



Sombra Del Monte Weekly News April 19th- April 23th 2021



This Weeks's Theme: Spring is in the Air!

So Much Science!

Last week we wrote down things we are curious about. Andrew wrote that he was curious about science.

Sommer: So Andrew, what kind of science would you like to do?

Andrew: I don't know. Well we usually do like these little worksheets.

Sommer: Ok what kind of science would you like to do here?

Andrew: Like chemistry?

Sommer: Ok what kind of things do you think we need?

Andrew: Beakers and Chemicals.

Sommer: Great we have some of those things. Is there anything else?

Andrew: I've always wanted to do Mentos and coke.

Sommer: We can do that. How did you hear about it?

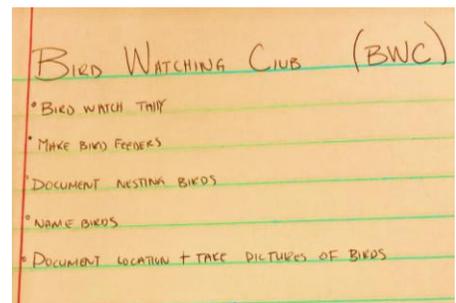
Andrew: I saw some YouTube videos.

On Monday April 12th, we conducted a Mentos and Coke experiment. Read more about it on Page 2!

Looking Forward to Next Week!

We've heard and seen a lot of birds around campus. In the mornings there are some finches in the trees by the cafeteria. The kids have spotted two birds' nests! Arisbeth (Staff) is interested in leading a birdwatching club.

Monica (Staff) would like to introduce jump roping with a long rope. Adel would like to build some more Marble Madness structures. Sophia would like to keep playing in drama area.



Earth Day and the Library

Next we are celebrating Earth Day by planting seeds! We used the ABQ-Bernco Seed Libray Seed Catalog to choose seeds. Sommer will email our request and pick up the seeds from the library for free! Here is what everyone plans on growing: Asher: Celery (for his sister) and Black Eyed Susans, Phoenix: Kale (two varieties), Andrew: Rutabaga, Arisbeth: Old Fashioned Red Cherry Tomatoes, Ashton, Alana, Easton, and Elijah all want to grow Watermelon (two varieties), Siobhan: Coreopsis, Lanceleaf, Alex: Sunflowers, Adel: Purple Coneflowers, Sommer: Parsley, Dillon: Apples, and we orders some Arugula and Turnips for anyone who wasn't there when we chose our seed.

So Much Science! (Continued)

Arisbeth: Do you think the temperature will affect how high it goes? Do you think it can make it up to the windows?

Asher: If it's hot it probably not going to make it too high.

Arisbeth: Does anyone else have a different opinion?

Andrew: Well I have a question, maybe when we put in the Mentos it's going to be fizzy already right? If it's hot. So I'm thinking we like put the Mentos on the cap and then drop it.

Arisbeth: Sure, How high do you think it's going go?

Elijah: At least up to that branch.

Alana: I think it's going to go up to right here. (Using hand to show about her own height)

Arisbeth: Let's look at the wall ball court. I see a layer of red bricks and then the white bricks and then another layer of red bricks. Do you think it's going to make it to the white bricks?

(Most kids said yes.)

Arisbeth: Do you think it's going to make it up to the windows?

(Most kids said no.)



The Pepsi made it just above the red brick barley to the white brick.

Andrew exclaimed: I'm really glad I suggested this!

Kindergarten Corner

Meet Alana!

Hi Alana, can you tell me how old you are? "6 years old"

Do you know when your birthday is? "Yes! It's January 20th."

What kind of things do you like to play? "I like all sorts of animals."

Do you have a favorite animal? "My favorite animal is a bear."

Any particular kind of bear? "Well, Actually I like penguins."

What do you like about penguins? "I like about penguins when they wobble, like this. It's kind of cute."

Can you show me how they wobble? "Yeah like this!"



What language do you think penguins use? "I don't know, maybe like this "deet, deet, deet deet"."

If you got to meet a penguin and could take it anywhere, where would you go? "I would take it to Disneyland! I'm going to go play now."

Kindergarten Skills

2nd Graders Asher and Andrew helped the kindergarteners learn how to use the slide the right way. 1. Sit Down 2. Feet First 3. One at a time



Cracking Geodes

Who knows what Arisbeth has?

Elijah: A hammer?"

It's close to a hammer.

Andrew: "A mallet".

Who know what these are?

Alana: "Rocks."

Does it look like an ordinary rock?

Group: "Yeah."

It's a very special rock it has something secret inside.

Andrew: "Is it one of those gemstones that you smash?"

Yes it is! It's called a geode.

Arisbeth tried first. She was hitting it gently first but it was taking forever to she gave it one good wack and it cracked open. Then we took turns breaking open our geodes. Adel's split into pretty big pieces. Alana's pieces were a little smaller. Andrew took about three tries before his cracked. Elijah's took lots of perseverance and several tries but he finally got it open. Elijah said his geode is still safe in his backpack. Alana took hers home and showed it to her mom and dad. Arisbeth's is here at the site.

