

School Year Has a Busy Beginning

By Sonja Darwish

Students have really been enjoying school this year. Teachers have also been keeping students very busy, according to students interviewed by the Buzz.

The pre-firsters said they liked making skeletons with Q-tips very much.

First grader Oliver Darwish said he liked learning about how a pumpkin grows. He said, "The seed starts to sprout and there is a flower. Then a yellow pumpkin begins to form. The sun changes the rind, or outside skin of the pumpkin, orange. When the vine dries up, the pumpkin is ready to pick."

The 1st graders also have been learning about the different animals in Africa, such as giraffes. They made bat books and elephant books with facts inside.

The 2nd graders are begin-



ning to practice their cursive. The 3rd graders liked learning about the Amazon region by following the Amazon Quest and observing things from the Amazon Trail computer game in computer class.

Mackenzie Long, a student in the 4th grade, said that her class and the other 4th grade had fun learning about the California Indians in history. All of the 4th graders made a speech about an American Indian tribe and they also made American Indian pottery. Also, the 4th graders just started finding research for their missions,

which they will present in January once they finish making them.

The 5th grade enjoyed learning how to divide and multiply decimals in math. They also liked learning about Columbus and things he traded in history. Currently, they are learning how to use Internet Explorer to find facts about Iraq to make a country report in computer class.

The 6th graders really liked reading The Landlady in their literature books. They described it as "scary, weird, and freaky."

The 7th graders said they really liked learning how to say the different foods, silverware, and typical French meals in French. They look forward to putting together the "French Market," which will happen later in the spring.

Council Also Working on Mascot, Spirit Days

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ble. The traditional Wild and Crazy Dress day will be held the day before winter break in December. For Operation Cratchet, each person who brings a canned good will get to have a free dress day. They are also trying to find other ways to have free dress days.

The student council has other projects in the planning stages as well. It is thinking about having a contest to create a new school mascot and a short school song called a jingle. The student council plans to consider many different school mascots. The council will then narrow the choices to five mascots and all students will be allowed to vote for a final winner.

The student council is



Kevin Crawford and Lauren Mackey get ready for their weekly student council meeting.

also working with the yearbook committee on Spirit Days. During Spirit Days, everyone will dress up to reflect his or her heritage.

The yearbook committee will be taking pictures of everyone. Then the pictures will be put in the yearbook.