



IB PYP Edition

Grade- 1

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Dear Parents,

This is a beautiful story I was told by my mother years ago. I feel I must recount it to you all!

"A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived at the master's house only half full. For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was sad as it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day, by the stream. "I am sad and want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half of my capacity because of this crack which causes water to leak down all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaw, though you do all of this work, you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there are flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw. So, I sowed flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house!"

It is important to appreciate all different people in our lives and recognize them for what they actually contribute to making our lives better.

Acknowledgement is defined as both expressing the existence of something and expressing or displaying appreciation for something. Life can change in the blink of an eye. For better or for worse, our world could change without any signs or warnings. With that being said, the importance of appreciating what we have is crucial. Our energy should be used to emphasize appreciation for the opportunities, people and the work in our lives.

On this note, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the geckos, parents, teachers and the entire Gaudium Team for their faith, trust and appreciation for the hard work, efforts and commitment in making the school a great centre for learning, collaboration and excellence!

Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing the planet

Central Idea	: People interact with, use and value the environment in different ways.
Lines of Inquiry	: 1. Natural and humanmade elements of the environment 2. The ways the environment addresses people's needs 3. Importance of space in the environment
Key Concepts	: Connection Function Responsibility
Related Concepts	: Conservation Development Sustainability
Learner Profile	: Inquirers Communicators

Monthly Review

Unit of Inquiry:

In this inquiry, the geckos inquired into the environment and elements of it – natural and man-made. They understood what are needs and wants, through an activity. They drew a Venn diagram of wants and needs that reinforced their understanding. Then they were asked the questions like – why do we need certain environments such as forests, parks, buildings, national parks and sanctuaries; how does the environment provoke us to think deeper; the importance of appreciating and respecting the environment and understanding its importance. The geckos were asked to distinguish between 'place' and 'space' and explain what is their responsibility in using 'space' wisely.

Transdisciplinary Language:

We started our second Unit of Inquiry with 'picture composition' which helped the geckos to enhance their observation and analysing skills. As we moved further into the inquiry, the geckos were introduced to 'adjectives'. The geckos grasped the function of adjectives as describing words and they were able to identify them in sentences. The geckos were encouraged to describe different things and people in the class. After that, we proceeded with our discussion on 'prepositions' through story telling. The geckos understood and practised the set of rules regarding the correct use of prepositions.

Transdisciplinary Math: The geckos were introduced to the new topic, Length. Later they inquired about/into the comparisons of length like long, longer, longest using a rope as the aid. They drew images to show the comparisons. They were shown pictures to read and answer the questions. Later they learned to measure different objects using the standard and non-standard measuring units. They understood that they should use a start line to compare lengths of different objects or things. They were given practice worksheets on the same topic.

Later the geckos inquired into the basic forms of patterns in Nature as a part of their transdisciplinary learning. The Venn-diagram was introduced to the geckos in transdisciplinary Math. They came up with the wants and needs of different environments. They understood that the Venn-diagram is a graphical representation through which it is easy to compare and understand two different things.

Monthly Review

Numbers are the integral part of our daily life. To learn more about numbers, and their properties, the geckos were introduced to 'Addition with regrouping'. The geckos have already learned the basic addition of 2 numbers.

Then we introduced 'addition' without regrouping, by using place values. We also showed different methods of additions by counting forward, number bonds and adding using place values. The geckos practised different methods of addition and continued practising addition with Carry Forward.

2nd Language Hindi:

The geckos were introduced to the letters of '*ch'varg*' and '*ta"varg*'. They were taught to compose words by combining the letters of the '*swar*' (vowel), '*k'varg with 'ch'varg*' and '*ta'varg*'. The picture story 'batuni kachua' was narrated and the geckos understood the moral of the story. They also recited the poem, 'lelo lelo'.

Telugu: The geckos were introduced to the letters through syllables *ka, da, pa, th, la, ba, a, ta*. The geckos learned to make two- and-three-letter words and practised those words through stories and songs. These learning engagements helped them in enhancing reading, writing and speaking skills.

French: The geckos learned to introduce themselves, their friends and family members using the terms 'el' and 'elle'. They sang a song (Frere Jacques). They have learnt 'lespronoms sujets'.

Dance: The geckos were introduced to different dance forms such as Indian, traditional and western dances. They learned basic steps in free style.

Music: This month the geckos learned the songs, 'smile', 'enthusiastic'. The geckos understood the basic vocal exercises like do, re, mi, fa, so, la ti. They practiced vocal exercises with vowels and the new song, '100 miles'.

PE: They first started the sessions reviewing the essential agreements. Later, they have learned the fundamental movements like walking and jogging by doing the different activities – heel walk, toe walk, speed walk.

Art: The geckos were introduced to the elements of art – line and shape. During the creative learning process, they drew architectural building around them. They made a collage, created a story using their understanding of formal elements of art, and a tear and paste collage in their choice work.

The geckos made eco-friendly Lord Ganesh idols using clay. They actively participated in this and displayed empathy as they had known that funds raised out of the sale of the idols will be donated to the old-age home.

Teaching and Learning



Music class



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The Month Ahead

Unit of Inquiry: In the next month, connected to the theme, the geckos will be inquiring and discussing the problems that may arise due to the lack of space, how they can save space, and what are the steps they are going to take to make themselves more responsible for their actions. They will also learn about different environments and their importance and how to sustain that environment in the given space.

Transdisciplinary Language: The geckos will be introduced to verbs. The role and function of verbs will be discussed thoroughly. Action verbs and 'be/being' verbs (am, is, are) will be dealt in depth. The geckos will practice all these concepts of grammar through verbal and written tasks. Demonstratives such as 'this, that, these and those'. Simultaneously, we will be giving reading practice in which we will be reading out stories, articles, etc., which will be helpful in improving their reading skills.

Transdisciplinary Math : The geckos will be introduced to simple subtraction, subtraction within 20 and subtraction with regrouping. Later, the geckos will practise the numbers from 200-300 and the standard units of length.

2nd Language Hindi: In the month of September, *Guru Govind Dau Khade Doha* will be explained, and the geckos will read and write three-letter words.

French: The geckos will learn subject pronouns and fruits and vegetables.

Telugu: The geckos will be learning to read the letters aloud by introducing words and songs such as *Gantla, eetha, udatha, palaka mariyu padava*.

Dance: The geckos will be able to incorporate rhythm, the cardiovascular movement with simple dance locomotion skills.

Music: The geckos will be learning vocal exercises and songs – Time to be happy; Gift of God; and 100 miles.

Art: The geckos will be continuing their learning process by making crafts for Farmer's Market.

PE: The geckos will learn about running and hopping in the coming month.

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School Events



Independence Day Celebrations



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Health Check-up



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Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event
04 Sep	Wednesday	Teachers Day celebrations
06 Sep	Friday	International Literacy Day
09 Sep	Monday	Onam Celebrations
13 Sep	Friday	International DOT Day
21 Sep	Saturday	SLC – Student Led Conference
27 Sep	Friday	Dandiya night with Parents

Website Links

Events:

Health Check-up : <https://www.thegaudium.com/health-checkups/>

Independence Day:
<https://www.thegaudium.com/independence-day-2019/>

Our website:
<https://www.thegaudium.com/>

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