

All about Mrs. Webb's Quilt Project

In the 2nd Quarter Mrs. Webb's 3rd grade class conducted research and published papers on land and sea animals. Their target country was Tanzania and animals from the African Savannah. Part of their project included learning some Swahili words and learning a little about the Masai culture. The Class also learned how grasslands are an important ecological vegetation zone.

The culminating project was to depict the Serengeti (a major zone of migration for Savannah animals) in a quilt. Each student painted an 8x8" fabric square using "sun-print" paints. (The designs the student created on the fabric fades when dried in the sun.) There were 5 "teams" and each team was responsible for a different scene on the quilt (midnight sky, sunset, savannah, beach, lake). The students coordinated their designs and told Mrs. Webb what order to sew the blocks together. She added the silhouette shapes to complete the picture. The "scene" on the quilt is as if you're standing at Lake Victoria looking east across the Serengeti towards Mt. Kilimanjaro at sunrise. The quilt was shown in the Friendship Star Quilt Guild Show 'Crazy for Quilts' at the Montgomery County Fairground in April. The quilt won the 2nd place "Viewer's Choice" award in its category (medium - based on the size of the quilt.)