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Greetings From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

Happy spring! I hope everyone had a nice Spring Break with their families. We are back and busy as ever! 6th graders had their transition visits to the Erdkinder program before the break and now our kindergarten students are visiting elementary. It is always so nice for the children to meet their future teachers and get to know their new classmates. There has been lots of excitement afoot! We will also have our overnight field trips coming up this month. The Erdkinder students will be going to the East Coast, with an emphasis in Washington D.C as an extension of their United States history curriculum. Upper Elementary students will be going to Springfield to extend their learning on Illinois state government and the life of Abraham Lincoln. As we come closer to the end of the school year, we are always reflecting on ways to make our experiences at school fun and meaningful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Motlagh

Student Interview

Layla

Layla is an 8th grade student who has attended MANH for almost 3 years. In her free time, she enjoys drawing, eating french fries while watching her favorite show, *The Twilight Zone*, and rowing. In fact, she recently took part in a rowing competition. The race was a nationwide 1000 meter sprint, and Layla finished 1st place among those in her age group. Now that's an accomplishment!

Alex

Alex is an 8th grade student attending MANH for his 2nd year. He has one sister in elementary as well as a pet dog. Alex likes to play video games and when the sun finally comes out and the heat returns, he enjoys mountain biking with his family. At school, he loves learning math and science and hopes to use his knowledge to end ocean pollution.

A Day in the Life

The Vuzanno classroom starts their day at 8:00 am with line. They then begin a three hour uninterrupted work period. During this time, the students work diligently while the teachers give lessons and answer questions. Following this work period, the students have lunch and recess from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. The afternoon is reserved for specials like spanish, music, gym, and art (which they rotate throughout the week). At 3:30, the day comes to an end, and the students get ready to head home.

Erdkinder Theatre News

The Erdkinder intro to theatre class held auditions for their upcoming play. The students were first given forms in which they would rank the acting and crew roles they were most interested in. These rankings allowed Ms. Erika, our intro to theatre teacher, to create scenes with different combinations of actors. (in order to find whose personalities/acting abilities meshed best with the given roles). Then, they read scenes from the one-act with different arrangements of parts. The cast list was posted, and students are now hard at work preparing. The play will be held during Erdkinder Convocation on the evening of May 18th.

Campus News!

Fun Episodes of Freeman East

The Elementary classes held their annual science demonstrations on Tuesday, March 14. Students were tasked with choosing a special topic of interest to report on before demonstrating their findings live to their classmates. This year's topics included dogs and other animals, sports, and ancient Greek mythology.

Fascinating Work at Freeman West

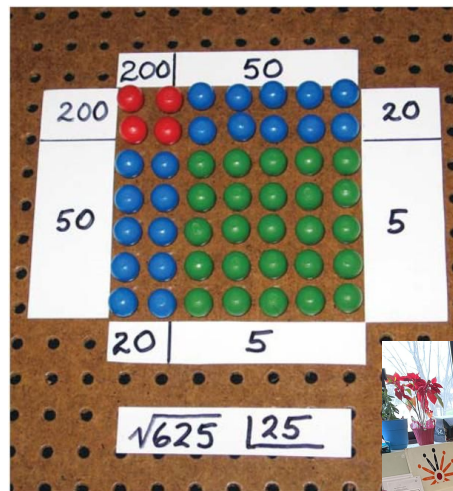
Over the past few weeks, the sixth-grade students of the Montessori Elementary program have visited the Erdkinder community. These visits provided a glimpse of the Erdkinder experience as the students progressed through the daily classes. The sixth graders were warmly welcomed and embraced by Erdkinder students and teachers who guided them throughout the day. They then visited on two other occasions: one with a focus on the morning line and classes and the other on the afternoon. We are looking forward to this group joining our class community!

Huntington Happenings

As the school year is nearing its end, the children at the Huntington campus are progressing nicely as they learn new life skills. All the kids are also really enjoying the nice weather outside as we get into that beautiful spring weather!

Material Focus - Peg board

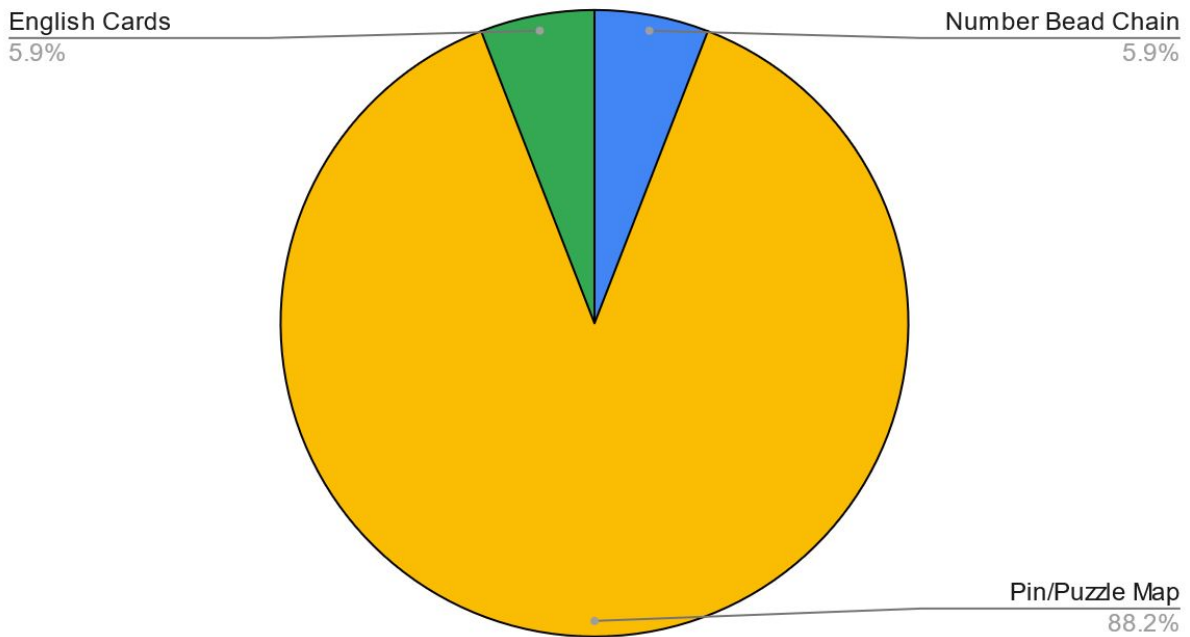
The peg board is one of the many math materials in the Vuzzano Class. The board and its many holes and colored pegs allows students to better understand topics such as square roots and learning to find the gcd and lcm. The colored pegs represent different values: red ones represent hundreds, blues represent tenths, and greens represent the units. By, for example, organizing the beads in a perfect square (according to a given problem), adding wings, and a second perfect square accordingly (as shown in the picture below), students are able to visualize certain, more abstract math concepts with ease.



Vuzzano Students Favorite Material

The Vuzzano class was recently surveyed for the favorite Montessori material within the class. A short list of works was prepared and the students were surveyed regarding their preferences. The majority answered pin and or puzzle maps which are maps that the students label or trace. These materials allow them to explore geography and learn more about the world's many sites.

Number of Students' Favorites



Staff/Teacher Interview

Staff Highlight - by Stella Frolick

Jill Nolan has been working at MANH for four years in the west campus where she teaches literature in the Erdkinder classroom. She lives in Barrington with her husband and her three children: Lyla, 8; Liam, 6; and Eliana, 4, along with their hedgehog named Sonic. She loves reading, shopping, and traveling (she has a special appreciation for Italy and the country's delicious food). She wanted to be a teacher from a young age, and was inspired to teach English by a high school teacher. As a result, she later earned a degree in English Education.



Teacher Interview - Alayna Faiz

Ms. Vu and Mr. Azzano are both lead elementary teachers in the East Campus. Ms. Vu has been working at MANH for 5 years and Mr. Azzano is nearly finished with his 7th year. The two teachers split the group of students between themselves; Mr. Azzano primarily teaches the lower elementary students (1st-3rd) while Ms. Vu teaches the upper students (4th-6th). The Vuzzano classroom demonstrates community in many ways through cooperation, unity, and peacefulness. Whether that be by setting up for lunch, cleaning around the classroom, or leading a group meeting, each student helps bring the class together. More specifically, in the case of conflicts, students are encouraged to settle the situation themselves. If they struggle to do so, they then can seek the advice of an older student. Only after the previous methods are unsuccessful are students encouraged to approach the teachers.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Participants/Invitees	Time	Location
4/7	No School	Whole School	Whole Day	All Campuses
4/11	Kindergarteners Visit Elementary Classes	Kindergarteners		Freeman East - Elementary Classes
4/13	Dine and Share - PTO Fundraiser	Whole School	Whole day	Buona Beef - Hoffman Estates 2352 w higgins rd,60169
4/14	Erdkinder Cafe	Whole School	8:00 - 8:30 am	Freeman West
4/18 - 4/20	Springfield Trip	Upper Elementary	N/A	Springfield
4/18	Kindergarteners Visit Elementary Classes	Kindergarteners	N/A	Freeman East - Elementary Classes
4/20 - 4/21	Discovery Days	Toddlers	Whole Day	Huntington Campus
	Parent Teacher Conferences	Toddler Parents	N/A	Huntington Campuses
4/25 - 5/2	Erdkinder East Coast Trip	Erdkinder	N/A	
5/2 - 5/3	No School	Erdkinder Students and Staff	N/A	N/A
5/5	Spring Fling	Whole School	6:00 - 8:00	Freeman East

Don't forget to sign up for the MANH summer program!