



Welcome to Room B

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our classroom; we are so excited to have your child in our room!! This year we will be studying a variety of topics and focusing our attention on a new letter of the alphabet each week. Our class color is red and our class theme is turtles. On Thursday and Friday we have spirit days, we encourage our students to wear red this day.

Pets: We have two Red Ear Slider Turtles; named “Franklin” and “Yertle”. The children will take turns with the care and feeding of them. We also have three beetles. Two are still in the larva stage. We will get to witness the transformation into adulthood. We also have an adult female stag beetle.

Curriculum: Our curriculum is based upon Creative Curriculum. This curriculum encourages children to experiment, explore and pursue their own interest. We work hard to provide opportunities for every child to pursue his or her special talents and to demonstrate areas of strength. At the same time, students will be working on many activities that further enhance their development in four basic areas: social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language.

Clothing: Please dress your child according to the weather, as well as provide your child with a change of clothes each day. Please don’t forget socks. You can store this in your child’s bag pack. This is in the event your child has an accident while at school. Students will often have an accidental spill or get paint on their clothing during the school day.

Birthday Celebrations: Our classroom celebrates birthdays once a month; this date is determined by the teacher. The room parent will coordinate the celebration with the parents of children celebrating birthdays that month.

Drop-off and pick-up: Beginning each morning at 8:30 Ms. Marilou and myself will greet the parents and students outside of the school. Please do not drop them off before this time as the teaching team uses the time before school to prep for the day. At the end of the school day (1:00) we will walk the students outside. If they are to be picked up by the CDC, Ms. Theresa will walk them to the designated curbside area for the CDC van. Please be advised that we will only release your child to the parent or those individuals designated on the emergency contact list. We will not release students to siblings under the age of twelve.

Communication: you were given a blue communication folder; please be sure to send it in your child's bag pack each day. This folder is used as a means of communication not only between the teaching team and families, but the office as well. You may also contact the teaching staff by calling the office at 243-4436. Or we can be reached via email at roomb3day@yokoco-op.com (3-day class) or roomb2day@yokoco-op.com (2-day). We will make every effort to get back to you in a timely manner.

Volunteer Opportunities: We try to provide many opportunities for you to acquire your volunteer hours, including: being a guest reader, sanitizing classroom toys at home, and volunteering during holiday celebrations. We have a volunteer sign-up sheet on our bulletin board outside of our classroom. Please take a minute to add your name to it and we will work with

you so that all your volunteer requirements are easily fulfilled.

Class Schedule:

8:30-8:45 Welcome and table toys
8:45-9:00 Bathroom
9:00-9:30 Circle Time
9:30-10:00 Snack
10:00-10:30 Playground
10:30-10:45 Bathroom
10:45-11:00 Large group activity
11:00-11:30 Centers
11:30-11:45 Bathroom
11:45-12:15 Lunch
12:15-12:40 Small group/brush teeth
12:40-12:55 Music and Movement
12:55-1:00 line-up/dismissal

Room Parents: Our room parent acts as a liaison between the teaching staff and the parents by sending reminders and information regarding upcoming events, arranging classroom celebrations, etc.

Now, let me introduce you to our teaching team....

Mrs. Kim Tullos

I was born and raised in southern California; this is where I met my husband. He was already in the Navy and attached to a ship in Long Beach. My first job was a Veterinary Technician; I was working at a great animal hospital when we met. But as Navy life world have it, we moved within a year of being married. The next place to call home was in Jacksonville, Florida. This was a great duty station for us, mainly because our daughter was born while we were there! Once again the Navy decided that California was where we needed to be, no argument from me. We spent almost 5 years at a small base near Malibu California, Point Mugu. This is where my son was would be born. It was great to stay in one location for so long, almost unheard of in the Navy. We then traveled a bit south, to San Diego. This is where my I found my true passion for teaching. I began my career as a special education assistant. This was both challenging and rewarding! I knew I wanted to stay in the classroom forever! It took me 2 years to find he age I really loved to teach, preschool. We stayed in the San Diego area for 6 years, two commands and two homes. Then it was our turn to travel over seas and here we are in Japan. It was not an easy move with two kids, two pets and our household goods, yikes! But I must say it was well worth all the chaos that led up to getting here! We LOVE Japan!! I look forward to having a wonderful school year with the students and families here at Yokosuka Co-op Preschool!

Mrs. Theresa Hollingsworth

My name is Theresa Hollingsworth; returning staff as a Teacher Assistant. I was born and raised in the Philippines. I graduated from college with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. I was an elementary school teacher for 3 ½ years prior to our move to Yokosuka. This is the fourth year I have worked at the Co-op Preschool first as a Teacher Aide and then as a Teacher Assistant. My husband Mike and I are blessed with a wonderful son, Michael, age 5. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Mrs. Marilou Carpenter

My name is Marilou Carpenter. I was born and raised in the Philippines. My family and I arrived in Yokosuka in November 2004. This is our fourth year in Japan and we will be here for a total of five years. My husband and I have been married for ten years and we have one child. Our son Chris is an energetic nine year old who is in 4th grade at Sullivans. My family and I have traveled quite a bit. We have been stationed in Bahrain, Korea, Great Lakes, and now Japan. I have worked as a Pharmacist assistant, as well as on a guest relations team at a major hotel chain in Bahrain. Upon our transfer to Korea, I received employment as a teacher's Assistant. This was one of my most enjoyable positions and for the two years I was involved with the program, I found my desire to work in the child educational field. I am pleased to now be employed at the Yokosuka Co-op Preschool and have truly enjoyed my time with the preschool. I look forward to another great year!