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Spring Avenue Elementary School
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Spring Ave 2nd
graders at the
Cheerleading
Club
performance in
December.

CHEERLEADERS SHINE BRIGHT

By Bridget G.

First through sixth graders had the opportunity to join cheerleading. On December 3rd the cheerleaders performed at halftime during the 7th grade boys basketball game. Each cheerleader received a red bandanna and a silver light-up cowboy hat. All of the cheerleaders learned a cheer and a dance to the song *The Git Up*. Each cheerleader was also assigned a stunt group. Overall, the cheerleaders had an awesome performance.

LEADERSHIP VISITS SPRING AVE

By Kaitlin OB



On the 25th of November, LeaderShop came to Spring Avenue School. They taught us all about how to be kind through skits and activities. They also did projects to help us learn all about why we should show more kindness in our everyday lives.

SIXTH GRADERS CREATE MEMES

By Bella M., Caroline M., and Zoë C.

Have you noticed the memes scattered across the hall? Well, these memes were made by the 6th graders. If you've ever stopped to read them, then you know that they are not normal memes. In fact, they are **READING** memes, memes inspired by the most awesome thing in the whole world! No, not phones but **BOOKS!!!!**



Here is what some students and teachers said:

Q: What do you think of the memes around school?

A: Ms. Eck (4th grade teacher): I think they are cute and show the love of reading.

A: Mr. Arneson (P.E. teacher): I haven't noticed them.

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SCHOOL NEWS



SIXTH GRADERS CREATE MEMES, CONTINUED

By Bella M., Caroline M., Zoë C.

A: Ms. Huebner (6th Grade Teacher): I think they are funny and I enjoy reading them. Those who made them were very creative.

A: Ms. Waterston (6th grade teacher): I like most of them. Some of them I don't understand because I haven't read those books.

A: Kaitlin O. (6th grade student): I love them and think they are fun.

A: Bridget G. (6th Grade Student): I think that they are fun!

A: Jacob F. (5th grade): They're good.

A: Jimmy K. (6th grader): They're funny. Mine is the best one!



So, we can conclude the 6th grade memes are fun for teachers and students! Also, some of them might be hard to understand, but they're still really fun to read.

SPRING AVE UNIQUE FEATURES

By Bridget G., Zoë C., Kaitlin OB

Here is a list of unique features in Spring Ave:

There is a green pig in the library

There is a trap door in Ms. Waterston's room

Door stoppers on the no-door student bathrooms

"Moby" in Mrs. Fuller's classroom

Green props in Miss Melone's classroom

Smiley Face Waterfall In Miss McGinnis' classroom

Cat in Ms. Thomas' classroom

Ms. Folliard's bird sanctuary

Box windows in Mrs. Walsh's classroom

Curtains in Mrs. Wanta's classroom

Part of the ceiling is falling in Miss Huebner's classroom

Open Pipes Near Mrs. Musiliani's room

A tripping hazard in Ms. Kubilius's classroom

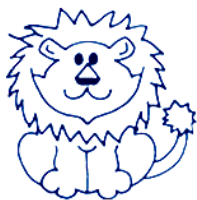
Weird fan that does basically nothing in the Gym

Mrs. Kay has two different ceiling heights in the Music Room

Weird pipe in the girls' bathroom

Miss Kubilius has cabinets that can't be opened because she doesn't have a key to open them





SCHOOL NEWS

HALLWAY TALK



By Blake M.

Welcome the the Hallway Talk! Today's topic is band and orchestra!

But, first, I have to make an important announcement. You might have noticed that Jimmy is not here with us. He abandoned me. I'm sure you want to know what Jimmy thinks because you probably don't believe me (and I don't blame you).

"Hey, I didn't abandon you!" says Jimmy, obviously taking the loss hard. I know, Jimmy, you will never forgive yourself.

Now that I got that off my back, let's interview some band and orchestra people. Andy has



voluntarily sacrificed himself to be interviewed. Andy has been interviewed in the past article of The Hallway talk and has been in band for three years. Let's see what Andy thinks...

"Band's fun, but if you don't want to practice, you shouldn't do band," says Andy.

"Really?" I counter, "Do you practice?"

"No, but don't put that in the newspaper."

"Ok!" I say, obviously putting that in the newspaper.

Now, let's interview Camille, who has been in band for three years and in orchestra for four.

"Hi, Camille, don't tell me anything you don't want in the newspaper, because anything you say from this point on is going to be documented in this article. So, how's orchestra?"

She replies, "It's good. It's fun and it's a challenge depending on your skill level." Camille is now having a fight with Andy about whether orchestra is better than band. Our last sacrifice is Bridget, who has been in orchestra for four years.

"So, Bridget, what are your favorite memories of orchestra?"

"Playing Christmas songs. Wait, no! The parties!"

The end!



NEWSPAPER CLUB SPECIAL GUEST

A *Lion's Life* Newspaper Club welcomed special guest Taylor Schmitt on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Taylor, who is studying Journalism at University of Missouri, was in Newspaper Club during her time at Spring Ave. We appreciate Taylor's time and the questions she answered.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GYM TEACHERS

By Kerryn M. and Caroline C.

Favorite sport

Mr. Arneson: football

Mrs. Kiley: cross country

Favorite vacation

Mr. Arneson: Sanibel Island, FL and Up North, WI

Mrs. Kiley: Florida

Favorite color

Mr. Arneson: RED

Mrs. Kiley: BLUE

Favorite food

Mr. Arneson: lasagna

Mrs. Kiley: pasta

Where were you born?

Mr. Arneson: Madison, WI

Mrs. Kiley: Illinois

Favorite book

Mr. Arneson: Dork Diaries

Mrs. Kiley: Harry Potter

When is your birthday?

Mr. Arneson: July 23

Mrs. Kiley: Dec 29

How long have you been teaching here?

Mr. Arneson: 12 years

Mrs. Kiley: 8 years

Where did you go to college?

Mr. Arneson: University of Wisconsin

Mrs. Kiley: Indiana

What is your favorite movie?

Mr. Arneson: *The Dark Knight*

Mrs. Kiley: *The Lion King*



HALLWAY NEWS

By Caroline C., Eve M., and Reese C.



Maddie: Welcome to *Hallway News*. I am Maddie.

Kate: And I am Kate.

All: And we are *Hallway News*.

Maddie: Kate is live at the scene where Mr. Jinx is cleaning up the 999,000 candy canes that Santa dropped off last night! Here is Kate with more.

Kate : Thank you Maddie! I am live at the scene where Mr. Jinx is cleaning up the 999,000 candy



canes that came last night!!

Mr. Jinx: Hi, girls.

All: Hi, Mr. Jinx. Welcome to *HALLWAY NEWS!!*

Kate: Mr. Jinx can you tell me more about this candy cane disaster?

Mr. Jinx: Love to. Santa came and dropped all of these candy canes last night before anyone could stop him.

Kate: Anything else you would like to add?

Mr. Jinx: No, but when Mr. Lawson came the candy canes were all over the place.

Kate: Okay. Thanks. Back to you, Maddie.



Maddie: Thanks, Kate. Let's see what students think of this.

STUDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

Avery L. (5th grade): Get these candy canes out of my school but let me eat some first.

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TOP 10 HOLIDAY MOVIES

By Declan G.



1. A Christmas Story - Evan I. likes this movie because it is a good movie.



5. Klaus - Shuta K. likes this movie because it is based off of Santa.

because it features Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad.



2. Home Alone - Mrs. Wanta likes this movie because it is funny.



6. The Muppet Christmas Carol - Nolan C. likes this movie because the ghosts don't look real.



9. How The Grinch Stole Christmas - Mrs. Coffey thinks that this movie has a good message.



3. Charlie Brown Christmas - Caleb H. likes this movie because it is funny.



7. Elf - Ms. Kubillus likes this movie because it is funny and quotable.



10. Frosty The Snowman - Luc G. likes this movie because it is good.



4. Polar Express - Ms. Marek likes this movie because it is based off a book.



8. Jingle All the Way - Luke E. likes this movie because it is good. The author of this article also likes this movie



HALLWAY NEWS, CONTINUED

By Caroline C., Eve M., and Reese C.

Helena E. (5th grade): Why does it smell so minty?

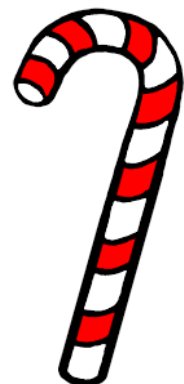
Jacob F. (5th grade): Ship these to my house so I can eat them.

Brennan M, (4th grade): I want to build a snowman.

Katlin O. (6th grade): I am going to eat these.

Maddie: That's good. I agree with all of the students.

All: And that was *Hallway News*. Stay tuned for next month's article.



CHRISTMAS NAMES



By Zoë C., Violet F., and Brynn K.

Use the first letter of your first name and the first letter of your last name, and that is your Christmas name.

A. Apple pie	N. Noel
B. Bow	O. Ornaments
C. Christmas Cookies	P. Pine cones
D. Decoration	Q. Quilt
E. Eggnog	R. Rudolph
F. Fun	S. Santa
G. Gifts	T. Tree
H. Holiday	U. Unwrap
I. Igloo	V. Violet
J. Joy	W. Winter
K. Kris Kringle Market	X. Xmas
L. Lovely	Y. Yuletide
M. Merry	Z. Zzzz's
Merry Christmas!!	

THANKSGIVING NAMES

By Zoey G. and Sophia M.

Use the first letter of your first and last names, and that is your Thanksgiving name.

Apple Pie	Kitchen Tools	Stuffing
Bundt Cake	Leftovers	Turkey
Corn	Mashed Potatoes	Upside Down Cake
Dinner	Not Turkey	Vegetables
Eggs	Other Vegetables	Wishbone
Family	Pumpkin Desserts	Xtra
Gravy	Quinoa	Yams
Ham	Rolls	Zucchini
Ice Cream		
Judybird (Type of Turkey)		

WINTER NAMES



By Bridget G., Kaitlin OB., Caroline M., and Camille S.

Take the first letter of your first name and the last letter of your last name.

Girl Names

A- Alaska
B- Below Zero
C- Christmas
D- December
E- Ember
F- Frosty
G- Gift
H- Holly
I- Icy
J- January
K- Krystal
L- Lolly
M- Merry
N- Noel
O- Oakley
P- Polar
Q- Quality
R- Rudolph
S- Snowflake
T- Tinsel
U- Unwrap
V- Vacation
W- Winter
X- Xmas
Y- Yuletide
Z- Zesty

Boys Names

A- Arctic
B- Blizzard
C- Carol
D- Deer
E- Evergreen
F- February
G- Gingerbread
H- Holiday
I- Icicles
J- Jolly
K- Kringle
L- Lolly Jolly
M- Mistletoe
N- November
O- Oak Tree
P- Present
Q- Quilt
R- Reindeer
S- Santa
T- Tree
U- Underneath the Tree
V- Vixen
W- White
X- Xtra Gifts
Y- Yule
Z- Zero Degrees





50 THINGS TO DO OVER WINTER BREAK

By Bridget G. and Kaitlin OB

1. Bake Sugar Cookies
2. Watch A Movie
3. Drink Hot Chocolate
4. Go Ice Skating
5. Bake Desserts for Family
6. Go To The Library
7. Eat Food
8. Sleep!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
9. Watch Netflix
10. Read A Book
11. Make Presents For Family
12. Play With A Pet
13. Make Paper Snowflakes
14. Make A Gingerbread House
15. Get a Manicure or Pedicure
16. Write A Letter To Your Future Self
17. Take a Long Shower



18. Use Bath Bombs
19. Eat Snacks In Bed
20. Reorganize Your Room
21. Have A Sleepover
22. Make A Lava Lamp
23. Do Gymnastics
24. Dance
25. Go Shopping
26. Go Sledding
27. Go To Starbucks
28. Write A Story
29. Make Lists
30. Take a Bath
31. Clean Your Room
32. Take BuzzFeed Quizzes
33. Drink Water
34. Shop Online
35. Go Roller Skating



36. Go To A Trampoline Park
37. Go To A Puppy Store
38. Make a Snow Globe
39. Do A Puzzle
40. Go to Downtown La Grange
41. Go To A Museum
42. Go To Chicago
43. Babysit
44. Hang Out With Friends
45. Hang Out With Relatives
46. Play An Instrument
47. Plan A Party
48. Do Math Problems
49. Play Sports
50. Go To Bath and Body Works or Lush



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

TEACHER INTERVIEW: HOLIDAY EDITION

By Kaitlin OB

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

Mrs. Musillami- Christmas Vacation
 Ms. Marek- The Holiday
 Ms. Kubilius- Christmas Story
 Mr. B- Christmas Story
 Mrs. Coffey- The Grinch
 Mr. Coffey- The Santa Clause

What is your favorite holiday food?

Mrs. Musillami- Mint Cookies
 Ms. Marek- Cinnamon Rolls
 Ms. Kubilius- Prime Rib
 Mr. B- Double Baked Potatoes
 Mrs. Coffey- Homemade pasta

Mr. Coffey- Steak

What is your favorite activity to do over the Holiday Break?

Mrs. Musillami- Spend time with family
 Ms. Marek- Travel
 Ms. Kubilius- Read and bake
 Mr. B- Read
 Mrs. Coffey- Spend time with family
 Mr. Coffey- Hangout with brothers

Favorite thing to do on a snowy day?

Mrs. Musillami- Read a book with tea
 Ms. Marek- Read a book with hot cocoa

Ms. Kubilius- Drink hot cocoa and watch a movie

Mr. B- Make snowballs, throw snowballs at brother

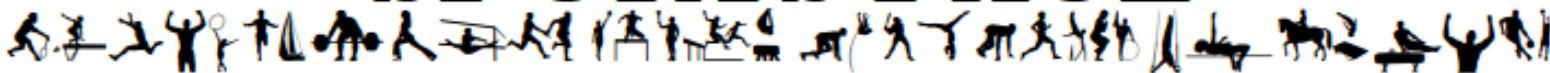
Mrs. Coffey- Read a book in PJs by a fire

Mr. Coffey- Sled in the snow

What is your #1 thing on your wish list?

Mrs. Musillami- Bike
 Ms. Marek- Peace on Earth
 Ms. Kubilius- Laptop
 Mr. B- Go to Rome
 Mrs. Coffey- Sewing Machine
 Mr. Coffey- Workout Stuff

SPORTS PAGE



TOP 5 FANTASY PLAYOFF MUST-HAVES IN MY OPINION

By Colin B.



1. Lamar Jackson

I like Lamar Jackson in Fantasy because nobody

expected him to do anything. People were dropping him to waivers early and hating him and thinking he was nothing after 14 weeks. Lamar Jackson had 2,677 yards, 28 TDS, 6 INT, and 78.9 QBR average per game. He is first in touchdowns and QBR. And Lamar is Position one for QB and deserves it because he destroyed great teams like the Rams and the Texans.



3. Christian McCaffrey

I put Christian McCaffrey at number three because he is

just great. He always gets a lot of fantasy points. And he gets a lot of touches from Kyle Allen. He is so good at rushing up the middle. If you see season highlights of him, you're going to see a lot of up the middle touchdowns. After 14 great weeks McCaffrey has 224 attempts, 1,220 yards, 12 touchdowns, and a 5.0 average. He is 3rd in yards per attempt and touchdowns. That is why McCaffrey is a great fantasy running back.



4. Dalvin Cook

Dalvin Cook is another example of a great running back who gets a lot of

touchdowns. Here are his stats after 14 weeks: 241 attempts, 1,108 yards, 13 touchdowns, and a 4.6 average yards per rushing attempt. He is first in touchdowns. Dalvin Cook is an excellent Fantasy player and is a Fantasy must-have.



2. Michael Thomas

In my opinion, Michael Thomas is the best

Fantasy wide receiver because of how he can just jump up on the field and make an amazing play. After 14 weeks Thomas has 121 receptions, 1,442 yards, 7 touchdowns, and an 11.8 yards per reception average along with 0 fumbles. He is first in yards and receptions. He is also the Saint's Slot Receiver, and I believe he is the best Fantasy wide receiver because of those stats.

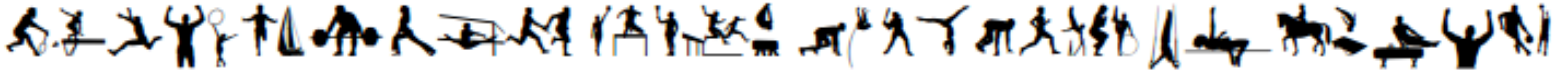


5. Aaron Jones

Aaron Jones is on this list because he has had amazing games and one 40+ point game.

Here are his stats: 175 touches, 779 yards, 12 touchdowns, and a 4.5 average gain. And here are his fantasy points stats: 3, 20, 13, 11, 41, 3, 14, 33, 27, Bye, 3, 2, and 24. He is a great fantasy option and when he gets a lot of points he is amazing and explosive. He is a great fantasy player.

SPORTS PAGE



TOP 5 BEST QBS

By Logan M.



1. Patrick Mahomes

Patrick Mahomes plays for the Kansas City Chiefs. He is known for his no looker pass.



2. Tom Brady

Tom Brady plays for the New England Patriots. He is known as the "goat" which means "greatest of all time".



3. Aaron Rodgers

Aaron Rodgers plays for the Green Bay Packers. He is known for his "Hail Mary" passes.



4. Drew Brees

Drew Brees plays for the New Orleans Saints. He can bolt a football and has good wide receivers like Michael Thomas.



5. Cam Newton

Cam Newton plays for the Carolina Panthers. He became the first QB to throw 400 yards in his first game. He is also known for his QB sneaks.

BEST 4 NFL TEAM LOGOS

By Michael R.



1: Best: Jaguars

Jacksonville has a good logo that represents a jaguar. It has the colors of a jaguar, but an actual jaguar doesn't have a blue tongue.



3. Ravens

This logo is okay, but they can make a better one with more details. It is realistic, sort of, but a good logo all the same.



2: Panthers

The Panthers have a good logo in my opinion, but they can make a better logo.



4. Falcons

I like this logo, but they can make a better one that is more realistic.

By Isabella D.

A: Apple Pie
B: Banana
C: Chocolate
D: Donut
E: Easter Egg
F: Frosting
G: Gingerbread
H: Hot Dog
I: Ice cream
J: Jelly
K: Kit Kat
L: Lollipop
M: Macaroon
N: Noodle
O: Oatmeal
P: Pineapple
Q: Quesadilla
R: Reese's
S: Spaghetti
T: Twix
U: Uno's Pizza
V: Vanilla
W: Watermelon
X: X-mas Choco
Y: Yogurt
Z: Zebra Cake

A: Apples
B: Big Marshmallow
C: Cabbage
D: Dorito
E: Egg
F: Funnel Cake
G: Ginger
H: Hamburger
I: Ice
J: Jiggly Jelly
K: Kinder Egg
L: Licorice
M: Mango
N: Nacho
O: Orville Popcorn
P: Pumpkin
Q: Quail Egg
R: Ravioli
S: Soup
T: Taco
U: Unicorn Farts Cotton Candy
V: Vegetable
W: Waffle
X: X-mas Candy
Y: Yam
Z: Zebra Ice Cream

By Caleb H.

Has anything weird been happening?

- a. Yes
- b. I don't know
- c. No

Have you been feeling weird lately?

- a. Yes
- b. I have been feeling a little weird
- c. No

Do you see anything unusual?

- a. Yes
- b. I see shadows
- c. No

Mostly c's: You are perfectly fine.

heal you.

Mostly b's: A spirit that can give you strength when you need it and can

Mostly a's: A spirit that can move things and trick you, but don't worry, they can't harm you.

ANSWERS:

By Caleb H.

Easy (one mistake):

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Medium (two mistakes):

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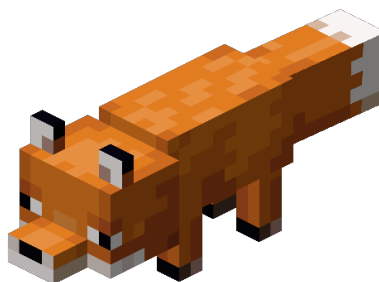
VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

MINECRAFT FOXES

By Lucy M. and Cece S.

The new Minecraft update is foxes. They are cute and orange and squeak like a mouse. Minecraft foxes are really cute, so let's get into it a little more.

They have a more than funny attitude. They are most adorable when they lay down to take a snooze and are an awesome new feature of Minecraft. They can be a pet or help destroy other animals in Minecraft.



Also, they will sleep under a block if it is day time. They can even hunt and carry things in their mouth or hold chicken feathers and meat. The tips of their tails are white and their belly and under their chin are white too.

They are super cute and will make your Minecraft world one hundred times better! You can even let your friends see your foxes! Hope you liked reading and have fun with your with your new foxes!!! :)

A-Z ROBLOX GAMES

By Zoey G., Zoe S., and Isabella D.

A- Adopt me
B- Ban Hammer Simulator / Blox Hunt
C- Cell Phone Simulator
D- Dance off
E- Epic Mini Games
F- Fashion Famous / Flee the Facility
G- Escape Grandma
H- Hide and Seek Extreme

I- Ice Cream Simulator
J- Jail Break
K- Karate Simulator
L- Little Town
M- Meep City/Mad City
N- Natural Disaster
O- Escape the Octopus Obby
P- Be a Parrkor Ninja
Q- Queen Roblox Obby
R- Rainbow Slide
S- Superhero Tycoon



T- Texting Simulator
U- Unicorn City
V- Vet Simulator
W- Work at a Pizza Place

X- X-treme hide and seek
Y- Yeti's Cave
Z- Escape the Zoo Obby

CANDY WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



BOOK REVIEWS

NEW SERIES: BLAST BACK

By Shuta K.

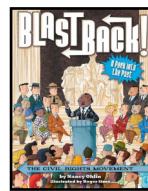


This is the new series called Blast Back in the Spring Avenue library. This book is like the "What-Where-What is" books. These books are interesting. They have facts and statements. The

Spring Avenue Library has the whole series of books. Read the new book, it is a fun book!! The book is educational and can help a lot of fiction readers to balance genres like nonfiction books and history.

These books have amazing information about historical events.

I would recommend these books. I have read one of the books and because of reading it I'm motivated to read the book series.



The book I read was WWII. I learned that at that time America was at war on both coasts. Also, I learned it was really hard at that time. Read the Blast Back series.



TREE PANGOLINS

By Luc G.



Deflective Defenses

Tree Pangolins can spray a stinky odor just like a skunk. They have tough scales to protect themselves. When Tree Pangolins are threatened they roll up into a ball. When in a ball, they can make cutting motions with their scales.

Helpful Habits

Tree Pangolins walk on their knuckles so that their claws don't wear out. Before they go for a dip they always fill themselves with air. Tree Pangolin babies like to ride on their mother's back.

Terrific Tails

Tree Pangolins can stand on their hind legs and use their prehensile tail for balance. Since their tails are prehensile, it means that they can hang upside down from a branch, or grab stuff with their tail.

Reproduction

Tree Pangolins have 1-3 babies at a time. Their parents

care for them for two years.

Endangered Pangolins

Tree Pangolins are endangered. They are hunted and poached all because of their scales.

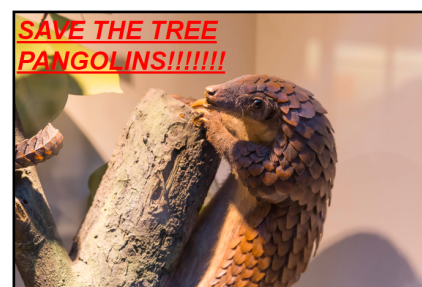
People use their scales for medicines and clothing.

No Teeth, No Problem!

Tree pangolins like to eat termites so no teeth are needed! They use their tough claws to dig into the earth so they can get to the bugs! They use their terrific tongues to lap up the bugs.

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GREENHOUSE ATTACK

By Matthew B.

Greenhouse gas is a global warming leader that comes mostly from fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are a type of energy used to make gas because wood is needed to make O₂. Coal and oil are versions of fossil fuels and when they are burnt they send tons of CO₂ into the air which is antimatter for O₂.



Global warming is the cause for the world's heating. When it was found that fossil fuels and other power sources give off CO₂, the world tried to find other energy sources, Hydroelectric power is still the second most used source but is only half the amount of fossil fuels. CO₂ is hurting the earth so please help us make it better.

ECOSIA: FIGHTING THE PALM OIL INDUSTRY

By James L.

If, like me, you have been fighting the palm oil industry for a long time, or possibly you are an environmentalist, then I have something great for you. Because palm trees cannot be farmed, wild forests are chopped down to harvest the oil. The new search engine, Ecosia, was launched a few months ago. It is just like Google, or any other search engine for that matter with one unique aspect: it uses all of its ad revenue to plant trees in places that are in dire need of them. (Ethiopia, for example.)



On average, it takes about 45 searches to plant one tree, and at 1002 searches, I have planted 22. There are also many other ways to fight palm oil. For example, check the ingredients in food products (palm oil is a preservative made from an oil found in palm trees, if you didn't know) and is in products like Quaker oats products (all products except the oatmeal) and every type of milk besides whole. I hope you can find time to give Ecosia a try and maybe plant a tree or two.

TOP FIVE FAMILY DOGS

By CeCe S. and Lucy M.

There are many different types of dogs. There are 190 types of dog breeds, and here are some of the best family ones. The best family dog is a Labrador Retriever. It is a very intelligent dog. It also is very gentle and playful. Plus a Labrador Retriever works hard and can guide you well. Labrador retrievers are great therapy dogs too.



guard dog, this dog is too loving to be a guard dog.

The next best family dog is a French Bulldog, also known as a Frenchie. These dogs are cute and cuddly. Plus they are pretty funny and don't have a long fur coat, so they are easy to take care of.

The second best family dog is the German Shepherd. They are strong, hard-working, and loving. They can even herd sheep. Plus they love kids and are great around other animals.

The third best is a Golden Retriever. They can hunt and retrieve what they hunt. Golden Retrievers are loving and are great service dogs but, if you want a

Last, but not least, is a Bulldog. They don't look friendly but they are gentle and sweet and love to get attention. Bulldogs like children and are friendly to other pets. Also, just like the Frenchie, they don't have long fur so they are easy to take care of.

Those are the best family dogs. Hope you enjoyed reading about them.



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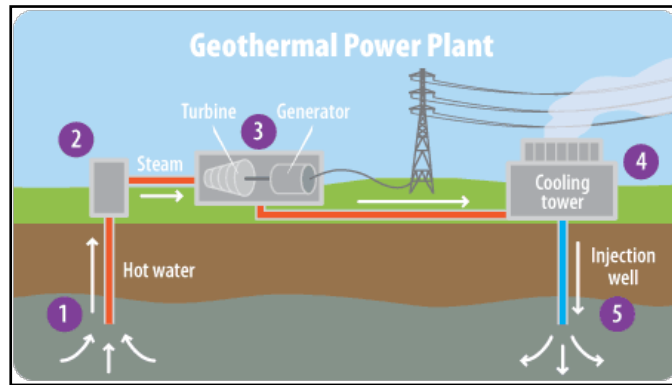
By Luc G.

Geothermal energy is very helpful and sustainable. It is sustainable because the earth's core is constantly being warmed, so if we use some of the heat that doesn't effect anything. Also, it is helpful because you can heat/cool your home and make electricity.

Furthermore, geothermal energy comes from the earth's core where it is scorching hot. For example, to get it we take water from the ground, turn it into steam, which turns a turbine that powers a generator.

The process to get geothermal energy is very complex. First, we dig a well that goes down to the hot water. Then the water is heated even more so it turns into steam. The steam turns a turbine which then powers a generator that produces electricity.

A Ducksters article says, "Hot water is pumped from deep underground through a well under high pressure. When the water reaches the surface, the pressure is dropped, which causes the water to turn into steam. The steam spins a turbine, which is connected to a generator that produces electricity. The steam cools off in a cooling tower and condenses



back to water. The cooled water is pumped back into the Earth to begin the process again." This evidence shows how we harness geothermal energy.

In order to create geothermal energy, we must go through a process. First, we insert one end of a loop of

pipes into the ground and insert the other end into the heater of your house. Then add fluid into the pipes which will get heated and put into your heater to heat your house. And the fluid is put into the ground to be used again.

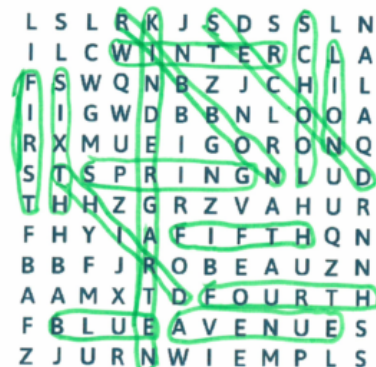
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FIND THE EIGHT MISTAKES ANSWERS, PAGE 10

Find grammar mistakes. There are 5 in total.

Today I'm going to the supa market. I will leave at 8:00am and come back at 9:00 a.m. I bought 8 apples, 6 bananas, and 13 chickens. Here we go pay four the 13 chichens, 8 apples, and 6 bananas. Put them away.

SCHOOL WORD SEARCH ANSWERS, PAGE 10



CREATIVE WRITING

MONTHLY NIGHT LIVE

By Miles B, John F, Connor M, Andy S

John: WHAT'S GOING ON, GUYS?
WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER
MONTHLY NIGHT LIVE!!!!

*While John's shouting, Andy's
saying: "Hello and you are
listening to Monthly Night Live!"

John: Thank you for paying to get
the downloaded version because
you guys destroyed our stage
and it is being repaired, so
yeah...

Miles: YOU PEOPLE BROKE THE
STAGE!!

Stage: OOF.

Connor: Am I on yet?

Andy: NO!!!

Connor: Oops. Sorry. When am I
on?

John: Well, as you guys now
know, Connor is our guest today.

Connor: OH, YEAH!

Miles: Huh?

Connor: OH, YEAH!

Kool-Aid Man walks in

Connor: Hey, Kool-Aid Man... do
you really have to be here?

Andy: Yeah, he does!

John: My throat is still sore from
yelling at the beginning.

Miles: My throat is sore because I
have to YELL over your foot
lettuce!

John: You're the one with fungus
on your knee!!

Miles: HOW DID YOU KNOW!?

Andy: STOP IT! We need to do
the show and entertain the
crowd.

Andy falls out of chair

Croud: HAHAAHAHA

John: That's it!

*Miles pulls chair from Andy
when he is trying to sit, and Andy
falls again*

Croud: HAHAAHAHAHA.

John: We know the secret to
entertaining!

John: TO HUMILIATE ANDY!!

Andy: NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

*Miles shoves Andy and he falls
into the glass table and it
shatters*

John: YES! Destroy him!

Andy: Stop, persons!

John: OK, fine, we'll stop. We can
talk about the random word
generator.

Connor: And the word is... sock!

Miles: The Sock MARKET!!!

Connor: NO SOCK MARKETS
ALLOWED ON MONTHLY NIGHT
LIVE!!!!

Andy: But the Sock Market is the
most important thing in the
world!

Connor: OK. But... we need a
new random word.

Andy: And the word is... swell.

John: OK, noice. We can talk
about this. S'well bottles are
being taken over by a different
brand...

Miles: HYDRO
FLASKSKSKSKSKSK!

Connor: VSCO girls are decreasing
the popularity of swell bottles!

Andy: So, we're out of time but,
um, BUY S'WELL BOTTLES NOW!*

Miles: JUST DO IT!

John: Well, I guess, um, happy
holidays! And... a happy new
year? Whatever.

All: Bye!

*S'well and S'well bottles have no
affiliation with this article

By Daniel K., Luke H., and Beckett M.

THE END!!!!!!

CREATIVE WRITING MAD LIBS

By Zoe S.

How To Call A Griffon

In this story you will learn to call a griffon. The first step to call a griffon is to say " _____ !".
(Funny Word)

Then you flap your _____ in the air.
(arms or legs)

After, you do the _____. Then you get a _____ and throw it in the _____.
(Movement) (Some type of shiny thing) (Place)

After that, a Griffon should fly past and grab it.
You're welcome.

The News Report

" Hi! Welcome to _____ 's News. Today we will be interviewing _____.
(Your name) (A name)

They said they saw a griffon after listening to the instructions above. Go ahead _____.
(A name)

___- "So, I was walking in the park and then I saw a link that said, 'How To Call a Griffon' so of course I clicked on
(The name's first initial)

the link and followed the instructions and it worked! It almost gave me a heart attack! "

___- "Okay, thank you for that. Now let me try! *does it and faints* ahhh"
(Your name's first initial)

crash!

___- "Bye!"
(The name's first initial)

CREATIVE WRITING

THE DAY I TURNED INTO MY DOG

By Alejandro V.

Today, I will be telling you how I was turned into my dog, Tony. One day, I was going to school, and I waved goodbye to my dog. When I came home, Tony jumped on me.

"Hi, Tony," I said.

I hugged him, and I went to my room and did my homework. Being a dog is easy, I thought. I wish I was a dog. What if I can be a dog?

That night, I thought of a plan. I was going to my cousin's sleepover that I didn't want to go to. My parents are going to be on a trip. My dog will be at home. I'll just stay home and my dog can go to the sleepover.

A few days go by and it's the day of the sleepover. My

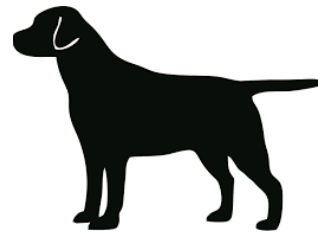


parents are about to leave in a few minutes. Gotta think fast! Maybe I'll just run into my dog. The light is flickering. Maybe it's a sign. I put my dog on

my bed and then I went to the opposite side of the room.

Okay, 3, 2, 1, I run and BOOM!

Owww! That hurt. My eyesight gets really big. I'm on the bed. I jump off the bed to realize everything is so big. I look and see myself in the mirror. I'm my dog! I hear Tony go ruff ruff in my body. I'm finally a dog! I can stay home and do whatever I want. Just one problem, how is my dog going to know to go into my aunt's car to drive me to her house for the sleepover? I get



nervous.

Soon, an hour goes by and I see my aunt's car. I start realizing my dog loves walks. I can get his leash and he will go in the car. I get the leash and then see myself running so fast! I open the door and put the leash in the car. I close the door and boom. Done.

My dog is in the car. The day goes by and I realize I have to eat dog food. I almost cry but eat it. Then, I run around my house jumping on

everything, eating junk food, and ripping pillows! It's amazing! But the clock strikes midnight! I'm at my cousin's sleepover! I'm myself again! My dog is at the house.

I think about the day and say, "I will never try that again."

SPEEDY THE RAT GOES TO THE MOON

By Nolan F. and Nolan H.

Once there was a rat named Speedy. He was a daredevil, and he dreamed to fly ever since he was a baby rat. So, Speedy wanted to go to Mars. His mom never listened to him, and



doubted him that he could build a rocket jet. He got to work on his rocket jet and started it up. Before you know it, he was on his mission to Mars. Speedy invited Max the mouse.

Five days later...

Speedy set up camp on

Mars and then Speedy heard a meooooow. Speedy was about to go into the rocket and blast off when he saw it: the cat alien. It was tiny, but Speedy made it his pet because it was so tiny. Speedy went to get into his rocket and left.

The end

CREATIVE WRITING

UNICORN TALK SHOW

By Zoe S.

Z- Hi, I'm Zoe and today we are gonna be meeting Sally the Unicorn! Go ahead Sally.

S- Hi, everyone! I am going to tell you about my life. Every morning I wake up and eat my marshmallow cereal, and then I use my magic to brush my teeth and mane. Later, I go to fantasy school and learn about planting flowers and using magic. Then comes my favorite part of the day, lunch! I always have a marshmallow fluff and nutella on chocolate bread (yum). After lunch, my second favorite part of the day, recess. I always play on the flying clouds because bouncing on them is so fun, but



sadly I'm usually the only one there. Everyone else is playing candy ball. It's Gaga Ball, but instead of a ball it's a jaw breaker the size of a gaga ball and as light as a gaga ball. But then, sadly, it's time to go inside and do dance and singing class. Now its

M.P.E. (Magical Physical Education) and we always play

_____ kong. One person hides and that person is _____ kong, and then everyone else looks for them. When someone finds them they yell " _____ kong!" Then you have to

run to the base without getting



tagged and you keep playing until someone gets tagged. When someone gets tagged, they are _____ kong.

Finally, it's the end of the day and we get to go home. When I get home, I play and then have dinner. Dinner is usually candy soup. Candy soup is gatorade with suckers (without the stick). Then I go to bed.

Z- Thank you for that... Very long speech.

S- You're welcome, and sorry it was so long. I like details.

Z- That's ok, but see you next time on...

S- Zoe's Talk Show!

REALMALIMITAL

By Niraj T.

It all happened in an instant.

The last thing I remember was my family, running. They left me. I don't know why his happened .

I did not believe they were gone, but... the truth hurts.

Rentolit betrayed humanity and the one thing that we all looked up to, a better future.

It's a figment of the ignorant ones' imagination. They said we would be safe in the other realms but they were wrong. The camp of

remainders was raided, leaving me alone... alone in a fractured realm.

RealmaLimital

CHAPTER ONE

As I walked into a once bustling city, now a wasteland, I spotted a clinger turret. If you aren't a 12-year-old in Subarlaan trying to survive an apocalypse, these detect you, shoot clingers on you, and these clingers stick to you and track you down. You are captured either way, so I avoid them.

Then I saw it, the Rentolit Warehouse. I found a Raltor steel plasma staff, and a X-7 Electricity pistol in there. I went on my way, That was until I stumbled upon an inactive RX1200 Droid, so I did whatever anyone would do. I booted it up, reprogramed it, and oiled it. I was testing it out when I got spotted by a RX4000, and I ran. I was electrocuting it before it sent out a REL Call. My droid's CEMP laser finished it off. Then I fell, for longer than I ever had before.

To Be Continued

CREATIVE WRITING

GOSSIP GAZETTE, SECOND EDITION

By Camille S,

Hi people! Or should i say my usual line of " Hey, hi, hello, how are yuh?!"

So in today's tea spill, we have three pieces of tea. Sheets for SCHOOL appropriate tea will be distributed by Ms. Marek at the library, and the turn in bin for the tea will be near ms. mareks desk.

Now let's start on the TEA:

First, former band teacher Mr.

Schwartz was at the orchestra concert and he played with the CHAMBER ORCHESTRA!!!!!! (And I'm in Chamber Orchestra!)

Second, the cheerleaders got light-up hats, no fairrrrrrrrrrrrrrr. Oof

Third- there is an author coming soon and his name is Matthew Cordell.

Thanks for listening to this

monthly gossip spill! If you want your tea put in this article, be sure to drop the forms of at Ms. Marek's desk, and if you have any questions, then ask me. Finally, just remember that if you have tea about someone else, you have to have their permission to have written about them.



ABBY'S CORNER

By Abby S.

Hey y'all. Abby again. But this time, in DECEMBER!!!! CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!! YAAAAAAAAAAAAAY!!!!!! But really, the first thing is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It's a big patch of garbage in, you guessed it, the Pacific Ocean. It weighs 87,000 tons in all. Imagine that. That's about the same weight as 435 blue whales, I think. Don't quote me on that, but I'm pretty sure it's correct.

Next thing is an exclusive interview with Jimmy, from 6th

grade and RobloxPlusGaming (his YouTube channel).

Abby: What made you start the channel?

Jimmy: I started Youtube because it looked fun and the people I watched before had a lot of fun doing it. I also can make a profit off of it.

Abby: What do you do on it?

Jimmy: I play games. Any game.

That's all for the interview. Check out his channel and subscribe!

Finally, a new mural is being painted in Gurrie. It is being painted by one of the entrances to the small gym. It features the faces of famous people in history. Even though it is half finished, it still is impressive. Check it out!

That's all. Bye!

-Abby

CREATIVE WRITING

THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE PART 2

By Isabella D. and Nolan F.



Nolan and I were packing food and supplies for a trip to go find our friends and a monster truck.

"We should make a map," I said.

"Or we could just print one,"

Nolan added. We printed a map of Chicago. We ran outside. The zombies were closing in on us.

"NOLAN, LOOK BEHIND YOU!" I yelled.

"AHHHHHH!!!" Nolan screamed. We jumped into someone's backyard. I threw a rock, breaking the window, and we went in.

"That was a close one," I said.

"We have to make a better plan," suggested Nolan.

"I have an idea, we could disguise as zombies," I said.

"Awesome," Nolan affirmed.

So we searched the whole house, and after a long while, Nolan finally found two zombie costumes. We put them on and went outside. Pretending to be zombies, we walked to the train. We found a train. Its doors were open, but no drivers were inside.

"Nolan," I said, "Can I drive the train, please? I promise I won't crash it, and anyway you're planning to drive the monster truck."

"Ok, you can drive, but if you crash it, I won't be happy," said Nolan.

"Look, Nolan, I found a radio!" I yelled.

Suddenly, we heard someone crying inside. We searched the train, and I found our friend Luke crying in a corner.

"OMG, IS THAT YOU LUKE!" I said.

"Are y-ou a zombie, I-Izzy?" Luke asked.

I took off my mask.

"No, I'm Izzy, and I'm fine, and here is Nolan. He is also fine," I said.

Nolan took off his mask.

"NOLAN, MY FRIEND!!" yelled Luke.

While Nolan and Luke were hugging, I peeked through the window, and I suddenly saw a creature that looked like a gigantic blueberry approaching the train. Then I realized the door was open.

"Luke, Nolan, I think some kind of monster followed us, and he's coming in!" I exclaimed.

"OH MY GOSH, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!" Nolan yelled.

"Let me try to tame him. I'm good with animals," I said.

Then I saw its shadow. It was so big, and so round. Then I heard the radio.

"Nooooo, how do you shut this off?" I whispered.



The creature approached us. It was a

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CREATIVE WRITING

THE FIRST HUMMANN LEGEND

By James L., Matthew B., and Ben S.

The first hummann was created in the Western Springs Universe (Western Springs) in the world of Ogdenland (Ogden School). As Matt, the god of humans, and James, the god of civilization, walked down the black-top along the fence, James found the first pipe cleaner. James was holding it, and then Matt asked if he could have it.

James, with the ultimate power of chill, said "Yasss, queen, yassss!" then gave Matt the pipe cleaner.

Matt started to fold and by chance, he created a way to make a humanoid pipe cleaner...Then the first pipe cleaner human became the first pipe cleaner human.

"YAY!" Exclaimed Matt, randomly folding another pipe cleaner into a humanoid thing.

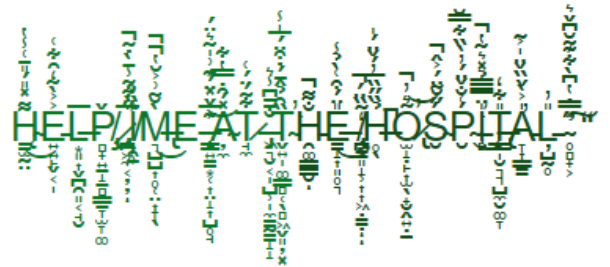
"What should we call them?" asked James.

"HUMMANNS!!" Screamed Matt.

This was the hummann thing.

THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE PART 2, CONTINUED

By Isabella D. and Nolan F.



mutant, but it was so cute, blue, and fuzzy. It licked my face.

"I will name it Blueberry," I said.

"We need to get to the hospital!" announced Luke.

To be Continued



THE STORY OF ME PLAYING MINECRAFT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

By Sophia M.



It started when I first dropped in. Now I'm in Minecraft. The next thing I knew I was dying! Then I respawned and the thing that killed me was a skeleton?

I need to find a place to live! NOW!

Ahhhhh! Now I'm running from almost all of them. I think there's a zombie, skeleton, creeper, enderman, and a spider?

I finally found a hiding spot in a mountain. It finally became day time. I went outside. I started

looking for a better hiding spot and I found some wood. I started chopping the wood with my hands.

When I finished, I built a house out of wood. I went to find some food. I found a sheep, chicken, and a cow. From the sheep, I made a bed so I could sleep. Now I'm going to start looking for a flat part of the land so I can build my house.

Ahhh. Here is the perfect place. The next thing I did was build my house, but once I was done I

looked in the settings and I found out that I can turn on creative mode.

When I did that, I was able to build anything I wanted to. The first thing I built was a better house because I was living underground. When I finished, it looked really colorful. I loved my new house. I wanted to build more. But then one day I turned off the part that makes me move. But I finally found out how to turn it back on. Then I started playing with my sister. We had sooo much fun.

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WINGS OF FIRE

By: LUG.





SPRING AVE WELCOMES MATTHEW CORDELL

Spring Ave is excited to welcome Caldecott Medal winning author and illustrator Matthew Cordell to our school on February 10. This visit is made possible through support from our very generous Spring Ave PTO. More information and a presentation schedule will be available after Winter Break.

CALENDAR

December 19 - Classroom Holiday Parties

December 23-January 3 - Winter Break

January 6 - School resumes

January 17 - District Institute Day

January 20 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

January 24 - Teacher Battle of the Books, Fun Lunch

January 29 - Spring Ave Battle of the Books

February 5 and 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences

February 6 - Issue 3 of *A Lion's Life* published!

February 10 - Matthew Cordell visits Spring Ave - new date for this special PTO sponsored event

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