

“A Cup of Hot Chocolate”
International Art Collaboration
Grace Episcopal Day School and The International School of Istanbul - Üsküdar SEV
Elementary School (USEV)

Grace students may live 5,214 miles away from students at the [Üsküdar SEV Elementary School \(USEV\)](#) in Istanbul, Turkey but they all agree that hot chocolate is one of their favorite drinks! GEDS and USEV students studied the same artist, Heather Galler and then drew a cup of hot chocolate inspired by her unique and colorful patterned style.

Grace students learned that hot chocolate served in Turkey is often made with dark chocolate slowly dissolved into milk and served with cinnamon, vanilla extract, and nuts. USEV students learned that hot chocolate served in the US usually has a lighter, sweeter milk chocolate flavor and is served with marshmallows, whipped cream, cookie sticks, or a chocolate drizzle.



Art by Heather Galler

Students were invited to interact with the artwork and the artists by leaving comments. A Grace student might ask a USEV student, “What are your favorite hot chocolate toppings?” or write “I like your artwork!” An explanation of the collaborative process as well as artwork from Grace and USEV students in Grades 2-5 can be viewed [here](#).

Creativity is about the recombination of existing ideas, then combining ideas that have not been connected to produce more new and exciting ideas! It’s very promising to think that a cup of hot chocolate can connect all of us!