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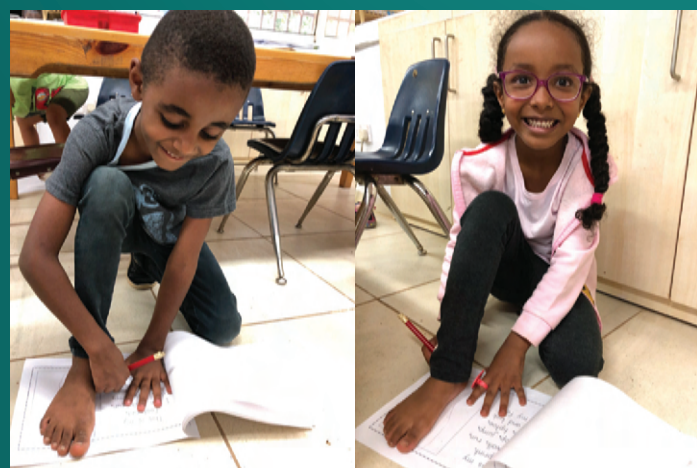
STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

ALL ABOUT ME

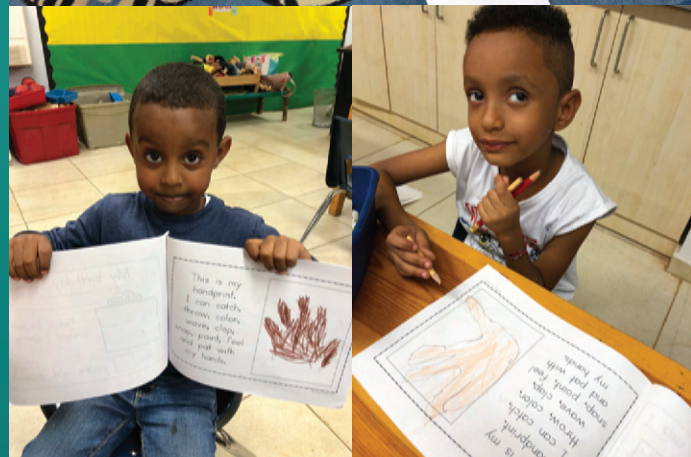
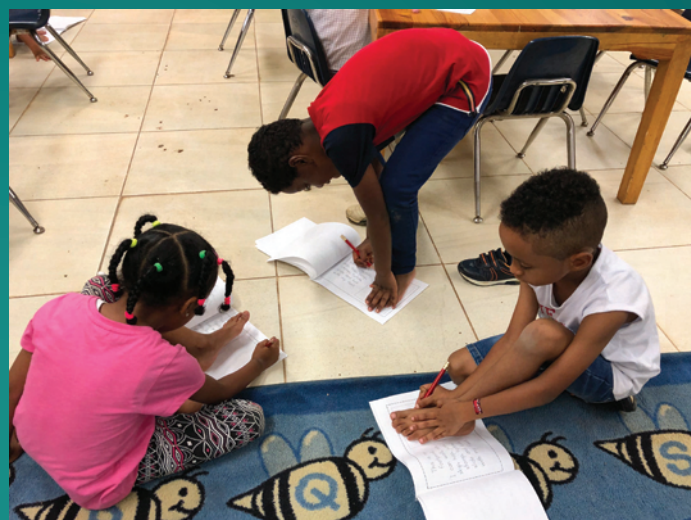
During these first few weeks of school, the kindergarten students have been working on a discovery unit titled "All About Me." This is a great unit to begin the year because it helps us get to know each other better, which leads to a closer classroom community. It is very important to create a community atmosphere in the classroom right from the beginning of the year as it helps set the tone for the rest of the year. At school, we want all students to feel safe, valued, and free to express themselves without the fear of being laughed at or made fun of.



We are all unique and special in our own ways. During the All About Me unit, it is fun for the students to explore some of the ways they are similar and some of the ways they are different from each other. As humans, there are many obvious differences between us—our ethnicity, our social status, our income levels, our cultures, and so on. However, we are also the same in many ways—we have the same basic needs, concerns, and emotions.



Instead of allowing our differences to separate us, we need to embrace and celebrate them and remember that, in the end, as different as we may appear, we are all the same. We are all human. As parents and educators, it is our job to teach our children and students to show respect, kindness, and empathy toward others—regardless of how "different" they may be from us. This is one of the things we will be working on all year long in kindergarten, and I hope you, too, will encourage your students and children to show respect, kindness, and empathy towards all.



Kelsey Caldwell
Kindergarten Teacher

Grade 2 Assembly



This week in second grade, we learned about the continents of the world. There was so much to learn about! The locations, countries, populations, popular attractions and famous landscapes of each continent kept us busy.

The second grade students gave presentations about the different continents in this morning's assembly. They were excited to share what they have learned so far with the rest of the school, and they did a very good job.

I am sure that everyone enjoyed it!

Reem Hassan
Grade 2 Teaching Assistant



Saying of the Week

To be made a **Scapegoat** is to take responsibility for, and be blamed for, another's mistakes. This phrase dates back to an ancient Hebrew ritual for the Day Of Atonement set out by Moses himself in his Laws Of Moses. He decided that two goats should be taken to the altar of the tabernacle where the high priest would draw lots for the Lord and for Azazel (a desert demon). The goat selected as the Lord's would then be sacrificed and, by confession, the high priest would transfer all of his, and his people's sins on to the second goat. The lucky mammal would then be sent into the wilderness, taking all the sins with it.

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