



RAIS NEWS

..... a caring community

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed"

-Proverbs 16:3

Seniors Visit Chulalongkorn University



Chulalongkorn University, one of the best universities in Thailand, has been consistently a major destination of RAIS graduates in the past years. As for the current senior students of RAIS, the Guidance Department arranged a seniors' visit at Chulalongkorn University in preparation for the seniors' exodus toward their next step as university students.

On September 22, 2017, the seniors were able to visit Chulalongkorn University's Bachelor of Business Administration program. As expected, the seniors were oriented on the requirements on how to be able to earn a spot in the University's Bachelor of Business Administration program as a freshman student. In addition, they were given a preview of what kind of life they will expect at Chulalongkorn University. The visit also made it possible for the seniors to inquire other things and information that can satisfy their curiosities on whether the University can be the best place to go after graduation. Furthermore, the seniors were able to roam around the campus as a part of the visit activity. And as a bonus, university visits are always excellent avenue to meet RAIS alumna and to have a chance to reminisce memories during their stay at RAIS. Overall, the university visit was undeniably a valuable experience for the seniors.

By: Teacher Aldo

Children playing with Toy Cars and Dolls is important.

Currently, one of the most concerning aspects of raising children is the amount of time they spend in front of screens, whether it is TV, DVD, video, computer, play station, etc. When children focus their attention onto a screen, it is a very passive form of learning or entertainment. Instead of using their own imaginations to learn about the world and create something, children are passive recipients of visual and auditory stimulation that may or may not require some response using fine motor skills. However, this is a very artificial way of learning about the world and does not engage children in a kinesthetic manner using their entire bodies.

Imaginative and creative play is a more natural way for children to learn about the world and does involve the whole body. Children manipulate and touch various play materials. They express themselves through play both verbally and non-verbally.

“They use all of their muscles and senses to move around. Actively using their large and small muscles as well as their different senses in play, children develop healthy, strong, and complete neurological connections in their brains.”

Question: Why is play so important and what do preschoolers learn when they play?

When playing with other children or adults, vocabulary and language skills are fostered. Your child will listen and learn the language she hears without even realizing. Children will learn to use language to communicate meaning as well as picking up new words and hearing the grammatical structure of the English language.

- **Vehicles and Animals.** Playing with cars, trucks and trains as well as animals provides for many new vocabulary words as children learn the names of each, what they do, what they eat or where you can find them. Additionally, children and adults can create all kinds of scenarios that the vehicles or animals might find themselves in, providing for further language and vocabulary development.

Dollhouse and Dolls. Playing with a dollhouse or dolls allows your child to reenact what happens in her everyday life, using the words and phrases she hears. You are likely to hear your own words come out of her mouth as she recreates events that have happened, perhaps with an outcome more suited to her liking!

References:

Elkonin (1978) once stated that the world of adults seems attractive for children, and they look forward to becoming a part of it. As they cannot fulfill their desire directly, thus the motive of sociodramatic play is to act like an adult. (Fleer 2010)

Vygotsky believed that when children engage in socio-dramatic play, they assume the actions, language, thinking and emotions of the human roles they are engaging in. (Brooker 2010)

As an educator by gaining that information I was then able to put the everyday concepts and scientific concepts together to plan a learning experience that would be filled with social interaction with groups of children.



Done by: Mrs. Linda de Welzim K2C

Mid-Autumn Festival or Moon Festival

Falling on the 15th day of the 8th month according to the Chinese lunar calendar, the Mid-Autumn Festival is the second grandest festival in China after the Chinese New Year. The day is also known as the Moon Festival, as at that time of the year the moon is at its roundest and brightest. At this time of the year family gather together to eat moon cake as a custom. They eat Moon cake to offer and celebrate the moon.

Chang E Flying to the Moon

As the legend says, in ancient times, ten Suns existed and the extreme heat made people's lives very difficult. It was the hero Hou Yi, who, owing to his great strength, shot down nine of the ten suns. Later, Hou Yi married a beautiful and kind-hearted woman named Chang E and lived a happy life. One day, Hou Yi came upon Wangmu (the queen of heaven) on the way to meet his old friend. Wangmu presented him an elixir which, if taken, would cause him to ascend immediately to heaven and become a god/goddess. Hou Yi gave the potion to his wife; she took out the elixir and swallowed it immediately. The moment she drank it, she flew out of the window and up into the sky. Chang E's great love for her husband drew her towards the Moon, which is the nearest place to the earth on the heaven. Hou Yi was so grieved that he shouted Chang E's name toward the sky. He was amazed to see a figure which looked just like his wife that appeared in the Moon. He took the food liked by Chang E to an altar and offered it as a sacrifice for her.



By: Chinese teacher (Chen Laoshi)