



QUAIL TALES



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APRIL 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Apr. 1** April Fool's Day
- ◆ **Apr. 2** Minimum Day
- ◆ **Apr. 4** EASTER
- ◆ **Apr. 5-9** Spring Break
- ◆ **Apr. 8** JoJo's Fundraiser
- ◆ **Apr. 12** Return to School
- ◆ **Apr. 12-15** Practice Testing
- ◆ **Apr. 16** Community Club Meeting @ 8:30
- ◆ **Apr. 20** CST Testing Begins
- ◆ **Apr. 22** Chick Fil-A Fundraiser
- ◆ **Apr. 23** Beautification Day
- ◆ **Apr. 26** CST Testing Week Continues/All School Spirit Day Assembly @ 8:45
- ◆ **Apr. 29** Bubble Celebration 2nd-5th Grades @ 1:30
- ◆ **Apr. 30** Kindergarten Bugs Play @ 7pm
- ◆ **May 5** Teacher Appreciation Day
- ◆ **May 7** 1st Annual Quincy Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser

BUYING SCRIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

With just about two months left of the 2009/2010 school year, did you know that with the help of all the Quail Summit families purchasing their groceries with scrip we have the potential of earning another \$8,000 in profit? And it would only cost you a moment to fill out the form...

March Spirit Assembly Winners

Kinder	Sarah Ruhl
1st	Mandy Slater
2nd	Hana Cho
3rd	David Torrecillas
4th	Mark Parent
5th	Matthew Matsumoto



These students received a gift certificate for the Original Works program.

As always should you have questions or concerns about the scrip gift card program, please contact me at qsscrip@yahoo.com or call the school.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Spring Break

Welcome to Spring, Everyone! This Spring Break will be April 5 through April 9. Parents are encouraged to make travel plans accordingly so as not to have students miss any school time. Please be reminded that Friday, April 2 is a minimum day, so make plans with you babysitters and day care centers.

Kindergarten Enrollment

Quail Summit is taking enrollment for kindergarten. If you or anyone you know needs to enroll your kindergartener, please come into the office for an enrollment packet.

Lost and Found

Thank you to everyone who has checked the Lost and Found. As you know, items not retrieved by the end of the year are donated to charity.

CA Standards Test

As required for all California public schools, our administration of the California Standards Test begins April 20 and will continue into May. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and has a healthy breakfast (as always!). Also, please do not make doctor or dental appointments during this time.

Thanks to all parents for your help and cooperation. Have a great Spring Break!

Ms. Vasquez
School Office Manager



QUAIL SUMMIT CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten News



Kindergarten has had an exciting March! This month we constructed large fictional community maps within the classrooms and participated in many different dramatic play occupations. What we want to be when we grow up was the main question on our minds this month. We wrapped up our Community Helpers unit by exploring the Pretend City Children's Museum in Irvine. Firefighters, postmen, grocers, ice cream scoopers, we were able to try our hands at it all! Of course, we celebrated Dr. Seuss and "Read Around America," along with trying to trap leprechauns during St. Patrick's Day. Anticipation for the "Bugz" program continues to grow as we begin to learn our lines and practice on stage. We hope everybody can join us for the grand production! April is bound to fly by!

First Grade News



"Just Keep Swimming! Just Keep Swimming!" is what first grade has been doing this month. We have been diving deep into the ocean and learning about the importance of the ocean ecosystem. We learned that it is a home or habitat to many living things. We began with learning about the different layers or zones of the ocean. One exciting fact about the octopus was that it can squeeze through a hole the size of a quarter. It is able to do this because it is an invertebrate, an animal with no backbone. We also made a pattern unit octopus and wrote about what they learned about the octopus. The children were excited to also learn that the sea otter is a mammal that is a carnivore. The sea otter eats crabs, sea urchins, and fish. Ask your first grader what facts they learned about some of the ocean animals. As a culmination of our study of the ocean, we went to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Actually seeing and touching some of the animals we have been learning about, like the sting ray, sharks and sea stars were exciting! Thank you parents for ALL your support! Thank you for allowing your children to have this wonderful educational experience! As we start counting down to the last few months of school in first grade, we ask that you "Just keep asking! Just keep asking!" your child about what they have been learning about. Continue to encourage your children to tell you all the learning they do each day.

Second Grade News



It has been such a busy and wonderful year, but we're not finished yet! We have lots to look forward too! Our California State Test is fast approaching. We are scheduled to test April

26-30. The children have been preparing for it in both mathematics and language arts. The best way to support your child at home is to review homework skills, classwork which comes home on Friday's, and read! Once your child has finished a book ask thought provoking questions about important parts of the story. (i.e. characters, setting, problem, solution, main idea) We will be celebrating our school with Beautification Day on April 23rd. Students are asked to bring in flowers to be planted on this day. It would also be helpful if they had gardening tools, too! The children did a fabulous job working in teams to build Leprechaun traps. They utilized their knowledge of forces and motion to create them. It was a great team building activity! And finally, the Famous American reports and projects were amazing! The children really worked hard to create a meaningful project, while learning so much about the many Famous Americans we have studied. Great job boys and girls!

Third Grade News



March has been a very busy month for third grade! We started the month with our Native American Craft Day. Each student made dream catchers, bead necklaces, a woven mat, and a mask. It was a great learning experience for everyone. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who made that day a success!! Next, we traveled to Mt. Sac where we went on our "Gabrielino Walk." Students learned all about the Tongva and Acjachemen who are native to our area. The third graders also practiced making string and learned how the Native Americans hunt rabbit, duck and deer. Using replicas of Native American "drills," students drilled holes in shells. They also learned how to play musical instruments created by these Native American groups. The parents who accompanied us on the trip deserve a huge thank you for their time and assistance! The remainder of March will be spent on preparing for testing, finishing our last Meet the Masters art project, and getting ready for Open House. The third graders also continue to work on studying multiplication and division, reading books for Accelerated Reader and practicing third grade skills on Skills Tutor.

Fourth Grade News



Fourth Grade has had quite an exciting month, as we took a field trip to the Ocean Institute in Dana Point Harbor to participate in the Sailor's Life program. This wonderful trip is a re-

enactment of life aboard a trading ship in the 1830's. We learned about this time in California's history by studying the mission and rancho periods in class. Now, we were "sailing" around Cape Horn aboard the Brig Pilgrim and Spirit of Dana Point. Reading Richard Henry Dana's book Two Years Before The Mast helped us understand what might be expected as "greenhands," someone who had never sailed the seas. We quickly found out it was not an easy job. We learned how to hoist barrels as a team, and shouted "heave!" and "ho!" in unison. It was equally strenuous raising a square sail, but quite a thrill to see our work billowing in the wind! The captain and officers on board played strict roles but took time to explain and quiz us on our knowledge of each person's job and the ship's orders to get hides from Alta California, Mexico. Why was it called Mexico? Just ask any fourth grader, we have so much more to tell you! We would like to thank Community Club for providing us with this valuable trip, and to the parents who support our fund raisers so that we can have experiences like this one!

Fifth Grade News



The following article was written by Stephanie Pan and Elaine Chen

This month, many 5th graders began weaving Native American baskets. The Native Americans used baskets to hold such items as crops, water, and food. Along with many parent helpers, the teachers prepared bags of pine needles and raffia for us to use; we each received a needle for weaving as well. When we first started, it was a little frustrating, but once we got the hang of it, it became much easier! Since that time, nearly everyone has been doing baskets during recess and lunch. It seems that students would walk home with a small basket and return the next morning with it much larger. It's easy to see that students have devoted many hours to making baskets and that they are very proud of their work!



The following article was written by Ahmad Abu Nasra and Dylan Tucker.

Those who did not choose to do baskets participated in the tall ship activity. The tall ship group learned more about life at sea. We started with a fun activity outside. A small group of students were asked to close their eyes and to hold on to the shoulders of the person in front of them. This tall ship "crew" was then given various travel directions. As they "sailed about," the crew encountered many of the fears and obstacles of early sailors. They met up with pirates, sea monsters, storms, windless days and eventually land and riches. After this activity we went back to the classroom to learn how to draw our own tall ships. Later we will be adding a journal page, "A Day in the Life of a Sailor." We've had a lot of fun learning more about life at sea.

PRINCIPAL NEWS...

Dear Quail Summit Families,

As we enter April and the coming of spring, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of our staff. Many of you have attended Board meetings at the Walnut Unified School District as well as Community Club or School Site Council meetings here at Quail Summit to hear about and discuss the school budget. **If you have not had the opportunity to become informed about our school budget, please call and speak with me as soon as possible. I want you to be informed about the changes that will come to Quail Summit next year!** We appreciate your attention and support in this matter. For more information on our district's budget, please visit the Walnut Valley Unified District's website: http://www.wvusd.k12.ca.us/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=130642&id=3&rn=2761106. Again, please do stay informed as changes are coming to our school site next year.

On a lighter note, wow, how time flies! We are in motion with many wonderful school activities and can see summer coming! As we enter April, it is important to remember to encourage your child(ren) to stay focused on academics, both at school and at home. Here are some fun fraction facts and games you can try with your child:

Does your child realize that fractions are everywhere? Next time you see a sale price ($1/3$ off), tell time (quarter after 9), follow a recipe ($1/2$ cup) or read a road sign ($1/4$ mile ahead), tell her, "There's another fraction!" Playing card games is a great way to help your youngster practice comparing and adding fractions. Have her make fractions cards (see instructions below), and then use them to play these games together.

Fraction War Shuffle and deal the cards into a stack for each person. Players turn over their top cards at the same time, and whoever has the highest card takes the cards in that round. If there is a tie, each person turns over another card. Keep playing until one person has captured all the cards.

Fraction Race Deal each player five cards. On the count of three, each person races to put her fractions in order from smallest to largest. Have your child check the results by comparing the fraction pictures on her cards.

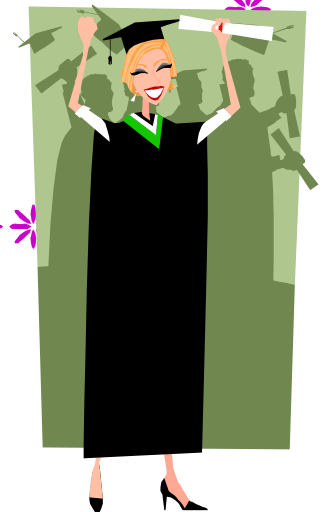
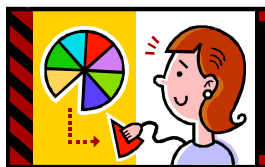
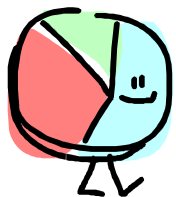
Fraction One The object of this game is to get as close to 1 as possible with our going over. Deal everyone a card. On each turn, a player must decide if she's going to draw another card – depending on whether adding another fraction is likely to put her over 1. When all players are happy with their hands, they turn over their cards. The person who comes closest to 1 (or equals 1) wins that round.

Making Fraction Cards making a set of fraction cards will help your youngster understand how fractions represent parts of a whole. Gather index cards, a pencil, and crayons. On each card, have your child write a fraction and draw a circle to represent it. He could make cards for $1/2$, $1/3$, $2/3$, $1/4$, $2/4$, $3/4$, and so on though 5ths, 6ths, 8ths, 10ths, and 12ths.

To draw the fractions, have him trace around a round object (a jar lid, a large button) so the circles are the same size. Then, he can divide each circle into an equal number of slices based on the bottom number (the *denominator*) and color the number of slices in the top number (the *numerator*). Example: write $3/6$, divide the circle into 6 slices, and color 3 slices.

Have fun!

Dr. Alysia Hobbs
Principal



Is There a Doctor in the House?

YES! Congratulations to Quail Summit principal, Alysia Hobbs, who was awarded her doctorate this month from the University of Southern California. It is an honor that she has worked for during the last two and a half years, and we here at Quail Summit are very proud of her. We commend Dr. Hobbs on her success and achievement!

Student of the Month

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Chung
Kayla Loera
Kaitlyn Loera

Mrs. Giang
Sifat Sawhney
Trinity Tang

Ms. Aicard
Sarah Ruhl
Richard Nodal

Chang/Yates
Daniel Zoubtsov
Jeremy Tsai
Hillary Nakaishi

First Grade:

Mrs. Morales
Jayden Carbonell-Smith
Brandon Nichols
Karissa Wong

Mrs. Penticoff
Athan Yang
Erin Zhou
Alex Lee

Mrs. Kim
Breanna Guyton
Jordan Rayke

Mrs. Yim
Matthew Kang
Audrey Wang
Ricky Lambert

Second Grade:

Mrs. McCabe
Eugene Liang
Jun Soo Park
Jennifer Yang
Douglas Kongaika

Mrs. Ruhl
Alex Moon
Justin Chiang
Isabel Cruz
Brandon Rodriguez

Mrs. Clayton
Justin Rayke
Randy Johnson
Elijah Henriquez
Logan Cangi

Mrs. Legind
Ethan Senatore
Harold Mo
Curtis Chang
Joshua Lin

Mrs. McLean
Kayla Hashimoto
Jonathan Molina
Michael Jones

Third Grade:
Mrs. Heusner
Virginia Wang
Joshua Zhu
Joanne Chu

Mrs. Renner
Janice Kwon
Kris Sy
Bernard Wong

Mrs. Snider
Melanie Molina
Kyle Li
Brandon Tran
Kyndall Tenace

Mrs. Bishop
Stephanie Yip
Dhruv Dang
Ryan Gately
Leoni Kongaika

Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Sugita
Mark Parent

Mrs. Grimes
Katherine Cheng

Mrs. Moore
Christine Chan

Fifth Grade:

Mrs. Burke
Rishi Bhuva

Mrs. Leslie
Julius Suliafu

Mrs. Hayes
Jack Kim



COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS...

It's hard to believe that it's springtime already and we have only ten weeks of school left. The year is flying by! There are still a lot of great events and memories ahead for us in these last few months.

Thank you for participating in the See's Candy Fundraiser. We realize it was a last-minute fundraiser, but we were able to raise over \$2000. We appreciate your support. We have only one more restaurant/family day scheduled for the year. The date is Thursday, April 22nd and it will be held at Chick-fil-A. They will give us 20% of the total bill. Please consider taking your family there for a delicious meal. You should have received your magnets from Original Works. If you wish to keep it, please send in \$6. The catalog has many more beautiful items available for order. We receive 30 percent of the total sales back to our school. All orders will arrive the week before Mother's Day. This is a perfect way to get your Mother's Day shopping done and support your school at the same time! All orders should be submitted by March 29th.

This summer we are partnering with Golden Spoon for a once-a-month fundraiser. It will be held the first Thursday of the month and actually begins in May. One flyer with four dates on it will be sent home. An email with the flyer attached will be sent home each month so you can print it out. Golden Spoon gives us 20% of the total bill. We request that you save your coupons for free yogurt for another night.

The jog-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, May 7th. It begins at 8:30 and all students will participate at the same time. You should have received your packets. This is our last major fundraiser of the year. To date Community Club is about \$13,000 behind our budget. We're hoping we finish the year off big with this great event. To make it successful, we need many parent volunteers. If you are able to assist, please contact Deborah Kummerman at dkummerman@roadrunner.com or 909-895-7707.

One final note, we have several open Community Club committee positions for next year. Community Club is made up of parents willing and able to take part and make a difference. We need all of us! Please consider getting involved. Contact Lisa Vasquez for more information.

We hope you a safe and wonderful holiday. See you back on April 12th!

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Sincerely,

Susan Swartout and Shannon Thayer
Community Club Co-Presidents

