Scholar Spotlight
November

Details: *Students included specific plants, animals, and environmental features in their ecosystem models*.

Patterns: *Students identified the patterns of a species' energy flow and interdependence.*

Change Over Time: *Students analyzed how a change in the environment could affect the entire ecosystem.*

Exploring Ecosystems

Our 5th-grade scholars were challenged to explore the balance of nature and showcased their creativity and understanding of life science through their Ecosystem Project. The project had four parts: researching a chosen ecosystem and a specific species, designing a model to represent their habitat, analyzing the interactions between living and nonliving components, and finally, creating an interactive activity for their 2nd and 3rd-grade Reading Buddies to play and learn.

Students worked in collaborative groups to design and create a model of their ecosystem. Each habitat showed carefully selected plants and animals that reflected the habitat. This hands-on project allowed students to gain an understanding of energy flow, food chains, and the species that inhabit their environment.





