

# Weekly Reflection

Yellow Group

March 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

This week, in addition to all the play and learning that always take place in Kinder, all children of the Yellow Group participated in three important meetings to discuss and determine matters that are closely relevant to themselves. During the first meeting, we reviewed rules and expectations we need to try our best to follow and achieve at Kinder after discussing the amount of time we had spent and will be spending together. All children contributed to the final version of our Kinder rule through putting in their words and ideas. It was an active and thoughts-provoking meeting. Children started with addressing 'no hurting' was the most important, and then moved onto proposing ideas on what we can do to keep safe and keep it safe for other children at Kinder. This led to our discussion on safety tips in both indoor and outdoor areas. Safety enhancement was followed by how we treat each other at kinder. Children concluded that 'respect' was the key to good relationships with others. To show respect to others, children suggested that sharing, listening to each other, and addressing each other with names are the starting point. The meeting went on to discussing rules at group time and after-lunch quiet time.

Through the week, we learnt that our friend, Purple Group, had started planting a vegetables garden outside. Children of Yellow Group were intrigued. We then asked our Purple Group friends and listened to the rules and procedures to look after their plants, so we know what to do to take care of the plants. Some children of Yellow Group then suggested that we grow our own vegetable garden in the corner behind the slide. An urgent meeting was then held to pass the proposal and vote to decide what Yellow Group would plant. During the meeting, all children agreed that a vegetable garden of Yellow Group was a good idea and nominated several vegetables we could plant, including strawberries, cabbages, carrots, tomatoes, blueberries and onions. Then a voting session was held to decide which two vegetables would make the cut to our vegetable garden. The result was strawberries with 14 votes and carrots with 7 votes. We will be working on this project once term 2 starts.

At the end of the week, all children revisited the rules and expectations they set out earlier and reflected on how we as a group had done so far according to the rule. Children addressed that 'we did a great job with listening to others' and 'we didn't push each other'. Children then pinpointed aspects we needed improvements, including 'we need to look after stuffs at Kinder', 'we can read quietly during quiet time', and 'sharing more will be nice'. Through participating in group reflection, a full cycle of proposing-acting-reflecting is completed, and the process of the reflection cycle has been introduced to children to utilise in all aspects of their learning. This cycle will be practiced and reinforced as a learning tool.

