

AIAN is one with nature, one with the world

By AIAN's Journalism Class

Global citizenship is important to all of us here at AIAN and we are so proud of the work that we have all done over the past week to be better global citizens. The week kicked off with an amazing tree planting from our very own Mr. Harrington. Leading everyone in the best ways to dig the soil to make sure the most nutrients stay in the ground, to explaining how the trees will grow and develop for our high schoolers, our third grade teacher showed everyone just how important it is to take care of our most precious resource; the planet Earth. When asked about it, Mr. Harrington can be quoted as saying "nice to see everyone come together to help to beautify the campus... and make a real connection to Earth day".

Not content with just helping to replant the Earth, on Tuesday Ms. A explained in assembly the importance of three small words; reduce, reuse, and recycle. By showing a video about the dangers we are bringing onto ourselves by dumping plastic into the oceans, she really made us think about how we manage our waste. In order to help shrink our own personal plastic use, the school gave out reusable bamboo straws and cleaners to every student so that we can do our own small bit to help lower the amount of plastic we are dumping.

We also saw wildlife in action by all going on fieldtrips to Beilun Botanical Forest, a nature preserve just a short bus ride from school. There, we saw a variety of awesome biomes and habitats, but because of the heat and time of day, we didn't get a chance to see any of the deer that live on the mountainside. Being so close to nature helps us to realize that humans are just one small part of this amazing ecosystem, and that it is our duty to protect and defend it for the future.

Keeping our planet safe and clean are crucial for its survival, and anything that we can do to make it a better place is important. By raising awareness of our beautiful blue marble we can make it sustainable and pristine for not just the next generation, but generations after that.