

Egrets' Snapshot of the Week

10/10/
2025

Humanities

In humanities, the Egrets completed their first narrative writing project of the year. Each student channeled their Silk Road traveler's unique voice, taking cues from their primary source to craft diary entries in the style of Zhang Qian, Marco Polo, William of Rudrick, or others. Students set their own writing and complexity goals to challenge themselves appropriately.

Reminders & Upcoming Events

- Our BTSN slide deck is attached here, and the theme brochure is [here](#). Please email us to set up any office hours or meetings!
- FYI the Egrets/Herons COL will be Thursday, Dec 11 at 3pm!

Science

- Students finished our Salt Investigation by **making ice-cream** (with varied success but all-around fun)
- Students are writing a Claim-Evidence-Reasoning paragraph about chocolate based on their **reading of a scientific journal article**



Crew

Great Egrets have been working on communication, compromise, and collaboration through initiatives and games- as well as occasional blackjack rounds!

The Snowies have been working together playing card games (including poker!) and care-taking of their individual plants in our classroom.



Oct 3,
2025

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(ask your students about...)



- In humanities, the Egrets completed their Silk Road posters and started to record an audio tour of the many events they researched. Links to each are below--although be advised that the folders are in progress! They are now working with primary and secondary sources as they prepare to write a set of Silk Road diary entries from the voice of a specific traveler.



[Silk Road Posters](#)
[Silk Road Audio Tour](#)



Reminders & Upcoming Attractions

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- 🐦 ILP Conferences are October 20-24. These will be half-days with early dismissal.

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- **In humanities**, students finished their annotation and close reading of Silk Road primary sources, and spent the remainder of the week crafting Silk Road chronology posters on various historical touchpoints.
- **In science**, students gave presentations on their molecular models of sugars and related research. They also started our next investigation into salts through a series of observations of NaCl under a microscope.
- **In crew**, both the Great and Snowy Egrets learned more about the Open Session protocol, an activity that allows students to share empathy and wisdom with others in a confidential space. Great Egrets also worked through the “Path of Life” initiative to help build further communication and trust skills, while Snowies each started tending their own plant in our classroom.



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2025



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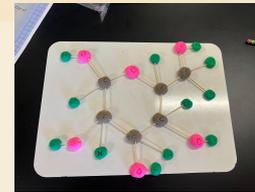
🐦 Mark your calendar for ILP Conferences the week of October 20-24.

Egrets' Snapshot of the Week

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Sept
19,
2025

- In humanities, students finished their Silk Road maps. Students learned not only about the many routes and products passed upon this ancient trade route but also about how to draft and craft a high quality product with care and compromise.
- In science, students built upon their knowledge of atomic structure and learned about covalent and ionic bonds. They built models of sugar molecules and began a mini-research project on a sugar that will culminate in a short presentation.
- In crew, the Great Egrets spent time working on team building initiatives such as “Pass the Ball” and “Path of Life”! These initiatives are building upon the relationships and base we created last month at Camp Augusta. Snowy Egrets are working to create a more functional and comfortable classroom, driven by student suggestions and needs.



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- We spent much of this week's Crew time preparing for the Friday CAFE and community meeting performance. Students gave suggestions for activities for the rest of the school based on their Camp Augusta experience.
- Eighth graders are beginning their HS Counseling weekly course with Mike. Each week, they'll be discussing the independent high school application process, visiting with admissions directors, and getting coaching on essay writing and interviewing.
- In humanities, Egrets participated in an exciting Silk Road trading simulation, and started creating their own maps of the routes of selected Silk Road travelers.
- In science, . . .
- Passion Projects is underway this week . . .



Reminders & Upcoming Attractions

- 🐦 Please bring in emergency kits. We still have several Egrets who are missing theirs.
- 🐦 You can see our Meet the Teachers Slide Deck [HERE](#).
- 🐦 Looking forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 18!



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Egrets' Snapshot of the Week

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Sept 5,
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- Students had multiple discussions facilitated by teachers and went through a collaborative process to come to consensus on our class name. At last, students chose the name “Egrets.”
- In humanities, Egrets began the theme by looking at the Silk Road. The skills of informational close reading, annotation, and how to use a study guide were all applied as students learned about the key role of ancient China.
- In science, Egrets began the investigation into Atomic Ingredients by looking at atomic structure. Students practiced observation and modeling skills by using Legos to simulate matter comprised of elements.
- Students also started their first explorations and Helios Hour classes and reflected on our Camp Augusta experience.



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- 🐦 This week we continued our community building after Camp Augusta. These are designed to build relationships and trust, as well as communication skills between students and staff.
- 🐦 Students also got to participate in “mini-classes” with each of the four $\frac{7}{8}$ gradeband teachers, to help them understand each teacher’s style and personality more effectively.
- 🐦 We’ll continue building upon this foundation of creating agreements, respecting boundaries, and an ethos of respect and kindness next week at Camp Augusta!



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- 🐦 Camp Augusta is coming up TUESDAY! Check the weather as it might be a bit hot in Nevada City



Change of clothes, water bottle, snack, and family photo in a large-size Ziploc bag.



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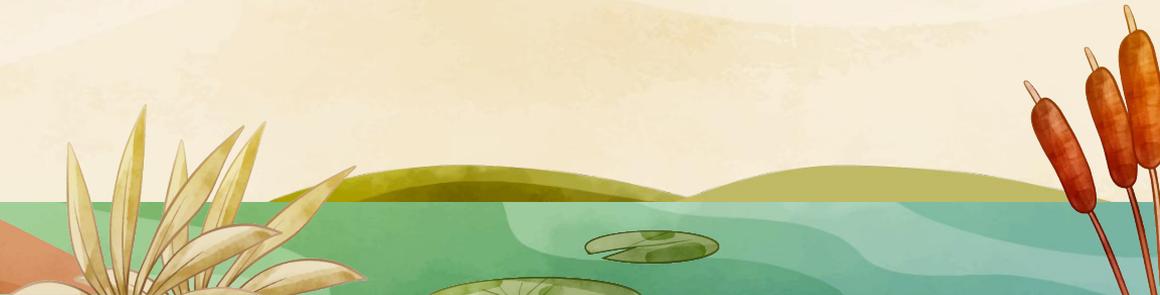
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- Humanities Info
- Science info
- Greats crew
- Snowy crew

Reminders & Upcoming Events

- Thing 1
- Thing 2
- Thing 3



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Crew

