

Panda Class Newsletter



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**Week 18: 12/5/16-12/9/16**



**Weekly News…**

It’s our third week of Unit 3 Cultural Expressions. We reviewed “Thanksgiving” (感恩节) and talked about personal celebrations. We talked about how people celebrate their birthdays and designed the unique birthday invitation cards. In literacy centers, we added the guided reading group (读书组) and the boggie board group (画板组). For math Kindergarten we learned about size (大/小) and weight (轻/重). For math 1st grade we learned and practiced numbers to 20 (addition). We practiced the lockdown this week and it was a big success! We also reinforced classroom routines and school wide expectations. If you have any questions, please contact us [yuting@gala-prek8.org](mailto:yuting@gala-prek8.org), [wendy@gala-prek8.org](mailto:wendy@gala-prek8.org) or [lauren@gala-prek8.org](mailto:lauren@gala-prek8.org). Thank you so much and have a good weekend!

**Art**

This week in art GALA students chose a theme or reason for their unique classroom celebrations, looked at examples of costumes worn in celebrations around the world and broke down the human body into geometric shapes to draw it more accurately. To support your student at home, you can look up more celebrations from around the world on the internet (photographs and/or videos) and talk to them about what they observe and have them draw the people wearing the costumes they see in the examples. Some key parts of drawing people that we have been focusing on is that the arms are longer than the torso, the thumbs on both hands face in near the hips and that people have necks that attach the head to the shoulders. Next week the students will be creating costume accessories for their celebrations. We are voting to see if they want to make collars, hats or masks today.

**Reminders**

* No aftercare on next Friday Dec 16th
* GALA will be hosting an ***International Holiday Festival*** on Friday, December 16th from 5:00-8:00 in the gymnasium
* Panda class weebly site: <http://galapanda.weebly.com/>
* Please keep toys at home.

Huang Laoshi

**Chinese Writing**

**山（mountain）人（people）水 （water） 火（fire）**

**PYP contents**

* **Cultural Expression: Personal celebrations**

**- Birthday Invitation Card**

* **Songs for International Holiday Festival**

**-祝 你 圣 诞 快 乐**

**-新 年 好**