

Welcome to the Greek corner!

It seems like we only just began the 2017-2018 school year yesterday, but we've already accomplished so much! During Greek class, the students are immersed in the language. Discussion, questions, singing, playing, etc. is all done in Greek for the majority of the class. For example, while passing out the books in the beginning of the class, students are learning how to say "where is, thank you, you're welcome," and more daily phrases.

With our younger groups, PreK-2nd grade, the three of us have kicked off with introducing basic language development through an exploration of the fruits and vegetables which the kids enjoyed very much! We had fun learning the colors of different fruits and vegetables in Greek, the various shapes, the alphabet, seeing which ones began with the same letter, and counting in Greek! We even made our own fruit salad! Ask your child what they chose to include on their plate! We're learning to count to ten on our fingers and now we have begun learning the alphabet using various manipulatives such as play-dough to make the letters and our train. One of our favorite activities is singing and dancing to the following songs. Play them at home and see if your child can teach you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnDDbF7PT4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtsW5cs1Dqs> (helps us learn the body parts)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ck8k4aaQv_0

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AphZvF5E9Vo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dhz0NE2T4js> (a song about peace we are learning for our mini October 28th play at school---practice with your child at home!)

And the list goes on! See if your child remembers which others they have been singing and dancing to!

As far as our older groups go, we have already read plenty of books learning about Hercules, the seasons, the colors of the rainbow and mixing our own colors, the weather changes, feelings, and more! One such book that the children really connected to and enjoyed reading and discussing was the book called, "Elmer and the Rainbow" (in Greek of course:)). This story told about a rainbow striped elephant that lost his colors after a heavy rainfall. In the end, we learned that Elmer ended up sharing his colors with the rainbow so everyone could see it's beauty.

The older students really like to go on scavenger hunts in the classroom! They start by dividing themselves up into two groups and they are given the challenge of finding different things relating to a topic. For example, each team had to see how many objects they could find in the classroom that they use on a daily basis and be able to write their findings. The catch is to find something that starts with each letter of the alphabet! Try playing this at home! Some other topics we have discussed include the regions of Greece, geography and the oceans, and some of our favorite vacation spots and why. We are currently learning a song about peace and I have included the link so you and your child can listen to it at home. We are learning this for our October 28th play, too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahRsN2Je5ws>

Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful year of Greek with your child(ren)!

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