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# START SMALL DREAM BIG

## THE HEART OF SERVICE LEARNING

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"Service-learning is the various pedagogies that link **community service** and **academic study** so that each strengthens the other. The basic theory of service-learning is Dewey's: the **interaction of knowledge and skills with experience is key to learning**. Students learn best not by reading the Great Books in a closed room but by opening the doors and windows of experience. Learning starts with a **problem** and continues with the application of increasingly complex ideas and increasingly sophisticated skills to increasingly complicated problems" (Thomas Ehrlich, in: Barbara Jacoby and Associates. Service-Learning in Higher Education: Concepts and Practices. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass 1996)

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Service Learning is not about 'ME, I, MYSELF' but to make a difference to OTHERS so that children can develop a strong sense of empathy and compassion, which are the foundation of good character.

Service Learning requires communication and collaboration to help build strong relationships in order to be a service to the community by resolving problems and flourishing together. Life becomes more worthwhile.

Service Learning should also be constructive. Teachers, children and parents can then develop competency and feel more confident because everyone is contributing to the good of the community. This will foster the ethics of excellence and give meaning to learning.

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Service learning is not just about completing a task or project. It is about building relationships with the community and addressing real-world problems in a meaningful way. This requires a leader that values collaboration, empathy, and community engagement. It requires the HEART of a leader in order that everyone is taken care of. It's not just about the needs of the environment you are serving but the needs of everyone who is involved in making this world a better place.

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*'TRUE LEADERSHIP MUST BE FOR THE BENEFIT  
OF THE FOLLOWERS, NOT THE ENRICHMENT OF  
THE LEADERS.'* ROBERT GREENLEAF 1970

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Servant Leadership helps build strong relationships and trust between preschool leaders, teachers, parents, and the broader community. When preschool leaders demonstrate a **commitment to serving others** and building a supportive community, they can help **create a sense of belonging and connection** that is essential for a successful school culture.

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# DREAM BIG START SMALL

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## I. ENGAGEMENT

Observe and LISTEN to the WANTS of your Community.  
Identify their NEEDS **together** with your children, teachers and parents to make it meaningful and worthwhile.

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## 2. EMPOWER

Stay **AVAILABLE** but empower your teachers and children to take ownership of the project. However, it is a **SHARED RESPONSIBILITY** among the leader, teachers, children and parents.

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### 3. EXAMPLE

**Co-construct** with your teachers, children, parents and community. **MODEL** collaboration and commitment so that your teachers, children and parents feel supported and valued.

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## 4. EMPATHY

Be sincere and empathise in everything that you say and do. Be **kind** to yourself but be kinder to others. Wear their shoes and walk your talk.

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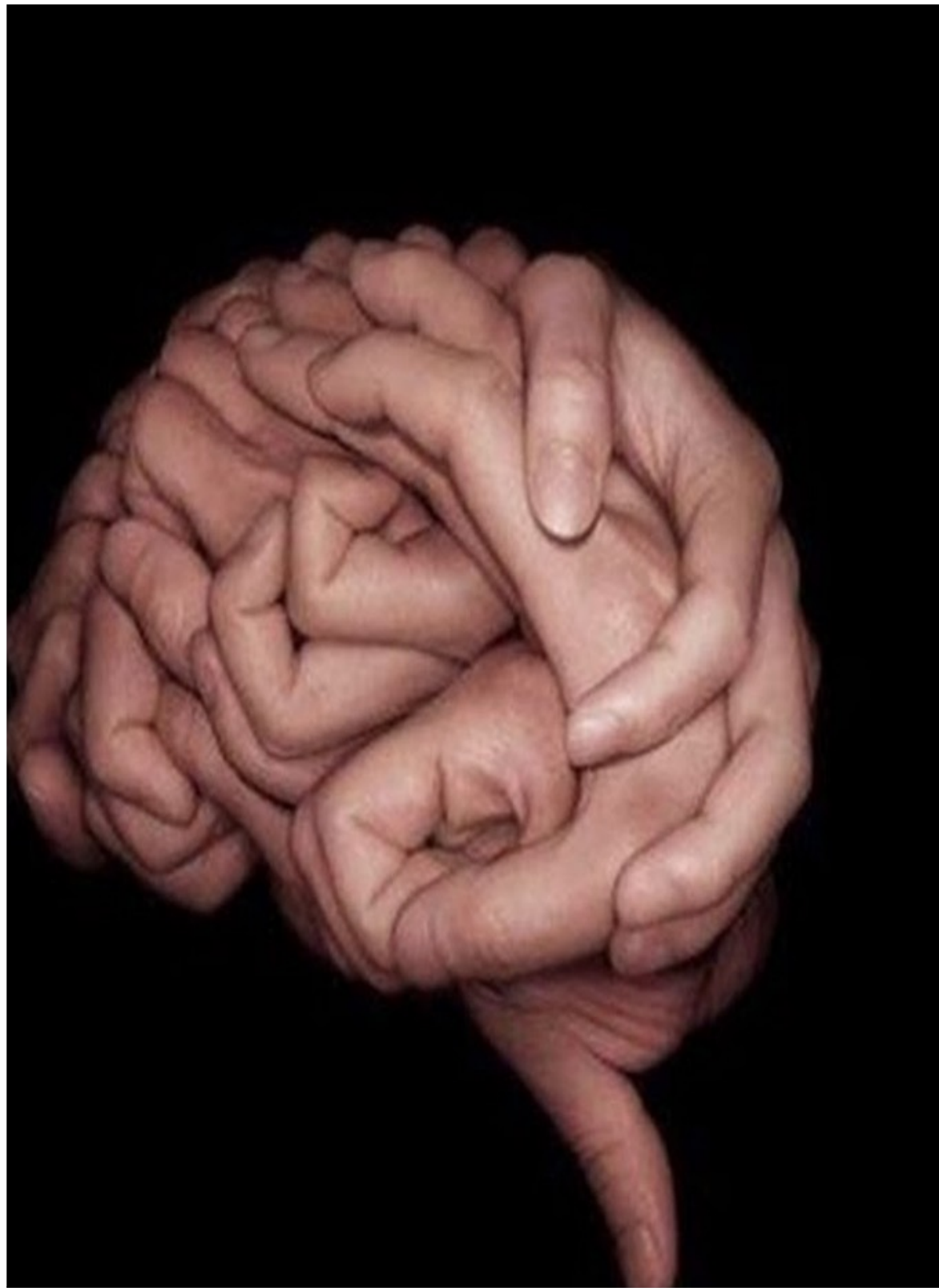
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## ETHICS OF EXCELLENCE

Be a servant leader and create a collaborative culture of excellence and empathy to help yourself, teachers, children and parents develop into responsible and compassionate members of society.

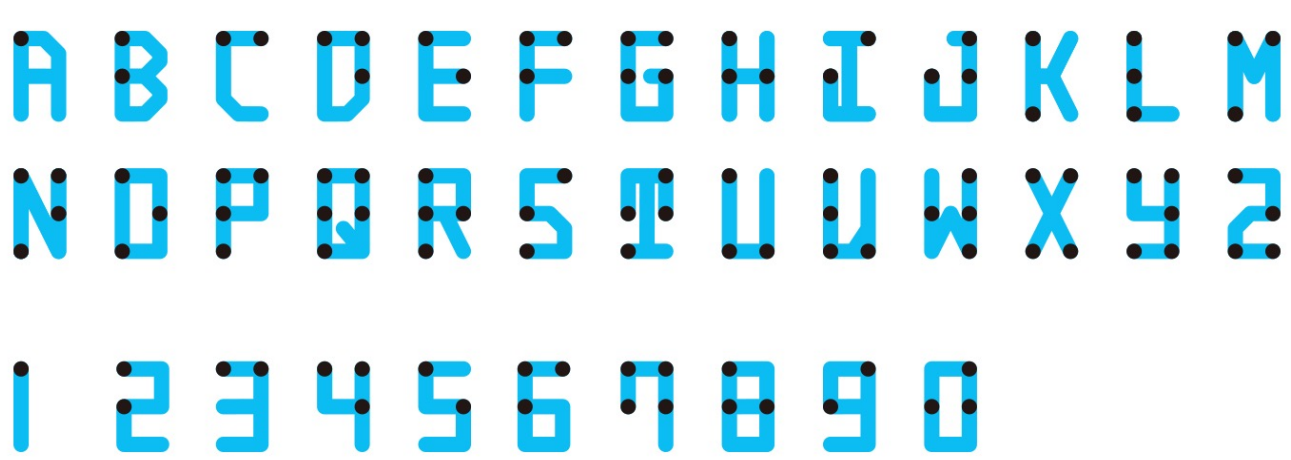
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CARING for EVERYONE  
MANY HELPING HANDS





# Braille Neue



Braille Neue is a universal typeface that combines braille with the alphabet. Kosuke Takahashi, the project founder of Braille Neue, hopes to “create a new form of connection between Braille readers and sighted people”. This typeface can be read by touch or sight.

We thank God for His many blessings as we celebrate Far Eastern Kindergarten’s 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary!

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.”*

*Psalms 100:4*



# CHARACTER AS CULTURE







Early Childhood is the **best time** to shepherd a child's **HEART**



# Curriculum & Imagination





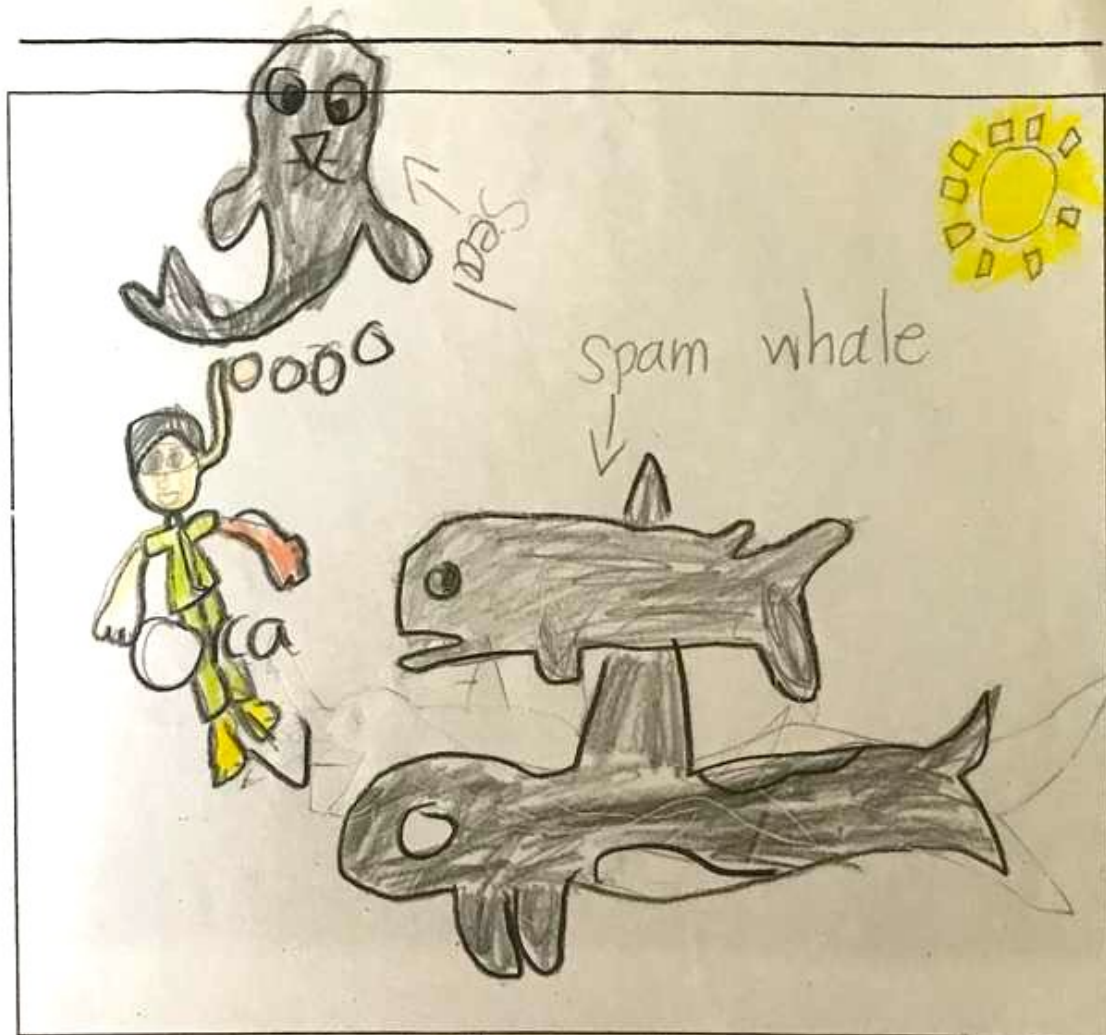
# Process of Learning

- Learning from the Environment



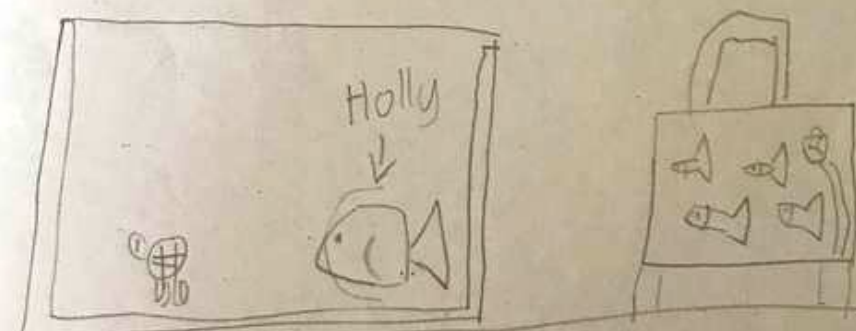


# Reflections



I enjoyed the photos of the beluga whales and dolphins. I learned that the fastest dolphin is the short beak dolphin. Uncle Kar Wee trains beluga whales, dolphins, some whales, Orcas and Seals. I remember that Uncle Kar Wee showed us some fish that the dolphin eats. I like Uncle Kar Wee.

next time when we have a new fish I no how to take care of it.



Holly the Parrot fish die. I think she did not have enough oxygen. Even the little fishes died. I think that the little fishes did not have enough food. I think Holly did not have a friend. I am sad!

I feel sad too but it's alright, we could



I like my roll of mary because it is very fun and funny and I also like singing on stage by my self. because I like to sing different songs by my self I was so excited to perform the concert and act as mary even though the roll had so many lines. and I also learn self control with my friend clifford and he is acting as Joseph I also think that concert is funny because I get to say funny words I also like to keep quiet with my friends and mostly acting with my friend!

I like being a shepherd because I like performing in front of the audience I was very happy on concert day. I learn to overcome the big crowd of 100K in a te my friend

I like being a shepherd because I like to walk with other shepherds. I wish I can be an angel because I can wear the angel costume. I felt good I learn not to whine and wait quietly

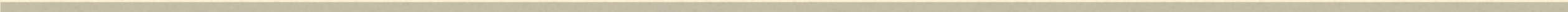






















What I miss the most is my friends and teachers because they help me when I fall they pick me up.  
What is the most fun memory in Fek is acting! because I find it very fun and exciting.  
I will miss all the bible story telling by my teacher and one of my favourite story is David and King Saul I like David because he show self control he did not kill King Saul even though King Saul wanted to kill David. I also like Fek because I can learn about God and I will miss auntie May food when I go to primary 1 I will enjoy the one more day at Fek I hope I could come back to Fek to see my friends and teachers and Mrs Ang. I wish I could be in Fek for this few more weeks and I also like the games at Fek and I like Chinese and English because I can learn new things that I don't know and I love it when we do the K2 camp it was fun because I could take the mrt with my friends and teachers I like Waterplay because I can splash around in the water and the favourite thing in waterplay is the water slide because it has balls in it and the best part of all is the water battle! and I also like when we had concert because we get to say some funny lines and I also like when we play Fort Canning Park there were a lot of fun things at Fort Canning Park! **I LOVE FEK!**

from: Ona  
to: Mrs Ang







18 November 2022

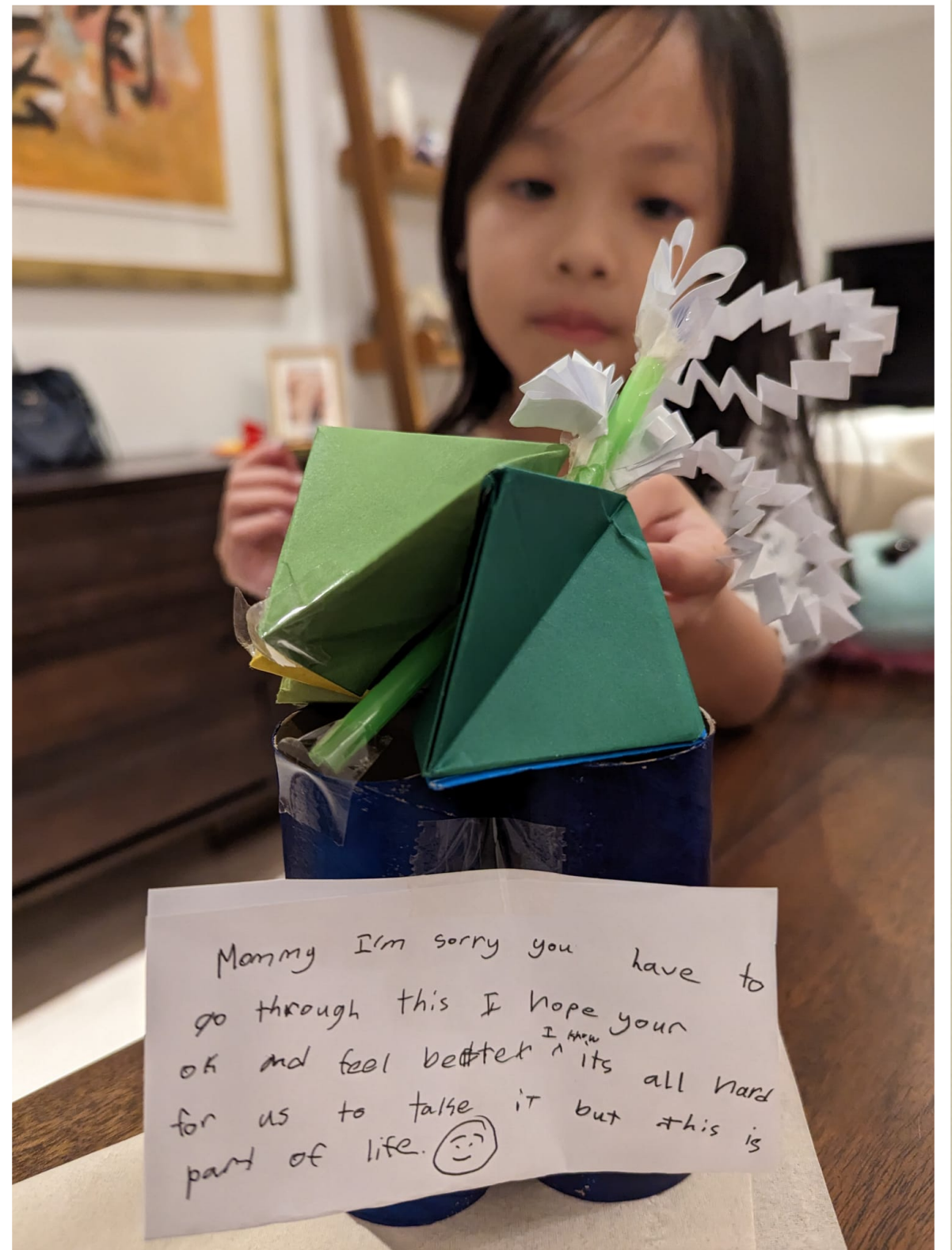
Dear Mrs Anga Thank you for being the best principal  
in the world! Your lesson on love and kindness,  
generosity and humility,  
the value of hard work  
and doing the right things  
will guide me throughout my life.

I will never forget my FEK journey with you,  
and I will miss you dearly when I go to primary school.

God bless you always!  
With love and gratitude

Ellery

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Mommy I'm sorry you have to  
go through this I hope you  
OK and feel better <sup>I know</sup> its all hard  
for us to take it but this is  
part of life. 😊





















Far Eastern Kindergarten



Gratefulness Tree



















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As leaders in your respective preschools, you have the power to choose a character based curriculum that can shape empathetic students of tomorrow. DREAM BIG to want to start this journey of shaping everyone to make a positive difference wherever he may go but start with yourself. Start small by being a servant leader so that you can be an EXAMPLE to your teachers, children and parents because we need many helping hands if we want to care for everyone.

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*Young children believe you but do you believe in them?*

*Be a cactus, tough on the outside to fight the problems without but soft  
as a pulp when healing invisible wounds within.*

