

Cool Cats Go Fishing On A Purr-fect First Day

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On the first day of school at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus, Debi Brockmeyer and Kim Fowler, who teach the multiage “Cool Cat” class, didn’t let the cat out of the bag, or positively phrased, as is done at IDS, kept the cat in the bag, so to speak.

Do you think the curiosity of these first grade and second grade students was aroused on the first day of being a “Cool Cat” when the teachers read the book by author, Joan Grant, and illustrator, Neil Curtis, *Cat and Fish*? How about when they gave the students goldfish for a snack and even placed a glass jar with a small fish in it on each child’s’ table?

Imagine the thought process of the six and seven year olds as they tried to make a connection between being the “Cool Cats” and all the talk and actions concerning fish.

They did discover the connection though.



First and second grade student ‘Cool Cats’ at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus on the opening day of the 2009-2010 school year.

The Cat and Fish come from different worlds – one from the land, the other from the sea. – and they learned how to get along. The same is true in a classroom, and the teachers posed questions about how people overcome differences.

The students talked and wrote about working together as a team, compromising and meeting in the middle as the cat and the fish did, and how they could benefit from each others strengths.

It was a purr-fect beginning to the school year for the IDS Cool Cats.

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