

Parent Council Meeting



Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Lily Rose Kindergarten ~ Teacher Susan

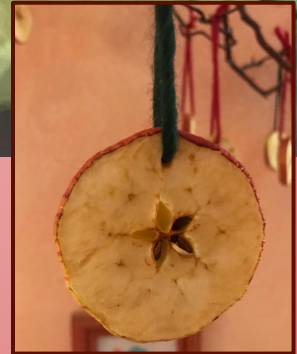
All in a day of the Kindergarten: collecting lavender for sachets, Halloween face painting, watercolor pumpkin moonshines and so much more.



Maple Rose Kindergarten ~ Teacher Cheryl



This month brought apple and pumpkin themes to our circle, craft and storytimes. Here a little boy is sent on a journey to find a little red house with no doors, and with a star inside.

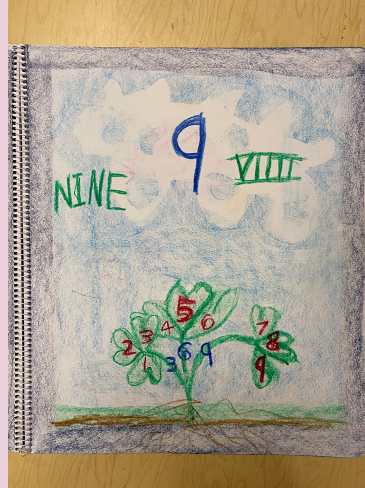
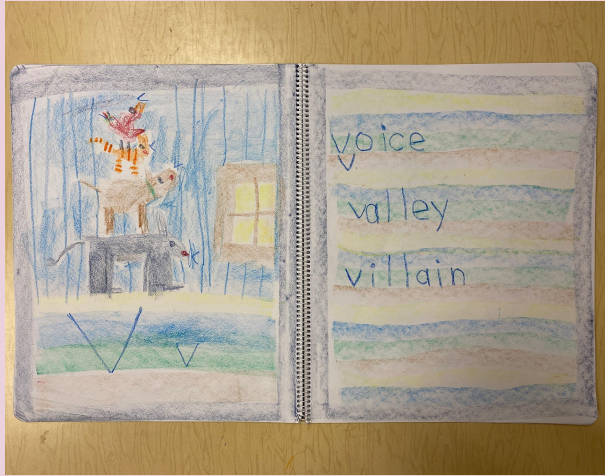


Pumpkin Yeast Bread



Identifying shapes, developing finger dexterity, and taking pride in our edible creations.

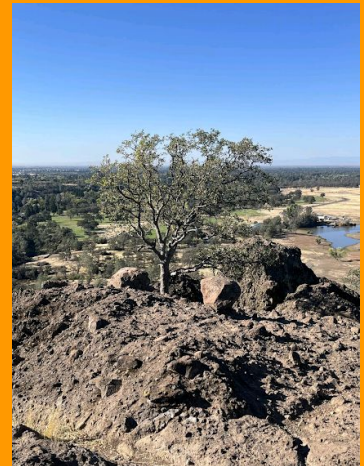
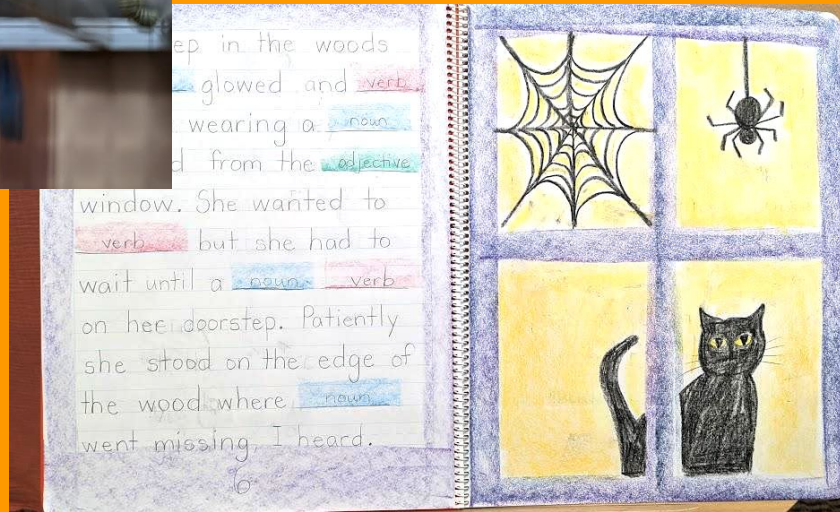
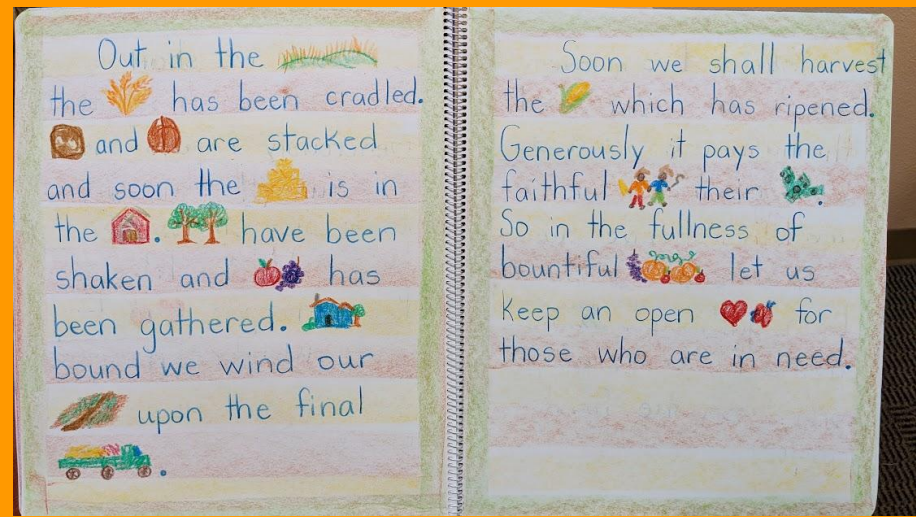
Grade 1 ~ Ms. Sheila



We have been learning our letters and numbers through images from fairy and nature tales, and preparing for our Lantern Walk next week.

Grade 2 ~ Ms. Jennifer

- ❖ Hiking Monkey Face FT
- ❖ Parts of Speech
- ❖ Monarch Butterflies
- ❖ Dia de los Muertos
- ❖ Hispanic Heritage month



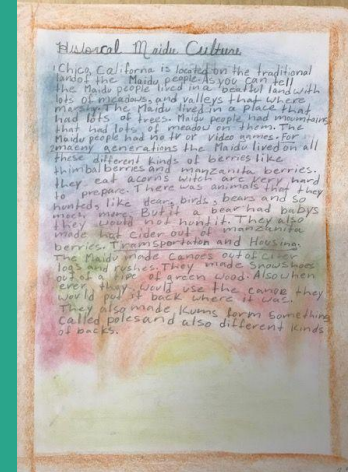
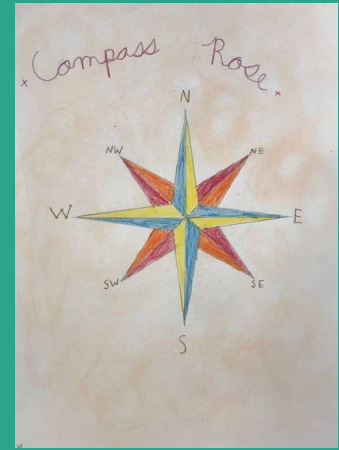
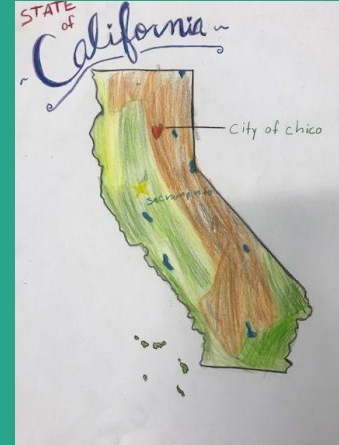


Sleepy Hollow storytelling, warm apple cider, monarch butterfly paper lanterns, and Jack-O-Lanterns lining an autumn grove.

2nd + 8th Grade Buddies Lantern Walk

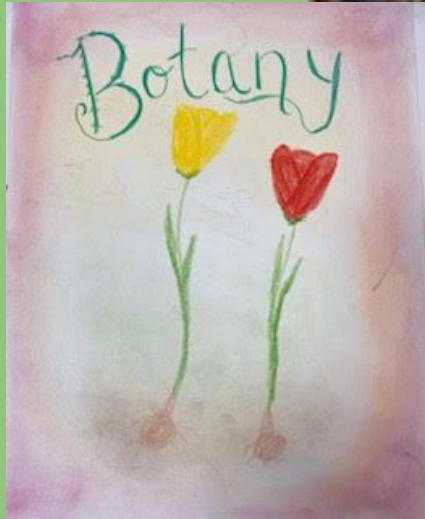
Grade 4 ~ Ms. Machek

Last month we experienced our first local history and geography block, learning more about the land we live on and what life historically looked like for the Maidu people here in Northern California. Starting with the compass rose and directionality, we used maps to land firmly here at our place on this earth. Beginning at our desks, we expanded our view out to our classroom, our school, our city, our county, and finally our state.



Grade 5 ~ Ms. Sarah Lee

Starting our botany block by exploring living and nonliving things. They had such joy literally running from place to place exploring what was there and taking notes.



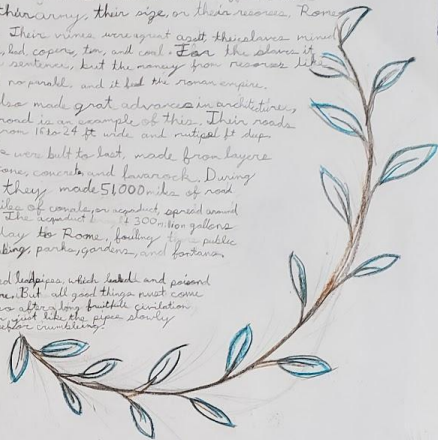
Grade 6~Mrs.Jones

The Success of Rome

The power of a civilization comes from three things: their army, their size, or their resources. Rome had all three. Their vines were great and their slaves were great. They had coins, too, and that was a pretty cool thing. But the money from resources like slaves had no power, and it had the Roman empire.

Rome also made great advances in architecture. The Roman road is an example of this. Their roads averaged from 16 to 24 ft wide and 18 to 24 ft deep. These roads were built to last, made from layers of sand, stones, concrete, and lava rocks. During the rule they made 51,000 miles of road and 1300 miles of concrete or asphalt, spread around the empire. The aqueducts were 1,300,000 gallons of water a day to Rome, feeding the public baths, plantings, parks, gardens, and fountains.

But they used lead pipes, which leaked and poisoned water over time. But all good things must come to an end, as after a long beautiful civilization it broke down like the Roman slowly poisoned better civilization.



The sixth grade has entered our first Roman History block. The students are very engaged in the Roman stories that are rich with imagery and full of suspense.

The Story of Romulus & Remus

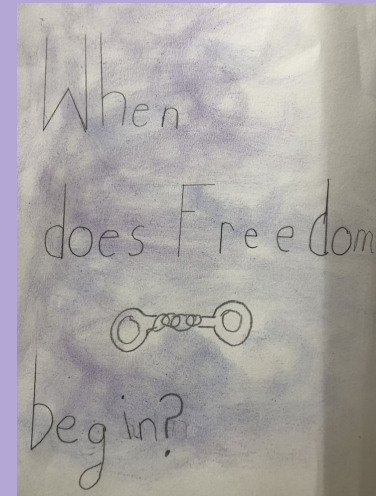
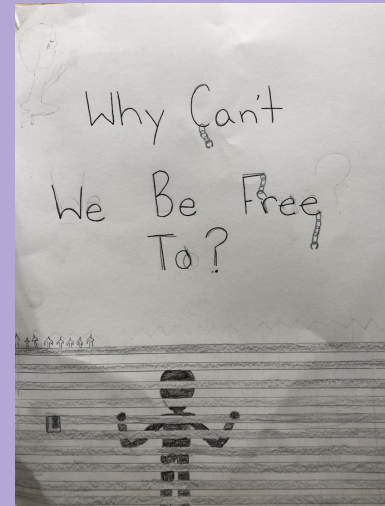
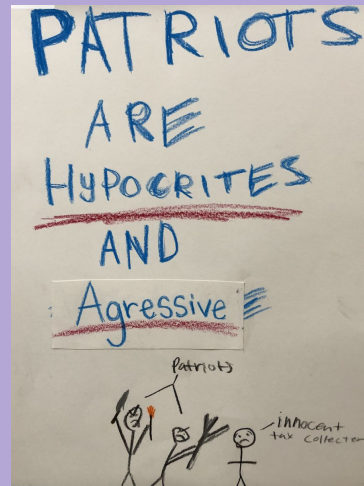
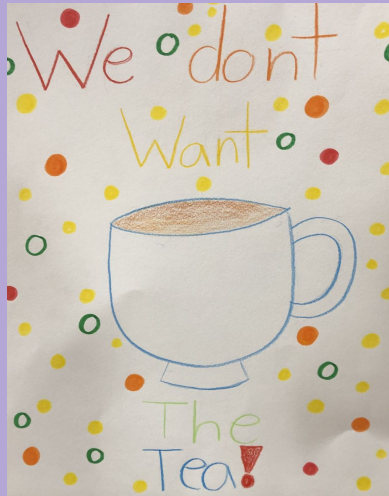
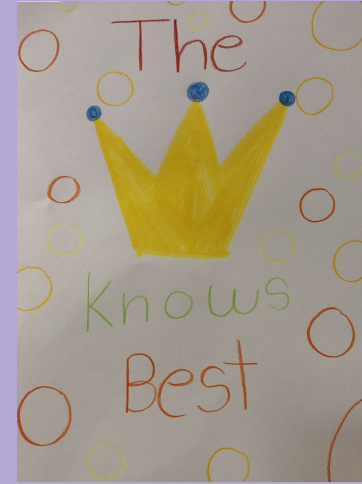


8th Grade - Mrs. Madera

The 8th graders have been studying the American Revolution using a simulation where they are taxed for the use of their desks, paper, etc. Then they conduct congressional sessions whereby they engage in speech and debate and veto laws from the king. The Revolution and rebelling have begun!

"No taxation without representation!"

-Patrick Henry

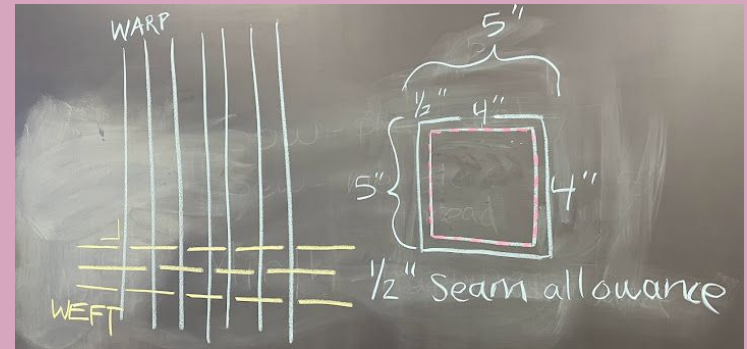


Lower Grades Handwork with Miss Claire

On October 13th, the 3rd grade went on a field trip to the Chico Flax farm on Rodeo Drive and learned all about how flax plants become linen fabric. Everyone got a chance to experience many of the steps in processing the plants. We had lots of parent helpers, which was wonderful!



In Fourth grade, we are sewing! We made 5"x5" paper patterns for lavender sachets, learned about the structure of woven fabrics and are stripping the flowers off of dried lavender grown and donated by Kari Madera. This process requires lots of math skills, measuring and accuracy to help develop fine motor skills.

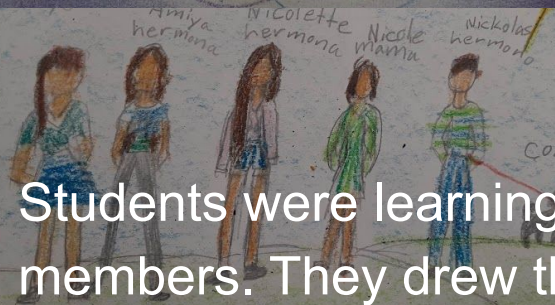


In 5th grade, we are crocheting. This is a very tricky skill to master and I had one frustrated student claim that she hated crocheting, but after one successful class, it clicked for her and she left the class saying how much she loved it. Fifth grade also helped watercolor paint some of the salt dough leaves that Teacher Cheryl made for the Harvest Festival.



Spanish ~ Ms. Beca

Students learned about
Dia de los Muertos.
The ofrenda was built
as they learned the
different elements.
Students made
alebrijes and flowers.



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~ Middle School Electives ~

Every Friday morning, Grades 6, 7 and 8 students are given the opportunity to engage with others in the Middle School community by joining an elective subject:

- ❖ *Basketball with Mr. Meier;*
- ❖ *Board Games with Ms. Brianna Lee;*
- ❖ *Drawing, with Mr. Combs;*
- ❖ *Piano with Mr. Anderson;*
- ❖ *Soul Collage with Mrs. Jones; or*
- ❖ *Volleyball with Ms. Welch.*

If students have school work to complete, or are in a place of needing to improve their grade in a subject, Mrs. Madera provides a Study Hall space and support for them.

Classes run for 9 weeks. New elective offerings will start November 5.

Basketball with Mr. Meier

We had a great time learning basic basketball fundamentals in our elective. The kids grew in their confidence and ability to play well together. By the end of the elective, we were able to have really fun and competitive games!



Board Games with Ms. Brianna Lee





Drawing ☆
Elective



Drawing with Mr. Combs

Music ~ Mr. Anderson

Students in the piano elective worked on technical exercises and repertoire of their personal choice.



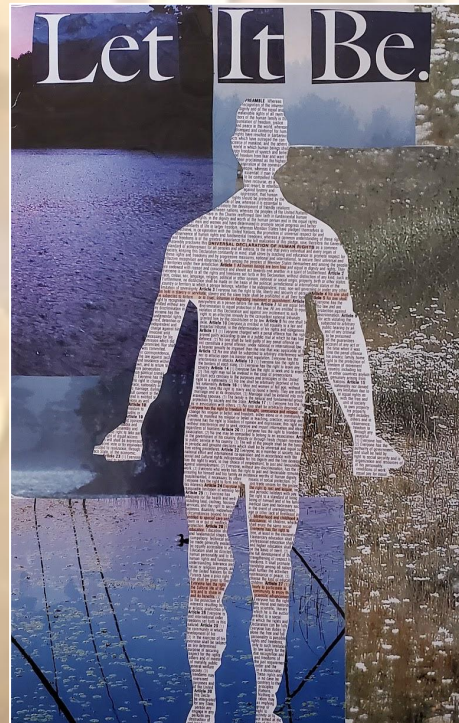
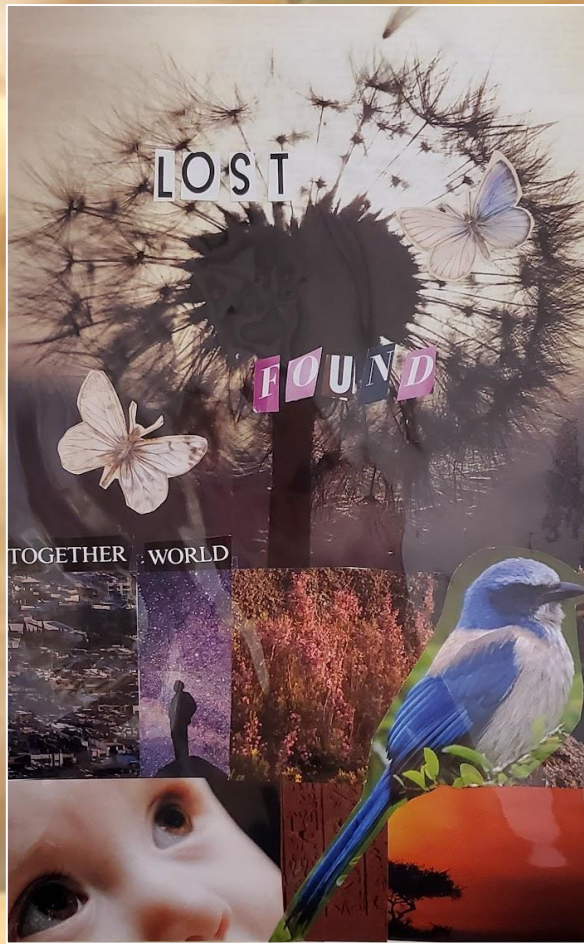
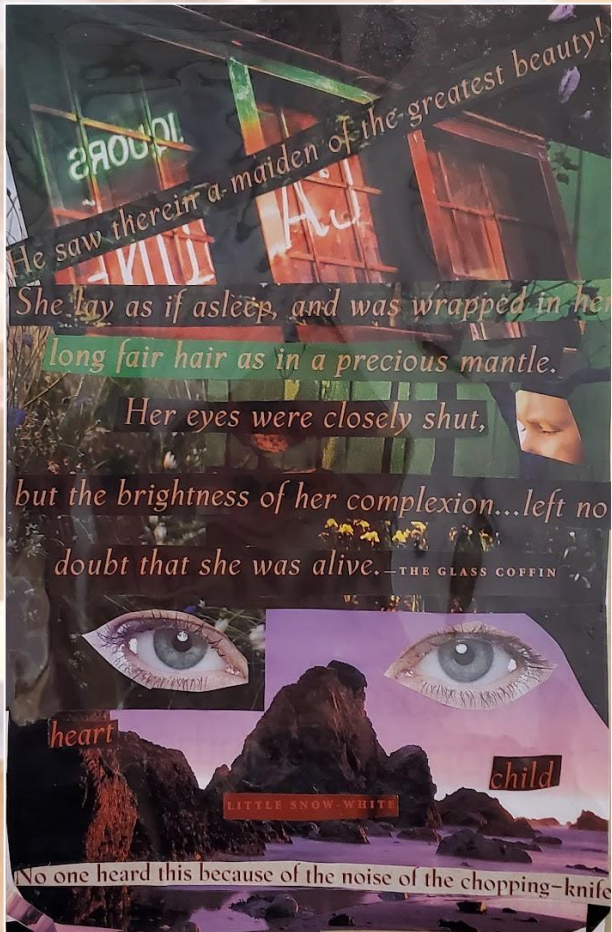


Soul Collage Elective

With Mrs. Jones

Soul Collage is an
intuitive collage
process for
self-discovery by
making decks of
cards for personal
use
from found
images.

Soul Collage card by Maddie, 7th grade



Soul Collage cards by Nicollette, 8th grade

Volleyball with Ms. Welch



The Festival of Light

One of Blue Oak's special Winter traditions is to celebrate a Festival of Light during the school day.

Many cultures around the world for ages past have been gathering to honour the light, either by calling forth the lighter days to come, or by reflecting and contemplating on our own inner light.

Throughout a week in December, several grades will host a celebration of *LIGHT*, which ties into the curriculum of their grade:

- ❖ *Hanukkah*
 - Wed Dec 7, hosted by Grade 3
- ❖ *Physics Light Experiment*
 - Thurs Dec 8 ~ hosted by Grade 6
- ❖ *Light Spiral*
 - Fri Dec 9 ~ hosted by the Kindergarten
- ❖ *Diwali*
 - Mon Dec 12 ~ hosted by Grade 5
- ❖ *Santa Lucia*
 - Tues Dec 13 ~ hosted by Grade 2

