

## Pillars of Plants

Third grade students at JMS created 'Pillars of Plants' during wellness enrichment with milk cartons saved from school lunches. After a group brainstorming session, the class voted to create a statue of the JMS mascot, the jaguar. This idea proved too difficult based on the curvature and dimensions of the jaguar. Therefore, the runner up idea was quickly put into action. Students used Google Drawing at the SmartBoard to create the plan for Pillars of Plants. One by one students added to the plan until they were satisfied with the design. These pillars would be placed at the front doors to become a gateway into the school. Students measured the doors and determined the height to be 9 feet . The initial plan was to build the pillars to reach the top of the doors, but as they began construction, the stability of the pillars decreased as the height increased. With ingenuity and collaboration, the third grade modified their plan one final time and worked through the building process successfully to completion. This shorter, more stable version of Pillars of Plants stands proudly in the hallway leading to the library media center. Pillars of Plants has been submitted to the Kids Gardening Association's Carton2Garden contest for a cash prize of \$1,000 - \$2,500. Winners will be announced on May 22, and if Pillars of Plants wins, the money would be used for the JMS Giving Garden.



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