

Lower Elementary News

Exciting things happening on a daily basis!



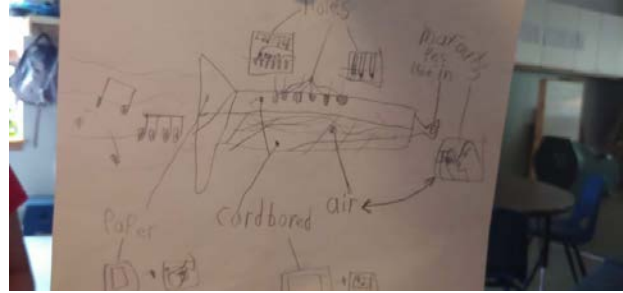
This year we are combining emergent curriculum and project based learning. Emergent curriculum is a philosophy of teaching and way of planning curriculum that focuses on children's interests to create meaningful learning experiences. This philosophy values active participation, relationship building, flexible and adaptable methods, inquiry, and play-based learning. Project based learning blends nicely because it is a student centered approach in which students acquire a deeper knowledge through active exploration of real-world challenges and problems. Students learn about a subject by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question, challenge, or problem. It is a style of active learning and inquiry based learning.

Music For All

1. Our project idea started last spring when several students expressed interest in how musical instruments work through an I Wonder experience.
2. This year we talked about how Redwood values all education equally and values arts education and creativity. We talked about all the ways students at Redwood can explore music. The children showed interest in building some fun toys for preschool to have to explore music.

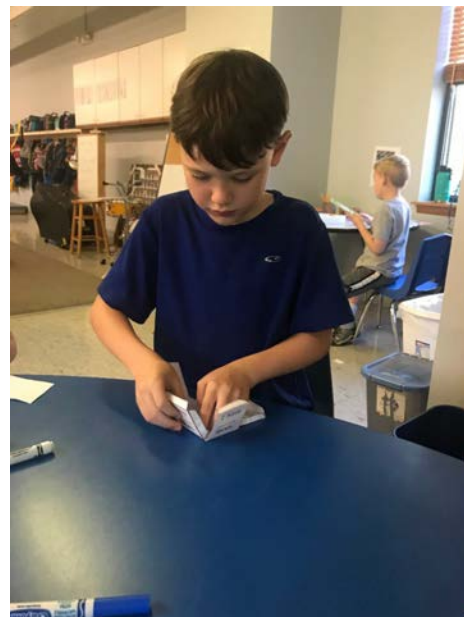
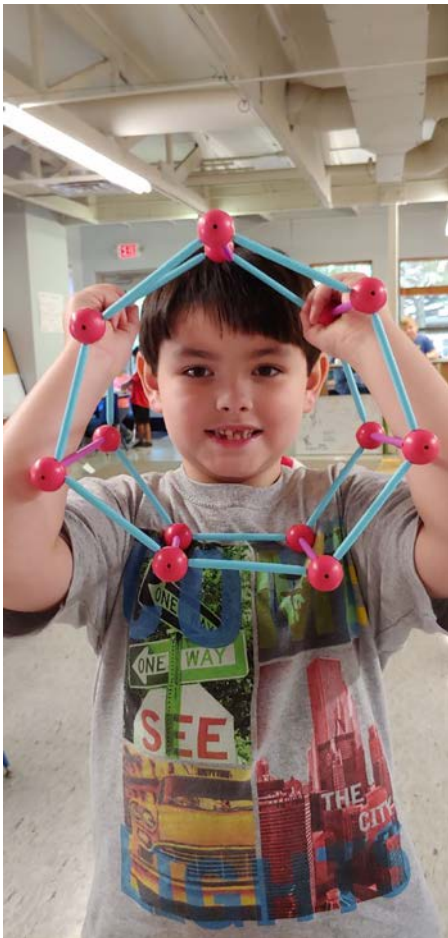
Between these 2 events, we developed our first emergent curriculum project based learning opportunity! Child interest and child led while solving a community problem.

Interview with an Instrument
 Name: Audrey
 What is your name? GURITAR
 What's your family? rig!
 Can you make loud noises? yes!
 Can you make quiet noises? yes!
 Can you make high pitches? yes!
 Can you make low pitches? yes!
 How do you work? I have rig
 What type of music would you play? Latin
 Where did you come from? 15th century
 What are you made from? wood and rig



Math is fun!

This week we started a review on shapes. They have been demonstrating what they know about 2D and 3D shapes! Looking forward to learning about area and perimeter using measurement, addition, and multiplication.





Important Dates/Information

- September 12- 9-1 Parent Training Make Up Day
- September 18- Fundraiser- Eat out at Chili's
- October 3-5 Fall Break- No School
- October 10 Board Meeting 5:30



Kindergarten Buddies!

We have been having so much fun getting to know our Kindergarten buddy while doing some fun cooperative activities! A buddy system can help students to feel valued and supported, teach important social skills and create a caring environment in the school. It creates positive social behavior because older students feel empowered to be good role models and creates a safe feeling for younger students by having an older friend looking out for them.





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