

Ya Ya After School Digest

WHAT A BUSY CITY!

We live in New York City, a huge place with lots to explore. For the topic of "What A Busy City!" (忙碌的城市), we learned about the things we see in the big city such as buildings (大樓), stores (商店), sidewalks (馬路), traffic lights (紅綠燈), transportations (交通工具), and city animals such as dogs (狗) and pigeons (鴿子). For the Big Kids group (6y+) 大班, the highlight was the opportunity to examine a real site plan that an architect shared with our class. They were fascinated by the complicated behind-the-scene work that happened before the construction of a building. The 4-5y group 中班 were excited to learn about the mechanism of an elevator, while the youngest 3y group had so much fun collaborating in creating a mural of their own city. We practiced saying sentences such as "There are [] in the city." (城市裡有【什麼東西】), "I take [what transportation] to go to [places]." (我搭【什麼交通工具】去【哪裡】) and many more. In December, we welcomed our families to join our Family Day, and the children felt proud to show their families what they have done. Be sure to click the cloud bubble below to access topic support materials such as Ya Ya Big Book and Ya Ya Vocab Card. **Audio** versions of the books will be coming soon!

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Ya Ya Vocab Card
& Ya Ya Big Book](#)



Classroom Happenings



Learning how elevators work by pulling ropes to lift up a bin.



Looking at a site plan to understand what happens before buildings are constructed.



Making our own bus stop.



Working with our friends to make a mural of our own city.

I am a police officer controlling the traffic. When you see "停" (stop), you need to stop!



Practice Mandarin to buy items we see in the city with gold coins.



Matching the transit cards to their corresponding countries.



Waiting for the bus at Ya Ya bus station with Shelly Laoshi and our friends.



Designing our own buildings for our city mural.



We formed small groups to design our own trains. Whose train is the fastest?



Following the teacher's directions to arrange the order of the traffic lights.



Using paper towel tubes and paper plates to form buildings. We worked together to make sure they don't fall down.



We see so many bubble tea shops in the city so we made brown sugar tapioca at school with our friends.



Watching the tapioca boiling.



The big kids group and the 4-5y group are listening to a winter story together.



Competing in groups to see which group shovels the most snow.

❖ December Family Day ❖



We invited our family members to watch a slideshow with us and we showed them around our classroom during Family Day! It was a great experience for us and our grownups to see everything we have done since day 1.

