

EtonHouse International School – Wuxi
无锡伊顿国际学校



Year 1 Eager Beavers Newsletter



Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

It has been a great week getting to know all of the Eager Beavers in the Year 1 classroom! We began the week learning names and about the countries we come from. We made “Me Tees” to show our classmates more about us and the things we like. We talked about our “Me Tees” to the rest of the class and they were hung in the room. Our weekly theme was “caring”. We talked about how we can care for each other and what caring means to us. Students drew pictures to depict what caring meant to them and these were posted on one of our bulletin boards. We had a tour of the school, visited the library and created our own set of classroom rules!

In addition to Mandarin, Japanese and Physical Education Classes, we had Miss Davidson (our PYP coordinator and EAL specialist) visit our classroom. This gave me a chance to assess each eager beaver’s literacy skills with letter names and sounds. The students’ numeracy skills were also assessed through a number of different maths related activities. I am quickly finding out the learning levels of all of the students so that I can better cater my teaching to their learning needs!

Students have been doing very well to complete their homework this week and I’m very proud of them! At home, students should be encouraged to read books in their native language and they can also review the alphabet, letter sounds and numbers from 1-10 in English – preferably in a random order! I thank you in advance for taking the time to reflect on the day with your children! ☺

Next week, our learning will have a focus on “communicators” and we’ll work hard to instill effective communication within the eager beaver classroom and with our peers and staff in the school. We’ll also continue with literacy and numeracy assessments and begin planning for our units of inquiry. I look forward to meeting with you next Wednesday, September 9th at 3:30 for our Nursery – Year 2 parent meeting to discuss more of our curriculum in detail!

We’re looking forward to another great week next week! Take care!

Miss MelindaMacKenzie – Year 1 Teacher ☺



Fortnightly Calendar

<i>Monday 2009/08/31</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/09/01</i>	<i>Wed 2009/09/02</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/09/03</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/04</i>
Day 1 Term1 Students return	Principals' Newsletter home to parents Staff meeting 3.30pm	Parent Reception 6pm in School Foyer	MS to Suzhou	ECA and EAL Forms to be returned Assembly 2:45
<i>Monday 2009/09/07</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/09/08</i>	<i>Wed 2009/09/09</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/09/10</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/11</i>
ECA Commences Specialist Art commences	Staff meeting 3.30pm Parent meeting MS: 6.30 pm	Swimming commences Specialist Music commences EAL Commences Parent meeting N-2: 3.30 pm	MS to Suzhou ECA Parent meeting 3-5: 3.30 pm	Assembly 2:45