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“Planting a tree may seem little enough but it is something.”

- L. Ron Hubbard

Our Solar System

The Shuttleworth Students were headed to the newly opened Griffith Park Observatory to see the film “Water is Life”.

The waters rise and fall each day, but why? What does gravity have to do with the moon and oceans?

Excitedly studying in preparation for their adventure into space the Elementary students studied the moon and its effect on the oceans.

“Look, I’m the sun!” Emil exclaimed as the classroom globe of the Earth traveled around him. Using a Styrofoam ball to “orbit” him the students learned about the oceans and the planet’s seasons answering the question, “How is it winter here and summer in other places on the planet?”

The next day, at the observatory, Abby and Ashley ran to the exhibits with models exactly as they had enacted in class. “Hey that’s just like we did in class!”

The “Water is Life” film showed the relationship between the constellations and life on Earth. Back when there were no calendars, our ancestors used the constellations to figure out what season it was. Learning that the January (Capricorn), February (Aquarius) and March (Pisces) all have to do with water because they are generally the cold, wet months, gave the students better understanding how Man knew when to grow their crops.



Abby hugging a tree.

Edward explained, “The heavens are a vital part to the sustainment of life on planet Earth.”

Pollution

Being “green” doesn’t mean using the color green or wearing green clothes. It means taking care of the environment.

Air pollution, caused mostly by smoke and cars, is dirty air. “But you can’t see the dirty air,” exclaimed the Primary students. To “see” the dirt in the air, the students placed a sheet of white paper in their classroom and put plastic chips on it. They took them off after several days and saw the dirt that was left behind.

The dirt in the air falls with the rain and harms our plants. To see how the dirty water affects the plants, the Primary students put one stalk of celery into a cup of water with red food coloring and one stalk of celery into another cup without any food coloring. Within two days the celery stalk in the cup with the red food coloring changed to a reddish-brown color. “This one looks dead and the other one looks alive.”

We eat celery and other foods that are grown from the ground. If the ground is polluted with dirty rain water, the food will not be healthy. The solution to this problem is planting more trees. Trees help make our air clean. The leaves of the trees soak up carbon dioxide air and produce life-giving oxygen air.

The students learned the parts of the plants, and what they need to grow. To plant trees we need seeds. “What is a seed?” Sophia asked. The class touched and inspected different kinds of seeds and their many different sizes. They planted lentil, bean and avocado seeds.

The lentil were planted in two different containers, one with no water and one with a damp paper towel on the bottom of it. The one with no water didn’t grow, but the one with a damp paper towel did. “Now I know they need water to grow,” said Ashley happily.

Very proudly the students all tasted the sprouted lentils. “Wow! These taste good!” exclaimed Nathan in surprise.

CALENDAR

| What? | Where | When |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------|
| Picture Day | School | 3/2 |
| Citizen's Commission for Human Rights | Hollywood | 3/9 |
| LRH Life Exhibition | Hollywood | 3/9 |
| BURRTEC Waste Industries, Inc. | Fontana | 3/12 |

Valentine's Arts & Crafts

This year Mary's Schoolhouse had a hands-on Valentine-time.

Valentine's Day is a day to let your friends and the ones you love know that you are thinking of them.

With tongues between teeth, the students carefully painted picture frames pouring their love and attention into just the detail they wanted. Outside! Time to pose for pictures, hugging trees and showing their love for nature. Abby was very happy to do it and tenderly hugged her tree. But wait... boys don't hug trees. Trees are nature's natural jungle gym and all boys know trees are for climbing! So up they went, climbing and posing in its natural playground setting, while showing their acrobatic talents. Skye, being the smallest boy, showed that not all trees are for climbing. Some are for swinging!

The students put their picture into their personally decorated frame. With big smiles, they lovingly gave their parents something to treasure for many years to come.

Valentine also means sweetness. How else do you show sweetness but with yummy tasting treats and cookies decorated with hearts and pink frosting.

It was time for some hands on application using their math and measuring skills in the kitchen. "We are making cookies and cupcakes from scratch!" Too many chefs in the kitchen? Not this time. The students worked in unison as they measured and mixed to their hearts delight making delicious cupcakes and cookies for Valentine's Day.

Emil exclaimed how hard it was to bake sweets and not be able to eat them right away. Kirsten was the timekeeper during the baking time and each took turns for getting the cupcakes and cookies out of the oven and cooling off.

Cookies and cupcakes fresh out of the oven and prettily decorated, the students enjoyed the fruits of their time in the kitchen while they made home-made Valentine's Day cards. Dedications of friendship and love carefully written inside, they were ready for friends and family.

The Mary's Schoolhouse students shared their freshly baked yummys with the older students. Many "mmms" and licking of gooey fingers were the sounds of compliments on the younger student's baking talents.

Well done for making this Valentine's Day one to remember!



Dylan decorating a Valentine cupcake.



YESS!

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Blood Drive

A job well done to our students, parents, staff and volunteers who participated by donating blood to the Children's Hospital this month! Your help gave lifesaving blood for out little friends.

Now let's get others to donate. Tell your friends and encourage them to call Gus at (323) 361-2441 to make an appointment.

Donating blood saves lives!

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have landscaping experience? Help beautify our school. Call 323 660-8732 and co-ordinate with Patty.

Summer Enrollment!

Sign up now for our Summer Session! Contact us at (323) 660-8732 or www.marysschoolhouse@aol.com

Thank you!

Thank you to our parents, friends, students and teachers for helping save a life by donating blood at the local Children's Hospital.

Thank you Dionocio for your continued support in promoting our school.

Thank you Judy Young for your donation of Way to Happiness booklets. Our young leaders will get them out to the community.

Our classroom is not the world; rather, the world is our classroom!

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