



Second Grade

December

2011



Rose Theater

Last week on Wednesday, December 7, the second graders visited the Rose Theater to see a performance of *Holiday Time Around the World*. When we left Hamlow we knew we were going to learn about holiday traditions that we have been studying the last two weeks, but we didn't know we would become part of the performance! By using a special travel machine, we first traveled to Germany and learned about the Christmas spider. Many of our second graders were chosen to come on stage and became a part of this play. Some dressed as spiders and others as children and performed their parts. Next we moved on to Africa and learned about Kwanzaa. The whole audience learned how to work together as they performed their parts as elephants, hyenas, tortoises, and rabbits. Then we learned about Hanukkah and played the dreidel game in Israel. The audience was divided into four sections and had a great time doing a silly dance. On the last two stops we learned about the poinsettia in Mexico and the Chinese New Year when we traveled to China. Amazingly the second graders could travel to all these places in the world and still return back to Hamlow in time for lunch. Thanks so much to the PTO for letting us experience this fun interactive performance.

WE are WRITERS!

Second graders have been busy with writing during the first semester. We have learned about writing small moment stories (personal narratives) and zooming in. Adding details and wow words to our writing makes them more exciting to read. During the break, please help your child with ideas to write about by asking them to describe an event using details, helping them to tell the story in order, and remembering who was there. Have them keep notes during the break so upon their return they are ready to write again.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 21 - Holiday Sing 1:30

Dec. 21 - Winter Party 2:30

Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - Holiday Break

Jan. 5 - School Resumes (December Reading Logs due)

