

First Grade Focus: Germany

Global Week 2019 - Lower School

We loved learning that Germany is called the "heart of Europe" because it is bordered by 9 countries. The class tried popular German foods like apple strudel and sour-dough pretzels. We read Grimm's fairy tales. We made Lebkuchen crafts, which looked like large decorated gingerbread heart cookies. Ms. Hernandez taught us about Franz Schubert, the famous German composer. She sang one of his songs (in German) and we read the book "Because" about his music. We also made Alpine hats with a feather and an Edelweiss flower that grows in the Alps.

In art class this week as part of first grade studying Germany, they did a drawing of Gnomes with Mrs. Egan. They were created in the 1950's in Germany. They bring good luck and they were thought to protect buried treasure and minerals in the ground. They are still used today to watch over crops and livestock. You will see them tucked in rafters of a barn, or placed in the garden.

In P.E. with Coach O, they counted from 1-10 in German daily! We learned about the Black Forest, which is known for it's beauty. We watched a video how Nutcrackers are made and then drew our own. We saw many castles of Germany and learned that Germany started the custom of decorating Christmas trees. We made mini-books about many various facts about Germany. We also learned that Oktoberfest is one of the world's most famous festivals. It actually begins in September and runs a couple weeks of October.