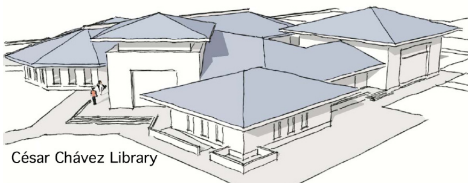




The César Chávez Library Homework Center Summer Program



César Chávez Library



**BUILDING
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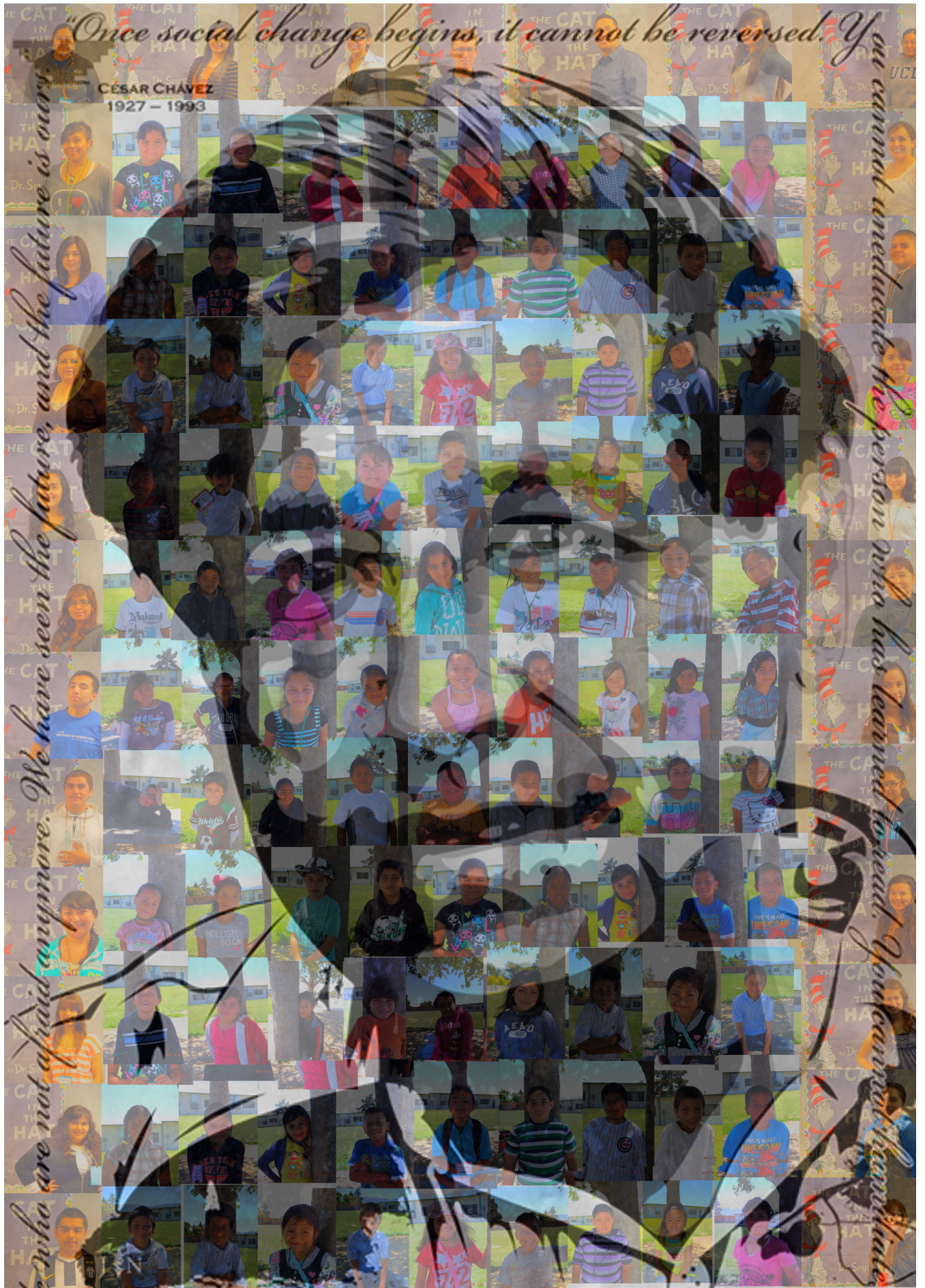


This book belongs to:

*“Giving of one’s word is like the
giving of one’s heart”*

*“Dando tu palabra es como dando
tu corazón”*

Jerry Tello



Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. If you cannot medicate the person who has learned to read, you cannot sterilize them.

CESAR CHAVEZ
1927 - 1993

who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future, and the future is ours.

You cannot medicate the person who has learned to read. You cannot sterilize them.



THE CAT IN THE HAT

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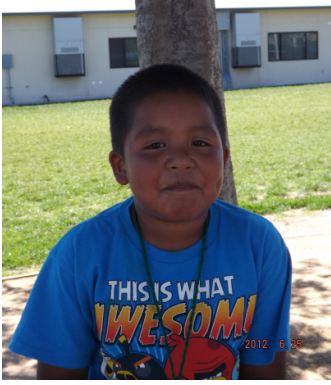
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Jacqueline De La Cruz



Jei-Na Gutierrez



Javier De La Cruz



Jesus Gomez



Jonathan Prado



Jesus Jimenez



Josefina Villicaña



Giovanni Cazares



Karina Martinez



Karla Mendoza



Kevin Cruz-Castillo



Kevin Cruz



Luis Perez



Maria Castro



Marlene Ortega



Melanie Sandoval



Melissa Guido



Michello Vargas



Monserrat Montes



Monserrat Rico



Natalia Lopez



Odaliz Cruz Castillo



Oscar Ruiz



Ociel Marquez



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Roberto Mendoza



Rodrigo Lara



Sebartian Mendoza



Sherlyn Ortega



Tania Garcia



Ximena Ruiz



Yulissa Flores



A message to you from your teachers:



Valeria De La Torre

Dear Students,

Thank you for being so cooperative and such good role models when we go to different field trips, this shows our community how we educate you and show you how to behave. To be honest when the first day of the summer program arrived, I was a little scared because I thought there were too many students and I thought I wasn't going to be able to know how to teach all of the 70 students, but with the help of all our staff and volunteers you were able to have a terrific summer program. I'm very thankful to all of the students but even more to Andrew, Cuauhtémoc, Camila, Jei-Na, Karina, Yulissa and Evelyn. Thank you for knowing what to do without asking for help.



Dear Students:

This summer was so much fun and I enjoyed spending it with all of you. I would like to thank you for letting me be a part of your learning experience. Each of you has made a difference for me and I hope I did the same for you. I would also like to thank each and every one of you for the memories you have given me, that I will forever cherish and for allowing me to be a part of your lives, just as all of you have been a part of mine. I enjoyed every moment of it. Be inspired and be an inspiration to others just as you inspire me to keep teaching. Continue to dream big and work hard to reach it. I wish you all the best of luck and success in your future.



Jorge Gallegos



Dear Everyone,



Marissa Flores Acosta

I want to tell each of you how much you have amazed me this summer and how lucky I was to have the opportunity to work with such marvelous people. As you leave this summer program, I hope you know what a truly unique, talented, and amazing person each of you each are. I hope you leave knowing how successful you are and how important you are to us, to your classmates, to your family, and to many others in our community. I know you will do many fabulous things with your life, and I cannot wait to see what amazing gifts you give the world. You have already proven what precious gifts you can bring to a program. Believe in yourself and your ability to accomplish anything. I love you all. Stay Awesome!



Hello Kids! Thank you for letting me spend this great summer with all of you. I had the opportunity to meet more friends and learn new things. Remember to always do good in school and try your hardest in everything. Also, I hope to see all of you once the new Cesar Chavez Library opens. Never Give Up!!!



Natalie Flores Acosta

Fue un placer para mi el poder trabajar para todos ustedes este verano. Al igual que ustedes tuve la oportunidad de aprender cosas nuevas así como también conocer nuevos amigos. Nunca olviden poner todo su esfuerzo en todo lo que hagan. Espero verlos pronto. Cuidense.



Graciela Flores Acosta

It was a pleasure working for all of you this summer. Like you, I had the opportunity to learn new things as well as meet new friends. Never forget to put all of your effort into everything you do. Hope to see you soon. Take care.

Dear Students,



Karina Ramirez



As you grow up, you learn new things and have new adventures. All of you are going to grow up and see how your life might change because of new experiences you might face. Make sure always to think twice before making a real decision, so you know it's the right choice and won't regret it later on. Make sure you don't listen to the bad things you hear in the streets. Never think that school is boring and make sure always to try your best in everything you do in order to become successful. Going to school and trying new activities and sports will allow you to become more social and learn that you might have a talent that you never knew you had. Life is full of surprises, so make sure you take life seriously and not as a game. In my personal experience I learned that you need to try hard in everything you do and never give up on a dream. Always be yourself and don't try to change for anyone because you wouldn't like meeting someone who isn't what you think they were. Always be proud of who you are and be happy with your own decisions in your life. Trust your instincts and you will be happy knowing you are right. Being part of after school programs and sports will allow you to become more active in having hobbies and in making new friends. I hope everyone succeeds in life and always do what you truly love.

To All the Children in the Summer Program

First of all, I want to thank all of you for being super nice to me and the rest of the staff members and volunteers. Even though it was a little hard to get in a straight line every day, or in a nice circle for the ice breakers every afternoon, we ended up doing it as the fun team that we are. It was really nice to finally get kids from both of the homework centers and other schools to come together and make it a great summer! I got to meet some new kids and I enjoyed helping all of you and you all helped me in one way or another. You all helped me by making me laugh and smile every single day, by being helpful to one another, and by making my job fun! Second of all, I want to tell each and every single one of you that without seeing your beautiful faces, the great time that we had in the program would not be the same. Everyone was always full of good energy, laughing and smiling, and being themselves every day. Each week was a new week and we wanted to teach you all different and fun things that are not normally taught in school to enjoy our summer. Last but not least, I hope that we all see each other often and we will make next summer better and better each time, even though this summer was great already. So I want to say thank you, for making this summer one of the best ones ever.



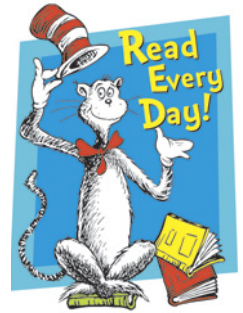
Silvia Vega





Elizabeth Pacheco

This was a fun summer working with students that have different personalities. It was also really fun helping the students with their writing assignments and other fun activities. Students, if you have a dream reach for it and don't give up.



This experience was amazing! I am very grateful to have worked with so many wonderful and kind kids here in the Salinas Public Library Summer Program. Every single one of you have very special qualities that have caused me to never forget you. My advice to all of you is to NEVER stop dreaming! The sky is the Limit! Never settle for anything less than what you are truly worth. Your childhood years are worth gold, so try to make them as memorable as possible. Never forget that life is full of choices, and your future depends on all those choices that you will face every day. This summer was fun, and hopefully ever summer after this will be too! Dreams do come true, so never stop dreaming!



Karla Morales



Aaron McDowell

Through these past weeks at the homework center I hope that you have all enjoyed yourselves and learned new things from the activities that we have done. It has been great getting to know some of you and seeing you smiling, laughing and having fun. Making a summer program fun is not the easiest accomplishment. So when we see those smiles beaming we are made happy with knowing that you are genuinely engaged in the activity. Although I have not volunteered for the program very long, I can honestly say that I have had a pleasant time here with all of you and I hope you had as good of a time as I did.





Jaqueline Cruz

Hi kids!!!

It was really cool working here with you guys. It was a lot of fun. I think you guys are cool. Hope to see you guys next year.

Your Best Volunteer Ever !



Dear Children,

I recommend for you to work hard in school because you are a better person if you are educated and allows you to see the world with a better perspective. Always remember to follow your dreams and hold on to them until you have succeeded. Especially at times you feel things are difficult, push it off and show the world your abilities.



Marlene Rodríguez

Hi kids!!!

It was so fun spending my whole summer vacation with you all. I learned many different things from you guys that I never did in my school years. Like doing the egg rolls or how you guys like to called them "Chinese Tacos". I loved being around all of you because you've really helped me when I needed help, from helping you complete your writing assignments. I appreciate how Andrew tried his best dancing and he didn't care what other kids had to say about him. Thank you all of you kids for making my day every single day. Everybody keep up the good work because all this hard work is going to pay off one day. Never give up please if you ever fall off track, stand up and never let anyone stop you from catching your dream. If anybody needs help, count on me.



Yesenia Bravo





“Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
who is Youer than
You.” - Dr. Seuss



Manuel Morales

I had a good experience with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program. My advice to you students is to be how you are. Every one of you taught me new things that helped me to become a better person. Overall, live your childhood and treasure all your memories because there is only one childhood.

I am so grateful and thankful to meet every single one of you, thanks to all the girls and boys who helped me learn all of your names, it was hard but a fun experience, as well. I'm so glad I met you all. Every single one of you made me learn from you, to have patience but most important to have fun and it made me remember my childhood stages. Never change, always have that smile in you. My advice is to live your childhood to the fullest, because in our child hood we make *travesuras* and we learn from them, we dream and believe in our fairy tails, but when we are grown up, we all we need to make the right and correct choices for our future. Overall, follow your dreams and make them come true, and any obstacle in life you may all have, learn from it and overcome it. I am glad I had this experience with the Salinas Public Library.



María Guadalupe Morales



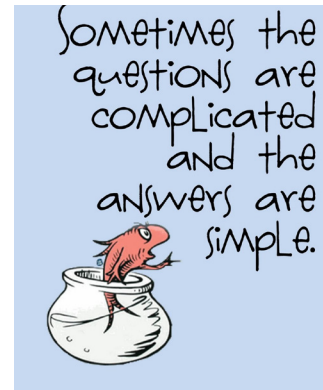
Hey kids! Well first of all, I would like to say that it was a pleasure meeting all of you! You all have a great personalities and have a unique way of showing them. As a volunteer it was my job to keep an eye on you but I knew all of you are very responsible for your own actions. One piece of advice I would like to give you is to never give up and to do your best in and out of school. Once again it was a pleasure meeting all of you and I hope to see you in the future.



Milagros Salcedo



I LOVE TO READ



Dear Students,

It was a great experience working with all of you. The first day I didn't know any of you guys' names, but I learned every single of your names because I did the sign-up. I also learned that you guys really smart and sometimes you guys misbehaved but I understand it's all part of growing up. I wish you all the best and I hope you are very successful in the future. The key to a successful life is doing good in school like following the rules doing your homework, and listening to your teacher during class. NO JOKE! Another key of advice is to follow your dreams just do what it takes to achieve them in a positive mater. There is going to be obstacles throughout the way but you have to think positive and just brush it off if you make a mistake. I wish you the best of luck. I love you guys. Take care. Always reach for the best and never set low standards for yourself.



Brenda Rodriguez



The **MORE** that you **READ**,
The **MORE** things you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you **LEARN**,
The **MORE** **PLACES** you'll **GO**.
-Dr. Seuss

Thanks for making my summer job fun and exciting. I enjoyed getting to know each and one of your different personalities. Always remember we are all unique individuals. It's okay to be different! Never give up on your dreams and goals. All of you all can achieve what you set your mind to do. I look forward to continue seeing you all in the Salinas Public Libraries and their Homework Centers.



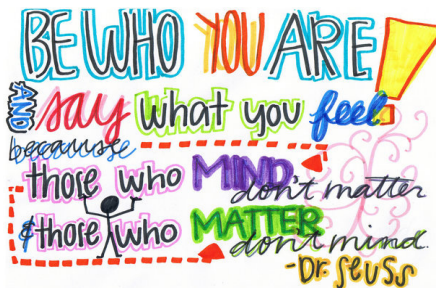
Cristela Aguilar



Nancy Quintero Pérez

Thank you very much for being part of the Salinas Public Library Summer Program. I am very proud of all you who came to the program every single day. Your commitment is what kept me going day by day. Thank you for always listening, smiling, respecting and participating in the activities planned for you. I hope that all the teachings you learned during the summer you continue applying them in your school and at home. My dream is that once we open the César Chávez Library you come in to visit. You will always be welcome and I will always be there for you, if you need help with your homework or if you only want to talk.

Thank you for making the summer of 2012 memorable for the staff and all the new friends you made. If we ever cross paths, don't forget to say hi.





Itzel Ponce

Lovely Children of Salinas!

This is Itzel Ponce, one of your awesome staff members. This summer working with you guys was just amazing, a super fun time, and a great experience. Honestly, I learned many new things and got to meet a lot of cool people. I have never seen so many kids show so much love towards their teachers. All of you kids are unique in your own tremendous way. And you are just so smart and loving. I am proud of all the hard work and effort you put into your work. Remember to be yourself, children. Also, always give it your best shot and NEVER give up! You all grew on me and you will forever stay in my heart.



Hola!



First of all I want to thank the Salinas Public Libraries, Building Healthy Communities, Dream Summer, and all the students for giving me the opportunity to continue developing my leadership skills. This summer has been one of the best so far! I am grateful for this learning experience and hope that you too learned something from me whether it was in the classroom environment or outside.



María Ambríz

You all have a great future ahead of you, anything you want to do in life you can achieve. This will come with hard work and dedication but remember it will all pay off in the end. I hope that you continue with your involvement in our beloved community, because together, we can all create a safe, healthy, and thriving community.

Your Friend





Virgínia Baez

The best gift I could ever have is knowing I have helped all you bright students achieve your goals. Always remember that we, the staff, are here to give the appropriate tools to better your education. It was great working with all of you wonderful kids.



Kids of the Salinas Public Library,
This has been the most amazing summer I have ever had and YOU are the reason why. I enjoyed working with every single one of you and getting to know all of you was amazing because you guys are all funny and unique. You all have great potential to do anything and everything your heart desires so keep up the good work. See you next Summer.



Herminía Cervantes



Maribel Torres

To a group of special kids:

Thank you all for being part of this summer program. You are all special because you are the first group of students who became part of this extraordinary summer program. I truly hope that you remember this program for years to come and achieve anything you put your mind and heart to.

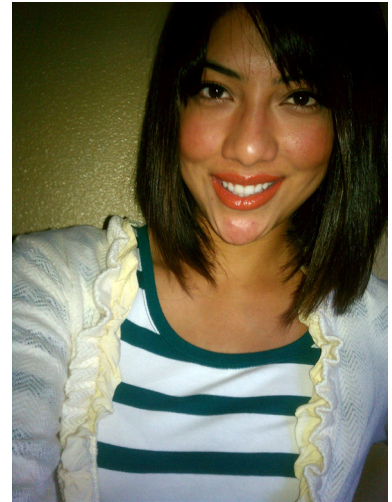


“Be yourself because the people who mind don’t matter. And the people that matter don’t mind.

- Dr. Seuss

Dear children,

I have had a wonderful time with you all this Summer. The time spent with you did not feel like work, because being here with you was a joy every time. This Summer was one of the most memorable Summer of my life, because each and every one of you made it special for me. You are all wonderful people and are going to do great things with your lives. Keep working hard and be the best person you can be. You all are great people and remember to keep working hard everyday so all your dreams can come true.



Juana Martínez



Brianna Torres

Dear Students,

I would like to thank you for participating in the activities during the program. I also would like to thank you for not giving me a hard time. It has been a great experience meeting every one of you. Have a good school year, study hard and never give up.



Despite not being at the Homework Center every day, I am your biggest fan and supporter for all that you are. I believe in doing everything and anything that I can to make programs like these possible for you and our Salinas. While I regret not being able to share in the laughs and smiles with you every day, I felt hopeful and loved on each of my visits. My heart feels full and alive seeing, hearing, and experiencing all your hard work and creative brilliance. I see nothing but a future of greatness and limitless potential in each of you, and welcome you with open arms to the Cesar Chavez Library this winter. The library is your home and you will forever be a part of our family. You are the most important people in the world, and your minds and voices are the most beautiful things about each of you. Siempre adelante.



Carissa Purnell



Bryan Pérez



Benjamín



Aaron Torres



Tommy Torres

Hello students of the home-work center, its been fun working with you all, and i hope u had fun working with me. Im going to miss you all!



Jacob McDowell

Every time
YOU smile,
I smile ❤️



Nahyar Yahali



CIRCLE

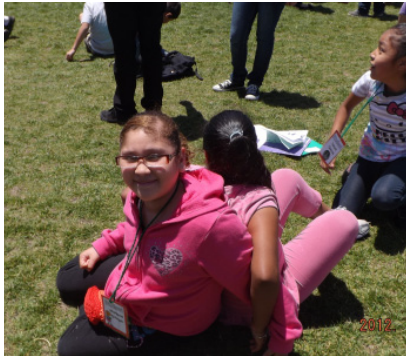


smile :)

TEAMWORK



TIME



True Friends

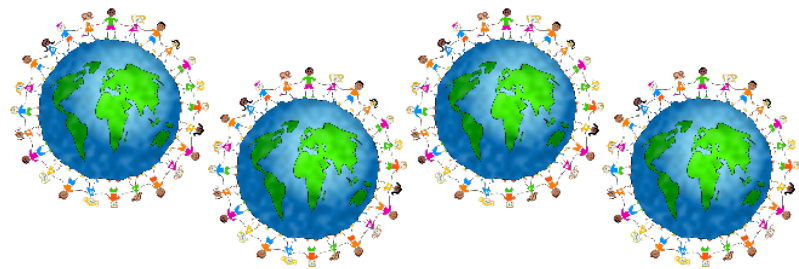


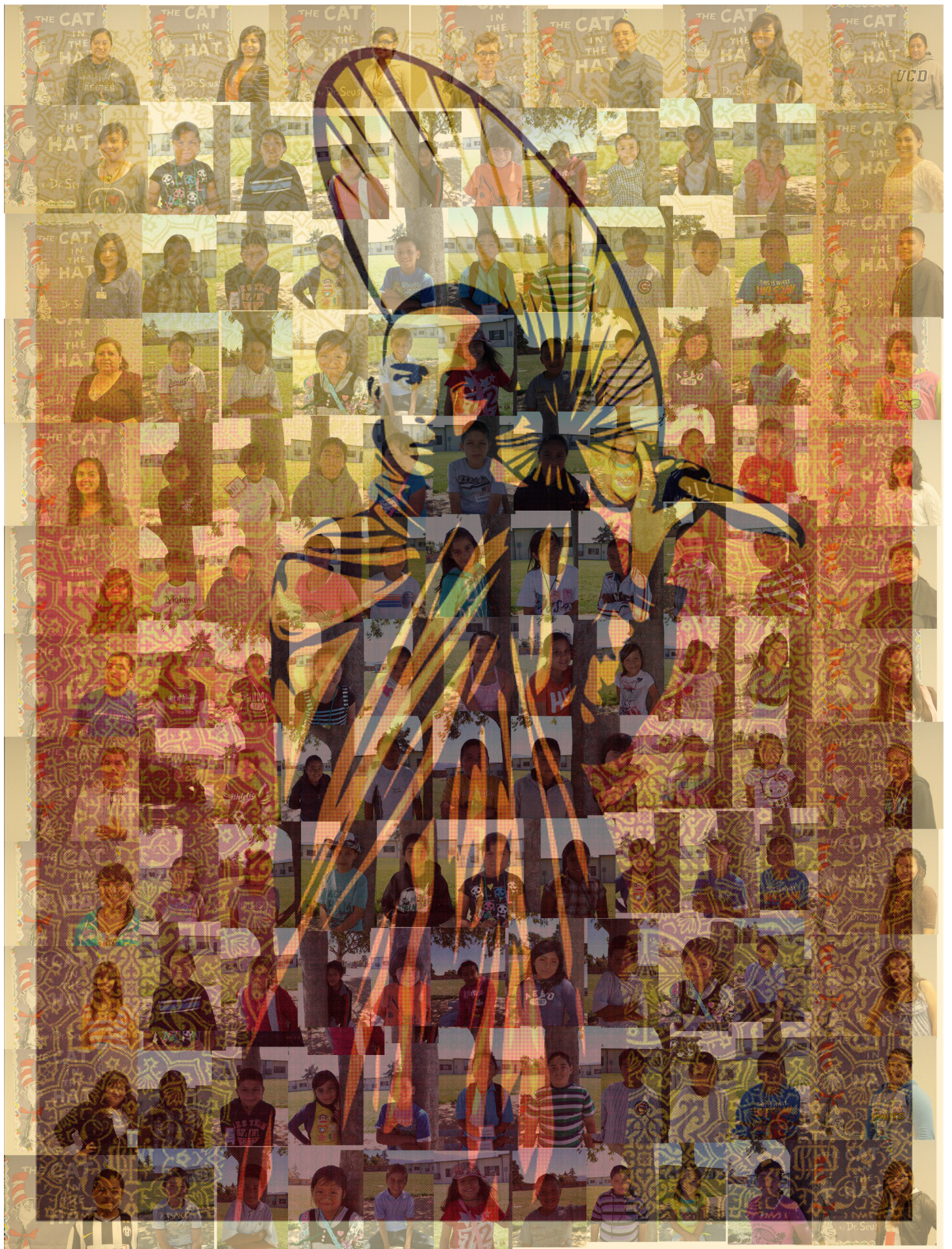
I love those random memories that make me smile no matter what is going on in my life right now.



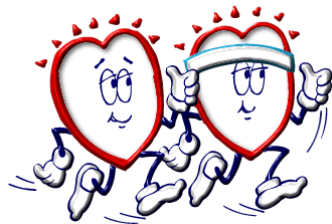
Teamwork: Simply stated, it is less me and more we.

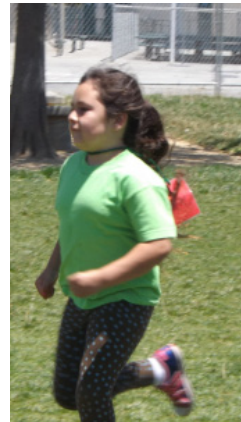
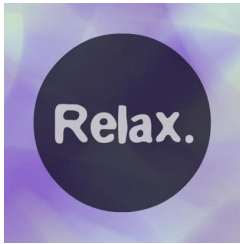
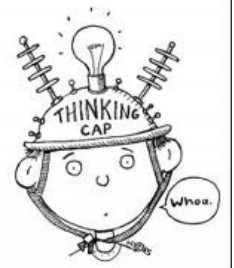
WORLD CULTURE WEEK





HEALTHY LIVING, NUTRITION, AND EXERCIS



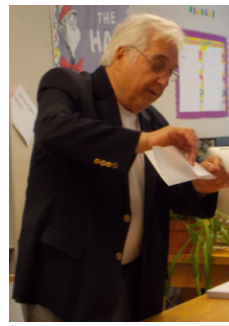


DREAM, DISCOVER & CREATE



dream it
create it

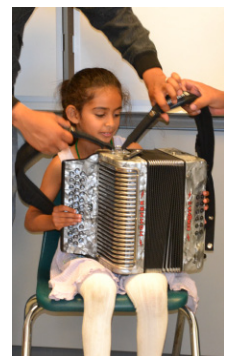


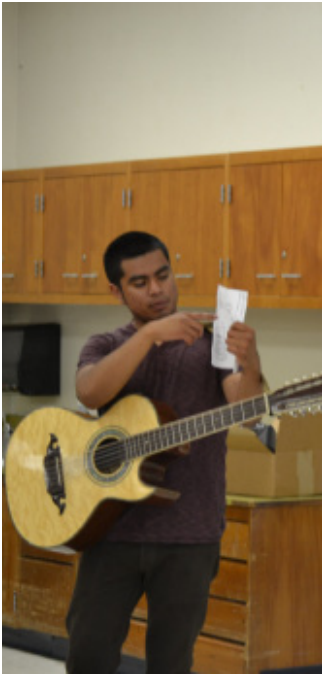


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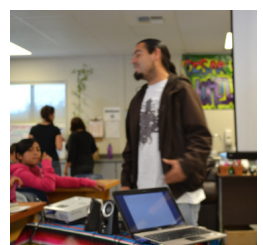
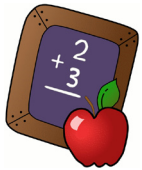
WEEK

"FIND YOUR RHYTHM"





CAREER WEEK





Officer Cabrera
City Of Salinas



Ricardo Garcia
Web Development
Hip Hip MC



Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Independent Artist
Hijos Del Sol Art



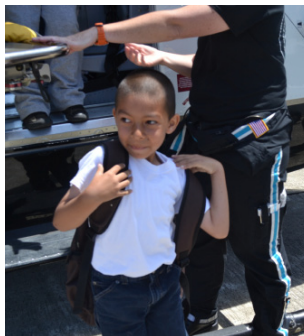
DJ Kazzeo
Radio Bilingüe



THE TECH MUSEUM

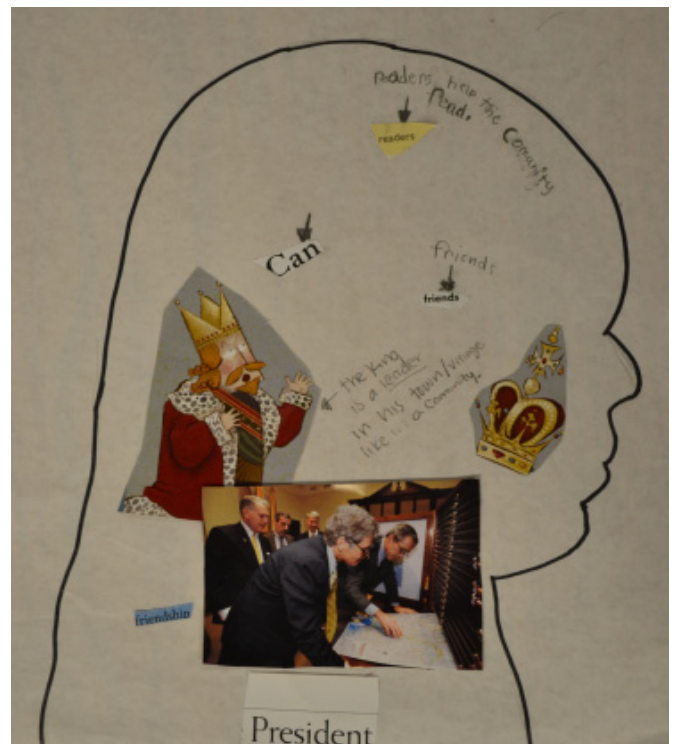
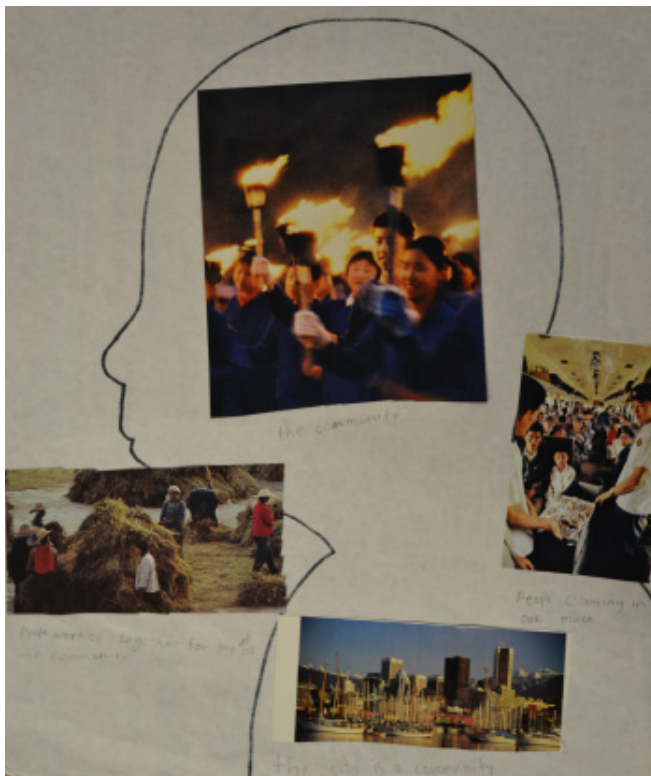
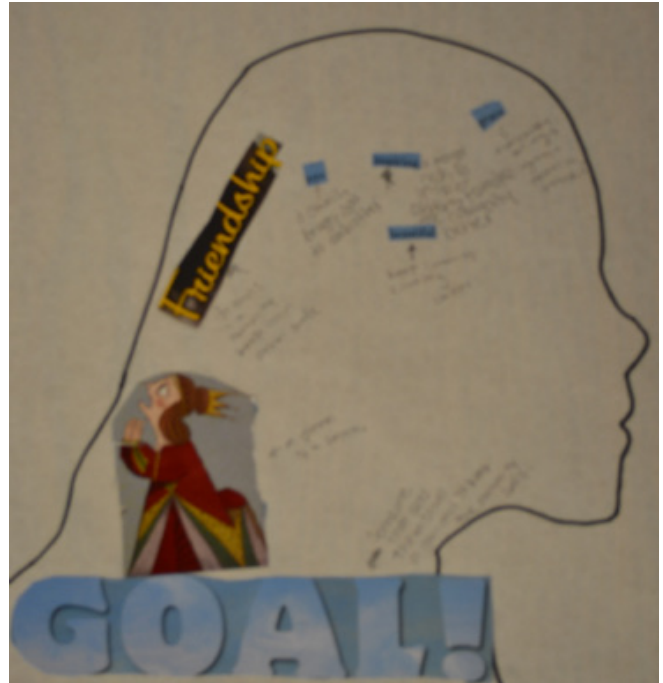
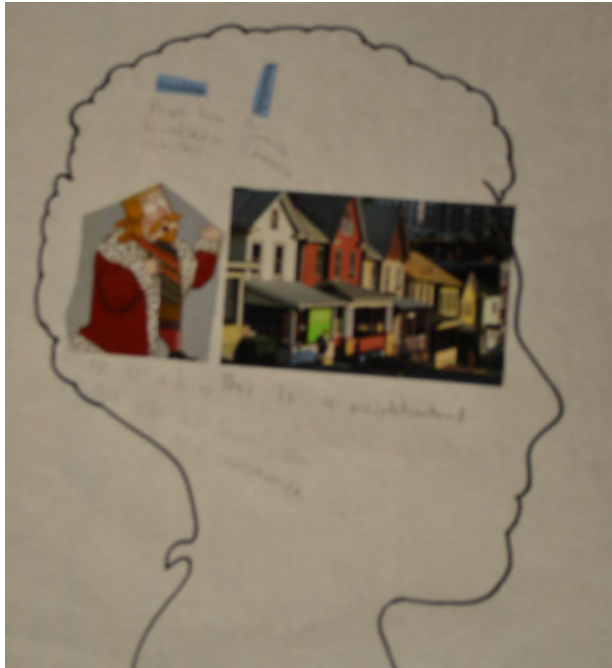


Airport Fieldtrip





Some of our work...





Jesus Gomez

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program has been making vanilla ice cream. I enjoyed this day because I learned how to make it and it was fun. I remember my ice cream was sweet. Everyone liked their ice cream and we had a lot of fun making it. This is why making ice cream was my favorite activity this summer.

Evelyn Pacheco

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program has been making ice cream. I like this activity because we got to put the ingredients in the bag and shake it all together. I remember writing the recipe and the steps on how to make the ice cream. I liked this activity because it was fun to make the ice cream.

Anthony Ramirez

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program has been making piñatas because we painted them and it was fun. I remember I used a brush and liked it because it helped me paint my piñata.

Christopher Mendoza

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program has been making piñatas. I liked this activity because it was fun and the piñatas were easy to make. I remember that we got to paint them however we wanted. For these reasons making the piñatas was my favorite activity.

Tanya Garcia

Every day at the Salinas Library Summer Program has been my favorite because I have had a lot of fun and I have learned a lot. I had never made a piñata before and here I learned how to make one. I remember making the sushi. It was yummy. For these reasons this has been my favorite summer.

Karina Martinez

My favorite days with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program have been making the ice cream and the gorditas. I liked these activities because we worked with partners and we got to eat the food. I learned how to make it and now I can make it at home.

Yulissa Flores

My summer with the Salinas Public Library Program has been amazing. I enjoyed making ice cream and gorditas because they were good and I learned how to make them. My favorite activity was making the piñata because it turned out to be very colorful.

Jei-Na Gutierrez

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program has been learning about Asia's culture. I learned some words in Japanese, drank green tea, ate sushi, and made spring rolls. Making the spring rolls was my favorite activity because it's one of the foods that I eat with my family.

Camila Gallegos

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program has been painting my piñata. I liked this activity because it was fun and I remember the steps to making the piñata. I like this because I made a lot of friends. For all these reasons this was my favorite summer.

Isabel Mendoza

Mi dia favorito con el programa de verano de la libreria pública de salinas fue cuando hicimos nieve de vainilla. Me gusto esta actividad porque me gusto mucho la nieve que hice. Me acuerdo que le pusimos vainilla y leche. Tambien me gusto este dia porque fue muy divertido hacer la nieve en grupo.

Cuauhtémoc Ruiz

My favorite day with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program was when we played soccer with everyone. I like this activity because I like to play soccer. I remember that I was number eight and scored a lot of goals. I like to play soccer with my friends and have a lot of fun.

Betzabeth Badillo

My favorite days with the Salinas Public Library Summer Program are when we exercise. I like to exercise because it is good for you so that when you are big you can be strong and tall. I remember when we did jumping jacks and we played soccer.

When I
Grow
Up

When I grow up
I want to be a



When I grow up,
I want to be a



Jacqueline De La Cruz

Quando yo sea grande yo quiero ser maestra porque me gusta ayudarle a los demas ninos en matematicas y en la lectura. Para ser maestra tengo que ir a la universidad y estudiar mucho.

Camila Gallegos

When I grow up I want to be a fashion designer because I like to dress up with my friends. My favorite part of this career is to make clothes and to sell it. To become a fashion designer I have to go to school and work hard.

Marlene Ortega

When I grow up I want to be a lawyer because I like to read and defend cases. My favorite part of this career is helping the victims. To become a lawyer I have to graduate and go to college.

Melanie Sandoval

When I grow up I want to be a teacher because I want to be the first one in my family to have a real job. My favorite part of this career is that I'm helping kids and I will be making a lot of money for my mom to buy food and pay the rent. To become a teacher I have to stay in school and graduate from college.

Christian Ramirez

When I grow up I want to become a chef and a salesperson because I like to cook and I want to have my own restaurant. I want to learn to cook like my dad and my mom. I have to work hard and go to culinary school and have my own TV show called "Chef Christian." I want to be a millionaire because I like to buy things.

Flor Cortez

When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian because I want to help animals. My favorite part of this career is to take care of animals. To become a veterinarian I have to learn a lot in school and get good grades. I like to help animals like dogs, cats, fishes, and all the other cute animals.



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