



Academy of Mandarin Immersion

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Where Kids Discover the Magic of Learning

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FROM AMI STAFF

Dear Parents:

Happy Easter!

While most school wait until kids ask for water, our school is proactive asking kids to consume water throughout the day. Water is healthy for the kids, but that means they will have to go potty. We do ask our kids to go potty very often. Sometimes they do not want to go, by the time they remember, it is too late (this could be just a few minutes after we have asked them to go.) Please help your child by telling them the importance to go when we ask. In addition, make sure that their clothing is easy to handle when they try to go to the restroom. We do help, but the kids' faces always beam when they know that they did them completely by themselves. Please help them be successful ☺

We are having Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, March 29. Please bring 10 eggs stuffed with little trinkets (no sugar.) as soon as you are ready. The school will provide some, but it is nice to have varieties ☺

Truly yours,

AMI Staff

Upcoming Events:

* Sunday, March 10: Daylight Savings Time starts at 2 a.m.

* Monday, March 25: Fire and Earthquake Drill

* Friday, March 29: Easter Celebration at 10:45 a.m.

* FRIDAYS: SHARING DAY!

If your child would like to participate, s/he can bring an item to school to share. This can be a toy or a book. Remember that this item will be shared during our sharing time, so it cannot be an item that your child is unwilling to share with others.



MONTHLY THEMES

Animals

Bug

S, T, U

—X□

心耳手牛

Odd Number

Blue

Star

Far/ Near

Caring 關懷

Empathy 同理心



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What is Heifer Project?

As you know, our school selects our sponsor groups carefully. Besides looking for a lean organization, we like Heifer International because it is not just a “hand-out,” it actually enables families to stop hunger and poverty themselves. Heifer’s method empowers these families with the ability to help their own community. The solution is profound and long term. Here is how it works:

- With our donation, livestock and training is provided to families who need help. These families are the project partners.
- The animal donations are “living loans” because in order to receive the animal donation, families need to agree to give one of its animal’s offspring to another family in need. It’s called Passing on the Gift.
- The animals do not just provide project partners with a reliable source of food, but also a reliable source of income. Extra agricultural products, such as milk from cows or goats, honey from bees or eggs from chickens, can be both shared within the community and sold at market. This new income, coupled with the training in sustainable practices that project partners receive from Heifer, allows partners to clothe their families, provide them with medical care and send their children to school.
- When not just one but many families gain this new sustainable produce and income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural co-ops, and forming community savings and loan groups to help fund entrepreneurial start-ups. Newly formed women’s groups give women their first opportunity to voice their opinion and a chance in leadership.
- Heifer team helps bring the communities together and link them with markets in their area. They help bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas that had a long history of poverty. They help acknowledge women’s right.

Quote of the Month:

“Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.” ~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Parents’ Activity of the Month:

Teach your kids not to waste food by serving them small portions every time they ask for more. If the last serving is untouched, make sure that the child takes at least one bite out of his/her last request. Also follow by explanation of how difficult it is to bring food to the table: farmer’s work, exhaust created for transporting/manufacturing food, parents’ time to go to work and earn the food, amount of labor in cooking, garbage we make for the food, amount of clean water used during the food preparation/clean up process.

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