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CA Supreme Court Associate Justice Guerrero

By Emily C.

Justice Guerrero was born in Imperial Valley. Her parents were from Mexico and her father worked as a farm worker and her mother worked as a babysitter.

When she was in middle school, her teachers would tell her she would be a good teacher or a lawyer. When she was in middle school, her principal told her she should look into two schools, Stanford and Berkley. She didn't have anyone to guide her during

those years. During that time she worked and she had learned how to manage her time, which was helpful during her college years. She couldn't play sports in school in order to keep on working.

Now as a judge, feedback is important to her, and she loves challenges. She said "you don't need to know what you want to be now." She likes being a judge. It's never boring. She has to be persuasive during arguments. She

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doesn't have a favorite case but she has favorite parts during the case. ❖

Justice Guerrero

By Aaron F.

Justice Guerrero said that her favorite teacher was her fabulous fifth grade teacher. They had recently got in contact with each other, which I thought was really nice. He remembered her and he was a wonderful role model for the students of color.

Justice Guerrero grew up in a primarily Hispanic community and her fifth

grade teacher was the only African American teacher that she ever had. And it stands out to her that there was a student in her class who was also African American, and she remembers him being such a wonderful role model to all of them.

Her favorite thing to do in her free time is to spend time with her kids since

she doesn't have a lot of free time. When she does have free time, she likes to go to her son's track meets. You have limited time, so you have to sort of pick out the things that you really like. She likes to spend time with her kids but she also mentioned golf. She likes to play golf and to go to the beach and spend time there as well. ❖

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A Multi-Tasking Justice

Justice Guerrero was born in California in the Imperial Valley. Her parents worked hard; her dad was a farmworker and her mom was a babysitter.

Justice Guerrero started working at 16 years old in a grocery store as a bagger. She graduated from Imperial High School in 1990. She went to the University of Cali-

fornia of Berkeley, where she received her bachelor of arts degree. She then graduated from Stanford law school and got her Juris Doctor degree.

One thing that helped her in college was learning to multitask when she was working while going to school. She learned how to save time to study and do other activities

when also having a work schedule.

Justice Guerrero became a California Supreme Court Associate Justice this year. She does not have a favorite case, as they are all her favorites.

Her favorite thing to do while not working is spending time with her kids.

By Daniel A.



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Justice Guerrero—a regular life turned extraordinary

Our class got to talk to California Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero on Zoom.

In elementary school, she liked to do tricks on the monkey bars when she was in fifth grade. She also said she her fifth grade teacher was a

great and nice teacher. She said that he was the only African American teacher she had.

She mentioned that in middle school her teacher said she could be a teacher or a lawyer. She was a bagger at a grocery store when she was sixteen years old.

One of her favorite things to do in her free time is to go to the beach and spend time with her kids. But that is mostly because she is a Supreme Court Justice of the state of California and is very busy.

By Amilcar H.

The Interview with Associate Justice Guerrero

My 5th grade class went on Zoom with California Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero.

She said that when she was in 5th grade, she used to do tricks on the monkey bars on her playground.

She said that her middle school principal said to try look at good

schools, like Stanford and Berkeley and she did.

She started to work at a grocery store as a bagger in high school and continued to work in a grocery store in college. In college, she learned to manage her time and learned to have time to study, do other activities, and have time to work

Justice Guerrero told us that her mother was a cancer survivor and that she has a sister. Justice Guerrero also has two kids and a husband.

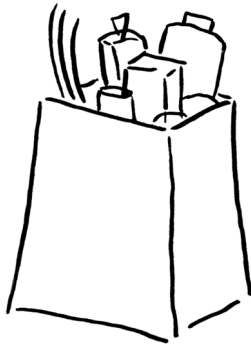
Whenever she has free time, she would go out with her friends and hang out with her kids and go everywhere they wanted to go.

By Jayden H.



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Hard Work pays Off



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Justice Guerrero is a judge on the California Supreme Court. She is 5'6" and is a hard working person.

When Justice Guerrero was in 8th grade, her principal encouraged her to look at Stanford and Berkeley. She took that to heart and applied without telling her parents about it and got into Berkeley.

She started to work at the age of 16 for the sake of her parents who immigrated from Mexico. She still participated in different varieties of clubs such as cheerleading.

Her family wasn't very wealthy but managed to raise a daughter with a lot of love and giving back to others who were less fortunate. They gave her the basics

to become someone big one day, which she indeed did. And because of all of her hard work she got to her role today as a state Supreme Court Judge.

Although she's very busy, her favorite thing to do in her free time is to spend time with her kids, play golf, and go to the beach.

By Mewuded T.

The Road to the Supreme Court

You can become California Supreme Court Justice when you are older because there is no age, gender or race requirement to be a Supreme Court Justice of California, provided that you are confirmed by the Commission on Judicial

Appointments. You will need to have ten years practicing law or being a judge in California. You will also need to be nominated by the governor to be a state Supreme Court Justice.

A California Supreme Court Justice only has

twelve years to be a Supreme Court Justice.

The Justices of the California Supreme Court sit on the top row of the room because they have earned that respect.

By Douglas S.



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Work Hard to Achieve Great Results

To become a California Supreme Court Justice, you have to first go to a good school like Berkeley and Stanford, just like Justice Guerrero.

Justice Guerrero talked with our class and I was interested in what it takes to become a California Supreme

Court Justice. You will need to study hard and do well in school.

If you need to get a job to pay for school, you can still do well in school and participate in activities.

You would get a good undergraduate degree and then a Juris Doctor degree, like

Justice Guerrero. I would recommend all young people work hard to earn what they deserve. After the governor nominates you, you need to be approved by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. Work hard for your future!

By Gesele C.

Becoming a California Supreme Court Justice

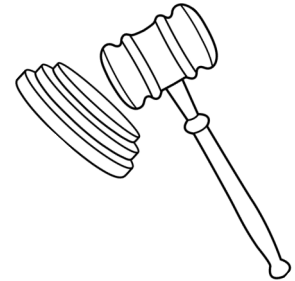
A California Supreme Court Justice is a Judge among 6 others that get the cases impact California and might include a dispute among the Courts of Appeal.

There is no age limit to be a California Supreme Court Justice but you can't be a kid. There are no specific rules such as age, gender, race, edu-

cation, profession, or if you are native born. The California supreme court justices have a 12-year renewable term. To become a state justice, you have to know law and practice for at least 10 years. The president nominates someone to be a Justice for the United States Supreme Court but governors nominate the

justices for their specific states. The justices on the California Supreme Court are Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye, Justice Carol Corrigan, Justice Goodwin Liu; Justice Leondra Kruger; Justice Joshua Groban; Justice Martin Jenkins, and Justice Patricia Guerrero.

By Patrick G.



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Supreme Court Requirements

In order to become a California Supreme Court Justice, you have to go to high school. After high school you go to college and then you should go to law school. After law school you have to practice law. Then you help people's

cases as a lawyer. You then must get nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

To be a US Supreme Court justice, the US Constitution does not include any age, educa-

tion, profession, or native-born requirements. The Justices to the US Supreme Court are selected by the President of the US and confirmed by the US Senate. The confirmation process takes about six weeks.

By Payton G.

How to Become a State Supreme Court Justice

A California Supreme Court Justice is someone who is in charge of figuring out if people are guilty or innocent, or if a law is right or wrong.

In my research for requirements to be a Supreme Court Justice, it does not say but I think you have to be an adult to be a Supreme Court Justice. It does not say but you have to have ex-

perience to be a Supreme Court Judge.

Your LSAT scores and your school GPA are the ones that are important to become a judge. To be a judge you have to take an exam to go to law school.

I think Supreme Court Justices need to be smart, know a lot of stuff, be fair, and need to listen.

It does not say but you have to learn a lot of stuff

to be a Supreme Court Justice. To be a California Supreme Court Justice, you need to have at least 10 years of practice in law school. The person who nominates the Justices is the Governor.

The California State Supreme Court Justices can have their job for twelve years, and can have their term renewed.

By Megan L.



From Grocery Store Bagger to Supreme Court Justice



What I learned in the interview with Justice Guerrero, is that she was a bagger at the age of 16, which means she bagged groceries for the people in a grocery store.

In middle school, her teachers that told her she would be a good teacher or lawyer. In 8th grade,

she was encouraged by her middle school principal to apply to Berkeley and Stanford for college.

She said that she did struggle balancing work and other activities but that she always did her work no matter what.

Justice Guerrero said that she always loved to

do challenges. As she got older she learned to manage her time in college and balance work, activities, and school work.

She also mentioned that she did have an interesting case about a dog.

By Andrew C.

Thinking of Future Goals

Justice Guerrero said that when she was in fifth grade like us, she had a playground like we have. She liked to do tricks on the monkey bars that we also have. She also said that in middle

school her teacher told her she would be a good teacher or lawyer.

Justice Guerrero also said, “you don’t need to know what you want to be yet but it is good to think about it.”

She likes what she does for work. She doesn’t find it boring and she likes to be persuasive in her arguments.

By Jadore H.

US Supreme Court Fun Facts



Did you know that a US Supreme Court Justice can stay in the job for a lifetime or until they retire? There are no requirements in the US Constitution regarding age, gender,

and race. The Justices are picked by the President, but they also have to be approved by the Senate. Did you know that for many years all the Justices were white men? In

1967 Thurgood Marshall joined the Court as the first African American Justice. In 1981 Sandra Day O’Connor became the first female Justice.

By Natalile H.

California and US Supreme Courts

To be a California Supreme Court Justice, you need a degree but you don’t need one to be a US Supreme Court Justice. The Governor nomi-

nates a state Supreme Court Justice, but the President nominates US Supreme Court Justices. Both levels require confirmation. A US Supreme

Court Justice has a lifetime position but a California Supreme Court Justice only has their position for 12 years.

By Isabelle R.

California's first Latina Supreme Court Justice

Patricia Guerrero is the first Latina California State Supreme Court Associate Justice.

When she was in the 5th grade, her favorite thing to do was playing on the playground on monkey bars .

Guerrero worked at a grocery store at the age of 16. She made good arguments in school and her teachers thought she would be a good teacher or lawyer.

She worked a lot so she could go to college.

She is the daughter of two Mexican immigrants and she has two kids, a husband and siblings.

Her favorite thing to do is spend time with her kids and do whatever they want to do.

By Arielle P.



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A Dream Come True

What I learned from the interview with California Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero was that she worked at a grocery store as a bagger at the age of 16. And her height is 5'6".

In middle school, teachers told her that she

would be a good teacher or a lawyer. She said, "you don't need to know what you want to be yet, but it is good to think about it."

She didn't really struggle in school but she learned to manage her time and it was helpful in college.

She went to Berkeley for college and Stanford for law school.

Her favorite thing to do in her free time is hanging out with her kids, because she works a lot and doesn't have a lot of free time.

By Aiden T.

Work Hard but Have Fun

When Justice Patricia Guerrero was in 5th grade, her favorite thing to do on the playground was doing tricks on the bars. Guerrero started working when she was 16 and participated in different activities

such as cheerleading.

The principal said to her in 8th grade, "You should go to Berkeley on Stanford." She applied to Berkeley and she got in. But she did not tell her parents that she applied. Her parents were immi-

grants from Mexico.

She is hardworking, caring, and nice. She also has two kids, and a husband. She loves hanging out with her kids everyday and making good arguments.

By Stephanie M.



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Good Traits in a Judge

A California Supreme Court Justice is a special kind of judge that serves California. You need to practice at least 10 years of law and don't need to be a US citizen.

These qualities make a great supreme court justice: to hear courteously; answer wisely; consider soberly; and decide cases clearly and impartially.

A US Supreme Court Justice has a lifetime appointment, but a California Supreme Court Justice has a 12 year term.

By Rodolfo M.

The Interview: California Supreme Court Justice Patricia Guerrero

Justice Patricia Guerrero was appointed to the California Supreme Court as an Associate Justice on March 28, 2022. She is the first Latina Justice to sit on the California Supreme Court. Justice Guerrero was born in the Imperial Valley and raised by immigrant parents from Mexico. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School.

PressFriends reporters from Foshay Learning Center, John Mack Elementary, and Parmelee Avenue Elementary interviewed Justice Guerrero during national Law Day/Week, which celebrates the role of law in our society and to increase understanding of the legal profession.

Donna M. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): What do you do daily as a Supreme Court justice?

Justice Guerrero: Part of my job is, day to day, a lot of what you do in the classroom. I remember being in fifth grade, just like you, and I have a lot of fond memories of a lot of reading and a lot of writing. That's primarily what I spend most of my day doing - thinking through difficult issues that affect all Californians, and families like yours.

Some days can be quiet except for the meetings that I have with my research attorneys – as in all aspects of life, it's not just an individual thing that you do, you

... I spend most my day ... thinking through difficult issues that affect all Californians, and families like yours.



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have a team of people, and I'm blessed to have a team of people who help me to try to do the best job that I can do.

I also participate in what we call oral arguments. Oral arguments are an opportunity for the lawyers to present their cases and make their arguments to the seven justices on the California Supreme Court. The justices then get together to discuss the cases. I again am blessed with wonderful colleagues. Everyone's fabulous here. I'm just starting out, but I have

observed all of my colleagues for quite some time, and I have a lot to learn from all of them, and hopefully, I can also contribute to the court.

The outreach efforts, like today, are one of the most one of my most favorite things to do because I have an opportunity to talk to people who maybe don't know a lot about the courts, and I think it's important. The skills you are gaining will be really helpful to you. Regardless of whether you decide to be a lawyer - and I hope there are people who

maybe want to be lawyers or judges - the skill set that you are gaining can help prepare you for really any career.

So that's just a very broad overview of what I do on a daily basis.

Emely M. (John Mack Elementary): Did you know you wanted to be a Supreme Court justice at a young age?

Justice Guerrero: I never would have imagined that I would be here today. I didn't know any lawyers when I was growing up, so I can't say that I wanted

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to be a Supreme Court justice at a young age. I was always encouraged by my teachers, and I have parents who were very supportive and taught me the importance of an education.

I always knew in the back of my head that I wanted to do something important, something meaningful, and something that I thought would make a difference in people's lives.

At a very early age, I thought probably that would be a doctor; that's really the only thing I had exposure to. Then, around middle school, I had very encouraging teachers who planted a little seed in my head about two possible career paths for me. They said, based on my skills at the time, that I would be a good teacher, or I would be a good lawyer. And I think it was because they said because I could argue well, but I think they meant that in a good way. I was able to debate and present my position both in writing and orally, so they thought that I would be a good advocate.

My teachers were the ones who really encouraged me because I didn't have an exposure to the law. I didn't have any

role models that I could look to.

It wasn't until I started college that I met lawyers when I majored in Legal Studies. I started to learn about this career, and it really was for me. It was wonderful being a lawyer, and then I then I knew I wanted to become a judge eventually. But there are a lot of steps along the way and a lot of obstacles to overcome.

In fifth grade, you may not know specifically what you want to do, and you're not really expected to, so you shouldn't be worried that you don't know, but I would just encourage you to follow your dreams because you can do whatever you end up wanting to do.

Megan L. (Foshay Learning Center): Thank you for being a role model to a young Latina. Is being a judge nice or boring for you?

... I would just encourage you to follow your dreams because you can do whatever you end up wanting to do.

Justice Guerrero: Thank you for your comment, and I hope to be a role model to you and to others like you and to really all students throughout California.

Being a judge is never boring. And I'm lucky that I found something that I love. It doesn't matter really what you decide to do, but it's important that you find something where it's meaningful to you and this job is meaningful to me. It's not boring because I love the work.

I've always loved school, so it feels kind of like going back to school because you read a lot of books. We still have books, although most of it is electronic now like I'm sure it is for you, but I like being able to sift through the issues.

And my colleagues, the other justices, are another reason why it's never boring. I have such amazing colleagues. We talk through difficult issues; we make decisions; and we try to persuade one another.

Going back to what my middle school teacher said - try to argue your point but not in a way that is a negative; just try to be persuasive and present your positions.

So being a judge is never boring because I enjoy what I do. I imagine that it would not be ideal for everybody. You need to try and find something that would be a good fit for you.

Rodolfo M. (Foshay Learning Center): I wanted to thank you for doing an amazing job as a judge. My question is, what was one of your favorite cases?

Justice Guerrero: It's hard to pick. There's really no good answer for that. You have favorite parts of each case. If I try to find something about each case that I enjoy, it's really the feedback that I get from the cases.

I think what stands out to me, as an example, was an assignment in family court, which can be very challenging because of the issues that we deal with.

I had a situation where I ran into one of the people who wasn't represented in court because he didn't have an attorney. The individual had appeared before me in court and had a situation where he kept coming back because there were a lot of there were a lot

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of disputes that needed to be resolved. He approached me at an event at a law school. I immediately recognized him, and asked how his child was doing, and he said that because of the experience that he had in the courtroom with me, he was now in law school. He recognized the importance of the law and he thanked me for listening to him in court.

So, we do the best job that we can to help people understand the law and make sure that the process is a fair one for people.

Sometimes I share some fun facts with my kids about different cases. I'll share with you one case that they got a kick out of the most. It was also in family court where there are a lot of arguments over really significant issues like dividing property or custody disputes. One of the cases though, was about spending time with a dog. Resolving their disputes about spending time with a dog is something that doesn't happen very often in court, so that was something that my kids thought was amusing.

Angie (John Mack Elementary): Have you ev-

er been hated on while doing your job?

Justice Guerrero: In life, you learn to have thick skin, and I think being hated on as a judge probably isn't uncommon, especially because in legal cases, because one side loses and one side wins.

There are always going to be people who may not be fully satisfied with the outcome of a court case. But what I try to do is to explain ourselves and our positions and rulings. So that even though you may not be happy with the outcome, you won't hate on me because you'll understand the basis for my ruling. And you'll see that we've tried to do and even though you may not be happy with the result, you will feel that it is a fair one.

David G. (John Mack Elementary): What is your best memory of fifth grade?

Justice Guerrero: Fifth grade doesn't seem to us like it was a long time ago.

I have a lot of wonderful memories of fifth grade. He was a fabulous teacher. I recently got in contact with him. He remembered me, and he was a wonderful role

model for us. I grew up in a primarily Hispanic community, and he was the only African American teacher that I had. It stands out to me that there was a student in our class who was also African American, and I just remember him being such a wonderful role model to all of us, but especially to that student, who needed guidance at the time.

I wouldn't have thought of it then, but the importance of representation that came to mind. When I was thinking about this question, it dawned on me that I never had any Hispanic teachers, which is remarkable for where I grew up. I think it's important to have teachers who are representative of the students and whom you can look up to as role models; the teachers don't have to be from your same ethnicity or background, but I think it's meaningful when it is. My fifth grade teacher was a really good teacher, and that stands out as a very positive experience for me in fifth grade.

There are other things that came to mind when I thought about your question. We used to have some opportunities to

help the teacher, and I always enjoyed that. I always wanted to be as helpful, so I would be tasked with little things like cleaning blackboards - which you may not even have anymore. And I would volunteer to get chalk.

We would have Citizen of the Month that would be one designated student for demonstrating qualities that you all have yourselves - being good role models for others and being good peers for your fellow students and being good students. And we would get flags that we would be able to take home to show that we were Citizen of the Month to put up outside of your homes for that month. At the end of the year, there was just one student who had to be picked and would be able to keep the flag, so that really meant a lot to me when I was picked.

Recess was also one of my favorite things. You probably wouldn't be able to do this now, but I was thinking back on how our play area looked. We had parallel bars that were just on dirt, and we used to do different tricks on them that would not be allowed today for liability

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purposes, and I wouldn't encourage it, but it especially stands out in my memory.

Rebeca R. (John Mack Elementary): My question is, did you struggle in school, and what were your previous jobs?

Justice Guerrero: Rebeca, those are both great questions. They are kind of related and I'll get to that.

I always really liked school, so I wouldn't say that I necessarily struggled in school, but I always worked hard. For some people, it's just natural, and they don't have to do any homework and or spend a lot of time doing homework, but I always worked really hard. I took it seriously, and

always did all my homework. It doesn't just always come easy.

I started working when I was 16 years old and in high school. I was also involved in a lot of extracurricular activities - I played all different kinds of sports. cheerleading, ASB - while I was working. That was difficult and somewhat of a struggle.

Working required sacrifices that maybe other people who didn't have the need to work didn't have to think about; one of the sacrifices was playing softball, which I had played for a long time but could not play during my senior year because it conflicted with my work schedule and my coach wasn't willing to accom-

modate the conflict. But I was able to join the golf team, because I knew the coach for the golf team, so I played golf in my senior year.

It was a trade-off and the experience that I had at the grocery store as a bagger - I would bag groceries - and later in the deli. When I went to college. I went to the closest grocery store I could find, and I just showed up and said I need a job, so I worked through college as well as high school to help pay for my education. Working in a grocery store was a very valuable experience. I learned to manage my time now and it really helped me in college to use that experience to manage multiple tasks. And that is something that I continue to do.

Besides working in a grocery store during high school and college, I eventually I started working as a lawyer and I worked in different capacities for a private law firm. I also worked as a prosecutor for the US Attorney for the federal government, and then became a judge. *[Justice Guerrero was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in 2013 in the family law division and then to the Court of Ap-*

peal, Fourth Appellate District, in 2017. She was appointed to the California Supreme Court on March 28, 2022.]

Luis V. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): What challenges did you have growing up as a daughter of immigrants and what did it teach you?

Justice Guerrero: Thank you, Luis. That's a question that I think it's important to share and to talk about. I imagine that my experiences maybe similar to some of yours.

My parents immigrated from Mexico. They had struggles when I was growing up, and we had a large household and very little money and resources. They faced challenges when they came to this country, but they did so in hopes of a brighter future for my sister and for me; they hoped that we would have more opportunities, which is why they emphasized the importance of education.

I grew up also in a community that was largely Hispanic and there was a lot of unemployment, high illiteracy rates, and poverty. We experienced some of



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that, but we didn't feel like it was a burden. I think it actually made me stronger. You don't need a lot of money; you don't have to have designer clothes. You make sacrifices that are important, and you help other people. So even though you may not have a lot of money, you may be able to help someone that has even less than you do.

It's not the material things that are important; it's really your family, your community, and the opportunity to help other people.

Growing up in that type of environment, my parents taught me that we had family in Mexico and Mexico, so we would go very often to visit them and to help them as well.

Those types of experiences helped me learn what's important. It's not the material things that are important; it's really your family, your community, and the opportunity to help other people.

Angelique M. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): How did you learn about college and how did you prepare for going to college?

Justice Guerrero:

Thank you Angelique. I really appreciate all the thought that all of you put into preparing for today. I didn't have the same resources that I understand students have now on the Internet.

I think really what prompted me to look at specific schools that was my principal in eighth grade. I was the co-valedictorian of our class and the principal met with me and the other co-valedictorian and sat us down and said, I expect you to go to a really good school. I think you should look at schools like Berkeley and Stanford.

Well, I had never really heard anything about that, because it was in the days before the Internet.

I started looking at those schools and then sent out letters requesting applications; I didn't have anyone to guide me through that process.

I didn't know anyone who had gone to those schools. I had not even heard of them, so that was a little bit difficult

for me. I am hoping that things are different now for a lot of you and that your guidance counselors spend a lot of time guiding you through the process.

I applied to Berkeley and got in; I didn't even tell my parents that I was applying because they wanted me to go somewhere closer to my sister in LA.

But I wanted to go to Berkeley and they obviously they were very happy for me when I got in.

I had to do it on my own, but you don't have to. There are more people who are willing to talk to you about the process and guide you through the process.

I now have a son who is in high school, starting to look for colleges. I started preparing a spreadsheet of information about different colleges and their acceptance rates, location, school size, and then I realized there are websites and programs that do all of this for you.

On one website, you can do virtual tours. It's like a video so you can go walk through the actual college campus. You don't even have to go and visit the college campuses in person,

although it's fun to do that too.

My experience looking at colleges was much different, but it doesn't have to be that way now for you because you have so many resources available to you.

If you don't, I would encourage you to reach out because there are so many people who would want to help you and guide you through this process.

Amilcar H. (Foshay Learning Center): What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

Justice Guerrero: My favorite thing to do is spend time with my kids.

I don't have a lot of free time, but my free time is spent doing things that they like.

As an example, today I'm going to my younger son's track meet. I like to do what they like to do. And you know, it changes as they grow up.

You have a little bit less time to focus on everything and so you have to sort of pick the things that you really like.

I also like to golf, and I like to go to the beach. ❖

PERSUASIVE WRITING

Trees are Nature's Medicine

Planting trees is good for both people and animals.

There are so many reasons to have trees and plants. We get the air out of trees that we need to breathe. We need trees for animals to live in so they can have a home like a jungle. Trees can

also give us shelter from things like rain or if it's too hot to keep us cool. Trees can also give us resources like wood or paper which we can write on.

We also need plants. We need plants because they give us fiber in our food, fiber is what helps

us by keeping us in check with our blood sugar.

Plants also give us medicine which helps us if we are sick.

Help us with planting trees and plants. Always remember that trees help us and the animals all live on earth.

By Daniel A.



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The Giving Tree in Real Life

You should plant more trees. Trees give us life. They give us oxygen, and oxygen is very important so that we can breathe.

Trees take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen so that we can have clean air and not dirty air.

We should also have more plants because

plants are good for dogs. When dogs' stomachs hurt and they eat certain plants, these plants help them release all the bad things that are causing their stomach to hurt. Plants also feed some wild animals.

If you stop cutting/mowing plants, animals will appreciate it be-

cause if they don't eat they will starve and die. If the wild animals die, then other animals will die because they won't have anything to eat like spiders and spiders eat insects. Without plants, we would be in big trouble.

By Emily C.

Planting Trees and Plants

You should be planting trees and plants because they add color to your house, but they also give us oxygen which is important. Other plants, like roses, are beautiful and can be used as a fence. You can also climb trees for fun. They give you shade and make your house feel more natural.

We have to start planting more trees and plants so the environment can grow. We can have better oxygen and our children can have good air when we are older. If the environment dies then there will be no more oxygen. We can't just chop down more trees.

We have to also start preventing forest fires. We have to start recycling paper so maybe in ten years we can have more trees and plants and more oxygen.

We can live happily but to do this we have to start taking care of our plants.

By Cristian H.



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PERSUASIVE WRITING

Trees for You and Me



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Planting trees helps animals and people breathe. We should keep planting trees so our environment can survive and we have air to breathe. We should plant trees so that we can have a beautiful Earth. Trees also

can provide food and homes for many animals. Trees can give us clean air and also water that we can drink and air to breathe in.

Planting trees around a house can provide shade and cooling effects in

summer, saving money and reducing electricity use. Trees provide protection and homes for many birds and other animals. Trees also remove carbon dioxide from the air. Trees make life nicer.

Plant More Trees

You should plant trees. Trees can be healthy for the environment because they will give a home to animals such as birds, squirrels, opossums, and bees.

Another reason is the air humans and most animals breathe need oxygen to live and more trees mean more oxygen. If you plant trees it will

be beautiful and filled with wildlife everyday.

Fun fact: some trees have been to the moon.

The last reason you should get trees is because think of the possibilities: you can have a mango tree, a lime tree (for tacos), and you can even have a banana tree. Instead of buying McDonalds, go run to

Home Depot or another local store that could have seeds and buy every tree seed you can find, plant as many seeds as possible, and make beauty come to the world.

There are some places where you can get free trees check out city-plants.org/.

By Rodolfo M.



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Recycling Facts

People should reuse plastic and water bottles. If people keep throwing plastic on the ground and in the ocean, we would have a polluted environment and an ocean.

Here are seven facts about recycling that can help convince you to reuse and recycle.

First, each year, 2.4 million tons of recycled

glass are used to make new bottles and jars.

Second, recycled bottles use 75% less energy to produce than new ones.

Third, plastic bottles can take up to 450 years to dissolve.

Fourth, we throw away 2.5 million bottles and 22 billion plastic bottles per year, and also throw away over 11 mil-

lion glass bottles and jars every year.

Fifth, only about 23% of plastic bottles are recycled in the United States.

Sixth, 80% of plastic bottles never get recycled.

And seventh, 90% of the cost of plastic bottles is the bottle itself.

By Natalile H.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

The Vive and Best Selling Chocolate Bars

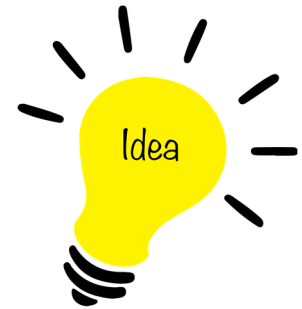
Lots of people don't recycle plastic water bottles but that is very bad. If you don't recycle you can kill animals in the ocean (think about your pet fish and its poor friends in the ocean). You will not be able to eat fish anymore because they will die and you will be hungry and will have to be vegetarian because all the things are a part of the ocean food chain.

Trash hurts lots of animals. 44% percent of trash is inland fields. Recycling will help stop making trash on the earth. Also, it reduces pollution.

Buy our product and recycle. Our company has this product called the Vive. It is a reusable bottle that smells like good candy bars and the smell never goes away, and it is made from recycled water bottles. You also get a free

chocolate bar when you buy the Vive. The Vive will include a chocolate bar, straw, and custom bottle color. An AVR headset will also be included if you buy the first 500 bottles. Some of the bottles will be signed by me and the chocolate bar company's owner. Also, please keep out kids under the age of 6. If you want this product, visit any store near you.

By Patrick G.



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Plastic or Reusable?

Most people don't know where the trash or plastic goes after throwing it away. Most plastic and trash go to the ocean. Fish and other sea animals live there. They can die or can go extinct due to the trash. We will no longer have sea animals.

It's always good to drink water but it's better

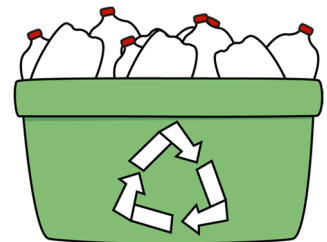
if you buy a reusable water bottle. It stays cold for a long time. You don't have to worry about the temperature.

Stop using plastic water bottles. It trashes the ocean. It's horrible for the environment. Reusable water bottles take less oil to produce. Plastic bottles just take up so much space in markets.

I think that cans are better than plastic because you can crush them into tiny plates and save them. It's better if you do that than just wasting plastic bottles and throwing them into the ocean.

Use reusable water bottles, not plastic water bottles. Tell your friends and family too.

By Gesele C.



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Save Water

You should save water. If you save water your water bill won't be very expensive.

You should use a little water when you're showering.

You should save water so that we don't have to have a drought and there will be water to use to put out forest fires, and families won't be driven from their land.

You need to use water for your plants, trees, fruits, and your grass, but be careful not to use too much water.

By Aaron F.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

Save Water



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You should save water. Wasting water can make people and animals die. The sea animals will die without water like fish, crabs, shrimp, and so much more.

Animals need water like dogs, cats, turtles and so much more.

If you don't waste water we can grow

different types of trees and plants and so much more.

Using reusable water bottles is better than plastic water bottles. There are so many available to buy.

If you don't want your unused water anymore you can throw it in the plants, trees, and grass at

the park or anywhere.

If you save water your bills won't be expensive. You won't have to pay that much money.

We need water to stay hydrated. When we're tired might be dehydrated.

Save water by closing sinks, or not leaving the hose on.

Plant Trees

You should plant trees and have plants in your house. If you plant trees they give you oxygen and make your house beautiful, especially as decoration! They can

make your house very pretty because of the bright colors flowers have.

It is also very important to have plants because if your house is

on fire it can save you by giving you oxygen and air!

I recommend having plants in your household.

By Kaylee G.

You Can Save Water



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There are things we can do to save water. Take shorter showers, save by flushing the toilet only once, and turn off the sink when you are brushing your teeth. If we don't save water eve-

rything will die and there will be no food. We use a lot of water because we don't take short showers, don't turn off the sink, and waste water by flushing the toilet too many times. But those

aren't the only reason. It also happens because of climate change and no rain. If we save water and don't waste it, we will be okay and stay healthy and alive.

By Megan L.

Reuse Water Bottles

We can save the ocean by cleaning it. We should not leave trash in the ocean because you it will kill the

animals. We don't want them to die. They need water and oxygen.

You can decorate reusable water bottles.

For example, you can put stuff on it, like sports and unicorn

By Leilani L.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

H2O Let's Go

You should save water because we need it for the Earth.

How do you waste water? If your brushing your teeth and you leave the water on or if you're taking a bath and you leave it on while you're

in the bathtub. If you're washing the dishes and you leave the water on to let the dishes sit. These are all ways you can waste water.

You should use as little water as you can and you should use it

wisely because you won't have more water to take showers or baths or even wash the dishes.

If you don't drink water you can get dehydrated.

We need to save as much water we can.

By Jadore H.



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Plastic Water Bottles are So Last Season

Having old plastic water bottles is boring. I recommend using reusable water bottles because 8-9 million tons of plastic go into the ocean every year. Imagine how many animals eat the plastic fish, turtles, and sharks eat the plastic. Some fish may even get stuck and can't find a way out from the plastic bottles but with

reusable water bottles you don't need to throw them away. It is stronger and you do not need to go to the store every week and waste your money on water bottles.

Some reusable water bottles are metal and if you put ice in the water it will keep your water cold longer. I myself have a reusable water bottle. One time, I had forgotten

it at home but when I got back it was nice and cold.

Reusable water bottles come in different sizes for different things. You can also get different colors of water bottles and you can even customize them with stickers or drawing on them. You can't do that with plastic water bottles.

By Isabelle R.



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Don't Waste Plastic

When you throw plastic bottles on the ground, people have to pick them up because you have littered.

When people throw away plastic on the floor, it goes to a sewer into the ocean and hurts and kills animals in the environment. When plastic runs in the ocean fish get

stuck and get trapped in bottles, plastic juice holder.

The straws that go in the ocean hurt turtles because they have very bad vision and think it's something delicious and a good snack to eat. When turtles eat plastic straws they choke on the straws. When it eats it,

the turtle's stomach can't handle it.

When you don't throw away plastic you may not know it, but you are saving animals in the ocean. You should buy a reusable water bottle because you can save animals' lives and do not pollute the ocean.

By Jocelyn M.

PERSUASIVE WRITING

Save Water and Use Our Product, Grin Water



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If you don't save water, the water supply will slowly go away. If that does happen you won't live a very nice life.

If you didn't know already, we use a water supply for basically everything. You use it to take showers, use the bathroom, wash your hands, drink, pool, and way more.

If you just think about

it if we don't have water we won't be able to do any of those things. And if that happens, it will most certainly lead to death.

If you don't take a shower you will be dirty. If you don't wash your hands, you will be dirty but you can wash with Grin Water! no one will like you if you buy regular water like

Aquafina, and you would be lonely. So save water.

Our water product is very nice! It has a very nice taste in it. After you drink it, you will be refreshed and happy . Grin Water is way better than Aquafina. We want you to use it to drink and use it for different things. So buy our water! Thank you.

By Mewuded T.

Plant Native Trees

Planting native plants or trees is good for the environment. It removes carbon dioxide from the air and spits out oxygen into the atmosphere. It also gives animals shelter, food on trees and for sleeping.

When you plant trees, you help the world and

wildlife. Plant a tree or a plant. Growing one plant can save the world. Help the world grow just like the tree. Help the newer generations and their kids have oxygen.

Planting trees can also be fun and very educational. You can learn a lot about trees and nature

by planting. When they fully grow they are also very beautiful and amazing. You can even re-grow them.

Animals also live in trees such as birds, squirrels ,monkeys and many more! You are giving them a home.

By Arielle P.



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Drought

You shouldn't waste water. We need water for our bodies and for animals to stay healthy. We use water for plants, trees, and more. We need water for our clothes in the washing machine. We need water to clean our cars or wash them.

We also use water to wash our hands, shower, and clean ourselves. Also, we can clean our shoes with water and wash the dishes with water.

If you drink water and pour it out, what's left that's wasted. Instead of wasting it, you should

pour it on some plants or trees. You shouldn't waste it because there can be a drought. You also don't want to waste water because it can make your water bills crazy and costly

By Aiden T.

THEME: NATIONAL CULTURE

National Culture: Mexico

Mexican traditions include music, dancing and food. For example, for Cinco de Mayo (May 5th), they play music like mariachi, meringue, salsa.

There are many types of dance in Mexico such

as ballet like folklorico, Son Jarocho (regional folk style music from Veracruz) and Concheros (traditional Aztec dance).

Some of the foods they eat in Mexico are tamales, carnitas, barbacoa and fish tacos.

There are many different clothing that Mexicans wear such as huipil, quechquemitl, rebozos and Mexican skirts.

By Daniel A.



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National Culture: Mexico

Mexico is my culture. In Mexico it's almost tradition that everyone eats hot soup on a hot day. The best one in my opinion is chicken soup.

Every time I go to Mexico there is that one person that walks around the block and sells really good food. The best

things they sold were tacos and crepes.

The candy from Mexico is one of my favorite things. I believe that people can eat it all day and not get tired of it at all. I really like Mexican candy because some have flavors that are spicy, sweet, and sometimes both.

The people from Mexico wear many different types of styles of clothing. Many still wear old fashion clothing that was used many years ago. Many also wear clothing that is very popular now. My favorite is when the women wear old fashion dresses with necklaces.

By Jacob C.

National Culture: Mexico

In Mexico, some of the holidays we celebrate are Dia De Los Muertos and Rosca de Reyes.

Our clothes are a little different from American clothing, same as our shoes. A very popular type of shoe in Mexico are huaraches, or a type of sandal.

Some of my favorite foods from Mexico are

Pozole (traditional stew), sopa de fideo (stock based noodle soup), and tamales. I think that tamales are the most well known food from Mexico. On Christmas, it is Mexican tradition to eat tamales with Chocolate Abuelita (a specific brand of hot chocolate). On Año Nuevo or New Years, before it hits mid-

night, we eat 12 grapes and make a wish for each month before eating the grape for good luck. Although Thanksgiving or as my family calls it, Dia del Pavo (Turkey Day) is not a Mexican holiday, we and other Mexicans celebrate it differently. We eat different foods such as tamales.

By Emily C.



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THEME: NATIONAL CULTURE

National Culture: Mexico

Some ways that Mexico's culture is different from America's culture are because those in Mexico dress differently.

Some people wear cowboy hats and some people in America wear caps. Girls wear really long dresses and high heels and some Americans wear short dresses.

Mexico likes to make most of their food with chicken and they use corn tortillas and some people in America use white bread.

Most Mexican candy is spicy and sweet and Americans candy is sweet and sour.

Some Mexicans put spices on their food and

Americans don't put spices in their food.

Mexican people dance differently than Americans because Mexicans do line dances and Americans do different things. Most of the music from Mexico is in Spanish, and some Americans listen to rap music.

By Isabelle R.



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National Culture: Guatemala

One tradition celebrated in Guatemala is Semana Santa, or Holy Week. There are many ways to celebrate it, but usually families gather together for special meals and they go to church for Easter vigils.

There are four differ-

ent articles of clothing that are common in our traditional clothing. There is the hupil, the faja, the corte and the cinta.

The music from Guatemala is traditionally folk but in the past decades rock, pop, and bachata have been popular.

The most popular foods that are most eaten in Guatemala are Jocon de Pollo, pepian, Hila-chas and Fiambre. Guatemalan people customs are also largely influenced by the predominant Roman.

By Stephanie M.



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National Culture: Guatemala

In Guatemalan culture, we enjoy many things such as eating Guatemalan food. Some of my favorite dishes are, Fiambre, chile rellenos, pepián, kak-ik, hilachas, tostadas, arroz en leche, enchiladas, and champurradas. They are also known for their street fruit. It's all exotic, tasty and big.

Our music is also pretty great and popular.

A well known artist from my country is Ricardo Arjona. Some of his well known songs are Historia de t\xi Taxi, Minutos, Como Duele. Other well known singers and writers are Gaby Moreno, Alux Nahual, Fabiola Rouhda, Sara Curruchich and Mabe Fratti. Their songs are very heart-warming, beautiful and natural.

Guatemala's tradition-

al clothing is usually blue jeans, T-shirts and Nikes for the men. Women wear more nice bright colored dresses with flowers on them to bring out the colors of their dresses. The reason they wear bright colors is that the national bird for Guatemala is called a Quetzal which is very unique and beautiful with its bright feathers.

By Jayden H.

THEME: NATIONAL CULTURE

National Culture: El Salvador

El Salvador's culture is my culture and it is my favorite of all the others in the world.

Their food, like pupusas, is my favorite food but there are many good dishes as well.

The clothing in El Salvador is also different. The boys dress in

large hats and the girls wear big floppy dresses.

I was not born in El Salvador but my parents and other relatives were born there. I love visiting El Salvador because it's so tropical it has beautiful weather. I love to go to rivers, pools, and restaurants.

In December they have a day where they have fireworks and little kids run around trying not to get hit by a firework. It's a tradition that they do every December. My dad has this huge piece of land that he is growing corn and he has a little river.

By Cristian H.



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National Culture: El Salvador

El Salvador's culture is beautiful. Some popular traditional foods are pupusas, pastel, and tortillas.

In June and August, the country has festivities, such as the Nejapa Balls of Fire, Independence Day, and Soul Day.

One interesting fact of

El Salvador is that the beds aren't the same you see in the United states, most of them are hammocks.

In El Salvador, women often wear cotton head scarves and shawls with dresses or skirts and a top paired with sandals. Men wear cotton suits or

shirts with jeans and a cowboy hat. Traditional footwear for men are boots or sandals.

The flag colors are blue and white with a triangle and leaves around it in the middle. It's one of my favorite flags of all time.

By Amilcar H.



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National Culture: El Salvador

I think the music from El Salvador is beautiful. When you understand the language, the music is very inspiring as a lot of the singers usually sing about the culture and their experience.

El Salvador's national sport is soccer. People

would practice really hard to join the national soccer team to earn medals and have fun with the sport they are playing.

Dance is also an important part of the culture and takes hard work to learn but the dances are fun too.

The food is also another important part of the culture. Chefs from El Salvador have made many famous dishes and work at very famous restaurants. Some end up becoming national chefs in El Salvador.

By Jocelyn M.

THEME: NATIONAL CULTURE AND POP CULTURE

National Culture: El Salvador's Famous Foods



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El Salvador famous foods include Pupusas, which are made out of masa (masa is made out of corn). Pupusas can be unique. You can eat them with different types of meat and add vegetables and other ingredients. For toppings, for example

my grandma makes Salsa Roja (red salsa). It's like



tomato sauce but thinner and better. It's not spicy and you can add curtido; curtido is cabbage and other thin vegetables.

By Gesele C.

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Pop Culture: The Peace Sign



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One popular and important symbol in pop culture is the peace sign. The peace sign represents peace and it's made of the dove and olive branch which was made popular from Pablo Picasso's dove lithograph.

The peace sign was also a symbol for the Civil war because of the fighting and war, it was to symbolize that it was over. It also represents no fighting and peace for all. It can also be a sign for people to say bye and to be safe. When we

fight we will get over it and continue to live with each other or always still be friends. My family also uses it for the same thing, and when you do it with your hands, it's different from when you draw it. It looks cool.

By Patrick G.

Pop Culture: Anime Fandom



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Anime fandom includes my favorites, specifically the My Hero Academia/Boku No Hero Academia fandom, also abbreviated as MHA/BNHA. MHA is an anime where 80% of the world has super powers and 20% doesn't. The main character Izuku Midoriya was born without powers. Later he meets his idol All Might

who offers to give him his power, by eating a strand of his hair.

Then the anime goes on to tell the story of Midoriya becoming the number one hero named Deku.

On April 15 or National Anime Day, it is traditional for people to watch anime and read Manga aka Japanese comic books.

In anime fandoms, people like to make fan art for fun and going to conventions to cosplay as their favorite characters, meet the anime character's voice actor, and to buy merchandise such as figurines. The MHA anime has merchandise like figures, sweaters, and posters.

By Rodolfo M.

THEME: POP CULTURE

Pop Culture: Sports

Sports is a pop culture. I support the basketball team, the Chicago Bulls. Basketball is my favorite sport. My dad and I are fans of the sport and because we are from Chicago.

One thing that the fans do in games is that

they shout “let's go Bulls,” and they clap and whenever they make a shot I get excited.

There's a thing called a jersey which is a shirt or uniform that you wear for your favorite player or team that you support. And many of my cousins

and uncles also like the Chicago Bulls.

There were a few players that retired that I liked such as Micheal Jordan and Dennis Rodman. Every team has a mascot; most of them are animals like the bulls, bucks and more.

By Aiden T.



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Pop Culture: Hanako

I am part of the Toilet-bound Hanako-kun fandom. Sometimes when people really like the anime, they draw fan art. I myself draw a lot of fan art.

This anime also has a lot of merchandise like most anime do, I have a few hoodies of its logo. When it's an anime char-

acter's birthday I like to watch the anime again to just remember how great it is.

Toilet bound hanako does have a thing called the 7 mysteries which is basically the leaders of the school everyone knows who they are and the main character, Hanako is one of the

leaders of the school.

There is also a group of other ghosts which are the enemies and the leader of the leaders is Hanako's “brother”.

This anime is mainly a drama and comedy which makes this anime popular.

By Mewuded T.



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Pop Culture: Anime Cosplay

Pop culture is one of my favorite types of culture. I want to specifically talk about anime.

Some of the many cool and fun things about anime is that you can go to cosplay conventions or watch or read anime. Some cosplays are very

hard to build different parts of the suit like the head, body, hair, shoes and accessories. You can dress up as an anime character or just take pictures. You can also buy different stuff like merch and food. You can actually talk to the different

voice actors if they are there at your convention. You can meet new people and you can become good friends with them if they also are in the same fandom.

By Douglas S.



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THEME: CLASSROOM CULTURE

Classroom Culture: Fifth Grade



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Our classroom does a lot of fun things, Ms. Tigolo plans a lot for us to do.

One thing I remember the most is when Ms. Tigolo bought some black paint and we brought a white t-shirt and then we painted our shirts for the 101 day of school. We wanted to look like dalmatians so we also made some dog ears.

Another thing we did was the opera. We had our opera in the auditorium and Ms. Tigolo bought us some shirts to wear.

On the day of the show we went to the auditorium and the stage had walls and a cake because the opera was about two people getting married. When we were starting, a lot of people

were coming inside the auditorium.

In the show there were professional dancers, they were dancing really well. When we finished everybody was clapping very loudly and I saw my mom, brother, and my grandma in the crowd.

By Aaron F.



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Classroom Culture: Fifth Grade

I think my classroom is very special, all thanks to our teacher Ms. Tigolo. Our classroom is special because we have values that are important in the classroom. Some values that are important to my classroom are respect, honesty, self-control, and courage.

The first thing that makes the classroom special, is that my class is helpful, challenging, amazing, cool, and creative. We all have roles or jobs in the classroom that make our class run smoothly. We help each other out when there are problems.

Ms. Tigolo is helpful, kind, smart, beautiful, honest, and caring. She teaches well and is always there when we need help. She does a lot for our classroom so that we do a lot of cool and fun things.

By Natalile H.

Classroom Culture: Fifth Grade



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My classroom culture is fun and exciting with great learning opportunities given to us by our teacher, Ms. Tigolo. In class we are expected to behave and follow the rules. We are also kind and help others and try to do our best. One example of this is that we always help each other with classwork. Sometimes

my friends know more than I do and they help me out. Other times, I may know stuff and I help them.

We also have special activities that we do in class. For example, we dance at the end of the school day. When we finish reading a book, we get to watch the movie inspired by the book.

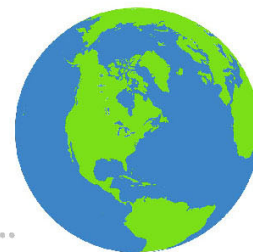
We also celebrate birthdays each month. Our parents bring treats for us to celebrate with our friends at school.

What makes my class special is my teacher. Ms. Tigolo. She is fun and we learn a lot from her. My class is the only 5th grade class at Foshay. which makes us unique.

By Megan L.

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Meet our Foshay Flash reporters. Learn some fun and interesting facts about the reporters for the 2021-2022 Foshay Flash newspaper.

Profile: Arielle P.

Arielle was born on February 2, 2011. She is scared of goats but she really good at reading and writing. Her favorite book is *Happy Birthday Kitty* by Nick Bruel. In her free time, she likes to watch zombie shows and anime. Her favorite anime character is Sasha Braus. She also likes superheroes. Her favorite is Black Panther. She loves to play volleyball and she wants to be a professional volleyball player when she grows up. She is 4 feet and 8 inches tall. Her favorite food to eat is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite ice cream flavor is cookies and cream. She likes to draw for fun. Her favorite number is 27 and she loves the color purple. She also loves her mom and dad. She likes going to school. Her favorite teachers are Ms. Tigolo and Ms. Yang.

By Daniel A.

Profile: Isabella R.

Isabella was born on July 25, 2011. She is 10 years old. Her favorite color is purple. She loves to eat sugar cookies while watching her favorite movie *Harry Potter*. Her

favorite book is *Harry Potter in the Chambers of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling. In her free time, she likes to play Rec Room, an online video game, with her friends. Her dream job is to become a doctor because she wants to help people. She loves to eat fruit, and her favorite is watermelon. She also likes to play softball. She likes animals; cats are her favorite. Her favorite TV show is *SpongeBob* because it's funny and there are lots of episodes to watch. Her favorite drink is a root beer float, but her favorite ice cream flavor is a strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate combination. Her favorite thing to do in school is to hang out with friends because it's fun. Her favorite superhero is Black Widow from Marvel. She also likes butterflies, especially the Monarch butterfly because it is really pretty. She loves to shop at Target and goes there often. If she had a million dollars she would give half to charity and buy her parents a new house. If she could have any superpower it would be flying.

By Jacob C., Jocelyn M.

Profile: Douglas S.

Douglas was born on April 6, 2011. He is eleven years old. When he's older he wants to be an Architect. If he had a superpower it would be teleportation, because when he goes to the supermarket he can go get some Maruchan noodles and then teleport out of the supermarket and go home to cook it. He can also live off of Maruchan and when they run out, he can teleport to a new supermarket and buy more Maruchan. His favorite subject in school is math. His favorite book is *'The last kids on Earth'*, his favorite movie is *Pacific Rim*, his favorite tv show is *'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'*. His favorite grade is 4th grade because we got to go on roller coasters as a field trip. His favorite fruit is strawberry. His favorite food is tortilla con frijol con queso. His favorite animal is a giraffe. His favorite drink is Kool-Aid. His favorite pop-corn is buttered.

By Emily Cristobal

Profile: Amilcar H.

Amilcar is a 5th grader at Foshay. His favorite su-

perpower would be invincibility because he can basically become a ghost. His dream car has always been a Porsche because it's fast. His favorite video game is Minecraft because he can build whatever he wants to and go on many quests. His favorite movies are the Sonic movies because he is a big fan of video games. I asked Amilcar what his favorite animal was and he said it was a polar bear because they are really big and they soft. I asked Amilcar what is his favorite place to eat is and he said it is King Taco because he loves Mexican food. Amilcar's favorite chips are Lays because they have different types of flavors.

By Aaron F.

Profile: Cristian H.

Cristian was born on December 21st. When he grows up he wants to work at NASA. If he could have any superpower it would be invisibility. His favorite thing to do in school or learn is science. His favorite video game is *Legends of Pokémon*. His favorite grade in elementary is 5th

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grade. He likes to shop at the Adidas store for shoes. His favorite dessert is ice cream. He loves Strawberry ice cream and fruit. He also likes to eat lobster at Red Lobster. His favorite drink is V2 Gatorade. He likes to watch anime, My Hero Academia is his favorite. His favorite animal is a bird. His best friend in class is Rodolfo.

By Kaylee G.

Profile: Briana V.

Brianna was born on June 29, 2011. She is eleven years old. Her favorite food is a torta. Her favorite drink is pink lemonade. Brianna's favorite grade is 5th grade with Ms. Tigolo. Her favorite animal is the lion. Her favorite color is black. Her favorite book is *Harry Potter*. She loves shoes. Her favorite shoes are Nikes, Vans, Jordans, Adidas, Chucks, etc. She shops at Forever 21, Ross, and Footlocker. She likes to go to the mall a lot and goes to Hot Topic and Spencers. She is from Honduras. She likes music. Her favorite song is *It's you* by Ali Gate. Her favorite movie is *Lilo and Stitch*. Her favorite video game is Minecraft. Her favorite restaurants are Panda Express and Chipotle.

By Patrick G.

Profile: Natalile H.

Natalie was born on January 22, 2010. When she grows up she wants to become a city cop and artist. If she could have any power it would be shape-shifting because she can prank people, even super smart people. Her favorite thing to do in school is art and science because she can be creative in different ways. Her favorite thing to do is to watch YouTube. She watches the YouTuber Forge Labs. She plays Minecraft. Her favorite grade in elementary was 2nd grade because she always had parties.

By Payton G.

Profile: Kaylee G.

Kaylee was born on March 31, 2011. When she grows up she wants to be a vet or doctor. Her favorite animals are birds and cats. If she could have any superpower it would be flying because she thinks it would be really cool to see the world. She likes school. Her favorite thing to do in school is art because it's fun and colorful. Her favorite grade is 3rd grade because she had class pets and fun toys. Her best friend in the class is Jadore. Her fa-

vorite video game is Fortnite because it is fun and easy. Her favorite thing to eat is papusas or macaroni and cheese but her favorite restaurant is Rockin Sushi or King Taco. She likes to shop at Forever 21 and Target. Her favorite ice cream is Vanilla and Chocolate. She likes to watch anime like Haikyuu!

By Cristian H.

Profile: Aaron F.

Aaron was born on August 5, 2010. If Aaron could have any superpower it would be teleportation. He said it is because he can teleport anywhere he wants to. He likes to watch cartoons. His favorite cartoon is the *Simpsons* because they can predict the future. His favorite vehicle is a tank because he said it can help him with robbers in case of emergency. Aaron's favorite video game is *Clash of Clans* because he can battle people. His favorite movie is *Deadpool 2* because Deadpool can never die. His favorite grade in elementary was all of them because he said it makes him smarter. When he grows up he wants to be an actor and appear in a lot of movies. Actors can make

a lot of money. His favorite boxer is Mike Tyson because he was really strong at a young age. He likes to go to the water park when it is hot. Knott's Soak City is his favorite because they have a wave pool and lots of water slides.

By Amilcar H.

Profile: Megan L.

Megan is from the United States of America. Megan Lopes was born on March 18, 2011. She is a Pisces. Her favorite color is purple, pink, and blue. She loves the color pink because it reminds her of pink flowers. She likes to play on her tablet and run around outside in her free time. Her favorite food is pizza, fettuccine pasta, and cheese. Her favorite type of clothes is dresses and skirts. She also likes superheroes like Wonder Woman. Her favorite DC character is Harley Quinn. She loves to watch YouTubers Sheila and Mikey. Her favorite games to play are Roblox, among us, and Minecraft. Her favorite kind of dog is a pit mix, German shepherds, huskies, and or Pomeranians Her favorite plant is flowers. She likes to watch mov-

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ies. Turning Red is her favorite. Her favorite parts were when Mei Mei turns into a panda. She likes to read a lot. Her favorite books are *A to Z Mysteries* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Her favorite anime is a tiger because of its beautiful color and stripe pattern. Her favorite sport to watch and play is baseball because she gets to hit the ball and run around the bases. Her favorite grade was 3rd grade because she got to bring pets home. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Tigolo because she's awesome and cool. If she could have any pet, it would be a cat because they are so cute and she would name it Smokey. If she could have any super power it would be flying.

By Gesele C., Jayden H.

Profile: Payton G.

Payton was born on June 28, 2011. When he grows up he wants to be a cop and a YouTuber. If he could have any super-power it would be invisibility and superspeed. His favorite thing to do in school is art, science, and the daily warm-ups. He likes superheroes. His favorite movie is *Shazam*. His favorite grade in elementary school was 5th grade because he got to

meet new people.

By Natalile H.

Profile: Gesele C.

Gesele thinks her name is beautiful. Her favorite animal is a cow because it has beautiful spots. Her favorite color is Indigo, which is a pretty dark blue. Gesele thinks it's a beautiful color. Her favorite sport is volleyball because her brother taught her how to play. She likes to watch *Cocomelon*. Her favorite book is *Charlotte's Web* by E.B White. She likes it because it's funny. Ms. Tigolo was her favorite teacher because she is a really cool teacher. She likes to draw in her free time. She likes to draw people because they are cool to draw.

By Megan L.

Profile: Aiden T.

Aiden was born on April 21, 2011. When he grows up he wants to be in the NBA because he likes basketball and is currently playing basketball. If he could have any super-power it would be to run very fast, because he can beat people in a race. His favorite thing to do or learn in school is math and play in recess. During recess, he can play with his friends, and

when it's math he gets to learn new things. If he had a million dollars he would give people money or a charity and save the other half for his family so that they can buy some stuff.

By Stephanie M.

Profile: Mewuded T.

Mewuded was born on January 12, 2011. When she grows up she wants to be a doctor. If she could have any super-power it would be the ability of a psychic. She wants to be able to do things such as telekinesis, hydrokinesis, electrokinesis, cryokinesis, pyrokinesis, size augmentation, shapeshifting, and clairvoyance. Her favorite subject to learn in school is math, science, and writing. She likes to watch anime. Her favorite anime is *Hunter X Hunter*.

On her free time, she also likes to read. Her favorite book is *Some Places More Than Others* by Renee Watson. She also likes superheroes. Her favorite movie is *Spider-Man*. Her favorite cartoon is *Johnny Test*. She does not have a favorite artist but her favorite video game is *Rec Room*.

By Rodolfo M.

Profile: Daniel A.

Daniel was born on January 31, 2011. He is afraid of Clowns. He likes to play video games and sports. He is very good at it. When he grows up he wants to become a Doctor or a Programmer. He likes to watch TV. His favorite show is *Tom and Jerry*. He likes to eat Orange Chicken but his favorite dessert is the Rocky Road ice cream. He also likes to drink boba. In his free time, he likes to play outside. He also loves animals. His favorite is a tiger. He likes math and history subjects the most. He is currently reading *Dogman: Grime and Punishment* by Dave Pilkey. He likes the number five. He says he is 5'8. His favorite sport is Soccer. He also likes superheroes. His favorite superhero is Spiderman. He loves his mom a lot. He likes the color blue. His favorite elementary teacher is Ms. Tigolo but his favorite grade was pre-school.

By Arielle P.

Profile: Emily C.

Emily's birthday is on the 21st of July, 2011. When she gets older she wants to become an actress. If she could have any superpower she

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would want to have time travel. With time travel she could stop crime and teleport to the future so she could know what would happen.

Emily likes school. Her favorite thing is to learn about math. Her favorite book is *Matilda*. Her favorite movies are horror movies. Her favorite TV show is *The Umbrella Academy* on Netflix. Her favorite grade in school was 2nd grade because there used to be way more fun parties. Her favorite fruit is green apple. Her favorite food is pozole. Her favorite animal is dog. Her favorite drink is water. She likes her popcorn buttered. Her favorite holiday would be Christmas. Her favorite snack is chips. She likes to read chapter books.

By Douglas S.

Profile: Rodolpho M.
Rodolpho is 11 years old.

He was born May 5th 2011. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up because he plays with Legos all the time. If he could have any superpower it would be the ability of a psychic to be able to do things such as telekinesis, hydrokinesis, electrokinesis, cryokinesis, pyrokinesis, size augmentation, shapeshifting, and clairvoyance. His favorite thing to learn in school is math, and science because it is challenging for him. He would be sad if he was taken out of school because he would miss his friends that he hung out with. His favorite animal is a sloth. He likes to watch a lot of anime such as Hunter x Hunter, my hero academia, and Saiki k. His favorite book is the Diary of an Awesome Friendly kid By Jeff Kinley. His favorite movies are Marvel mov-

ies. He likes Spiderman: No way home, and Doctor strange in the Multiverse of Madness. His favorite superhero is Spiderman. He has no favorite tv show but he likes to play Minecraft. His favorite bands are Sublime and Greenday.

By Mewuded T., and Isabella R.

Profile: Stephanie M.
Stephanie was born on October 4, 2010. When she grows up she wants to be a lawyer or an artist. Her favorite movies are horror movies because she likes scary things. Her favorite food to eat is pupusas because they have beans and cheese inside the tortilla. Her favorite color is purple and violet. Her favorite book is They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera. her favorite grades from elementary school are 3rd grade and

5th grade. Her favorite game is subway surfers because you can run away from people.

By Aiden T.

Profile: Patrick G.
Patrick was born on July 31st, 2010. He loves to eat panda express. In his free time he skateboards and runs for fun. He wants to be in the Olympics when he is older. He plays mortal combat. His favorite show is Fresh prince of bel-air. He likes the color black. His favorite season is summer. He loves to wear Vans. He likes to watch scary movies. His favorite drink is cold pink lemonade. He also likes to eat spicy chips like Hot Fries, Takis, Hot Cheetos, and Hot Doritos. His favorite chocolate is dark chocolate. He also likes to eat pineapple and mango.

By Briana V.

Congratulations to the Graduating 5th Graders!

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