

Solan Big Thinkers

G1 English Update · Summer 2024

English: A Feast for Hungry Minds!

By Mr. Brian



Hello, Solan families! Hoping this newsletter finds you doing well and staying cool during this hot, humid summer. Along with the weather, English class has been heating up with new topics, phonics, and group activities!

Students have continued to build upon their learning in Jolly Phonics with the group 3 sounds! G-F-B-L-O-U have allowed our 1st graders to create a bunch of new words! They have taken this knowledge and been able to use it in their day-to-day communications here at Solan. In addition to phonics, our students have been digging their teeth into the topic of food!



The students have demonstrated their knowledge of different food groups and what makes these foods different. Our G1 students have been able to describe foods by color, shape, and taste! That includes sweet, sour, salty, bitter, bland, spicy, and umami!



It is a very exciting time for the English department here at Solan as English Presentation draws near on September 19th. Our students have a smorgasbord planned for the families and can't wait to play host! They are working hard to prepare, but are having tons of fun in doing so!

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By Mr. Brian

In June and July, students have had a literal ball playing a variety of sports.

In our soccer unit, students learned the Importance of body control and how to Dribble, pass, and shoot the ball! In July, Students played a variety of games to build on controlling their bodies with focus on their arms and upper body.

They got to experience American games such as Four Corners, Four Square and carnival style bottle toss! This unit concluded with the exciting Box Tower Defense game! Students tried their best to attack their friends' tower as well as build their own and defend it!



English Project

By Ms. Anne

The English Project was a blast! It has been four months since we started having an English project and students have been enjoying and looking forward to the next class. They are exerting lots of effort when it comes to planning and decorating their food in preparation for their English presentation.



Life Studies

By Mr. Oliver

In life studies we've been exploring summer! The morning glories are starting to flower and we've had a lot of fun playing with bubbles and water. If you play outside this summer don't forget to wear your hat and drink lots of water!



Practice at Home!

Vocabulary



vegetables



fruit



grains



meat



dairy



sweet



sour



bitter



salty



umami

Phonics

Practice blending

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