

Our classes have been busy lately with so many different activities. Maestra Balestreri and her K4 class recently read, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear". This motivated the K4 class to incorporate the story in their creation of brown bears of their own.

Inspired by "Brown Bear, Brown Bear", Maestra Balestreri also created a book in Italian titled, "Bambini Bambini Cosa Vedete?" Here the K4 class created their own book from their drawings of "what they see". While celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, the K4 Italian class made Cats in the Hat of their own to display proudly on their door. Fantastico!!

Maestra Walker and Benedetto's K5 class has been performing on a few occasions for Victory School. First off, they performed via our morning television broadcast to help promote the Italian Immersion Program biscotti fundraiser. Zada, Rylee, Zaria, Skyllure, and Gino did a wonderful job representing our class in the announcement portion of the performance. Great job!

Second, for Black History month, the K5 students were asked to perform for our school wide program. Singing, "Tu Sei Nero, Tu Sei Bianco" they stole the show! We are very proud of them for their performance. Special thanks to Mr. Christiansen for lending us Shaquel, one of his students, to assist us in both of our performances.

In the spirit of Dr. Seuss, we have also taken part in the celebration. While reading "Il Gatto con il Cappello", the children created drawings of what they would do if

it was too wet to play outside as well as rhyming words in Italian! They were able to tie together what the characters did in the book with what they would do in the same situation. Their work was so amazing that Maestra Benedetto created a wonderful bulletin board pictured below.

Maestra Zizzo's 1st grade has had an exciting six weeks learning how to ice skate. Thanks to Target and Ms. Edwards, our literacy coach, there was a grant that allowed classrooms at Victory to receive discounted ice skating lessons. It was amazing to see how our students improved and the confidence that students gained by the end of the lessons. We were able to bring our ice skating lessons back into the classroom and use them as a base for many writing activities. The children loved it!

We have also created a "Post Office" center where students are learning to write letters, address envelopes, and organize their thoughts and ideas. Our class has also started to write letters to a pen pal living in Sicily. Students are able to connect with the country and language and it gives them a real life opportunity for their writing. If you would like to send our class a postcard or a letter (in Italian) we would love to respond to you. Our address is 2222 W. Henry Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53221.

We'd like to send a sincere thanks to Scordato's Bakery for supplying us with our fundraising biscotti. Millie Grazie! Also thank you to Mr. and Ms. Balestreri, Ms. Dohs, Ms. Richardson, Qasid, Alexandra, and Zada for all your help in selling biscotti!