

# Third Grade Focus: Italy

*Global Week 2019 - Lower School*

Ciao from Italy! The Third Graders in Ms. Berley's class were immersed in learning and experiencing food, fun, architecture, art, festivals and traditions of the lives of Italian people. On day one of global week, the children really enjoyed going to the Makers Space to cook homemade Italian meatballs, spaghetti, and garlic bread! It was *delizioso*! Ms. Terry helped us with the preparations and the children explored sights with the VR kits. The Italian treats continued throughout the week with Pizzelles from Max and Gelato from Lailah. Thanks to both of them!

On the second day, Olivia Berley (my daughter) came to visit and share her photos and stories from Italy, since she was an exchange student there last year. It was great to get some first-hand knowledge from a guest speaker. The children also made Italian mosaics on a tile, a clay sculptures of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and painted the Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa with watercolor.

On the third day, we explored Vatican City. We learned about the history, people, and beliefs behind the buildings in Vatican City through online and written activities. The children not only admired the beauty and talent of Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel but they tried creating their own artwork by laying on their backs and drawing from underneath their desks. Lastly, we headed to the canals of Venice. They enjoyed making and playing with a gondola in our classroom.

On the last day, we made masks and celebrated the colorful carnival parades that take place throughout all of Italy before Lent. We learned about the famous Colosseum where viewers watched battles between gladiators, animal fights and athletic games. We ended with a viewing of the classic Disney film of Pinocchio, which takes place in Italy.

Throughout the week, we had Music, World Language classes of French and Mandarin. They had Art with Mrs. Bloch, where they made and painted clay pots and learned about the artifacts found in Pompeii after Mt. Vesuvius erupted. They will get the pots after Spring Break. We also had a wonderful field trip mid-week to Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. A big thank you to all the parents who helped make the field trip a wonderful success. Have a fantastic Spring Break!

Arrivederci!