

East Hills 4-H

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Creative Math Project

At our February Creative Math meeting, we played around with Legos and Geoboards to learn about area and perimeter. We also talked about measurement. For example, if you tell your friend to build a pig pen with 30 fence pieces, then your friend builds it, and says "that is awful small for a pig pen" because they were using the wrong length of fence pieces. If you wanted your friend to build it as close as you can to the right size, you will have to measure the fence pieces. The perimeter is the length of the outside of a shape.

In this case, the shape would be a pig pen. If I were building a pig pen, I would have a big puddle of mud in the center and lots of nooks and crannies for the pigs to stay in when they don't want to be disturbed. Legos + geometry = extra fun!

Fiber Arts Project

At the March Fiber Arts project meeting, held at the San Leandro Library, we made bunnies for Easter baskets. We made a knit or crocheted square before the meeting and sewed along the middle of the square. Then we sewed a triangle shape using the line as the base. We drew it tight and stuffed it. Then we sewed it up and sewed the bottom half into a pouch, which we also stuffed and sewed up. Then we made a bunny tail pompom using a fork. We could also use pre-made squares instead of the ones we made before the meeting. My square was way too big, and I didn't have it finished by the end of the meeting, so I finished it at home

Fiber Arts Project

At the last Fiber Arts meeting we made stuffed bunnies. I also made a 4-H hat for my doll, Rebecca. My sister made a jacket for her stuffed otter, named Seaweed. Then Desiree taught me how to crochet. I made a crocheted belt for Rebecca. I also made a pillow for my mini doll Felicity



Fiber Arts Project

In the Fiber Arts project this month I made a coat for my otter, Seaweed. It had a little hoodie with pretty buttons sewn on to the edge. The buttons looked like gems. Also, my sister, Piper, learned how to crochet. Now she is very good at it. I love fiber arts.

Fun With Theater Project

For our theater project at presentation day we did a play called "IO, an Explanation and Tall Tale." I played Hera and my sister, Sierra, was the Peacock, Argus, a Greek citizen, and an Egyptian citizen. The Argus costume was painted with lots of giant eyes! All of the gods and goddesses wore gold leaf crowns. Penny, who played the wasp, had a wasp costume with a cardboard stinger! Silvia played Zeus and had a cotton ball beard. Kiana who was the cow, IO, had a cow bell. Clementine, was Hermes, and had a bicycle helmet and sandals that had wings taped on. My favorite part of the play was when Zeus cheated at Crazy Eights

Horticulture Contest at Regional Presentation Day!

Come try the horticulture contest at Regional Presentation Day in Antioch on April 7! This is a really fun plant event which takes place at the same time as Presentation Day. It only takes a short time (about ten minutes or so), so you can try it out during the breaks. The contest has three sections: ID, judging, and a written quiz.

For the ID section, there are four tables holding plants from four different categories: Fruits/Nuts/Berries, Landscape Ornamentals, Flowers/Indoor Plants, and Vegetables. You match the plants on the tables to a list of possible names.

For the judging section, there are several sets of four plants. All of the plants within a set will be the same type of plant. You pick the order of the plants from the best quality to the worst. For example, if there are four bunches of bananas, and one bunch is rotting and one looks delicious, you put the delicious one first and the rotting one last.

Lastly, for the written quiz, there are multiple-choice questions about plants. They will ask you things like, "What is an annual plant?" and "What is the pigment called that makes leaves green?"

Even if you don't think you know a lot about plants or even like them, you should give the horticulture contest a try! I didn't think that I liked plants either, but I loved doing the horticulture contest every year, and now I like plants a lot more. Plus, the contest teaches you things about plants you never knew before!

Stitched and Stuffed Project

At the February Stitched and Stuffed meeting we made an elephant and a bee. I made an elephant. First we cut out our felt at home and then when we got to the meeting, we sewed our felt together and stuffed it. Then we sewed the bottom together. It was fun!

Table Games Project

At our February Table Games meeting, we played games people in the project invented. I invented a game called Math Cards, where players try to combine cards in their hand that add up to a target number. The target number is determined by rolling a 20-sided die. I also played a game that Zuzu invented. It was a lot like Candy Land. Then I played Battle Sheep with Tamy, who is one of our project leaders. Battle Sheep is about trying to claim the most of the board and trapping the other player so they have nowhere to go. I wish I had invented it, but it is just a game you can buy in the store.

Word Crafts Project

At the March Word Crafts project meeting, held at the San Leandro Main Library, we learned about poetry. First, we each read aloud a poem by Emily Dickinson while the others acted it out. Then, we did the same with the poem, "13 Ways of Looking at a Black-bird" by Wallace Stevens but we only did 9 of the ways, since there were 9 members at the meeting. We said what we thought each verse meant. Then we each wrote a "way of looking at 4-H" in poetry to enter in the fair.