

Third Grade: Thailand & Ireland

Global Week 2022 // Lower School

Thailand

Saw-wah-dee (hello!) from Ms. Berley's third-grade class, who learned all about Thailand during Global Week. We started the week making flags and a Jamboard slide show that is printed and displayed on the bulletin board in the hallway.

We had a taste of Thailand by cracking open a coconut and drinking the coconut milk and some tried the shavings inside. Others preferred the shredded coconut and canned coconut water. The favorites were eating pomelo, dragonfruit, and Thai rice chips. We then had a wonderful experience in the Maker Space cooking Thai Fried Rice. A big thank you to Ms. Allie, Jed's mom, for helping us make this tasty ethnic dish.

They learned about the Buddhist religion, a day in the life of an urban and rural child, and compared it to their life. They read about Thailand's most famous folktale Ramakien. They learned about how important elephants are to Thai people and discovered what other animals live in the forests there.

We celebrated Loi Krathong, the Floating Lantern Festival, as they made their own light-up lotus leaves. We ended the week celebrating Songkran, the Thai New Year's tradition to blast friends and family with super soakers, hoses, and buckets. We used squirt guns on the playground.

In Art, they used watercolor paint to make postcards and in Tech they printed passports from Thailand.

They also took a two-day trip to Mrs. Brown's class where they had a whale of a good time learning about Ireland. They taste-tested corned beef, Irish soda bread, Irish butter, and green river soda. The students learned what

the Irish flag looks like and the meaning behind it. They also created their own leprechaun and listened to Irish music.

Ireland

In third grade this week we had a whale of a good time as we learned about Ireland.

We listened to Irish music and learned how to Irish dance. We taste-tested corned beef, Irish soda bread, Irish butter, and green river soda. The students learned what the Irish flag looks like and the meaning behind it. They also created their own flag. We learned why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and when we started celebrating it here in the United States. We took a virtual tour of Ireland and saw castles, animals, lots of open green land, and fairy houses. We also learned that there are no snakes in Ireland!

In art this week the students created their own post card based on the Irish artist named Oliver Jeffers. In tech this week the students created their own passport to Ireland.

We took a two-day visit to Thailand in Ms. Berley's class. One day was a sampling of a taste of Thailand's fruit. They enjoyed watching a Thai coconut being cracked open, where some enjoyed drinking the coconut milk. Others preferred coconut water and the big favorites were eating pomelo, dragon fruit, and Thai rice chips. The second day was spent learning about animals from Thailand. They learned about how important elephants are in Thailand and how monkeys are trained to help pick coconuts. Lastly, they learned the difference between monkeys and apes as found throughout the world.