

October 2020

Barkell Elementary

Newsletter

Hancock Public Schools



Principal Announcements

- Please consider writing your child's name on their winter gear. We find many items every day and are able to return them if they have a name. When there is no name, it goes to lost and found and unfortunately, very few items are ever claimed.
- We would like to thank all of our Barkell families for their tremendous support and patience as we navigate these uncertain times.
- Please consider helping out our PTO. They do a lot for our school and could use a few volunteers to help with various events. You do not need to come to all of the PTO meetings to be a volunteer. They are looking for individuals who can help once or twice per year.
- Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerely,

Dan Vaara– Barkell Elementary Principal



Upcoming Events:

- 11/5 PM PT Conferences school dismisses at 11:50
- 11/6 Teacher PD school dismisses at 11:50
- 11/25-11/27 No School– Thanksgiving Break



Halloween



Braylin and Savannah pose for a picture



Kit wishes everyone a Happy Halloween



Sam gets a ride from his alien friend



Students and staff line up for the parade



A dinosaur joins the parade



Barkell Elementary parades up Fir St.



Students parade on a nice fall afternoon

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



5th grade lines up for the parade



Young Fives News



Macklynn's art and practice with O

Young Fives has been off to a fun and exciting start to the 2020-21 school year. Students have been having a lot of fun learning about numbers and letters. They have also had fun making cool art projects.



Lacey displays her art project



Young Fivers enjoy listening to a story



Mrs. Koskela's students practice their numbers



Young Fives poses with their spider hats



Jade's rainbow ribbon dancer.



Owen's beading project



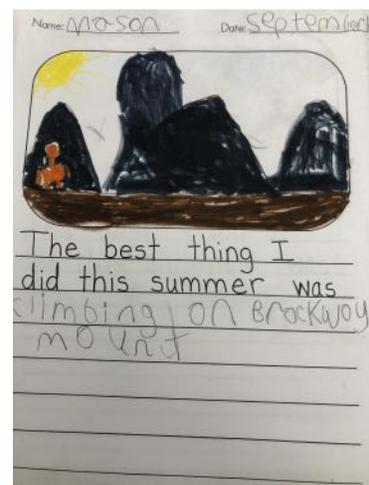
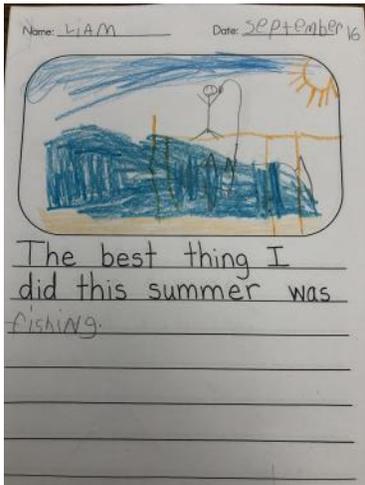
Students in Young Fives gets ready to welcome their teacher back



Second Grade News



Barkell Elementary second graders are getting to know about Japan this year by writing to pen pals from Japan! We send the postcards using Google Docs to email to the other teacher. We read postcards from Japan about holidays and wrote to our pen pals about summer.



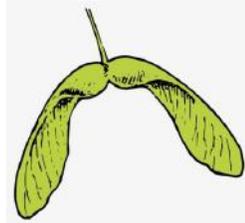
Second graders are learning all about plants and seed dispersal. They made three different types of seeds and pretended to be a tree dropping their seeds. The class made predictions on whether or not the seed would survive or land in the "Zone of Darkness". They also went on a field trip in our school forest. The students went on a scavenger hunt looking for different types of seeds. The second grade had a blast enjoying the warm weather in our school forest.



Bruce, Gavin, and Weston test out their seed design



Mason and others head out in search of seeds

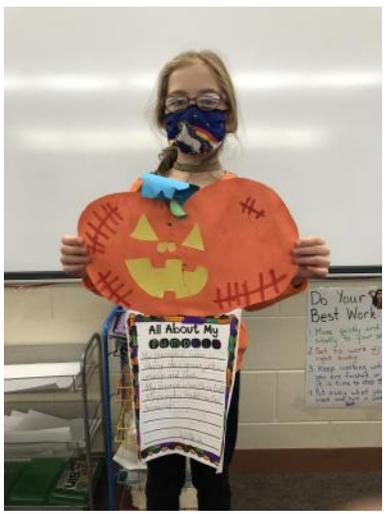
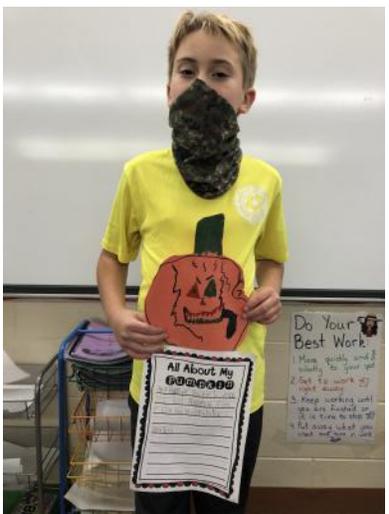
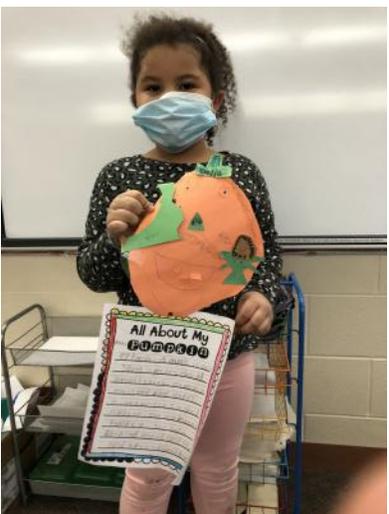
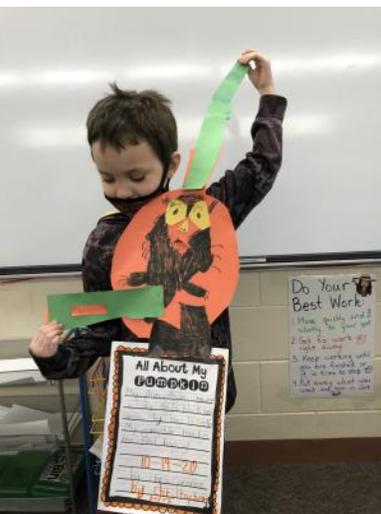
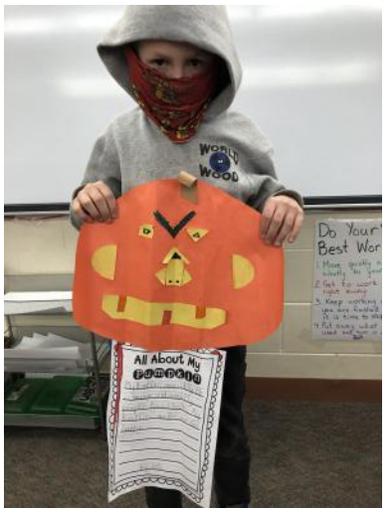
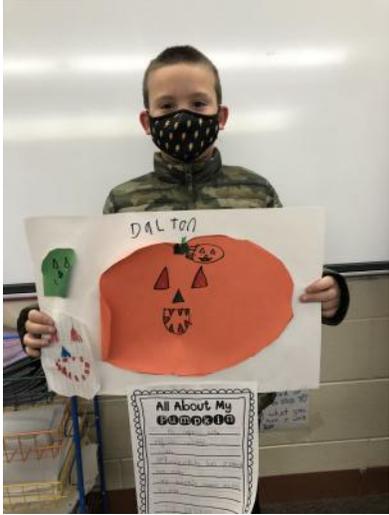
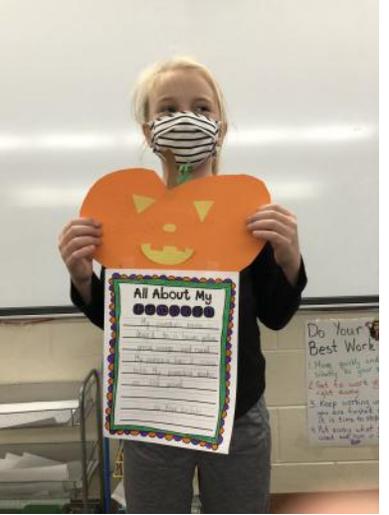
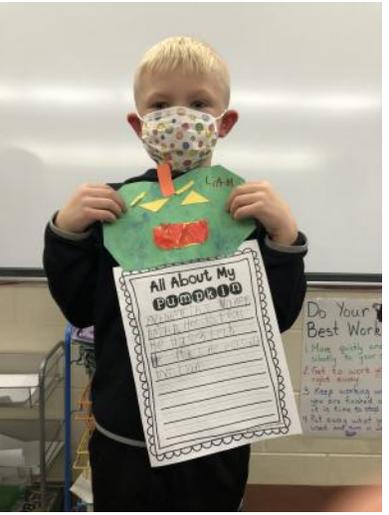
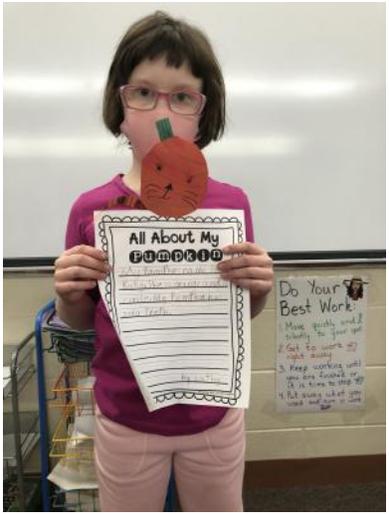
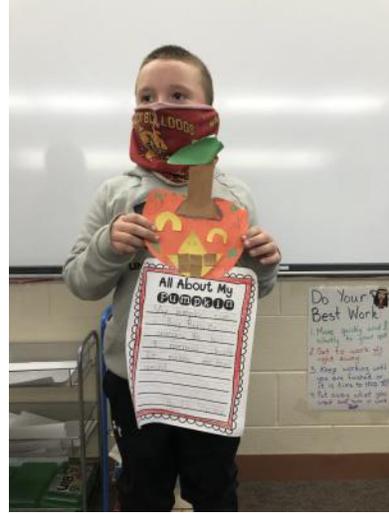
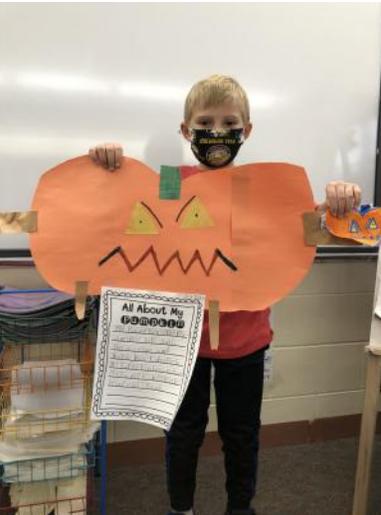


Jada and Quinn show the seeds they found

Second Grade Authors



Barkell Elementary second graders practiced nouns and adjectives while writing stories about pumpkins that they made in school. It was a fun way to learn about writing during the Halloween season.



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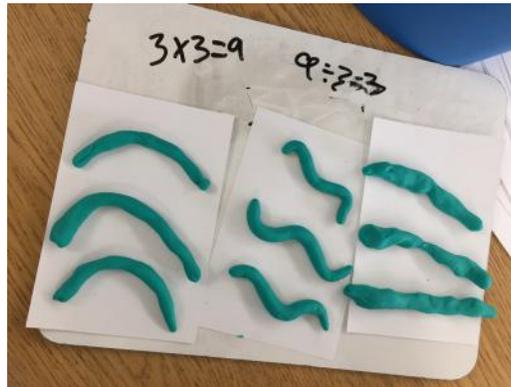
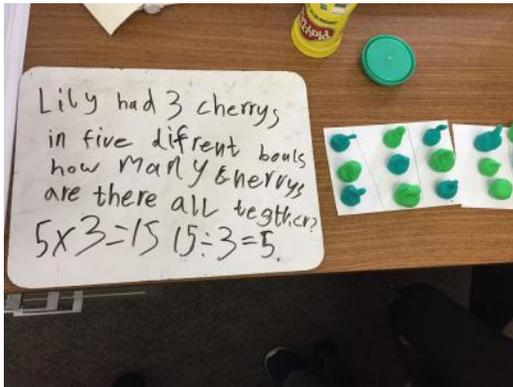
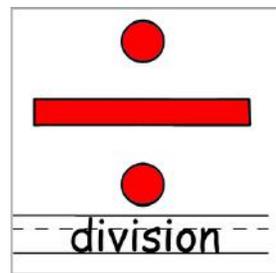




Third Grade News



Students in Mrs. Knuuttila's class created a museum exhibit showing how multiplication and division are related. They then went on a "field trip" to the museum. Each group explained their exhibit to the class. Students enjoyed learning from each other and using this hands on approach to learning about math.

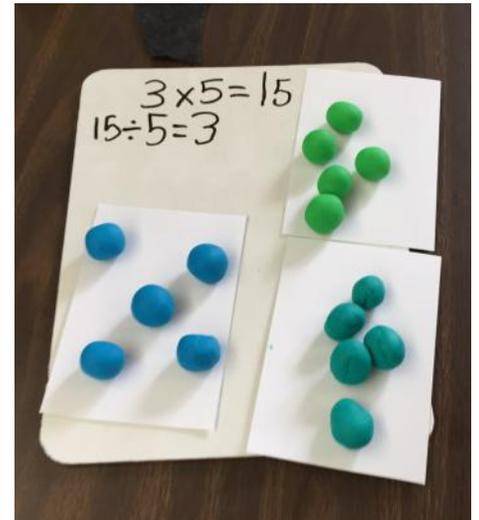


Amelia, Sam, and Tyler explore the relationship between multiplication and division



Myles, Eviona, and Kiiri take a break to pose for a picture

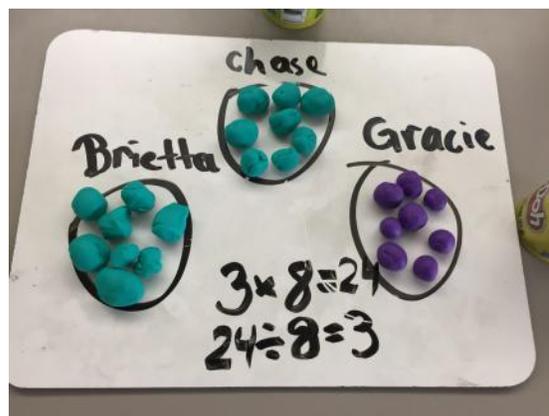
Some students used Playdough to demonstrate the relationship between addition and subtraction



Solomon uses playdough for a fun math assignment



Brietta, Chase, and Gracie split up fuzz balls evenly

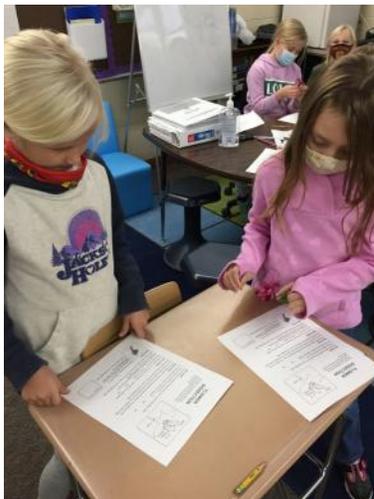
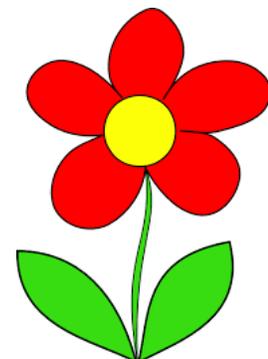




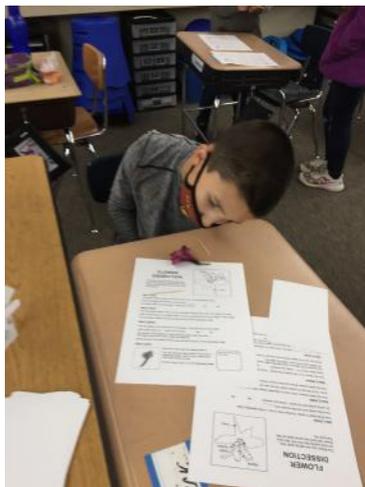
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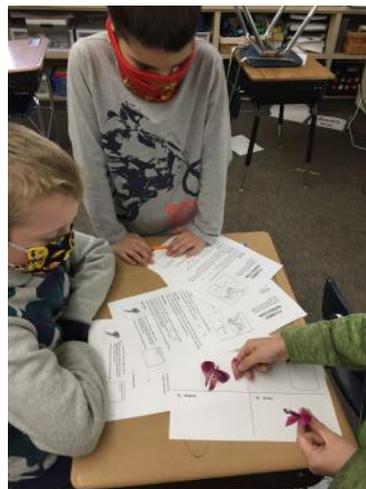
Students in Mrs. Knuuttila's third grade classroom enjoyed learning about flowers in a fun, hands on way. Students worked together to study and dissect flowers in order to learn about their various parts and how they function to allow for the plant to grow and reproduce. Students had fun identifying the different parts of a flower and discussing how they contribute to it's life cycle.



Amelia and Taylor record their data.



Myles takes a close look at his flower



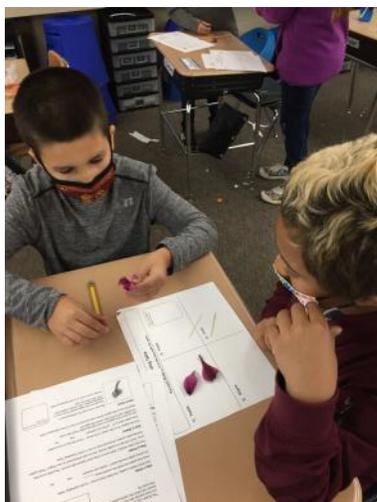
Students carefully record their data



Chase works with his partner to identify flower parts



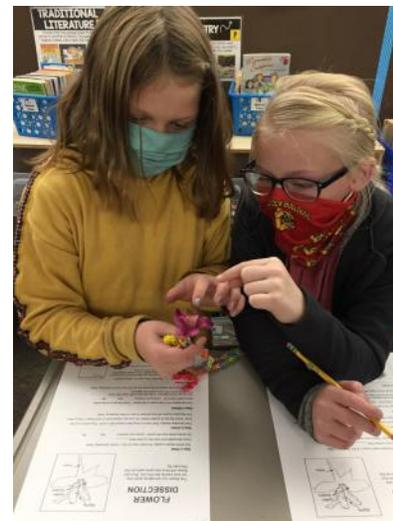
Lily and Gracie display their work



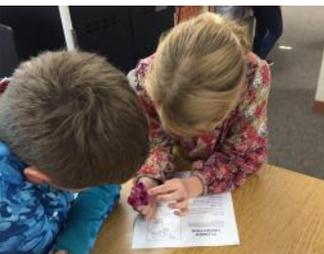
Myles and Jariya check out a petal



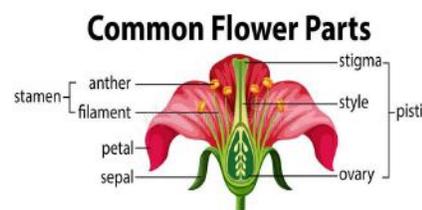
Meg makes a discovery



Lily and Gracie examine their specimen



Solomon studies his flower



Fourth Grade News



August relaxes after finishing his game

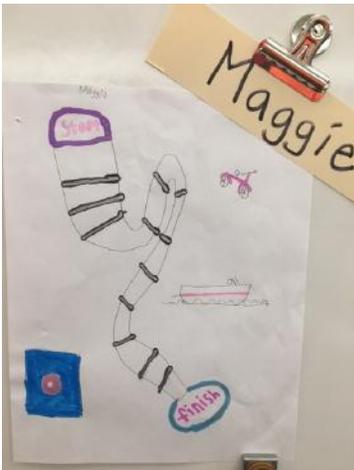
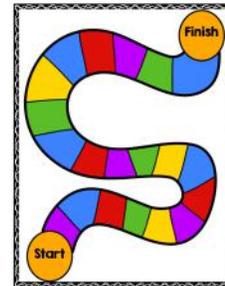
Students in Mrs. Liimatta's class had fun over the two week shift to online learning working on a fun math assignment. Students had to create a board game using a number of mathematical concepts. It was a fun way to learn about math.



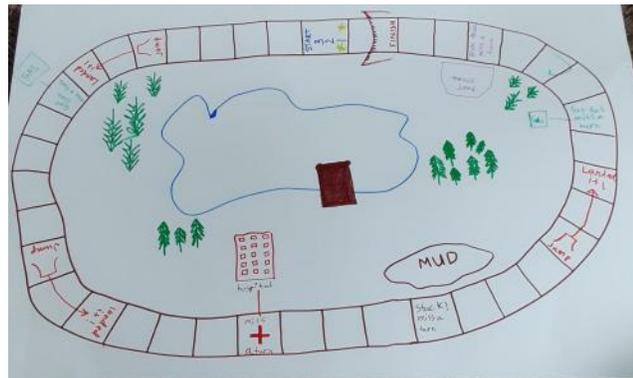
Dominick Poses for a picture in front of his game

When we were closed down we made a game for school. It was about summer. You would move your marker and try to beat your opponent to the end. You would roll your dice and move the amount of spaces you got.

by: Maya Ylitalo



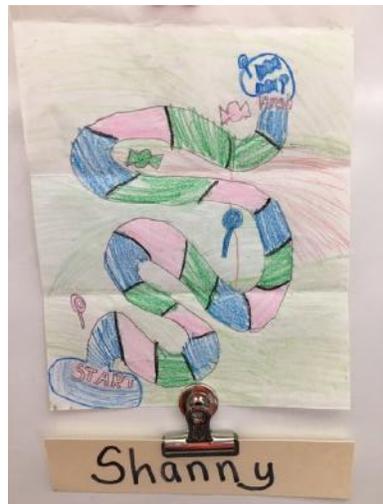
TJ created a fishing game



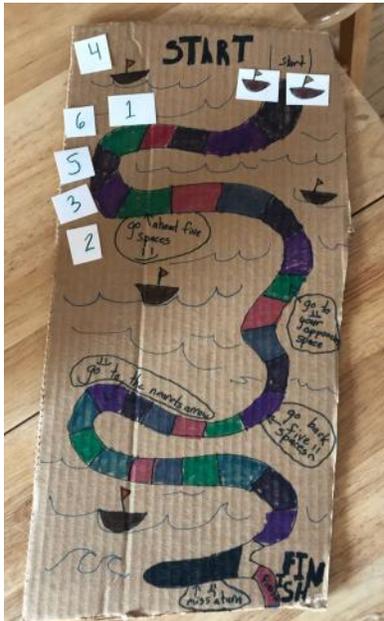
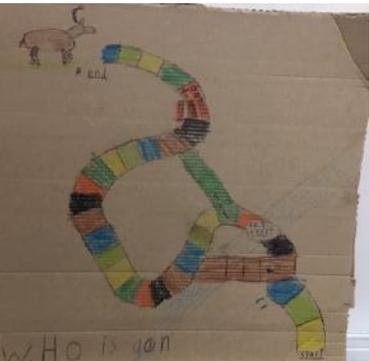
Colin's game includes a scooter



Nate's game



Shanayelee created a colorful game with lollipops





Barkell Elementary Thanks:



- * **Barkell Elementary PTO** for all they do for our school
- * **Hancock Public Schools Foundation** for their many generous donations and purchases
- * **Barkell Families** for their tremendous support and patience during these times
- * **Melissa Collard** for her generous donation of coffee gift cards for staff
- * **Carol Waisanen** for her generous donation of art supplies
- * **Melissa Osborne** for her generous donation of treats for staff
- * **Angela Kaura** for her generous donation of books and other items
- * **To All** who donated to the Bulldog Christmas Shop

School Reminders

1. All visitors must report to the office. Please do not go to the classroom once the day has begun.
2. Please remember to call the attendance line when your child is absent.
3. Please remember to check the lost and found. We have quite a few unclaimed belongings.



Barkell Elementary needs help with:

- *We are in need of board games (used or new) for our students to use during indoor recess.
- *We are in need of extra art supplies for our indoor recess arts and crafts program.
- *We are in need of Legos for our Lego club

