



ELEMENTARY VALIANT NEWS

3rd Grade Field Trip

On October 11, **our 3rd graders went on a field trip** to the Descanso Gardens in Pasadena. The field trip was planned by the Ms. Matthews and Ms. Sugano. For a lot of students, this was their **first field trip** and bus ride because of quarantine which makes it an even more special moment for the 3rd graders. While at the Descanso Gardens, they studied **adaptation and habitats**. They also got to **identify nature** by figuring out the names of different bugs and plants. The students got to tour the museum, explore the garden, eat some delicious food, and many more! It great learning experience for the 3rd graders and overall a **fun day for everyone!**



"I liked the hay maze," -Mateo 3A

"I loved learning about the trees and the scavenger hunt," -Gianna 3A

"I liked when we went on the train!" - Samantha 3A

Kindergarten Field Trip

On October 19th, the kindergartners went to the **Pumpkin Patch!** Students were able to pick out their own pumpkin and take it home. This was a great opportunity for the kindergartener's **first field trip**. They had so much fun getting to choose their pumpkins and hanging out with friends at the pumpkin patch. Mrs. De La Cruz, Ms. Sanders, and the parents really enjoyed their time as well. This was such a great day for everyone and a **cute and wonderful experience** for the students' first ever field trip!



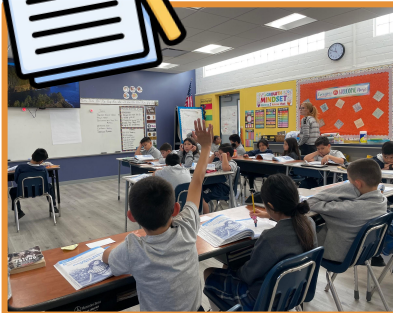
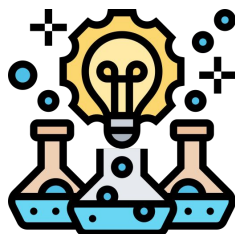
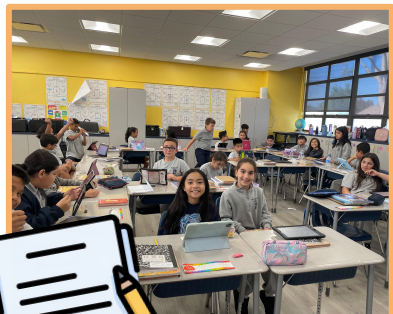
"I loved being able to pick out my own pumpkin! It was very fun," - **Bella KB**

"I loved choosing which pumpkin I wanted," - **Shane KA**



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Our Fabulous Fourth Grade



Giving their all in the classrooms are our **fantastic 4th graders**. Being taught by their teachers, **Ms. J and Ms. Squiller**, students have learned and done so much since the start of the year. In math, they are working on the Properties of Multiplication. For science, the students are learning all about energy and motion. Our 4th graders also learned about Jesus our Redeemer and are reading non-fiction stories to analyzing them. In social studies, they just finished learning about **Native Americans** and are starting their chapter on **explorers**. This Thursday, they had their **field trip** to the Autry Museum to learn even more about the Native Americans. It was fun time for them as they learned a lot. Now that they are in 4th grade, our young musicians also started to play their **own instrument**. From trumpets, to clarinets, to snare drums, **the students love being able to start Beginner Band**.

Night School with Amber Quinney

On November 2nd, our 7th-12th grade students got to meet **Amber Quinney**, our night school speaker who talked about the **dangers of social media**. Amber Quinney studied the different social media impacts and consumption while she was in college. In this world, it is normalized to be **addicted to our phones and devices**. She talked about who we are and how **our world is going through an identity crisis**. Quinney believes that all these different media apps are causing people to change themselves. Using social media a lot and getting likes can make some people feel really good, like they're getting a reward. It can affect how they feel about themselves and their emotions. And for young people, it can even impact their schoolwork and how they see themselves. So, it's important to be **mindful of how social media can affect us** and take breaks if needed. At the end, she taught to always remember that we are the star of our own stories.



“You don’t need an audience to live your life. You are the star of your own story.”
-Amber Quinney

