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Socio - cultural Perspectives on Education

“Where certainty and facts were once synonymous with ‘being knowledgeable’, now it is attitudes and dispositions that are seen as important prerequisites for effective participation in a diverse and changing world. Ask any group of parents or teachers what attributes children of today will need as adults to live socially responsible and fulfilling lives and answers will be similar. They are likely to include: motivation; a capacity for respect and tolerance; an ability to collaborate with others; an inclination for risk-taking, inquiry and problem solving.”

Hatherly & Richardson, 2007

Dear Parents,

2020 as easy it sounds, has been an unusually tough year for all of us, physically and emotionally. While there were constraints, there was also freedom. Freedom to explore, express, articulate and act. It gave us educators the opportunity to learn, adapt and making sure our online classes keep the momentum of academic rigor, while keeping our students social and emotional health in perspective. We explored Junkyard philosophy, Biophilia, Tikkun Olam, Design Thinking, Deep Reading and so much more through the eyes, ears and minds of our young eaglets in a virtual setting.

This last year Tikkun Olam gave us totally a different perspective. We all worked towards making things better in our immediate communities. We have been showcasing ARTS on a monthly basis, where our students have been presenting learning new tunes on the Keyboard, new songs they have been learning as grade and reader's theatre to bring out the Drama and emotions which our children are known for along with visual art. We have collaborated with parents to meet the individual needs of our students to

unlock their potential and each of our student has worked on towards becoming leaders for tomorrow.

All this would have been not possible without support and collaboration with our Parent community. IELC Parents stood by us supporting us and co teaching along with the teachers at home. I know it is not easy at all. We thank you and appreciate each one of you for being the pillars of strength for our IELC community.

News from the Online Classroom:

Nursery

In Nursery children learnt about “Community Helpers”. They learnt about gardener and enjoyed sowing seeds in the pot at home. They used flowers to set up a flower shop and role played selling flowers and making bouquet. They learnt about carpenter and how does a carpenter helps us by making furniture. Number 6, 7 and 8 were introduced through games and children had fun counting blocks, crayons and their fingers. In Language letter sound /k/ was introduced and recap of the previous letter sounds was done. Children enjoyed the daily book of the day and reflected on the same.



Reception

Children in Reception presented their learnings about “Living Things” through our “End of Unit celebration”. They were confident communicators and it was wonderful to hear them talk about their learnings. We started our next Unit of Inquiry -Water and children learnt about various uses of water. They learnt about cities and houses made on water and had fun building their own city on water. Children enjoyed the germ experiment, they discovered that germs cannot be seen and washing hands with soap makes the germs go away.

In Math sequencing events. They sequenced making a sandwich and the steps taken to make a sandwich. Number 17 and 18 were introduced to children through various games. Children also practiced tracing numbers and number formation.

In Language Reception children learnt letter sounds /y/ through Jolly Phonics. They learnt the letter sound through action and the /y/ story. Children recap the first set of sight words. Books were read each day and children reflected on the books during the class and by posting videos on Seesaw.





Prep 1

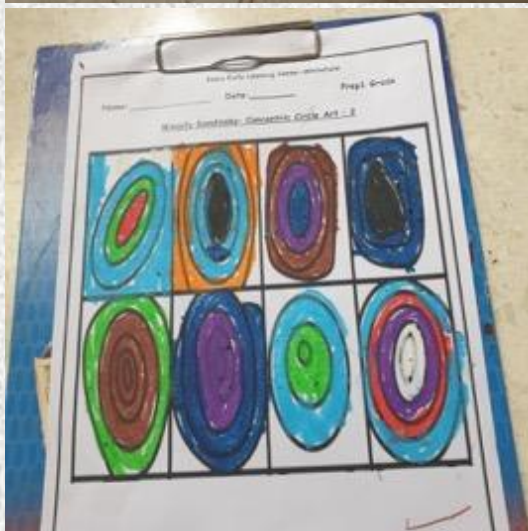
Thank you Parents for your support for our Materials - End of Unit Celebration. Students presented their understanding of the properties of materials, uses of materials and their DTP for the Three Little Pigs. It was wonderful to see their unique models they created for the Pigs. Kudos to all our Prep 1 students.

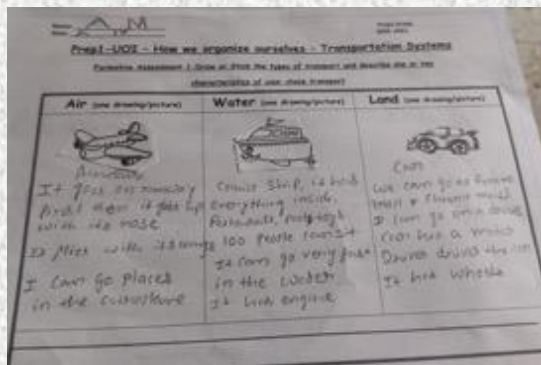
In Language, students were introduced to more sight words and are practicing reading sentences in their online classes. In Math, students enjoyed exploring Addition concept through play based manipulatives like toys, blocks, spoons etc. They were also introduced to addition on the number line. Further students have been engaged in skip counting on numbers through play. They have been introduced to comparing similar objects for Data handling representation. This month students have been introduced to their new Unit of Inquiry unit, Transportation Systems connected people and places. Students enjoyed inquiring about different types of transport. The unique features and characteristics of different types of transport viewed were interesting for Prep1 students.

This month in Deep reading sessions students were introduced to transport and adventure stories. Students also created their end stories as their reflections. Some of the books read aloud were - How to reach a Star? by

Oliver Jeffers, The Way back home by Oliver Jeffers and A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee by Chris Van Dusen.

In Life skills, students created their favorite toppings on their biscuits too!





Prep 2

Our planet is an amazing place! That is why Prep2 celebrated Earth week, Students shared different ways on how we can connect, protect and help Mother Earth. Arts, presentations, songs and dance were part of our Earth day celebration all presented by Prep2 Students. Children shared how each one of them is contributing to make our planet a better place. Make every day Earth day!





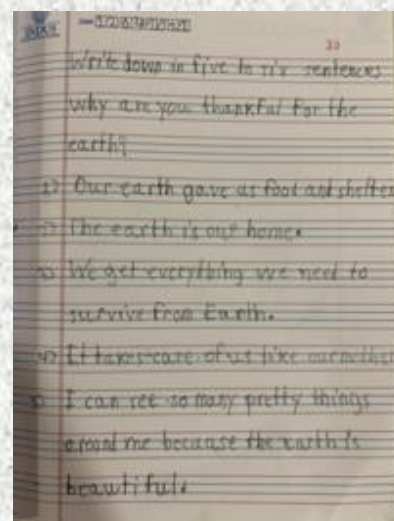
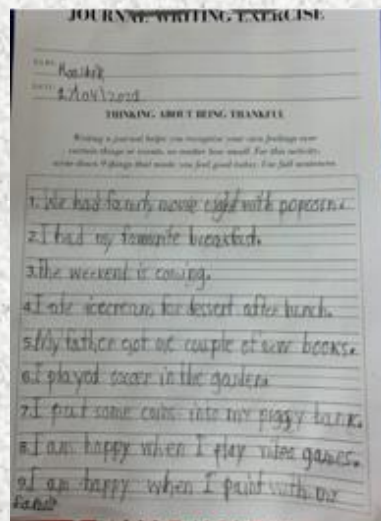
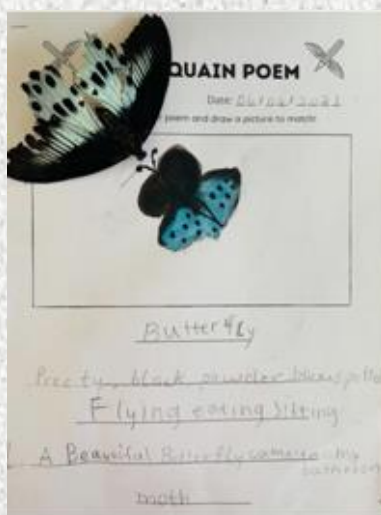
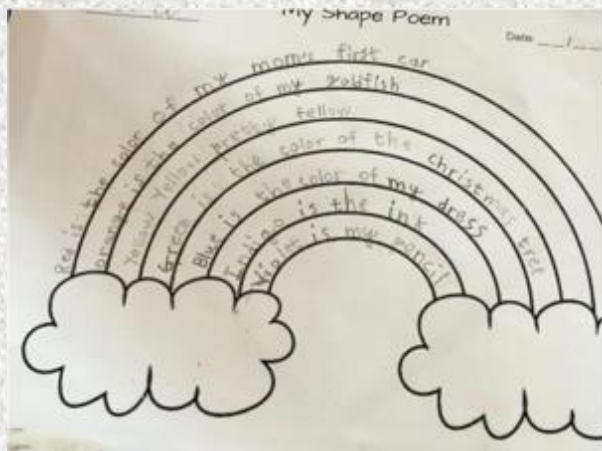
Grade 1

Grade 1 Children celebrated Earth's Day by drawing the earth and writing a few sentences expressing their gratitude for the Earth. This was followed up by a Parent's reading session where our children learnt about the Chipko movement in Uttarakhand and that there are many people like Saalumara Thimakka of Karnataka who has planted over a 1000 trees, Devakiamma of Kerala who is 87 years old has planted a forest of 3000 trees over the last 40 years. This has made our children more sensitive and aware of the environment around them.





Grade 1 students have started to organise and present their thoughts in different genres of writing like poetry writing (Acrostic poems, Cinquain poems and Shape poems) Journal writing and creative writing . This has provided the platform for our children to develop their creative thoughts using their imaginations. Their confidence level has also increased for they have developed a better understanding and also showcase their writing skills.



Important Dates in May

May 6th and 7th - Thursday and Friday – Mother's Day Celebration

May 13th – Thursday - Ramzan – Holiday (Subject to change)

May 18th – Tuesday - PAC Annual Meeting

May 24th – Monday – Prep 2 Graduation – Invite will be sent closer to the date.

May 24th – May 28th - Parent Teacher Meeting – Student Led Conference

Summer Break – May 28th – August 1st 2021

Stay safe and connected and please do keep sharing videos and photos of the children. These are truly testing times and also an opportunity to prioritize our health and build deeper bonds with our families. We are in this together

And This Too Shall Pass

Warm Regards and best wishes:



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