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Outdoor Science Camp

It was during one of the biggest rainstorms in Orange County history when our Jordan sixth-graders boarded the buses that would take them to a week of Outdoor Science Camp. Their parents were worried, and to be truthful, I was beginning to wonder if they would have to turn around due to the snow that would be falling higher up the mountain.

One certainty was that if they did make it there, the week would prove to be the experience of a lifetime. It was a good thing we had a fantastic app that our parents had downloaded on their

phones so that they could see the pictures which would soon be uploaded!

For most of Jordan's students this would be a week of many firsts: the first time away from home and parents; the first time camping: and for more than a few, the first time without access to a TV or computer game. The greatest first was that almost everyone saw snow for the very first time!

Ms. Nelson, our fifth/sixth-grade teacher, and Ms. Reid, our resource teacher, traveled with the sixth-graders for a week of learning and fun. Little did they know that they would be the first class in Jordan's history to experience snow on the ground and actually see snow falling. Our bus drivers did an excellent job of getting their precious cargo to the destination safe and sound!

While learning about the beauty of nature, animal tracks, and xylem and phylum and such, our students also solidified strong friendships. They learned about the importance of teamwork and building strong character. Their parents also loved seeing the pictures that were being uploaded almost hourly. It helped them with missing their little ones, and also gave them the peace of mind they were looking for. We are so proud of our Jaguars!