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## The Eighth Grade Regatta

By Joseph Angulo



Sweat dripped down his neck as he paddled to stay afloat. Many boats sank at this San Antonio Academy competition, but Noah Bregman and Christopher Goldsbury were determined to reach the other side of the Alamo Heights pool first. They succeeded, winning first place for their team, Noah's Ark. This team consisted of Noah, Christopher, Eshanth Beeram, and Nate Shriner.

This was the first annual race, and it was a lot of fun. Eighth graders competed to design the best cardboard and duct tape boats. They raced their boats across a 50 meter swimming pool.

First, Mrs. Hayes had to teach them how building a boat works. Apparently, the lighter in mass the object is, the better it will float. For example, if you took a 1 ounce weight and a 2 pound weight and put them in a cardboard box, the 1 ounce weight has a better chance of floating. The boys were put up to the challenge to make a well-structured and also light boat. The boys were in groups of three or four, but only two rowers could get in each boat.

In the end, the fastest team was Noah's Ark (Nate Shriner, Eshanth Beeram, Noah Bregman, and Christopher Goldsbury) with 59 seconds. The best built structure was Sea Biscuit (Forrest Runnels, Sam Velez, and Ben Espy). The team with the best spirit and theme was the USS Duck Killer (Luke Thomas, Alex Pruitt, and Sergio Alvarado). Finally, the Big Papas (Cole Finney, Steven Benke, Cottar Hanzel, and Ethan Met) won the coveted title for the "Most Spectacular Sinking." Thanks to Mrs. Hayes and the eighth grade class, this regatta will definitely become a new treasured SAA tradition.





*Painting by Byron Burton*

## Primary Art Show

**By Nayan Sharma**

The Primary Art Show is an annual event at SAA where the young artists showcase their excellent artwork. The art show opens every year in the spring, and Ellison Hall gets converted into an art museum. Every boy in Primary School works hard to have their pictures displayed in Ellison Hall for the Primary Art Show. The boys experiment with different media and learn a variety of artistic styles from their art teacher, Ms. Eversberg. We interviewed two kindergartners about their art work this year.

Byron Burton told us that he got his inspiration for his picture by looking at pictures of famous artists. He was particularly impressed by Pablo Picasso's "The Musicians." Byron said that he completed his artwork in five minutes, and it was both hard and easy to draw his picture. Also, when he was drawing his picture, he liked using the color blue.

Tysei Callanan, another kindergartner, came up with his idea for a picture by sitting and thinking about it for fifteen minutes. Then, it took him fifteen minutes to draw it. His favorite color to work with was green. Tysei thought that it was not easy for him to draw his picture.

All the primary students have done a great job, and their pictures look amazing. We hope you were able to see the art exhibition while it was up!



*Painting by Tysei Callanan*



*"Dancing the Night Away" by Nico Rabinowitz*



# Athens Academy

By Benjamin Crawford

Around 2,000 years ago, Greece was founded. In Greece, they had stories that told how the Earth was created and that explained why things are the way they are. These stories came to be known as Greek Mythology. Our second graders traveled back in time to give us stories that the Greeks believed in. Here's what some second graders had to say about the experience.

Second grader Ford Jones played Apollo in "The Greek Gods." It showed what the gods and goddesses do on Mt. Olympus. His favorite line was, "I am Apollo. God of the sun, poetry, and music." His prop was a lyre, the instrument created by Apollo.

Another second grader, J. Kraft played Prometheus in "The Gift of Fire." Prometheus stole fire from Mt. Olympus, and Zeus punished him by making an eagle that ate his liver every day. His favorite line was, "I am wise and thoughtful," and his prop was fire.



Above: J. Kraft as Prometheus in The Gift of Fire; Lower Left: Ford Allen as Poseidon

Second grader Tattan Allen played Zeus. He was in "Pandora's Box," in which Zeus gave a box to Pandora and told her not to open it, but she opened it, and all evil came out. Allen's favorite line was, "Listen to instructions and obey." His prop was a lightning bolt.

Second grader Bobby Spielhagen was Narrator #2 in "Orpheus and Eurydice." In the story, Eurydice was bitten by a snake while picking flowers. His favorite line was, "Soon after the wedding, Eurydice went to the meadow to pick flowers." His props were flowers and snakes.

These are not the only Greek stories. There are many more, like the tales of Medusa and Persephone. They include people who you can learn about, like Leto and Kore. The stories explain what life was like in Greece, and about how the Greeks worshipped the gods in temples.

The Greek Play turned out to be amazing! When you see our second grade buddies, tell them that they did an amazing job. Also, thank Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Allison for creating this show of entertainment. Thanks for reading, or in Greek, "Gratias legere!"





## Third Grade Day at the Museum

By Benjamin Crawford

It's like a time machine! The third grade play, *Day at the Museum*, showed Americans who have passed away and showed great leadership throughout history. The play was divided into 3 sections, the 18th Century, the 19th Century and the 20th Century.

Third grader Henry Taylor played Henry Ford. An interesting fact about Ford is that he created the production line. He matters in history because he created Ford cars. Not only are they the best in Texas, they are also affORDable cars.

Third grader Connor Hart played John Glenn. An interesting fact about Glenn is that he was the first American to orbit the Earth three times! That's a lot of times around Earth. He matters throughout history because he was one of the greatest astronauts ever known, and he inspired many people to reach for the stars.

We all learned about so many people in the play, from Crispus Attucks, the first person to die in the Boston Massacre, to Mr. Rogers, a man who created beloved shows for children. Tell the third graders that they did a great job at their play. Also, thank Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Hill for directing this excellent show. Thanks for reading!

## Time Flies!

By Joseph Angulo

After the eighth grade opened their time capsule, Noah and Chaz Bregman recreated an old picture from second grade. They decided to retake the photo with their former 2nd grade teachers Ms. Kramme and Mrs. Plaunt. Now Ms. Kramme is working in first grade and Mrs. Plaunt is retired. They are both proud of the way Chaz, Noah, and all their former students in the Class of 2019 have grown up!





# Fourth Grade Poetry

By Nayan Sharma

This year's talented fourth grade class recently studied different poems and poetry writing styles. Then, they wrote a "mirror poem" based on the sentence structure of Valerie Worth's "Tiger." We interviewed a fourth grade student, Zain Haq, about his poem. His poem is titled "Ducks." We asked Zain how he got his inspiration for the poem. Zain said that he wanted to write something funny, and ducks just "flew" right into his head. It took him about three minutes to come up with the idea and about fifteen minutes to draw out the picture. If you want to know more about their work, the poems are displayed on the bulletin board outside Ms. Moore's room. Very interesting, indeed! We are proud of the creative fourth graders and hope that they keep up their good work.



"Ducks" by Zain Haq



"The Gecko's Seed" by Finn Thanairongroj



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