

Bi-weekly Adolescent Update XIV

The past two weeks kicked off the fourth and final term of the year. It will prove to be a busy term, with lots of exciting events upcoming and some already past. We began our humanities unit for the term, a civics unit that ties directly into our trip to DC next week. As an entrée into thinking about civics and government, the students worked as a group to make decisions about their ideal campus for the Adolescent Program, and designed it using pillows. The discussion that emerged from this got them thinking about some of the ideas essential to the unit: leadership, participation, and the mechanics of our democratic system.



On Wednesday, despite the rain, we ventured to Philadelphia (the capital of the United States from 1790 – 1800) for the afternoon to see the place where so much of our government was formed. We visited Independence Hall and the Constitution Center. The students enjoyed seeing original copies of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, in the place where they were drafted, debated, and signed.

We continue our work in French, Yoga, and Math. In math the students have been focusing on absolute value and/or quadratic equations and graphs, among other concepts. We have done a couple poetry activities, including blackout poetry and the creation of a board for pushpin poetry. The students continue to make candles for fundraising, continue volunteer work at the Almost Home Animal Shelter and Riverview Estates, and baking on Thursday afternoons for the café.

