

Ole, Ole! It's a Fiesta!

By Carol Klein, Pre-K Lead Teacher

At CJP, the Pre-K curriculum in part focuses on learning about the culture and geography of countries around our world. Each year, our Pre-K children use their wonderful imaginations as we board our airplane and travel to other lands. We learn where the countries are located on our world map and find the best route to travel there. When we arrive in each country, the children get their Pre-K Passport stamped.

Our first destination this school year was Mexico. The children worked on crafts, costumes, and songs in preparation for our class Fiesta. They cut and painted their sombreros and ponchos and counted out 10 beans, in Spanish, to fill their maracas.

Our Pre-K children worked on a decorative Mexican craft known as a Papel Picado.

They each cut designs out of colorful folded pieces of tissue paper. When they were all completed, we strung them together to make a banner which was hung at our Fiesta. The children also learned about, and created beautiful Mexican Amate Paintings, (a Mexican folk art where artisans paint colorful scenes from nature on tree bark). The children were very excited about helping to make our two pinatas for the Fiesta. Each child had a chance to work with the paper mache to cover the balloons. When they were dry and hardened, the children cut colorful crepe paper streamers to decorate the pinatas. Many thanks to all of our Pre-K parents, who contributed the goodies to fill our pinatas. Our CJP music teachers, Ms. Patty and Ms. Nancy helped our children prepare several songs to sing at our Fiesta, including singing the days of the week in Spanish.

Finally, our Fiesta day arrived. That morning, the children prepared a tasty layered dip for our tortilla chips, while several of our Pre-K Parents helped to cook quesadillas and set up the food for our Fiesta. The children wore their colorful ponchos and sombreros and shook their maracas as they danced into the room. They were so happy to join the parents and grandparents who were waiting to enjoy our Fiesta with us. The children did a great job of performing the Mexican songs for their guests, who then joined them in dancing the Mexican Hat Dance. We then all enjoyed the yummy Mexican snack.

The highlight for most of our children was getting a chance to swing our pinata stick and break open the two pinatas. It was a very exciting day for all of our Pre-K children and their guests. We are all now looking forward to our next destination ... England, where we will be having tea with the Queen. ✨



The Pre-K kids at CJP had a fiesta in "Mexico" with eating, dancing, and more.

Leading the way in Digital Dentistry

Dr. Scott Menaker and Dr. Tricia Rodney have been long time supporters of the Jewish and greater community. We provide a full range of general dental services for all ages, and are leaders in the use of technology to provide you with the best dental care available. Come see how our personal, customized care will keep you smiling for years to come.

Placing and Restoring Dental Implants

NEW PATIENTS ALWAYS WELCOME
Menaker Rodney Dentistry
2711 Randolph Road, Suite 205, Charlotte, NC 28207
704-377-2503 www.smilecharlotte.com

WONDERLAND CHARM WITH PANDORA GIFT BOX \$75

DAINTY BOW BANGLE WITH PANDORA GIFT BOX \$75

GIVE MORE THAN A GIFT
LIMITED EDITION*
AVAILABLE STARTING NOVEMBER 27, 2015

PANDORA®

Malak Jewelers The Diamond Specialists - since 1980 - AT THE ARBORETUM 704.341.1188 WWW.MALAKJEWELERS.COM

*Limited time only. While supplies last. No substitutions. Jewelry sold separately.