

Dear Parents,

As we continued our journey through the country of Wales to prepare for Culture Night, we also traveled back in time to study medieval castles. We researched different parts of castles, their purpose or function, and their names, which introduced us to several new vocabulary words. Using a variety of materials, we created our own castle models and included labels to identify the parts of castles that we had learned about. Several other classes came to our "Castle Museum," and we had the opportunity to share what we had learned with them. The castles were also on display at Culture Night, receiving many compliments about the details, creativity, and individuality of each project.

We also made Welsh Cakes, a traditional treat in Wales that is somewhat like a cookie/pancake. Since we were doubling the recipe, we had to figure out how to convert the original measurements so we would use the right amount of each ingredient. The kids pointed out that the recipe called for WAY too much sugar (and I completely agreed), so we cut back on it quite a bit. I was impressed that they were so aware and conscious about making healthy choices.

We continued our Jackson Pollack paintings with Ms. Bia's class, and we were lucky to get together with them outside since the weather was so nice. (Actually, most of the kids complained about how hot it was.) The kids were really aware of the colors and techniques that they are using. It's a really interesting step-by-step process and it's neat to see the progress.

George's Marvelous Medicine has been causing quite a commotion on the farm, and Mr. Killy Kranky has a plan for the unique mixture. Ask your kiddo for the details!

Notes:

- Be sure to read the Parent Notes that you receive from the office. There are many important dates and exciting events coming up.
- My cousin and children's author, Annmarie Chereso, will be visiting our school on Thursday, sharing her new book "Little Seed's Journey" with us. There is more information and a link to order a personalized, autographed copy in the Parent Notes.

- The following link is the Spanish song "Hecho Con Tus Sueños" which the kids will be singing during the End of the Year Program. Please cut and paste the link to have your child practice at home. <https://youtu.be/TCKMuBk8DTM>
- Our class will be singing "A Million Dreams" from (one of my favorite movies) The Greatest Showman. Please have your child practice this song for the End of the Program. (It can be found on YouTube.)

As always, please feel free to call, email, or text me with any questions or concerns.

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