



Nordic School

Preschool

October 2015



Newsletter



Important Dates

20th November:
Ngoma (TZ party)
15.00-17.00 All Parents invited :)

All Children: Bring a Khanga first week in November- we will make outfits for everyone for the Ngoma-party ☺

*Best wishes:
Veilla, Marie, Emilia,
Rasmus, Kate, Elisabeth,
Alexander & Karen-Emilie*

ALL

- After the Short break in October we started with our new theme "**Tanzania**". We have taken a dive into the culture, we are learning songs, dances, and Swahili phrases. We have added some extra Tz dishes to our monthly menu as food plays an important role in all cultures. The groups will also make clothes and different toys. The children will together with some of our Tz staff members build a traditional house, Kazungu will come every week to drum&dance and Mama Masai will come once a week to make beads& jewelry. In addition to all this we will involve our Tz staff more in the activities. We will invite them to ring time, ask them to bring something from their culture to show us (show&tell) and hopefully bring us some personal stories from Tz.



- Tuesday: Library-remember to bring your book
- Wednesday: Language groups
- Thursdays: Ngoma(drum&dance) with Kazungu

Kidogo



Exploring rhythms, songs and dance together.



The children learn about identity and culture through role play



Working together and helping each other.



The hot season is here - we cool down in the pool.



New toys from Lekolar!



Welcome Peder!

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Peder to Kidogo, he started 2.nd November and is another great addition to the group. The group is a wonderful composition of 10 amazing personalities, and we enjoy every day together, playing, learning and exploring.

We are singing a variety of Tanzanian songs: "Simama, kaa" is a favorite. Other songs are "Mungu Ibariki" and "Jambo bwana". We also count the clock up to 11 in Swahili every day before lunch time. Thursdays we combine rhythms and physical expression in Ngoma (Drum&Dance) sessions with Kazungu. Last week we were out on a nature hack and collected different types of seeds and nature materials. We will use these to make musical instruments :)

Simama kaa

Simama, kaa, Simama, kaa
ruka, ruka, ruka, Simama kaa x2

Tembea, tembea, Tembea, tembea,
ruka, ruka, ruka, Simama kaa x2

English:

*Stand up, sit down, stand up, sit down,
jump, jump, jump, Stand up, sit down x2*

*Walk, walk, walk, Walk, walk, walk,
jump, jump, jump, Stand up, sit down x2*

Kubwa



Making Tanzanian toys

In Kubwa we have talked a lot about Tanzania's animal life. That led us to making a big chart of the savanna and all the animals that live there. We have also taken a dive into the ocean to see which creatures you can find in the sea. We talk a lot about Tanzania and our Nordic countries; we make comparisons - what is the same, what is different?

In the next weeks we are going to make toys, amongst other things we will make balls out of plastic bags and khanga fabric. Please come and have a look in our classroom!

We are also practicing counting to 10 in Swahili, and learning Swahili words and phrases.

If you have, please bring to school:

- empty tins/cans
- empty water bottles

We will use these to make our toys!



Maya, Karla and Daria drumming enthusiastically.

Darasa



Fun and inspiring Drum&Dance with Kazungu!

This month we started on our Tanzania-theme. The children have been very motivated and engaged in the activities. The first weeks we have focused on animal life in Tz, in the ocean and on the savanna. We started off sharing personal experiences, and have kept spinning on the areas of interest. In the coming weeks we will make Masai-jewelry with Mama Masai, and different toys.

We have also had time to work on our alphabet. All the children write their own names now 😊 We have focused on challenging, but important skills: listening to others, and raising a hand up before speaking. We are having good progress in these areas.

Lastly we would like to encourage you to read for your children every day (ca.5 min). Discuss pictures, text and letters, this will be a great support to the work we do in Darasa every week.



Children enjoying the pool and practicing their swimming skills.