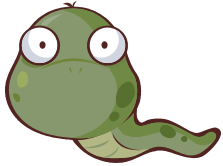


Life in The Elementary Lane

KINDERGARTEN

Things are processing well in kindergarten. All the children have settled nicely into the routine of elementary school. Everyone has made new friends.

We even have a special new animal friend: Ellie-Arthur, the corn snake. Come visit the kindergarten classroom and check out all the wonderful kids, projects, and pets.



FIRST GRADE

Did you know Dallas Raines, the meteorologist from KABC came to First Grade? Well, he did! We learned about the weather and how it can change every day. Mr. Raines told us why that happens. We got to ask him questions, and discover new things about television production. We will tell you about our field trip to Amy's Farm next time...



SECOND GRADE

Second graders are studying about Native Americans this month. Good listeners get the opportunity to do their work in the class tepee. The students are enjoying using their Native American names. Do you know your child's Native American name? Making frybread was a yummy treat! Thanks to all who helped.



Third Grade

Third graders are learning about biomes, ecosystems, and adaptation. They realize that God created plants and animals with adaptations that help those living things survive.

They had a fabulous time visiting the La Brea Tar Pits and learning all about fossils and extinct animals.



The 3rd graders will soon be writing like adults—only neater. They are excited about doing their work in cursive.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade kids are the best! They are working hard on all sorts of assignments. They have just finished a mineral report where they had to "create a stone" according to its characteristics. Our "Meet the Masters" lesson was based on art work by Edward Degas and his work with ballet dancers. Come by and review our children's "art gallery" when you get a chance.



FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders are learning about the human body system this month. They will learn about nutrition along with their digestive system and will be building a model of



these systems in groups.

SIXTH GRADE

The big event for sixth grade this month was Science Camp. We had a lot of fun. We learned a lot about nature, and our ecosystem. This was a great experience for the students.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Beginning instrumental music students are continuing to learn new notes and are making rapid progress on their instruments. String Ensemble, Intermediate Band, Concert Band, and Guitar students are studying music in preparation for Christmas. The Advanced Ensemble is looking forward to performing in Thanksgiving Chapel on November 19.



COMPUTER

PCS will host another electronic waste collection day Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9 am to 3 pm. Last year, PCS earned almost \$2000 at our collection day. The collection day is timed to take in the most e-waste after Christmas, and also shortly after TV stations transition from analog to digital broadcasting earlier in February. So we hope to earn plenty of cash for PCS. Please begin to spread the word to friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

Proper disposal of e-waste is just one aspect of being an ethical computer user. And computer ethics have been the focus in our elementary classes lately. Students visited Disney's Surf Swell Island Internet site to learn the basics of Internet safety and etiquette (or "netiquette"). Younger students explored patents and copyrights while older students put that knowledge into prac-



...tice in properly citing sources for their projects.

CLASSROOM MUSIC

3rd grade students have begun learning to play the recorder. Wow! They are doing well and many have already earned their white recorder karate belt. Well done 3rd grade! Kindergarten students have been listening to Carnival of the Animals whilst 6th grade has just finished learning about Vivaldi's life and listening to "The Four Seasons."



CHORAL MUSIC

"Annie Warbucks" auditions for 5th and 6th grade begin on October 29th.



Audition packets and audition schedules have already gone home by backpack mail. Casting will be completed by December

19th. Remember! Arrive at your audition prepared and ready to go!

ART

In our Junior High Photography/Film class, we have been watching Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 classic, *Vertigo*. We are also studying the first western movie ever made—1903's *The Great Train Robbery*. This movie was inspired by Butch Cassidy's "Hole in the Wall" gang's infamous train robbery of August 1900. Students are also taking photos showing line, shadow, contrast, and reflections.

