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Learning the ‘bear’ facts about geography

Pine Hills Elementary School students are getting lessons in geography and culture from a pair of well-traveled bears – teddy bears, that is!

Ama Bear visited Turkey and Egypt with Principal Vibetta Sanders over the December holiday break, and Freddie Teddy traveled to Tunisia with students Aya and Fadel Fraj and their family.

Both bears soaked up lots of local culture and brought back pictures, objects and information about the countries they visited to share with their classmates and the school community.



Freddie Teddy has helped bring parts of the world closer to students at Pine Hills Elementary School.

“The bear takes pictures, it interacts with other kids, it interacts with other people,” she said. “It tries to focus on things that would be of interest to kids and also be educational.

“It’s all in the interest of helping kids understand people from different cultures. I think if we begin to expose kids to other cultures, we can begin to dispel some of the unfounded stereotypes we sometimes have of people from different countries.”