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**Hawks**

**2025  
- 2026**

# Hawks: 2025 - 2026



Hawks (Grade 1)

Aiden  
Bae



Hawks (Grade 1)

Charlotte  
Chen



Hawks (Grade 2)

Tom  
Firstenberg



Hawks (Grade 2)

Aaron  
Gautham



Hawks (Grade 2)

Miraya  
Gejji



Hawks (Grade 2)

Sara  
Khot



Hawks (Grade 1)

Lincoln  
Lee



Hawks Grade 2

Vincent  
Liu



Hawks (Grade 1)

Mateo  
Mei



Hawks (Grade 1)

Gus  
Ng



Hawks (Grade 1)

Rhea  
Palanki



Hawks (Grade 1)

Aditya  
Shah



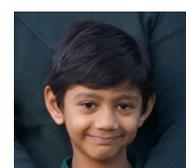
Hawks (Grade 1)

Tang  
Sheng



Hawks (Grade 1)

Arevi  
Vardanyan



Hawks (Grade 2)

Venkat  
Vijay



Hawks (Grade 1)

Olivia  
Wang



Hawks (Grade 2)

Tinston  
Wang



Hawks (Grade 2)

Avery  
Zhang



Hawks (Grade 2)

Harper  
Zhang



Hawks (Grade 1)

Arianna  
Zhou

# Brittany Caine

## Hawks (1/2)

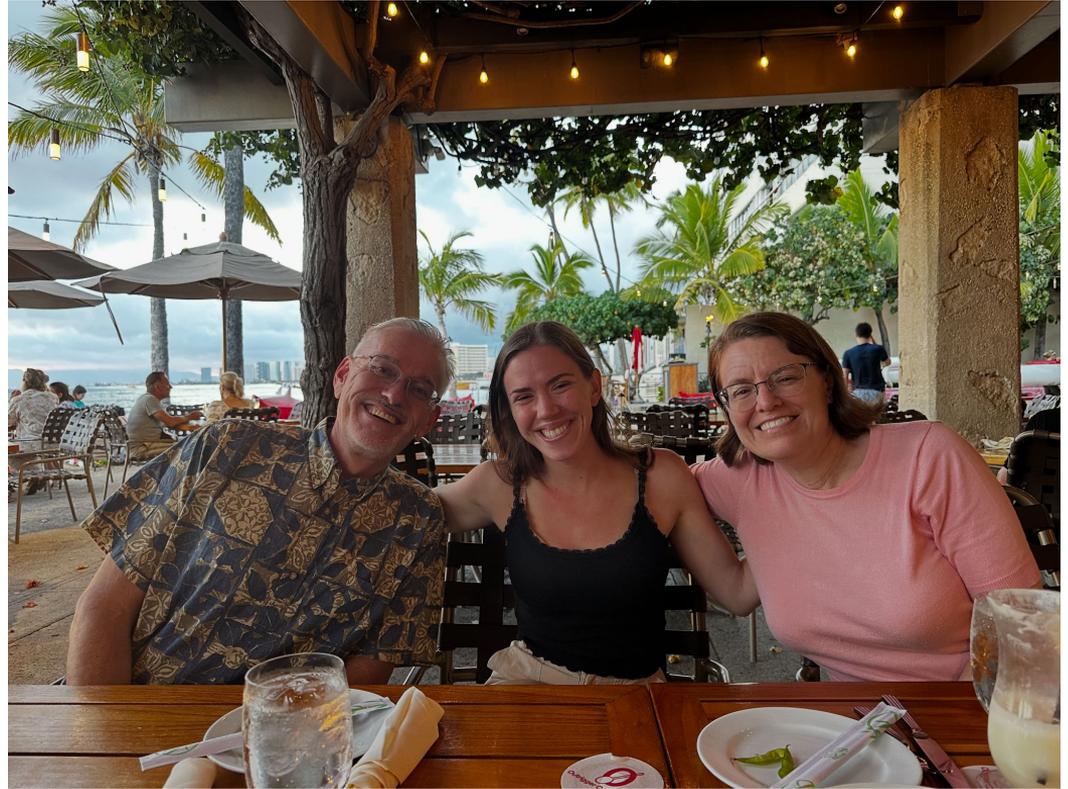
This summer was busy! In June, we went to London to visit my brother, and while there, we got to see 3 shows and celebrate his birthday. I also had a friend from college come visit for a few weeks, and we field tripped up to Santa Rosa to the Schulz Museum. Most of the rest of my summer was spent directing a musical!



# Emma Buckman

## *Hawks (1/2)*

Emma has been spending the summer missing her Hawks and spending quality time with family -- both in Sacramento and her dad's home of Hawai'i. She has also been trying, and so far failing, to pick up more circus arts, so if anyone knows how to ride a unicycle, juggle, or walk on stilts, any pro tips are appreciated.



# Shannon Diaz-Nguyen

## *Falcons (1/2), LS Lead*

This summer I enjoyed doing Surprise Camp and Nature Camp at Helios! I also enjoyed doing a lot of hiking, going to baseball games, and celebrated Colt's first birthday! We are looking forward to a family vacation to Mammoth, and visiting Yosemite later this summer.



# Alden Bae

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

I love math, chess, and golf. This summer we went to Dolomites in Italy, Slovenia, Denver, and Connecticut.

## Alden's Family

Jason (Dad), Eileen (Mom), Claire (sister), Aiden (student)



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# Charlotte Chen

**Grade 1**

**Fun Facts:**

I love reading books, drawing, and riding my bike around the neighborhood. I also enjoy traveling with my family. In my free time, I'm learning ice skating, gymnastics, and piano.

My favorite books are Garfield and Piggie and Gerald. My favorite movies are Bluey, Phineas and Ferb, etc.

This summer I traveled with my family to Japan to visit Tokyo Disney, and to China to visit my big family.



## Charlotte's Family

Hao Chen (Dad), Charlotte Chen,  
Yingchen Liu (Mom)



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# Tom Firstenberg

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

I like to swim, play basketball and board games

My favorite book is Percy Jackson y

I like Star Wars and my favorite movie is The New Hope

## Tom's Family

Yana (mom), Eyal (dad), Itai (Brother - alum), Emma (Heron), Tom (Hawks)



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# Aaron Gautham

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

Aaron likes sports. He went to a squash camp, a swimming camp and Walden west nature camp over summer. Aaron also spent a month in India where he enjoyed eating lots of mangoes, playing cricket and spending time with family.

## Aaron's Family

Praveen(Dad), Aaron(Older brother), Divya(Mother), Jayden(Younger brother)



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# Miraya Gejji

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

I had a great summer in India with family. I am a foodie, love to read fiction (Thea Stilton is my current favorite!) and hope to get better at soccer this year.

## Miraya's Family

Miraya (Sister), Pushkar (Dad), Advaith (Brother), Esha (Mom)



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# Sara Khot

## Sara's Family

### Grade 2

### Fun Facts:

Amita (Mom), Arjun (Brother),  
Sara, Vinayak (Dad)



This summer, I went on a big hike with my parents to the Subdome, which is right below Half Dome. It was really fun, but also super tiring! We also went to Maui for our vacation. I loved snorkeling in the ocean—I saw lots of colorful fish and even turtles!

I also love skiing! Last winter, I got really good at skiing on blue runs. This year, I'm excited to try black runs with my dad!



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# Lincoln Lee

**Grade 1**



## **Fun Facts:**

- My family went on an epic minivan roadtrip this summer.
- I love learning about so many different things.
- I know a couple of cool magic card tricks.
- I enjoy singing golden oldies like Heart of Gold & Cat's in the Cradle.
- My brother, Liam, is my best friend.

## **Lincoln's Family**

Justin (Dad), Diana (Mom),  
Lincoln, Liam (Brother)



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# Vincent Liu

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

I like playing soccer and swimming. My favorite book is Dragon Masters. I went back to China and played soccer this summer.

## Vincent's Family

Naitian(Dad), Vincent,  
Edwin(Little Brother), Xin(Mom)



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# Mateo Mei

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

I am a fan of all things transportation and dinosaurs - in particular, cars (Lightning McQueen, Hot Wheels), trains, and triceratops. I love building (legos & snap circuits especially), and reading books - especially if related to dinos and transportation! My favorite foods are sweet - I am a fruit monster and love ice cream.

**Mateo's  
Family**

Vincent (Baba), Jess (Mama),  
Matilde (Sister), Mateo (Brother)



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# Gus Ng

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

## Gus's Family

Christina (mom), Joe (dad), Gus,  
Victoria (sister)



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# Rhea Palanki

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

I like to read books and I've started reading graphic novels. I also like good food. This summer, I went to France, England and Scotland with my parents and big sister.

**Rhea's  
Family**

Arati (Mom) Ravi (Dad) Sara  
(older kid) Rhea (younger)



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# Aditya Shah

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

This summer, we went to Yellowstone National Park, and I loved watching the geysers erupt. I also learnt to swim! Some of my favorite activities include biking, composing on the piano, and going to the beach.

## Aditya's Family

Pooja (Mom), Mihir (Dad) and Aditya (or Adi)



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# Tang Sheng

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

My favorite Pokemon is Sudowoodo.  
I have a tree house bunk bed.  
I am good at catching lizards.

**Tang's  
Family**

Luwen (Mom), Kai (Dad), Tang  
(Self), Di (Brother), Guo (Brother)



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# Arevi Vardanyan

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

We like to go hiking and camping.

**Arevi's  
Family**

Vaneni (mom), Luseni 3rd grade,  
Arevi - 1st grade, Vardeni (sister),  
Mihran (dad)



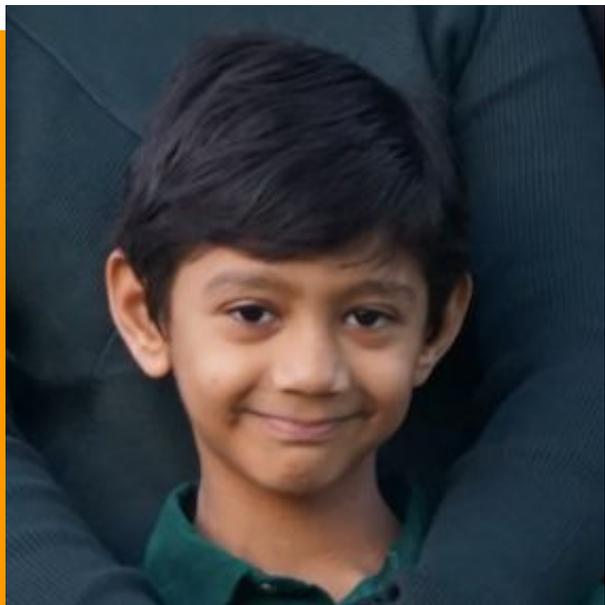
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# Venkat Vijay

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

Venkat enjoys playing board games and Hot Wheels cars. Enjoys reading non-fiction & comic books. His favorite movie is The Super Mario Bros.

## Venkat's Family

Brindhaha(mom), Vijay(dad) & Venkat



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# Olivia Wang

**Grade 1**

**Fun Facts:**

A fun fact about Olivia is that she's a master of many talents, from the mat to the kitchen table. When this young gymnast isn't flipping and tumbling or getting lost in a good book, she's building her next great Lego world and enjoying her favorite meal: spicy BBQ.



**Olivia's  
Family**

Wei(Dad), Elaine(Mom)



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# Tinston Wang

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

My favorite food is Dumplings. I am so into math and science. I am also a camping animal~ And I have pets, specifically, four goldfish and two koi fish, which are super cute. One more thing to say, I like playing baseball, golf and chess. Any chess fans are welcome to join my chess club using the following link:

<https://www.chess.com/club/super-admin-cats-improvers/join>

## Tinston's Family

Candace (mom), Todd (dad),  
Tinston



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# Avery Zhang

**Grade 2**



**Fun Facts:**

Finally know how to swim (kind of).  
Played lots of tennis and soccer

## Avery's Family

Patrick (Dad), Brayden (Brother),  
Avery (Sister), Carol (Mom)



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# Harper Zhang

**Grade 2**

**Fun Facts:**

This summer I went to Seattle for the World Cube Championship! It was super fun! I met lots of people who love cubes just like me. And one day we went on a boat to see wild orcas, they're my favorite!



## Harper's Family

Duanduan(Mom), Harper, David (Dad)



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# Arianna Zhou

**Grade 1**



**Fun Facts:**

Arianna enjoys reading, swimming, and playing the piano.

## Arianna's Family

Yizhuo (Mom), Qinggang(Dad), Gabriella(Sister) and Arianna



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