

Shining Achievers

Having A Blast In English

Hello everyone! We are the grade 1 teachers. It's been 2 weeks since we started English class and the kids are starting to enjoy English lessons with various activities in their classes. This year we have English as a subject but we have other subjects in English like P.E., Music, Art and Life Studies. We are going to talk about some of the things that go on in our daily English classes.

The students are getting used to classroom English and using it. They have learned and confidently use phrases like "May I go to the toilet?", "May I borrow a pencil?", and they are able to say their names in English and express how they feel. They are getting used to listening to Solan's English commands and positively responding to the teachers.

Teachers have been using various activities to promote the usage of English. This week we started teaching Phonics. Students are having fun singing the song, listening to stories and playing games. They also eagerly started Jolly Phonics with writing Ss and Aa in their books. We hope that they can continue to build their phonemic awareness.

We also introduced the reading app "Kids A-Z" in the class. The kids were really excited to read and see their progress after listening and reading a book. The teachers are also excited about seeing the students' progress and talk about it everyday during class. The students are using the app at school during times like My Time, lunch break and after finishing their work during English class. We also hope that the students are having fun reading at home.

We enjoy spending time with the students all throughout the day and have watched them grow so much already in this short time together. From time-to-time, we may send messages to tell the families about when their children do well in class or make a positive environment here at Solan. We are happy to see such good manners and kind hearts in this years' first graders. It is a testament to how much hard work all the families have done. We hope to carry those teachings forward as we work towards being global citizens.

We are really looking forward to having more fun times while learning English!