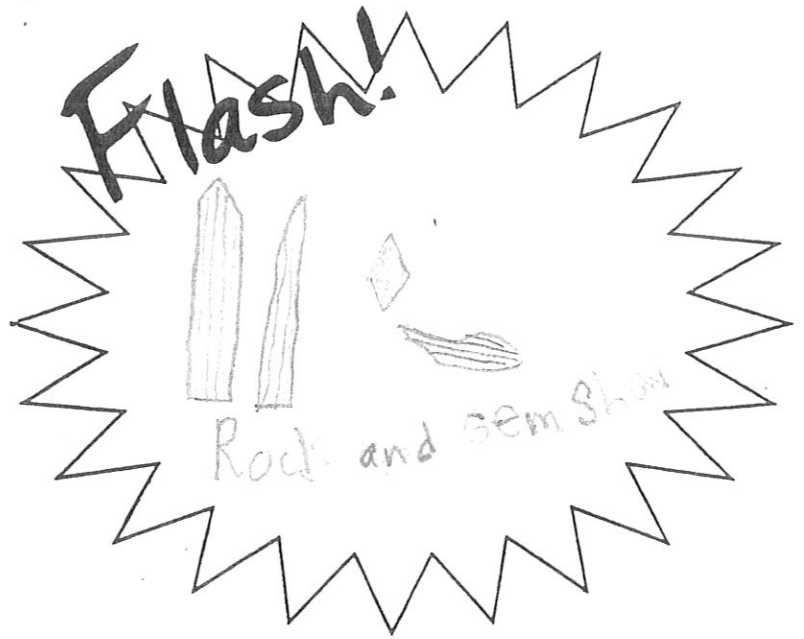
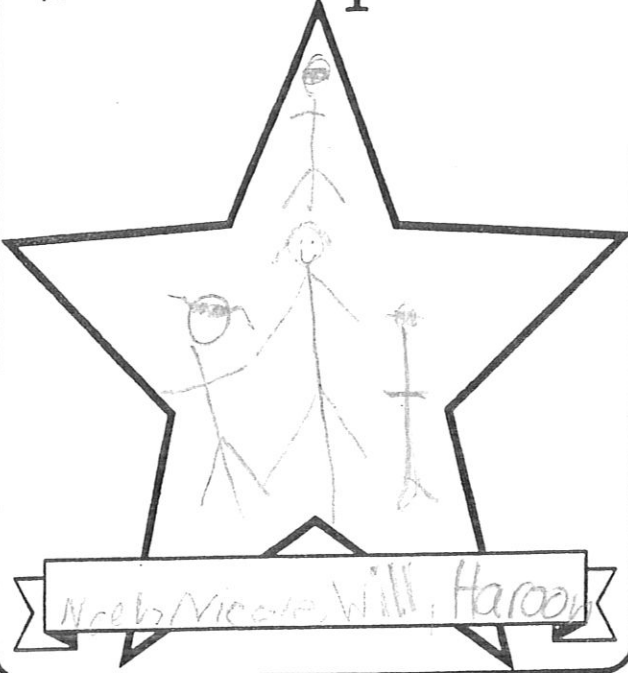


Room 212 ^{office} Newsletter

October - 2011

Star Reporter



Here's what we're learning:

We have continued to study the five food groups. We completed our apple study and finished making apple books. Noel and Nicole each made a mobile of the five food groups.

We are all studying about space. We draw planets, stars, moon and black holes. We are drawing, painting and researching. We begin our study of Japan. We all made fish kites

for Autumn Bash.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 - Nutcracker Market

Nov. 11 - Gem Show

Nov. 14 - Wood Duck Farm

Nov. 18 - Feast

Nov. 29 - Japan Consulate

WE GIVE THANKS – OCTOBER – 2011

Judith Kirkeeide for bringing back some treasures from the Northwest. A Douglas Fir pine cone, pressed leaves and seeds from a chestnut tree and a Lego model of the Seattle Space Needle.

Laurel Kirkeeide Jennings for a wooden fan and a decorative maraca from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

All Class 212 families for contributing fabulous and fun birthday items for our class basket "Birthday Bash" for our Nutcracker Marketplace Fundraiser. Thank you room parents: Wendy Buisine, Barbara Hanson and Helen Lehmann for organizing these efforts and creating a most handsome basket!

To Kingwood Montessori families who helped toward our school's participation in the Kingwood Parade of Schools on Saturday, October 29th. Planning, decorating, walking, sitting, handing out candy, pulling the trailers, cheering, waving and take down efforts are appreciated. It was a fun and very successful morning for us!

Thanks to room parents; Ms. Buisine, Ms. Hanson and Ms. Lehmann for providing interesting and tasty foods of Japan, a healthy drink and a holiday craft for our Autumn Bash morning.

Trees

By Grace Coleman
Class reporter for trees

On October 12, 2011, on our way to school, my mom and I saw 16 trees on Kingwood Drive that each had an X marked on them. That means they will get cut down, because they are dead and unsafe. We have recently counted 32 trees to be cut down. We think these trees died from the drought. We felt sad for the trees. Our trees need more rain.



The Weirdest Day
By Will Lehmann

Today was the weirdest day ever. I woke up and could see that it was an overcast day. My clock read 12:00. That's weird. My bedroom door was ajar and I could see that my mom was still in bed. That's weird, too. My mom finally woke up and served us frog slime waffles . That was very weird.

At school a new kid was there and he bet me and I lost. I was indebted to him for \$5.00. Then there was a fire drill. The teacher told us to use an atlas to vacate the building. How weird!

After school I went to piano lessons where a novice piano player said he was my new teacher. That was really weird. I was ready to go home. At a stoplight, I saw a feisty pedestrian crossing the street with pants on his head! That was crazy weird. I got home and hoped that tomorrow would be less weird.

A creative writing story using new vocabulary words, by third year student Will Lehmann.

What two things did you enjoy about our Apple Study?

- Nicole - the apple printing art project
- Johnny Appleseed song
- Will - learning about circumference
- apple word searches
- Haroon - our Apple Time Line presentations
- the apple maze
- Daniel - eating apples
- coloring apple pictures
- Noel - our Apple Play
- apple word searches
- Nitya - making the Apple Time Line
- doing apple math
- Grace - bringing apples to class
- apple maze
- Christian - making the apple bar graph
- apple word searches
- David - eating apples
- coloring apple pictures



November News

Saturday, November 5th- 9 am to 12 noon

Nutcracker Marketplace Fundraiser

Our class has put together a fabulous and fun “Birthday Bash” basket that will join all the others. Buy raffle tickets to win!

Friday, November 11th- Elementary students travel to Humble Civic Center to attend the one of a kind Houston Rock and Gem Show. If you have never been, please join us on this very favorite of fall field trips.

Monday, November 14th- Wood Duck Farm, just east of Cleveland, hosts our second annual visit. We will enjoy a walk about the farm, have lunch made from locally grown produce and an opportunity to learn about Community Supported Agriculture.

Friday, November 18th- All school Thanksgiving Feast. Noon dismissal. Our class is responsible for meats this year. That would be turkey and ham or meat substitutes as well. More information/needs will be coordinated by our room parents.

Monday to Friday, November 21 to 25-Thanksgiving holiday.

Tuesday, November 29th- Class 212 will enjoy a visit by a representative from the Houston Japanese Consulate!