



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ CAN THO NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents,

September is here. It seems only yesterday that Singapore International School opened its doors in Can Tho. However, more students are joining SIS as the school continues to grow.

The first day of school brought many smiles but now there's more. We have seen students running to school or staying on campus after school. Clearly, SIS has become a place for the community.

We will bring a new element to our learning program known as STEM. Students will be learning activities that lengthen and enhance their understanding of **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics** and how these areas are related to everyday life. **STEM** will be an important part of the program of study for all SIS students.

Very soon, we are also bringing extra-curricular activities (ECAs). Held Tuesday-Friday, your child may have the opportunity to join a fun club or sports team based on their own areas of interest.

In regards to more fun, we are excited about the new playground for our younger students. Merryland, the company that constructed the playground, designed everything with intentions to provide fitness and safety. The rubber flooring of the playground is impact-resistant and slip-resistant. It acts as a cushion in case a student falls and helps reduce the risk of injuries. The equipment is also built to provide additional safety such as no sharp corners. Our only concern is the sun so we ask that you have your child wear a hat at the playground.

The Moon Festival is approaching and SIS intends to celebrate this special day. Currently we are making plans such as a lantern-making contest. We will provide more information to you in the near future.

Teachers and staff are happy when a student talks to them such as greeting them in the morning, chatting with them during lunch, or explaining something to them in class. Please continue to encourage your child to speak in English. Practice always makes perfect.

Have a wonderful September.

Larry Synclair
Principal



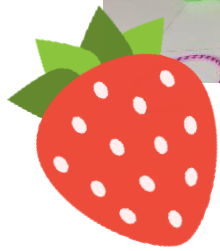
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LESSONS

Since the start of school, the teachers and students have been very active in classes.



*Student is practicing motor skills -
Strawberry class*



Ms. Ngan and Ms. An's **Strawberry class** having been working fine motor skills (i.e. stacking blocks) and gross motor skills (zig-zag walking). They have also been learning numbers, colors and shapes as well as the names of the family members ("daddy", "mommy"). Mr. Nick has helped teach phonics to class such as the letter "B" (i.e. ball, butterfly).



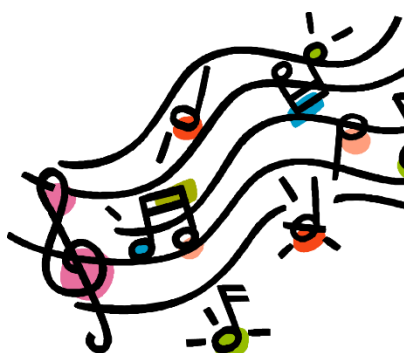
PLAY

phonics

Students of Ms. Thuy and Ms. Dong's **Coconut class** have also been studying ABC phonics and going over numeracy exercises such as matching words with numbers. They have also been assigned art projects such as paper caterpillars which learning about animal habitats during science.



Student is studying ABC phonics - Coconut class



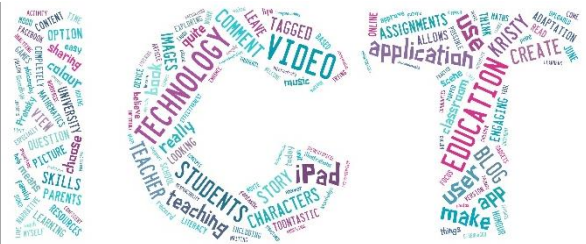
Students are discovering words through music - Y1/Y2 class

In our Y1/Y2 class, Ms. Quy and Mr. Thanh's students are discovering words through music with the help Mr. German and his guitar: loud, soft, short, long. They are also learning about themselves and family members with number integration such as "how tall am I" and asking questions like "Who is she/he?" Of course, the teachers are working with students to improve their vocabulary base as well as pronounce diphthongs like shoe, shirt, fish and brush.

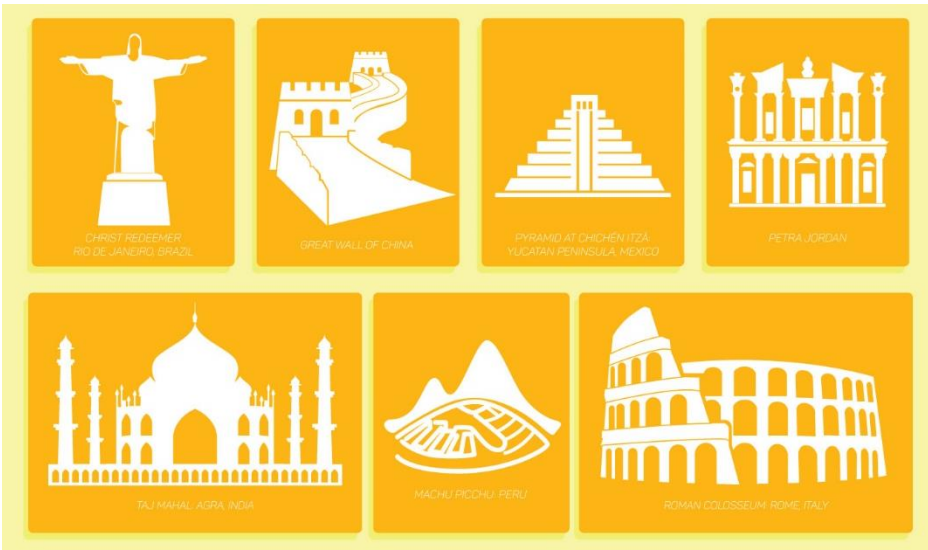




Mr. German are providing outdoor guitar lessons to Y4 and Y6



Mr. Phuoc’s Y4 class is working hard in ICT, learning how to use PowerPoint and incorporate pictures or images on slides. Additionally, students in social studies are not only learning geography, but they are understanding how to read maps as well as developing map-making skills. Music is always fun and Mr. German has been providing guitar lessons to Y4 and Y6.



7 NEW WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Ms. Anh’s Y6 class has been busy with social studies, learning about the seven new wonders of the world and giving presentations. While working on reading exercises and improving vocabulary in English, they have also revisited grammar by studying subject-verb agreement and reexamined punctuation with the use of apostrophes. They have also focused on identifying common nouns, proper nouns, and abstract nouns.



Welcome New Teacher

Also joining SIS is Xinmei Zhang, SIS’s new Chinese and EFL teacher. Xinmei is a highly-experienced teacher. She has been teaching since 2002 and has worked with me at two other schools. She has a MA in education, a BA in English, and is certified to teach Chinese. She has also taught English, EFL and American Literature in classes. People often wonder if she’s American because of her American dialect. Of course, her husband and child are America.

