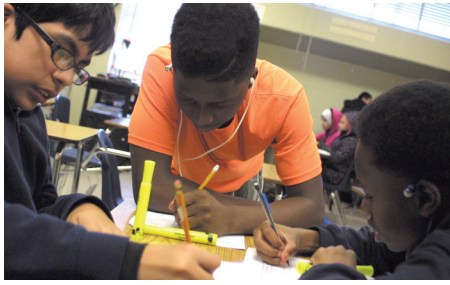


Academics

Peer Power

Concentrating on their assignment, Jesus Torres-Marin (7), Dameion Bowles (7) and Deonte Johnson (7) peer edit their essays. "Peer editing helps me out because sometimes other people have the skills I don't have to edit," Jesus claims.

Photo by Mira McLaurin



Friendship Pyramid

Stacking a pyramid in Ms. Hart's class, eighth grade students have fun while learning about working in a group. A metaphor for balancing their lives the students understand how difficult it is. Nelson Barnes (8) says, "We did it for fun and Ms. Hart encouraged us."

Photo by Megan Ramsey



Glittery Planet

Grimacing, Sofia Moore (7) cuts parts for her planet project. "You know you're best friends when you're the referee for glitter fights," says Ariana Valdez (7). Sonoma Camozzi (7) is staring intently at her paper cutouts.

Photo by Sophie Wolf



Balloon Building

Kristen Scott's Yearbook class attempts team work as they prepare to build a balloon tower. A difficult task, groups are competing to make the tallest one possible. Healthy competition promotes working together to win.

Photo by Mira McLaurin



HELPING HANDS

When we have a question or need a little help, teachers are always there giving some advice and being supportive. "They help me fix what I did wrong, like in English my teachers improves my writing skills," says Leah Davis (7). 1. Ms. Ellison works directly with Alexander Velasquez (7) on his project. 2. Sometimes, teachers serve as inspiration to other teachers. So while Georgia Dover (6) busily completes work on her laptop during the Girl Power elective, Ms. Stewart mentors a UTeach new teacher in training, modeling strategies and sharing observations for successful teaching.

Photos by Sylvia Reed



Educating Advertisements

Putting his artistic skills to good use, Diego Mejia (7) sketches a shoe to help out classmate Amari Wright (7). The students each prepared poster advertisements for an original product to sell to classmates as part of a unit on persuasive writing—they looked at rhetorical strategies in the media, applying classroom concepts to real-world scenarios. "It was fun to draw the posters, I especially liked doing the shadows and shading," said Diego, whose own advertisement was for a life-size robot with a removable control panel. Photo by Kristen Scott

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Navaeh Rodriguez (6) has been to Sea World 0 times.



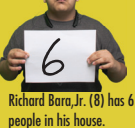
Charles Franklin's (6) dog is 7 years old.



Jackson Eckel (7) went camping at Ink's Lake for 2 weeks.



Richard Bara, Jr. (8) has 6 people in his house.



Hudson Humphrey (7) has 0 hamsters.



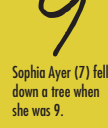
Laurie Pena-Brooks does 2 impressions, one is R2D2.



Ashley Ge (8) has 4 pets.



Sophia Ayer (7) fell down a tree when she was 9.



Jose Alejo-Mendez's (6) #1 sister is mean to him.



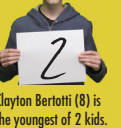
Aliyah Cervantes (7) has 4 dogs.



Christian Duvall (6) is an army of 1.



Clayton Bertotti (8) is the youngest of 2 kids.



The Art of Folding

Showing off his origami skills on the projector Thien Doan (8) adjusts his figurines. He is also in Japanese 1B where he learned a lot about origami as well as Kanji calligraphy. "I originally started making origami because I was bored, but I've grown to like the things I create," Thien said.



Photo by Mamie Seiler

Write On

Creating worlds from words

We all wonder what our classmates are jotting down in their journals during English. Many teachers assign writing prompts at the beginning of class, but every once in a while they let you do choice writing where you can write whatever you want.

One young writer, Jacob Graves (7), likes to mix humor into his stories. "I like writing comics and funny stories," he said. On the other hand, some people tend to lean towards serious topics, like seventh grader Aidan Chang who says that he writes about "left wing societies." Nadia Freeman (8) enjoys creating her own characters, "I

like to write character studies about interesting people," she said. Lochlyn McClure (8) also explained her ideas. "I especially like writing fantasies and adventures, I write stories to express my feelings and to entertain people."

An English class is a place where kids can show their writing talents, but in Ms. Roy's class they also got a chance to show off their other talents. "It was fun, I got to present my origami for the english project." Thien Doan (8) said. "English is really fun" Lochlyn summed up, "you get to write and it's a comfortable environment where you can be who you want to be."

Story by Kimmy Wilson

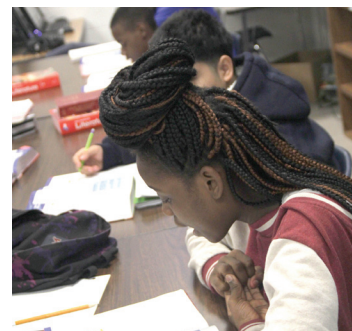
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Learning to NOT be a Knucklehead

Constructing the body of the author of *Knucklehead*, John Scieszka, sixth graders Eli Kuhn and Beckett Schmeil adjust the construction paper. Wally Auby (6) makes sure that his partners are creating a good representation of the author. This poster will contain information about Scieszka's personal life along with certain details from his memoir. With this project, students learn about different cultures and ways of life in America.

Photo by Elena Venegoni



Deep in Thought

Clasping her fingers Regina Kamara (8) reads over her own writing, finding any mistakes that had been hidden before. Her pencil lays near in case edits must be made.

Photo by Sylvia Reed



Q & A

Laughing at the camera, Sarah Lightfoot (8) answers questions from the textbook. Her painted nails spin her pencil as she thinks about her answers.

Photo by Sylvia Reed

When Jhajuan Powell (7) was 7 he had his funniest birthday.



Tyquasha Kimble (6) has 3 sisters.



Kristen Scott was a cheerleader for 7 long years.



Aaditya Ranjit (8) has 2 dogs.



Isabel Kilday (7) moved to Austin when she was 4.



Alex Hendrex has 5 siblings.



Ian McKenna Goncalo's (6) sister is 8.



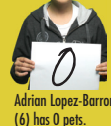
Allison Scheller (8) has 7 pets.



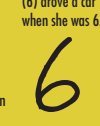
Sadie Schriftman (6) has enjoyed waking up early 0 times.



Adrian Lopez-Barron (6) has 0 pets.



Jessica Cisneros (6) drove a car when she was 6.



Joseline Gary's (7) sister is 6 months old.



Ana Alejo (8) has 0 sisters.



Moung Ha (6) has 6 families.

