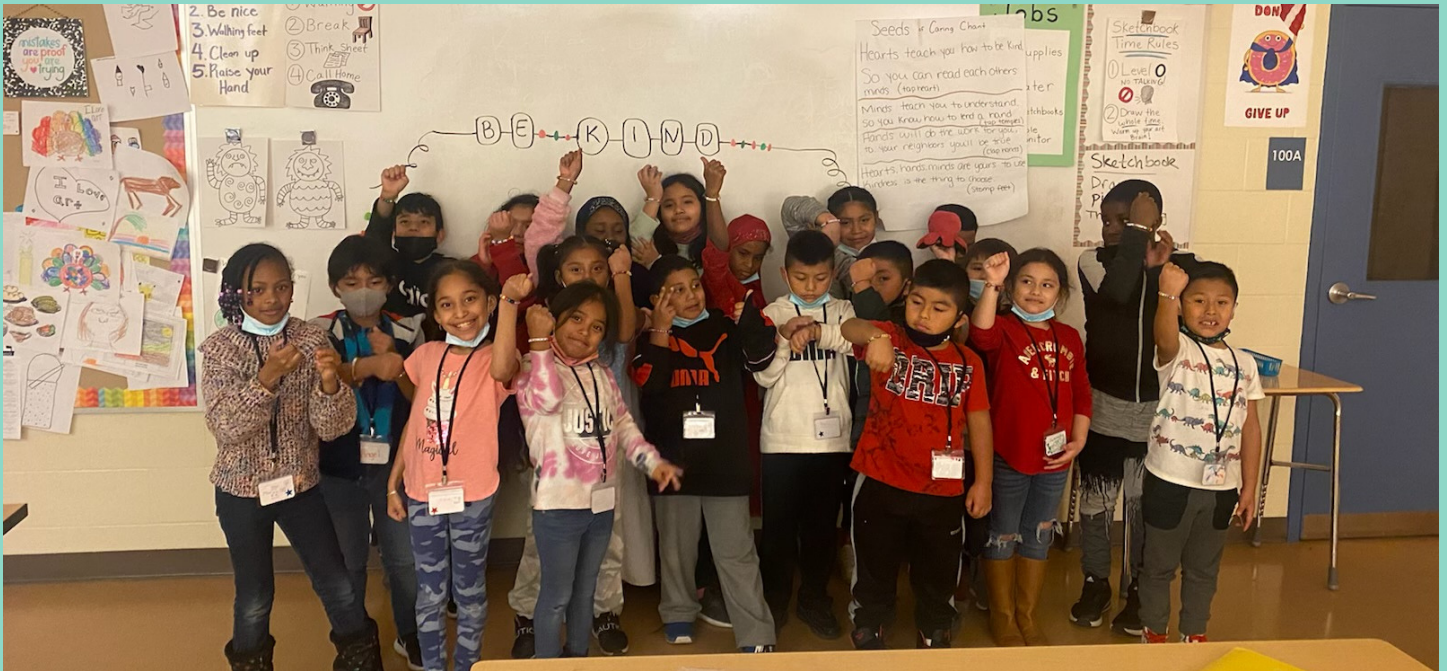


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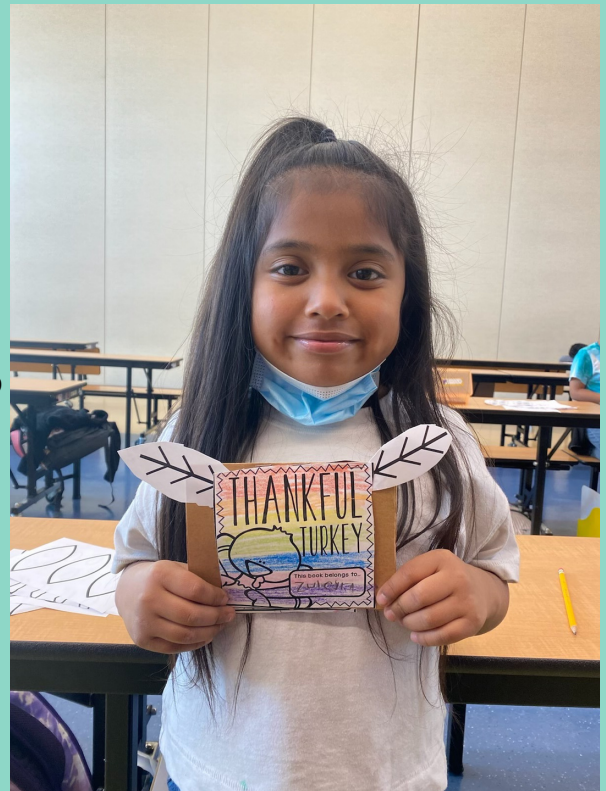
# STILES ELEMENTARY

A LOOK AT FALL PROGRAMMING AT CSCC ESL AFTERSCHOOL COMMUNITIES



This fall was a busy and exciting time at program for our students and tutors. We kicked off the year with 32 students and are all finally settling into our new routines after two unusual years. I think I speak for everyone when I say, we are very thankful to have all our students back in school full time. We continue to work hard to find creative ways to not only engage our students but also keep them safe.

This year, we continue to build relationships with new and old partners such as the Columbus Hunger Alliance and the Southwest Public Library. The students loved their holiday-themed lesson led by Jessica from the Westland Library and are excited for other visits this spring.





We recently partnered with Seeds of Caring, an organization based here in Columbus that aims to engage young children through a variety of service, social action, and community-building experiences. This fall, we completed two out of six total lessons. In the first lesson, the students learned how to use their minds, hearts, and hands to choose kindness. This is a theme that we will refer to throughout the school year not only as we complete the other projects but in our everyday routines.

In the second lesson, our students practiced building empathy by making sun catchers for senior citizens living right here in Columbus. Our students loved decorating handmade sun catchers and writing poems for our friends at Three Creeks Senior Living.



## ENGAGING PARENTS

We are taking every opportunity to meet with parents and teachers. This fall our tutors were present in teacher-parent conferences and some even assisted as translators during these meetings. To further engage our parents, we also hosted a parent event in early November. The goal of the event was to better assess the needs of our students and their families to better serve them.