



HELLO
FROM IH!



Cairo American
College

November 15th, 2005

Happy Thanksgiving

Notes from Ms. Holder

Hi all! What a busy time it is! We have been doing lots in class and working hard. In math we have been learning about measurement. We have been using non-standard units, like links, to measure things. Reading right now is very exciting - we have started talking about our comprehension strategies! The first one is "making connections". We are getting "eye to eye and knee to knee" lots and talking with partners about what we are thinking about when we read books. When readers read a book they are always thinking! Being able to identify what it is you are thinking about helps to understand a book better. For example, when reading about the character Oliver Button being teased at school, if you think about a time when you were teased, you have a better understanding of how Oliver is feeling. Talk at home about your connections to books and ask your child to share their with you! We are wrapping up our unit on Critters by discussing food chains.

I will leave for the United States on Wednesday night and will return after Thanksgiving. While I am gone the children will begin a unit on magnets in science. They will be finishing the math unit on measurement and will continue to talk about their connections to books.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at parent teacher conferences when I return!

Egypt Culture Festival

Sam

It was lots of Egyptian stuff. You got to buy it. I bought a key ring for my mother and a skeleton ring. I saw a glass blower; he put it on the fire; he wrote my Mom's name. We heard a song and Yohann and Anna danced.

Book Fair

Annalisa

We got books. Clifford's book. I just took one book. I took Clifford and Christmas because it cost 4 pounds. I had one pound left but I couldn't find anything else.

Reading with Ms. Susan

Marius

I like going there. She listens to us read. She wants to see how good we are at reading. I read a nice book and it was Hop on Pop. Then someone else read.

Visiting Ms. Chavis-Moore

Taymour

We do some math and she tells us about being special. (Big Smile). We watch videos about not doing bad stuff, about making a list. Whoever does a bad thing in the movie he has to make a list about cleaning up and doing stuff.

ESL

Ilya

We get to make stuff. Like books and masks. Like writing. Well, the writing is about the things Ms. Roscoe says. And we do puzzles.

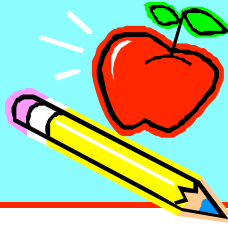
My Father and the Dragon

Manuela

That's a book that Ms. Holder reads to us. It's a chapter book, a big book. And there are different books of it like Dragons in the



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Blue Land. In My Father and the Dragon we are going to read the chapter called *The Secret* today.

What is a connection?

Anna

I've been doing that all the time at home. A text-to-self connection is something when like if I knew tons about space and it said there was no aliens in space, I would believe that because scientists have not found anything living in space. Once when I bought a book in the book fair (my mom is reading me *The Kid in the Red Jacket*) I was sort of at the end of the chapter and I pronounced I have made a text-to-self-connection.

Writer's Workshop

Yohaam

We just write books. I write about Captain Underpants. He's saving, he's jumping. He puts a bucket of water on the fire. That's all.

Measuring with links

Juliette

It was cool. Because we got to measure where the cars went and I liked the colors of the cars. One car went further because it had a bigger ramp.

What is an herbivore?

James

They are animals that only eat plants. Like a rhino, a rabbit, a guinea pig. I eat meat and vegetables.

Art

Bassam

We paint and last we created clowns and now they are in the lunchroom. Mine is the one with the colorful wheels. My teacher let's us do free painting and free drawing.

We use markers and paints.

Library

Hana

Ms. Nour reads a story and when she's finished she lets us check out books with a bookmark. We check out the books that we want and then we color for a while. Then we line up and we go back to our classroom.

PE

Manar

We flip like a monkey. We put two hands and then we do to our nose like this: 1, 2, 3. (Moves nose.) And we do a nest. We hang 2 hands and then we flip over. We tell Ms. Donna we have a cupcake for her and then she says, "Where is the cupcake?"

Egyptian Culture

Hayden

Sometimes we draw, and we listen to what Ms. Hedy says. Like she tells us about pyramids and stuff. Like Khufu and sometimes the Sphinx and stuff.

Have a great Thanksgiving weekend and I will see you on Sunday, November 27th!

November 17th to 22nd

Ms. Holder in United States

November 21st

Report cards sent home

November 23rd and 24th

No school for kids – Thanksgiving holiday

November 28th to December 1st

Parent teacher conferences for 1H parents