

**Park Lawn School
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin**



The front of Park Lawn.



The playground in the back of Park Lawn.
Notice the crabapple trees in bloom.



The side of our school; the windows
look into our library.

Two School Comparison Between San Antonio Elementary and Park Lawn Elementary

We chose the San Antonio Elementary School in the city of Saipan located in Northern Mariana Islands, Australia. Our choice was made to go with San Antonio Elementary because we thought it would be a neat comparison between the two climates, and we were quite interested in what sort of spiders and interesting animals they had. Both schools had red and black ants, worms, and ladybugs. They found a praying mantis and a brown colored gecko, which would not be found in our schoolyard due to harsh weather in the winter. Some things that we had that were not included in the other schools report were pill bugs, a moth, and a centipede.

The only plants that both schools found that were the same were clovers and grass. San Antonio Elementary had some interesting plants that we had never heard of, such as the tangantangan (a kind of weed), the flame tree, and the siris tree. One we had heard of was the coconut tree, the others we looked up on the Internet to see what they looked like. Some plants that only we found were crabapple trees that were in full bloom, evergreen shrubs, mold growing on trees, tulips, daffodils, dandelions, and a box elder tree.



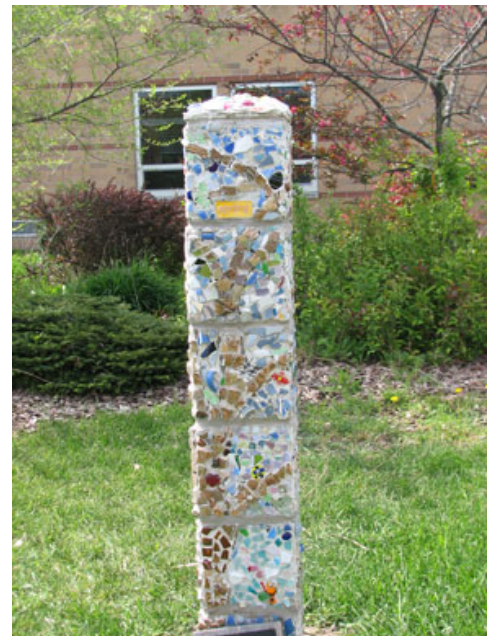
Crabapple trees in our schoolyard.

Some similar miscellaneous items we found were small rocks and dirt. The school in Saipan found some rocks made of coral, as well as some black rocks dappled with holes, a rotting log, holes, sticks, and sand (which was mixed with dirt). However our squares included other things such as mud surrounding certain trees, paper scraps, candy wrappers, a soccer ball patch, a piece of string, a ribbon, a pen cap, and a scrap of blue tape.

Between the schools we found many interesting differences and similarities. Along the way we learned about some fascinating new plants and trees we had never heard of before. Hopefully we will get to learn a little more about the Northern Mariana Islands, and San Antonio Elementary will learn a little bit about Oconomowoc Wisconsin.



The courtyard in the center of our school building.



Our "spring" mosaic pillar in the courtyard. There are pillars for all four seasons.