

# OAK GROVE PRIMARY



THE CHILDREN LOVED EATING WITH CHOPSTICKS.

## Oak Grove Primary has been a busy place!

Oak Grove Primary hosted their annual Arts Festival on March 29. Japan was the central theme. During the week of March 26 all classes visited the Japanese Tea rooms. The children removed their shoes, gathered around the low tables and watched a teacher created DVD

describing the room and giving some basic facts about a Japanese Tea ceremony. The children ate a sweet cookie, sipped tea, and used chopsticks to eat goldfish crackers while listening to Japanese music. In each classroom the teachers used venn diagrams to

compare USA to Japan in size, customs, flags, holidays, and maps. Many of the classes created kimonos from large t-shirts or sugekisas from brown paper. The day of the Arts Festival the campus was filled with excited children and parent volunteers.



A KOKESHI DOLL FROM JAPAN



CHILDREN PAINTED THE RISING SUN ON THE KIMONOS!



KOKESHI DOLLS CREATED FROM TOILET PAPER TUBES.

# OGP VISUAL ARTS MALL 2012



THE COURT YARD WAS SET UP WITH 4 ROTATION AREAS AND FIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN. PARENT VOLUNTEERS CREATED ENOUGH PLAY DOUGH SO THAT EACH CHILD COULD CREATE THEIR OWN MT. FUJI AND MAKE IT "ERUPT" WITH BAKING SODA AND VINEGAR. THE CHILDREN CREATED A JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOM FAN. EACH CHILD ALSO MADE A RUBBING OF THE WORD JAPAN AND DREW SYMBOLS AROUND THE LETTERING. THERE WAS FACE PAINTING AND PHOTO OPTS AS WELL AS CREATING FISH PRINTS.

# OGP DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES 2012



BITS AND PIECES PUPPET COMPANY FROM TAMPA, FL ENGAGED THE CHILDREN IN THE STORY OF PETER RABBIT. THE PUPPETEERS USED OGP STUDENTS TO DANCE AND INTERACT WITH THE CHARACTERS. THE CHILDREN COULD EASILY DESCRIBE THE STORY ELEMENTS.

ALTHEA JEROME AND JANE ALLISON DIRECTED THE CHILDREN TO ADD THE MOVEMENTS AND SOUNDS USING CHOPSTICKS TO A JAPANESE FOLK TALE.

# "Konnichiwa" Means Hello

Bodine Pottery's residence was paid for in part by a Mini Grant from the MS Arts Commission.



TO CONTINUE WITH THE JAPANESE THEME AND 3D FIGURES, BODINE POTTERY SPENT FOUR DAYS AT OGP. OVER 500 KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN CREATED A JAPANESE TEA BOWL. THE BODINES' FIRST CAME FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT WITH KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS. THE CHILDREN LEARNED BASIC 3D SHAPES, PRACTICED SMALL MOTOR SKILLS, AND CREATED A UNIQUE PIECE OF ART.

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Mark your calendar for OGP Student Showcase April 30 and May 1.