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Greetings From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

February has brought us some exciting things! International Day tickets are being sold at the Freeman East and Huntington Campus. Please refer to your child's blog for details. We are all so excited to bring this tradition back to MANH!

You also received an email from Kandi Bell regarding your login to our school's Portal, Achieve. Please be sure to go into your account and verify your information. We will be doing our re-enrollment through the Portal this year and moving forward. Additionally, you will be able to print your tuition receipts and pay enrollment fees via the portal. Re-enrollment begins next week and goes through February 17th.

The Erdkinder students are hosting a Parent's Night Out on Friday, February 10th. Make your dinner reservations today!



International Day Preparation -

By: Kennett Andersen

With International Day soon approaching, all classes are choreographing dazzling dances from around the world. The students enjoy practicing and always have fun performing with friends. A former MANH student, Kiyan Hasan, visited the Erdkinder class to help students master Salsa basics. In anticipation of the grand event, International Day veterans reminisce about the smell of diverse dishes served post-performance while newbies await the multicultural feast with excitement.



Erdkinder Game Night - By: Stella Frolick

On January 20, Erdkinder hosted a game night for their monthly social outing. Students brought their favorite video and board games as well as snacks to share with their friends. The evening was full of excitement; Dance moves were showcased, digital cars were driven, pizza was eaten, and fun was had by all.



Student Led Conferences - By: Stella Frolick

As the first semester comes to an end, students begin preparing for student led conferences. Students must reflect back on their year thus far and compile work like previous projects and tests to share with their parents during the conference. Additionally, they evaluate their own strengths and weaknesses (using the American Montessori Society 9 outcomes) with their mentors, and discuss what they can do to be better students and citizens of the world. On the days leading up to the conference, students practice presenting with their peers until they have mastered the presentation.

Museum of Science and Industry - By:

Stella Frolick

To kick off their second semester, the Erdkinder classroom journeyed to the Museum of Science and Industry for a fun-filled field experience. They visited Colleen Moore's fairy castle, the historic U-505 submarine, the mystifying mirror maze, and the interactive weather exhibits. As a part of their ELA class, students observed the fairy castle and answered various writing prompts. Additionally, Lower Erdkinder had packets for chemistry, while Upper discussed physics and history.



Campus Corner: Monthly Paragraphs

Huntington Happenings

The Huntington Primary children are having a wonderful time learning about different countries and cultures. Recently, one of the parents came in and talked about South Africa with the children. They learned about the animals, musical instruments and the flag of South Africa. They also learned about South Korea from other families in the class. Two friends dressed in their own traditional Korean clothes, and the children got to make the flag of South Korea and taste various kinds of Korean snacks. Now, they will be learning about another country as they prepare for their International Day dance. You will have to wait a few weeks to see what country they are representing at our beautiful school event on March 4th. See you there!



Fascinating Work at Freeman West

With the start of the second semester, Erdkinder will be preparing for our Annual Spring Plant Sale. We aim to begin growing our plants in the next few weeks. This upcoming month, Erdkinder will be hosting a Valentine's Day themed cafe on February 17th.

Fun Episodes of Freeman East

International Day 2023 is on the horizon, and MANH students of all grade levels are excited for the festivities. Teachers have begun practicing their culturally themed dances with the students, while the PTO is working behind the scenes to ensure the event runs smoothly. This is the first time MANH will host an International Day in over 3 years, and we can't wait to show the community why this is the School's marquee event!



Classroom Focus: Ms. Anees

Interview with Ms. Anees - by

Samantha Adams

Ms. Anees has been a lead teacher in the toddler classroom at Huntington since 2005. Over the years, she has worked hard to provide a safe and fun environment for the toddlers. She closely observes her students and teaches them to use new materials. They are extremely creative, and, often, approach new works with enthusiasm. They learn how to communicate with each other, respect boundaries, and be kind to their friends. If conflicts arise between the toddlers, teachers step in and turn the situation into a learning opportunity, and the students learn to treat each other with love, kindness, and understanding. They love to help each other with all sorts of things, and if someone is sad, the others try to cheer them up with gifts and hugs. Most recently, one of the kids was struggling to put her shoes on, so her classmate ran to the rescue. The classroom is truly a strong community!

A Day in the Life - by Samantha Adams

A day in the toddler classroom starts at 9am with line. After the students are greeted, the teacher does a small presentation of a work. They are always intrigued by the demonstration, and as soon as line ends, they gather in excitement in an attempt to try it for themselves. The students continue to work throughout the morning. However, other activities become available as the day progresses like snack time which begins at 9:30am. At this time, the toddlers put what they want onto their plates and take turns eating at the table. At 11:00am, the teachers and students reassemble for a second line for books, numbers, and rhymes. Then, depending on the weather, they go outside or to the gym. Lunch generally begins at 11:50am, and after they are done, they clean their own dishes. The toddlers then enjoy a nap from 12:30-2:30 pm, and after waking up, they, once again, have recess. They go back to the classroom for another snack at 3:30pm and head home for the day.



Classroom Focus: Infant/Toddler Room

Materials/Favorite Snack

- by Alayna Faiz

One of the most popular work categories in the toddler room is practical life. Each practical life work enlists the application of a simple skill to complete each task. One girl learned how to screw on the lids of plastic containers. She then placed some of the smaller containers in a cinch bag and successfully closed it. Some other practical life works include pouring water into cups and sifting through sand for hidden treasures. The materials help to strengthen hand-eye coordination as well as fine motor skills.

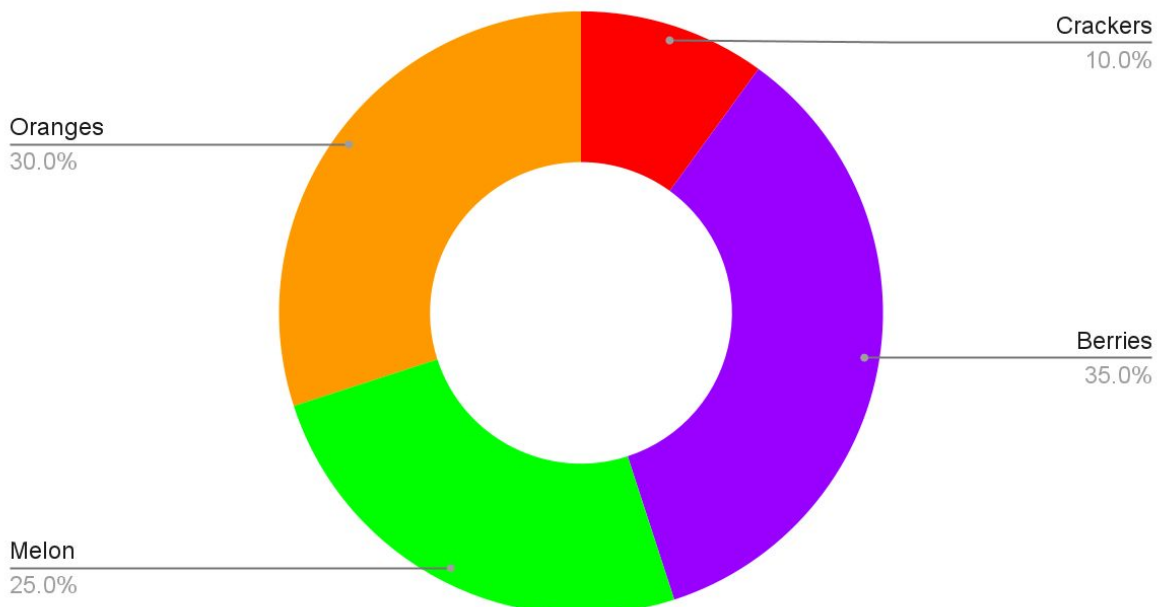
Favorite snack:, crackers, berries, melon, oranges

Materials in the Classroom -

by Alayna Faiz

Symbolizing sentences is a material which teaches students the parts of speech. Sentence cards are provided, and the students are tasked with identifying the role of each word within the sentence, be it a noun, verb, article, adjective, etc. The students then place different colored shapes representing the various parts of speech over each word, and a teacher checks the student's work. Afterwards, the students record their answers in a notebook.

Toddlers' Favorite Snacks



Meet the Erdkinder Students!

by Alayna Faiz and Kennett Andersen

Lauren is a 7th grade student in the Erdkinder class and has been attending MANH for four years. Her favorite subject is grammar & writing, and she has a strong appreciation for pancakes. Over the years, she has built a strong group of friends with whom she loves to spend time. Lauren enjoys being a leader in her girls scout community and is very passionate about saving the environment.

A.J. Ackman is a seventh grader in the Erdkinder Classroom. He always looks forward to STEAM and loves the class's many projects. He enjoys playing video games and has learned to make his own using a platform called Scratch. His favorite color is red and he loves cherries. AJ has a passion for art as well as creative writing, and he plans to channel his interests into a future career as a comic book author.



Meet the Teachers + Staff!

By: Kyle Riffner

Ms. Meeta spent her early years in India. After completing her college education, she moved to the US where she lived in three different states before coming to Illinois. She has always wanted to be an artist, and she fulfilled this dream when she became an art teacher at MANH (where she has worked for over a decade). She sees this not only as an opportunity to create extraordinary works of her own, but to share her knowledge and expertise with the students for whom she deeply cares. She spends lots of time coming up with new, challenging projects, and her passion for her work is continually reignited by the dedication and creativity she sees from students of all ages. In her freetime, she enjoys collaging, reading, and listening to country music stars like Loretta Lynn and Miranda Lambert.

Valentine's Day Cafe

We would like to thank you all for being so supportive of our Erdkinder cafe, and for attending every month. As Valentine's Day is approaching, we will be hosting a lovely Valentines Day cafe. This will take place in the West building on February 17 from 8:00-8:30 am. All children unaccompanied by a parent or guardian will be safely escorted to their building by an Erdkinder student.

Regular Menu

Cinnamon Rolls
Turkey bacon, Egg, Cheese MacMuffin
Coffee

Special Menu

Pancakes with chocolate chips and maple syrup
Hash Browns
Sugar cookies
Red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting
Hot chocolate



Erdkinder Movie Night

On March 10th, 2023, several Erdkinder students will be hosting a movie night for all K-6th grade students!

Students will watch Lilo & Stitch and eat dinner!

This is an opportunity for adults to kick back and relax child-free in the comfort of their homes or the romantic ambience of fancy restaurant!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

a.k.a. KIDS' DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, Feb 10, 2023

5 to 8 pm at Freeman West

\$25 PER CHILD (K - 6)



EARLY BIRD PRE-SALE DISCOUNT: \$20 per child. \$10 Add'L CHILD



Tickets available: February 2nd at 3:30 to 4:00

@ Freeman East February 3rd at 11:30 to 12:00



**See Lilo & Stitch, EAT dinner & snacks
Do activities & crafts with Erdkinder!**

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Participants/invitees	Time	Location
2/6/23 - 2/17/23	Re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 School Year	Whole School	N/A	N/A
2/8/23	Dine and Share PTO Fundraiser: Smashburger	Whole School		1721 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173
2/9/23	Elementary In-House Field Experience	Elementary	9:30 - 10:30 am	Freeman East Campus
2/10/23	Parent's Night Out	Students K-6	5:30 - 8:00 pm	Freeman West Campus
2/13/23	Parent Night	All Parents: by appointment	5:00 - 6:30 pm	All Campuses
2/17/23	Erdkinder Cafe	Whole School	8:00 - 8:30 am	Freeman West
2/20/23	Discovery Day	Full Day Students		All campuses
2/23/23	Elementary Presentation Night #2	Elementary	5:00 - 5:45 pm	Freeman East
3/1/23	Elementary Curriculum Night #4	Elementary Parents	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Freeman East
3/2/23	In-House Field Experience	4th-6th graders	8:30 - 11:30 am	Freeman East
3/4/23	International Day	Whole School	8:00am - 12:00pm	Willow Creek Church