



# Cherries

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## Count and Match

### A Nursery Activity

Counting is interesting. Counting This playful match up gave kids using building blocks is even plenty of practice with number more fun. Our nursery students recognition, counting and it did their counting activity using improved their fine motor skills as building blocks. Their task was to well. count and stack the blocks according to the numbers given.



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# I can be an Architect!

## A Senior Kindergarten Activity

Senior kindergarteners are learning about different professions to understand the different roles and responsibilities related to each profession.

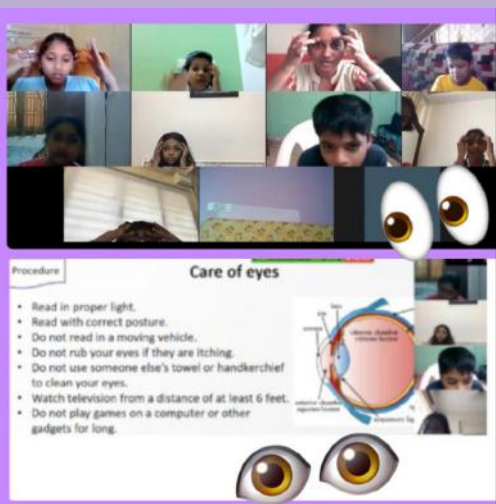
Learners became an architect during the art activity and designed a structure of a house. Each one of them was excited while using a ruler for the art activity. This art activity was to experience the most beautiful aspect of architecture as a profession.



# Shape – O – Mania

## A Grade 2 Activity

Everything around us is made of shapes, from the smallest micro-organisms to the tallest Burj Khalifa you see. Shapes resemble different things and deliver different thoughts when we look or pass by them in our day-to-day life. We live in a 3D world, shapes exist everywhere. Our second graders learned about shapes and tried making 2D and 3D shapes using toothpicks and playdough or dough. They perfectly made the right shape and showed their art skills and counted the faces, edges, and vertices.



## Surprise fact about eyes!!!

Arulvani, Grade 5 Student

We are now learning about our sense organs in our science session, we learnt more about the shape, function, position of our eye, it was quite surprising to know about some interesting fact about our eyes.

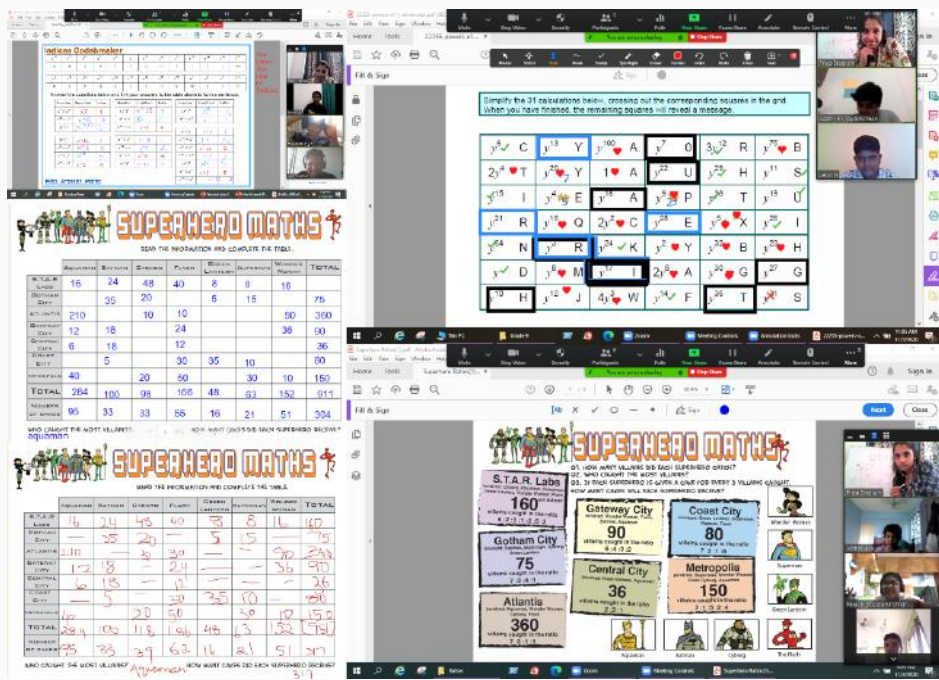
Added to it we also learnt

about the importance and to take good care of our eyes, we also practiced few exercises to keep our eyes healthy, we touched and explored about the position of eyes during the session.

# Our fun-filled math classes

Ms.Padmapriya Sreeram (CAIE Coordinator)

Assessing concept clarity can be a little tricky online. But thankfully the wealth of digital resources ensures that the kids master the concepts and have fun doing it too. Our seventh graders had loads of fun practicing sharing in a ratio as they indulged in superhero math. As the kids decoded how many villains from the many fictitious cities each superhero slayed, they made sure to keep the class alive with their quick thinking and profound observation on the topic. Our eighth graders got a chance to exhibit their command in previous knowledge by indulging in a rapid-fire code-breaking activity in Indices. As they raced each other in completing the activity, the immense joy they derived emerging triumphant was endearing.



Our ninth graders on the other hand had their own joy ride to the mysterious land of Algebra. Simplifying and rewriting the algebraic expressions kept the boys engrossed and enabled the demonstration of their understanding in a fitting finish.

The week was all about keeping math exciting & engaging!

## I DO.... I LEARN

Ms.Ruksana (Primary School In-Charge)

Grade 5 learners made Five layered sandwiches to learn layers of soil. Each layer of the sandwich is related to the different layers of the soil and the importance of the layers. The different dishes like a layered cake, layered milkshake, layered Burger are made to add flavours to the taste the same way layers of the soil also plays an important role in serving the living organism on planet Earth was the understanding gained by the learners. The activity made the class filled with energy and interest to learn and wonder too with layered sandwich how are we going to learn layers of the soil?





# Blew away Maths Phobia

Ms.Praveena (Math Educator)

Self-esteem is an incredible component of successful performance in life, so we focus on preparing the students in this respect as well as academically. An effective teaching strategy is to understand the mind of students and work towards helping them in building on these skills.

As a preliminary step, to build up their confidence in Mathematical skills they possess, Eighth Graders taught Fractions to Sixth Graders, and Ninth Graders taught Square Roots to Eighth Graders. The classroom environment was set up in a way that could allow the students to feel confident in their mathematical abilities as they persevere, make mistakes, and take risks with new

ideas to teach their peers. When students possess this confidence, little stands in the way of their mathematical development and in developing their brains and a sense of accompaniment.

We can better build on the firm foundation we have in math learning by understanding the link between confidence and students' academic performance to make our competent learners also confident learners.



## Fun-filled day!!!

Sadhana Ashok, Grade 3 Student

We had a fun-filled day with our friend's, it was a new experience for us to share our learned concepts in term 1 virtually. Working model of Volcano, a lift, a model of a factory, model of a house, layers of the earth, chocolate girl, chocolate boy, Presentation by our friends, chocolates, cakes and sweets what else. We collaborated our learned concepts in a play and presented it to our educators. We were proud billabongers at the end of this special event.



# ABRACADABRA!!!

Ms. Anuradha (English Educator)

Say the word 'MAGIC!' and all heads pop up. That is the power of magic.

Children grow up listening to fairy tales and magical stories and they develop a strong interest in magic in their early years of life.

For children, the world of magic is filled with mystery and adventure and these factors draw them to like magic even more. Children are adventurous by nature and they are always drawn towards unknown that makes magic even more irresistible for them.

Their love for magic is reinforced when they come across the exemplary works of some bestselling authors such as J. K. Rowling which they will commence reading now.

Magic is a great escape for them from this mundane world.

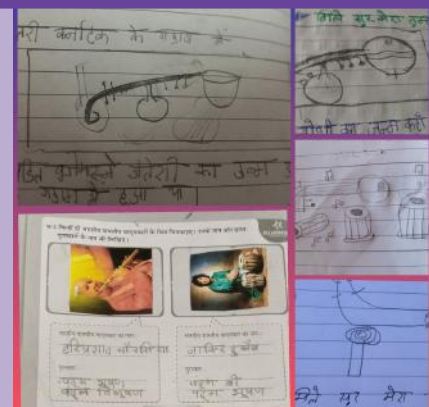
We have here the Grade 4 students all geared up to step into the magical world of Harry Potter.

Children made the Harry Potter Bookmarks. They enjoyed it and happily involved themselves in the activity.



## मिले सुर मेरा तुम्हारा

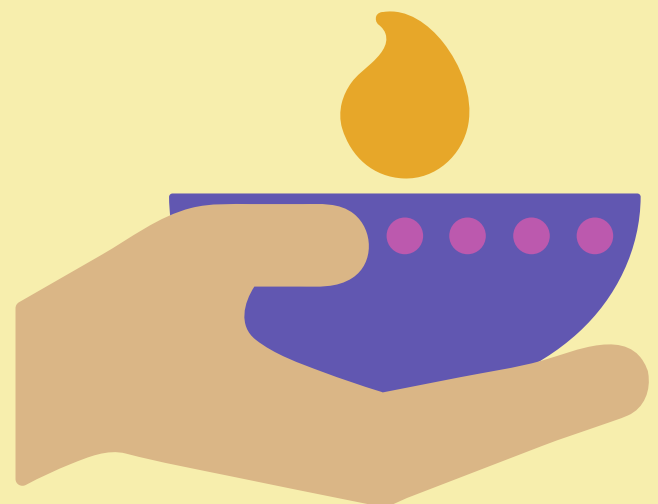
कक्षा 5 के छात्रों ने पाठ "मिले सुर मेरा तुम्हारा" में भारतीय शास्त्रीय वाद्ययंत्रों और कलाकारों के विषय में विस्तार से ज्ञान प्राप्त किया। छात्रों ने अपनी वर्ग पुस्तिका में वाद्ययंत्रों के चित्र बनाएँ। छात्रों में क्रियात्मकता एवं लेखन क्षमता वृद्धि के उद्देश्य से इस क्रिया-कलाप को कराया गया।



## Healthy & Safe Diwali

- Deepika (Environment Officer)

Diwali 2020 is here but the global pandemic of COVID-19 has subdued the vibe and energy of the festival. However, don't worry, keep your excitements intact as you can still have a lot of fun by following a few guidelines. To ensure the safety and security of the people, the government has issued some rules and regulations on how to celebrate Diwali this year. Mostly, large gatherings and events have been canceled and the experts are suggesting staying indoors and follow strict rules of safety. Therefore, I am here with a few tips on how to have safe Diwali celebrations this year.



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1) Don't use sanitizer before lighting

Diya lamps/candles Refrain from using hand sanitizers which are alcohol-based before lighting Diya lamps, candles, or any such thing. This is because sanitizers are inflammable and can cause fire hazards. It is recommended by the experts that you wash your hands with soap and water before doing anything which involves lighting fire.

2) Keep sanitizer away from fire Since sanitizers are alcohol-based, they can easily catch fire. Therefore, keep your sanitizer bottles away from fire

3) Maintain physical distancing Try to avoid meeting people physically. It is recommended that you celebrate Diwali this year by staying mostly indoors

4) Don't forget your mask: The COVID -19 pandemic this year has made the use of masks necessary. Therefore, every time you step out, don't forget to cover your nose and mouth to save yourself from getting infected.

5) Instead of physically going to shops you can shop online :If you go to a shop physically you would be at high risk of getting COVID 19, so instead of physically going to shops, you can do online shopping.

## Goodbye

-A Short Story by Nandhini Vijay (Grade 8 Student)

"I wish I never met you!" Divya screamed, throwing her hands in the air. Her light colored skin was now blotchy, her cheeks were red, a single tear escaped her cerulean eyes.

"Then who would be friends with an outcast like you?" Dian countered, picking his nails. His long hair was flipped to the side, his darker skin color glowed in the dimly lit room. Everything about his demeanor made it seem like he was a man at ease.

However, one look into his hazel eyes and you could see the hurt, betrayal and anger he tried so hard to suppress shining like the stars in the night sky.

Divya was taken back by his response, her mind racing a mile a minute. How dare he call her an outcast? How dare he use her own insecurities against her? The hot temper she was feeling a minute ago turned into cold rage, her fingers were clenched against her side.

"An outcast," she whispered, slowly bringing her eyes to his face, "Well this outcast, is done trying to understand you Dian. One moment you're begging me not to go away to college, the next you're throwing insults at me." She cautiously took a couple of steps closer to where her so-called best friend stood.

"What was it you told me a couple of minutes ago," Divya pretended to think about it, tapping her chin for the full effect. "Right...I remember now. You said that Julliard is too good for me. That a college like that would never want me. But, you forget that they offered ME a full scholarship."

Divya was standing right before him now, giving her a clear view of all the emotions that clouded his eyes. "Why can't you be happy for me? All my life, you've been the star. Dian, the A+ student, the guy all the



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girls wanted to be with, the guy who was my best friend since seventh grade, the captain of the soccer team. But..but... the one time I get what I want. The one time life goes the way I planned, you have to be a conceited jerk about it.

Why Dian,why?" Divya hated the way her voice broke on the last word. She hated looking weak in front of anyone, even the guy who has been with her through thick and thin, the guy who was almost like a brother to her.

Then, he did the last thing she expected, he pulled her into a warm hug. Divya didn't know how to respond, weren't they just arguing? Out of instinct, her head leaned against his shoulder, his hands drawing slow circles on her back.

Dian slowly used his fingers to nudge Divya's face, so that now they were standing face to face.

"I'm sorry Divya," He murmured, tear after tear flowing down his face. "You're moving to New York next week and I'm staying here in California. You'll be out there making new friends, starting your own life while I'm here continuing my old one. What if you forget about me? You're like my twin sister, I don't know what I would do without you."

"Oh Dian, you're like my brother too. Wouldn't I be a bad sister if I forgot about the brother who always found ways to make me smile? If I forgot about the way he helped me through breakup after breakup?" A smile had taken over her face, making her eyes glimmer.

"Yeah, you would be," Dian countered, sporting his signature smirk.

"Oh, hush," Divya replied, happy that her best friend was getting back to his usual self.

"Well what are you waiting for? Let's go!" That was all the warning she got before Dian picked her up and twirled her around.

"Dian!" She laughed as he finally put her down. "Where are we going?"

"This will be our last week together in California, I say let's make the best out of it! New restaurants, going to the beach, hanging out with family, let's do it all!" He chanted, making her chuckle as she slowly shook her head.

"This is not goodbye, you know that right?" She just had to ask that question, she had to make sure he knew that she would never ever forget him.

"It better not be, cause you're kind of stuck with me now,"

"I'm not complaining," Divya smiled, admiring their friendship. Yes, they had their ups and downs. Yes, they had arguments.

Their friendship wasn't perfect, but which friendship was?