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## A Trip to Calle Ocho

By Chloe Camp

Every year Senora Rubio takes the 5th Grade class to Little Havana in Miami-Dade County. Little Havana got its name from Havana, Cuba. When we arrived at Little Havana, we saw a big stone wall and a physical map of Cuba right in the center of the beige wall. Then as we turned around, the tour guide Ralph showed us a big tree. People who practiced santeria worshipped at the tree many years ago. Then, we moved on to a fruit stand where we drank fresh sugar cane juice. On the next block, we strolled to a pastry shop where we ate croquetas and a guava-filled pastry. Maximo Gomez park was one of main parts of the trip. Elderly men and women go there to play a nice game of dominos with friends and family. We also got to stop at a theater that has been open since 1926, but only became public in December of 1984. We finished our tour at the famous jazz restaurant called Ball & Chain. We didn't eat there, but we did admire the big pineapple (or pina) stage that is in the back. After that, we waited for the bus and sang Guantanamera with friendly strangers. It was a great trip!



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## STEAM Fair With Mrs. Rosa

By Dominik Karai & Shae Vasconcelos

This Halloween, FIDS had a STEAM Fair. STEAM is different than STEM because it incorporates Art into the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math mix. This year, the STEAM fair was a “pop-up” fair, which means it was a surprise! At the STEAM fair there first was a pumpkin plant that students made out of paper. We talked about the pumpkin life cycle: Seed, sprout, vine, flower, green pumpkin, and finally orange pumpkin. There was also a science experiment where we mixed Coke and Mentos, and then shook the Coke. It created a chemical reaction and foamed up! We also did more chemical reactions like a hydrogen peroxide and yeast solution, as well as a baking soda and vinegar solution. After the chemical reaction station, we did a challenge where we had to build a device out of popsicle sticks, pieces of newspaper, and tape. It was like the Pumpkin Regatta where people race across large bodies of water in giant hollow pumpkins. This was the same, except we used monkeys and bears to float a pumpkin across a small bin! If it sank you had to try again with other items. And no cheating!

