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SONGS:

Più noi siamo insieme, insieme insieme, più noi siamo insieme, più felici noi siamo (x2)
I miei amici sono i tuoi, i tuoi amici sono i miei più noi siamo insieme, più felici noi siamo (x2)

The more we get together, together, together, the more we get together the happier we will be. My friends are your friends, your friends are my friends; the more we get together the happier we'll be...

Testa, spalle, ginocchia e piedi, (x2), ho due occhi, un naso, una testa e due orecchie, testa spalle ginocchia e piedi, ginocchia e piedi

Allodola gentile allodola, allodola io ti chiuderò il becco il becco il becco....(from the French song "Alouette")

Fra Martino campanaro, dormi tu, dormi tu, suona le campane, suona le campane din don dan, din don dan

Ciao a tutti!

Here we are with a new school year!

Benvenuti a Jasmine and Gino, our new two bright Italian students and their families.

A big welcome also to our new teachers Julietta and Gilda. Since we did not have a formal introduction, let's start from here:

Gilda Zucolella, has a M.A. in Psychology from Sonoma State and was an elementary school teacher in Milan, Italy. Her background includes professional training in nutrition, yoga and other healing modalities. She has a passion for language and the expressive arts and brings a warm and sensitive approach to children.

Julietta Indelicato says: "I am so excited to introduce myself, Julietta Indelicato, and even more excited to have been chosen to work in this wonderful bi-lingual school Parliamo Italiano! I am very happy to be able to share what I have learned with your wonderful children, and I thank you for allowing me to become a small part in their daily lives here at the school. I was born and raised in Marin County. I recently graduated from San Francisco State University, earning the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Italian. I spent my entire junior year studying abroad in Florence, Italy. I am the daughter of Italian/American parents, my mother born and raised in San Francisco, and my father born and raised in the southern region of Italy, Sicily. Because of my heritage and upbringing, I am very familiar with the Italian way of life. I am also familiar with young children because of my huge extended family in Italy, and also since I have had experience as a nanny as well. I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you in this excellent school. Arrivederci!

At **Parliamo Italiano!** children had lot of fun in thinking about themselves, how they are, who they are and how they are. They first they look themselves in the mirror and then they drew their "faccia"(face), then their "occhi" (=eyes), their "naso" (nose), their "bocca" (=mouth), their "orecchie" (ears) and they "capelli"....and boy there is a similarity (just check Marina's portraits on the right! I wish I had more space to put all the other ones too). The collages we put together are mini representation of themselves and their beautiful personality. They loved working on their "mani" (=hands) and "braccia"



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GIORNI DELLA SETTIMANA:

lunedì
martedì
mercoledì
giovedì
venerdì
sabato
domenica

NUMERI:

1-10 (Pre-K1)
1-20 (Pre-K2)

VESTITI:

(=clothing)

- pantaloni(=pants)
- gonna (=skirt)
- camicia (=shirt)
- cappello (=hat)
- scarpe (=shoes)
- calze (=socks)
- giacca (=jacket)

ANIMALI:

We are currently playing the animal game. We pick up an animal from the basket and whoever guess the name first gets the animal. Everybody is winning an animal at least!

BOOKS:

- Panda al mare
- Gattini curiosi
- Contiamo insieme

(=arms), their "piedi" (=feet) and "corpo" ("body).

While we are trying to enlarge their vocabulary with new words we are also teaching them some Italian sentences. The repetition is important at this age and we pretend a "puppet" is asking them questions and they have to answer in Italian.



For Halloween we had "Fantasma Alfonso", a friend of Julietta, who visited us. The candle is very popular at circle time and they had the best conversations with Alfonso. They asked him his name, how was he and where was he going...Alfonso was very shy (timido).

The Halloween party was a great day full of activities. We did face painting, played "giocchetto o scherzetto" (trick or treat), we talked about "ragni", "streghe"(witches) and their costumes. We played the witch game "Strega comanda color"... (the witch says a color) and they have to find it before the witch gets them. During the week they made their own "fantasma" out of a piece of white fabric. They also colored and decorated a mini "zucca" (=pumpkins) with sparkles and put it in a lovely brown bag with great decorations.



Le Coccinelle

Thanks to the Trinity for sharing with us her ladybugs!

We loved watching them flying in the sky and tickling us....*Solletico!*

Bello!!!



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Happy Holidays!

BUON NATALE E
FELICE ANNO
NUOVO!!!

