



**CITY OF EL CENTRO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

PRESS RELEASE



Lourdes Guzman, Alessandra Loza, Yuri Oh and Jaeyoung Oh

The City of El Centro's Parks & Recreation Departments Art Class, led by Lourdes Guzman won three honorable mentions in this year's "Art 4 Play" contest hosted by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA).

The NRPA launched the contest to commemorate July's Park and Recreation Month and to promote its mission of encouraging outdoor play. The contest gave children from kindergarten through 12th grade the opportunity to express their vision of play in original drawings or paintings. Three hundred fifty three entries were received from across the entire country.

Lourdes Guzman the City's Art Class instructor submitted 5 entries for the contest of which three received honorable mention. Alessandra Loza, 2nd grade, age 7; Yuri Oh, 4th grade, age 8; and Jaeyoung Oh, 5th grade, age 10 were the three recognized.

Lourdes says, "Approximately one year ago, I came to the El Centro Community Center as an art instructor in hopes to pass along my love for the arts to the younger generation. Many of my students had in them hidden art skills, which with the proper training were able to bring those out on paper. The recognition given to my students by the NRPA was a combination of hard work, enthusiasm and the love of art."





Jaeyoung Oh
5th grade
Age 10
City of El Centro
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Alessandra Loza
2nd grade
Age 7
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4th grade
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