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## **American Girl Doll Open House**

The American girls are history dolls and are really worth learning from the books. They are fun and interesting because they teach you stuff like the Depression, World War II, and immigration. If you have an American girl doll you can bring one doll with you and you will love the fun activities.

The open house showed some of the dolls we will study. We showed Felicity from the Revolutionary War and where she lived was Williamsburg, Virginia. There's a new book where she went to Massachusetts. We showed Addy from the Civil War and she lived in South Carolina and traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania through the Underground Railroad. We brought Kaya, a Nez Perce Native American. Nez Perce means "pierced nose" who is from the time period of 1764. She lived in three states and moved around in a triangle pattern. Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The books are really really good because the book tells about practically everything they did, what they ate, where they slept, what they did for fun, and showed that the Spanish settlers brought them horses that helped the American Army.

My favorite doll is Kirsten and she has a Native American friend, secretly. My friend Isabella has the same doll and they are practically twins. She is kind of the head teacher!

## **Knots and Codes Project**

This month in the knots and codes project we started out pairing up with a partner and making up a secret handshake. Then we went around the room saying our names and showing the secret handshake if we wanted to.

After that we learned how to tie the shaking hands knot. It was kind of hard but I was able to do it in the end.

We played the human knot game. Which is where we stand in a circle and cross our arms and grab each other's hands and then try to untwist to get out of the knot.

## **Primary Makerspace**

At the October Primary Makerspace meeting, we learned about chain reactions and Rube Goldberg devices. I made part of a burglar alarm. The way it works is that a burglar tries to steal something, which pulls a rope, making a switch flip, making a hand push the dominoes, knocking a ball down a chute, into a funnel, and into a cup. The cup would have a buzzer in it, which would be pushed by the ball. I built the dominoes, the chute, funnel, and cup part. I used Legos to support the dominoes and chute.

## **Story of the World Project**

In Story of the World class we played a lot with Caramel who is Ayla and Kiana's dog. We talked about Sir Isaac Newton about what he calls the laws of gravity. I found that really very very interesting. I saw an iPad movie earlier today about him and the laws of gravity and watched it 3 times. We talked about our favorite characters in history and mine is queen Elizabeth because she is a woman leader. Two of the kids chose Cleopatra and interestingly they are sisters. We learned that the Iroquois used face paints to camouflage. Sylvia put the makeup on me. We played hide and go seek outside at a park with Sylvia who was the leader of the game. That taught us about how the Iroquois used camouflage.

## **Table Games**

At the October Table Games Meeting, we all played Apples to Apples. Then some other members and I played Pictionary. The theme was "Favorite Games." Two of my favorite board games are Pictionary and Monopoly.