearing and cutting paper into small pieces for our dragon.



Making animals and learning spatial relations with tangram pieces.



When color mixing meets balloon painting.



We dyed white rice with vinegar and red color so everyone in the school can use it in the experience room.



Counting from 1 to 5 and matching the numerals accordingly.



Feeding our "rabbit" with carrots in different shapes.



Learning one-to-one correspondence and quantity with gold coins.



We've started to go over the calendar during circle time. It's perfect for number recognition.



Picking nature objects for our science area when we went to the park with our friends in the Yellow Class.



We were so excited to visit Little Rabbit's home after reading the story about her family.



Getting exposure to Chinese characters related to Lunar New Year in a hands-on way.



Waiting patiently for our turn to get on the slide.



Experimenting how magnets work while trying to catch the most beautiful goldfish.



Picking out gold coins with tongs in the red rice we made.



Adding vocabulary cards for the Lunar New Year topic to our little book.



Creating freely with the playdough we made together.



Special Events



Ya Ya Lunar New Year Festival (芽芽新年園遊會) is the biggest event for our enrolled families during the school year. We were thrilled to see many families engage in cultural activities. Most importantly, we can't be more proud of our children for performing for their family and friends!



❖ Extra Sweet Moments ❖

Love and care is permeating our classroom. We enjoy each other's company by playing games together, giving each other hugs, and sharing gifts. In January, we celebrated Miles' 3rd birthday. Happy Birthday, Miles!

