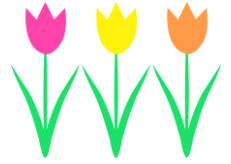


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A Magician Full of Tricks

by Amy

Last week, a magician named John Tudor came over to do a magic show for Phillip's birthday. He did all sorts of amazing tricks like making bubbles into glass orbs, getting a silver dollar from behind people's ear, and also pulling out a black and white bunny from a hat. What I really liked about the show is that he used tissue paper in a cup full of water to make twenty or more butterflies! After that, he let us pet his bunny and made swords, cats, dogs, and a rabbit with balloons. We had so much fun, and we were grateful to him. I really hope he comes again soon!



Open House

by Joe

Last night, we had another open house, this time for members of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. Just like at the last open house, the kids that were there were giving tours to all of the visitors that came to the event. Each of the students were put in pairs for the tours. I was with Ethan, and we met and talked to many interesting people. One of them was Mr. Gary. He used to work for Mekra Lang, the company that owns the building that we are in now. He said that when he used to visit the building, there was not as much color as we have put into it now. We also spent a lot of time at the chicken coop and greenhouse, talking about gardening and animals. Another person Ethan and I met was Cortney who was the one who got us projectors through a grant for the school. She works for the Central Carolina Community Foundation. She was also surprised at all of the color and the amount of classrooms, space, and animals we had. Last night was so much fun and thank you to all of the guests that stopped by to look at the school!



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Tiger by Wil

Today, I practiced by science presentation. I talked to the toy tiger. I told the tiger about thunderstorms. The tiger listened. The tiger clapped. It was fun to practice with the tiger.

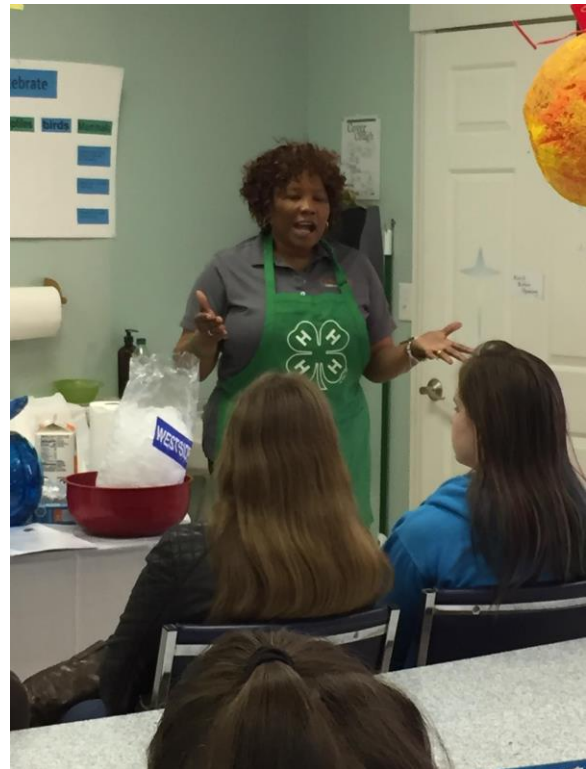
Projects by Gianni

In Mrs. Mary's classroom, we are doing projects on insects. My project is on ants, orb weavers, and jumping spiders. Some classmates are doing projects on ladybugs, killer bees, and beetles. Those are some of the projects. We have been working on them for a while now. We had a lot of fun doing research. First, we use lots of books to learn facts. When we finish our projects, we will turn it into a letters of the alphabet book of insects.



Playing Ball by Dominic

I like to play ball. I play ball with Ethan, Wil, Naomi, Joe, Phillip, Piper, and JJ. We play ball at lunch. We play with a soccer ball, a volleyball, a rainbow ball, another rainbow ball, a little ball, and a big red ball. We play with all the balls all at once. I like kicking them. It's fun!



Getting the Chickens by Alyx

Last week, we got some chickens from our history teacher, Mr. Calvert. We have three hens and one rooster. Every day, some of the students go and see if one of the hens has laid an egg. You have to distract the rooster before you go in the chicken coop so that

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you can grab the eggs. Having chickens is a lot of fun. The hens are very pretty. One of the hens is a brown color, and the other hens are lighter than the other. The rooster has a reddish body and a tan neck. Before we got the chicken coop all set up, we had to put a door on the coop. The door is a light teal color. We have a student that goes to the school who is really good at art. Her name is Mikala, but everyone calls her MK for short. She is a really good artist. She is drawing a chicken on the door so that everyone knows it's a chicken coop. I really love having chickens and animals at our school.



My Friend, Dylan

by Sara

I have a friend named Dylan. Dylan has light brown hair and brown eyes. Dylan has to go to cheer after school, but on

Wednesdays, she does not go to cheer. Dylan makes me laugh all the time. Dylan loves bunnies. Dylan has a lot of bunny stuffed animals and pillows. She and I play Barbie all the time. We play on the trampoline every day. Dylan has a brother. His name is Brody. Brody plays soccer. Dylan and Brody go to a different school.

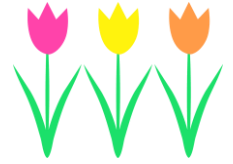
My New Hairstyle

by Desmond

I got a new hairstyle. One week ago, on Thursday, I went to the African hair dresser. After the lady talked to my dad, she let me sit in the chair while she washed my hair. When the other lady came in the hair salon, she got ready to restart my dreads all over again. She twisted my hair with her fingers. She put clips on my dreads. After I got my hair done, I sat under the dryer and let my hair get dry. After I finished the dryer, she took the clips out of my hair. After I got my hair done, I was happy how much my hair grew. I didn't know it was going to grow that much.



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Creating a Pig Pen

by Nate

After we built the chicken coop, we are building a pig pen to go around the chicken coop so the chickens will be safe. We're supposed to be getting two full-grown pot-bellied pigs but now we're getting two baby pigs that will be weaned in a month or maybe less. I don't know about the school or my classmates, but I sure know I'm excited to get them. But we don't have them yet. We built the pig pen by putting fence pulls in the ground and lining them up to make a square around the chicken coop. Then, we nailed the fencing wire to the posts. We then made sure that everything was tight, and we nailed it in right and tight. We then made sure the chicken coop was good and then went somewhere else for another adventure.



We Had a Drop-In

by Naomi

We listened to Dr. G first and got ready for it. I welcomed everybody in. I did

something silly: I welcomed in Boycie who works at the school. I had my supper very early. It was good. It was pizza and, for my drink, water. I had fun. I enjoyed it.

Baking Quiche

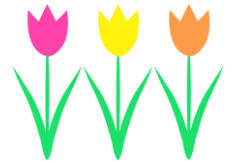
by MK

Mrs. Mary got Mrs. Edith's and Dr. G's class to make quiche, for a lunch snack and for open house. We made three different quiches: swiss chard and mozzarella, spinach and feta, and a spinach without feta. We used the eggs from our hens in the chicken coop (I'm drawing the rooster on the coop).

What we did after cleaning the school on Thursday: Mrs. Mary took us to the kitchen and showed us how to bake the quiches. We took about four pie pans and layered them with unbaked pie crust, then we folded and rounded the edges and pressed a fork against it to give it a "pie crust" look. Then, we took the vegetables and covered the bottom of the crust, pouring whisked milk and eggs on top, along with the cheese. We had an accident where we accidentally put the feta with the swiss chard. We had to get a bowl and get the feta out so we could have it for the spinach. After that, we got baking pans and put the pies on top. We placed them in the oven and waited for them to cook.

I didn't know how long they were cooking, because I was in the library with the other kids. After a few minutes, the older kids came in with plates and forks, and then shortly after, the quiches. At that moment, I knew it was time to eat. They took a picture

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of us with the egg-pies before cutting it up for everyone who wanted one to get a slice.

My thoughts on the quiche: I love quiche, and this one wasn't bad. I couldn't eat all of it, and to be honest, I don't think I'd eat another. It was wet. But, it was good. My only problem was how moist and wet it was. After we ate the quiche, we set it in the fridge and saved it for anyone who wanted some during the open house.



Social Studies Presentations

by Claire

In social studies, Mrs. Edith's and Dr. G's classes are doing slide show presentations! They are all related to the wild west. I am doing the Forty-Niners. My classmates are working on topics like Wild West shows, Chisholm Trail, and gun fighters. When all

of us are done, we will go up to the whiteboard and be the teacher for a day. Our social studies teacher, Mr. Calvert, told us we could bring props related to our theme. I brought a hoop dress with a floral-patterned skirt and a dark teal top. I also brought some pyrite or fool's gold. It's perfectly fine if someone doesn't have anything, because Mr. Calvert has plenty of props! I am already done with my slideshow and so are some of my classmates. We're planning to present our slideshows soon! It was fun typing up my project and making it into a slideshow. I love projects that are interesting and creative. I can't wait until we present our projects!

The New Chickens

by Ethan

We got chickens. They lay eggs. They cluck. They have a rooster. He is loud. I like to get the eggs.





Teacher's Corner: Benjamin's Adventure

by Ms. Bonnie

One hot day in a lush southern field, there grew a tiny peanut named Benjamin. He was smaller than his other peanut friends, but what he lacked in size he made up for in enthusiasm.

"I'm going to be the tastiest peanut in the whole world! I can't wait to see what I will get to be when I grow up!"

One by one, Benjamin's friends were dug up and made into all kinds of tasty things. George was roasted and eaten by a sticky-fingered toddler at a circus. April was happily smushed into peanut butter and had the best time hanging onto the teeth of a giant Labrador. Peter, who loved making new friends, met lots of other peanuts as he was boiled slowly in a giant pot and was finally gobbled up by a girl named Piper.

But Benjamin stayed on the vine. He grew sadder and sadder as the days went by. Perhaps he was too small to taste good and no one would ever enjoy him.

What Benjamin did not realize, as his friends were dug up one by one and eaten, was that he had grown quite a lot. He was now a respectably large and handsome peanut.

One glorious day, Benjamin felt a great rumbling and tugging. Suddenly, everything was bright and cold, and he was being bundled into a sack with other peanuts and carried away from his plant. How exciting! What delicious treat was he to become? Perhaps peanut brittle? Or smothered in

caramel and stuffed into a candy bar? Or maybe even chopped up and sprinkled on a steaming plate of Pad Thai!



To his horror, however, he was soon shoved back into the ground! What had happened? Was he not tasty, after all? Poor Benjamin began to cry big oily tears.

"Why are you crying, Ben? Aren't you excited?" asked Genevieve from the next dirt hill.

"Excited about what?" sniffed Benjamin grumpily.

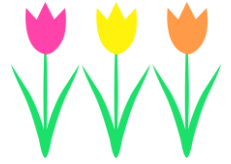
"Why don't you realize what's happening?" exclaimed Genevieve.

"Wh-what's happening?" asked Benjamin, a bit more hopefully.

"Benjamin! We have the most noble job that a peanut can hope for! We have been PLANTED!" Genevieve cried.

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Benjamin felt as though he was full of sunshine. Planted! Why, he never thought he would have such an honor.

Swelling with pride, he cracked his shell and began to sprout. Over the next growing season, he reached up with his leaves and stretched down with his roots. Soon he was covered in beautiful yellow flowers that smiled around at his other peanut plant friends. Genevieve beamed back with her golden blossoms. He dropped his petals and soon after began to grow little baby peanuts.

Benjamin's children were known to be the tastiest in the whole field. And the, growing hundreds of delicious children, he lived happily ever after.

The End.