



Deerfield Elementary School in Lexington, SC





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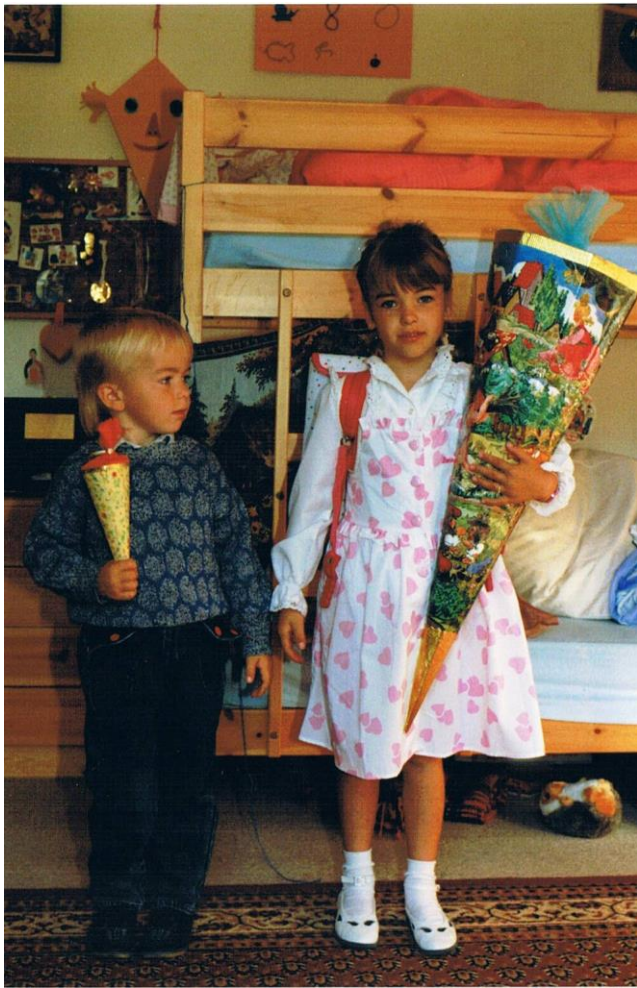


Deerfield Elementary School



- Opened in 2014
- Started a partial German Immersion Program (District also has Spanish, French and Chinese)
- Program offers 50 slots for incoming Kindergarten students who will continue with German until their High School graduation
- Oldest students are currently in 4th grade

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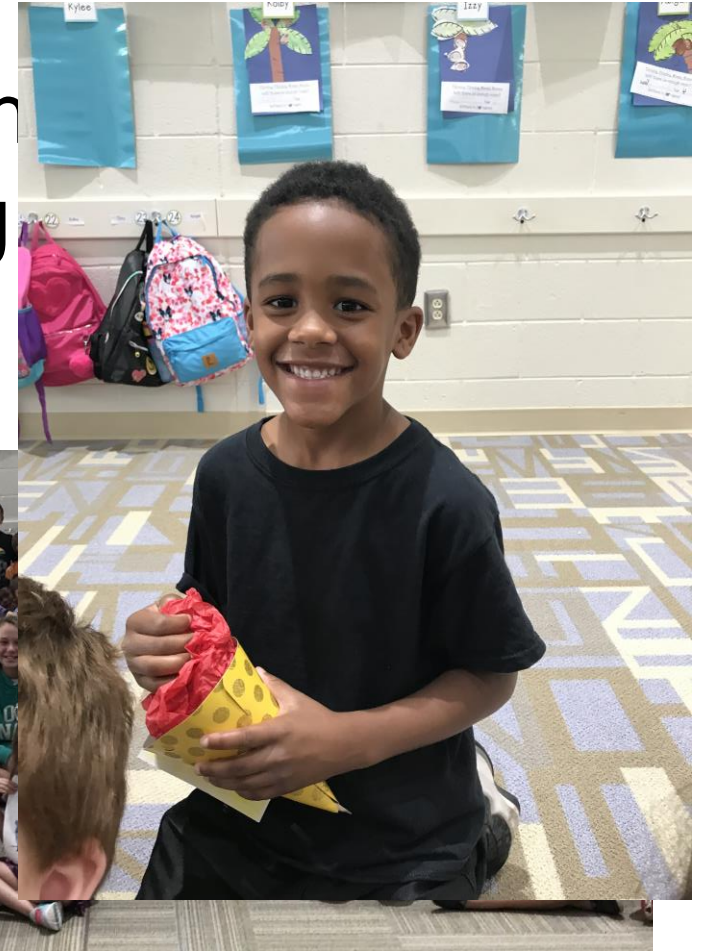
Play-Date during the summer

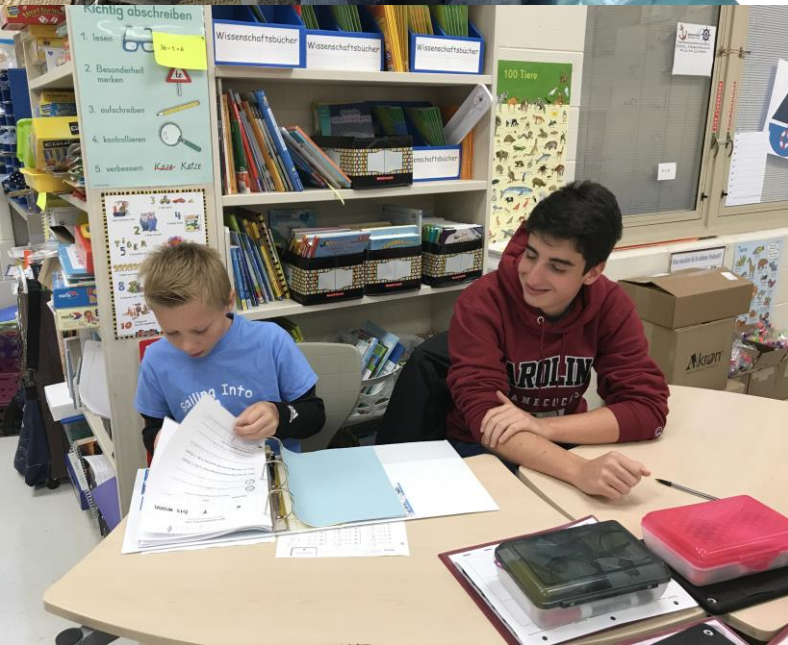
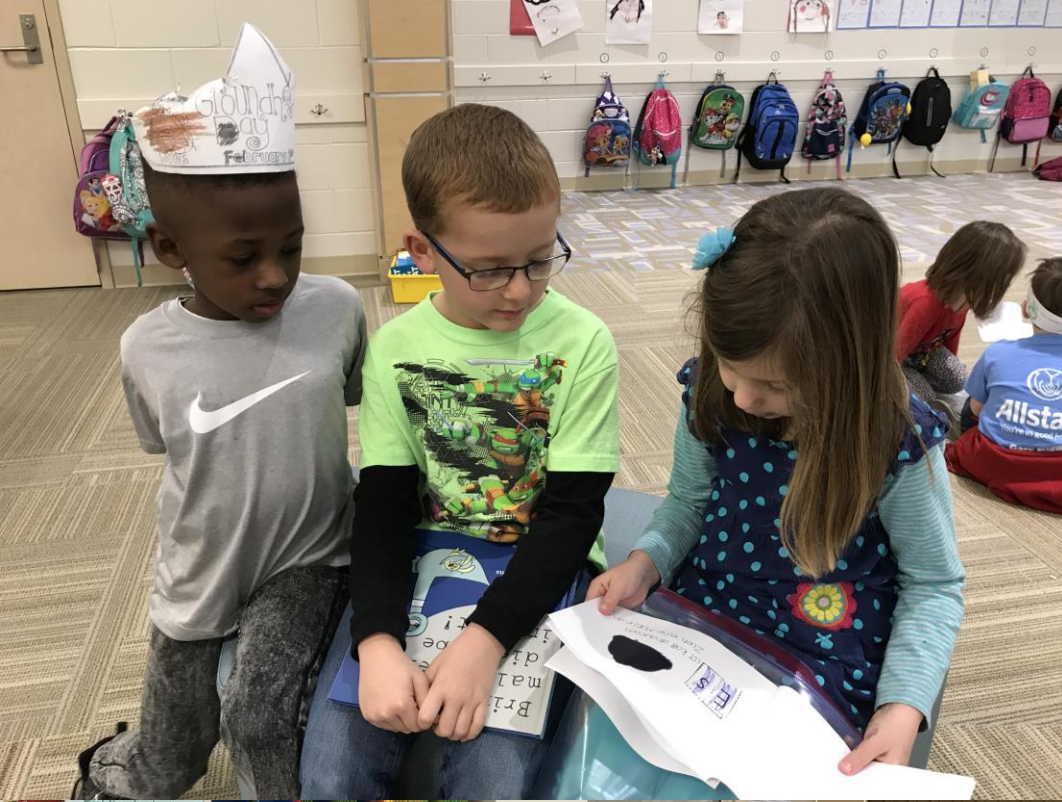


German traditions



- Every Kindergarten student Schultüte at the beginning made by an older student





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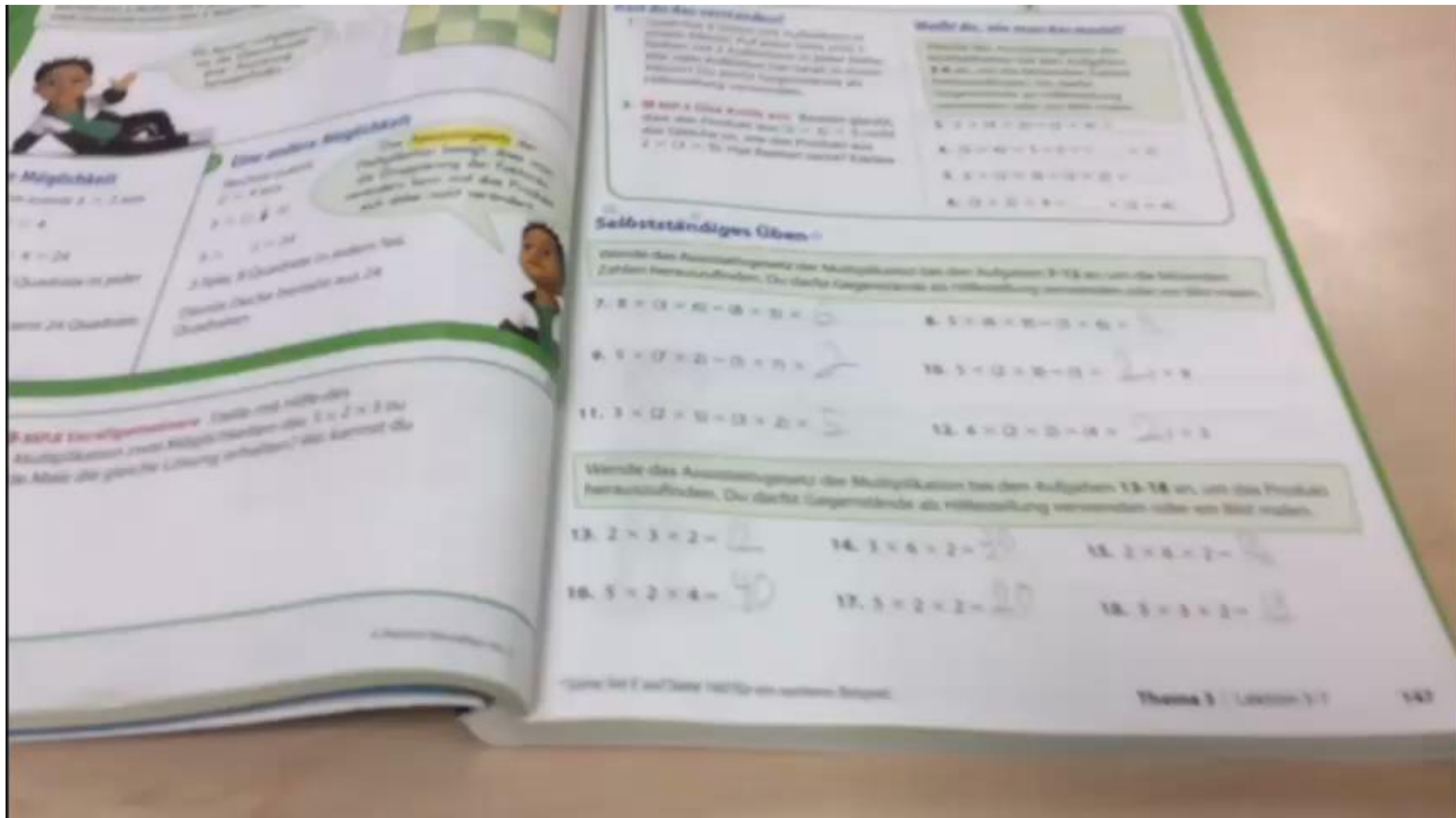




Science in
2nd grade



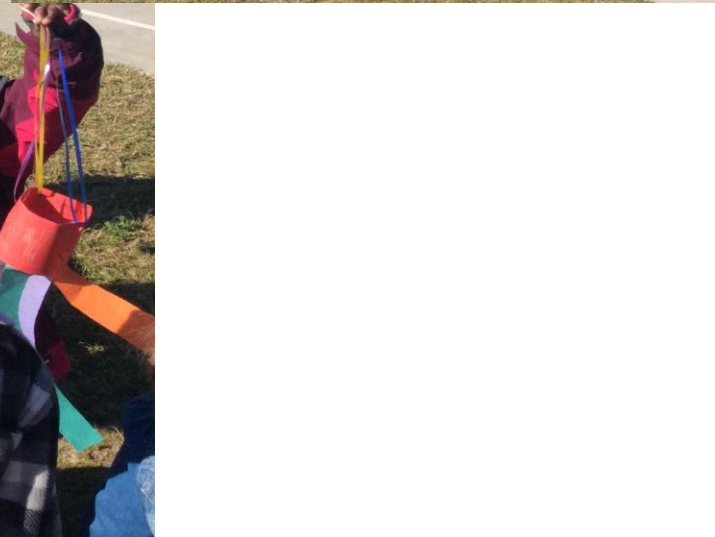
Math in 3rd grade



Talking about animal habitats in science



Exploring wind as part of science in Kindergarten



Split day



- 2.5 hours/day Math and Science in German based on the South Carolina Standards
- English Language Arts, Social Studies along and Related Arts (Music, Art, Computer class, and PE) in English



Fun facts



- Starting in 3rd grade students will have German lessons to prepare for a language test (STAMP)
- There are currently 130 students in the German Immersion Program (projection for 2019: 170)
- Full capacity ~2023: 240 students



Salzkristalle in science



Challenges



- Developing content that reflects state standards and is authentic
- Age-appropriate materials
- Vertical and horizontal collaboration (time constraints)
- Recruiting teachers

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