

Title: A Typical Class for our Toddlers

A beautiful Friday afternoon, Mr. Golden Sun is shining down in the toddler classroom.

It's four o'clock; the children quickly make their way to the class.

(Knock, knock)

Hello, Ms. Kay!" (KAY 老师, 你好!)

"Good afternoon, my little buddies, let's say goodbye to Daddy and Mommy." (小朋友, 你们好。来, 先跟爸爸妈妈说再见。)

"Bye Daddy, Bye Mommy." (爸爸妈妈再见。)

(Wave hands).

Our toddlers calmly place their jackets on their seats. They go to the stations that they want to play. The play-dough station and the Lego station are always their priorities. Random but wonderful conversations happen during the free play session. Our toddlers love sharing their experience with the teacher and their friends.

Children: *"Kay lǎo shī (Ms. Kay), wǒ kàn dào a helicopter when I came to the Chinese class."*
(I saw Helicopter when I came to the Chinese class.)

Ms. Kay: *"nǐ lái de shí hou nǐ kàn dào yī gè zhí shēng fēi jī? (When you came you saw a helicopter)?"*

Children: *Yes, wǒ kàn dào yī gè zhí shēng fēi jī (Yes, I came and saw a helicopter!)"*

Children: *"Ms. Kay, Mommy and Daddy are going to pick me up today."*

Ms. Kay: *"Oh, nǐ de bà ba hé mā mā lái jiē nǐ ma (Daddy and Mommy are going to pick you up)?"*

Children: *"Yes! wǒ de bà ba hé mā mā lái jiē wǒ! (My daddy and mommy are going to pick me up!)"*

After a few minutes, it's time to clean up. The children share their works and put away the toys. They sit in a circle, and they are ready for the reading time. Our toddlers are good readers; they enjoy the reading session a lot.



As Christmas is approaching, we read *The Five Busy Elves* by Patricia Hegarty and learn what we can do for the preparing Christmas. We take a break after the reading time, and we design the customs for our elves.



Time flies, and it is almost the end of the class. Let's stretch and relax our bodies! After that, children put on their jackets, line up, and they are ready to go!



"Goodbye, Ms. Kay." (Kay 老师， 再见。)

"Goodbye, my little buddies, see you next week." (小朋友再见， 下星期再见。)

"See you next week" (下星期再见)

(Run to the parents with excitement).

"Mommy, I did this today."

“Daddy, I learned this today in the class!”

As a teacher of toddlers for 3 years at China Institute, it is a life of deep fulfillment and immense satisfaction when I see children coming in and leaving my Chinese class with happiness and excitements.

(Written by Ms. Kay, the lead teacher in the toddler class at the China Institute)