2012 IIME REPORT

Country [USA]

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Subjects, Activities and Times of the lessons

Subject	Conception of the lesson	
Reading	We read several books about Japan and view videos about the culture	
Social Studies	We had a special Japanese Day which the students ate Japanese food and dressed	9wks
	up in kimonos	
Video	We watch Big Bird in Japan	2 days

Theme and Message of the mural

Theme	Friendship tree
Message	Sharing our culture with pictures that depicted USA Sharing and caring with others around the world and getting to know them and seeing that we are all the same no matter where we live.







Effects and the Problems

Effects your students have gained	Points for further improvement
A greater knowledge of the world and the love of	
learning about other cultures. They learned that we	
are all the same and have the same dreams and desires.	

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
We shared the mural with our parents and other	Parents loved it and a picture and it was featured with
students in the school. We had one fifth grade	pictures in our Global Case. The students had so much
class	fun seeing all the pictures that were sent to us from our
help us by outlining sections to be painted by the	partner school.
first graders	

Flow of the Activity

Content	Month	What you did	Your students attitude/reflection	Subject
Introduction	Jan	Showed the children the mural	They were so surprised to see how big it was	RDG
		and got their ideas on what to	and was always asking we are going to start.	Social
		include. We tasted the food	Enjoyed listening to the book about Japan	Studies
Introduction		that was sent to us from our	being read to them.	
		new friends. We started reading		
		books about Japan.		
	Feb	Read K is for Kabuki-Did	Loved seeing all the different kinds of	Reading
Research		research online about Japan.	building.s	Social
		Viewed pictures of the area		Studies
Research		Brought in a Japanese	Students tried their hand at making the	
		newspaper for the students to	characters	
		look at.		
Composition	Feb	Drawing the mural	Saw how hard it was to draw and how to size	Art
Composition	reb		the picture	
Painting	Mar	Painting the mural	Students had a blast painted it	Art
Appreciation		Hung the mural in school	Everyone who viewed it was so impressed by	
	Mar	for the parents and students	the quality of work both first grade classes	
			accomplished!	

Aim of the Lessons and Result

Aim	Rank	Mark		How your students have reached it
understanding our own cultures		⑤ 4 3 2	1	They learn from their parents, teachers and experiences with their families.
Understanding the other cultures	5	⑤ 4 3 2	1	By viewing the pictures from Japan—Listening to stories—our principal shared is trip to Japan with us too!
communication ability interactively / in English		⑤ 4 3 2	1	By viewing the pictures from Japan We sent numerous emails back in forth plus powerpoints as well as using the forum. We did look at some Japanese newspaper and decided we were glad we only had to learn 26 letters of the alphabet.
IT skills forum / video conference		⑤ 4 3 2	1	By using powerpoints and You Tube videos Wish the forum could take bigger powerpoints We did not have a video conference
Creating friendship in the class / with partners	4	⑤ 4 3 2	1	Loved the pictures, powerpoints and the hard copy items Exchanged between the two schools
Collaboration in the class / with partners	3	⑤ 4 3 2	1	It was great! We had a fantastic school to exchange with this year!
Keeping motivation high positive attitude in learning	1	⑤ 4 3 2	1	It was not hard to keep the students motivated they were so interested in learning and having fun!
Expression ability in painting	2	⑤ 4 3 2	1	The students loved the painting as they were able to paint several sections apiece.
Appreciation ability reading the painting		⑤ 4 3 2	1	Students would point out to their parents what part that they painted.