

HOOPS & HOMEWORK

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



January 2022

Hoops and Homework is a safe and nurturing neighborhood-based after-school program which expands opportunities for youth in Framingham.

October

The students participated in many fun and enriching activities this month. The students explored biochemistry and electricity to power an LED using potatoes. Utilizing a penny, a galvanized nail, connectors, a LED clock, and a potato, they were able to learn the reactions (chemical and electrical) that took place to power the LED, creating **Potato Power**.

With jars, glue, liquids and arts and craft materials this Fall themed craft activity gave the students an opportunity to use critical thinking in creating and exploring science through viscosity change, **Spooky Snowglobes**

Students participated in the traditional activity of pumpkin carving. They had fun, were creative and took part in friendly competition as this turned into a team competition.



Dawensky is one of our students at Hoops and Homework. He is a smart easy going and kindhearted boy. He loves H&H and takes advantage of the assistance we provide here. His favorite subject is Physical Education, and he aspires to play in the NBA. During his free time, you can find him playing basketball on his own or with his friends. He loves to look good and loves to get hi haircut. He is very family orientated and is passionate about cooking for hi family. Becoming a chef is what he'd like to do if the NBA doesn't pan out.



The program also celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. Students learned and participated in activities during this time.



November

The activities continued as the month centered around Thankfulness. The students wrote down what they were thankful for. Also created Rubber band rollers, yarn animals, crafted snowflakes, icicle beads and contact paper painting.

The highlight of the month was the Hoops and Homework Thanksgiving dinner held on Wednesday, November 24. A special thank you to Jim Rusche for dropping off ice cream for our dessert!



December

December was highlighted with a field trip to see the Nutcracker at Lynn Memorial Auditorium funded by the Sudbury Foundation Emotional Wellness Grant. This was the students first time attending a performance outside of their schools, especially in a theatre setting. The students were in awe, and many began inquiring on what it takes to be a ballet dancer and actor.



We concluded the month with our holiday party. Graham Cracker houses (a variation of gingerbread houses), painting and different activities were held during the party. A special thank you to Wellesley Village Church for providing gifts for the students. December was highlighted with a field trip to see the Nutcracker at Lynn Memorial Auditorium funded by the Sudbury Foundation Emotional Wellness Grant. This was the students first time attending a performance outside of their schools, especially in a theatre setting. The students were in awe, and many began inquiring on what it takes to be a ballet dancer and actor.

Students of the Month

October: Camila Garcia, Lise Barthelemy

November: Martin Garcia, Yasmine Rodriguez

December: Ana Yanelis Feliz Morillo, James St Valliere

