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GOLESTAN
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL
2019

Water

April/May 2019

Our bodies,
Our planet,
and Aquatic animals!



Animals

Land, Farm,
and Domestic

Galestan's

MONTHLY THEME

APRIL: WATER

OUR BODIES, OUR PLANET, & AQUATIC ANIMALS.

In April, Preschool and After School students learned about water; its role on our planet, our bodies, weather systems, and aquatic animals.

In Fridays' Social Cultural studies in April, we learned about Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia.



MAY: LAND ANIMALS

FARM & DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

In May, Preschool and After School students learn about land, farm, and domestic animals: what they are, where they live, what they eat, the agricultural revolution, and how we have all evolved and adapted to coexist.

In Fridays' Social Cultural Studies, we learn about India, China, Japan, and Thailand.



IDEAS AND RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY:

01

VISIT SWEET FARM IN HALF MOON BAY!

Meet Gizmo the stallion, Paco the llama, Hilo the sheep among more than 100 animals in Sweet Farm. They care for over 65 curious chickens and roosters, 6 silly goats, 3 shy sheep, 5 hungry piggies, 2 friendly cows, a pond filled with colorful birds, and more. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

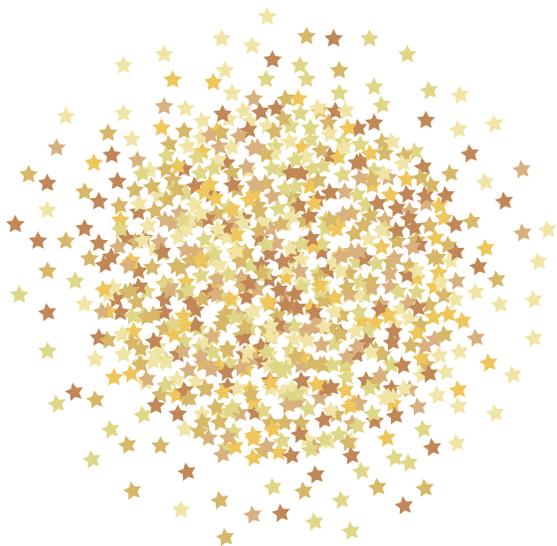


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WATER'S MANY FORMS!

Explore how water changes form from a solid to liquid to a gas state. Boil water and harvest the steam by holding a mirror above the kettle as the water boils. Collect water drops as they form by placing a bowl under the mirror. Explore adjusting the mirror to control where the water drops, but be careful not to burn your hand in the hot steam! Then make ice cubes with the water collected from the steam.

Or try making magic by making instant ice! Click [here](#) for instructions on how to set up this fun and mind boggling activity at home with your kids!



Golestan's Core Values:
{And IB's Learner Profiles}

We are kind.

{Justice, Warmth, Compassion,
Empathy, Generosity}

We are mindful.

{Identity, Diversity,
Stewardship, Engagement,
Humility, Reflection}

We are courageous.

{Action, Leadership, Service,
Curiosity, Altruism, Inquiry,
Cooperation, Collaboration,
Persistence}

Golestan's

LOVING STARS CLASS

Inaugural Kindergarten class

Golestan is an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate school and follows the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) Standards for Kindergarten. The PYP is a trans-disciplinary program with six defined subject areas:

1. Mathematics,
2. Language(s),
3. Social studies,
4. Science,
5. Physical education, &
6. Arts

Students become aware of the links across the curriculum and understand the interconnected nature of the various subjects, both with one another and within the trans-disciplinary themes.

In April and May, Kindergarten students will learn about the IB Unit of Inquiry of "**Sharing The Planet.**" How people can make choices and communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of humans on the local environment and support the sustainability of Earth's resources.

They'll discuss how Golestan practices sustainability, green cleaning and handling food waste and learn about **the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot.**

Also, they'll practice **Opinion Writing**: Is it worth it to put in the extra effort to reduce our impact on the environment? Why or why not?

They kicked off this unit by studying systems and materials at Golestan, collecting data, recording their observations, and making recommendations to the staff for how to suggested changes.

Golestan's COLAB

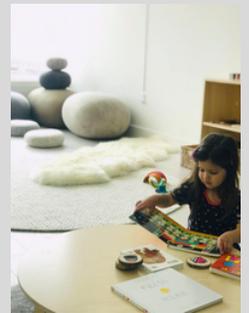
WHAT IS THE COLAB? [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#)

GOLESTAN COLAB HOSTED ITS FIRST WORKSHOP OF 2019!

On March 8th, a group of educators from Boostan Kids and Tynecare* came to Golestan for a training workshop. Participants spent the first section of the day observing the preschool and afterschool classes. In the second section of the workshop, we reflected on their observations and discussed some of the core values and approaches at Golestan. The session ended with time for informal q&a. We are so grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with these dedicated educators!



**Tynecare is a Montessori and Reggio inspired toddler program (ages 1.5 - 3.5) in the SOMA neighborhood in SF that we've supported through Golestan colab. They just opened and are now enrolling. visit www.tynecare.co to learn more and enter discount code GOLESTAN to get 10% off first month's tuition for you and your friends!*



COLAB HAD VISITORS FROM AFRICA, ASIA, MIDDLE EAST!

INDIA

Deep, an Ashoka Fellow from India, visited Golestan while meeting our in-house partner & collaborator Sharon Danks of Green School Yards America. He is the founder of Farm2Food



Foundation and is working to reshape the negative attitudes of young people toward agriculture by developing a learning model for students to have a hands-on academically integrated experience in farming.

KENYA

Mary, our Colab member for the past three years, visited Golestan from Kenya. While here, she spent two days observing and training at Golestan. the Colab also coordinated site visits to Edible Schoolyard and Makers ED. Mary is currently running a pilot program for prek through 2nd grade in Nairobi, that support local kids and several children from a nearby slum.

IRAN

An educator and school manager of several schools in Tehran toured Golestan to learn about our program and pedagogical approach to learning.

ISRAEL

Dani Elazaar, the CEO of Hand in Hand schools in Israel, visited Golestan while in the Bay Area. Hand in Hand is building integration and equality in Israel through a growing network of Jewish-Arab public schools and shared communities. In six locations across the country, thousands of Arab and Jewish students, teachers, and families come together every day in multicultural, bilingual classrooms, and integrated communities. As one of the inspirations for our elementary school language model, we are looking forward to a meaningful collaboration with Hand in Hand!



Mary's visit to Edible Schoolyard

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"WHAT ELSE IS NEW?"

THANK YOU MAZI!

On March 29th, we gathered to honor and thank Maz Jobrani for his many years of support and evangelism. It was a beautiful evening where we surprised him by dedicating our stage to him and raised \$50,000 toward our capital campaign!



Photo credit: Behnaz Khaleghi

AN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY THAT SUPPORTS OUR ENDOWMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

Do good *and* make a profit?!

Do you know someone that wants to make a 6% return on a large (>\$1 million) investment?

Want to help us build an endowment to make Golestan accessible to children of all walks of life?

Click [HERE](#) if you're interested in helping us secure a loan to offset the cost of our expansion, while also helping us keep our 5th street building for future endowment for scholarships.

Please feel free to email Yalda for more information at yalda@golestankids.com.

WAYS TO SUPPORT GOLESTAN



FUND A CHILD

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. EVERY DOLLAR HELPS.

We are working hard to make sure that children of all backgrounds have access to a Golestan education. We provide scholarships for refugee families and financial aide to other families that need support paying their child's tuition.

Click [HERE](#) to fund a future changemaker's education at Golestan.



SUPPORT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WE HAVE THE VISION. WE HAVE THE PLAN. NOW WE NEED YOU.

Our world is increasingly dynamic. Our children's educations should be too. Help us raise the funds to build the next-level school campus unlike anything you've ever seen before.

Click [HERE](#) to support the new model school.



HELP US FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT

FILL THE GAP WITH OUR ANNUAL FUND.

We need our community's support more than ever to help us provide our students with the absolute best educational experience. This year's deficit is over \$200,000.

Click [HERE](#) to support our Annual Fund.



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6-15% of every purchase is donated to Golestan (versus 0.5% from Amazon Smile program).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sun

GOLESTAN MONTHLY DOREH

May

05

Dorehs are an opportunity for the greater Golestan Community to gather. Please join us on Sunday May 5th; 10 am-12pm at Golestan School: 320 San Carlos Ave El Cerrito. For more details, please email gca@golestankids.com.

Fri
May

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*SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY*

On Friday May 17th, Golestan will be closed to all students for staff development.

There won't be any after school classes.

Mon
May

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*SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES*

On Monday May 20th, Golestan will be closed to all students for parent-teacher conferences.

There won't be any after school classes.

Mon
May

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MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Golestan will be closed on Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial day .



GOLESTAN KIDS WISH LIST

Access our wishlist on
Amazon [HERE](#).



WANT TO SEE WHAT OUR STUDENTS WERE UP TO IN MARCH?

See the
pictures [HERE](#).

