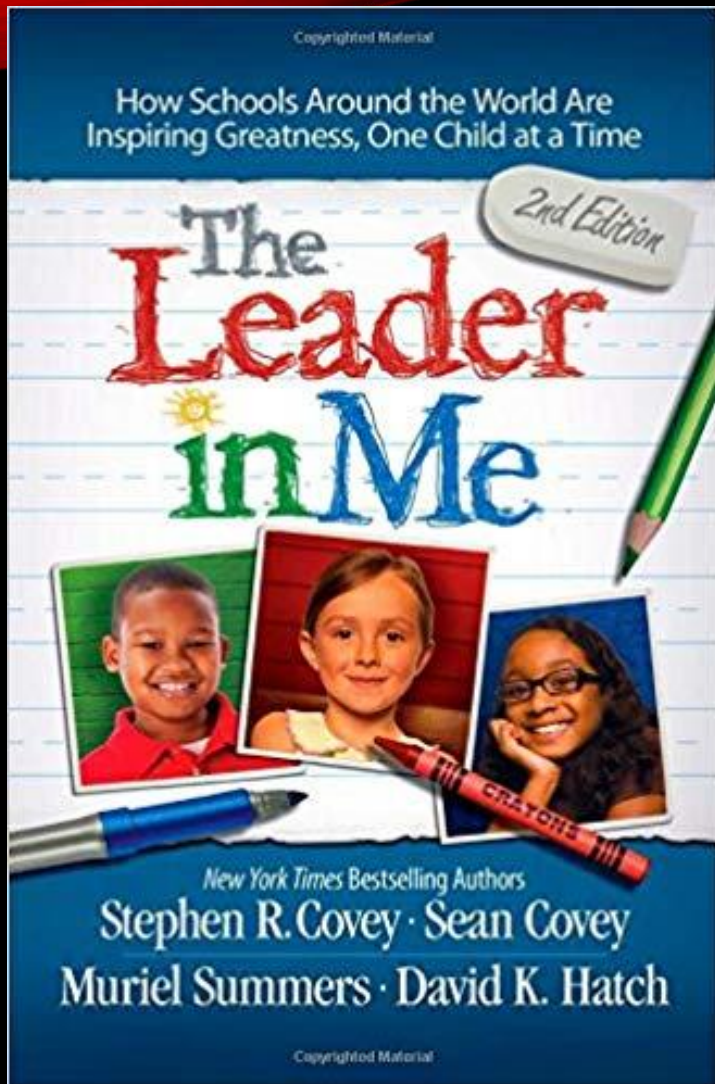




CHARACTER EDUCATION AND COMET COHORTS

Swedesboro-Woolwich School District
Grades 1-5



CHARACTER EDUCATION

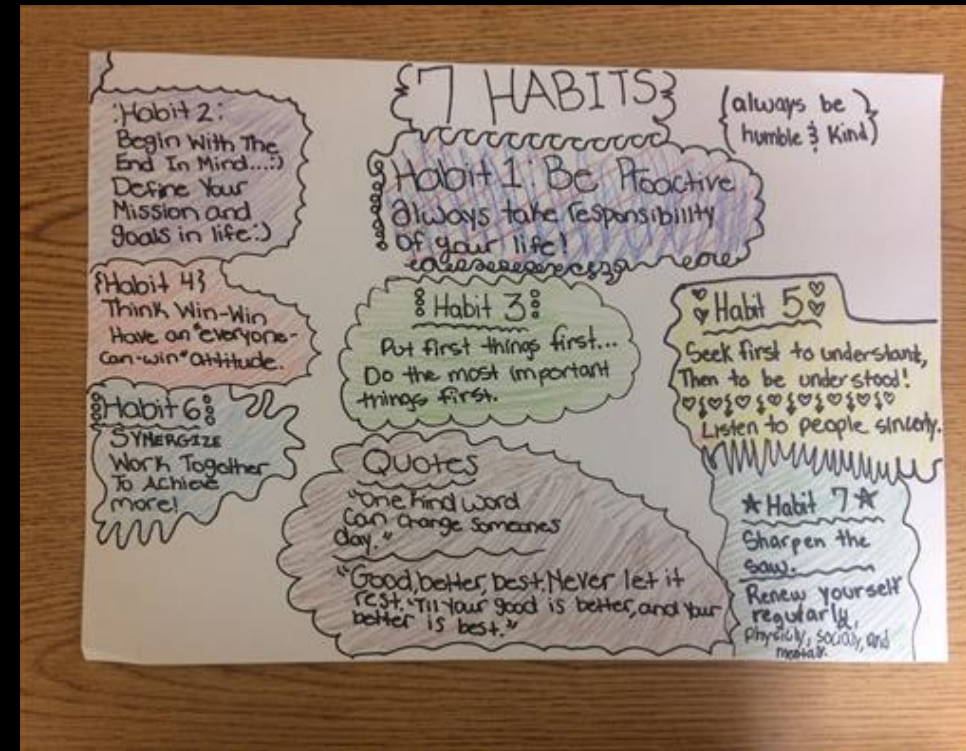
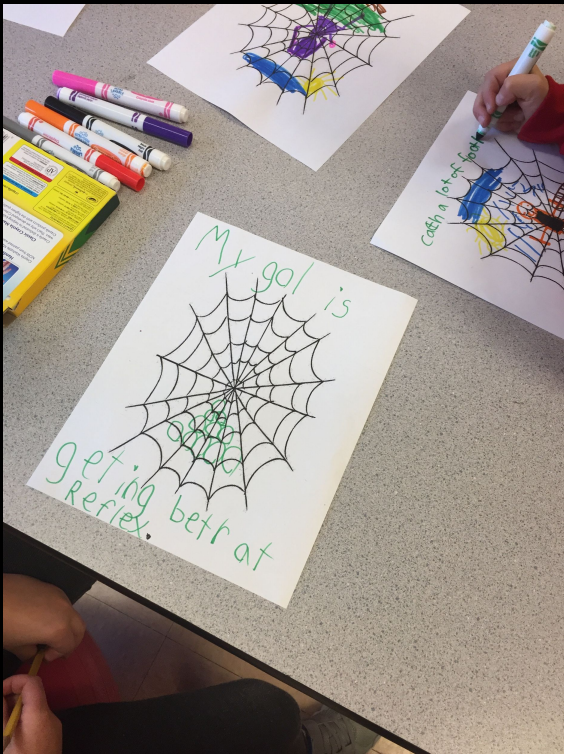
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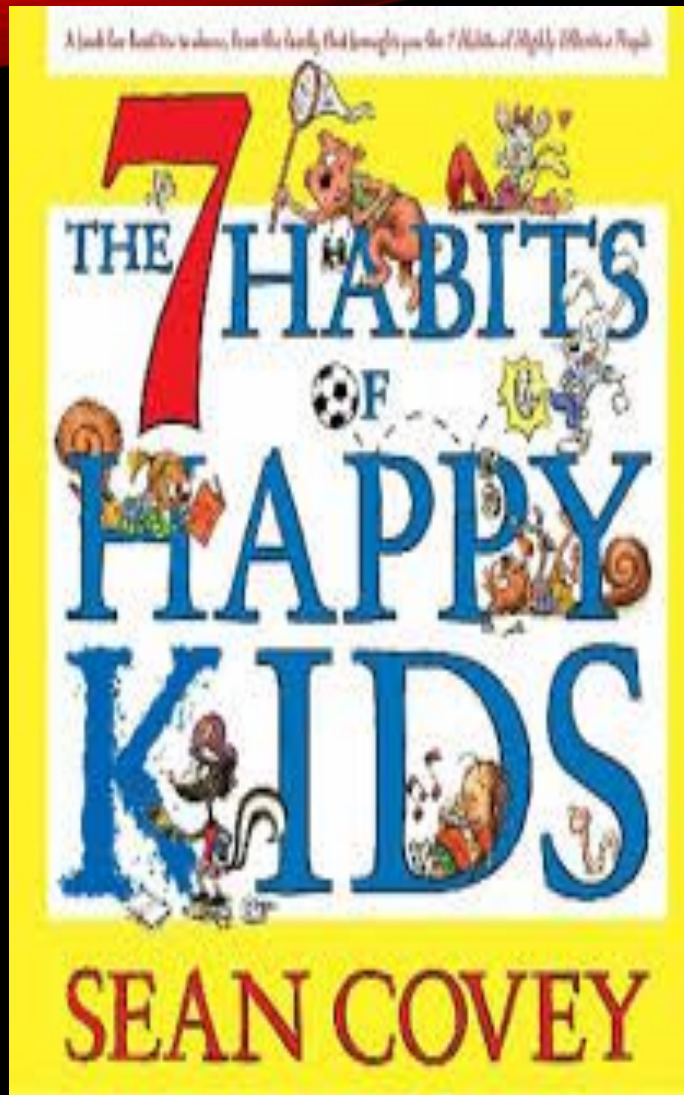
Based upon the **7 Habits of Happy Kids** from “The Leader in Me” book.

Lessons infused from **district wide Character Education curriculum** to promote continuity from K-6 grades.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

- *Leader in Me* (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school improvement model—developed in partnership with educators—that empowers students with the leadership and life-skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.





CHARACTER EDUCATION

7 Habits of Happy Kids:

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

Habit 6: Synergize

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

CHARACTER EDUCATION PROJECTS



What are COMET COHORTS?

During cohorts students are engaged in learning activities that support and enrich what students are learning in the classroom.

Cohorts are meant to encourage:

- Team Building
- Creativity
- Exploration

Students are engaged in:

- Hands On Learning Opportunities
- Activities that Emphasize Mathematical Practices (within STEM)
- Student Driven Projects

COMET COHORTS AT STRATTON

Trimesters 2 and 3 have dedicated cohort instructional classes that meet twice during a 6 day cycle . Cohort classes currently being taught include:

STEM

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Math

Community Adventurers

- 1st Grade-Communities, Maps, Traditions
- 2nd Grade-American Symbols, and All About NJ

COMET COHORTS AT HARKER

Trimesters 2 and 3 have dedicated cohort instructional classes that meet twice a week. Cohort classes currently being taught include:

- Sounds in Nature
- Aesthetics of Nature
- Ecological Builders
- Survival of the Fittest
- Mindfulness
- Journey Through Ecology
- Problem Solving
- Environmental Authors
- Growth and Fixed Mindset
- Moving Poetry from Page to Stage
- Engineering Design with Legos
- Ecology of Cultures
- Speaking and Writing about Water

COHORT FOCUS SKILLS

Soft Skills Enhancement:

- Responsibility
- Contemplation
- Initiative
- Perseverance
- Optimism
- Courage
- Respect
- Compassion
- Adaptability
- Honesty
- Trustworthiness
- Loyalty

Career Skills Enhancement:

- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Coordinating with Others
- Emotional Intelligence
- Judgment/Decision making
- Service Orientation
- Negotiation
- Cognitive Flexibility

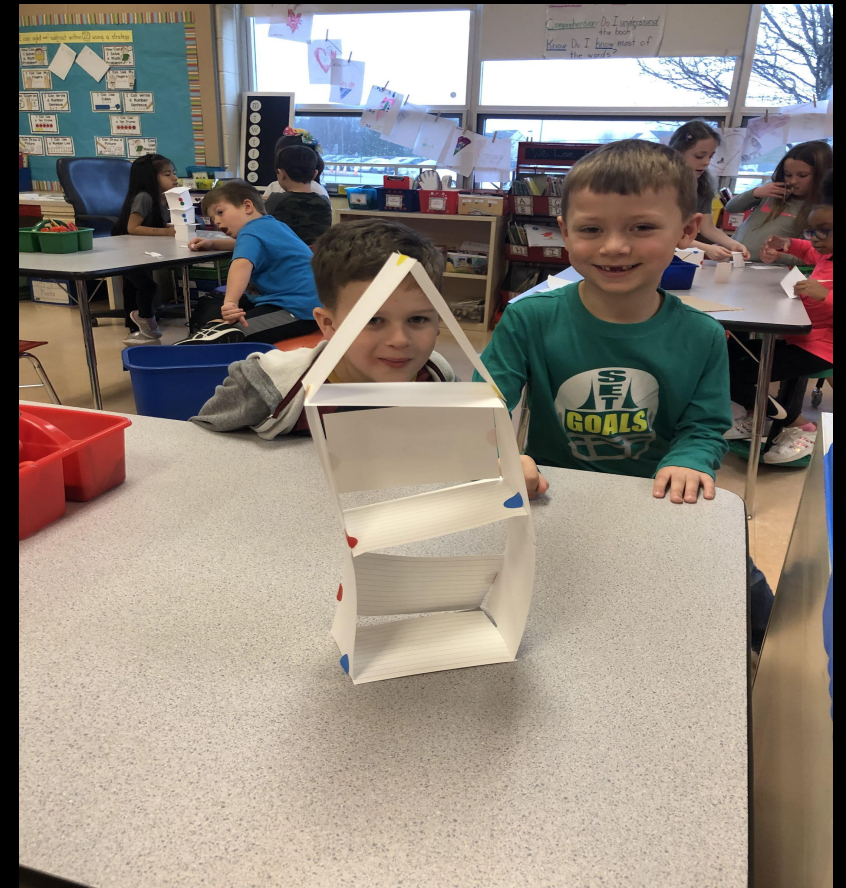
CULMINATING COHORT PROJECTS

At the end of each trimester students complete a final project which demonstrates understanding and overall goals of the cohort and focus skills being taught.

STEM, 1st Grade

DOT Challenge based on the book The DOT by Peter Reynolds-In this picture students are building a tower using 12 index cards and 20 dot stickers.

Focus Skills: Creativity, Perseverance, Judgment and Decision Making, Coordinating with others, Contemplation

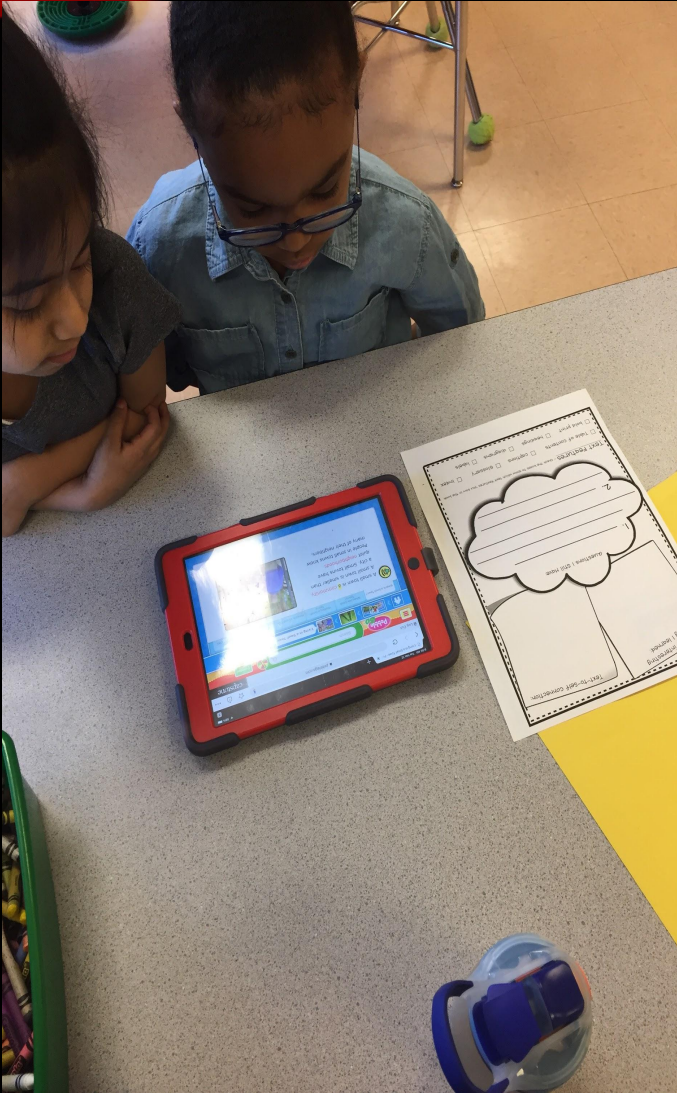


CULMINATING COHORT PROJECTS

Community Adventures, 1st Grade

Students researched different types of communities using PebbleGO. Students turned their findings into a book or poster. They shared their findings with the class.

Focus Skills:
Coordinating with
Others, Judgment,
Decision Making,
Initiative



CULMINATING COHORT PROJECTS

STEM, 1st and 2nd grade

Students at the Stratton School got to show off their STEM skills during American Education Week.



Focus Skills: Creativity,
Coordinating with
Others, Judgment,
Decision Making,
Initiative, Complex
Problem Solving



CULMINATING COHORT PROJECTS

Team Problem Solving Cohort, 3rd Grade

In these pictures the students are trying to build newspaper towers that will support as much weight at possible.

Focus Skills: Creativity, Perseverance, Judgment and Decision Making, Coordinating with others, Contemplation



CULMINATING COHORT PROJECTS

Aesthetics in Nature Cohort, 5th Grade

“Here are some pictures from our messy, but fun, cohort! We took recycled materials and created a new creature! Ended with a presentation on the finished product. The kids LOVED it.”
~ Mrs. Reisenweaver

Focus Skills: Creativity,
Coordinating with
Others, Judgment,
Decision Making,
Initiative, Complex
Problem Solving

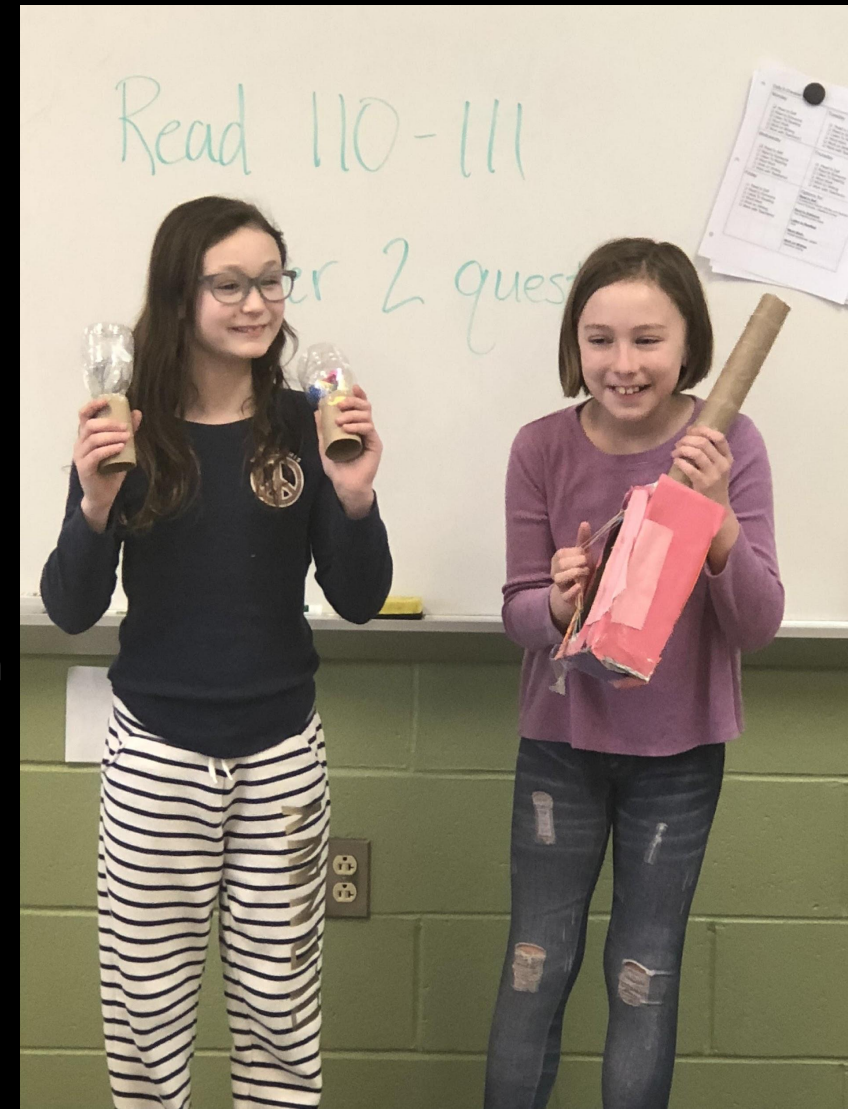
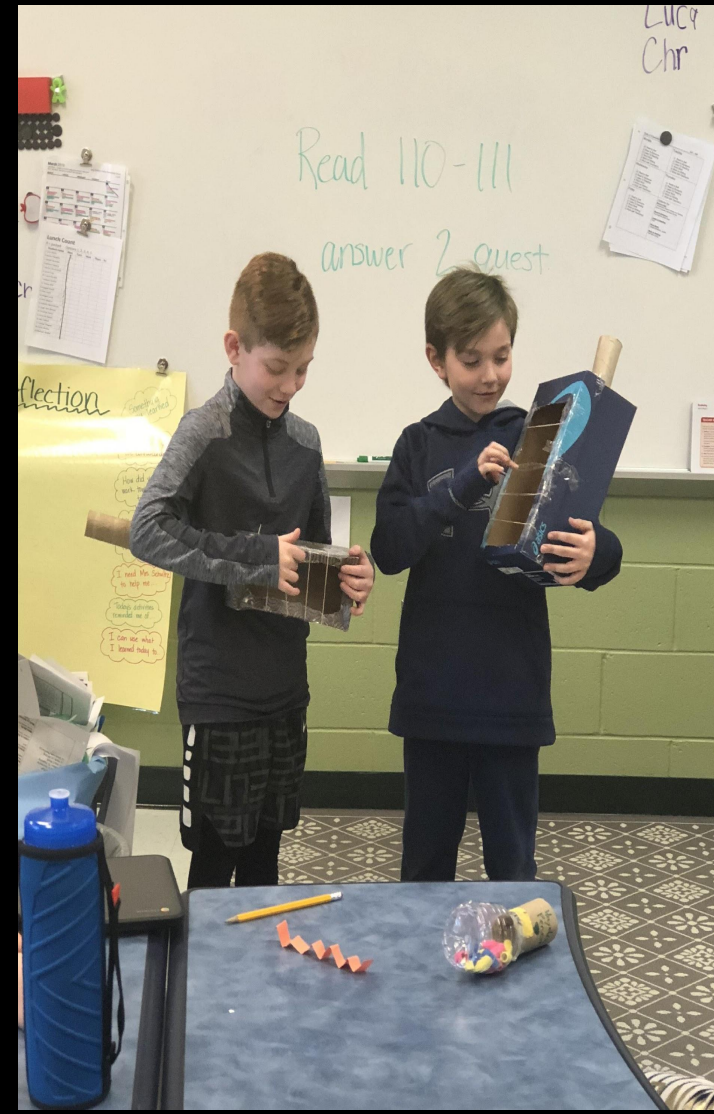


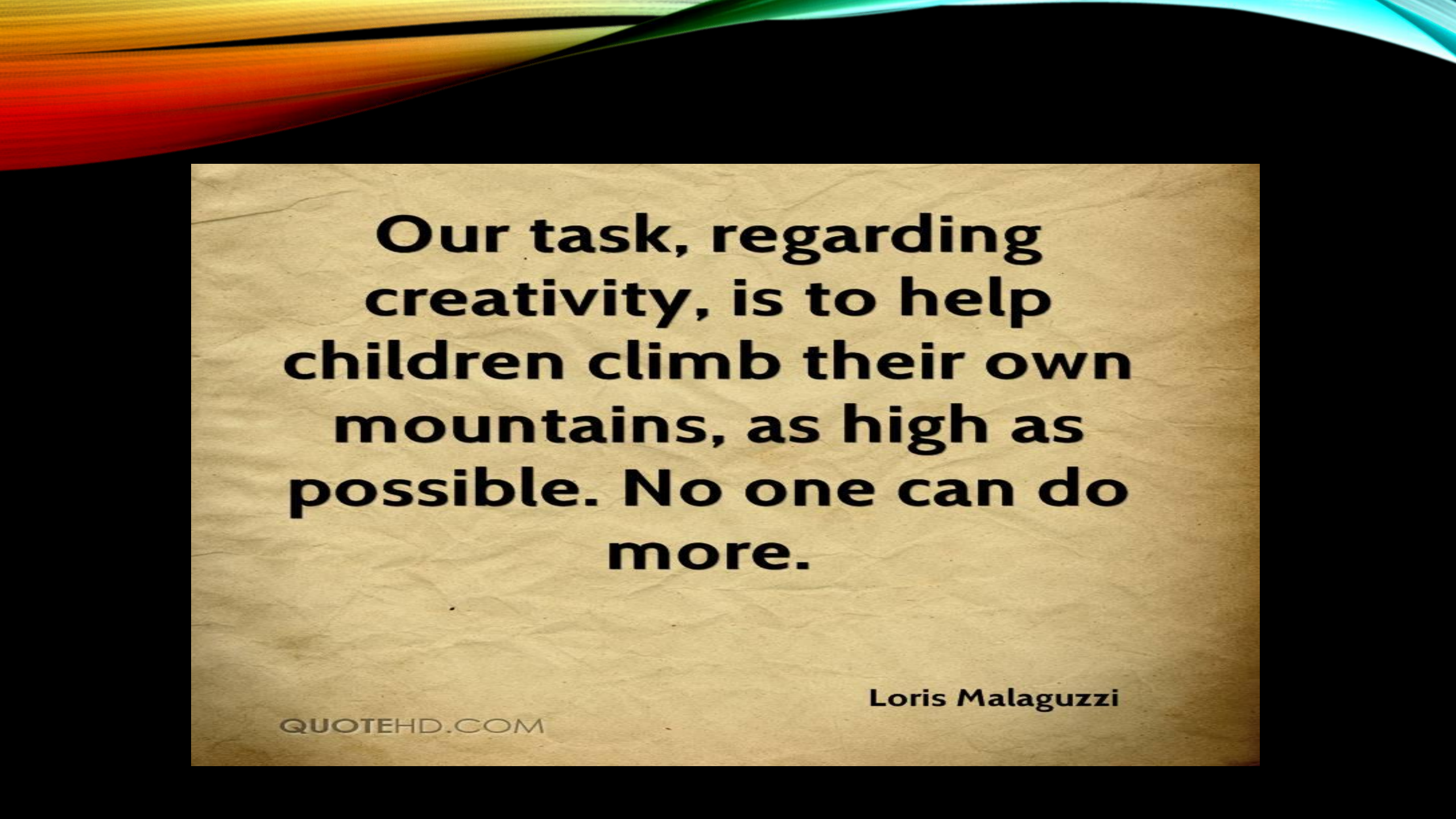
CULMINATING COHORT PROJECTS

Sounds in Nature Cohort, 4th Grade

Students designed and created instruments with the use of sustainable materials. Final projects were able to be played!

Focus Skills: Creativity, Perseverance, Critical Thinking, Decision Making, Coordinating with Others, Complex problem Solving, Adaptability, Initiative





**Our task, regarding
creativity, is to help
children climb their own
mountains, as high as
possible. No one can do
more.**

Loris Malaguzzi

