

THIDA MEP Newsletter

September 2014



End of the 1st Semester!



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By Teacher Jade:

This year was Thidamaepra's second year of the Mini English Program (MEP). Currently, all of the students are taking their final exams and the teachers are putting the final touches on the end of a fantastic semester.

So far, our second year of MEP has been very successful. We've gotten new science materials and equipment like microscopes, had an exciting spelling bee, and even had a fun weekend English camp in Phuket. Most importantly, we've had a great group of teachers working together to make MEP as good as it can possibly be.

The MEP English teachers are always working together to create the best lessons and activities as well as provide the most productive learning environment for their students. Our teachers constantly work to improve and develop their teaching skills to the best of their ability, and it's because of that that we're very proud of what we're able to give Thida and MEP.

We're looking forward to the start of another exciting and productive semester with our students and Thai teachers on October 27th!

MEP Phuket Camp



By Teacher Kristin:

At the end of August, all of the MEP students and teachers loaded up into buses and headed to Phuket. The whole weekend was a lot of fun and filled with lots of interesting activities.

We spent a lot of time on the bus on Friday, but we were able to easily pass the time with some karaoke, snacks, and conversations with the students in English. Friday evening, we stopped at a beautiful viewpoint where we got to see the ocean and stretch our legs before heading off to dinner at a famous noodle shop. It was delicious! We then checked into our lovely hotel, where we quickly went to bed to rest up for another exciting day.

Saturday was filled with lots of great activities, including a visit to a temple, a bird show, and our very own Thidamaepra English camp. The bird show was a big hit with the students and a few students and teachers even had birds land on their shoulders! Next up was our English camp. The students played lots of fun games on stage, sang songs, and spent lots of time speaking English and learning! It was a lot of fun and having the camp in Phuket made it even better. The MEP students are getting really good at speaking English.

On Sunday, we woke up early to pack up and head back to Surat Thani...with a stop at the Phuket Aquarium and Central Festival mall first, of course! The bus ride back was quiet and I'm sure all

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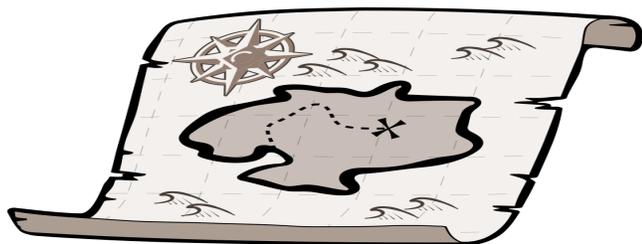
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the students were tired from a long, but very fun weekend. Everyone had a really good time.

I can't wait to hear where we will go next year!

P6: Create Your Own Country



By Teacher Dave:

This year in P6 we've been doing some fun projects. We did the body systems project in science class, and a presentation about a country we chose. We're also working on a puppet show for next semester. Our most recent project was a group project where the students invented their own countries.



I told them they could invent whatever they wanted as long as they could explain it to the class. The only thing they had to include was a new

animal in their country and describe how it was adapted to its environment.

All the countries were very creative! We had countries as small as 200,000 people to as many as 70 million. There were all kinds of climates, from boiling hot deserts to freezing cold mountains. The new animals were fun too. We had unicorns combined with lizards, flying horses, flying pieces of inanimate matter, unique eagles, and other crazy creatures. The maps and flags were beautifully drawn and colored. The students should be proud of themselves.

These projects were a lot of fun. I hope the students enjoy them, because they were really fun for me. I love to see what new ideas and creations they can think of.

Countries Around the World



By Teacher Jade:

-Vatican City in Rome is the smallest country in the world.

-French fries don't come from France, they come from Belgium.

- Brazil covers 50% of the South American Continent.

- People from Switzerland eat 10 kilos of chocolate per year on average.

- The first sailboats were invented in Egypt.