

Barry Good News

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Lake Mary Montessori Academy

Enrichment

Music We played songs on the recorder and the xylophone.

P.E. We played middle ball it's just like volleyball but it's allowed to bounce three times.

Art in art we studied Jackson Pollock. Jackson is fun we threw paint.

Spanish We learned how to speak Spanish - "house is casa."

Michael Patituci



More fun building with graham crackers.

A frogs heart

On January 11, 2010 the fifth graders dissected a frog. I don't mean a real frog I mean on line. We had to pin the legs and arms down. Then get the scalpel. We cut lines down the middle of the frog and opened it up. Lastly, we took the organs out and had to identify them. There's no blood so it's really rather fun.

By: Sian Armstrong

Fish Dissection

On the Thursday before winter break, the fifth graders each dissected a fish. We used knives that we brought from home and Sian's dad caught the fish. There were three blue-gills and two bass. We removed and identified the organs. We even found a crawfish in the stomach of one of the bass! I thought it was gross but also really cool.

By Adrian Sakr



Leu Gardens

In 2009 the Barry classroom went to Leu Gardens. Leu Gardens consists of 4 parts. The tropical area which has a large amount of plant life and a beautiful stream. The desert area which is filled with cactuses that you usually see cartoon characters fall on. The rose garden also serves as a wedding area.

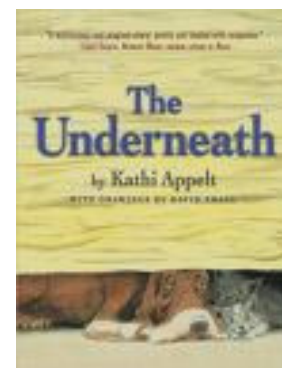
By Elijah Eyma



The Underneath

The 5th graders are reading a book called The Underneath for Literature Circle. The Underneath is about a pregnant calico cat who is abandoned. The calico cat wanders into the forest and hears a song. The song calls her name so she walks towards the song and finds a house. The house is old and rickety. As she draws near she

discovers there is a hound. The calico cat isn't afraid. The hound, Ranger, tells her that he is very lonely and about the horrible man, Gar Face that lives there. The calico cat explains that she is pregnant. Day by day the babies get closer and closer to being born. The question is will Gar Face find out?
By Dante Norzagaray



Barry Pin Maps!!



The fifth graders dissecting their fish.

The Barry class has pin maps of every continent. A pin map is where there is a map and you have to get an Atlas. There are pins of cities, countries, capitals, desserts, islands, lakes, rivers and seas. You put them onto the correct whole on your map.

Some of 4th graders finished every one. We think it was a good experience so we can learn the places of each continent.

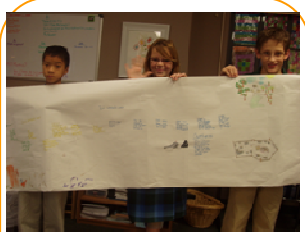
By Nikki Veneziano



Peace Day

On December 16, the Barry class celebrated peace. We made peace doves, peace lanterns, and peace dot paintings. We had a lot of fun.

By Mitchell Linville

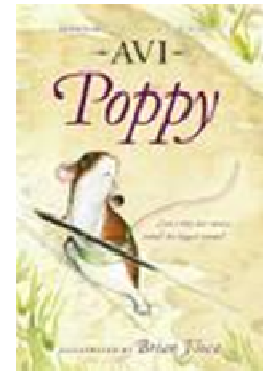


Alex Yip, Alex Steadman and Sammy showing off their Seminole war timeline

Poppy!

Poppy is a small deer mouse with 72 brothers and sisters! Watching over the mice and all the animals in Dimwood forest is an owl named Mr. Ocax. He usually watches the forest from his watching tree or flies around. Poppy has a new mission: get to new house which is across Dimwood forest. With more than 10 predators

including Mr. Ocax. Will she succeed or fail? Find out!



Timeline of Life

The fourth graders are researching the timeline of life. Each period, we choose a animal from that period to research, and then present it. We also have to read a few pages of information and then answer 20 questions. We are now up to the Permian Period. We have already studied the Precambrian, Cambrian, Ordovician,

Silurian, Devonian and Carboniferous periods. The Timeline of Life is fun and interesting and I can't wait to learn more!

By Alex Steadman



Listening to our tour guide at Leu Gardens.

Cracker Probability Plant Sale

Cracker is a book where a German Shepherd is taken away from his family. She was orphaned because the father of her owner loses his job and to get a new job he must go to a "no dog" apartment. She goes to work for the army in Vietnam. She will be paired with a 17 year old man named Rick to be her handler. Together they will whip the world!

By Sammy Bigelow

On Thursday, the 7th, of 2010, we learned about probability. At first, we used clock-like spinners with different colors on them. After we all started to understand it, Mrs. Gonzalez brought out candy. When you got the correct answer you got a piece of candy. Everyone got called only once. The whole Barry class had a great time.

By Carlos Norzagaray

We are finished with our plant business until March. We raised \$1900! But we had to pay for the plants so we made a profit of \$700. In March, we will have some Venus Flytraps for sale and some other new plants. Some of the plants we had for our last plant sale aren't going to be available but others will be.

By Davis Rash



Mr. Jacobson came to talk to us about our plant sale

Description Sewed Up Seminoles

Last week the Barry class learned about descriptive writing. We had to pick a topic, brainstorm, write a rough draft, and write a final draft. In our writing we had to include the five senses (sight, smell, hear, touch, and taste). A lot of people wrote about their pets and some wrote about food like pepperoni and cheeseburgers. It was a very fun activity that we all enjoyed.

By Emily Erdman

Sewed up His Heart is a story by Lillie Patterson illustrated by Leslie Bowman. It is about a man named James Cornish who got stabbed in the heart and is rushed to the E.R. Dr. Dan must sew up his heart before he dies. The only problem is that it has never been done before. Will James Cornish die? Will Dr. Dan make history? Read this story and you will find out!

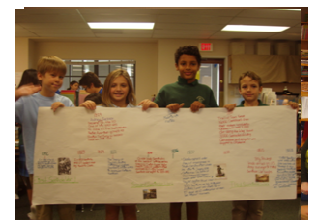
By Zoya Wazir

As European settlers came to Florida, they moved onto Native American's lands. Some Native American's gave up their lands but the Seminoles didn't. Then the first Seminole war started. Soon they worked out a compromise. Life on the reservation was not good for the Seminoles. The soil was poor. In 1835, the second Seminole war started because the Seminole's didn't want to move from the Florida Reservation to Oklahoma. Then in 1836, Malaria hit Florida and killed many Seminoles and troops. Then in 1837, Osceola was captured under the flag of truce. The Seminoles were so angry that they continued fighting for several years. The Third Seminole war lasted for three years. In 1856, there were less than 200 Seminoles. The ones left in Florida lived in the Everglades. We did a timeline on the Seminole wars.

By Akhil Karandikar



Descriptive writing graphic organizer.



Mitchell, Nikki, Elijah, and Davis' Seminole War Timeline.

Graham cracker house galore!

On December 18th, 2009 the students of the Barry classroom had a surprise construction activity. We were to build graham cracker houses using graham crackers and icing to stick the graham crackers together. During the construction phase we could decorate the houses with different

colored icings, and several choices of candies such as: chocolate, licorice, marshmallows, mints, and gum. When you put it all together it makes the perfect home for a little graham cracker guy or a desperate gummy bear.

By Marisa Norzagaray

