

Kindergarten – Grade One (K-1)

Subjects Areas

English

Writing short paragraphs and poems will be the main goal for the second semester. They will be encouraged to make graphs and tables, as well as flowcharts, in support of lessons in History and Geography. The students will also be encouraged to research online to hone their spelling and reading skills. Spelling and vocabulary words will also be integrated from areas of interest from their other subjects of study.

Math

Lessons in numeracy will include the multiplication table with a goal towards mastery in two's, five's and ten's; fractions; predicting and comparing measurements; and review lessons on time with the additional skills of time management and the calendar. Timelines will also be used in relation to lessons in History while graphing methods will be explored in connection to lessons in Geography and Science.

Science

Matter and its properties will be our focal point for third term. We will study the three forms of matter with special emphasis on water as related to our studies for Environmental Science and Geography.

Fourth term will introduce concepts related to energy: heat, light and sound; and, concepts on motion. This will complement projects for Design and Technology.

Environmental Science

Water communities will be our main focus for third term. We will continue on lessons on food chains and habitat from Second Term as we study how communities in various forms of water interact with each other.

Fourth term will be about Pollution and its Prevention to encourage our students to be responsible participants in taking care of the world we live in.

History

Explorers and Explorations will figure greatly during the third term. We will tell stories about famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan, and James Cook, and places they discovered.

Inventors and inventions closely related with sound, heat and light will be our focal point for the fourth term. Young inventors such as Alexander Graham Bell, Philo Farnsworth, and Louise Braille will be included in our list of People To Know for the last term of the year.

Geography

In support of lessons in Environmental Science and Science, the students will study water forms and the names of major oceans and seas in the planet. They will also look into famous rivers, lakes and piers.

Fourth term will identify places around the globe which have been seriously affected by pollution. The class will discuss possible sources of the pollution in different areas and how we can help improve the situation of these places or places near us which may be threatened with a similar fate.

Information Technology

Lessons in this subject area will support the children's term projects. They will continue to use the site rainforestmaths.com to support their math skills and awareness towards caring for the environment. They will also be encouraged to use other pre-approved websites to encourage them to care for the environment and research on explorers and inventors as they learn basic computing skills and familiarity with the keyboard.

The children may also need to use headphones during their IT periods. We strongly recommend that you purchase a headphone for your child's personal use. These headphones should be labeled and will be stored in a safe place. However, should you opt to borrow headphones from the school, a RP 100.000 deposit will be necessary for the use of headphones, RP 5.000 shall be deducted from this deposit every class the child uses it in. Any change from the deposit shall be returned at the end of the semester.

Additional Notes:

Snacks and Lunches

Both classes will have their snacks with the Primary School at the school canteen. They can either bring snacks from home or purchase their snacks from the school store. Rp 5.000 is enough to purchase food while Rp 10.000 is enough to purchase food and a drink.

The Kindergarten Class will have lunch at the Pre-school Building to guide and encourage them in using proper table manners as well as practical skills in cleaning up after they eat. Please coordinate with Ibu Diana for lunch fees.

The Grade One Class will have lunch with the Primary School at the school canteen. Again, they can either bring their lunches from home or they could purchase lunch from school. Lunches from home could either be brought in by the students when they come in the morning or they could be delivered to the school security post at lunchtime. Lunches at school will cost about Rp 15.000.

Please take note of the amount you send to school with your child. If there are payments you wish to send to the school or the class teacher, please leave a note in the Communication Book sent home with your child every afternoon. If there are no payments to be made, please do not give your child more cash than necessary, Rp 20.000 to Rp 25.000 is enough for Grade One students purchasing their food at school while Rp 5.000 to Rp 10.000 is enough for Kindergarten students purchasing their snacks at school. The children are still learning about the value of money and responsibilities connected to having these in their possession. We would prefer if the children bring only the amount they need for the day. Providing them with a wallet from home is strongly recommended.

Communication Book

The Grade One Class will bring home a communication book from school every afternoon. They are expected to return the same book with the parent's signature every morning. The book will function as a reminder for homework as well as a record of their spelling words and concepts learned in Math. This

will serve as a guide to parents who wish to know what their children are learning for the week or what their children need to do at home to supplement their schoolwork. Notes from home or the school should and will be written in it, so please look through it regularly.

Class Website

Miss Chie has put up a website for the class and parents are invited to visit it on a regular basis. Pictures of the students, upcoming events and even homework are posted every week. The website address has moved to <http://misschieclass.multiply.com/>. Photos from First Semester's class activities are already posted as well as blogs written by the K-1 students.

Parent Participation

The class would like to thank Lahra and Kiko, Liat, Cozi, Noni and Gerard, and Nyoman for joining the class in storytelling session and field trips as well as for conducting mini-lectures on food and culture. We encourage other parents who wish to volunteer for any class activity to coordinate with the classroom teachers.

Miss Chie and Mr. Agung