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The world is a big place, and 2C English class is starting to get to know it!

We have been learning how to ask and answer questions about classroom supplies, such as clock, paper clips, calendar, workbook, pencil sharpener, and globe. They are getting familiar with reading words by learning English phonics. In a story focusing on words starting with *m* and *n*, we saw a picture and read, “What are those? What do you see? There are *names* on the *map*. “As students looked closely, they saw the names of the continents. Of course they wanted a closer look!

So everyone gladly gathered around our classroom globe, with a paper map nearby for extra help, and students discovered that Japan is on the continent of Asia, and the

United States is on the continent of North America. From there we found South America, Africa, Europe, Australia, Antarctica, and the oceans.

To help students apply this new knowledge, they made a map craft. They cut out labels of the continents and oceans and glued them onto a map in all the right places. When they finished the craft, students eagerly returned to the globe to show each other where the continents and other places were. Homework gave students another chance to practice spotting the continents.

Throughout the school year we will read or talk about many places in the world. We will return again and again to the globe or map to find the places we are talking about. The foundation we laid in this month’s map activity will be very useful to us!



These 2 explorers find places on the globe.

2C students show their finished world maps.

