

BLASTING OFF INTO BRAVERY:

Fifth Graders Soar at AstroCamp

Our fifth graders recently returned from an unforgettable three-day, two-night adventure at AstroCamp, a hands-on science camp in the San Jacinto Mountains. More than just a field trip, this experience brought to life the values we emphasize daily—perseverance, collaboration, critical thinking, and a growth mindset.

Through engaging STEM activities and outdoor challenges, students explored the wonders of science while also learning about themselves and the strength of community.

At AstroCamp, learning came alive as students launched rockets, built windmills, and experimented with lasers and light. These hands-on activities encouraged deep thinking, creativity, and problem-solving, helping students see science as a dynamic, real-world experience. As one student shared, they learned that science isn't just about getting answers—it's about asking questions, trying new things, and learning through failure and success.



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The trip also emphasized the importance of teamwork. Whether designing inventions or tackling physical challenges, students discovered the power of working together. They shared ideas, encouraged one another, and learned that collaboration leads to stronger outcomes and greater confidence. This spirit of support was especially evident during outdoor activities, where students faced fears and celebrated victories together.



One of the most meaningful aspects of AstroCamp was how it encouraged bravery. Students stepped out of their comfort zones on the rock wall, Sky Coaster, and other high-adrenaline activities. They overcame fears, trusted one another, and discovered new levels of courage, all while building lasting bonds and self-belief.

