

Today your child participated in another Art Appreciation lesson!

Today we presented Egyptian Hieroglyphics. We discussed life in ancient Egypt. We talked about Pharaohs, and how they prepared for the after life. We also discussed their written language, or the Stela, and the importance of the Rosetta Stone!

Two words we discussed are:

1. Hieroglyphics: Ancient Egyptian writings, which appeared around 3100 BC. It consists of 650 picture signs. Some signs represented a complete word, where others represented sounds, just as in our alphabet.
2. Archeologist. We also talked a little about what archeologists do, and why it is important to study ancient civilizations.

We then gave each student a sheet of paper with 2 phrases written in hieroglyphics. They had to "decode" the phrases using the hieroglyphic key.

They were also given a mummy mask to decorate in hieroglyphics. They were encouraged to write or stamp their own name in Hieroglyphics.

They are also bringing home a few activities, and an interesting true/false information sheet on hieroglyphics.

The children had fun! Thanks for supporting Art Appreciation in the classroom!