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Winter Concert Highlights Student Enthusiasm

The house was packed as ASU Elementary students put on an incredible Winter Concert on December 3. The event fea-



traditional Mongolian and Russian dances, as well as classical ballet and tango, all choreographed by the school's new dance and drama teacher, Ms. Zaya. Thank you to the parents who



tured 24 performances from pre-kindergarten through grade 5, with students

dressed in bright, beautiful costumes, many of which were created by our sister school, School 60. Dances ranged from hip hop to

well as all those who worked to make it a huge success.

came out to support the show, as

Principal's Message

Sending Gratitude for Accomplishments, Best Wishes for 2016

As we head into the Winter Break, I wanted to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has made these first few months of school a great success. We continue to build a community of

leaders and lifelong learners, and that can only be done through the collaboration of our entire ASU team. Enjoy your holiday time with family and friends. See you in 2016!

Grade 2 Wraps Up Novel Study Feasting on Stone Soup

Our second novel study of the year was *Stone Soup*. We read *Stone Soup* by Heather Forest and another interpretation by Marcia Brown. We compared and contrasted the two stories.

As a final project we wrote our own recipes for stone soup, complete with directions.

On Friday, December 11, each Second Grade class cooked their own version of stone soup! Each child brought in an ingredient to make their class soup unique.

There was everything from pumpkin to cabbage to chicken to beets complete with stone and the most important ingredient, sharing.

We made the soup in the morning, letting



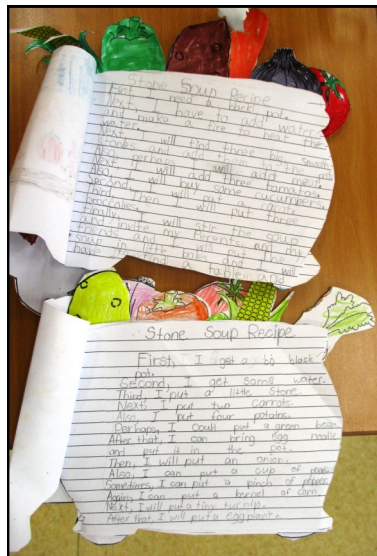
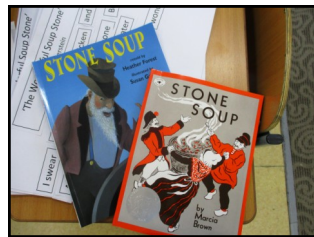
it simmer all day. All of the students anticipated eating their classes' soup at the end of the day. It was a feast fit for kings!

When the moment arrived, all were surprised by how delicious the soup was and (almost) everyone ate their vegetables THAT day!

Stone Soup is an Ancient and Globally Told Folk Story

Stone Soup is an old folk story in which hungry strangers trick the local people of a village or town into sharing their food. The story is usually told as a lesson in cooperation.

The first version of the *Stone Soup* story was written by a French journalist, Madame de Noyer (1663–1719). Madame de Noyer’s story, “Soupe au Caillou”, was published in 1720 and set in Normandy. Two Jesuits come to a farmhouse but only the children are home. The Jesuits convince the children that they are not begging for food because they have a stone that makes soup. All they need is fire, a pot, and some water and that their stone will do the rest.



In English, the *Stone Soup* story was first published in “The European Magazine: And London Review” in 1806. The setting for the first English version of the story is Switzerland, near Zurich.

In the Portuguese tradition, the traveler is a monk and the story takes place around Almeirim, Portugal, the “capital of stone soup.” Nowadays, many restaurants in Almeirim serve stone soup, or *sopa de pedra*.

In the French and Hungarian versions of the tale, the travelers are soldiers returning home from war.

The story is most commonly known as nail soup in Scandinavian and Northern European countries. In these versions, the main character is typically a homeless man looking for food and a place to sleep. He convinces an old woman that he will make nail soup for the both of them if she would just add a few ingredients.

Shel Silverstein’s song, “The Wonderful Soup Stone” reminisces about hard times when love and a soup stone were enough to nourish a family. Dr. Hook & The Medicine Show included the song on their 1973 album “Belly Up!”, and Bobby Bare included the song on his 1973 album “Lullabys, Legends and Lies”.

Jim Henson’s 1988 Storyteller series contains one tale called ‘A Story Short’ in which the Storyteller himself (played by John Hurt) is the main character. A man is thrown out of a castle for begging for food. He then proceeds to trick the King’s cook into making ‘Stone Soup’.



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What Students had to say about Stone Soup—the book and the food!

Bambuka (2C) - I never thought that sharing would be a lesson in a book!

Tamir (2C) - I liked that the books were the same and a little different.

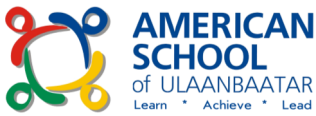
Delgermaam (2A) - Sharing is the magical ingredient because it’s the nicest thing in the world!

Tuguldur (2A) - I loved it! It was so nice. I want to eat it over and over again!

Irmuun (2A) - I don’t like vegetables.

Suvd (2B) - I was surprised at how good the vegetables tasted.

Amadour (2B) - I thought the soup tasted better than it smelled.



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Expected School-wide Student Outcomes

ASU students will be...

Academic Achievers

Critical Thinkers

Involved Citizens

Effective Communicators

Self-Directed Lifelong Learners

Packed House for Fourth Grade’s Cultural Fair & Feast

On Friday, December 11, students in Ms. Duncan's and Ms. Bell's fourth grade classes exhibited their "Where in the World" Geography projects. The afternoon was full of fun, feasting, and learning. Each student chose a country and



did extensive research on the country's weather, influential people, famous buildings, and more. Students then learned a recipe from their country and cooked or baked for the exhibition. Students learned facts from their respective countries and were quizzed by other students, parents and teachers.

Third Graders hear about “Mush” Fun from Special Guest

This December, third graders were lucky enough to have a visit from Ms. Tseren, a fascinating and interesting lady with a love for adventure. Ms. Tseren told students all about her dog sledding trip in the Arctic Circle, bringing along some wonderful photos and videos, as well as the items she used to survive in

the harsh climate. This talk contributed to our students' understanding of one of our novel studies for the year, *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. Students enjoyed asking questions, particularly about the dogs. Thanks again to Ms. Tseren for taking time to visit us.

