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Moving In

by Claire

A couple of weeks ago, everyone from the school was helping us move into the new school on 1364 Cook Road from Magnolia Farm. We decided to move because at Magnolia Farm everyone was getting too cramped in all the rooms. So for a while, we all helped move things from Magnolia to the new Barclay School. It took a while to do, but we all eventually got settled in.

When everyone first came to the school, it had bugs, dirt, and lots of old things, but we knew we could fix it. Then Mr. Calvert, our social studies teacher, started painting shelves, and I wanted to paint them too.

Some of our students, Alyx and Amy, were helping to paint with him. After a while, I

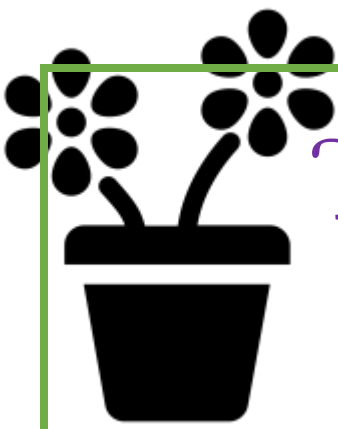
asked if I could help too. Painting is very fun, and Alyx and Amy kept on joking and play fighting. I really enjoyed painting the shelves because Mr. Calvert put some music on, and we all sang to it. Mr. Calvert just chose a white color for the shelves, but it looked really nice. We painted for days until they were all finally done. Moving into the new school was very fun, and we aren't fully moved in yet. But we will be soon.



Solar Eclipse

by Brandon P.

The solar eclipse is when the moon blocks the light from the sun to the Earth. If the moon blocks the sun, the whole sky turns dark. If the moon moves to the left side, the sun's light shows again. Always put on your special glasses because if you don't, you will go blind. I came outside to see the eclipse. The sky was so dark, and I saw crows flying to investigate what was going on.



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Mikala and Claire!

by Alyx

We have two new students named Claire and Mikala. They joined the beginning of August. They are incredibly smart girls. Mikala is twelve, and Claire is nine. They both love it here. I love carpooling with them every day for school. Claire and Mikala both have funny personalities. Mikala and Claire are sisters. You should come meet them. They fit right in here at the Barclay School. I love having them at Barclay.

Going to the Library

by Ethan

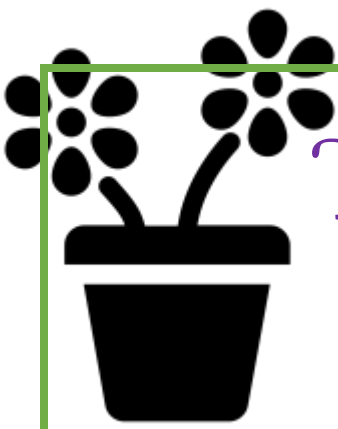
It's fun going to the library. We went on a tour of the library. We picked out books. I picked out *King Arthur*. We had story time. The story was about the three little pigs, but it had a twist. It was the wolf who was telling the story, not the pigs! We did some activities. We played with Legos. I'm excited that we are going back every week.



Everybody Got New Furniture

by Naomi

We got new furniture. We got it from the Fairfield School District. We got new chairs, a table, rugs, a bookshelf, and a desk. Right among the furniture, Beattie, Ms. Edith's dog, was racing back and forth in the lobby. She was excited about the new furniture, sniffing at everything. I was excited too. It's awesome.



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Getting Ready for the Animals!

by Alyx

At our new school, we have lots of things that came from our old school like some furniture and school supplies. Some things we don't have are goats and other animals. We do have a bunny. We will be getting some of the animals from the farm at some point. The whole school is really excited about bringing the animals to the new school. The school was thinking about putting the goats in a baseball field at the school. I'm really excited! I can't wait to see the kids, no pun intended.

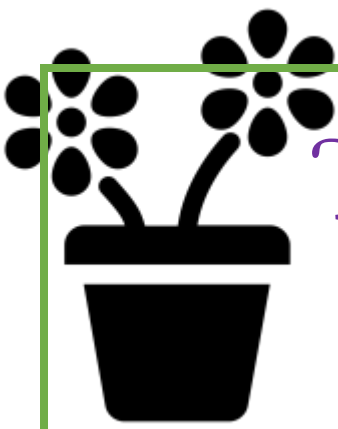


Seaman

by Mikala

When we moved and got all settled in, Ms. Edith got books for us to read called *Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark* by Gail Langer Karwoski. Every day after snack, she passes out the books to everyone, and we open it to the page we left off on. She starts off reading a page or two then asks the student next to her to continue reading it. After the student is done, the next student reads. This continues with every student until it's time for lunch. It's a very interesting story. It's about Lewis and Clark's journey with their dog, Seaman. It's written in third person and explains the journey very well. My favorite character is York because he seems like a fun and jolly character. Overall, it's a great story. It's cool to listen to everyone read, and I like it when I get to read.





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Music by Wil

We have music. Alan, our music teacher, plays the guitar. We sit on the carpet, and we sing. Alyx, Amy, Dominic, Sara, Ethan, Piper, Donna, Desmond, Naomi, Bonnie, and Wil sing. I like to sing “Twinkle Star.” I like Alan. I like to hug Alan. I like music.



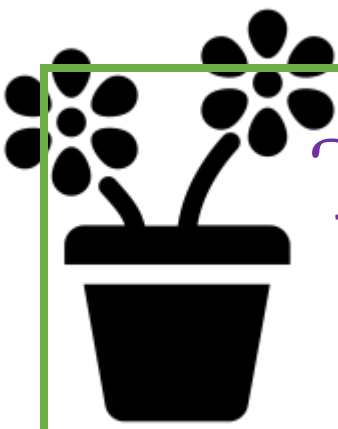
Easy Beesy by Sara

Mr. Richard is a beekeeper. He wanted to give us some bees. He is going to show us how to make honey from the bees. We are getting them in the spring. I like honey in my tea. I’m happy that we are getting the bees. I cannot wait to make the honey.



Claire, In All Her Glory By Mikala

Claire, a.k.a. Rachel Claire Hood, is one of the two new students at Barclay. Her favorite animal is a fox, and her favorite color is purple. She seems to like school. She said her favorite thing to do is all the fun crafts. She also likes science class the most. She might need the education since she said she’s “nine years old.” She doesn’t like her all around perfect sister, Mikala (with that being said, she’s nine years old!). Her favorite hobby is roller-blading. Her day starts off by being called downstairs to



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get ready for school. She gets dressed then goes downstairs to brush her hair and teeth, pack lunch, and put on shoes. She goes in the van with her dad to go pick up Alyx for carpool. We then drive to school and get out of the van. She puts up her lunchbox and goes straight to math. She's a fun person, not always a fun sister. 😊

John Samuel. This is the first time going to the nursing home in the new school year. Last Friday, we went to the Southwinds Nursing Home. We gave them the refrigerator, and they gave us a step ladder. I'm ready to go back to Blue Ridge in the Fields nursing home.



I'm Excited about the Nursing Home

by Desmond

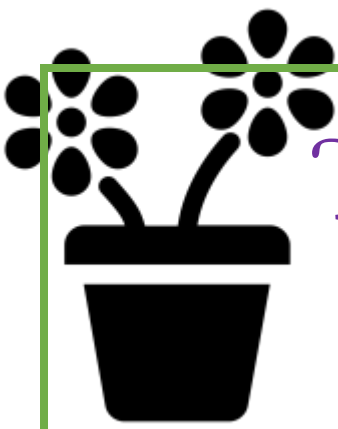
I can't wait to go to the nursing home next Friday. I'm excited to see my friend, Mr.



The Expedition

by Claire

A while ago, Mr. Calvert, our social studies teacher, sent my class on an expedition in the woods. Everyone had a job, and I was the supplier. All my classmates had a job too. My sister, Mikala, was the flag holder. My friend, Alyx, had medical care equipment, and so on and so on. Everyone definitely had a walking stick. They were all made of broken shovels and rakes. A couple of minutes later, we set off to the back where our teachers, Mrs. Mary, Ms. Edith, and Dr. G were. After we took a couple photos, we went to explore our new land. Ronan, our leader, started walking into the forest, and everyone followed. We



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walked and walked in the hot sun for a long time. After a while, we reached a big hill, and we found some bugs on our way up like a tiger swallowtail butterfly caught in a web. Mr. Calvert set down the bright orange flag next to a tree. We started walking again. Once we reached the top of the hill, there was a gravel road, a metal gate, and a pile of rocks with some plants growing on it. After some exploring, we hiked all the way back and had some water. Everyone seemed tired, but we enjoyed it a lot.



Planets

by Brandon P.

The most important part of the solar system is the sun. The sun is a star that gives up light. The four inner planets are called “Terrestrial” planets such as Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. Planets such as these do not always have air or water. The outer planets are called “Jovian” planets such as Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and the smallest planet, Pluto. We have been studying planets in science. I love studying planets. It is my favorite science subject.

New School Wish List

- Lamps
- Rugs
- Refrigerator
- Lobby furniture
- Rabbit food
- Mirrors
- Framed pictures
- Classroom clocks
- Vacuum cleaners
- Towels
- Hand soap

If you can help out with any of these items, you’re welcome to drop them off at our new school at 1364 Cook Road, Ridgeway, SC 29130. You can also email Boyce Buchanan at boyce.buchanan@gmail.com with questions or more information. Thank you for your continued support!

