



Cairo American
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Happy Spring...

THANK YOU!!

I have so many thank yous right now - firstly, an enormous **thank you** for the beautiful flowers and delicious birthday cake! I felt very spoiled and special on my birthday. **Thank you** for so enthusiastically embracing the moon homework! It was so fun to hear so many of you talk about how much you have enjoyed it at the conferences last week. **Thank you** also to all of the parents that have volunteered their time and energy to help out with various things recently, 100s day, field trips, the upcoming Kid's Day. I always feel so privileged to work in a school where parents are so supportive and giving of their time.

Notes from Ms. Holder

It was so awesome to see each of you and to celebrate each child's progress with you at the recent parent teacher conferences. I can't believe that we are already into the third and final trimester of school - wow! This year has flown! We are so busy here at school - we are moving quickly through our **math units**. I have been sending home a newsletter at the beginning of each unit and I hope they have been informative and helpful. In **reading** we are working hard on the comprehension strategy of "character feelings". We have been identifying passages in the books we read that tell us how a character feels - e.g. "butterflies in my stomach" - nervous. We have also been inferring feelings by talking about a character's actions. In **science** we are working on our air and weather unit - which moon watching is a part of. The moon is rising so late at night at the moment that it is hard to see before bedtime - if you have a computer at home you may like to check out the following websites which show how the moon looks each day and talk about it together -

<http://imaggiware.com/astro/moon.cgi>
or

<http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/62366.html>.

Enjoy the kids' explanations of what they have been doing!

Field trip to Mosque

James: The trip was fun because we saw different things such as the big courtyard. We also saw the Dome of Mohammed Ali, which had his big green hat on top. There was also a cool water fountain that had a very interesting design, because it had Lions.

Weather

Hana: We use a thermometer to measure the temperature and we see if the wind is blowing. We do this every day. We leave the thermometer outside for three minutes and then Ms. Holder tells us where the temperature is. This is fun because I learn about the weather.

Character Feelings

Bassam: This is where we described the feelings of characters in a book. There was this boy who didn't know how to whistle so he hid behind a carton so his dog wouldn't know where he was. He was ashamed that he couldn't whistle like the other boys.

Writer's Workshop

Hayden: We all wrote about different stories like our vacations. I wrote about ms. Holder's birthday. I said that the boys had to give cake to the girls and that everyone had second pieces of cake. I'm writing about art now,



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Making Words

Kira: We made words in class. We made words that rhymed together. I made about seven words in all, including new words that I did not know before.

Computers

Ilya: We typed things on a computer. First we read a book, then we made circles on the computer. The circles showed what Jessica's and Jason's mom did. They both cooked. Jason's mom makes long spaghetti. Jessica's mom makes macaroni and cheese.

Word Wall

Juliette: We put our new spelling words on the Word Wall. Ms. Holder staples the words on the wall according to the alphabet and then calls on a student to read all of the words under a certain alphabet letter. It's a good way to learn how to spell words.

Mr. Popper's Penguins

Anna: This is a book about Mr. Popper and his family and how he's going to have a surprise. They had a box with a penguin inside. They called the penguin Captain Cook and he lived in their refrigerator. Mr. Popper loves penguins and likes to watch penguin movies. He now has a real live penguin. Later a policeman said that Mr. Popper had to keep the penguin in a cage. We are now on chapter six of the book.

What is area?

Yohaán: Area is how much something has inside. It's important to know area because it's tough to figure out. Our whole class learned about area.

What is Volume?

Manuela: Volume is how much space something takes up. I don't know how to calculate it. Ms. Holder explained it to the class. It's not really difficult to understand.

Music

Sam: We go to a music class, where some children play an instrument. I play the drums and the xylophone and other instruments. I really like it because it's fun. I want to play an electric guitar and the drums when I grow up.

ESL

Marius: ESL is math and spelling that we do sometimes. We do ESL every day after snack and then go to lunch. I like ESL because we do journals and because it's fun.

Art

Taymour: Our class watched a movie about mummies and then we drew cat mummies and had to decorate them. It was fun because we got to paint them. I also like tracing animals and people.

Library

Annalisa: We go to the library on Mondays and we get books. I like to get funny books because they make me laugh. Sometimes we watch movies, which are funny also.

Egyptian Culture

So Yeon: Egyptian Culture is a class where we color shapes and Egyptian people. We also sing songs and learn about mosques and see Egyptian dancing. We go to the mosque with the teacher. I like Egyptian Culture class.