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The Dominican TORCH

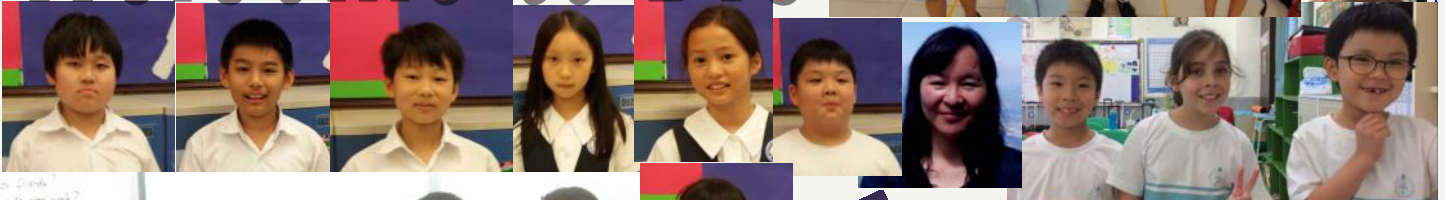
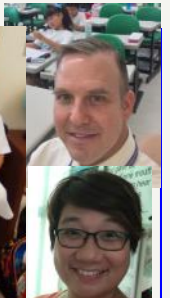
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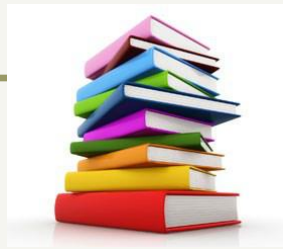


1st Quarter 2017-2018 DOMINICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSLETTER:

Contributions from Homeroom and Subject Teachers

Welcome to DIS





Learning

Religious Studies (Cross Curricular) Mr. Beck

Tying what students are doing in their classrooms into art projects, benefits everyone involved! By using art in Religious Studies, students can leave the class with a broader and deeper understanding of a variety of topics. Here we can see our Grade 1 students learning our school SLOs (Student Learning Objectives) represented with “**The Torch**”.

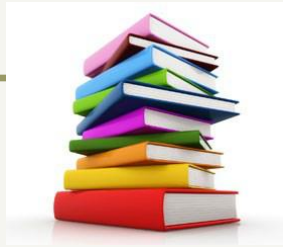


Drama Ms. Petro

During the first quarter we are focusing on “dance”, which includes components like using our bodies to shape a variety of objects. In the picture, the Grade 5 students shaped themselves in the form of a boat.

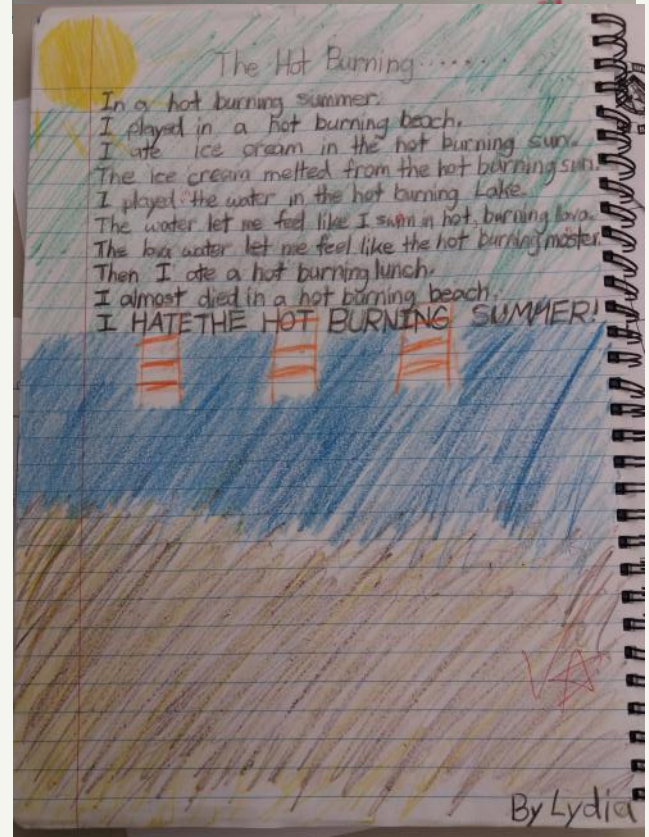
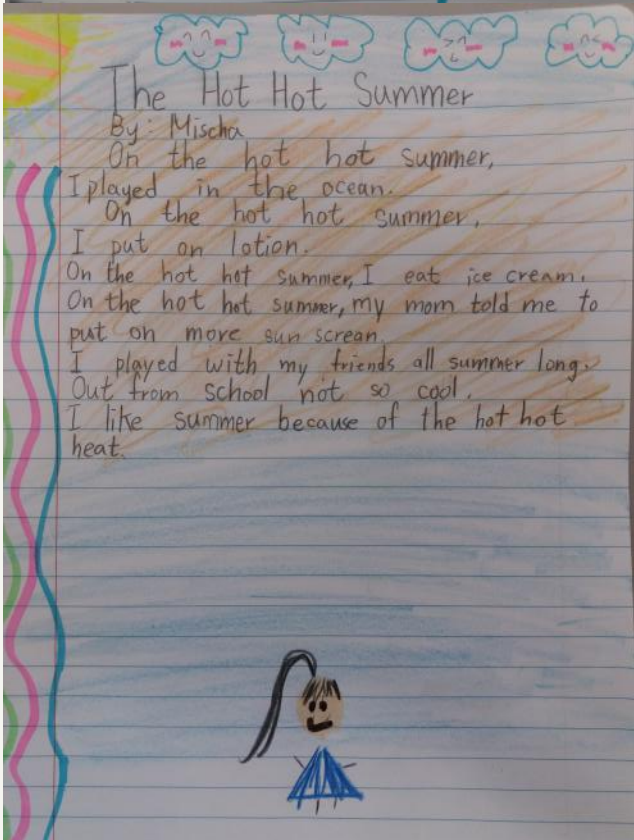
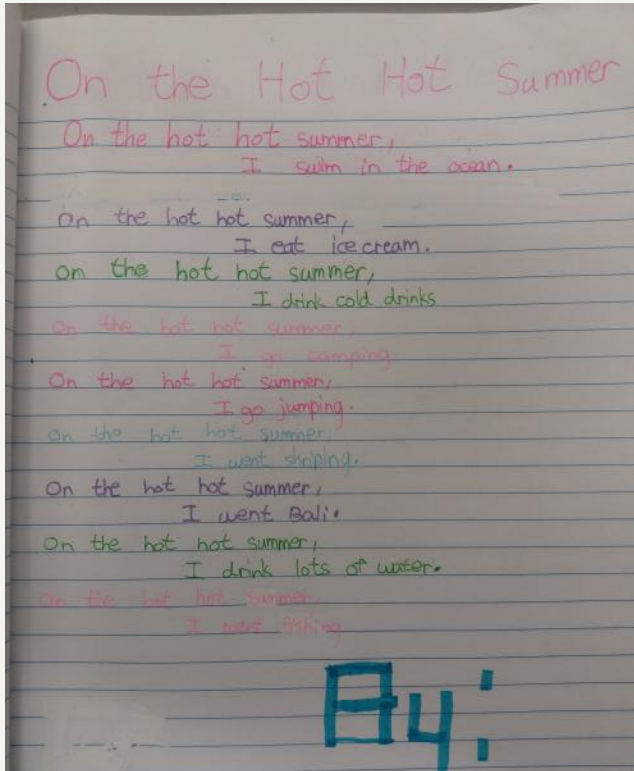
We have lots of fun, learning to work together in groups, listening to others, sharing ideas, doing problem solving and being very creative. Drama is not only about performing, it is also about growing within oneself.





Learning

Grade 4 is Creative





Learning

Allison Shieh

G4 Bl. John



Dogs

I like dogs.
 Dogs are cute.
 They like to play.
 They like to chew.
 Some like to bark.
 Some like to catch.
 Dogs like to play balls.
 They all like to wag their tails when they're happy.

Priscilla Chen

G4 Bl. John

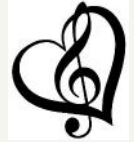


Animals

Animals are living things.
 They can move and think.
 They need food to eat.
 Some eat grass and some eat meat.
 There are many different kinds of animals.

Music K2

Ms. Zoe



K2 is learning basic rhythm and listening skills during Music class. The students got a chance to play the gembe and hand bells.





Learning

Pre-K

Ms. Lai



I can!

In Preschool, making friends and being independent is very important. We try to teach students how to be independent, step by step. Little things, like going to the bathroom, putting on their clothes without assistance, and eating independently can be a huge mile stone for children. After only one month almost all of the Pre-K students can eat by themselves now!

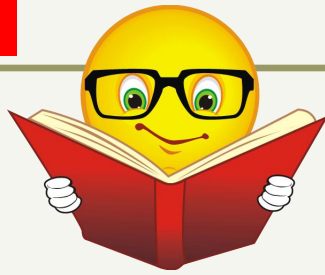


DIY Club

Ms. Mafalda / Ms. Petro

In the DIY club, we try to engage the students in activities that interest them. The students requested to make SLIME, so we asked some "experts" from Grade 5 to assist us in demonstrating their slime making skills to the little ones in our club.





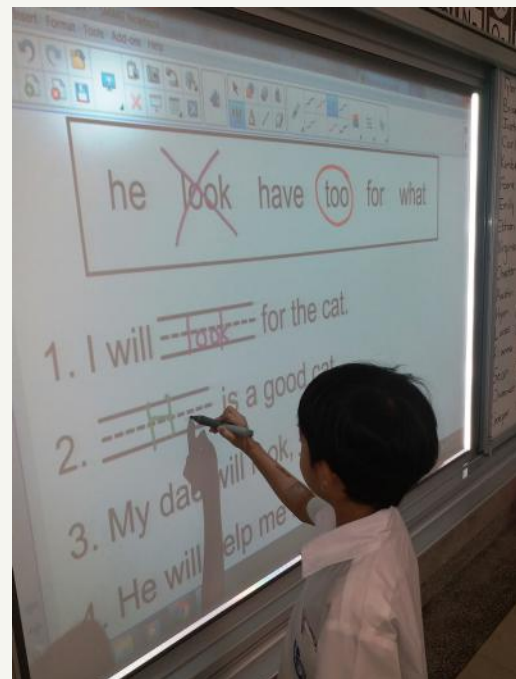
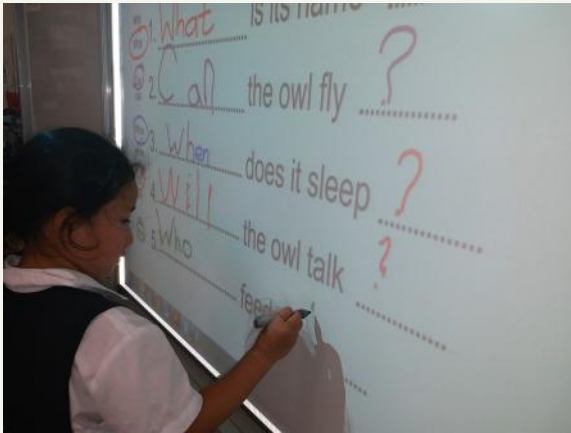
Learning

Language

Ms. Ismari

We are learning the basic rules of grammar and English using the interactive whiteboard in the class. The students are very engaged and eager to have a chance to write on the board. This is a great new addition to all classrooms at

Dominican International School and enhances learning in many ways.

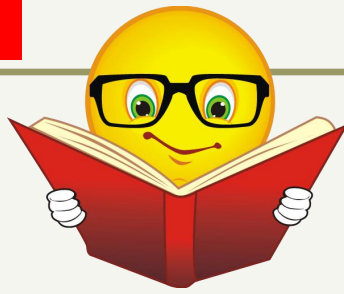


Reading

Ms. Ismari

Grade 1 BI. Mannes de Guzman read a story about storms in their Journeys book. After their story, they decided to make big posters about a storm of their choice. These photos show the groups making a tornado and a thunder storm. Reading is interesting and fun!





Learning

Math Grade 2

Mr. Charles

Grade 2 has been working hard on math grids. We played a dice game in pairs to internalize some of the concepts. It was a lot of fun, and helped us get to know the grids a little more closely!



ELL Grade 5

Mr. Mauborgne

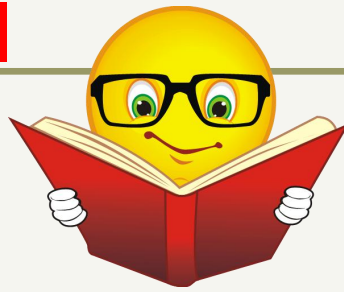
In class we wrote a paragraph about a memorable day, and focused on using verbs in the past tense. Cash shared a wonderful experience where he showed a great sense of adventure and family ties.

The First Day I Caught Beetles

By Cash Huang G5D

I went to my new house four years ago. There was a very big park, and then my dad took me to the big park. I wanted to catch beetles, but I was worried about that if I could catch beetles or not. So my dad tried his best to help me catch beetles, when he shout out my name he caught one already. I try to find one and I found twelve on the same tree, but I am not tall enough for catching them so my dad helped me to catch the beetles.





Learning

Gardening Club

Ms. Zoe and Ms. Ismari

The Lower School gardening club helps Uncle Jackie to take care of the school's gardens by watering the plants and removing weeds.

We are good Dominican Citizens.

Courageous

Helpful

Organized



Science

Mr. Williams

In Grade 3 Science class we are learning by investigating and discovering.

In this week's experiment we investigated objects with a ruler. The class used rulers to measure, record and draw objects found on the playground. Each student was given a ruler and a worksheet to measure, record and draw a simple picture of the objects they found. The class were given the freedom to find large or small objects, round or bumpy. They enjoyed sharing and discovering more about how scientists measure and record their findings.

Back in the classroom we learned how to estimate, and measure objects if we don't have a ruler. The class stayed in groups and used items in their pencil box in place of a ruler. We also discussed their findings after the playground investigation and compared them to our in class investigation. This year we are exploring science and learning through the scientific method in weekly experiments.



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Grade 2

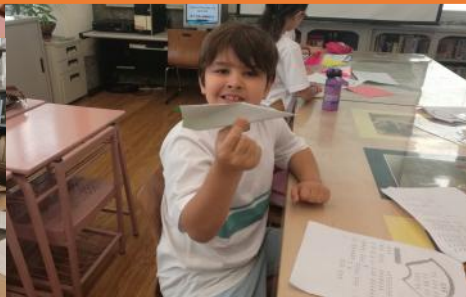
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Grade 3

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Grade 4



Fun

Lower School After School Soccer Training...

Or.....Lower School - After School Football Training as we say in Europe, where, by the way, Football was invented. (Mr. Beck)



This year, we are almost 30 students! Luckily we have plenty of space to use. We are trying to motivate more girls to join, so that we can create a girls' team. If any of the Grade 4 or 5 girls would like to join, talk to Mr. Beck.



Math Challenge

House Colors + Math + fun = Math Challenge! Lower School had our annual Math Challenge on Tuesday, September 12. We worked in our Houses to compete against each, other answering math questions based on what we've been learning so far this year. In Grade 5 St. Martin, the Emerald Dragons gained the most points. One of their team members, Jimmy Tsao, said, "We were excited to finish first!" A slightly disappointed Amy Lin stated, "We hope that the Scarlet Phoenixes in other classes did better than us!" Also downhearted was Abhi Dey of the Royal Falcons, who said he "felt super sad to finish so far from first place." Cheer up Abhi, at least the Royal Falcons gained the most points in Grade 5 St Dominic Ibañez! All of the points earned by every Homeroom in Lower School will be added together to discover the overall winners. The most important thing though, was that we worked together as a team, encouraged our classmates to do their best, and had a good time too.

