

# A Lion's Life Newspaper

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### Looking to the Last Week of School

By Gabriella L. and Lillian P.

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Now that the last week of school is coming up we decided to interview the best principal in the world about this important week, Mrs. Webb.

Continue reading to find out how our last week of school is going to roll!

We asked her if we were going to have Spirit Days, and she said that we will though she isn't sure about what kind of Spirit Days to make and is open for suggestions.

Another question we had was "Who do you think is going to win the teachers vs. 6th graders kickball game?" I think you know the answer. She said "TEACHERS!" In addition, we asked what we're having for fun lunch. The answer is McDonalds. Now to the important



6th grade girls jump for joy! Photo taken by Stella C. and Olivia M.

questions: Ice Cream! We were wondering if Mrs. Webb is going to have ice cream, and she said that she is going to have as much as possible!

"What kind of ice cream?" was our next question. Her answer? "Butter

Pecan!"

In addition we asked what will happen if we run out of ice cream. "We'll just run to Jewel!" She said.

Then we asked what HER last day of school was like when she was little. She said that she was sad to leave.

Furthermore, we asked if there were any activities planned for that week. Mrs. Webb said "We will do Field Day and Rotation Station, and maybe a movie?" We asked what the plan B is if it rains on Field Day. Mrs. Webb said, "We will watch a movie!"

I hope you enjoyed our interview with Mrs. Webb and got some more information on what the last week of school will be like.

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## LaGrange Pet Parade

#### By Niko S.

The Pet Parade is a very fun carnival and parade. This year the Pet Parade will be on May 30, and celebrates its 69 year! In the 1900s, a well-known superman show came to town, so LaGrange put it in the Pet Parade. The weird part about the Pet Parade is that it does not have many pets in it.

The pet parade has different groups of programs such as AYSO, Indian Guides/ Princesses, or if you have a crazy car or truck. If you are part of the parade, you may throw can-



dy to the crowd for them to catch and eat. You also sit on a very decorative truck that brings you around La-Grange. The LT High School Band will perform songs as you move in your truck. Usually, every Pet Parade is very fun. Whenever I go, I have tons of fun.

At Spring Avenue, the Pet Parade King and Queen are Beau B. and Maggie B. The winners are nominated by a vote in 5th grade. Congratulations to the winners. Have fun at the Pet Parade!

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EFLATE-GATE

Picture Source: http://panicbutton.sportsblog.com/

posts/2275247/will-deflate-gate-be-handled-by-draft-day-.html

#### By Aidan W.

Tom Brady, the New England Patriots quarterback, got suspended for four games for deflating footballs in the AFC championship game, and he got the biggest fine even though in the 243 page report there is/was no explicit evidence that he did it.

Tom Brady got a big punishment, but there was no actual evidence in him deflating the footballs. Tom said he likes the balls about 12.5 PSI (pounds per square inch),

which is legal. In the scandal, Bill Belichick wasn't involved, nor the ownership, but the Patriots still got fined one million dollars!

This might have an impact in the Patriots' first four

## Tennis Star Billie Jean King

By Selma B.

Billie Jean King was born in Long Beach, California into a Methodist family, with a father, who was a firefighter, and a stay-at-home mom. Billie Jean also had a brother who would grow up to be a Major League Baseball player. During free time Billie Jean would play at the public tennis courts in Long Beach. Bob Martin from the *Long Beach Telegram Press* wrote about Billie Jean's success in a tennis competition. After, her career began to take off!



Picture Source: http://ibnsportswrap.com/article.php? articleID=1059

ter, her career began to take off! Billie Jean's career had many ups and downs. One of the most historical events of her life was The Battle of the Sexes. This competition all started when a male tennis player, Bobby Riggs, wanted to challenge her to a game of tennis. He believed that men were better at tennis than women. For many years Billie games. The first team they play in the season are the Pittsburgh Steelers, who have a very tough defense. Second, they face the Buffalo Bills who have done a lot to improve this season. Third, they play the Jacksonville Jaguars, who don't have an extremely tough team, but without Tom Brady, it will be fairly hard. Fourth in the season the Patriots face the Dallas Cowboys, who are a tough matchup and were a very good 12-4 team last year.

In my opinion, Tom Brady's

suspension will have a pretty big impact on the Patriots' first four games, and they might even go only 1-3 for those games. But if Tom Brady wouldn't have deflated the footballs, then he wouldn't have to pay the price.

> said no to the offer, but in 1973 when Bobby was 53 and Billie was 29, she accepted the offer. This tennis match put a lot of pressure on Billie. Billie didn't want to win just to show off; she wanted to win because Billie wanted to show women they can do anything men can. Billie Jean beat Bobby and in the process made tennis a really popular sport.

Over Billie's life she won many awards and championships. She was a great athlete and a great activist.

Billie retired in 1983; she is alive today at the age of 71. But just because she doesn't play tennis it doesn't mean she stops standing up for what's right.

Next time when I play tennis I will think about Billie Jean and her bravery.

# NFL Draft

By Emmett D., Patrick E., and Adam K.

We are going to list the top ten NFL Draft picks:

#1: The Buccaneer's pick of Jameis Winsten
#2: The Titan's pick of Marcus Mariota
#3: The Jaguar's pick of Dante Fowler, JR.
#4: The Raider's pick of Amari Cooper
#5 The Redskin's pick of Brandon Scherff
#6: The Jet's pick of Leonard Williams
#7: The Bear's pick of Kevin White
#8: The Falcon's pick of Vic Beasley
#9: The Giant's pick of Ereck Flowers
#10: The Ram's pick of Todd Gurley

The Bear's had some great draft picks such as Kevin White, Eddie Goldman, Jeremy Langford.

There were some great picks in the 2015 NFL Draft they were almost as good as our article. Well that about sums it up so thanks for reading.

# SPORTS PAGE

By Grace K., Meah L., and Ava P.



#### Jonathan Toews

Jonathan Toews (TAYZ) is #19 on the Chicago Blackhawks. "Captain Serious" plays center and scored 28 goals, 38 assists in the regular

season.

Jonathan was drafted in 2006 first round and third overall. He grew up in Winnipeg, MB, Canada, and can speak fluent French and English.

Some awards Jonathan has won are The Frank J Selke trophy (2013) which is awarded annually to the player who demonstrates the most defensive skill in games. Also in 2010 Toews won the Conn Smythe which is given to the player who is most valuable during the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Most recently, he was awarded The Mark Messier Leadership award which recognizes an individual as an amazing leader within their sport and as a contributing member of society.

Personally, Jonathan Toews definitely wins that award. As well as those awards Toews has also won many Olympic medals. Jonathan does many good things. One example is what he did for #whatsyourgoal by helping a little girl reach her goal: sell Girl Scout cookies to her favorite Blackhawks player - Jonathan Toews. She got to also get a badge to go on her jacket. Jonathan Toews (with help of Andrew Shaw) definitely helped achieve that goal for the little girl. If you want more information on Jonathan Toews visit: www.blackhawks.nhl.com.



#### Patrick Kane

Patrick Kane is #88 on the Chicago Blackhawks. His position is right wing/ center. He recently returned

from a left clavicle injury that caused him to undergo surgery and a 12 week recovery. Luckily he came back early and ready to play.

This year, his regular season record is 27 goals and 37 assists. Kane was born on November 19, 1988 in Buffalo, New York. He was drafted in 2007 to Chicago.

He won the Conn Smythe Trophy (which is awarded to the most valuable player on his team) in 2013, the Calder Memorial Trophy (which is awarded to the most proficient or skilled player in his first year of the NHL) in 2008, and the Stanley Cup in 2010 and 2013.





#### Duncan Keith

Duncan Keith is #2 on the Chicago Blackhawks. Keith was born on July 18, 1983 in Winnipeg MB, Canada. Duncan currently lives in Pentic-

ton BC, Canada.

He has won several awards such as an Olympic gold medal, the Norris Trophy, and he has won the Stanley Cup in 2010, and 2013! He is one of the top players on the Blackhawks because he has 10 goals so far this season and 35 assists! Keith is assistant captain and one of the best defensemen in the NHL.

Duncan has a wife named Kelly-Rae and a son named Colton. During one of his hockey games he lost seven teeth. (Three the on top and four on the bottom.)

One thing that Keith did that was amazing was helping a little girl with disabilities. Her name was Cammy and he helped her shoot a goal and play hockey! If you want more information on Duncan Keith and the Blackhawks there are two websites I would recommend: Duncan Keith's website or NHL.com.

The Blackhawks are currently playing against the Anaheim Ducks in the conference finals. If they win they will advance to the Stanley Cup finals! Hopefully they can win the Stanley Cup again this year!!!!!!

### LaGrange Field Club

#### By Lilly M. and Sophie P.

The La Grange Field Club is a local swimming pool. It includes a gaga pit for gaga ball! Ga Ga ball is very fun!! (Gaga Ball is a form of Dodgeball that's normally played in an Octagon 'Pit' or arena.). It also includes tennis courts, diving boards & water slides. This Club has a very good swimming team, tennis team, and diving team. Also, you can sign up for swimming lessons.

There are many parties such as the 4th Of July Party,



Welcome Back Party, and a Splash Bash (a fun swimming party for kids). You can also ask your parents to sign you up! Sadly, there is a waiting list and it may take a few years to get in. So, sign up quickly. If you are a member the LFC the opening day was Saturday, May 23. If you want more information on the La Grange Field Club go to

www.lagrangefieldclub.com. Picture Source: www.lagrangefieldclub.com/

# The Largest Cruise Ship in the World

By Michael S., Michael M., and Charlie F.

The largest cruise ship in the world is called Allure of the Seas. This massive ship can hold a total amount of 8,565 passengers, including crew members. It weighs a whopping 100,000 tons. It costs 1.2 billion dollars. The fastest speed of this massive ship is 22.6 knots (26 miles per hour). After all it is a cruise ship, and cruise ships don't go fast at all. They are designed for luxury, not speed.

The Allure of the Seas is 213 feet above sea level at the highest point, and has16 decks tall of extreme comfort. It is 1,187 feet long and 208 feet wide. The people who built this are the S.T.Eck ship yard in Turku, Finland. It is built with a zip line and a full kitchen. Along with some dance floors and many theatres, the ship includes an aqua theatre. It also includes a full basketball court, surfing simulator, ice skating rink, spa, rock climbing wall, casino, nursery, fitness centers, Broadway shows, mini golf courses, and specialty restaurants.

370 people rescue vessels are included in case something bad happens to the ship. This is a little information about the largest ship in the world.



Picture Source: http://www.croisierenet.com/ comp\_7/croisiere/croisieres/royal-caribbean/allureof-the-seas/1221/bateau.html

### Tillman the Baller Bulldog

By Garrett R.



Picture Source: www.walltowatch.com/view/976/ Tillman+the+skateboarding+Bulldog

Tillman the bulldog is one of the most athletic bulldogs ever. He can surf and he can skateboard. Technically, the reason Tillman rides his skateboard is because he loves the skateboard. When he won an award in The Dog Awards 2014, it shows how he is able to do tricks and use his mouth to bite the wheels of his skateboard to move it around.

Check out the many videos of him on YouTube (with your parent's permission). When Tillman is surfing, he can ride waves. Tillman shows how bulldogs can actually be kind of athletic. I hope you like Tillman the bulldog.

# Game Review: Duck Life 4

By Sammy K.



So let me tell you the story of how everyone at newspaper club started playing Duck Life 4. It all started when Leo W. (my friend) started playing Duck Life 4 from "abcya.com" for a

joke. I started playing it and couldn't stop. From then on other people saw us playing and jumped on the bandwagon.

Duck life is on "abcya.com" the learning site. Here are three reasons why you should at least try Duck Life 4. It is pretty funny the way the little ducks waddle around on the screen. Plus, it boost your self-esteem and makes you feel like you accomplished something after you go to the next world or level you beat. Before I tell you the most important reason why you must play Duck Life 4, I must tell you that you may get addicted. Okay, so this is the best reason: it is on a learning website, but there is no learning whatsoever.

So that's it, the reasons you should play in my opinion the best game ever: Duck Life 4.

### TV Show Review: Wakfu

By Roland C.



This is an action packed show that is the 18th most popular TV show for kids. It was originally made in France, but there is an English version of the show you can watch.

The comedy / adventures story is about: Yugo , Adamaï,

Dally, Evangelyne, Ruel Stroud, and Princess Amalia fighting against the evil Nox (an evil robot) who stole the Eliacube and has worked 200 years to bring back his family, but to do that he must steal all the wakfu (the energy of life) in the world. But the team won't let that happen easily. Along the way Yugo finds out about his history. Watch on Netflix to learn more.

Wakfu was originally a video game that inspired the TV show.

### Top 10 Books To Read this Summer

By Sophie M. and Jeanne M.



1. Wonder by R.J. Palacio because it doesn't matter what you look like, but how you feel in the inside.



6. <u>Finally</u> by Wendy Mass because it's about a girl who is excited to be 12 but bad things happen to her. Instead of the year being a good year, it's not so great.

7. El Deafo by Cece Bell

because it is an autobiog-

format. Cece gets sick very

young and loses her hear-

ing, but nothing stops her.

raphy in graphic novel



2. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling because it is full of mysteries and adventures. Harry and Dumbledore have to go find a horcrux. (It's part of your soul that has separated.)



Ellie McDoodle 3. Ellie McDoodle Have Pen, Will Travel by Ruth M. Barshaw because Ellie is stuck with her weird family over the summer.



8. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling because it's a great book and there is kind of a race to see who can get the trophy.

9. Yellow Star by Jennifer

Roy because it is a fiction-

alized autobiography- day-

in-the-life type of story of

a World War 2 Jew.



4. Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin because Minli wants to go on an adventure, she wants to meet the Old Man of the Moon.



5. Lulu, My Glamorous Life series by Kyla May because Lulu enters a contest to meet her favorite super star. Lulu has to go against mean Katy to win.



10. The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan because that's when Percy Jackson finds out that he is a Half Blood. He also meets Grover the satyr and he also meets Annabelle.

**Top 10 Things** to do in Illinois This Summer

By Ava M. and Meah L.

- 10. Anderson Japanese Garden
- 9. Starved Rock State Park
- 8. Lincoln Park Zoo
- 7. Willis Tower Skydeck
- 6. Lake Michigan
- 5. Shedd Aquarium
- 4. Navy Pier
- 3. The Color Run ( \*\*June 7th\*\*)
- 2. Millennium Park
- 1. Six Flags Great America & Hurricane Harbor



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By Margaret P.

Mrs. Manganello= Siberian Husky Ms. Parrino=Lab Mrs. Richardson=Yellow Labs Mrs. Daly=Yellow Labs Ms. McGinnis=Vizsla Ms. Melone=Labradoodle Mrs. Dahlin=Golden Retriever Mrs. Haymes=Great Dane

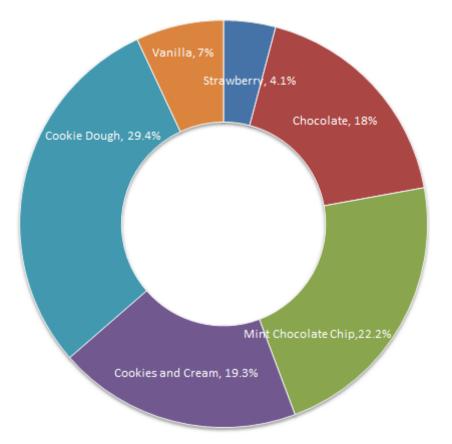
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- Mr. Jinx=Boston Terrier
- Ms. Dickerson=Labs
- Ms. Morrelo=Boxer
- Mr. Ken=German Shepherd
- Ms. Marek=Vizsla
- Ms. Keillor=Russian Wolfhound (Boyzoi)
- Ms. Charlton=German Shorthaired Pointer
- Mrs. Blazek=Bichon Shih Tzu



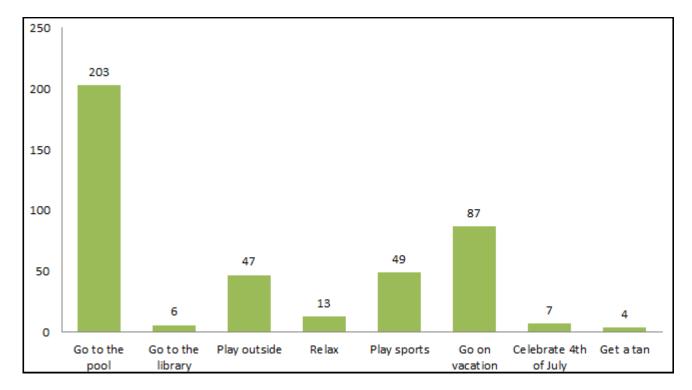
# **Student Survey: Favorite Ice Cream Flavor**

By Lindsey P. and Ella R.



# **Student Survey: Favorite Summer Activity**

By Hannah E.



# Looking Back at Spring Ave: Perspectives from Sixth Graders

### Becoming Who I Really Am

By Alejandra M.

I've been at Spring Avenue for 7 years and it has helped me grow and it has been a wonderful experience. When I first came here the whole school looked very different, the playground had a zipline, rings and it stretched into what is now the garden.

The school was older looking and it didn't have the room by kindergarten. The front wasn't all that nice it was basically black concrete with a pot in the middle of it. The teachers were different too. For example Ms. Marek had joined the year we came and Mrs. B taught kindergarten. I remember little about Mrs. B, only that she was super nice and that she always had fun, interesting lessons.

In first grade I had Mrs. Zale, she was really into photography and enjoyed taking pictures of us doing various funny things. She also really helped me with my writing. In first grade I really struggled with my reading for example, when everyone else was reading short books I could barely read without having an adult help me. Mrs. Manganello really helped, and now I'm the person that reads the most in my class.

In second grade I had Mrs. Daly who was always so positive and who had an awesome reward system. Mrs. Daly introduced me to my passion for acting, and we did a play that I loved.

In third grade I had Ms. McGinnis, and she was all about smiley faces. That year we had a girl that had moved from Italy and didn't know English. It was an interesting year and also the year when lice struck the school. A louse is an animal that thrives in hair and bites your scalp making it very itchy.

In fourth grade I had Ms. Eck who really helped me with my grammar and was always super nice!

In fifth grade I had Ms. Folliard, and now I have Mrs. Wanta. This school has transformed me from the shy, insecure girl that I was into who I really am: a loud, outgoing girl who loves straight A's and learning how to do new crafts, hairstyles and dances. Thank You Spring Avenue and I will never forget the awesomeness you guys inflected in me!!!!!!!!

### Good Times at Spring Avenue

By Stella C. and Olivia M.

We have had an incredible time here at Spring Avenue. The teachers were wonderful. Each one had a different learning style and gave a personal view to each student every year. They made our classroom environment safe and educationally friendly.

Mrs. Battaglia was very patient and friendly. We don't know one person who didn't enjoy her as a teacher. Mrs. Caylor has a clever teaching style. Every kid in the class always listens to her. She handles kids causing trouble very professionally. Mrs. Haymes and Mrs. Walsh were both amazing 2nd grade teachers. They knew exactly what to do for the age level.

Ms. McGinnis is so friendly and had a positive impact on our lives. She always enjoys the smiling faces around her room, laughing and grinning. Mrs. Faldani brought fourth grade to the next level. She taught us Greek myths. Sixth graders are learning about Greek myths and Mrs. Faldani's teachings helped us with that.

Mrs. Demer is so kind and considerate. She has a very friendly smile everyday even when she was having a bad day. She has a strong teaching method. She told us interesting and funny stories about her kids, her family and herself. After that, everyone was eager to learn. And finally, our sixth grade teachers.

Mrs. Wanta is very kind and helps us have self-control. She makes social studies fun. Ms. Johnson teaches us from her life experiences. Every day she gives an inspiring speech giving us a different view on the world. With her hurt shoulder she brings life science to life, making our human body understanding stronger. Even though Ms. Charlton is currently not teaching sixth grade, she still has been with us the whole year. She makes every subject interesting and more advanced than the standard expectation.

Lastly, we would like to thank our lunchroom staff, helper teachers, art teacher, P.E. teachers, and lovely principal. Also, our amazing librarians, Ms. Marek and Mrs. Blazek. Thank you for improving our reading. Even though Gurrie is a few paw prints forth, it seems like a jungle away.







Pictures taken by Stella C. and Olivia M.

# Ten Animal Friendships

By Cano R. (Author of My Grandpa Is A Monster)



#10: <u>Shrek the</u> <u>Owl and Torque</u> <u>the Dog</u> And you actually thought that dogs eat birds all the

time, didn't you? Shrek was taken away from her freaking out mother, because people thought she was going to eat her. Shrek was adopted by a six month old dog named Torque! They now spend their time by playing and watching TV with each other!



#9: <u>The Goose and</u> <u>the Deer</u> In a cemetery, a mother goose actually has an unexpected guard which

is a deer! The Deer actually guards the nest from predators like crows from the eggs. And since the goslings did hatch, the Deer still protects them from certain harm!



#8: <u>The three Lion</u> <u>Cubs and The Boston</u> <u>Terrier pup</u> Yep! The list gets cuter from here! A Boston terrier pup actually

plays with three lion cubs and they even eat with each other! And there's actually footage of it on YouTube!



#7: The Mouse and the Frog There was a huge flood in Lucktown, India. And water and rain was

everywhere! And one Mouse was almost done for if it had not climbed on the back of a Frog, giving the rodent a helping hand when it was about to drown!



#6: <u>The Polar Bear and</u> <u>the Sled Dogs</u> Now, Polar Bears are known to be the Artic Predators and they would always have an

animal on the menu, but believe it or not, when a German photographer saw A Polar Bear coming to his Dogs, he thought it was game over for them. Then he saw The Bear nuzzle one of the Dogs, and the Dog did a friendly response by licking the Bear's cheek. And then the Bear and the Dogs actually played for the day!



#5: <u>The Squirrel Monkeys and the Capybara</u> Yep, these friendships get even more bizarre! Now in a Zoo in Japan, some Squirrel Mon-

keys thought of having fun the Capybaras and so they decide to climb on their backs and then, they started have plenty of fun!



#4: <u>Koko the Gorilla</u> and the Kitten Now, Koko actually had a kitten but sadly the kitten died in a Car

Accident. But then, later when Koko got a pleasant surprise and had got a new kitten! She cuddles and cradles the new kitten as Koko now is not depressed anymore!



#3: <u>Bubbles the Ele-</u> <u>phant and Bella the</u> <u>Black-Labrador</u> Bubbles was an Ele-

phant, who was taken to an Animal shelter and so was Bella, whose owner abandoned her, So later on Bubbles and Bella started to get along with each other. They even had a pool where Bella uses Bubbles as a diving board! They play, and even cuddle! It's just so adorable!



#2: <u>Survia the</u> <u>Orangutan and Ros-</u> <u>coe the Dog</u> Now, Survia and Roscoe were friends from the beginning!

They actually treat each other like they were close friends, they actually live with each other! They play with each other, and even go out for walks! And also there's footage on YouTube and they even got their own book!



#1: <u>Leo the Lion,</u> <u>Baloo the Bear, and</u> <u>Shere Kahn the</u> <u>Tiger</u> Bears, Lions, Ti-

gers! Oh my! The Trio was found in the house of a Drug dealer, and Baloo had to have surgery. Later, when Baloo was finally recovered the Bear then went to the Noah's Ark Animal Rescue center along with Leo and Shere Kahn. The Trio now play together, lounge, cuddle, and even wrestle! And there's even footage of the three on YouTube, check it out it's really cute! Teachers' Favorite Event of the Year

By Audrey H. and Emme M.

Ms. Folliard — Student and teacher Battle of the Books

Ms. Marek — Battle of the Books

Ms. Eck — Author visit

Mrs. Demer — Battle of the books and author visit

Mrs. Blazek — Author visit

Mrs. Dahlin — Author visit

Mrs. Haymes — Kickball Game

Mrs. Daly — Author Visit

Mrs. Richardson — Author Visit

Ms. Parrino - Back to School Picnic

Mrs. Caylor - Music Programs

Mrs. Webb — Writing Festival

Ms. Melone — Kickball game

Mrs. Mindy — Fun Fair

Ms. McGinnis — Kickball game

Mrs. Walsh — Fall Fest

Mrs. Wanta — Battle of the Books

Ms. Johnson — Author visit

Mrs. Jones - Fun Fair

Mr. Meyers — Battle of the Books

Mrs. Bernson - Book Fair

Ms. Charlton — Battle of the Books

Mrs. Kim - Field Day





Flowers in our garden. May 2015.

# **#ForestPreservesRock**

By Zoe C. and Jade B.



A great way to spend your summer is visiting our local forest preserves. In April, a naturalist from the Forest Preserve

District of DuPage County came to our school and talked about interesting plants and animals you can find in the forest preserves. For example, he explained that the Dutchman's Breeches plant looks like a pair of pants and the American Bittern bird sounds like a dripping faucet.

The forest preserves in DuPage and Cook counties offer really COOL summer classes and activities. These include canoeing, photography, horseback riding, bird watching, art, archery, nature walks (hiking), fishing, golfing, model crafts, navigation, camping, wildlife watching, and more. They also provide picnic and off-leash dog areas. In addition, many of the preserves have nature centers where you can learn about animals and the environment. If you are

very interested in protecting the environment, you can go to clean ups and do restoration work, like removing invasive species. The forest preserves even have special programs for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts!

In DuPage County, the forest preserve closest to us is Fullersburg Woods. At this preserve, you can visit the nature education center and Graue Mill. At the nature center, you can learn about the plants, animals, and habitats in Fullersburg Woods. Kids can have fun climbing a tree tower and pressing stamps into a squishy table top to create animal tracks. Graue Mill has a very



interesting history and, today, Graue Mill is the only operating waterwheel gristmill in Illinois. You can visit the museum and take a tour to learn all about it. You can also observe nature and wildlife by taking a nice walk along one of the many paths in Fullersburg Woods.

Near us in Cook County is the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center. The center is in a beautiful natural setting, near a body of water called Longjohn Slough. The center was remodeled in 2010 and includes live animals, exhibits, and a children's activity room that has books, puzzles, a craft area, and native artifacts. During the summer, there are lots of special events there too. Some of the events in June are Garden in the Mornings, Cook County Critters, and Wild Wednesday Wonders. Many of the activities are free and don't even require registration.

So, don't forget to make time for nature this summer. From biking and hiking to fishing and camping, our forest preserves have something for everyone!

# The School Goes Wild for Wildlife

By Carter H.

Recently the Spring Ave has been recognized as having a garden that wildlife has gladly accepted. We received the Certified Wildlife Habitat recognition from the National Wildlife Federation. The school is certified because we have these things: native plants, seeds, nectar, bird bath, shrubs, native trees, and compost bins for Additionally, the school has been doing a Green

Club that helps the environment. Students and teachers get shovels and mulch and help plant things in the garden. Some plants have already sprouted ... but people at lunch are running through the garden – be careful! Finally, we are putting up signs like the ones we drew for the PTO contest. There are many things we can do to help the garden and the environment. What will you do?



Roland C

Emmett D.

Patrick E.

Hannah E.

Charlie F.

Stella C.

Grace K.

Maggie K.

Sammy K.

Gabriella L.

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