

3RD GRADE NATIVE AMERICAN UNIT

This month, our third graders embarked on a captivating journey into Native American history and culture. Their study began with engaging Native American Centers, where students participated in hands-on activities reflecting traditional crafts and practices. Each student wove a small blanket, crafted sand art with symbols of their choosing, and chose their own Native American names, making each activity a personal and meaningful exploration. Dane's mom, Mrs. Gazca treated the students to homemade fry bread, a favorite that brought a deliciously memorable taste of Native culture to the classroom.



Our students explored the lives and traditions of the Navajo, Yurok, Cherokee, and Haudenosaunee tribes, learning about the unique landscapes, customs, and stories that shape each community. This interactive unit culminated with a much-anticipated field trip to Leonis Adobe, where students gained hands-on knowledge of the Chumash tribe, native to our local area. At Leonis Adobe, the students experienced traditional Chumash practices and gained a deeper understanding of their contributions to our region's history.



This Native American Unit has been an enriching experience for our third graders, broadening their knowledge and appreciation of these remarkable cultures through exploration, creativity, and even a taste of traditional food!