

# WELCOME TO ISMILE BANDUNG

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation and all the kids have transitioned smoothly in their respective classes during the opening of the new academic year. For the returning families and for the new family who have just joined us, welcome aboard! We promise that you will have enriching experience learning new things with your child, with us and with the whole ISMILE community.

Looking at the enthusiasm and the joyfulness of our children, I believe that this will be another productive year for us. A new year of discovery, adventure, exploration and learning. I am proud to have the new batch of educators who are experienced and well versed in the field of early childhood education. They are skilled and are expert in preparing a nurturing and safe environment for your children.

We endeavor to accomplish all the learning needs of our children and to bring out the best in each and every one of them. With your commitment and shared collaboration with us, everything is achievable.

Here's to a great start of unlocking boundless possibilities.



**Femia Ong Saynes, MD**  
Kindergaten 1 Teacher/ Center Coordinator

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

# 2-Newsletter

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Written by Ms. JC

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# The New Look of Our Home

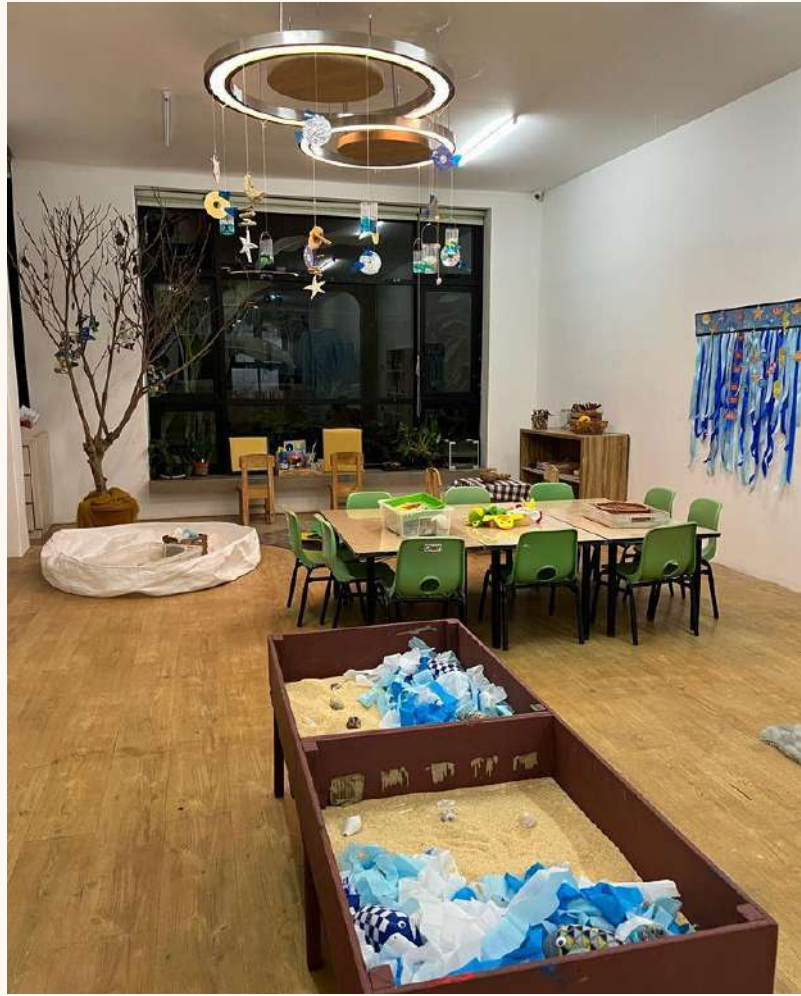
It's a new day, and we are all starting a new school year. Our lobby, playground, and some other areas of the school all underwent significant improvements. We had a major renovation, and it's looking fresh and ready to face the New Academic Year of 2023-2024.

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Alongside the new look that we had for the school, our classrooms are also newly set up with teacher-made materials ready to welcome the children in the class.

Amongst all the new setup of the school, we do hope that this will bring our school into a better environment for the children to learn in.







# *Our Sunken Garden*



# First Day of School

Written by Ms. Nadia

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The first day of school is always the most enjoyable time of the entire academic year. As the new academic year began, a range of activities were prepared by the teachers to help the students settle in and adjust during the first day of classes. The Infant and Toddler classes immersed themselves in a sea dwellers' theme and had a specific task to meet and save sea creatures.

The letter "s" was introduced to both N1 and N2 children on the first day of school. The children explored many things that start with the letter "s".

Everyone had a great time while improving their fine motor skills, encouraging their creativity, and learning practical life lessons through these activities. Exploring the five senses and taking a school tour to every school area were the exciting activities the K1 children did for the week. While sharing about their holiday adventure, and the phrase "I like" was the topic of conversation in the K2 class.





The first day of school went smoothly, as everyone was eager to come to school, ready to learn and explore.

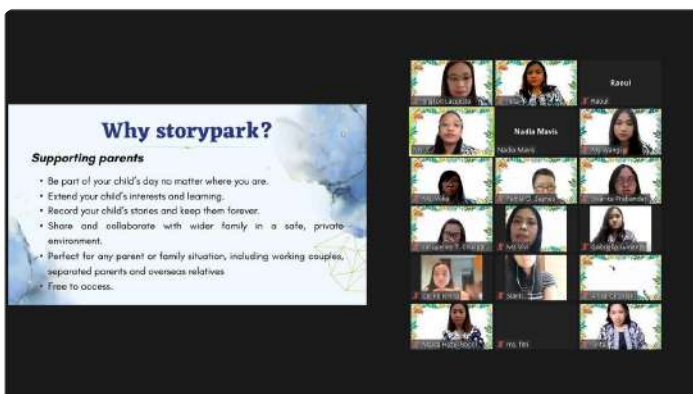


# Parents' Orientation Day

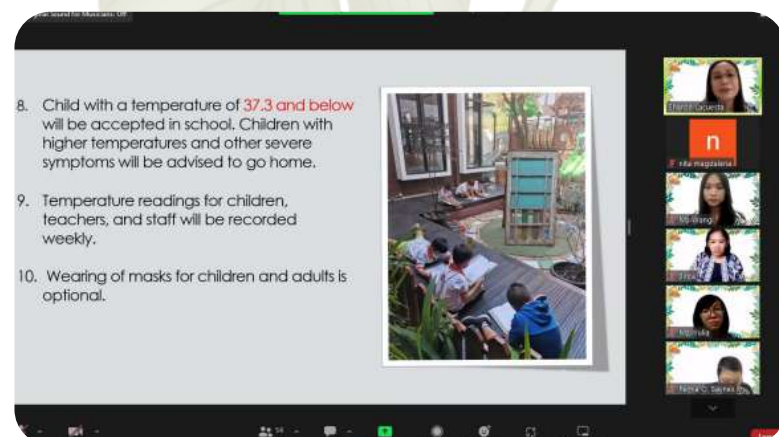
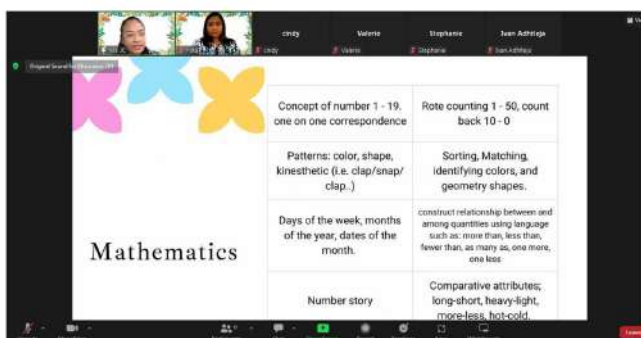
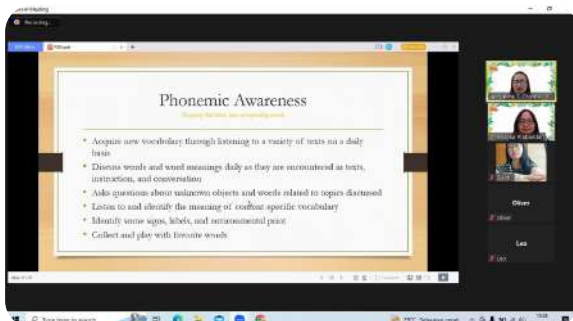
Written by Ms. Sharon



ISMILE Preschool recognizes the value of parents' involvement in their children's education. To foster cooperative relationships between parents and teachers, the school conducts the Parents' Orientation Day. On July 21, 2023, ISMILE Bandung had the Virtual Parents' Orientation Day. It was well attended by parents, who were all eager to take an active role in their children's education. The discussions centered on introducing the teachers, the ISMILE Framework and programs, the updated health and safety procedures, and StoryPark—a new platform for parents and teachers to use in communicating and keeping up with the progress of the kids. At the per-class level, benchmarks and other concerns were also discussed.



The orientation was successful in its goal of informing and clarifying for parents the key issues surrounding their children's education. Indeed, the Parents' Orientation Day is a fantastic chance to inform parents about what to anticipate from the children's learning adventure this semester.



# Teachers' Training

Written by Ms. Wangi



From July 10 to July 13, an enriching and empowering teachers' training program took place at ISMILE Permata Hijau.

The day began with a thorough discussion about our school's framework, where teachers engaged in insightful conversations and exchanged ideas. We also learned about the Montessori approach, exploring the principles and methodologies that underpin this innovative approach. The afternoon session took a delightful turn as a fun-filled game session was organised as part of the character-building program.

The second day was a captivating experience, conducted by our coordinator, Ms. Fem. The focus of the day was on a Reggio Emilia-inspired approach. Teachers learned how to create thoughtfully designed and aesthetically appealing spaces that can stimulate children's interests. The concept of provocation was also explored, emphasizing the importance of presenting open-ended





questions and materials to encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Project work was also highlighted to encourage in-depth investigations and collaboration among students. We also discussed the importance of documentation as a tool to reflect on the learning process.

The third and fourth days of teachers' training at ISMILE Permata Hijau were filled with valuable and practical learning experiences.

Teachers split into groups based on levels for targeted discussions about the curriculum and lesson plans. These focused sessions allowed teachers to exchange insights, challenges, and successful strategies in the classroom.

On the fourth day, a comprehensive training session on first aid kits was conducted, complete with live demonstrations and hands-on practice.

We also had a discussion about the Storypark app. It provided the teachers with a cutting-edge tool to digitize and enhance the student's learning process, creating an accessible platform for





parents to stay involved in their child's educational journey. The session introduced the app's user-friendly features, allowing teachers to easily document and share students' progress, achievements, and activities in real-time.

With the aim of nurturing a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, the four-day training sessions at ISMILE Permata Hijau left an indelible mark on each participant, equipping us with the knowledge and tools to inspire the minds of the future generation.



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Aug. 17

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## OPEN HOUSE

Aug. 19

Meet the  
new  
Members  
of Our  
Family



# August Birthdays!



**Meghan (K1) Aug. 23**



**Emily (TD) Aug. 8**



**Victoria (K2)  
Aug. 24**



**Karl (TD) Aug. 7**



**Enzo M. (K1) Aug. 18**



**Enzo I. (K1) Aug. 29**