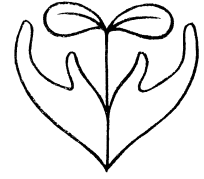


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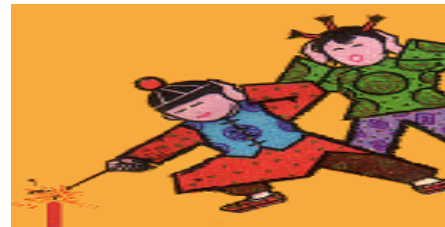
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Dear Parents,

Gong Xi Gong Xi (恭喜恭喜)! All the best in the Year of OX! I wish everyone as patient as an ox to overcome this economic recession smoothly. During Chinese New Year, we usually wear new clothes, decorate the house with poems on red papers, and give children "lucky money" in red packets. Try your best if you can continue this culture for your child. We celebrate the Chinese New Year for 15 days; on the 15th day is the lantern day when everybody goes out to see the lanterns. This year the lantern day is Feb. 9 (Monday) and every family eats round dumplings 元宵/汤圆.

Again thank you for all your support at the performance during the Chinese New Year Fair at the Convention Center on January 24th. Our P2 children really did an excellent job. We can see how much they have grown after 1 year at Yu Miao; they appear more competent and confident on the stage. Our Chinese New Year Pot Luck Party on January 29th was also great, thanks for your coming and the food was so good. At the parents' conference on that day, we talked about the students' progress, our assessment in May, the application to kindergarten and some future events like Photo Day, Health Check, Field Trip, etc.

Teacher Wendy was very happy at the baby shower organized by the parents last Thursday; she was touched by all your love and care. She wanted to express her thankfulness to all of you. While Teacher Wendy is on her maternity leave (Feb. 17 - Apr. 17), Teacher Sunny will substitute at P2 and she will be on the early shift (7:45 am to 3:15pm). Teacher Helen in P2 will then change to late shift (9:30 am to 6 pm).



We want to welcome Moso Gosnell and Feng Xiang Healy to our P1 classroom; they just turn 3 in January and February and still need a lot of encouragement! Please also join us to extend our warmest hands to Moso's parents Keith and Kim and Feng Xiang's parents Matt and Verna. Moso has a sister at Woodstock Chinese Immersion Program and Feng Xiang is the sister of our alumni, Jacob and Grace Healy. We are so proud to have all of the 3 Healy's at Yu Miao and thank the support and the trust of Matt and Verna.

In this term we have an intern student, Myong O from Portland State University MSW program to come to work with us. Myong loves kids very much; she had worked with Multnomah County Head Start Program here in Portland for several years and is very experienced in Early Childhood Education. She will be very happy to meet with parents to share her experience in child development and parenting. Starting now she is going to be at preschool every Tuesday afternoon, if you would like to make appointment to meet with her, please contact me for detail.

Best Regards,



Edith

Yu Miao Administrator
