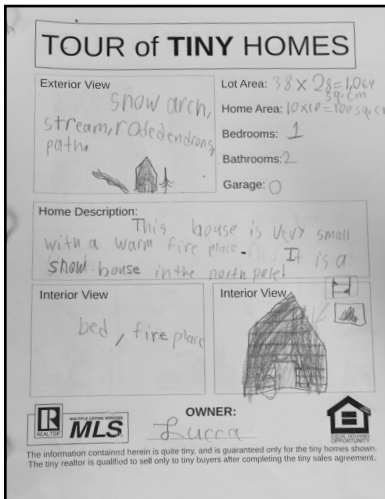
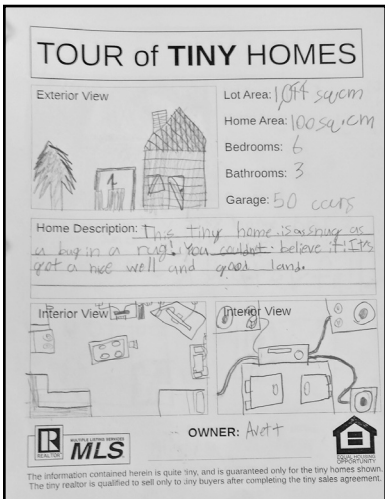
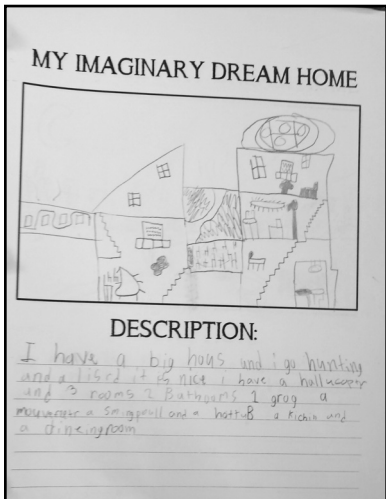
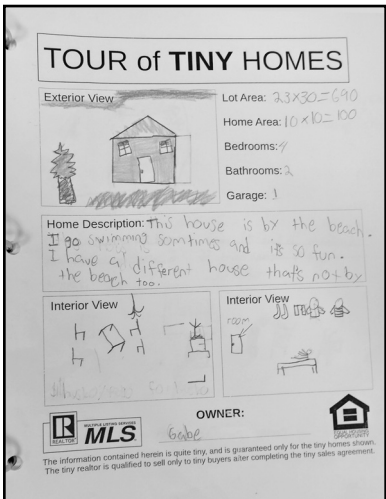
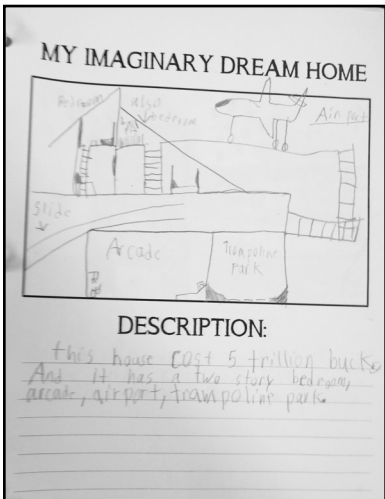




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“It is a snow house in the north pole!” he wrote. Well, most of the projects were realistic. One home listed at 100 square centimeters had nine bedrooms, nine bathrooms and two garages. But “this house is fun, crazy, warm, cozy loving and happy,” Sapphire wrote.

Greene’s “Tiny Home Project” began with her students reading two books from the “Little House” series by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

“The books had a lot of information about how the pioneers built their homes,” Greene said. “That got the kids interested in how to build homes. The dirt floor, how they built the fireplaces.”

So, Greene decided to follow up the discussion with a small art project.

“I had them design and make a little pioneer house,” Greene said. The homes were built from the normal art-class accoutrement — Cotton balls, construction paper and craft sticks.

“Then I started thinking I could add math to this,” said Greene. “Why not figure out the square footage of their little house, and then of their land?”

It worked out perfectly, since calculating area is a

part of the third-grade curriculum.

“I think that has typically been one area of struggle for third graders: area,” Greene said. “It’s difficult for them to get the construct of it.”

But if the students were figuring out the area of their own homes, the concept sunk in a lot quicker.

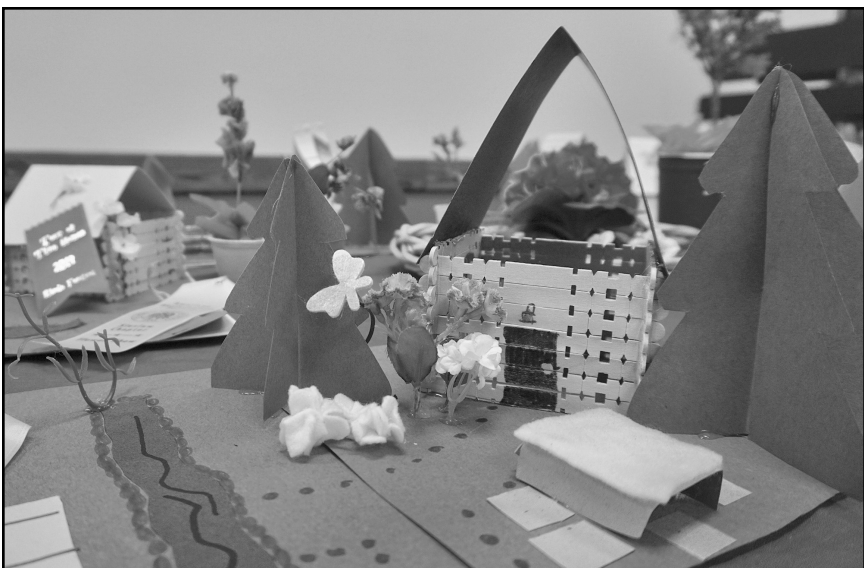
“When something means something to a child, they’re going to absorb it better,” Greene said. “They understand it when it’s meaningful.”

It’s at that point they made the “dream house” proposals, as well as the listings for their actual model homes.

“What about science?” Greene asked. “Part of the third-grade curriculum is to study flowers.” So, they began designing and adding flower beds to their model homes while learning about how flowers worked, how they’re pollinated, what they need to grow.

At that point, the students were getting really attached to their tiny homes.

“They really started buy-



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Worksheets detailing students’ dream homes will be on display, along with their models, at Siuslaw Elementary’s Family Science Night on May 23.

ing into the idea that, “This is my home that I built. I built my home, I’m making a floor plan,” Greene said. So she decided to build on that enthusiasm and expose her students to the actual industry.

“I believe that the early impressions the children have can affect what they choose as an occupation when they grow up,” Greene said. “I recall a little girl who did a math project about square footage of a model home in third grade. Now she is an architect. A boy who had an interest in geography became a surveyor as an adult. Young artists sometimes become

graphic designers or interior designers. The jobs connected with homes are varied and offer a range of possibilities for the students in the future.”

So, she started inviting members of the community in to talk about what kind of jobs are associated with housing, and to answer questions on what was needed to make their tiny homes safe and secure.

She had Mike Bones, owner of Bones Nursery in Florence, come in and describe what was needed to tend their gardens.

Tim Sapp, owner of TR

Hunter Realty, came in to answer questions on what was needed to make the tiny homes a reality.

“They asked about plumbing,” Greene said. “They asked things like how water gets to a house, how does a toilet flush, how do you put in real wood floors, so carpentry. How do you make the walls stable? They came up with these, and I thought, ‘Wow, they’re really thinking about

more than what you would think.’ They’re coming up with ideas about what they can do.”

And Greene was surprised by how much the students already knew about the business.

“One asked, ‘What HVAC systems do you have?’ I think his dad may work in that area,” she said. “Some of the things that surprised me through their knowledge, probably coming from what their parents do. I was surprised by some of what they knew, and the depth of their questions.”

The discussion became

complex. What are building codes? What is the height of a building, and how long does it take to build a house? And of course, money, including how much it costs to rent a home, own a home and build one.

“They were very inquisitive,” Greene said. “I thought it was so good for people coming from the community and talking. It really clicked.”

And she said it’s also just plain fun.

“They’re motivated to see real life applications, and to make models and projects of things they are studying,” Greene said. “I’m really pleased with the results of this. As a teacher, you get really excited about pulling subjects together and making it really meaningful for all the children.”

The Tiny Home Project is still being built, piece by piece. The students are still involved with the gardens portion right now. As for the future, “We’ll see if we come up with anything else. You might be surprised, you never know,” said Greene.

The Tiny Home Project will be on display at the Family Science Night on Thursday, May 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., located at Siuslaw Elementary School, located at 2221 Oak St.

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These are just some examples of the central role that pyrotechnics, explosions and fireworks play in the country’s collective Fourth of July celebrations.

Unfortunately, the chance that Florence will be able to stage its popular fireworks display is in doubt due to the lack of an approved base from which to launch the explosives.

The annual fireworks show

is sponsored and paid for by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. The situation surrounding this year’s display is different than the previous two years, in that the barge that was used to launch the fireworks has been relocated and other staging arrangements have yet to be finalized.

According to Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan, one of the main issues is a requirement that there be a clear, 500-foot

area surrounding the staging platform. This requirement is proving to be difficult to provide.

“I’d say right now it’s about a 50-50 chance that we will be able to figure out the logistics and the legality of this process, and then be able to find a way to make this happen by the Fourth of July, which is our goal,” she said. “Currently there is no barge available to launch fireworks from and the 500-foot clearance is prohibitive to launch from prop-

erty around the port and Old Town area.”

Dave Huntington, manager of the Port of Siuslaw, is also unsure if there will be fireworks this year.

Huntington points to the sale of the privately-owned barge that was used the last two years to stage the display as the main reason for the concern.

“The barge that was used to stage the fireworks last year was sold and because of the fire regulations, we need

500 feet of clearance around the staging area, and we just don’t have that kind of space at this time of year. ... We are completely booked up for that weekend,” Huntington said,

Hannigan is working with other chamber members to try and come up with a plan that can be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and put in place for the holiday.

This has been more of a challenge than Hannigan anticipated, and chamber members have had to think outside of the box to come up with an alternate plan for staging the display.

“The chamber is working in conjunction with the port and Dan Lofy of Lofy Construction to try to ‘assemble’ temporarily docks into a barge that fireworks could be launched from,” Hannigan said. “Because of the cost to insure ‘vessels,’ the barge would have to be detachable and pass the Coast Guard inspection to be viable.”

This process is problematic in that it requires the construction of a platform

large enough to meet state standards for launching fireworks, but which must also be easily disassembled to allow for river traffic.

Huntington has offered to donate some old docks to the effort to come up with an acceptable way to offer a fireworks show this year, but feels the docks may not be sturdy enough for the task at hand.

With just over two months to figure out how to make the 2019 fireworks a reality, Hannigan remains optimistic that the city’s annual fireworks display will occur.

“The chamber has executed the contract with the Fireworks contractor with the anticipation of successfully ‘barging’ through this,” she said. “I hope we can figure out a way to make this happen and provide another memorable Fourth of July celebration for our residents and all of the visitors that we know will come to enjoy the holiday in Florence.”

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