Welcome to Fall II session at CIES! This is one of the busiest sessions of the year for us, and we are all going to have a really fun time this session.

First of all, we’d like to give a special welcome to the new CIES students this session. We encourage all of you to meet new people and make friends with people from all over the world. The students who have already been at CIES will give you tips on how to make your time here at FSU truly memorable. Now on to the important stuff – there are three important events coming up this weekend.

Homecoming Parade Friday

Friday October 14 will be the FSU Homecoming Parade. This is a large celebration where many groups of people from Tallahassee and FSU get together and celebrate being a Seminole. There are thousands of people who attend this parade, and CIES will be a part of it. This is a chance for us to show everyone in Tallahassee about CIES. We will gather at the end of class on Friday, and we will walk down to the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center parking lot where we will gather for the parade. Bring some flags from your country, and you can show everyone about your country.

Tailgating on Saturday @ 1pm

On Saturday we will all gather on the CIES front lawn at 1:00pm. This is a chance for CIES teachers, students, staff, and their families to have lots of food and fun. This will be a tail-gating event. Tail-gating is an important tradition where people gather for food and spend time together before a sporting event.

FSU vs. Wake Forest Football Game

Football games are the biggest sporting event of the year here in Tallahassee. On Saturday, CIES will be going to the football game. It is important that you sign up for the game as soon as possible. Please talk to Claire or Michelle at the front desk if you want tickets. The game will be Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm, and Jen Dickinson will give more information about how and when to get your tickets. Be prepared to cheer loudly for the Seminoles!

A special message from Ileana

It is not easy for me to write a few lines when there are many emotions to express; it’s not easy to leave behind wonderful moments that I lived at CIES without feeling that my heart beats faster and wants to stay there. I want to thank the teachers because of their very special manner, respect and affection to me. I will carry in my soul your charisma and beautiful way of teaching. To my classmates, whom I will miss deeply, I need to say thank you too, for your patience and for opening your heart to me; I wish that you have the greatest professional success. Moreover, I thank everyone in CIES’s office for being so special to me; your behavior was always kind and lovely and it was noticeable every day. I won’t forget our daily coffee, which was prepared full of affection and that made it delicious.

Thanks to CIES I learned much, and I also went to wonderful new places, thanks to Jen. Those facts made me happy and smile; Nevertheless, I cried several times, especially when I did not understand the lessons. During these times, I had to force my heart to move forward and continue doing my best.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Kennell for his clever way of leading this school, which is perceived by all the members of his team. Through this warm hug, I send everyone my best energies, my love and my blessings; I wish that all of you guys can find the passion you need to achieve success in your life.

Certainly each person has a story ... well, you are part of my own, especially one of the best chapters written in the book of my life. I will love you guys forever!

Quote of the Week

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Eleanor Roosevelt
Just perfect!
As we all know, attendance is very important here. If you do not come to class every day, it will be harder to learn English. Additionally, missing class will cause your grades to be lower, and this can make it harder to move up to a higher level. Having perfect attendance is very difficult, but the following students were able to be present every day this past session. On behalf of Lacey, Dr. Kennell, and all of the CIES teachers, we send many congratulations to these students.

Shuichiro Asahara
Yongbae Jeon
Nancy Mora
Ileana Rebage Soto
Ruyi Xu
Yilin Zhang

Happy Birthday!

Khulud Alshamrani (October 9)
Omnia Hisham Alwazzan (October 9)
Mohammed Alsadeq (October 13)
Diana Corral (October 13)
Hunter Pelt (October 15)

Culture Question

Question: Why do I keep seeing so many signs advertising ‘flu shots’?

Answer: If you have been to a pharmacy or grocery store lately, you have probably seen a sign for flu shots. A shot is another word for a vaccination. The flu is an illness that involves coughing, a fever, and a sore body. The flu can be very serious for some people, and it almost always involves missing school or work.

Flu is most common in the autumn and winter months, so it important to get a flu shot early to avoid being sick. It is an especially good idea to get a flu shot if you are someone who spends lots of time with elderly people or with small children.

Language Question

Question: What’s the difference between ‘who’ and ‘that’?

Answer: Both ‘who’ and ‘that’ are words used to start relative (adjective) clauses. They both can be used to give more information about people.

Boring sentence: Marilyn Monroe was a popular entertainer in the 1950s.

Better sentence: Marilyn Monroe, who was one of the most famous Americans in history, was a popular entertainer in the 1950s.

If the sentence uses a comma, then you must use who. However, if a sentence doesn’t use a comma, then you can use either ‘who’ or ‘that’.

CORRECT: The girl who lives next door to me rides the same bus that I do.

CORRECT: The girl that lives next door to me rides the same bus that I do.

If you’re confused about which relative pronoun to use, then stick with ‘who’ for people.

This week's vocabulary:
parade (noun) – a celebratory event where people walk (parade) down a long street or path with many onlookers
gather (verb) – to come together; to meet with a purpose
tailgating / to tailgate (noun/verb) – an event where people gather before a sporting event to eat and play games
cheer (verb) – to yell or show your support for a team or performer
emotions (noun) – the way someone feels (examples: happiness; sadness)
clever (adjective) – smart, wise, or witty
elderly (adjective) – older; more advanced in years