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SOCIAL STUDIES EVENTS IN KINDERGARTEN

To celebrate election day, the students in kindergarten had the opportunity to vote! We read the story, *Let's Vote A Fruitful Election* by Anita Laco. After learning the vocabulary words: election, vote, ballot, polls, and tally we were ready to take action! On Election Day both kindergarten classes got to vote to have either a silly sock day or a soft sweatshirt day. We voted in private and used a ballot bag. Students enjoyed counting the tally marks to find the winner. Many children came in excited to tell us of their experience voting with their parents that very morning.

Next up, we will learn about the story of Thanksgiving. Through literacy, art, technology, and class discussions we tell the story of the Pilgrims in search of freedom and their new friends the Native Americans. To celebrate our learning we prepare a dish to be served at the early childhood feast, We also invite families in to participate in Thanksgiving learning centers that take place in both classrooms.

A LOOK AT SOCIAL STUDIES FROM THIRD GRADE

Welcome to our community, a place where we all work and have fun together. 3B has been studying and learning about different communities around our country and around the world. We are studying the history of these communities, as well as what makes each of them unique, both presently and in the past. The students have learned about volunteering in a community and are making connections within their community. Our map skills have become fine-tuned as we discover where all of our newly studied cities are located in relation to where we reside.

In order to foster our critical thinking skills, the students in 3B have been comparing and contrasting their own communities to both the communities that they are studying and to their peers' communities. Additionally, they are applying the main idea and detail skill, which they have learned in literacy, to what they read about in the different communities.