Upon returning to Taiwan, the family of one of our (K2) children blessed the kindergarten with the above calligraphy. The parents expressed their appreciation to the kindergarten. In their words, they see their son "developing" an intrinsic motivation in learning and cultivating good character which are beneficial for his future."
We have another three written testimonials (unsolicited!) this term on our curriculum and the love and care shown by the teachers.

What yeast is to dough, affirmation of our work through such encouragement is like actor Clint Eastwood's famous line:

"Make My Day!"

Also, according to the SPARK Quality Rating Scale, collaboration with parents is very central to the totality and success of the kindergarten's programme. In our case, the feedback also reinforce the teachings of the Character First Education programme.

On behalf of our staff, we thank you for the encouraging feedback. We are indeed edified and will endeavour to do even better!

However, to balance the scale, do feel free to send in your "Ouch!" feedback too although "Ooomp!" comments are preferred. We take the view that being in the frame, we may sometimes not be able to see the whole picture. So let's work together for the greater good for our children through such communication!

Best regards

Mrs Yvonne Quan
Principal
Haze Situation

Thankfully, the haze situation did not reach epic proportions. You may wish to know that the kindergarten has back-up arrangements. In the event of haze, the Music Room and airconditioned rooms on the 4th floor of the Church premises will be used for lessons.

We want to thank all of you for the calm, confidence and trust in us in looking after your children during those "crazy, hazy" days.

Oral Health Promotion Programme
Date: 15-8-13
Reported by Mrs Tay

In conjunction with oral health promotion, the Health Promotion Board conducted the talk for K1 children on 15th August'13, Thursday for both sessions.

It was a 40 minutes programme to highlight the importance of good oral health, enhance their understanding of tooth decay and its prevention through story-telling, games, singing and a toothbrushing demonstration.

The programme was well received by our children as it was educational, interesting and easy to understand. After the talk, each child was given a "My Toothbrushing Diary" and stickers.

National Myopia Prevention Programme
Date: 22-8-13
Reported by Mrs Tay

National Myopia Prevention Programme was launched by Health Promotion Board to prevent/delay the onset of myopia progression in children. In this prevention program is the annual screening for defective vision in preschool children in kindergartens and child care centres in Singapore.

Therefore, the vision screening for our K1 & K2 was conducted on 22nd August'13 and the results of the screening were distributed to the children the next day.
Primary 1 Familiarisation Trip to Haig Girls’ School
Date: 30-8-2013
Reported by Mrs Gladys Chor

The familiarisation visit to Haig Girls School is an annual event reserved specially for the K2 children. The trip is to help the K2 children prepare for their Primary One schooling next year. The trip had indeed created great awareness for children as they saw at first hand, the distinctive features of the school. They were introduced to the school’s various facilities with the final station at the school canteen being everyone’s favourite. The children displayed enthusiasm and excitement as they chose and bought their own food. The thrill of counting real money was part of a worthwhile trip that embraces good practical learning experience for them.

IN THE PIPELINE .........

• Teachers’ Day Celebration
  Date: 5 September 2013 (Article will be published in Term 4 Newsletter)

• Children’s Day Celebration
  Date: 10 September 2013
      October

• K2 Graduation & Concert
  Date 25 October 2013

• Field Trips:-
  PreN Children (8 November 2013) - Fish@BigSplash
  Nursery Children (13 November 2013) - Fish@BigSplash
  K1 & K2 Children (15 November 2013) - Marine Life Park,S.E.A Aquarium
Racial Harmony Day
Date: 19-7-2013
Reported by: Miss Gillian

The Kindergarten celebrated Racial Harmony Day on 19 July 2013. The children were encouraged to come dressed in different ethnic costumes. They were taught the importance of cultivating racial harmony among the 4 races in Singapore. The racial riots in 1969 were also mentioned to highlight to the children that everyone plays a part in not letting history repeats itself. The children then danced and sang to songs from the 4 races. A photo-taking session was then conducted to capture the colourful costumes of the children.
National Day Celebration
Date: 7-8-2013
Reported by Mrs Gladys Chor

Building on this year’s National Day theme ‘Many Stories, One Singapore’, the kindergarten has also come up with its very own acronym ‘One CUP Singapore’. C stands for Calm; U stands for Unique and P stands for Peace. We thank God for blessing us with calm, uniqueness and peace in Singapore as we celebrate our nation’s 48th birthday.

To mark our nationhood all teachers and children arrived in red and white apparel. A sense of patriotic spirit filled the air as everyone sang the National Anthem followed by recitation of the National Pledge. The celebration kicked off excitedly when everyone did the ‘CUP’ cheer. The children participated fully in the CUP games and they also got to bring home red dotted CUP cakes. The red dot signifies Singapore as the red dot on the world map. The celebration was indeed a reinforcement of patriotism in our National Education.