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Omei Young Journalists working



Who are **Omei Young Journalists?**

Sylvia is a fourth grader, likes reading and art and her favorite food is sushi.

Max is a second grader, who likes Electronics and enjoys playing tag in recess. **Krish** is the youngest journalist, he likes Kung Fu and he could eat every day his favorite food – dumplings and pizza.



Omei Academy Goes Green!

Green at School is a program created by the City of Cupertino and will launch in Omei Academy in October 2015. We will form a 4-5 students team “Sustainable Omei” as a part of the leadership training, provided by Omei Academy along with the Omei Young Journalists Program.

The Green at School program includes lectures about Materials Management, Energy Conservation, Water, Pollution prevention, Stor mwater Management and Health and Wellness. The Sustainable Omei team will start investigating the school to uncover the data and resources they need to begin their campus wide assessment. The assessment is based on hands on activities on energy use, water use and other environmental practices in school. Once assessment is completed students will propose changes to the school management and help the administration to implement the suggested measures.

The Green at School program will lead to a healthier learning environment while students have the opportunity to grow up as environmental leaders in our community.

Sign up with an email to Maria at omeidirector@gmail.com



Important dates:
Oct. 23 – day care only
Nov. 8th - Festival of Arts

Enrichment Classes Introduction

“I like Electronics a lot at Omei Academy”, sais Max, one of the Young Journalists. “All participants are making a fan and it takes 10 weeks to finish it.



In the first class
We were putting
Objects together
And got instructed
How to work safely.

After that the classes became so much fun, because we started to use a soldering iron. We usually work with things, that are hart to use and sometimes it's getting dangerous, because the iron is 205 degrees.” (by Max)



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Do you like to sing?

Krish likes to sing and that's why he is going to the chorus enrichment class every Thursday evening. There are 4 kids in this class. "I like it, because the teacher is nice and every week we learn how to sing a new song. The teacher also teaches us the notes", explains Krish. But then he added, that to get better, the students also have to practice at home everything they learned in class. (by Krish)



This comic book character is just amazing!

And students learn to draw it with a pencil in just a couple of minutes. Every Friday kids come to Mr. Huo's drawing class to calm their minds, enjoy and explore the world of Fine Arts.

Or you like to know how to play the piano?



In the next issue of Omei Academy News our Young journalists will introduce to you the rest of our enrichment classes - Piano, Chess and Kung Fu.

Do you know why Chinese celebrate **Mid-Autumn Festival**? Our Omei Young Journalist Sylvia did some research on this topic and this is what she found out.



In ancient China, people celebrated harvest and emperors offered sacrifices to the moon in autumn, but the first time the name "Mid – Autumn" occurred was during the Zhou Dynasty. By the Tang Dynasty (618 – 907), the Mid – Autumn Festival had been fixed and made official.

Nowadays sharing mooncakes is one of the traditions of this festival. Their round shape symbolizes the Moon, but also completeness and unity. Some mooncakes contain four whole eggs instead of the more traditional, one egg. This represents the 4 phases of the moon. The tradition of giving mooncakes to friends and relatives during the Mid-Autumn Festival is a reminder of the rebellion which succeeded in overthrowing the Mongol dynasty, which ruled China from 1271-1368 AD.

(by Sylvia)



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Thank you, parents, for coming to the Open Classes!

在这个月里，孩子们学习了中文中最难的一部分——汉语拼音。因为他们知道用电脑时，中文打字是离不开汉语拼音的。经过努力学习他们现在会用汉语拼音写汉字，写句子，甚至写一段话。也能用给出的拼音来准确的读出中文的字音。这一个月来孩子们的进步都很大，很棒！

贾老师



中文二班学生通过学习《小猫钓鱼》和《狐狸和乌鸦》这两篇寓言童话故事，不但能认识日常使用的词语，如“早晨”，“太阳”，“对”，“能”，“只好”等词语，还学习了如何恰当使用这些词语。通过组词，造句，还有句型的反复练习，让同学们对中文的语法有了进一步的认识。同学们还从这两个故事中学到了做事要专心，要动脑筋。

严老师

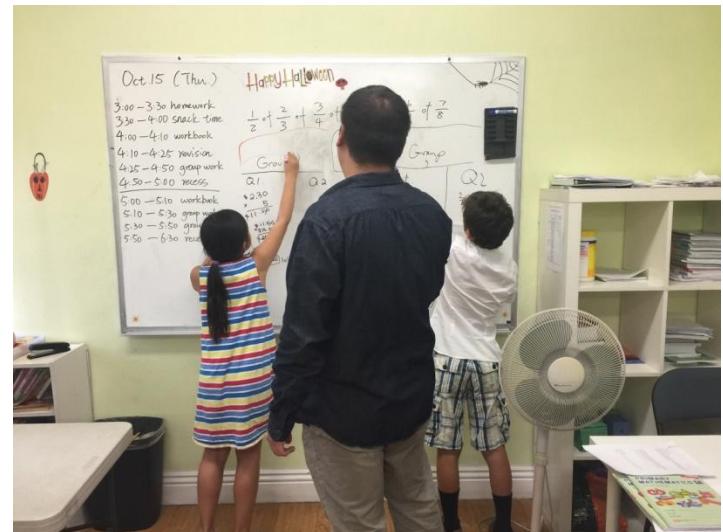


In Math class students are given group work additionally to the Singapore Math books. They really enjoy the group discussions over mathematical problems and learn how to work in a team and present the solution in front of the rest of the students.



A great opportunity to experience our teaching process.

A great way to see your kid's improvements.





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No matter how old, chess is for all.



Students started to decorate their classrooms for Halloween

You think it's easy to build a self supporting Bridge. Ask your children about Leonardo's Bridge and they will explain to you how to do it.



Early dismissal week in Cupertino means a lot of fun in Omei Academy