



School News



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Hands-On Learning Experiences

The Serrano Eagles have been very active this spring! The students have had the gift of learning through various experiences offered off campus.

Our kindergarten students for instance visited a local amusement park as a culminating experience of their transportation unit. Here they were able to build different types of vehicles out of blocks and actually create a mode of transportation.

The Serrano fourth-grade students engaged in an overnight experience aboard The Pilgrim at Dana Harbor. Here they learned more about our unique nautical heritage and its impact on trade in California. Docents dressed in period costumes greeted the students and led them through hands-on experiences back in time to the golden age of sailing. They sang sea chanteys, got to row in a boat, raise the flags on the ship, and listen to nautical lore.

Our fifth-grade students took a trip back in time to the era of the early colonies. They thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Riley's Farm to experience the colonial life they have been studying. They all dressed the part, with the boys in white colored shirts and black slacks, and the girls wearing dresses with smocks and white caps. This was one social studies lesson our students did not consider "boring" even for a moment!

Outdoor Education was attended by our sixth-graders. The students were engaged in utilizing the large outdoor camp as a classroom, where the activities were designed to build an understanding of ecological principles and our relationship with the natural world. Our students loved the traditional camp adventures such as boating, archery, and a 42-foot climbing tower.

Exposing our students to an actual hands-on learning experience, such as what a school field trip provides, is an effective method of teaching. We want to thank our wonderful Parent Foundation Organization, our parents, and our outstanding teachers for making these experiences happen. Go, Eagles!