



Coordinator's Corner

An Andersen Elementary Update on the IB Primary Years Program

December 2022

Learner Profile Focus:

Throughout November, your child will learn about what it means to be **knowledgeable**.

As knowledgeable people, we strive to develop and we use conceptual understanding to explore knowledge and engage with issues and ideas that are important in our lives and for the world.

Astro of the Month Award Winners

Congratulations to Marissa Valentin, Karol Gutierrez Lemus, Dasia Mei, Anna Rogers, Addison Bell, William Kraemer, Jaileen Aguilar, Jennifer Ponce Hernandez, Kennedy Adams, Vale Slack, Yani Ward, Violet Jacques, Kamiya Levi, Andrea Do, Syllas Nguyen Castillo, Mason Schafrik, Lucas Williamson, Micah Jimenez, Felicity Ibarr, Olivia Bell, Owen Williamson, Orion Scyres, Onur Emed, and Kayden Lindgard for consistently demonstrating Learner Profile Traits and being recognized as campus leaders.

International Mindedness

During their last unit, our kindergarten students inquired into art, music, and dance from all different countries. First graders looked at food as a natural resource and considered foods from around the world. Our 2nd grade students explored money from around the world in our learning lab, and different perspectives and values when it comes to roles in a global economy. 3rd and 4th graders both looked at resources that early Native Americans used and have taken that learning to explore resource availability and the cultural impact it had in different countries. In their ongoing unit, "How we express ourselves," 5th grade students have learned about different forms of artistic expression and have had the opportunity to look at forms of architecture that were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, who is not only closely connected to Arizona, but also has designs around the world! They also learned a lot about Dia De Los Muertos! **On Wednesday, December 21 from 3:30-5:30, we'd like to invite our families in to explore Winter Holidays Around the World as a special celebration of cultures before break.**

Balance

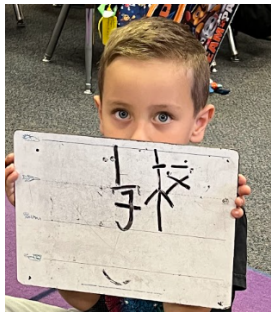
One of our Learner Profile Traits is to be balanced. As a way of showing how important this is for all of us, we have dedicated one day a month to "Family Fun Night." On this day each month, teachers will not assign homework and we just want you to spend special time together as a family. Social emotional well-being is critical to the health of all of us, but especially our children.



Pre-K students demonstrate the Learner Profile Traits, caring and reflective, by talking through difficult moments with the “Sorry Sloth.”



Kindergarten students inquire into how we express ourselves by looking at art forms around the world and trying out Mandarin symbols. This is also a form of communication!



First grade students inquire into animal habitats by making and measuring out a life-sized eagle's nest. They definitely had to use their social and communication skills to complete this task!



A Look Around Campus

Second grade students are given the agency to design products and make business plans, sell their products, use pretend currency to shop at their peers' stores, and take action by thinking about how they could donate some of their profits.



Third graders start to have experiences and ask questions about early Native American culture by observing artifacts and making paint out of berries in the learning lab.



Fourth graders share their knowledge of Native American cultures and the resources they used by building models of dwellings and writing informative essays about different tribes.



Fifth grade students take action on the IB Day of Service by helping their younger peers pack up donations for homeless moms and babies and making Thanksgiving cards and poems for elderly people that couldn't be with their families for the holiday.

