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FROM AMI STAFF

Dear Parents:

Thank you for coming to the Easter Egg Hunt. We had so much fun with your family! The pictures will be posted on the facebook.

Last week, we did show & tell in Mandarin. What you see this week is show & tell in English. We rotate every week. Ms. Chris and Miss. Jamie also shares circle time and work time. The portion of each language your child is exposed to is around 60% Mandarin and 40% English.

With birthdays coming up next month, a reminder of the birthday policy:

- No sugar, sorry. You can bring other items to share.
- Bring 3 special pictures for your child to talk about.
- School: kids will make cards, sing birthday song, wear birthday crown, receive a birthday certificate.

Thank You!

AMI Staff

MONTHLY THEMES

Life Cycle	V, W, X
Easter Day	ㄚㄛㄝㄝ
Children's Day	水火少今
Earth Day	Count by 10
Let's be green! 環保, 感恩大地, 惜福	Purple
	Oval
	On/ Off

Upcoming Events:

* 4/4 Children's Day
We will be talking about why we have this special day. How kids in other country might not have the same freedom, rights, education, medicine, and security as the children in our school.

* 4/22 Earth Day
We will be talking about how to keep the earth clean and preserve its natural resources.

* Last week of April, Parent Teacher Conference.





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Q & A

Q: My child does not xxxx what do I do? (Eat by him/herself at home, does not clean up, does not want to wear his/her clothes)

A: Determination, perseverance and persistence are qualities most parents would like to instill in their children. Did you know the best way to teach these qualities is by role modeling? Parents are the most influential people in a child's life. What you say and what you do is under the microscope with your child. Therefore, it is important to have clear rules in your household and be firm with the rules. When you have clearly defined what is "want to" and "have to," you need to be persistent when applying a "have-to." The next activity should not start unless the "have-to" is complete. This is a test of the parents' determination and perseverance. If you are under time pressure, you need to give this child the time limit and explain that if the "have-to" is not complete by the time limit, there will be a consequence. Remember, this is a consequence NOT a punishment.

For example, if this is a child refusing to eat or eats too slowly, you need to first teach the child the schedule of all meals (including snack.) This child needs to first learn that there is no food in between meals. That means parents cannot eat between meals either, at least in front of them ☺ Then, you tell this child that there are ## more minutes to finish eating and after that time limit, there is no food until the next meal even if they are hungry and/or have a melt down. Be firm when the child complains that s/he is hungry. If there is no time restriction, tell the child that certain quantity need to be consumed before s/he can leave the table to play. This might take 40 min, 1 hour, or longer. You need to be determined and persistent. You need to wait with the child, but not provide too much extra attention. Only provide some short reminders. You could read while waiting. This also role models reading as a spare-time activity.

When you are firm with your rules, you are building trust with your child. Your child knows that you live by your words. They know that what is said will be done and follow through. They see the determination, perseverance and persistence. Firm parents earn more respect from their child. It creates better harmony at home.

Quote of the Month:

"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. Jim Rohn

Parents' Activity of the Month: The weather is so great to be outdoors. It's a good time for the kids to visit a zoo. Here are some small zoo suggestions:

Junior Museum & Zoo – Palo Alto
Happy Hollow – San Jose
Oakland Zoo – Oakland
Hidden Villa – Los Altos

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