

# WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Parents share their appreciation for the caring and dedicated teachers who nurture and inspire their children.



Teaching children social and language skills through play



Chen *laoshi* from The Little Skool-House International (At-Ngee-Ann-Polytechnic) has cared for our toddler Matthew exceptionally well since he was three months old. She is able to calm our rambunctious child, even when we find it difficult

to do so. Chen *laoshi* never fails to look out for Matthew, ensuring he eats and sleeps well and also develops his social and language skills through play. We want to especially thank her for being so patient in helping put on hearing aids for Matthew so that he can hear clearly in class. Kudos and keep up the good work, Chen *laoshi*!

**TAN LI LING**, mother of a boy, aged 15 months



The teachers are our children's best friends. They help our little ones shine through their dedication and hard work. My middle child Hiba has a special bond with Teacher Salmy. Hiba likes to make thank-you cards and wrap cute gifts for Teacher Salmy to show that she values her. On my part, I also send thank-you messages and words of encouragement to Teacher Salmy for her countless efforts towards my child's education.

**HINA NASEER**, mother of three, aged 7, 5 and 2



Hiba and her Teacher salmy



Get creative in teaching children about diverse cultures



Hsieh *laoshi* is a very kind teacher. She values respect and teamwork. She looks forward to the different festivals to help children appreciate and deepen their understanding of culture and heritage, so that they can work and play together regardless of background. Some activities with the children include henna painting during Deepavali, going for a walk in the park with lanterns to mark the Mid-Autumn festival, and enjoying traditional foods such as *nasi lemak* during Hari Raya. I'm thankful to Hsieh *laoshi* and her team for planning such enriching and exciting activities for our children.

**LAU WAN YU**, mother of a girl, aged 3

## DEVELOPING HEALTHY AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS IN CHILDREN

Parents, how do you develop positive behaviours in your child? Share stories of how you have helped and supported your child in overcoming negative habits or promoting good behaviours. Attach a photo with your anecdote and your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk*!

To share your story, go to [go.gov.sg/beanstalk-mailbag](http://go.gov.sg/beanstalk-mailbag) or scan this QR code.



## EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE

Don't wait for Teachers' Day to show your appreciation to your child's teachers. Demonstrate it in your communication and actions throughout the year.

- **Trust your child's educators.** Rather than hovering over your child and telling his teachers what to do, respect their experience and professional training.
- **Show consideration.** Put yourself in their shoes. Pick up your child on time from preschool. This small act means a lot as teachers have families to go home to as well.
- **Volunteer more actively.** Offer to help out during preschool outings, projects or classroom activities.
- **Acknowledge dedication.** Let your child's teachers know if they have made a difference. Tell them personally, write an appreciation note, or better yet, email the principal to convey your thanks. Be specific about how the teacher has made an impact.
- **Celebrate achievements.** Speak to the preschool to



recommend your child's teacher for the ECDA Awards!



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