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“About Another Language”

by Charlotte

This week in Spanish class I learned the numbers and the colors. We put down a block as fast as we can on the numbers in the book. You have to listen closely to Ms. Liza as she calls them out.

Today we learned about the numbers. We have another book, there are boxes that have pictures and then the regular numbers you have to draw a line to match the pictures with the numbers.

1: uno 2: dos 3: tres 4: cuatro 5: cinco
6: seis 7: siete 8: ocho 9: nueve 10: diez



Art Class by Devin

“Green Man” was first found on churches, that the Irish and Celtic cultures made. No one actually knows what Green Man is.

We first made cardboard cut outs for the masks. then we painted the masks and made the leaves for it. We also put sealer on the masks and also on the leaves. After we painted them. The sealer would make them more waterproof.



Starting the morning off in Child's Pose!

A Story in Mandarin

by Martin

Wo shi long. Wo e le. Wo kan xiang jiao. Wo pao bu. Wo chi xiang jiao. Wo ting zou. Wo kan woshi. Ta men you woshi dao! Bu! Bu! Wo chi woshi. Wo xihuan chi woshi.

translated:

I am a dragon. I am hungry. I see bananas. I'm running. I've eaten the bananas. I hear footsteps. I see warriors. They have swords. No! No! I've eaten the warriors. I like to eat warriors.

Why is Play so Important?

Looking to theorists and experts such as John Dewey and Friedrich Fröbel, play is undoubtedly a crucial part of child development and social evolution. Play cannot be taught.

Play is how each individual child brings their own thoughts, ideas, and imagination to life. Each child has their own expressions of play based on their background and experiences. So, bringing many kids together to play allows social interaction, collaboration of expressions, problem solving, conflict resolution, and about all, creativity. Imagination needs to be explored and shared to be appreciated.

Often times, and more now than ever, play is being eliminated from the classroom to make time for more academic practices. While those are also important, at the young ages of a primary student, they need play to be a prominent part of their day. At Mandala, we set aside time everyday for children to play, and the benefits have been proven by our students!



Reminders:

- * When East Aurora Schools are closed due to weather, Mandala is closed as well
- * Student's second independent book report is due Tuesday, February 12th