

SANTA MARIA INTEGRATED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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First day at school

The first day at school is a memorable experience in every child's life. It generates feelings of both excitement and anxiety for the child, as well as parents. At this important juncture while they are making a transition from home to school creating a comfort zone helps children to feel secure even when they are away from home.

On Monday April 1st as children stepped down the school buses, they were greeted with a warm smile and open arms by the teachers and staff.



Most children were smiling and walking confidently as they were being assisted to their classrooms.



Once all children were in their classrooms, the teachers greeted them and informed them about spaces like - pigeon-holes, play house, pretend play corner, class library etc. It took some time for all to settle after which teacher announced a free play.

Children were asked to choose a play corner and engage themselves. They moved swiftly to the play corner of their choice with much enthusiasm. It was heart-warming to see most of them play together happily. During this time children initiated a conversation with each other. We did have few children who hesitated to blend in but that's all fine as every child takes his/her time to adapt to a new environment.



Soon after that, it was time to go and get acquainted to other space like the water cooler, wash room, music room. Children walked down to the wash room to wash hands as it was time to sit and eat together.



During the recess time they explored the play area outdoors. Here children showed inclination towards different activities like playing in the sand, swinging, going up the jungle gym and jumping on the trampoline.



Children were then taken for a walk around the school to discover new things like trees, animals, birds in the school. They also met the school gardener, guard and didi's.

In the circle time children for the first time expressed their feelings through a candid interaction with a muppet.



A story time was also very well enjoyed as all listened to the story with great interest.



A beautiful day ended with a music session by Christopher Sir. An active participation by all was seen during music and movement. It was a vibrant moment when children joined in and did free movements with the song.



We hope that you would have also enjoyed listening to stories and experiences children shared about their first day in school.

It was a yet another memorable day for all of us at Santa Maria.

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Principal

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