



# Kindergarten News

July 2015

## Dear Parents,

This month we had a lot of fun things going on.

The Bauernhof was a nice trip and the children got to explore the Baslhof a lot. The animals, the playground, horseback riding, the Kasperltheater, the walk at night, cooking together and going to a restaurant were all exiting and everyone had a great time. The children also helped packing and decided which games they would like to take with them and what other stuff they would need. We also went shopping together and bought snacks and things we needed to cook dinner. The children were a big help!

The other children that stayed at the Kindergarten all got to eat together and enjoyed the smaller group. We went to the park and had a little special snack there. We had a good time while listening to stories which were read to us or came from a CD, we got all the pillows out of the Kuschelecke and made our selves very comfortable on the rug.

Cool Strong Kids was great fun and we learned many useful things. We know how to say "NO!" and we learned about "Sicherheitsinseln" and to listen to your gut feelings.

We had our summer fest and we hope you enjoyed as much as the children and we did. The children performed, sang a few songs, gave us a demonstration on what they learned in Cool Strong Kids and the children who will be leaving us for school this summer got their Schultüten. We can't believe how much all of them have grown and we will miss the ones that will be first graders this summer! We would like to thank the Elternbeirat for making this a very special summer fest and we would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the generous teacher gifts.

Due to the lice we had to shift the date for the overnight stay, for the children who will be leaving us this summer. The new date is the 07.08.-08.08.2015.

This month we celebrated three birthdays:

Vincent turned six on the 18.07.2015 and on the same day

Viktoria turned five.

Benedict turned four on the 31.07.2015

## What have we been up to?

### Project groups:

The Erdkugelforscher “traveled and explored” the world some more, they get to eat noodles with chopsticks since they were talking about Asia.

We had a drum workshop at Little Daisies; you can read more about that under “Music”.

We got ready for the summer fest and had the project groups combined. We rehearsed and got a little program together for you.

All of the project groups have now come to an end and we all had a lot of fun learning new things and getting a lot of hands on experience during this time.

### Arts and crafts:

You guessed it! The craft and drawing tables were set up every day – we just can’t get enough from crafting, drawing and painting!

- We build many different things out of paper rolls, lots of tape, paper and cardboard milk cartons, . . . just to name a few things, we had planes flying around, guinea pigs squeaking and trains that went around really fast.
- We got to see beautiful drawings from the children, some were pictures from the lake and swimming pools others were trains and runways for planes.
- We made a few more animals out of paper mâché and got them painted. Out of the Tetra packs some other cute things were made and the children decorated them with colored paper.
- We created some paper masks and decorated them really nicely.
- Since we talked about Tanabata, we all did something that is typical for that Japanese holiday, we all drew or wrote our wishes on pieces of colored paper and hung them up on our little tree in the garden.
- With the Bügelperlen, which were very often in use this month, beautiful things were made, like different animals, hearts and flowers. We also sorted the beads out, since they come all mixed up.
- Since it was KISS Sport last class (before the summer break) the children made a present for Balti and they drew a lot of nice things for him, like the Allianzarena and other sports related things.
- We also made a little card for Martin, which we gave him as a goodbye present.
- We also did many things for the summer fest and created some decoration and other things for our little performance.
- We made some origami figures like cute elephants and tiny butterflies.

## **Math:**

- We talked about the days and counted how much more days until the farm/or till the children who went there would come back.
- We took a closer look at the dice and counted the eyes on it.
- Since we drew cellphones and we wanted the numbers written on it, we had to count the numbers and some wrote them down on their own.
- With a domino game we counted the objects that were on there and we had one book with a lot of bunnies, fishes,... to count.

## **Science:**

- All of the children have made their Computer Führerschein, and got a certificate handed out during circle time. They love to play with the program "Schlaumäuse" that we have for them on the laptop and work very concentrated with it.
- Since we got interested how they look like, we looked at pictures of lice.
- We got to watch the gardeners in our garden and talked about why they were cutting down the trees and bushes. We also talked about what the plants need to grow.

## **Nature and Environment:**

### **Field Trips:**

- The farm was a great success and everybody had a good time. Many of the children already told us that they want to go again next year.

### **Outdoor Fun:**

- We went to the Hypopark and played soccer there. We hope they fix the water pump so we can play with that again.
- The garden was open every day and we had fun in the sand and painted the ground with chalk.
- We played some games in the garden like "Der Fuchs geht um".
- We really enjoyed the cool water in the water table and we used it quite a bit this month. It was so refreshing and the children love playing with water, cups and watering cans. On some days, it was so hot that some of children preferred to stay inside.
- We also had an Olympiad going on in the garden where the children had to run a certain amount of laps, do long jumps and pushups. They all did it so well, that everyone got a gold medal!

## **Movement and Sport:**

- KISS: Balti played many games with the children this month. He increased the difficulty of the games by adding different things to them, which the children enjoyed. We wished Balti a nice summer break and the children that are leaving us said their goodbyes to him.
- Some of the children took part in the “Cool Strong Kids” Program and also got some exercise there.
- Little Daisies sport and KISS Sport has ended for this Kindergarten year but we made sure that everyone got some exercises, we had the foam blocks out and we played games in the Turnzimmer.

## **Circle time / Language and interaction:**

- We heard about a Japanese holyday which is called Tanabata and talked about our wishes.
- We talked about the Bauernhof trip.
- All of us discussed how the summer fest should be.
- Since we rearranged the Kuschelecke and the Bauecke (one of the results from the Kinderwahl), it is more open and the children can play with everything more easily. The Legos, Kapplas and Marmorbahn are always in use.
- We listened to the CD “Jungle book” and “Cars”.
- The children who had birthday this month, were celebrated with candles, crowns, songs or games (that they got to pick), cake, cupcakes and ice cream that we had in a special snack time.
- We played many games like “Kicker” and “Sternschnuppe”.

## **Books:**

We got some new books out of our cellar as well as some from the library. We also love the books that some children bring from home and share with us.

Some of the books that we got, read and looked at are:

- Ferien bei den Dinos
- Oskar und der sehr hungrige Drache
- Gus & ich
- Mein großer Märchenschatz
- Das Rennen um die Welt
- Großer Bär
- Feuerwehrmann James im Einsatz
- Liselottes Bauernhof
- Das große ABC der kleinen Kinder

## **Music:**

We rehearsed our program for the summerfest.

We also had a drum workshop that the children really enjoyed. We had a drum teacher visiting us and he did a terrific job and got everyone involved.

We sang Songs like:

- Fischelied
- “Guten Morgen”
- “Alle Kinder lernen lesen“
- “Stray Cat Strut” (in a Little Daises version)

## **Music with Martin:**

We got to play some instruments and made them sound like the rain, grass in the wind and thunder. We also got to hear some music and did some movement to it when we heard the bells, etc.

## **Songs, Finger-plays, and Games at Little Daisies:**

Here are some of the fun things we sang and played:

- Keks aus der Dose
- We rehearsed the songs for the Sommerfest
- *Dornröschen*
- Three little monkeys
- Fische im Teich
- The ghost game (where one of the kids hides under a blanket and somebody else has to find out who it is)

## **Preschool:**

### **German preschool:**

- We drew a picture of how we think our new teacher, at school, will look like.
- We talked about the overnight stay at the Kindergarten.
- We learned how to braid and made little “Freundschaftsbändchen”.
- We had a “Zahlenrelly”.
- Some children worked on their “Zahlenrolle” and the rolls got pretty long already.

### **English preschool:**

- We went through our alphabet and sang the ABC.

## **What else was going on at Little Daisies?**

We had a couple of music teachers visiting us and they all did a music lesson with the children. The teachers took turns and watched them during their class. We all liked Julia the best, she was very sweet with the children and she got the mix of music, interaction and movement very well combined so that it was very interesting for all the children. They did little games while singing, so even the ones who can't sit still long were learning in a very playful and fun way. Julia will teach music in English but she also speaks German fluently.

We had our Elternabend for the new parents.

Iain was gone for a few days; for his Qualifizierte Leitungskurs.

Iain, Janine, Maria and Kimberly all had a few days off this month. We hope they had a lot of fun!

## **Little reminder:**

Since we are constructing and drawing a lot, we would kindly ask you to bring: paper (can be printed on one side), empty (and clean) milk boxes, yoghurt cups, socks, material, or anything that you might think we could use and create something new. We can build things out of almost anything.

Due to the lice, everybody had to take their things home and wash them. Please check if your child has a set of extra clothing and a sunhat, in the Kindergarten.

## **Important dates in July 2015:**

05/08 last trip for this kindergarten year, we will visit the Bayerische Bereitschaftspolizei

07/08-08/08 Overnight stay for the Preschool children

12/08 Last day for this Kindergarten year

01/09 Kindergarten opens again

**We hope you have enjoyed reading about our month.**

**Have a nice summer vacation!**

**The Kindergarten Team**

