

#### **Dates to Remember**

#### 1/06 Safety Drill 複合式災害演習

- 1/07 Fall Semester Ends 秋季班學期結束
- 1/10 Spring Semester Begins 春季班學期開學
- 1/19 International Day 國際日
- 1/24 Chinese New Year 2/04 Holiday (no school) 春節連續假期
- 2/28 Peace Day Holiday (no school) 228和平紀念日

### Cheers to a New Year!

Happy New Year to all! \* This unique time lets us reflect on the year before, plan for the new year ahead, and possibly... make some new year resolutions. We are grateful that we have made it through another 365 days, with so many memories made with friends and teachers at school. We hope 2022 will bring us more new learning experiences, happiness, and good health.

A friendly reminder, our Fall Semester ends on January 7th; Spring Semester follows swiftly **on January 10th**. We will have our annual Chinese New Year break from **January 24th to February 4th**; Classes will thereby resume on **February 8th**.

We look forward to another exciting year, where we have many fresh and exciting activities lined up!



During the cold season, it is important to stay warm and healthy! Please prepare <u>at least 2 face masks</u> for your child in their school bag at all times before leaving your home.

### Date: Wednesday, January 19th



## **International Day**

Did you know Smart Start's student body comprises of 10+ nationalities?! What better way to learn about cultures and differences than gathering together for an eventful experience?

International Day is an in-school event for kids to learn and share their cultures through food, clothing, and education. We will be visiting different country stalls and sharing a pot-luck-style lunch with all of our classmates and teachers.

On the day, please dress your child in your country's national costume and have them bring their country's traditional food.

## picture Day !!!



#### March 16th and 17th!

We will be taking class group photos, as well as individual photos of your child for you to purchase. We will pass out more

details closer to the date!

Book Donation!

Diverse Book Collections!



Please donate your new or gently used books for children by dropping them off on campus at any time. By having books from different sources, we hope every child at school will get a chance to read and rent a book from their classmates and schoolmates! (Oh... and this is also a small part in helping the environment by keeping these used books out of the trash and onto a bookshelf!)



## **Gardening Fun**



The time has come for our kids to venture out into our garden for some gardening fun! This is the time when kids work together to grow plants and harvest seasonal vegetables and fruits. By tending plants and growing our own food, we get in touch with nature, acquire new outdoor skills, and learn the life cycle of plants along the way. We also learn the importance of food waste and appreciate ways to take care of the planet!

# Visits to the Public Library

As a class, we also schedule several trips a semester to the public library, where we spend a good few hours touching, browsing, and reading books!

The library experience opens a child's eyes and exposes them to more choices than just the one book in front of them at that particular moment. With all the other benefits in play, it can be easy to forget that reading also provides a sense of entertainment and wonder for children! Beyond creating an intrinsic thirst for knowledge, developing an interest in books at an early age can show children that reading is a valuable and endless source of entertainment.



# Christmas Memories with Santa and Friends!

Dear Santa,

We know that you came from a place far far away... so thank you for making a special stop here in Tien Mu, and taking the time to read out our letters!

We hope to catch you again this year.
We will be good all year round.;)













## Little Artists





Kaspian Gaget & Milou Marx



Jacob Lin & Noah Hsu



Haruna Kiten & Jay Lee



Maya Liu & Simba Tsai



Ann Eguchi & Otoka Nakamura