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# WOW!!!

## Notes from Ms. Holder

The kids did such an amazing job in their performance of Three of a Kind yesterday! I am so proud of each and every one of them. The play was such an incredible learning experience for all of us - me included! The growth from the first day we practiced until their performance today was just phenomenal! It was such a memorable experience and a highlight for me in my teaching career! A MASSIVE thank you to all of you for your help and support as everything came together. All of your time, effort and encouragement is so appreciated and without each of you there is no way we could have done such a great job!

I would also like to make a sincere apology to Manuela and her family - Manuela's name was accidentally omitted from our program. I am sending home a corrected reprint of the program today so that you all have the correct version to keep as a memento!

## Other News...

Now that the excitement of the play is over I wanted to share with you some exciting news of my own. I am pregnant! My husband and I are just thrilled and are looking forward to the birth of our baby this summer. I am due on July 25<sup>th</sup> and will be here at school and with the kids until the last day of school. We will travel to the United States after school closes and will return in August.

## 3 of a Kind

Manuela: We are doing a play called 3 of a Kind. I am going to act goldilocks. I am singing songs.

## What are groups of 10?

Hayden: 10, 20,30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80,90, 100.

You count faster with 10s. If you count by 1s it takes a long time to count to 100.

## What is area?

Taymour: Its space. No not space—not stars and stuff. We have a cloud and here is white space and then we got some fake coins and fill all the space.

## What is air? What can it do?

James: It's a gas. It can make airplanes fly. It can also have windy days so we can fly kites. Wind is also good for sailing.

## Pee Wee's Tale

Marius: It's a chapter book, and it's so good because Pee Wee is little and cute. He's finding his way to get back home... a lot of adventures. First he tells about where he was born. Then a boy gets him for a birthday present.

## What is a mental image?

Hana: A mental image is to make a picture in your head... you get your mental image from words from a book. So we raise our hand and Ms. Holder picks one of us and then we tell about our mental image.

## What goes on a story map?

Bassam: A solution. A problem. And the main characters. The setting. The names of the characters and your name. The date. That's it. We give it to Ms. Holder. We do this if we have time after reading.

## What do we do on the calendar?

Sam: We tell the date and we sing songs. Months of the year song. Today is Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## Writer's Workshop

Anna: Writer's workshop is when we take our



folders out from the basket and we write. When we're done writing a page and drawing the pictures and doing all of that we make it into a book with a cover. And some of us put pictures on the cover. I am making a book called "Hana and Anna and Juliette Go to Sharm el Sheik." Juliette and Hana are writing it too. It was their idea. At the end of the trimester, we put all our books in old and new and we give them to Ms. Holder.

## ESL

So Yeon: Read a book and coloring and writing. Write in our journal. I write about my family. Like we go to friend's house.

## Music

Yohaam: We don't do anything. We just sing songs. We sing any song.

## Art

Manar: At Art at the report card I got an A+. We bring our names and then we put them on the table on pieces of paper. Then they tell us what we draw and when we finish our work we have free time.

## Library

Ilya: We get books. Sometimes we don't. The teacher sometimes lets us read books for us. Sometimes she lets us watch something. That's it.

## Egyptian Culture

Annalisa: We sing a song, but it's in Arabic. And it's a little bit hard for us to do it. But it's getting easier. We repeat after the teacher the words of the song.