

The Kino Connection

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What's Up So Far?

Primary students are writing Getting to Know You books in language arts. They have cooking and tea parties every Thursday. Last week they made carrot cake. This week, while Mary Ann is away, they made quesadillas, which are simpler. Next Thursday, the plan is for spaghetti.

Mary Jane says the younger students have been having a lot of fun with the new play structure that Jonathan's family gave us, and the water table, which was a gift from Frankie's family.

Primary students have a full schedule. They learn Spanish with Marielena and explore science with Heather. Vanessa has been helping them work with clay and they've had an afternoon down in the wood shop with Charlie. For math (Ethan M's favorite) they play lots of math games with Mary Lou.

Mary Jane overheard Ian say to Ethan:

"Let's go do math. Mary Lou is our favorite person in the world."

Merengue Music Next Friday

Next Friday, September 15, Marielena has invited Sydney Hutchinson to visit Kino. Sydney is working on her PhD at the University and is writing her dissertation on the merengue music of the Dominican Republic. She will be bringing her accordion and six different African-American instruments, so we are looking forward to music and dancing! Everyone is welcome to come hear her. She'll be in the Blue Room at 12:30.

Next month, on October 13, Thyron Berbiery will come and talk about the politics of South America. Dr. Berbiery, a professor at the University, is from Ecuador.

Emma says: Here's my schedule: Language Arts, Language Arts, Language Arts, Math, Language Arts, Lunch, Science, Language Arts, Language Arts, Language Arts, Humanities.

Taylor says: I go to more Language Arts than probably anyone.

Who is the mysterious Tapioca Man?

"Eclectically Correct"

by Audrey Hawkes

"The Eclectic and Eccentrically Organized Ultraviolet Library Homeroom (please see Neill before removing books from this room)." That is the sign that is displayed over the Shuttle in Kino School. Neill Prohaska is the homeroom teacher in this wild room. Many other names have been suggested for this homeroom, however, such as: "The Interrupting Homeroom," "The Juggling Homeroom," and simply "The UV Homeroom." Adam, Harrison, and Jake from this homeroom enjoy the name "Neill and Friends," but Neill states that he "doesn't want to be the main attraction" of the homeroom. Neill is an old Kino kid, and this is his first time teaching here. He is the founder of this eccentric name for our dear old Shuttle.

Some of the main attractions in this room are a fish tank, two computers, a bookshelf, and the upper deck. But of course the best source of amusement has always been the homeroom members themselves. Hyper, silly, or just plain weird, the Eclectic and Eccentrically Organized Ultraviolet Library Homeoom is without doubt rated 5 stars.



Just back from the first space adventure, where they were attacked by aliens, with a vial of alien

Middle Level News



What Teachers Talk About When Kids Aren't Around (a genuine quote)

Ed: Have you ever seen the paramecia that live in termites' guts?

Neill: No! I've always wanted to do that!

Julie said she didn't realize how much they've already done in Middle Level Language Arts until she started to list it all. "No wonder I've been going to bed at 9 o'clock,"

They've been having space adventures, reading fairy tales and doing character trait studies, playing lots of games. The sentence building game is a favorite.

They are starting to talk and read about animals. Thursday, students shared some of their favorite animal books from home. On Friday, they are planning a discussion about hunting. Middle level students share rabbit duty, because there's a middle level rabbit named George. Julie says they have a few animal-related field trips planned already. It's a topic that can lead into lots of different directions, so they'll just see where they go.

In the meantime, there's also the school post office: kids write letters to their friends and they take turns delivering the mail in afternoon homeroom.



What was going on Thursday?

Here's just a sample:

Judy and a van-load of students went to the first ATC play of the season, Biloxi Blues. After the morning rain, a bunch of kids went out with Chris to explore. There was water flowing in the big wash and Chris says some people played capture the flag, some waded, and some made an impromptu sculpture garden. The middle level singers practised a new song and had a dance party at the same time. Ed showed some students the basics of taking pictures with an SLR camera. He says there's a strong interest in photography this year. Heather helped students make three dimensional pictures of sharks and look at all kinds of stuff through microscopes. Vanessa has been able to spend a lot of individual time with students teaching them how to use the potter's wheel. She says they are ready for more clay. In various math classes, kids were rounding decimals, combining like terms and solving for x, playing with blocks, playing cards and other games, multiplying and dividing complex polynomials, and learning about segments and rays.

Where is Mary Ann ?

She and her son Chris have been driving to Massachusetts. Chris, who graduated from Kino in 2006, is in his sophomore year at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Mary Ann will be back next week.

Coming Up

Sept. 20	Board meeting 7 pm
Sept. 30	Book Breakfast 10 am
Oct. 6	Harvest Moon Dance
	Enjoy the Last Call Girls and the Kino Band and Singers \$15 / family \$8 / adult
Oct. 14	PSAT test
Oct. 18	School pictures
Oct. 19 -20	No school -- Parent / Teacher / Student conferences