



**SMIC**

**KINDERGARTEN**

**EP2 and EK1 Overview**

# ENGLISH KINDERGARTEN

- Entire class day is taught in English.
- Structured like a western classroom.
- Taught by a homeroom native speaker teacher with Early Childhood teaching experience.
- Supported by a Chinese co-teacher who teaches a Chinese class 1 time a day for 30 minutes, but helps support and assist English Language Learners.



# LEARNING THEMES FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

- All About Me
- Community
- Fall
- Christmas
- Ocean/beach
- Literature
- Garden
- Around the World
- Folklore (Circus, Cowboy...)



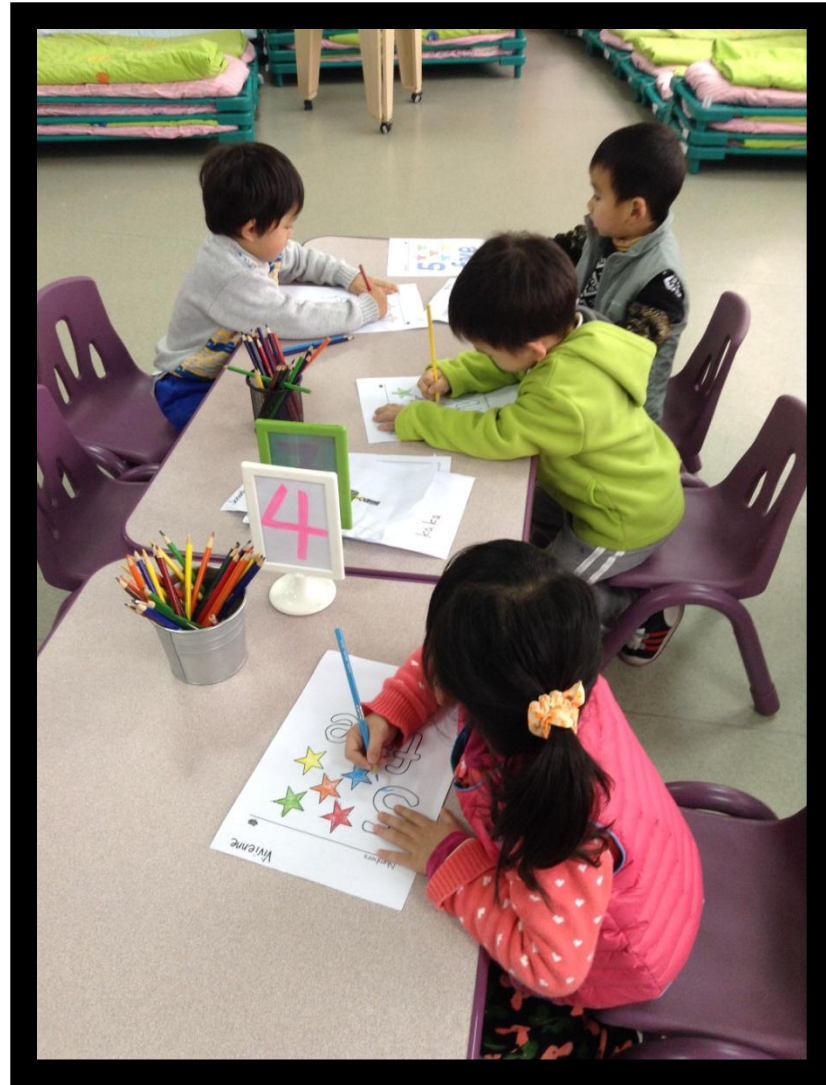
# ENGLISH

- Phonics – this is the foundation to the English language.
- Learning vocabulary based on phonics and themes.
- Theme learning takes place in both languages so children can connect to it faster.
- Reading – various books will be read aloud to students and students will begin to understand nonfiction and fiction books.
- Writing – EP2 will begin learning prewriting, EK1 will be working on writing the alphabet.



# MATH

- EP2 –
- Shapes
- Counting
  
- EK1 –
- Counting
- Shapes
- Same/Different
- Patterns



# FINE MOTOR & LARGE MOTOR SKILLS

- Using scissors to cut
- Learning to glue
- Working with small objects and manipulatives
- Outside activities
- Indoor large play activities and exercise



# ART, SCIENCE AND MUSIC

- Learning colors and how to use them in various art and craft projects.
- Introduction to basic science in the world around us.
- Introduction to music through fun songs, finger play, rhymes and beginner music instruments.



# HOLIDAYS

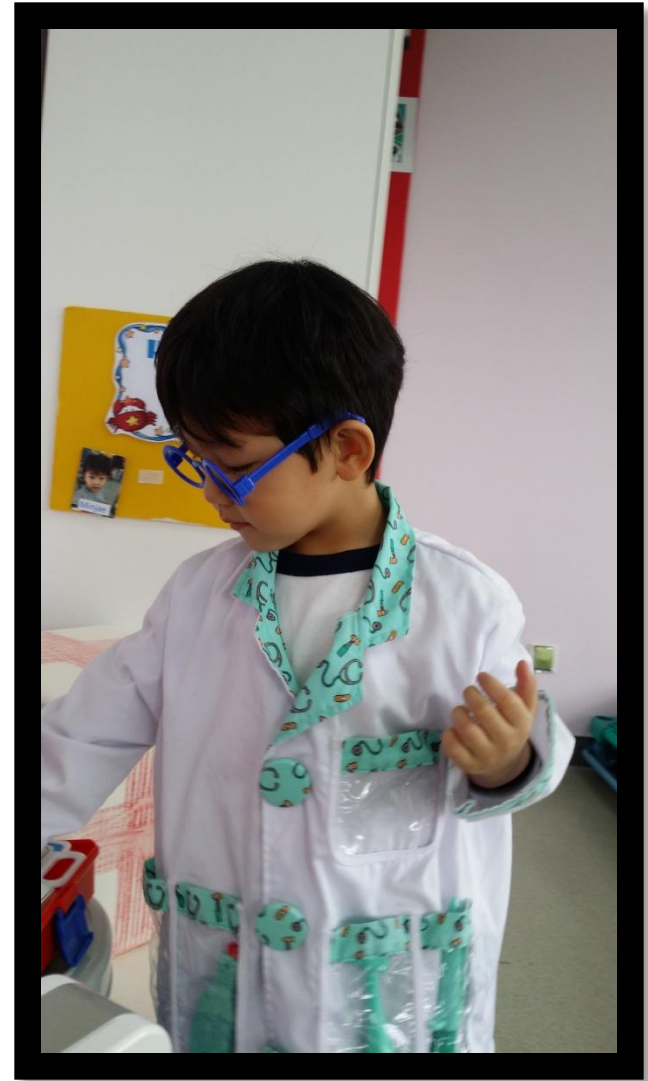
- Our classes will also celebrate many fun holidays.
- Activities may include:
  - Crafts
  - Special songs
  - Dress up
  - Reading books about the holiday
  - Special classroom celebrations





## MORE LEARNING

- Center Based Learning
- House or Restaurant Center
- Book and Listening Center
- Building Center
- Cars Center
- Puzzle Center
- Be the Teacher Center
- Dress Up Center
- Puppets Center
- And many more throughout the year



# AT THE END OF EK1 MOST ALL STUDENTS WILL:

- Be able to speak and understand well in English.
- Be prepared for EK2 at SMIC Elem. School.
- Have a solid phonics foundation.
- Be able to print English letters and do some basic writing.
- Have a solid introduction to math, science, music, art and social studies.



# COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

- Teachers send out weekly letters on Friday to parents sharing about the week's activities, learning points and things to practice at home.
- Teachers email parents if anything comes up with students or anything unusual happens.
- Parents can email teachers if they have any questions or concerns about their child.
- English Kindergarten WeChat message from the program director comes out on a weekly basis.
- Parent Teacher Conference in the fall and spring.
- Assessments are done each semester.



# BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

- Our teachers use a variety of behavioral management techniques in the classroom based on western style classrooms.
- Children are nurtured and loved by our teachers, while being challenged to grow.
- We use positive reinforcement, encouragement, reward charts, etc... to help our young students succeed in the classroom environment.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CHILD  
JOINING US FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR!

