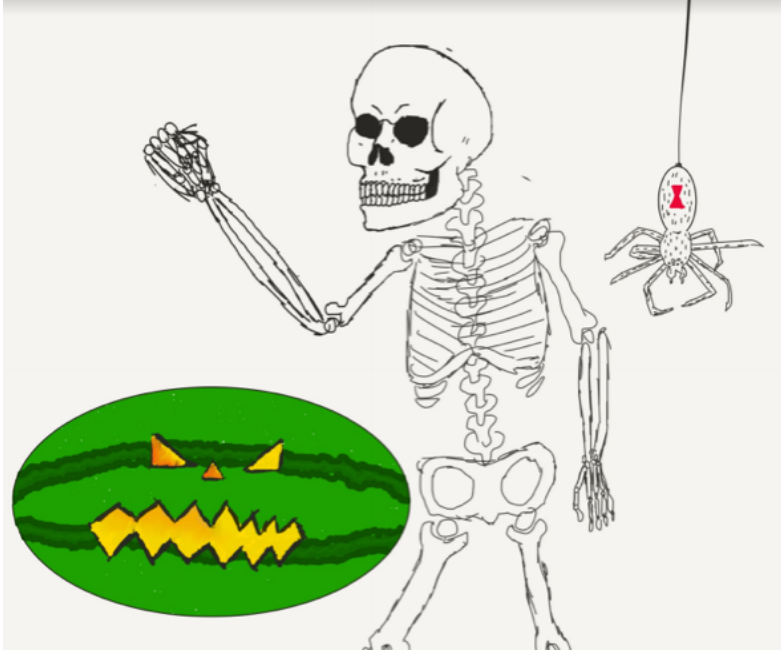


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Halloween Drawings by Juan

This week, we heard many presentations by the middle group for their Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) projects. "In this unit, we found out about their culture and learned more about them. I don't think many people know about them. We learned that their government was basically longhouses. In the longhouses were clans. The clans were around twenty families living together. In each clan was a clan mother, who was the oldest woman in the clan. The clan mother made the rules and elected people for the tribal council. The council was only men and they would try to solve conflicts. I would say the most interesting thing to learn about was the longhouse. The longhouse represents the united Iroquois which includes the tribes Seneca, Onondaga, Cayuga, Mohawk, and Oneida. I also researched conflicts. One conflict was trading with Europeans because it started the spread of diseases. Smallpox and measles spread throughout the tribes." - Nolan



Philosophy: We talked about happiness, the olden days like when things started from bacteria, and what we would do if we saw a friend stealing. If we ran Vidler's and someone came up that had been caught stealing, we talked about what we would do. Everybody gets to give their opinions on things. We share what we think about and we think about what other people think about and then "BOOM" you get other thoughts. Sarah & Ria



Student of the week:

## Ama

Ama is 6 years old, her birthday was on October 2nd. Her friends say she is cute, smart, nice, cultured, kind, and energetic. She has a brother, Init. Ama likes being a big sister. She shows Inti how to do things. She also has a mom and dad and two pets. Her dog's name is Sugar. Her cat's name is Magia, that means magic in Spanish.

Ama has been to Argentina. She loves her abuela and abuelo and they live there. When asked, "What's it like in Argentina?" She says, "It feels like spring. I went to a playground and it was different. I love the bedroom at my abuelo's house. There was a comfy bed. I've been there two times. I went on an airplane and a bus." Ama loved Argentina but her favorite place is her home. If she could go anywhere in the world she would climb a big tree and into a tree house.

In her free time Ama likes to play with toys. Ama is reading two books right now. One is about wild animals and one about making rainbows out of plastic. Some of her favorite things are the color pink, mangos and watermelon, and unicorns.



Omunique working in the library

In our math class we worked on decimals and started doing drawings with compasses and protractors. The first day I used a compass, it was bad. Today my compass flower was much better. I measured angles with a protractor and saw how to copy an angle with a compass. I also learned how to design a Roman arch. That was so cool. It looked like a sun on an ocean.  
By Sarah



