

Compass Chronicle

Online Elementary School | Summer 2019

Scholars and families,

As this school year comes to an end, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for having the opportunity to work with such amazing teachers, staff, scholars, and families! Our K-8 scholars worked hard to finish the 2018-19 school year strong, and I am so proud of each and every one of them! I hope you all have a well deserved restful summer break and I can't wait to work with you all again next year!



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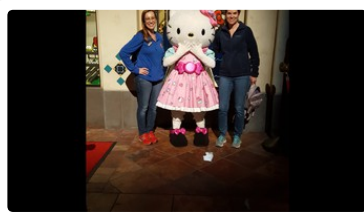
What's New in Online K-8?

During the month of April, all of our scholars' hard work was shown off during testing at various locations throughout California. It was great to connect, hug in person and give the scholars that extra boost of encouragement. After the much-needed break, the scholars were back at it, finishing strong during the end of the year.



- Third graders built a zoo and managed a hot cocoa bar in their Math Quest labs. They worked on their multiplication, division, adding, subtracting, geometry and measurement skills. They even tapped into writing with creating advertisements to promote their cocoa bars.
- An expert from Alaska popped into the 4th and 5th grade Science Lab to talk about rocks, minerals, and his fascinating geology career.
- Our 3rd-5th graders, had the opportunity to join a writing narrative writing boot camp, utilizing creative technology to create books of their own.
- In 6th grade, scholars enjoyed a “Thankful Celebration” where they shared encouraging words of gratitude with each other in individualized chat pods and enjoyed a slideshow of pictures.
- Our seventh graders were hard at work completing their fitness testing and finishing their courses strong!
- Our 8th Grade Grad Bash was a success at Universal Studios and teachers are in the process of selecting our Presidential Awards for Excellence and Achievement for our promoting 8th-grade class. There are so many things to celebrate with the year coming to an end and summer is so close we can taste it. We will close out the last week of school with both Elementary Rally and Junior High Celebration! A big congratulations to all the K-8 scholars and LC’s for their hard work and dedication!

“Is it not always easy, but it is always worth it!” - Author Unknown.



FAMILY SPOTLIGHTS

Learning coaches Jenna and Jacquie and their scholar, Cayleigh T. share their experience at Compass

CCS: We know that often with our scholars that each day is different, but what would a typical day look like for you and your scholar?

LC: When she does not have her learning labs, Cayleigh can sleep a little bit longer. She can get up and eat breakfast and start her classes. She will work on her workbooks in the curriculum. She has print outs to study for checkpoints and exams. She attends labs because the information is very important for them to know and is related to the curriculum. She has had her low points but is back on track and doing well. In a brick and mortar, the flexibility is not as available.

CCS: What has been your greatest joy in schooling your scholar at home?

LC: The joy is watching her grow. It is interesting to see the impact I have had on Cayleigh's growth in her education and as a person. It has been interesting pinpoint her learning style and finding ways to overcome obstacles.

CCS: Share a challenge that you have experienced as a learning coach and how you have worked to overcome the challenge.

LC: They found the best way to work with Cayleigh so she does not need them all the time. There were little breaks and devices are monitored to help her with her learning.

CCS: Why did you decide to school from home with Compass Charter Schools?

LC: Cayleigh's mom found that she had issues with bullying and segregation and racism in the classroom. They found pulling her out and homeschooling her was the best option and the curriculum is even better than the school curriculum that she had before. She would be ahead if she went back to the old school.

CCS: What do you enjoy most about being part of our Compass community?

LC: The communication. Cayleigh's mom likes that there are always a lot of field trips and hands-on interaction, like the Aquarium of the Pacific and Disney Adventures.

CCS: Share a piece of advice you'd give to a parent thinking about taking their child out of school to school at home?

LC: Be patient because it is an adjustment for the parent as well as the child. Give them breaks to let out energy. Do not push them hard to finish back to back to finish because they can get frustrated, as well as the Learning Coach.

CCS: What do you, your scholar and the family enjoy doing together during your free time?

LC: Shopping, walks in the neighborhood, swimming, hang out with friends not necessarily from school, play games, communicate with Compass scholars through social media and play games like Fortnite.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Andrea Lomeli, Middle School Teacher

CCS: What is your job title and what are a couple of the things you do at Compass Charter Schools? How long have you worked for this organization?

Mrs. Lomeli: I have had the pleasure of being part of the CCS family for 3 years and I have loved every minute of it! I am part of the Middle School team and love working with my 6th-8th-grade scholars. I currently teach 6th grade English Language Arts and Social Studies and help out with our Gaming Elective as well. Learning Labs are my favorite part of the week because I love seeing my scholars faces, hearing their voices, and engaging in educational and motivation activities each week! I also have the pleasure of being apart of the AVID Site Team and I am looking forward to heading to San Diego in June for the AVID Summer Institute to grow professionally and bring back helpful tools to support our scholars.

CCS: Tell us your “why” for doing what you do here at CCS?

Mrs. Lomeli: I love that I represent and work for a school of choice. A school where scholars can enjoy and pursue their hobbies such as surfing professional, acting, serving their communities, all while engaging in school as well. I love that I can teach and collaborate with my scholars and co-workers virtually. I enjoy growing each day in the 21st Century Tech Tools and finding apps and ways to engage my scholars from all over the state. I love helping meeting scholars where they are academically and having the time to work with them one on one, something that I wasn't able to do as much in a traditional brick and mortar setting. I love working for Compass and look forward to next year!

CCS: As an educator, is there piece of advice you'd like to share with learning coaches or scholars?

Mrs. Lomeli: Working online can be challenging and yet so rewarding at the same time. I love that our Online and Options Programs provide families the opportunity to live the lifestyle of their choosing and set the schedule for each day. Although our Online Division has set Lab times to attend, they are all recorded and scholars can always watch them on their own time if needed. At the same time although such freedoms are lovely, establishing a routine that works for your family is crucial. We all have had things that we have procrastinating on and then wished we could turn back time. One thing I would tell LC's and scholars is to make sure to establish a "working schedule" to follow most days as a guideline for success. Not every day is the same and there will be days when you go on field trips or have other events, but on a typical day at home what does it look like, how long should a scholar work, and what type of schedule works best for you scholar? Do you like to work on a little of each class each day? Or do you prefer to work for a longer period of time on 3 subjects a day and then 3 the next? Finding a routine that you are on the same page is crucial to the academic progress and success of every scholar. As an online educator, I use Google Calendar and Google Tasks and Keep to help me organize my day and "Keep" me on track.

CCS: Share one thing about you that very few people know?

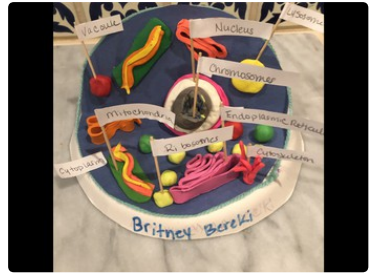
Mrs. Lomeli: I love school supplies and although I utilize technology every day, I am still a pen and paper kind of girl. Most days you can find me at Target or Office Max perusing the office supply aisle and filling my cart colorful post-it notes, planners, organizers, and stationery. You can never have too many bright pens and notepads, right!

PS- I also want to make it down south for one of our iFly Engagement opportunities! That looks so cool! Road Trip for Lomeli! :)

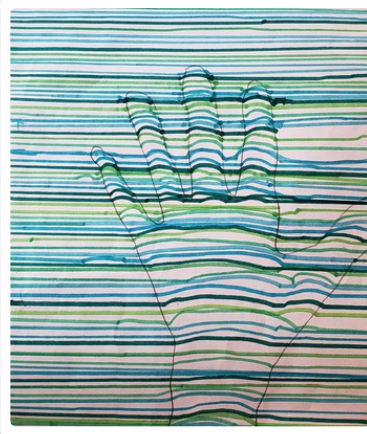
CCS: What do you and your family like to do during your free time?

Mrs. Lomeli: Free Time? If I have free time, I try to sneak away to the beach. It is truly my spot where all my troubles fall away and I can get lost in the beauty of the ocean. Most days though, you will find my family and I on the soccer field. I have been a part of the game all my life and love that through athletics so many life-lessons are learned. From learning how to dribble at 3, to playing collegiately at Fresno State, soccer has been a huge part of my journey. As a mom of three kids, I love that I can give back to the game through coaching and watching them develop a love of the sport.

SCHOLAR WORK SAMPLES



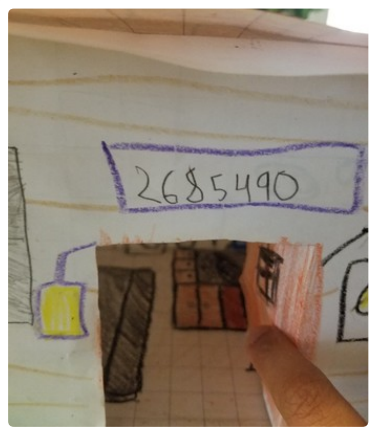
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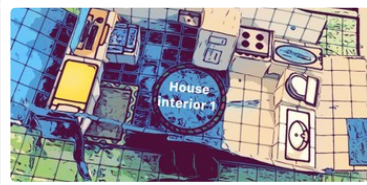
During art, 4th and 5th grade scholars learned about simple optical illusions and created 3D hands on a flat surface.



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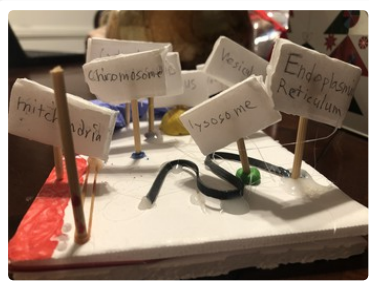
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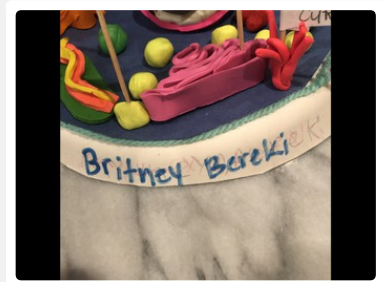
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