

December 2018 MSCU Elementary Family Newsletter

Dear Families,

The weather outside is frightful, but our MSCUE classroom has been delightful this December. Please take a moment to read about this month's events through the eyes of our first and second year students. Have a safe and relaxing break and a Happy New Year!

*Reminder-- please bring a water bottle starting Monday, January 7th, 2019!

Student Sound-Off:

Temperature Recording by Arabelle L.-- At 9:00 first and second years go outside and check the temperature. We use a thermometer to check the temperature in Celsius. Then we come back inside, get our math notebooks, and draw a graph. At the end of the week we will see all the temperatures on our graphs. I like drawing the graph.

Songs Before Lunch by Ruth I.-- I will be writing about the new songs. We learned to sing "A Tisket a Tasket", "Old King Glory", and "The Canoe Song". We played a game with the new songs. We play these games before lunch. The games make me feel cheered up!

Leaf Venations by Stella L.-- Last week the first and second years went to Burwash Park to go and collect leaves. Then we went back to school and got our cultural studies notebooks. We sorted the leaves into three groups of veins. They are pinnate, palmate, and parallel. We had two parallel and a lot of palmate and pinnate. Then we recorded them and did a rubbing in our cultural studies notebooks. Then we put them back and started our priorities. My favorite part was going to the park and me and Yan were helping each other find leaves.

Music Class by Yan F.-- In music we are learning about German songs. We are learning a new dance. It's really hard! We play fun games with Ms. Sears. We also learned about the accordion. My favorite part of music is when Mrs. Sears brings things to show us.

Spanish Class by Joanna B.-- In Spanish class we write and speak words in Spanish. We have learned colors, body parts, the months of the year, and how to introduce ourselves. We learn songs in Spanish. I like learning the songs. Papa Noel means Santa Claus. "Feliz navidad, feliz navidad, feliz navidad, feliz Navidad, prospero año y felicidad" is a song we sing!

Puppet Show by Eloise A.-- Everyone is making a puppet show. There are six groups and they are all telling different stories from all around the world. First we found a story that we liked. Second we underlined the stuff each persons says in different colors. Then we made puppets in art class. Right now we are using our puppets while we read our story. We are going to perform our puppet shows in front of the primary! I like making the puppets.



This week Mr. Cook stopped in for a visit to give a presentation on positive self talk and using "I statements" to express ourselves. Our students greatly enjoyed the three activities Mr. Cook led them in!