

WEST COAST QUEST

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THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH. NEHEMIAH 8:10

Welcome to 2025 West Coasters!

As the new year begins, I'm hitting the reset button—on routines, goals, and hopes—and leaving room for joy to show up. Where in my days and experiences might I find joy? What if joy is waiting in places you're not even looking?

I could go looking for it—under the pillows, in the fridge, perhaps by checking my emails—but life experience tells me that joy is often found in unexpected places. As you may know, I adore donkeys. I discovered this one winter when I happened upon a corral of miniature donkeys. I fuzzed their noses and felt joy in the delight of these creatures. Sometimes, God's greatest blessings come in the most surprising forms. Keep your heart open, and you'll find His joy in the small, ordinary moments of life.

This year, I want to notice more of the small moments where joy hides—whether in a Zoom conversation, a fresh cup of tea, or a quiet moment of peace during a break. What might you notice more of this year?



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN 06** Live Classes Resume
- JAN 23** End of Term 2
- JAN 27** Term 3 Classes Begin
- FEB 07** Term 2 K-12 Reporting Published
- FEB 12** Reading Buddies, 8:40 am
- FEB 17** Family Day (no school)
- MAR 3-6** K-8 Conferences (no K-8 live classes)
- MAR 7** Gr 9-12 Progress Reports Published
- MAR 14** Last Day Before Spring Break
- MAR 17-28** Spring Break (school closed)

January

BOOK OF THE MONTH



HEARTWOOD HOTEL SERIES

by
Kallie George

A great series of family chapter books!

CHECK OUT THE STUDENT HUB



Welcome back, students, and happy New Year! A fresh start brings new opportunities to set goals and embrace challenges.

Remember to check the Student Hub regularly for resources, announcements, and tips to keep you on track. Stay focused, stay positive, and make the most of this new term. Let's make it a great start to the year—you've got this!



COACH'S CORNER

Students: Comparison can steal your joy and motivation. Remember, everyone's journey is different, and your progress is your story to write. Focus on your strengths, celebrate your victories—big and small—and trust that you're exactly where you need to be. Growth isn't about being better than others; it's about becoming the best version of you. Keep striving, and let your unique path inspire others.



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"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

—Psalm 139:14

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HAPPY Birthday

TREVOR ADAIR
JANUARY 1

ALYSSA BROWN-LEWIS
JANUARY 2

HADLEY MOSHER
JANUARY 5

ERIKA MOENGA
JANUARY 14

JENNA MCQUEEN
JANUARY 20

ELLAH MOENGA
JANUARY 21

MARCOS BUXBAUM
JANUARY 22

ELLIOT SHIELDS
JANUARY 26



Unshakable Peace in Christ – What Is God Calling You to Do This Year?

my word of the year 🔍

- hope
- joy
- adventure
- kindness
- faith

As you think about your 'Word of the Year,' ask yourself: What is God calling you to do this year?

🎵 **Do you love singing or playing music?** 🎵



We want YOU to share your talent with the church community!

Submit Your Musical Performance!

We're looking for students to perform hymns or Christian music that could be featured on our West Coast YouTube page and used as special music in church services across the province.

Whether you sing, play an instrument, or both, your music can inspire others and bring glory to God!

See the link below for more information and submission details.

Let's share the joy of music and spread His love!

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

— AT WEST COAST —

We are thrilled to announce the initiation of the
2024-2025 Principal's List and the Honor Roll!



Honor Roll (Grades K-12)

Grades K-8 students who are:

- Meeting Expectations in the majority of courses
- Up-to-date with monthly submissions and monthly reports

Grades 10-12 students who are:

- Achieving 73% or above in core courses
 - English, Math, Science and Social Studies
- Up-to-date in all synchronous courses

K-12 students must also satisfy the following additional criteria:

- Regularly attends live classes, including assemblies
- Participates in all live classes & school activities
- Communicates in a positive manner with classmates and teachers

Principal's List (Grades 10-12)

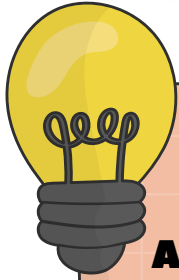
- Same requirements as Honor Roll status
- Above 90% average across all courses

*Students with submissions that include
academic dishonesty will be disqualified.



MR. BROCK'S SHOUTOUTS

You rock!

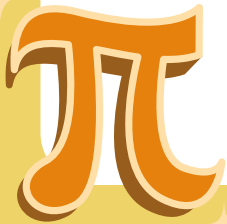
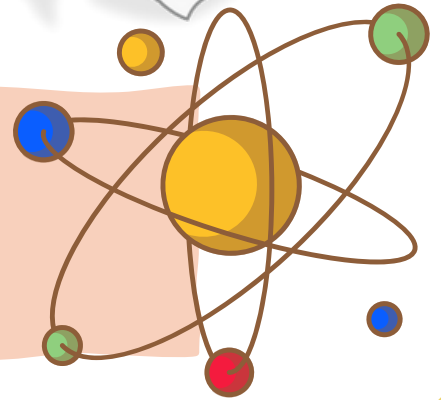


RICKY B: "THANKS FOR CHECKING YOUR WORK WITH THE KEY, RICKY!"

ABBY C: "CONGRATS ABBY ON YOUR UNIT 3 TEST!"

ERIKA P: "GOOD WORK ERIKA ON YOUR 4.2 QUIZ!"

SARAH W: "SARAH, WELL DONE PERSEVERING ON CHAPTER 5!"



West Coast *merchandise*



Hoodie
(child/adult)

\$ **65**



T-Shirt (Adult)

\$ **45**



T-Shirt (Child)

\$ **40**



Mouse Pad

\$ **20**



Water Bottle

\$ **40**

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(Note: we are only able to ship within Canada)

Winter Writing Contest WINNERS



FIRST PLACE:
ISABELLA BUXBAUM
GRADE 6

SECOND PLACE:
ELIANA JAMES
GRADE 7

THIRD PLACE:
AMY PONTES
GRADE 5

READ THE WINNERS' LITERATURE ON THE NEXT PAGES!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED
- YOU ARE ALL SO TALENTED!

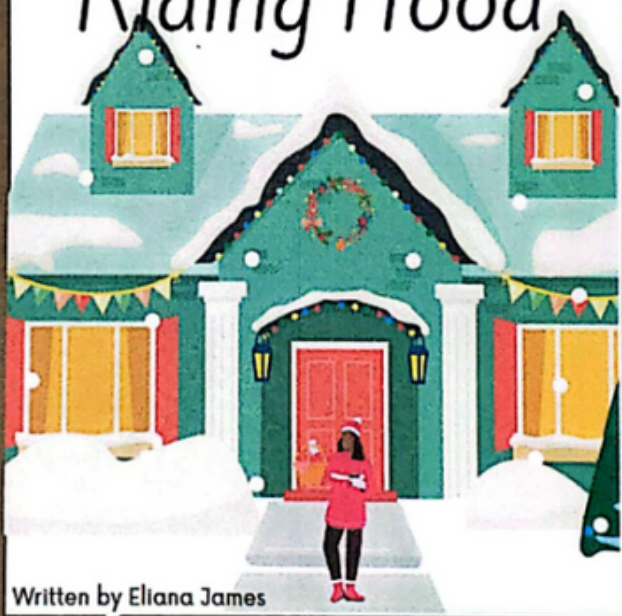
TRUE & BRIGHT

I LOVE THE SNOWS SHIMMERING LIGHT
WATCH AS THE BIRDS LEAVE AND FLEE
ALL THROUGHOUT THE TREES I SEE
MAKE ME HAPPY WITH A GIFT
MAKE ME SMILE WITH A THRIFT
COLD AND DAMP WITH ALL THE TREES
CAN'T YOU SEE THE SHIMMERING HOoves OF THE REINDEERS THREE
DON'T POUT DON'T CRY SANTA'S HERE AND HE SEES YOU NEARBY
TWENTY FIVE DAYS UNTIL IT COMES
ALL EXITED AND ALL FINGERS NUMB
DOWN MY CHIMNEY UNDER MY TREE
ALONG CAME SANTA WITH ALL HIS GLEE
ON THE MOUNTAINS ON THE TREES SNOW IS FALLING WITH EVERY HOUR
LOOK AT THE SNOW AND LOOK AT THE SPARKLE IT SHINES
THROUGH EVERY DARK HOUR
NO FLOWERS NO GRASS NOT EVEN A GLANCE
FLOWERS AND PLANTS AND GRASS TOO DIDN'T EVEN STAND A CHANCE AGENCED YOU
THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IS NOT THE PRESENTS
AND NOT THE TREE BUT THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU TRUE
JESUS WAS BORN JESUS CAME FOR US TO VIEW
THE KING HAS COME FOR US TO SEE THE NEW
NEW AND TRUE BRIGHT AND LIGHT GOD LOVES US WITH ALL HIS MIGHT
JESUS WAS BORN TODAY AND HE WAS LIGHT
AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS IT IS TRUE AND BRIGHT

by Isabella Buxbaum



A Different Little Red Riding Hood



Written by Eliana James

on the porch decorating. In fact she had no decorations up! "I wonder what happened to her this year." Ruby thought, "I don't even see the frame for her nativity scene."

Ruby continued to skip along the icy sidewalk, but turned around suddenly because she thought she heard a dog snarl at her. Sure enough a huge black dog stood behind her, growling, barking, and snarling. Ruby didn't know what to do. That dog was half her size and of muscle. Grandma Lynette's house was just five more houses away, so close yet so far. As the dog started to run after her, Ruby got an urge of energy to run for her life! Running on ice is easier said than done. After running for what seemed like thirty seconds, Ruby slipped! Down, down, down she went! The cookies in the basket fell onto the icy pavement as she collapsed to the ground. "NOOOOOO!" Ruby screamed. All Mommy's hard work was gone. Wait! Maybe she could get up and get it before the dog reached her. As she tried to get up, the dog ran into her and pushed her back down to the ground.

Ruby watched in horror as the dog ripped the picnic blanket to shreds like a wolf ripping deer meat. When the dog discovered the chocolate chip oatmeal cookies, he gobbled them up in a blink of an eye! Satisfied he ran down the street past Ruby to back where he came from originally. Stunned, Ruby got up and picked up the basket. Mommy's favourite picnic blanket was torn to shreds. A flicker of hope sparked as Ruby thought, "Maybe grandma could help." As she knocked

Ruby sat at the oven inhaling the mouth watering smells coming from the oven. Oatmeal chocolate chip cookies were baking and turning golden brown. Ruby's job was to watch them, or they would burn. Ruby glanced up at the timer on the counter, five more minutes. Five minutes seemed like five years to Ruby. Ruby took her mind off the never ending timer, and thought about seeing grandma Lynette. Grandma Lynette lived twelve houses down the road. Finally the timer went off. "Mommy!", yelled Ruby, "Cookies are done!" Mommy came down the hall and put on her oven mitts. Carefully she retrieved the golden brown cookies, and put them in a brown paper bag which was placed in a brown basket, with Mommy's favourite picnic blanket on top.

"Run along and get your red coat that grandma gave you, pull on your black fleece lined boots, and bring these cookies to grandma.", said Mommy. "Okie Dokie", replied Ruby. In what seemed like a split second Ruby had her boots and coat pulled on. "Ready!" called Ruby. "Here you are. Watch out for ice, and don't forget to say hi to Ms. Brown if you see her on her porch decorating okay?" said Mommy as she handed her the basket. As Ruby stepped outside the door, she breathed in the crisp, cold, evening air. Her mothers warning slipped her mind about the ice and she skipped down the sidewalk. As she passed Ms. Brown's house she saw that she was not

on grandma's door, she could hear "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" floating from grandma's antique radio. "Ruby!", said grandma Lynette, "Your mother told me you were coming by. Come in before you freeze!" Together, as they sat by the fire sipping hot cocoa, Ruby told grandma Lynette the whole story. "You know", grandma Lynette started, "I just might be able to help you." After grandma fixed the picnic blanket, they made more oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. As Ruby was leaving grandma Lynette's house she whispered a prayer of thanks to Jesus for protecting her. This time Ruby followed Mommy's instructions, and did not skip down the sidewalk.

As she happily walked down the sidewalk, it started to snow, but Ruby didn't mind the cold, or the snow, because that great big muscle dog was inside it's owners house and watching her through the window. He didn't look so big and scary when there was a wall between them. "Merry Christmas Ruby!" a voice said from the house with the muscle dog, "I hope you get to meet my new dog some time. His name is Cookie!" Ruby looked closer, and realized it was Ms. Brown! "Merry Christmas Ms. Brown, and Cookie too!" As Ruby returned home, she felt like she had been Little Red Riding Hood in the forest bringing cookies to her grandma. Well I guess she was a *different* Little Red Riding Hood!

by Eliana James

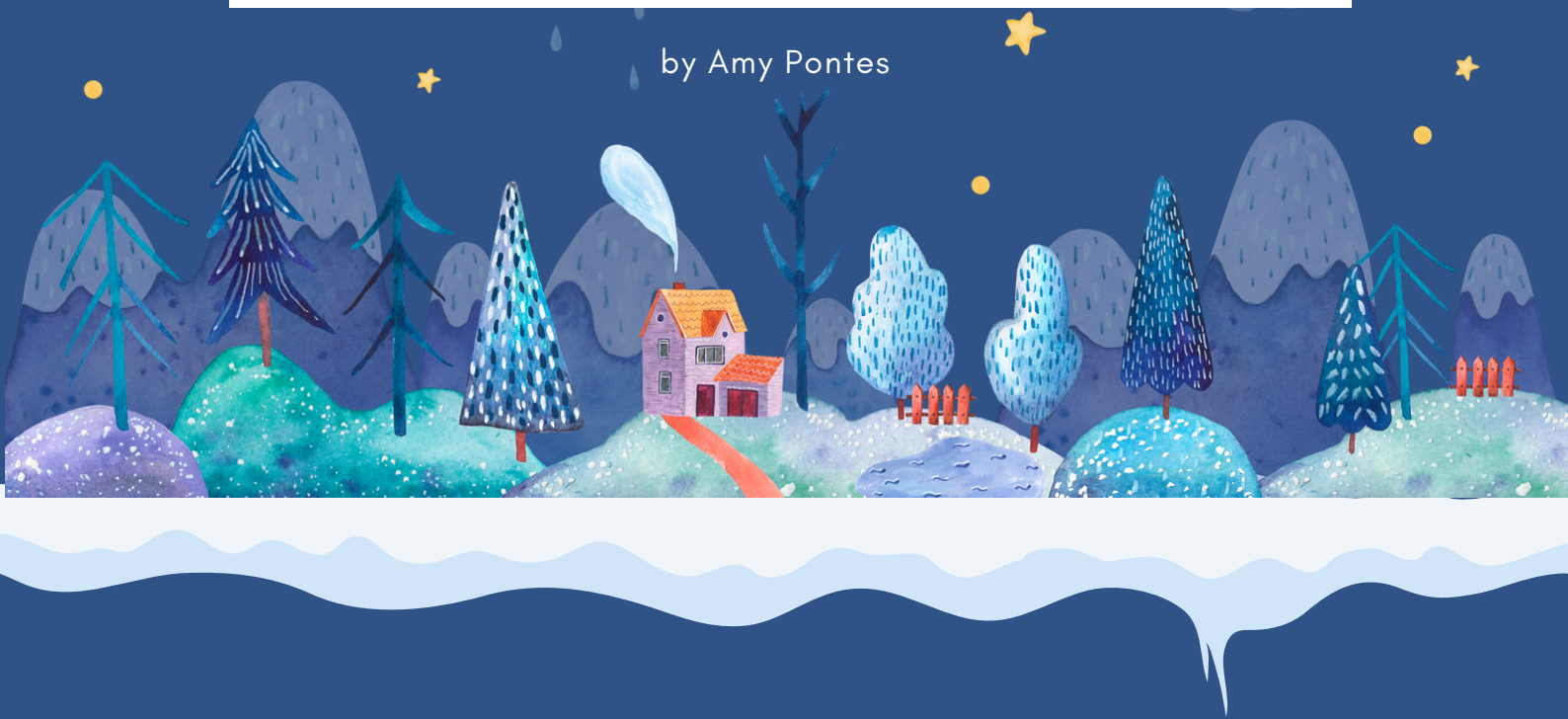
A winter week

On a frosty winter day, I saw the snowflakes falling. Each minute, they grew in size. As soon as there was enough snow, I bundled up and dashed outside. As I looked around, I watched the glittering snow. When the snow stopped, I decided to build a snowman. I worked hard to make a huge snowman. When I finished, it was taller than I was! I played in the snow for a long time, making snow angels, building more snowmen and sliding down the snow. Eventually, I decided it was time to go inside. Sunset was rapidly approaching, and the sky was starting to look colorful.

Soon, the snow stopped and I watched the sky slowly turn black. But the next day, a snowstorm came. It lasted for a day, and I was very impatient for the storm to end so I could go play! Once the snowstorm finally ended, I went outside to see what was left of my creations from the other day. Nothing was left. The heavy snow had covered my snowmen, angels, and fort. However, I was excited. Now I had even more snow to play in! Instead of a snow fort, I built an igloo. I was so happy when my snow building was strong enough for me to go inside.

I enjoyed playing during my snowy week. I can't wait for the next snowy day!

by Amy Pontes



WEST COAST ADVENTIST SCHOOL PRESENTS

WEEK **Of** PRAYER

PENTECOS
2025



3-6
FEBRUARY

STARTS AT
8:40 AM

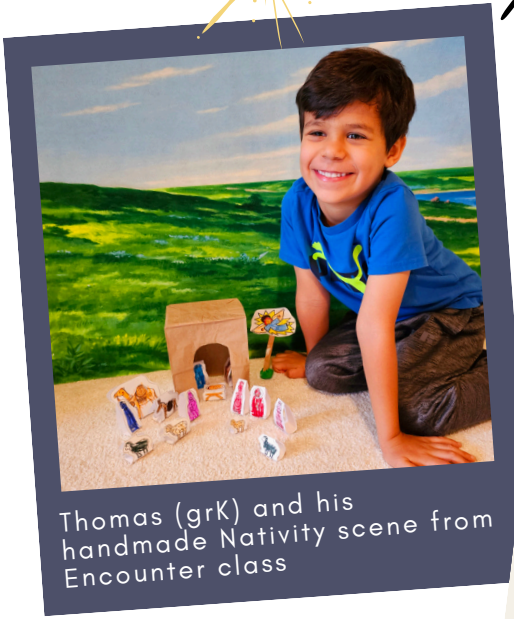


**This special event will
feature student speakers**

Sign-up to be a speaker using the link below!

STUDENT

Spotlight



Thomas (grK) and his handmade Nativity scene from Encounter class



Mattias (gr3) made a deer candle holder ornament in Foundations class



Thomas (grK) Christmas Gingerbread Gift bag made in Foundations class!



Kharyssa and Alyssa make baked nut and seed bars!



Jenna (gr3) made candle holder ornaments that look like a fox, deer, and raccoon!



Thomas (grK) created winter art in Foundations, learning about atmospheric perspective



Josiah in grade 5 made a beautiful watercolour painting!



Jenna (gr3) made winter art in Foundations class



Jaymie's (gr2) winter art for Foundations class



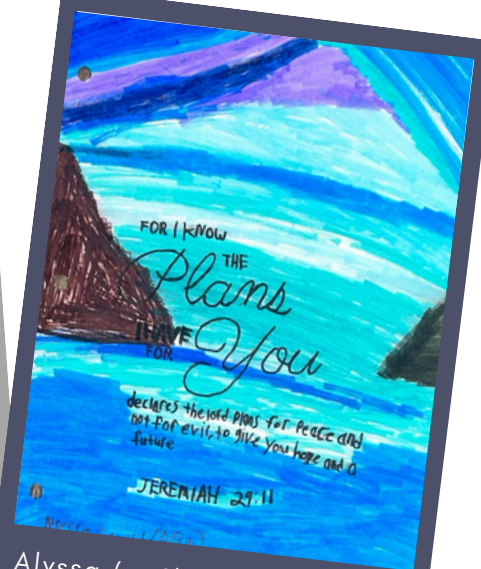
Winter art made by Trevor (gr2) for Foundations class



Darianne (gr5) created a cereal box report for Language Arts



Erika (gr5) Christmas advent candle for art class



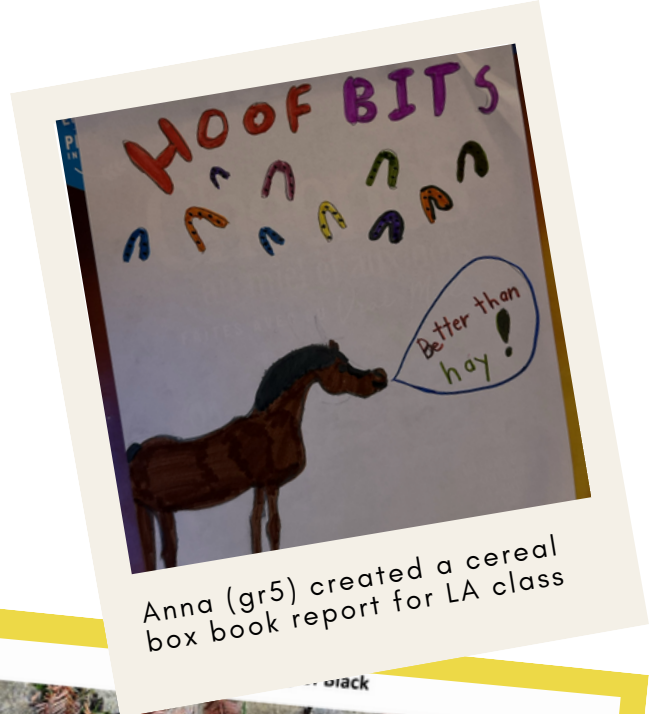
Alyssa (gr4) Bible Journaling for art class



Foundations 5 class made Christmas hot chocolate spoons!



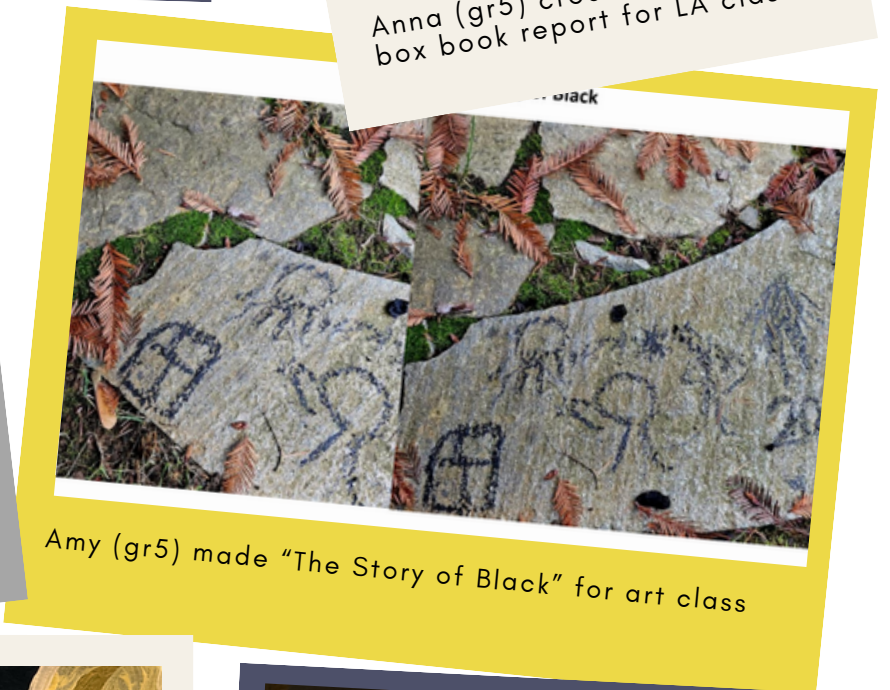
Anthony's winter art in foundations (gr1)



Anna (gr5) created a cereal box book report for LA class



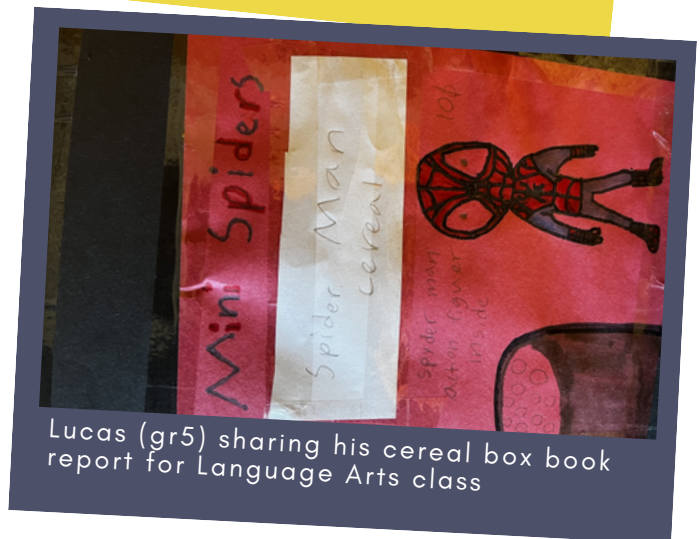
Jenna (gr3) and Jaymie (gr2) played in one of many violin recitals!



Amy (gr5) made "The Story of Black" for art class



Maddie (gr5) created a version of Van Gogh's style of painting - "Story of Yellow"



Lucas (gr5) sharing his cereal box book report for Language Arts class



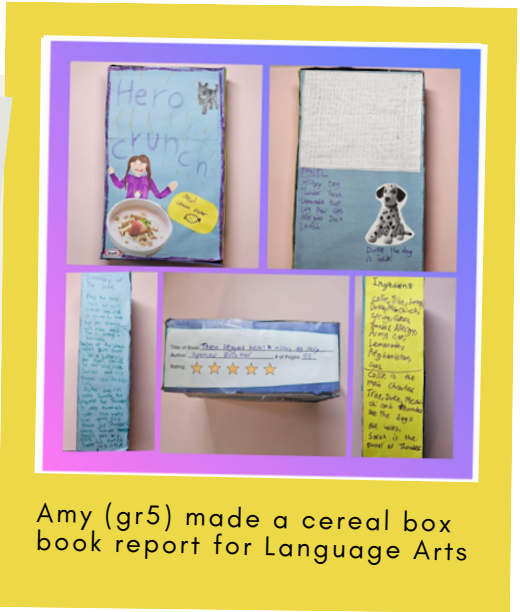
Foundations 4 class made Christmas hot chocolate spoons!



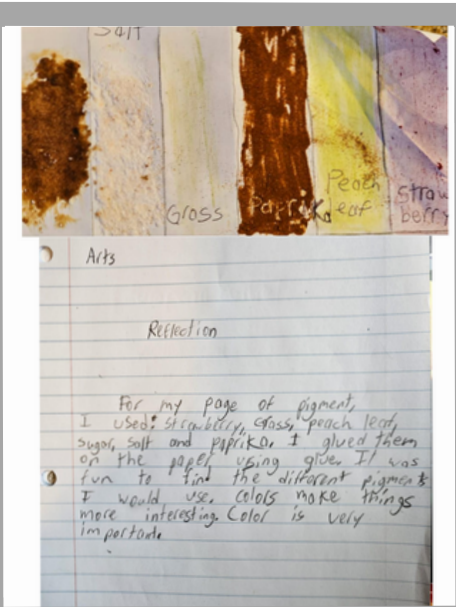
Cypress (gr2) made a deer candle holder ornament



Oak (grK) made a gingerbread paper gift bag in Foundations



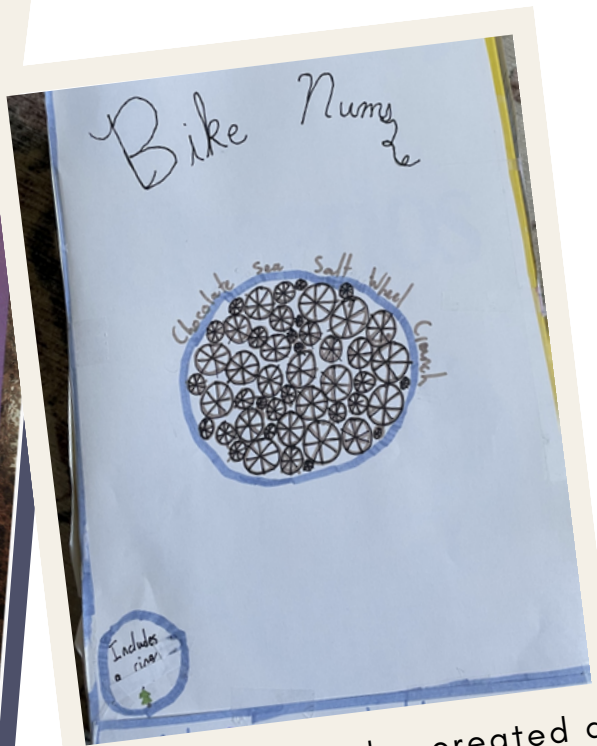
Amy (gr5) made a cereal box book report for Language Arts



Amy (gr5) created art with earth elements!

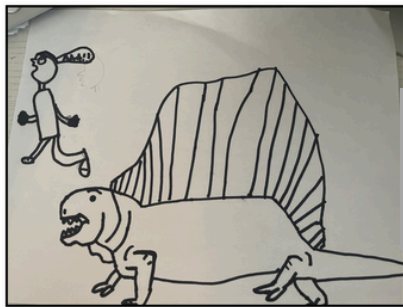


Ayla (gr4) created a photo of a snowman with shading!



Maddie (gr5) also created a cereal box book report!

Learning to draw dinosaurs and practicing shading and colouring.



Cedar (gr4) drew dinosaurs with shading for art class

