



VILLA ESPERANZA SERVICES

Where Hope is Hard at Work for Individuals
with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

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WELCOME TO THE OWL

Created by clients of the Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center at Villa Esperanza School, The Owl enables both AAC users and speaking clients to work as reporters, photographers, artists, advice columnists, and editors to bring you the latest news.



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This quarter students and staff focused on the right to ask for what you want. Read about how this staff member supported our students.

STAFF MEMBER: Nalini, Room 5

"I gave a student multiple opportunities to request by asking what activity they would like to do."

TYPIST: Samantha, Room 8

QUESTION: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CANDY?

TOP 3 ANSWERS

1. Chocolate
2. Gummy candy
3. Hard candy

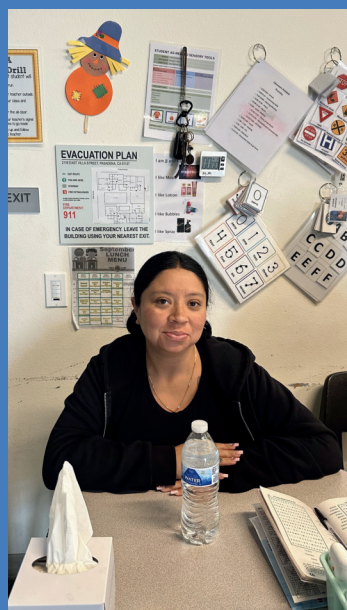
NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 26

Reporters: Aiden, Room 5

JJ, Room 9

Felicity, Room 4

Jory, Room 10



MEET STEPHANIE

Stephanie is a staff member in Room 9.

Interviewed by: David, Room 8

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: Sleep

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: Enchiladas

Q: What do you like about Villa?

A: The kids

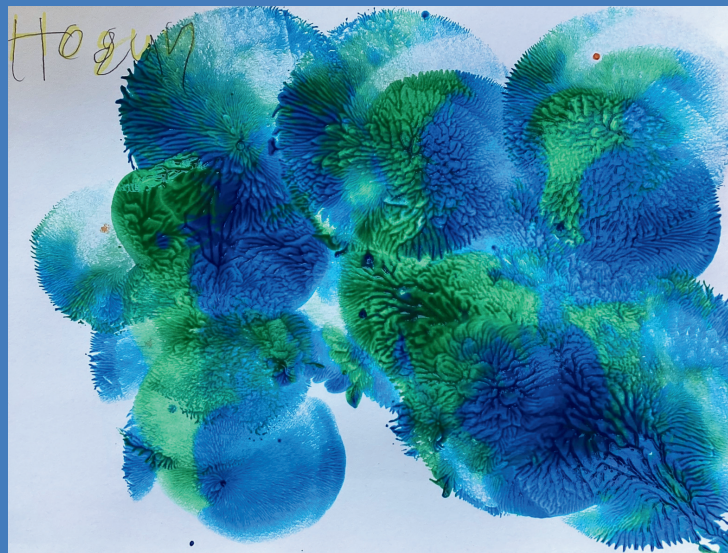
WHAT HAPPENED IN SOCIAL GROUP?



"I play"

AUTHOR: Andrew, Room 6

FEATURED ARTWORK



Students made balloon art by choosing colors and using a balloon as a stamp.

ARTIST: Hogun, Room 6

ADVICE COLUMN

QUESTION: What should you do if you want to be friends with someone?

ADVICE from Mona, Room 8: Ask, "What's your favorite food?"

ADVICE from Stephanie, Room 8: "Be nice. Hands and feet to yourself. Be kind."



HJELTE-PHILLIPS SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER

Our experienced therapists strive to use neurodiversity-affirming approaches to improve the lives of all communicators.

Please feel free to reach out to us for client inquiries or general questions.

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