



The Galaxy Gazette

The Galaxies Study the World

In April, the Galaxies wrapped up their study of Brazil and began to study India and China. The class learned about Indian and Chinese history, holidays, folk tales, and religion.

First, the Galaxies studied India. We took a field trip to the “Little India” neighborhood of Jackson Heights where we experienced some aspects of Indian



The Galaxies sample Indian food in Jackson Heights.

culture first-hand . We saw many examples of Indian food, music, and clothing, before sitting down to lunch at an Indian restaurant.

The class also constructed a model of the Taj Mahal with the help of our volunteer, Don.

Next, the Galaxies studied China. We learned about many aspects of Chinese history and

culture, then we took a trip to see a performance of Dance China at the Harlem Stage.



Marco looks through a book about Russia at the library.

In May, the Galaxies began research projects about countries of their choosing. Each boy selected a country he is especially interested in. Then the class took a field trip to the public library where they chose non-fiction books to use in their research.

All the Galaxies are creating a booklet of information about their countries. They are also writing about topics of particular interest and creating special projects such as models, maps or recipe books related to their countries. These will be displayed at our international lunch on June 22.

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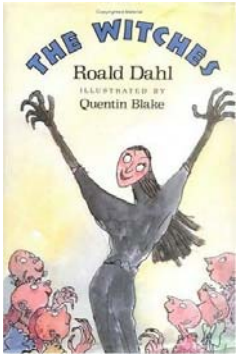
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June Birthdays



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Language Arts



The Witches by Roald Dahl

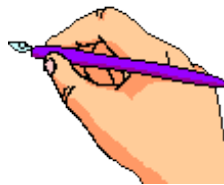
The Galaxies began the Roald Dahl book The Witches as a read-aloud story in

April. So far, the boys have loved learning about the traits of Dahl's fictional witches and their plans to turn all of England's children into mice! We celebrated the book's completion with a movie viewing

party this month.

In Writer's Workshop, the Galaxies have been working on writing complete paragraphs. They have practiced writing topic sentences, details, and concluding sentences all about the same idea. The boys have become experts at writing focused paragraphs!

The class has also been learning to



gather information from non-fiction sources by highlighting important details and taking notes.

The Galaxies are using all the skills they've been practicing as they research the countries they chose to study in Social Studies: they have been looking for information in different kinds of texts and using that information to write expository paragraphs about their countries.

Acts of Kindness

The Galaxies completed their second round of Acts of Kindness in April! The boys wrote down acts of kindness they observed other students doing, and these notes went up on a bulletin board in the class-

room. Once the class reached 100 Acts of Kindness, the class voted on a reward. It didn't take long for them to reach their goal! This time, they decided to celebrate with an ice cream party on the roof.



Some of the Galaxies celebrate on the GBS roof.

Specials

On May 13, the Galaxies took a field trip to the High Line Park



Benny and Troy enjoy the view at the High Line Park.

with Kate, the art teacher. The boys learned about different camera angles to pre-

pare for the trip. They enjoyed taking pictures practicing points of view such as "bird's eye" and "worm's eye". Afterwards, they created paintings and photo collages of sights from the trip.

In Science, the Galaxies

have been learning about food webs and different kinds of organisms.

In Technology, the class began using a program called Brainware Safari, which uses games to work on focus, attention to detail, planning, and reasoning.

The Galaxy Gallery



The Galaxies' "100 Acts of Kindness" wall, full of observations.



Rafael and Troy work on a scavenger hunt in Jackson Heights.



Benny, Denise, and Dovid look at a bakery in Jackson Heights.



The Galaxies stand outside the Dance China performance.



Eli and Marco take pictures at the High Line Park.



Jeremy, Max, Marco and Rafi enjoy ice cream on the roof during the "100 Acts of Kindness" celebration.



Kye uses different non-fiction sources to find information about Jamaica.