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May Already...

Notes from Ms. Holder

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful 1H moms!! Thank you for all that you do. I hope each of you has a wonderful day. In class there is lots going on! We are working our way through the last couple of math units of the year. These are short units that we are completing in about a week each. In reading we are also working on the last of our comprehension strategies, "Inferring" what will happen next in a book and "inferring" word meaning and "Asking Questions". We will be spending some time this week identifying and talking about "big" questions that help us understand our reading better. During word work time we are practicing alphabetizing. In Social Studies and Science it has been fun talking about taking care of our Earth by reducing, reusing and recycling

Library

James: At the library, Ms. Nour tells us about different authors and then we choose a book of the author. Ms. Nour reads a book of this author. My favorite book is "I Need To Go". I think it is by Robert Munsch.

PE

Manar: At PE, we swim and we have different teachers. Some people go to the big pool and some people go to a medium one. There's 2 medium ones. I am partners with Manuela and Annalisa and sometimes our teachers are called Mr. Shark or Mr. Turtle. Sometimes we dive and sometimes we count to 10 and do bubbles.

Music

Hana: We are usually singing "Mama Paquita." And we're playing instruments. I play drums and we play those shaky eggs. No maracas. Ms. Willson is our teacher and her daughter is

Tasha but I like to call her Sasha. Ms. Willson teaches us percussion and tells us stories of different countries in Africa. I like the one about the donkey. They stamp their feet 3 times and they turn into men. They forgot they were people and they go "Hee Haw Hee Haw" They have a king and he gets married but after that he turned back to a donkey. Their 5 children were donkeys. But his wife was a human.

Egyptian Culture

Bassam: Ms. Heddy tells us how many days you need to make a mummy. It's 70 days. You wrap the mummy up. You open a mummy's mouth. It's like saying thank you to the people who gave her or him the presents. We watch movies about mummies. The girls colored sugar dolls and we colored men on horses.

Art

Hayden: One of my things is in the art show. It's a mummy. First, of all you got a big piece of paper, any color. Then we got a pencil and we drew all over it, lines and squares and all stuff inside it. It looks like a cat. Then we got 2 paintbrushes, one skinny and one big. The big one we put black paint all around the mummy, on top of the lines. There are lines inside it, so we used the skinny brush to do the body. Then we colored it in with paint. I used blue and white and red and yellow and green and brown and purple. Then we cut it out. Then we got a big thing of glue and put lots of big papers on it. The art teacher was supposed to put more than my mummy in the show but she didn't.

Making Paper

Kira: First, we shredded the paper and then we added some water. Then we let it soak through the night. Then the next morning we found some petals. We put the petals in the blender and used a screen and put it on top, pushed it down a little bit and then we flip it



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over and it came out. Then we put a flower on top of it. Then we let it out dry for 2 days.

ESL

Ilya: In ESL, we do our journals. One day I wrote I was going to New York. We make books, too. I made a book about a moose and a wolf. We go to the library sometimes and yesterday we went to computers. I did Reader Rabbit One. Sometimes we do Reader Rabbit Two. We did a computer game where we find the ducky just like a book I read a lot at home with my Mom and Dad.

Conventions of Non-fiction:

What are cutaways?

Juliette: Cutaways are when you don't know what it looks like inside and sometimes in books they show you how it looks inside. Inside anything. I think we saw inside of a boat, like a big one. And we saw some engines inside and it looked kind of cool. It kind of cuts it in half and you see what it looks like inside. One thing I saw was there was layers.

Rock Collecting

Anna: On our rock collecting trip, we went to Waadi Digla. When we got our bags, we started exploring and I looked and I saw this weird rock. I went and showed it to Ms. Holder. And it was a fossil of a shell. All of us at least found one fossil. There are tons of rocks but you can't find them very often. I found this fossil that looked like a baby human's head. When we looked we hiked on the rocks and we usually looked on the ground. I found at least 5 fossils.

Alphabetizing?

Yohaana: We do stuff with alphabetizing. We use books and inside the books there is stuff to alphabetize. There are words and then we have to put them in ABC order. It's really easy. We do it every day.

Why Should We Recycle?

Manuela: We need to recycle so we can save paper. And we don't have to make the

woodcutters cut trees. And to make the world more beautiful because without trees we don't have any oxygen.

What is a 3-D Object?

Sam: A 3-D object isn't flat like a piece of your skin if you cut it off. It's big and it's like a toilet paper roll. There are 4 3-D objects that we are learning about in class. We are learning about a box, a cylinder, a cube and a sphere. The D stands for dimensional. 3-D dimensional shapes are easier to pick up because they are not thin. You know like a penny, it's 2 dimensional. If you push on it, it will fall and if you push on a cylinder it won't fall.

Planting the Garden

Taymour: First, we got flowers then we got something sharp to get out the flowers from the pot. Then we put the pot in a big box not a box but something. We had 2 other partners. They did the same thing. After that we put the humus into the pot. It's the food that the plants eat. Then we squished the humus down. Then the last thing we put water.

Mr. Popper's Penguins

Annalisa: There are so many penguins. And they went on a show and they made the actor be angry and made him fall down. And the people who were watching laughed. And before that Ms. Holder read us they were in a car and saw a ladder and they wanted to go and slide down. I like when Ms. Holder makes us laugh because there are so many funny parts. We're not finished and I'm excited to see how it happens at the end.

Mad Minute

So Yeon: We do it afternoon or morning. I am doing minus. First, we need to write our name behind the paper. First we need to do plus then minus. Ms. Holder will have a bell to say stop. We can't see each other. Sometimes there are 7 minus 0. Sometimes Ms. Holder gives 5 minutes or 2 minutes to do our mad minute. Sometimes we get right and sometimes we don't get right. When we do high number sometimes its hard.