

Binhi Newsletter for September 30, 2012 Session

Last September 30 was our very first regular class session. The objective or theme for that class was to get the children familiarized with the Philippines. Then the plan is to introduce the “Food and the Philippines” theme as we go along each session.

We first sang the song “Kamusta! Kamusta!” as a welcome song. Hopefully the kids will pick up the words to the song as we sing it every session.

The structure of the class always begins with the attendance, numbers and colors. Since this was the first session we had the children decorate their own “sorbetero” nametags. The children were confident in answering “Nandito po ako!” when their names were called. We also sang “Sampung Malulusong na Bata” to apply the numbers concept in Filipino. They were also able to identify the colors in Tagalog.

Then we introduced our new puppet friends in class.... Jonjon and Trisha. Jonjon is from Boston and Trisha is from the Philippines. Basically, we plan to use these puppets/characters to teach the concepts/themes for each class.

The storyline for this session was that Jonjon is visiting his cousin Trisha in the Philippines. We made passports for the children. These passports will be used for each session and will have a new page each session for them to color and decorate depending on the theme. Hopefully these passports will serve as a visual summary of what they learned during this IP school year.

Back to the story.... Time difference and weather were discussed. The children helped Jonjon pack for his trip. We simulated a plane ride to the Philippines and after meeting Trisha in the airport it started to rain so the kids had to pretend to cover their heads with their passports....etc. Then Jonjon complained that he was hungry. So Trisha said that they will go to the Palengke next.... Thus...that’s the theme of our next class!

We plan to use this “puppet show” to also reinforce colors, numbers, and new Tagalog words.

We ended the class with the “Paalam” song.

Please see Tita Patty Yusah’s Facebook link for pictures:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151169964639860.473160.642494859&type=3>