



Preschool

Grapes



Update

Term 1, Weeks 3 & 4

FROM THE *Teacher*

Over the past two weeks the Green Grapes have been getting to know one another better through games and songs focussed on remembering names, such as *Bug in a rug*. The class has settled well into our daily routines and have started to show a strength in engaging in discussions and stories.

In week 3 our focus was on kindness and our key texts were *The Rainbow Fish* and *Have you filled a bucket today?* We created our own Rainbow Fish classroom display, where we add "scales" when someone has been observed being kind or thoughtful to a peer. We will continue to look at these texts and others on this theme throughout the term. Ask your child to explain what everyone's "invisible bucket" is :)

In week 4 we began our new unit of inquiry "All About Me", where we explored texts, songs and activities which look at families and cultures and to learn more about one another. All the Green Grapes opted to present their "All About Me" posters to the class during our large group discussions, and did so confidently! We have been focussing on connections we have between one another (for example, who else has a baby brother, has 4 people in their family, calls their grandfather Poppy, favourite food is cake...). It has been wonderful to watch the children grow in confidence as individuals and a group and developing friendships.

Family texts we focussed on included *The Family Tree* and *The Big Book of families*, and we have enjoyed songs and games such as *Jobs we do at our house*, and the *Family finger song*. During indoor experiences the Green Grapes have created families from playdough and wooden blocks and drew their family. They have loved the Flower Shop and have been very creative at developing order forms and money for the cash register. Through this play they have been developing their literacy, numeracy, fine motor and oral communication skills.

PARENT

Coordinator

Thanks Rachael Slade for volunteering to be our Parent Coordinator! Please email Rachael if you would like to be added to an email group for the class to arrange playdates and other events.

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REMINDERS

- Please return permission slips for the CMAG excursion on 16 March and the Preschool Community Walks
- Bring a fruit snack each day (preferably in a separate container)
- Apply sunscreen when you arrive at school
- Hats can stay at preschool

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 5 - Parent-Teacher interviews. Green Grapes have a three day week. Clean Up Australia Day activities on Wednesday 4 March.

Week 6 - Green Grapes have a two day week