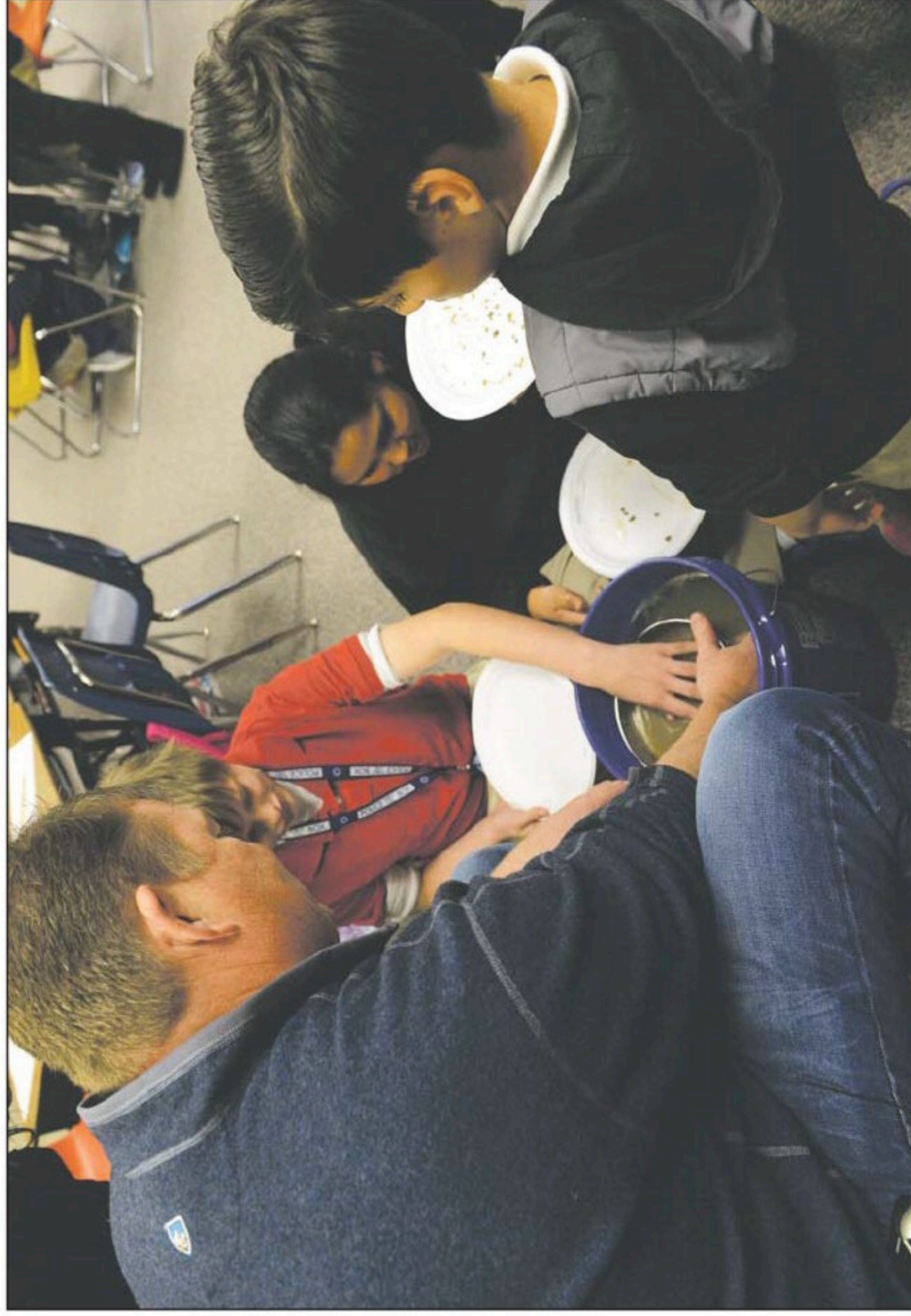


SIFTING FOR SHARKS



Left: Fifth-grade students Tayton Perry, from left, Cristian Paul Diaz and Averiel Valenciana work with ECISD Chief Innovation Officer Jason Osborne, left, to sift through their marine sediment 'matrix' to find fossils and rocks during a Sharkfinder project Friday at Zavala Elementary. The students are the first to document their findings which they will share with researchers at the University of Maryland. The Sharkfinder projects allow students to develop skills in science, math, geography and writing. **Below:** Fifth-grade student Cristian Paul Diaz watches to see when the scale balances as students weigh their matrix to be studied as part of a Sharkfinder project Friday at Zavala Elementary.



Right: Zavala Elementary fifth-grade students find a 19-million-year-old Miocene Epoch Sand Tiger Shark tooth as they sift through marine sediment from near Washington, D.C., on Friday at the school.

