

2013 IIME REPORT

Country [USA]

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Subjects, Activities and Times of the lessons

Subject	Conception of the lesson	Times
Social Studies	Learning the culture and important events and costumes of Japan	12
Art/Math	Learning origami	2

Theme and Message of the mural

Theme	
Message	Our mural highlighted our areas traditions and events. We used the Indianapolis 500 race track, our internationally recognized Children's Museum, the state tree which is a tulip tree, and the different sports our children enjoy watching and participating in—basketball, baseball and American football.



Effects and the Problems

Effects your students have gained	Points for further improvement
Our students learned that children all over the world have the same interests. They also loved learning about the different customs in Japan and how school life was different from ours. They especially loved looking at the pictures shared with us on school life. We compared our school day to our new friends school day.	

Have you made your activity open in your school or in your local area? How was their reaction or reputation?

PR you did inside/out of your school	Reaction/reputation from around
The mural was on display for several days so that the parents and fellow students could view it. We also had it on display earlier when we had an open house for new students.	Everyone was very impressed and excited to see the mural.

Flow of the Activity

Content	Month	What you did	Your students attitude/reflection	Subject
Introduction	Dec.	We read books about Japan K is for Kabuki	Enjoyed learning about the different customs and traditions	Soc Studies
Research	Jan.	School media specialist gave us books and websites to learn more about Japan. We had a mother come in to teach us origami.	Loved learning how to make an origami heart and we attempted to make a crane	Art and Soc Studies
Composition	Jan/Feb	We asked the students what ideas we should include in our side of the mural	Love giving input and watching the mural begin to develop Had problems though really bad winter in the Indiana missed several days of school	
Painting	Jan-Mar	Each student painted several times on the mural.	The students wrote letters to their new friends and told them what parts of the mural they painted.	
Appreciation	March	Since we were a little behind scheduled because of the weather we only had a week to share it with the school, but it worked out ok!	Loved seeing the finished project. Keep saying I painted this part.	

Aim of the Lessons and Result

Aim: Rank A to C in order you put emphasis on (A: very much/ B: much / C: not so much)

Result: Rank 5 to 1 (5: very effective / 4: effective / 3: so- so / 2: not so effective / 1: not effective at all)

Expected Effect	Aim	Result	How your students have reached it
Understanding our own cultures	B	4	Enjoyed coming up with highlights for our area. We discussed it and decided what we should draw as a school team.
Understanding the other's cultures	A	4	Students really have a better sense of how small the world really is. We read books and watched videos. We watched Big Bird in Japan
Communication ability in the class/with partners	A	4	My partner teacher was great at responding and posting pictures
IT skills	B	4	Watched the forum for updates of our partner school
Creating friendship in the class/with partners	A	5	Enjoyed reading the comments on the forum and looking at the pictures
Collaboration in the class/with partners	A	5	Partner teacher was great at keeping the forum updated and adding pictures
Attitude in learning	A	5	Was always excited when we were working on projects and papers about Japan
Expression ability	B	4	We let the kids enjoy the experience and did not worry if the painting was not perfect and the paint splattered. They were having a great time and were taking pride in the mural
Appreciation ability	A	4	If the weather not been so nasty here this winter our plan was to display it longer, but it was fine. Mother Nature was flexing her muscles in Indiana this year. We broke and snow record and the most cold days for over 30 years! A winter for the kids to remember!

Please submit to jam@artmile.jp . Thank you for your cooperation.