

SWSS / Filosofiska School

Activity Report for the month of August 2013



Operation of the school

In the month of August three additional students were admitted to SWSS/ Filosofiska School. Laxmi Adhikari, 6, Devaki Adhikari, 7 and Binod Puri 14. The number of students of SWSS/ Filosofiska is 55 students. One additional girl student is on the waiting list, the family assessment is still needed.

This month we organized the first parents meeting. Although the transportation for the parents was provided, only fifteen parents came to the meeting. We distributed the first term

examination results and discussed important issues. There were no complaints about the school or teachers from the parent's side, they were satisfied and happy about the school results of their children. From the teacher's side the discussion was initiated about provision of school materials for free and about homework, as some children still don't do regularly homework and also lose their copies and pencils and the school can't and won't provide every time replacement. The parents need to take more responsibility.

In the month of August, two additional volunteer human resources joined the school, Miss Sien from Belgium, Masters in Orthopedagogy, teaching English in Class 3 and 4 and Miss Sristi, a Nepali volunteer, teaching Science and Mathematics in class 1.

Teacher Training

This month we started a teacher training in Child Development. Two trainings have been conducted so far and the training will continue through the month of September.

Teacher Performance Evaluation

In the first four months of the operation of the school, all the teachers were working fulfilling the basic standards. Weaknesses are still there in discipline and organization of lesson planning and in creativity and imagination (using additional ideas and materials to already given curriculum and books). In playgroup, the focus hasn't been given enough on playing with children but just on teaching. All the teachers are informed about this weaknesses and a plan was developed for improvement.

Filosofiska Lessons

We conducted p4c for children twice, in the month of August. With class 1 and class 3 and 4 we discussed about happiness and we discussed about the topic: Is it better to be rich and ugly or beautiful and poor. The children participated well in the programs. Initially we planned to conduct the lessons 4 times a month, but due to many public holidays we weren't able to work according to the plan. We still have difficulties to conduct p4c lessons for preschool group, but we're hopeful to start at least twice a month in the month of September.

Special Programs

Within this month we conducted some special programs for the children.

Handwriting Competition

A small handwriting competition was conducted among the students and the best student was rewarded with a small price.

Meditation

In the month of August we started a regular meditation program for all children , three times a week for 10-15 minutes. All children adjusted well to this new program.

ZOO Visit

The Highlight of the month of August was the ZOO Visit. 54 children participated in the program and all the children were very excited because most of them have never been to Zoo before. The transportation was kindly organized by the SWSC and two volunteers from SWSC participated in the program. The children enjoyed exploring the ZOO and observing different animals and playing in the play park. The program was completed with a small Pick Nick. We hope to be able to conduct more outdoor programs in the future.



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