

## December 2019

### Cup Stacking Champions of CC

Cup stacking is a great way to challenge yourself physically and mentally. Balancing the cups to achieve a stable pyramid is the key to getting a fast time!

According to a first grader, "My favorite is when they go bonk-a-doodle over but if there was less gravity but still a little it would be easier to go fast." The stability of the pyramid determines how easy it will be to glide the top cup down onto the others and stack the smaller stacks together until you have one big stack! The fastest of the group said "It's easy if you practice a lot!" His end time for two pyramids of 6 cups was 11 seconds!

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### Important Dates

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> are  
full days for winter break!

### ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Art is a favorite form of expression among the kiddos at North Star. Art and art-based curriculum has a profound effect on school-agers' ability to focus and commit to a project. Homework can often seem dull, but adding drawing or filming creates excitement for learning. Pictured left is a creation made by a fifth grader who had extra clay left from art class. She felt inspired by a discussion in class to make a very detailed tiny shoe. When asked how she went about creating the sculpture Avary said, "I just planned the shape in my head first, and then I made the base and added the details." Avary, then taught a few other students how to make a base for a similar style shoe.





## Gobble Gobble! Turkey Trot Time!

An annual tradition, the Turkey Trot is a competition among different age groups for a chance to win a Thanksgiving turkey or fixins for their family. This year kids had to pull the color coded clothes pin off the trotting turkey. Daniel Carlos had the honor of running as turkeys and had a blast! This event is a great opportunity to practice good sportsmanship and encourage sharing and kindness. The families of the winners were grateful to be able to cross an item off their shopping lists!



## Mario Kart CC Style

Sierra ran an activity inspired by the Super Mario Brothers video games. Kids made their Mario Carts out of boxes and art supplies, and raced them outside. They had dodgeballs to throw in lieu of turtle shells and the track was the perimeter of the basketball court. The kids had a blast getting their energy out and taking concepts from a loved video game to recreate in real life.







### A Necklace to Snack On!

On a rainy Tuesday we had an impromptu cereal necklace making activity! We used several boxes of O-shaped cereal to string onto our strings. Some made a pattern while others strung their favorite flavors in the order in which they wanted to eat them. They were encouraged to make one for a sibling or friend as a gift. This was a fun way to eat a yummy treat, practice fine motor skills, and keep us having fun while the rain came down.



### Here are some moments we captured in the community last month!

