

A LION'S LIFE



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**Spring Avenue Elementary School
La Grange School District 105**



5th and 6th grade students participate in a Care Package community service project.

MK CHARACTER DAY

By Ethan W.

Michael Kosinski was a student who went to Spring Avenue. He was an awesome role model and students looked up to him. He would help students who were sad or needed someone to talk to.

Michael was a kind-hearted and hardworking person.

He attended a variety of after-school activities at Spring and Gurrie. He participated in orchestra, playing the cello. He also played a few sports, one being volleyball. When he graduated Gurrie, he attended LTHS. Michael went to DePaul University to get a degree in business and finance.



Even when he graduated college, Michael continued to be a grateful person. He walked up stairs to raise money for charities in need. He climbed all 2,019 stairs of the Willis Tower in just 30 minutes!

Unfortunately, he passed away nearly five years ago. We celebrate MK Character Day near Michael's birthday to honor him. His birthday is December 17th. Last year, we colored our school mascot, Leo, with a box at the bottom. We put a positive character trait inside of that box. We put the trait there to try to be our very best every day, just like Michael!

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 50 DAYS

By Miles B.

The 50th Day of School is a party for kindergarteners from all four schools in District 105 to celebrate being at school for 50 days. This year it was November 9. The theme is 1950s and the kindergarteners dress up in jean jackets and white t-shirts if they're boys, and if they are girls they dress up in skirts and



dresses. This program started when District 105 started all day kindergarten.

The kindergarteners do crafts and have guest readers come in. I think the 50th day is a good day to meet kids from other schools. The 50th day party seems fun, and I would have enjoyed it in kindergarten.



SCHOOL NEWS



KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

By Carrie R. and Nora F.

The Kindness Campaign is where we report kind acts by other students, and is on the bulletin board near the gym. The acts of kindness could be as simple as "Bob held the door for me," or as complex as "Bob stood up for me when I was being bullied."

We think that it is a great way to celebrate kindness. This is a way to be more kind, especially near the holiday season. But you should be kind all year round even when you are not in school. And it does matter if you are nice to pets too, but you cannot write an award for them even though they are great. Don't forget that you can write about your teacher and kids that are not in your grade level. And even if you do something nice it does not matter if you get an award. What matters is that you feel good about being kind.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

By Everett K. and Simone B.

List A	List B	List C	List D
<i>Moo</i> By Sharon Creech	<i>Ms. Bixby's Last Day</i> By John David Anderson	<i>Ada's Violin</i> By Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport	<i>Counting Thyme</i> By Melanie Conklin
<i>Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere</i> By Julie Lamana	<i>The Secret Subway</i> By Shana Corey, illustrated by Red nose studios	<i>Fish in a Tree</i> By Lynda Mullaly Hunt	<i>I Dissent</i> By Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley
<i>A Handful of Stars</i> By Cynthia Lord	<i>Ugly: A Memoir</i> By Robert Hoge	<i>Me and Marvin Gardens</i> By Amy Sarig King	<i>The Goldfish Boy</i> By Lisa Thompson
<i>Funny Bones</i> By Duncan Tonatiuh	<i>Wish</i> By Barbara O'Connor	<i>Paper Things</i> By Jennifer Richardson Jacobson	<i>Unbound</i> By Ann E. Burg

The Battle of the Books is for 5th and 6th graders. It is played on a Kahoot game. There are 2 rounds: The School Battles at each D105 elementary school and the District Battle where the winning teams come together to create Super Teams.

The School Battle is hosted in our gym. The District Battle takes place in Gurrie's gym. In the District Battle, the people who already were in the battle but didn't succeed can participate in an audience Kahoot. Good luck to all the Battle of the Books readers!



SCHOOL NEWS



VETERAN'S DAY

By Ainsley L.

We had a very good Veteran's Day Assembly at our school, and our singing was fantastic! We sold pencils for \$1 each, and we raised \$1,050! All of this money goes to veterans for Honor Flight. Honor Flight is where the veterans take a trip to Washington, DC to see the memorials. When they get back everyone cheers for them at the airport.



The veterans were very happy to have been to our school, and I think we all enjoyed it. It was awesome how they came into our school and talked with us about what they do and what they did. I really appreciate all of the people who served in the war and who died in the war. We are all lucky to live in such a great place, and it is very cool to think about all who have served our country and those who are serving right now.

A LETTER FROM A VISITING VETERAN: MR. LARSON

Dear Mr. Lawson,

This was my 2nd year as an honored vet at your school and I just had to email you to tell you what a great job you are doing with your students and faculty. The ceremony was quite moving and heartfelt. The kids were engaged and did a super job on the four branch of service songs. Teaching young minds patriotism is exactly what this country needs more of. There seems to be more division every year among adults in our country and maybe by starting at this level, you can instill more civility, pride and honor for the USA. This was my first year speaking to a class and it was a wonderful experience for me. The kids were great listeners and asked some really good questions. I deeply enjoyed them. I was in Miss McGinnis' room and she was terrific also. I am a Vietnam vet and one question from a student was why was there a war in VN and why were we fighting in it. That's pretty thoughtful for a 3rd grader. Impressive.

In my mind, today helped validate why I served. Thanks again for the experience and I look forward to many more!

Best regards,

Don Larson

Vivian, Maeve, and Grant Comes' Grandfather



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

TEACHER INTERVIEW

By Ava S., Reese C., Mireya B., Ava S., and Zoe C.

(1) What was your nickname as a child?

Mrs. Dahlin: Captain Peanut

Mrs. Walsh: Kate

Ms. Eck: Chrissy

Ms. Waterston: Zilly

Ms. Folliard: Fools, and as an adult Juju

(2) Where were you born?

Mrs. Dahlin: La Grange

Mrs. Walsh: Pella, Iowa

Ms. Eck: La Grange

Ms. Waterston: Hyde Park, then moved to Cambridge, England at 6 months

Ms. Folliard: Chicago

(3) What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. Dahlin: reading or science

Mrs. Walsh: math and science

Ms. Eck: social studies, reading, and math

Ms. Waterston: I like them all

Ms. Folliard: I like to teach everything

(4) What do you think your best traits are as a teacher?

Mrs. Dahlin: I like to have fun

Mrs. Walsh: patient, happy, understanding, flexible

Ms. Eck: caring, hard-working

Ms. Waterston: I understand kids really well

Ms. Folliard: My sense of humor, I like to dance in class, I work well with kids, I am creative, and I love to read

(5) What was your favorite childhood toy?

Mrs. Dahlin: stuffed walrus

Mrs. Walsh: stuffed dolphin

Ms. Eck: to swim with goolies

Ms. Waterston: Legos

Ms. Folliard: Slinkys and any kind of ball

(6) What is your favorite book?

Mrs. Dahlin: Hunger Games

Mrs. Walsh: Red Knit Cap Girl by Naoko Stoop and Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett

Ms. Eck: Pride and Prejudice

Ms. Waterston: The Biography of John Adams

Ms. Folliard: The Little Engine that Could

MR. ARNESON INTERVIEW

By Molly E., Bridget G., Clara D., and Dylan J.

What is your all time favorite sport?

Football

What is your favorite P.E game?

Badminton

What is your favorite color?

Red

What is your favorite Olympic sport to watch?

Swimming

What is your favorite shoe brand?

Nike

What is your favorite clothing brand?

Lululemon

Who is your all time favorite sports player?

Younger: Cal Ripken, Jr.
Current: Aaron Rodgers

Who is your favorite new player in the NFL?

Saquon Barkley

Where is your dream vacation?

Australia and New Zealand

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

HOLIDAY INTERVIEW

By Zoe C., Nora F., and Carrie R.

1. What is your favorite part about the holiday season?

Ms. Dickerson: I like spending time with my family

Mrs. Tobin: I think it's decorating with my family

Mrs. Coffey: I love to spend time with my family

Ms. Huebner: Being with my family and friends, talk and catch up with each other and have a great time

Ms. Kubilius: Spending time with friends and family

Ms. Thomas: Spending time with friends and family

Ms. McAuley: Spending time with my family

2. What is your favorite food in the holiday feast?

Ms. Dickerson: Apple pie

Mrs. Tobin: Holiday food in general or eggnog

Mrs. Coffey: When we have homemade pasta

Ms. Huebner: I love stuffing

Ms. Kubilius: Prime rib

Ms. Thomas: I really like sweet potatoes

Ms. McAuley: Christmas cookies

3. What is your favorite holiday carol?

Ms. Dickerson: *Up On The Housetop*

Mrs. Tobin: *Silent Night*

Mrs. Coffey: *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*

Ms. Huebner: *Have a Holly Jolly Christmas*

Ms. Kubilius: *Frosty the Snowman*

Ms. Thomas: *Silver Bells*

Ms. McAuley: *Little Drummer Boy*

4. What will you miss about your students over break?

Ms. Dickerson: Talking to them

Mrs. Tobin: I will miss their smiles

Mrs. Coffey: All of the ways they make me laugh

Mrs. Huebner: Their jokes, they make my smile and laugh every day, their warm hugs.

Ms. Kubilius: All the jokes they tell me that make me laugh

Ms. Thomas: Their smiling faces

Ms. McAuley: Laughing because they are all so funny

5: What is one of the things on your wish list?

Mrs. Dickerson: Mickey Mouse Polaroid camera

Mrs. Tobin: I would like an Echo Show

Mrs. Coffey: A puppy

Ms. Huebner: I'd rather give gifts than receive them

Ms. Kubilius: Travel to see my aunt and family

Ms. Thomas: A good book

Ms. McAuley: To organize my home



SPORTS PAGE



TOP SIX BASEBALL PLAYERS FOR THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES 2018

By Beckett M. and Daniel K.

National League MVPs



1. Christian Yelich

We chose Christian Yelich because he won MVP in the 2018 season. He also hit 36 home runs, had 110 RBI's, 118 runs scored, and 187 hits. His batting average

was an impressive .326, and he had a great season overall.



2. Javier Baez

We chose Javier Baez because he was 2nd in NL MVP voting for the 2018 season. He had 111 RBIs, he hit 34 home runs (two less than Christian Yelich). In addition, he

batted .290 for the season.



3. Nolan Arenado

We chose Nolan Arenado because he took 3rd in NL MVP voting for the 2018 season. He hit 38 home runs and his batting average was .297. He also had 110 RBIs (1 less

than Javier Baez).

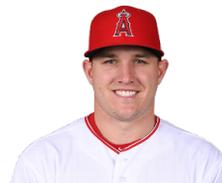
American League MVPs



1. Mookie Betts

We chose Mookie Betts because he won the AL MVP for 2018. He batted .346 and hit 32 home runs. He had 80 RBIs (30 less than Nolan Arenado). He had the best

batting average for both leagues in the 2018 season.



2. Mike Trout

We chose Mike Trout because he was 2nd in AL MVP voting for the 2018 season. He hit .312 for the regular season and hit 39 home runs. He had 79 RBIs (one less

than Mookie Betts), and he had 101 runs scored.



3. Jose Ramirez

We chose Jose Ramirez because he was 3rd place in AL MVP voting for the 2018 season. He batted .270, had 105 RBIs, and he had

110 runs scored (even more than Mike Trout). He had 39 home runs (equal to Mike Trout).



FIRST GRADE MAKES BUTTER

By Guest Writer, Charlie U.,
1st Grade



First graders made butter in class on Tuesday, November 20th. We were learning about the first Thanksgiving. We made it by shaking thick cream in a jar. Then we tried it on Saltines!

SPORTS PAGE



TOP 7 NBA ROOKIES OF THE 2018-2019 SEASON

Ethan P., Nathan W., Caiden K., and Conor C.



1. Trae Young

Trae Young was drafted in the first round. He went to the University of Oklahoma. He was born Sept. 19, 1998. He got drafted by the Mavericks,

and then they traded him to the Atlanta Hawks. He stands at 6'2 and in college he averaged 27 points per game. He has a good chance to be the Rookie of The Year.

Dallas Mavericks. He is 19 years old and stands 6'7. He started playing in the European League for Teka. He plays small forward and point guard.



5. Kevin Knox

Kevin Knox is 6'9, and he was the ninth pick in the first round by the New York Knicks. He is 19 years old. He was born on August 11, 1999. His college

team was the Kentucky Wildcats. He averages 9.3 points per game. They made it to the Elite Eight in March Madness.



2. Deandre Ayton

Deandre Ayton is playing for the Phoenix Suns. He is very good in three point range and in the paint. He was drafted in the 2018-2019 season. He was

the first pick in the NBA draft. He stands 7'1, and his wing span is 7'6 . His college team was the Arizona Wildcats.

6. Marvin Bagley III

Marvin Bagley III averages 20 or more points per game. He has a good start in his rookie season. He is a very good free throw shooter. He played with Grayson



Allen and Wendell Carter, Jr., and last year the Duke team was very good. He plays on the Kings, and in the summer league he got injured.

3. Collin Sexton

Collin Sexton was drafted to the Cleveland Cavaliers, a round one, number eight pick from Alabama. He was born in 1999. He is 5'11, and his wingspan is 6'6. He wears

number two, and he is a point guard. Lately, he scores more than 15 points per game.

7. Wendell Carter, Jr.

Wendell Carter, Jr. is a professional basketball player for the Chicago Bulls. He was the 7th pick in the first round and his wing span is 7'5. In



college he played for the Duke Blue Devils. He is 6'10 and is 19 years old.

4. Luka Doncic

Luka Doncic was picked third in the NBA draft by the Atlanta Hawks, and then traded to the





55 THINGS TO DO OVER WINTER BREAK

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



1. Drink hot cocoa
2. Catch up with old friends
3. Sleep
4. Have a snowball fight
5. Give your room a makeover
6. Visit family
7. Make a gingerbread house
8. Go ice skating
9. Go on a trip
10. Decorate your house
11. Go shopping
12. Make an igloo
13. Play in the snow
14. Have a holiday party
15. Make comics
16. Unwrap presents
17. Go to the spa
18. Write
19. Do Crafts
20. Play football
21. Play hockey
22. Write to your teacher
23. Read a book
24. Play board games
25. Play basketball
26. Write to Santa
27. Make a Christmas list
28. Have a sloth themed party
29. Play with your toys
30. Do a puzzle
31. Color
32. Go skiing
33. Go tubing
34. Cookie exchange
35. Go caroling
36. Make a snow angel
37. Practice an instrument
38. Sit by the fire
39. Wrap presents
40. Make a snowglobe
41. Donate to the food bank
42. Have a sleepover
43. Stay in p.j.s all day
44. Babysit
45. Try a new recipe
46. Go to Chicago
47. Have a fun day with friends
48. Build a snowman
49. Bake
50. Go to church
51. Decorate your Christmas tree
52. Start a book series
53. Learn something new
54. Start a new hobby
55. Make New Year's Resolutions



CREATIVE WRITING



THE CHRISTMAS TREE MISTAKE

By Simone B., Jack M., and Jr. L.

Fortunately-My family got a great Christmas tree.

Unfortunately-It got knocked down.

Fortunately-We had enough time to get a new one.

Unfortunately-There were none left.

Fortunately-They were restocking them.

Unfortunately-It was going to take them 2 hours to get them up.

Fortunately-There was another shop a few miles away.

Unfortunately-There was only one great Christmas tree.

Fortunately-We were going to buy it.

Unfortunately-Another family beat us, so we couldn't get it.

Fortunately-The other store was done restocking the Christmas trees.

Unfortunately-The selections weren't good.

Fortunately-We found one that was a great fit and the lights made it pretty.

The End.



THE PRESENT MISTAKE

By Simone B., Jack M., and Jr. L.

Fortunately-I got a Razor motorcycle for Christmas.

Unfortunately-It was snowing so I couldn't ride it.

Fortunately-The wheels weren't slippery so I could ride it once it wasn't snowing.

Unfortunately-The wheel stops spinning.

Fortunately-There was a scooter shop nearby that fixes and sells Razor motorcycles and scooters.

Unfortunately-It was \$300 to fix it.

Fortunately-I had \$400 in my bank account.

Unfortunately-It was a mile to my bank and it was closed.

Fortunately-There was a rich man giving out money.

Unfortunately- The rich man didn't want to give me any money.

Fortunately-I went back to my house and asked my parents for some money.

Unfortunately-My parents spent all of the money on taxes.

Fortunately-The guy at the shop only made me pay \$150.

Unfortunately-I didn't have the money.

Fortunately-The man said, "You could get it for free if you work for me."

The End



GUESS THE HOLIDAY PICTURES

By Emma H.

Hi! To get you in the Holiday spirit, you will have to guess the holiday words from pictures. You can write your guesses on the line, and the real answers will be at the bottom of page 12.







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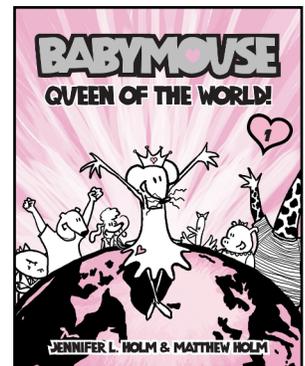
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BABYMOUSE SERIES

By Mireya B.

I LOVE Babymouse. Today I will be telling you about Babymouse: Queen of the World. In Babymouse: Queen of the World, Babymouse tries everything to get to Felicia Furrypaws' slumber party. For example, Babymouse reads a book to be more popular. Will Babymouse get an invitation to Felicia Furrypaws' slumber party? Find out in Babymouse: Queen of the World.





D.I.Y. HOLIDAY

By Abigail S.



Jar of Christmas

Materials:

- Mason jar
- Fake snow
- Small fake pine tree

Instructions:

First, open the jar. Next, glue the pine tree on the **BOTTOM** of the lid or the **BOTTOM** of the jar. Then, put some "snow" in the jar. Finally, screw the lid on the jar. Voila!



Stocking

Materials:

- Felt
- Fabric paint
- Glue/hot glue/needle and thread

Instructions: First, cut out two pieces of fabric in the

shape of a stocking.

Next, sew or glue them together leaving a gap at the top. Finally, decorate!

Tinsel Tassel



Materials:

- Felt
- Scissors
- String
- Glue
- Ruler

Instructions:

First, cut out 5 strips of felt that are 1 foot long and 1 inch wide. Next, cut a bunch of even cuts along one end of the strip. Roll them up and glue. Finally, glue them all 1 inch apart on a ribbon.

HOLIDAY NEWS

By Veda R.

I interviewed Spring Avenue students and teachers to see what they like about the holidays. Here is what they said:

Jenna P.: I like presents, relatives, and the food is good too.

Abigail S.: I love waking up in the morning, going downstairs, and seeing the presents under the tree.

Helena E.: I like eating marshmallows.

Emma H.: I like my elf on the shelf, the snow, my birthday is two days after, getting gifts, playing with the gifts, having a party with family, the food, etc.

Mrs. Panice: I like spending time with my family.

Zoe C.: Everyone comes together and has a

big party celebrating what family really means.

Miles B.: I like being with my family.

William P.: I want to get an iPhone and getting presents and giving them too.

Max I.: 10 pounds of cookies

Blake M.: Getting presents.

Sophia K.: It's my birthday.

Camille S.: Going to Poland and snowboarding with my cousins.

Mrs. Coffey: Giving gifts to friends and family.

Veda R.: I love that Jesus was born, and that I get to watch people open the presents I gave and see their expressions! I like spending time with family and playing with them.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

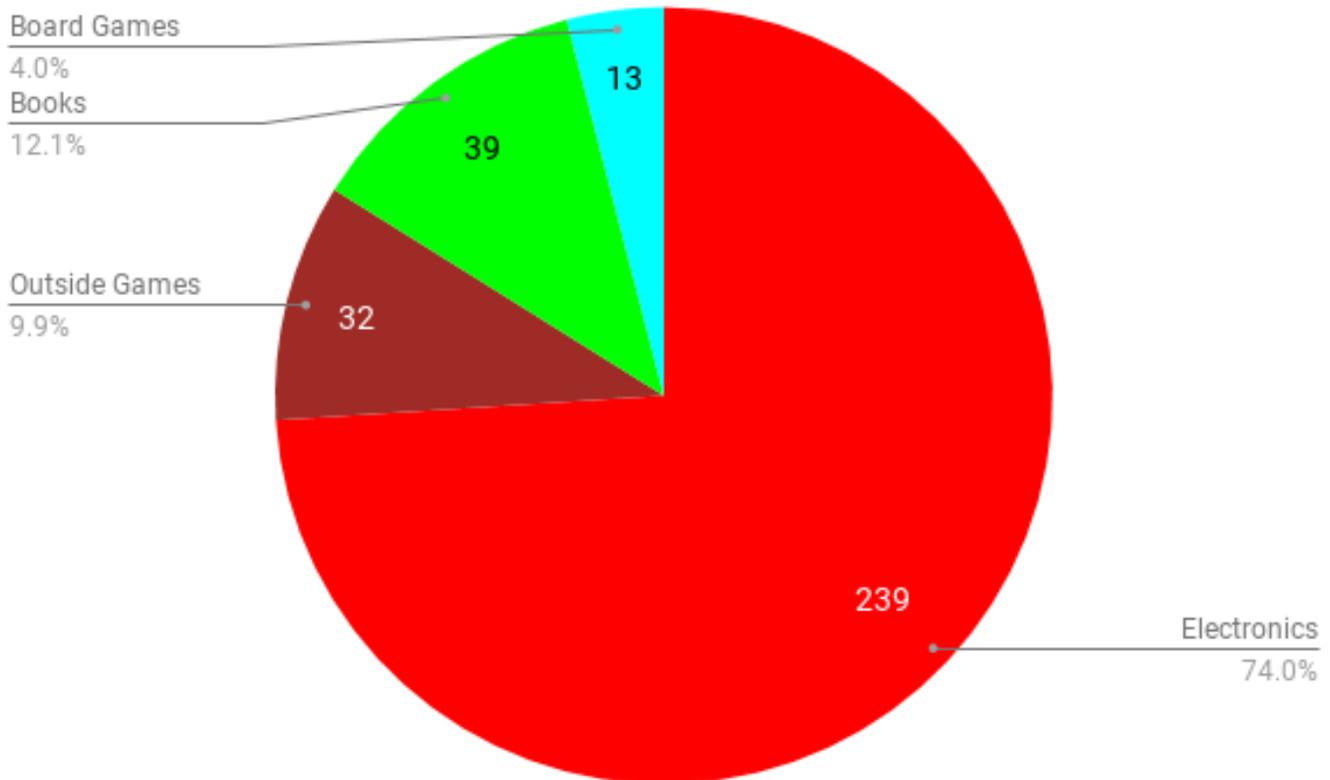


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STUDENT SURVEYS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY GIFT TO GET?

By Jack M., Ethan W., and Miles B.



YOUR COMICS IN THE NEWSPAPER

By Kenny B. and Ian P.

This year Draw Revolution Comics will have a box for comic ideas in the library by the book return area. If you want to have a comic about football, we will make it. All you have to do is write your idea down and put it in the box. Make sure that your ideas are school appropriate. You can be as specific as you want with your ideas. If you just want a character named Jimmy you can have that, but if you don't specify a storyline we will write one ourselves. Otherwise, you can write all of the details about the comic if you want. Each time we finish a comic we will randomly pick a piece of paper out of the box and that will be the one that we use.



FORTNITE

By Luka B.

Fortnite the video game was released on July 25, 2017. Fortnite is one of the most popular games ever. A lot of people play. Each time I have played, there have been 100 people playing at the same time.

If you go to Tilted Towers in a game you will find very good weapons and shields and even med kits, which increase your health so you can keep playing.

In Fortnite, there are two modes. One mode is Save The World which has zombies. You have to pay for Save The World and the other mode is free and is called Battle Royale.

People all around the world play Fortnite. You should never cheat or hack in Fortnite because you may get banned. To win the game you need to be the



last one standing. You also have to eliminate people to win. It is hard to play because you need to know how to run and hide and eliminate others before they eliminate you. You may play against very good players.

The small battle pass is 950 vbucks and the bundle is 2,800 vbucks, which has an extra 25 tiers. With the battle pass, you can earn skins, backpacks, dances, stickers, pickaxes, banners, wrapping paper for weapons, spray paint, gliders and colored trails when you jump off the battle bus.

Right now is season 7 in Fortnite. Season 7 is Christmas themed. 78.3 million people play Fortnite. Epic games company created the video game Fortnite. Ninja (that's his nickname) is the best Fortnite player in the whole world.

WHAT IS YOUR PIRATE NAME?

By Emilee T., Hannah F., and Eve M.



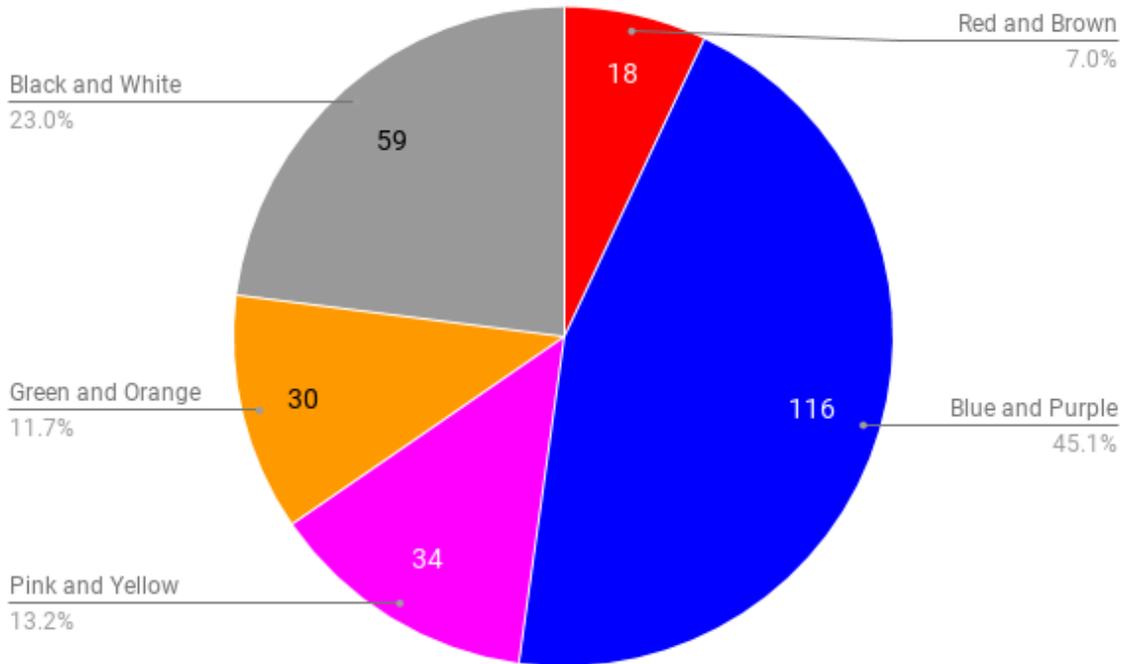
This is what your pirate name is going to be. This is what you do: find the first letter of your name and find that letter on our pirate sheet and that is the first name of your pirate name. Then find the first letter of your last name on our sheet, and put the word together and that is your pirate name.

A: Arghh	H: Horizon	O: Ocean	V: Viking
B: Bats	I: Island	P: Parrot	W: Wave
C: Cove	J: Jar	Q: Quest	X: X
D: Dirty	K: Key	R: Rocky	Y: Yell
E: Emerald	L: List	S: Skull	Z: Zigzag
F: Fire	M: Map	T: Treasure	
G: Golden	N: North	U: Underwater	

A) B) C) **STUDENT SURVEYS**

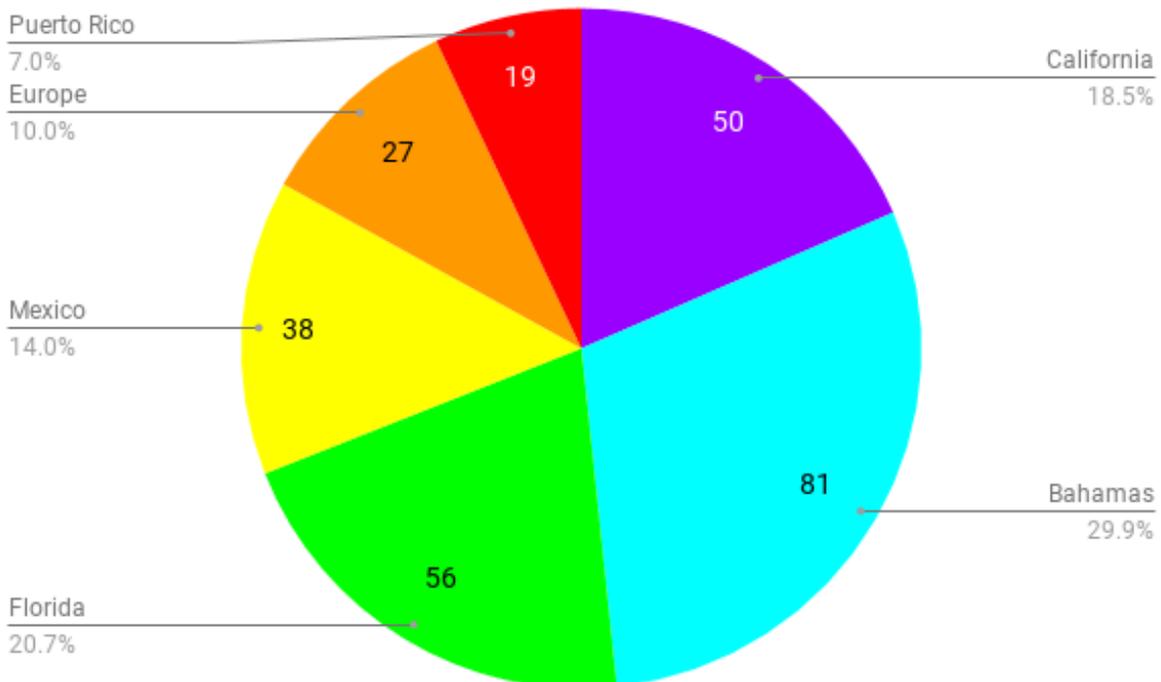
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR COMBINATION?

By Bridget G. and Bella M.



WHERE IS YOUR DREAM VACATION?

By Bridget G. and Molly E.



CREATIVE

ALL I REMEMBER

By Bella M.

It was black and I remember pain, but now I don't feel pain. I open my eyes but instantly close them because of the blinding light. I roll over on my back and feel something weird on my body. I try to open my eyes again thinking that the blinding light would go away. Wrong. I put my hands on my back only yet to discover a blanket of feathers. I try to pull the blanket of feathers, but, I feel pain.

"What the heck is happening!?" I think to myself.

I am Olive Smith or Olay for short. I open my eyes and surprisingly there is no blinding light! Huzzah! I stand up and I feel weight on my back. I feel what is on my back and it's the same blanket I felt when I was sleeping. My hands run up my back, then I feel a bone sprouting. The first thought that comes to my brain is that I have wings.

I see a door, and I walk to it and open it. I immediately open my mouth as I see a building made out of clouds and a beautiful sunset. Then I look down and see a world that I used to live in. Smoke rises up and I see a house that has a tattered sign. Then I look a little further and see marvelous houses and people dressed in the finest clothes. Something catches my eye, and it's a rich person and a poor person. I walk towards them, feel something on my foot and then, well...I fell!

Down. Down. Down.

To Be Continued...

WRITING

A MILLION DREAMS

By Maddy S. and Brynn K.

Once upon a time there lived a little girl named Marley. She was a fourth grader, and she lived in New York City. One night Marley went to bed. In the morning her parents were fighting about moving and traveling place to place.

So when Marley went to school, she was sad. Fortunately, at 2:15 her class had a Thanksgiving party with the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). The party was super fun. They made paper plate turkeys and ate Oreos. When Marley got home, she took her paper turkey out of her backpack and immediately showed her mom and told her all about the day.

Several weeks later, Marley had a winter concert where they sang Christmas carols and the Illinois song. Then, dad left for work and Marley discovered in just one week that her dad was not at work. Her dad was in Canada because since the two parents were fighting, they wanted to split up for a long time. So when Marley got home Marley asked, "Where is dad?"

Her mom said, "Well, your dad and I are fighting about moving and traveling place to place."

The next day Marley woke up and it was a Saturday. Marley's mom was cooking breakfast and washing the dishes at the same time. Marley was still sad when she figured out her dad was not there, but she was still going to school and doing her work. It was still hard for her and her mom, though she carried on and stayed brave.

CREATIVE WRITING

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SLOTH

By Mireya B.

Hi, my name is Slothy. I was minding my own business. I was surprised, when BOOM! I grew a horn and a pair of wings. I was an Alicorn Sloth!

Then I saw an evil, giant centipede in my tree. Next, I ran out of my tree. I flew to my friend's treehouse. We ate roasted hibiscus for dinner! In the morning, I bravely flew to my tree. Then I blasted the centipede with my horn.

Boom! But he hit me with his laser eyes. BAM Boom! Bam! Boom! Bam! BOOM!!!! I won!!!!!!:)



WHAT IF YOU LIVED HERE?

By Max I.



Imagine a dimension where it rains nuts and bolts. Imagine a world where the sun is blue and the sky is yellow. Imagine eating sulfur with a side of wood for breakfast. Imagine computers are made of paper, and paper is metal. Imagine a saltine cracker used as a bar of soap. What if you had a jar of bacteria and a box of markers for lunch. Imagine kids teaching grown ups. What would you do if you lived here? If you want to describe below what you would do if one of these was actually a thing.

CREATIVE WRITING

TRUE STORIES:

THE EVIL QUEEN'S SIDE

By London S.M.

Once upon a time, in a far-off kingdom, there lived a beautiful young princess. She had lips as red as blood, hair as black as raven's feathers, and skin as white as snow. There once lived a happy king and queen, who were the parents of the princess, and they decided to name her Snow White.

What a CHEESY name!

I mean, come on, was that seriously the best name they could come up with? Why not just call her Sara or something? But no, it had to be something silly and ridiculous!

I'm Eliza, otherwise known as The Evil Queen. Ugg, I really dislike that name! Seriously, what's with all these ridiculous names? Anyway, I guess I'm supposed to tell you the real story of Snow White, which is a relief. It'll be good to have someone know the truth of that little brat.

It all started a while back when the king and queen had a kid, and they gave her that awful name. After a few months, the queen fell ill and passed away. The king was very crestfallen over the death of his "soulmate," so he went in search of a new bride for his daughter to look up to. Well, in my opinion, that was just a waste

of time. Why did he need a bride to raise a child? There is nothing wrong with a single parent, people do it all the time. You don't need someone else to help. I think he had enough servants to help out if he really needed that much help. Look at me, my mom raised me as a single parent and I turned out just fine!

Back to the story, he held auditions for a new bride, but apparently, none of the six-foot models were good enough for him. Then he found me at the market. I was beautiful, long black hair, rich brown eyes, and a nice smile. He immediately fell head over heels for me. But, can you really blame him?

We dated for a while, and he was very charming. Then he asked me to marry him, and being young and gullible, I said yes. We got married, and everything was like a fantasy, and then he got sick and passed away just like his wife.

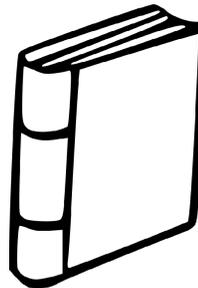
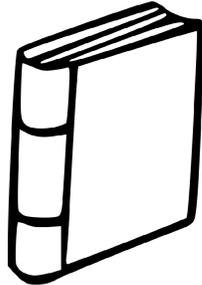
I was heartbroken, and Snow White was so young, and it was so hard to tell her he passed away. This was very challenging for her, and I tried to be a good mother, but I knew nothing about being a mom. For the record, I never treated her like a slave or

forced her to work, people just thought that because I gave her some chores like a normal girl.

Even though I tried, she still disliked me. Then she ran away. When I went in a disguise to find her, the dwarves she was living with thought I wanted to kill her because she had told them I was really mean to her. Which I was NOT! A few chores never hurt anyone.

One day when the dwarves went to work, I brought her an apple (because they are her favorite) to try and make peace, but when she realized it was me, she choked on the bite of apple she was eating and fell over. I tried everything, but she wouldn't wake up. So I went to get medical help, but by the time I got back with help, some prince had already dislodged the apple and they were riding into the sunset on his snowy white horse. How convenient. For them. The End.

Now everywhere I go people throw apples at me! They say I'm "getting what I deserve." Well, that's the true story, and if you don't believe me, ask my friend Cruella DeVillle next time on True Stories.



CREATIVE WRITING

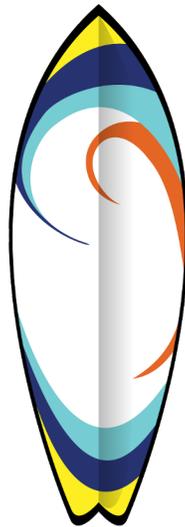
TIDAL WAVE: VOLUME 2

By Dylan J.

My head throbbed in pain and my throat burned. I thought I was dead but it felt worse. It was like I'd been run over by a car, tossed off a cliff, and stretched apart until all my limbs shattered. I felt so horrible, I just wanted to stop trying to stay alive and die. But then I remembered my dad and how heartbroken he'd be if I died. That gave me the courage to try to swim up to the surface.

I gasped for breath. My eyes were still blurry from the salt and my ears were ringing. I doggy paddled around, trying to find something to hold on to. When my eyes cleared, I found a surfboard, about 15 feet away from me. I used the strength I had left to get to the surfboard. It felt like it was a thousand miles away. I finally got to the surfboard and held on like my life depended on it, because it did. The ocean I'd always loved was now my worst nightmare. I held on to that surfboard, trying to stay alive in the terrible situation the ocean put me in. But, if things could get any worse, which they could, another wave,

probably an aftershock, hit me like a boulder, taking me underwater once again.



I woke to the sound of singing. The voice sounded like heaven. But it soothed me, and oddly, it made me feel at home. I fell asleep again to the sound of the song.

"Hello," a whispery voice said. "Can you hear me?"

I opened my eyes to a blinding light. I closed them again to spare me the pain. It was all through my body, consuming all the happiness I'd ever experienced. Why should I even try? I thought. I'm already in this terrible situation, what's the point? My head was pounding and one of my shoulders felt weird. When I opened my eyes again the light was gone.

"Hello, Carlie," the lady said. Then I realized something.

"Mom?"

To be continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

MICRO PUPPY 2: INSIDE THE COMPUTER

By Emma H.

Crystal and Reina dashed towards the computer. It looked really big. After they were searching for a place to get in, they had an idea! Crystal and Reina ran their little legs to the charging plug. It took all of their little puppy might to pull it out of the computer. Then they listened for a Windows XP Shutdown sound to make sure it was off. After the pups heard it, they went inside the computer through the hole where the plug was. Then, they were in a world of wires, motherboards, and a lot of techy stuff.

"Reina? Shouldn't there be a clue or something now?" asked Crystal.

"I think so. Because whenever we enter a new 'world,' we ALWAYS have a clue," replied Reina.

Then they saw a note

hanging from one of the motherboards. Crystal and Reina had to jump onto it. But, there was no way they could do that because it was so high! Crystal looked to her right. There was a wire from a motherboard right next to them that led to the one

with the note. They had to tightrope!

"Reina!" said Crystal.

"Yeah?"

"We have to tightrope on that

wire over there," Crystal pointed to a thick red wire.

"Ok," replied

Reina. She was shivering and had a nervous look on her face.

Reina didn't know how to tightrope! But Crystal did. She does gymnastics and is a pro at balancing. Reina and Crystal jumped onto the board

that was next to them. They both went up the wire and got the note. This is what it said:



Hello, again, pups. Your job is to find a mini keyboard, and crack this code. The code below translates to numbers

that you must type to escape.

< > = + < --- _ _ += < > \

Reina then noticed another note. It was in the screen, though, and very far away.

AFTER 20 MINUTES OF JUMPING....

Crystal found the note, and there was the keyboard next to it. The code read:

235824440085236

To be continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

HURRICANE, PART 2

By Clara D.

My throat burned, and the water I loved before was now threatening to kill me.

"Thomas!" I screamed.

But then I saw him as a wave came. Together, Thomas and I swam to safety, or a place at least we thought was safe.

Where is mom? I thought.

When we were swimming I could see the fun activities we did before. Then I thought about all of the fun activities I wanted to do with my mom and Thomas. I was still holding Wishbone tight. I felt her wet body shivering.

"It's okay. We'll make it, Destiny," Thomas said

We swam to the deck, and it was violently shaking. The boat

capsized and Thomas, Wishbone, and I were dumped into the cold, dark water.

And then I saw a lifeboat.

"Thomas, we made it. There's a lifeboat over there," I pointed to my right.

Well at least we got something to hold on to. It took me a couple seconds to realize Thomas wasn't in sight. I left Wishbone in the boat and jumped in the water. I tried to imagine I was swimming in the boat's pool playing tag. But I knew I wasn't playing tag and I wasn't having fun looking for Thomas. I swam around for a while calling his name. Then I heard him yell my name. I swam to the sound and I found him. When I found

him we stayed on the boat and the weather got better. Then we heard something.

Ch ch ch ch

And then we saw it. It was a helicopter! We screamed at the top of our lungs.

"Help! Help!"

It was a miracle! The helicopter heard us screaming for help. They brought down a ladder and yelled at us to climb up.

The next day I was safe with Thomas and Wishbone. I was at the rescue center. I found my mom but something didn't seem right...

To be continued.



WILDFIRE, PART 2



By Bridget G.

"Maria!" my mom screamed. "Come back!"

I ignored her and kept running. I knew my mom would be devastated, but King really mattered. I knew that I would find him somehow, no matter how much time it took.

"King!!!" I yelled. I heard a

bark in the distance and I ran towards it. It was King. I was ecstatic. Who knew that I would find him. But I had to go fast, the fire was spreading quickly. I had to find a way out of the fire's path. A few moments later I smelled wood burning and the smell of smoke filled the air. I had to go now.

"King!!!" I yelled.

"Bark, Bark," King replied. I knew that we should go, so I started to run. King followed. I ran as fast as I could. I knew it wasn't fast enough. The fire was faster than King and I were. I knew it was too late. King and I were in the fire.

To be continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

MONTHLY NIGHT LIVE

SAILOR EDITION

By Andy S. and John F.

Both: Happy Sailor Day!!!

John: This is in celebration of a day three years ago when we made a bunch of paper boats and sailor hats and that's what started Sailor Day.

Andy: Now it's always December 13.

John: Let's do the random word generator like last time.

Andy: And the word is ... ocean!

John: That's a perfect word for Sailor Day.

Andy: No, really, that is what the generator gave us! Don't ask me how it happened, but it did!

Andy: If you don't believe me, then tell me and I'll show you the screenshot I took.

John: Let's talk about the ocean.

Andy: The water levels are rising.

John: Poor, poor polar bears!

Andy: We are destroying lots of animal habitats.

John: Let's stop here for a short commercial break so you can think about what you have

Two Specific people talk about stuff!
By Will P. and Eli P.

Turn to page 22 for super stuff!

It's a great one! - *Spring Reads*

done!

John: Ok, we're back to the show!

Andy: Y'know, I've been

thinking...

John: Yeah...

Andy: Everything is salteeyy!!

Andy: The ocean has salt in it, so if you drink it, it dehydrates you and makes you want to drink more.

John: That is why Dasani has salt in their water: to make it addicting!

Andy: Also, Sodium (Na) explodes in water (H₂O). Chlorine (Cl) is a toxic gas, but salt (NaCl) is harmless, save for possible irritation!

John: Still, it's sad that so much plastic goes into the ocean.

Both: Thanks for reading! And don't forget, HAPPY SAILOR DAY!!!



YOUTUBE REVIEW: ALI-A

By Nathan M.

Ali-A started his YouTube channel in 2007, so he started to make progress. But over time Ali-A was being criticized, so he was determined to quit YouTube. He did not give up, and later became a meme. In 2018 he has gained 15,000,000 subscribers. He is one of the biggest YouTubers in the world, and is a pro gamer. People always talk about him. Some people still dislike his channel, but with more than 15,000,000, he is doing amazing! Note: always ask your parents for permission before you go on YouTube.

YouTube

CREATIVE WRITING

TWO SPECIFIC PEOPLE TALK ABOUT STUFF

By William P. and Eli P.
(No We're Not Brothers)

William: Hello peeps and welcome to Two Specific People Talk About Stuff.

Eli: Hey, this is a random thing and we hope you enjoy.

William: Uhh... Today we gonna talk about umm... Advertisement break!



William: Okay! Umm, that was VERY short. Well...Let's introduce the guest! Luca!

Luca: oh. hey guys.

Eli: So what have you been doing?

Luca: uh. nothing at all, actually, just me being lazy and sitting with my guitar when i'm lazy & bored. that's really all.

William: Okay! Umm so... we need a topic.

Studio Crowd: We want to hear things that weren't supposed to be

made!

William: *sigh* Just like our show.

William: Moving on... Number one! Corn Flakes. While in the process of making dough from boiled wheat, one of the Kellogg brothers left the mash to dry for too long and when it came to be rolled out, it splintered into dozens of individual flakes. Some later tinkering switched out the wheat for corn, and gave us Corn Flakes.

Eli: Number two! Post-it's! In 1968, a man named Dr. Spencer Silver was attempting to create a super-strong adhesive when instead he accidentally invented a super-weak adhesive, which could be used to only temporarily stick things together. Another man named Art Fry wanted to use the adhesive to stick bookmarks to his book. Eventually they came up with a unique design that worked perfectly: a thin film of Spencer's adhesive was applied along just one edge of a piece of paper. After a failed product in 1977 as Press 'N Peel, the product went national as the Post-it note in 1980.

Luca: Number three, the Slinky! In

1943, a naval engineer named Richard T. James was allegedly working at a shipyard in Philadelphia when he accidentally knocked a spring from a high shelf. To his liking, the spring uncoiled itself and was stepping down onto supposedly a pile of books...then to a tabletop...and then onto their floor. After two years, James sold it as the Slinky we all know and love.

Eli: All right, now that's wrapped up...Here's another commercial break!

Monthly Night Live

By John F. and Andy S.

Turn to page 21 for Monthly Night Live.

Photo quote, if you can read this then that's cool.

From John and Andy

It's a great article! - Spring Reads

Will, Eli and Luca: Thank you so much for reading this article and goodbye!

CREATIVE WRITING

ON MY OWN, PART 2

By Abigail S.

Somehow I fall asleep that night. When I wake, I'm frozen to the bone. "Brrrrrrrrr." I sit up and look outside.

"Woah," I breathe. "It's Alaska." Outside, I see about three feet of solid ice and snow. "How did I get here?"

"Rarf!!!" I turn and see Copper.

"You wanna see?" I pick him up and together we step out (after I put on my cloak). Copper seems to love the snowy ice. He wiggles out of my grasp, plopping down in a pile of snow. He bounds up and lands on a slippery patch of ice. He tries to run to me, but skids and slips, ending up splayed out on the ice. "Ha ha! That's funny, Copper!" He looks up and seems to smile at me. I bend down and scoop him up. As soon as I pick him up, he wriggles right out of my grasp again and leaps off. "All right, Copper, come out." No



answer.

"Copper?" I can hear the panic in my voice. I run back inside and shove some food and firewood into a bag. I run back outside.

"Copper! Copper!!"

I spend all day looking for him, and finally I find him in a small hole.

"Copper!!" I scoop him up. He's ice cold. I listen to his heart, it's fading. His breath comes in short, raspy puffs, and his playful manner has been replaced with a tired, sick, freezing manner. "No...," I whisper.

I rush back to the tepee. I struggle to start a fire, then warm Copper up. I check his heart. Nothing. My eyes glaze over. I drop to my blanket, and I cry.

"Rarf?"

"Wha.....?" I wipe my eyes

and see the wagging, snuffling, happy little dog, Copper.

"You're...you're, alive?"

"Oh, Copper!" My eyes tear up, and I clutch him to my heart. He goes straight for my bag. He rummages around a bit, then emerges with the slab of caribou I had packed when I searched for Copper. I laugh. He devours the whole thing in seconds.

"RRRRRRR." I stop. I almost don't breathe, and when I peer through the tent flap I see a huge grizzly bear snuffling around where Copper had drooled.

"WOOOOOOOOFFFFF!!!!!!"

"Copper, no!"

The bear lumbers toward the tepee and snarls. As quickly as I can, I pack up all my things. I grab my knife, and tear through the side of the tent.

To be continued...



CREATIVE WRITING

LITTLE RICH KIDS PART 2

By: Veda R., Sophia K., and Camille S.

All the girls were confuzzled on what the note meant.

"Opal, what do we do?" the three little girls asked.

"Um...I guess we try to find the R park. I think I saw a park with a couple of trees a couple blocks away," Opal answered but still was confused.

So the girls were off. When they arrived at the park, they saw an odd looking group of trees and dashed down and found the next note in a tree.

When they read the note, this is what it said:



Dear Family,

Good, you found the next clue.

Starting tomorrow you will have 24 hours to find the next clue.

Opal, Lia, Sapphire, and Emerald... you girls... I believe in you.

Here's a hint:

Go to an abandoned beach

Look in the water and count to 5, what do you see?

First time...did you see anything? If not look again.

What do you see now?

Still see nothing?

Try looking once more.

STILL SEE NOTHING?

Then here's some advice,

GET YOUR EYES

CHECKED, AND GO

HOME!!!

Love you all,

?

"What do we do?" said the three triplets.

"Well, I think we have to go to the abandoned beach first, then we should look into the water and see if we see anything," said Opal.

So the girls went back to the car and headed off to the nearest abandoned beach and here's what happened when they arrived:

"Well, let's count to 5 and look in the water," said Opal.

So they counted to 5 and this happened.....

To be continued...



CREATIVE WRITING

WINTER CAMP

By Blake M.

Soft, light snow was falling outside our non-heated mess hall. We were on dish duty and trying to come up with a plan to save camp.

"Maybe we can rob a bank," said Jenna, blinking lazily at the snow.

"Of course not!" said Bella

"Well, camp is getting out today!" I said. You see, I will never like this camp: it's cold water and way-too-hot dinners that burn your tongue.

Bam! The kitchen doors slammed open and my mom burst in.

"Honey!!!" she said, hugging my guts out.

Jenna snickered, and I gave her scathing look.

"So," she said, looking around at our group. "I think I have a plan to save your camp..."

"I'm NOT ok with this!!!" I screamed at my mom as we got into our ever so shiny black limousine to go home. "We are NOT, NOT, NOT going to give \$1,000 to save camp!"

"Now, honey, I already signed you up for winter camp and gave them \$1,000." She paused. "You know, when I was your age, I was living on the streets. I would of given anything to go to camp."

"Here we go again," I thought.

"...Then I met your father and he said..."

"...That you had the most clear blue eyes," I



finished for her, rolling my eyes.

We pulled up to our big mansion. Even I haven't explored all of the rooms yet!

"Well," said my mom as she slipped out of the car, "hope you don't act spoiled! Christmas is coming!"

"WAIT! What?!!" I said, "You're thinking about not giving me presents?!?" I yelled at her.

"Yes, honey," said Mom.

"Y-y-you can't!!" I said with tears welling up in my eyes.

"Oh, yes I can!" said Mom. "Now, before you cause any more trouble, go to your room."

I ran upstairs and slammed my door.

To be continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S, PART 2

By Alex A. and Luke H.

Alex = Bonnie and Golden Freddy

Luke = Foxy

(Ok just before we start the story you might be wondering, "Hey, where's that Daniel guy? He was funny!" Well, he is on a different article: Chicago News Highlights And Scores. So, on with the story)

BE-BE-BE BEEP BE-BE-BE BEEP BE-BE-BE BEEP - 6 AM .

Guard: OH MY GOSH, I GOT OUT, THANK YOU SO MUCH, WATCH!

Bonnie: GRRRRRRRRR

Foxy: man



Bonnie: Heh, his watch is broken so it's actually 1am.

Guard: Wait a second * taps watch *
NOOOOOOOOOOOO !

Foxy: HEHE, nice one, Bonnie

GUARD: OH, NO

Bonnie: RAGG-GGGG-GG-GGGH

Guard: AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

(WE INTERRUPT THIS STORY TO TELL YOU THIS ABOUT SPRING AVENUE: THERE'S A MAJOR LICE OUTBREAK !!)

Foxy: YARR, OK WE GET IT, like, can we be getting back to the story already!?

* BACK TO OUR STORY *

* The guard fainted *

Bonnie: JEEZ ,I GUESS WE SCARED HIM SO MUCH HE FAINTED!

Foxy: Yeah, you'd be right.

* They hired a new guard *

Bonnie: GRRRRRRRRRRR

New guard: Ok, five more nights of sitting around and doing nothing. I guess I can check the cameras. AHHHHHHHHH, THAT BLUE ONE IS LOOKING AT THE CAMERA AND THE ORANGE ONE IS AT THE DOOR.



Foxy:



Bonnie: >:(I'M PURPLE NOT BLUE.

New guard : I'm leaving.

Foxy: RAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

CREATIVE WRITING

10 THINGS YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW

By Seth H.

1. You are reading this.
2. You can't say M or P without touching your lips together.
3. You just tried it.
4. You almost laughed.
5. You are starting to like this article.
6. You forgot why you were reading this.
7. You just took a moment to remember why you are reading this.
8. Every sentence besides this one begins with "You".
9. You just checked.
10. You realized the creator of this article is a genius.



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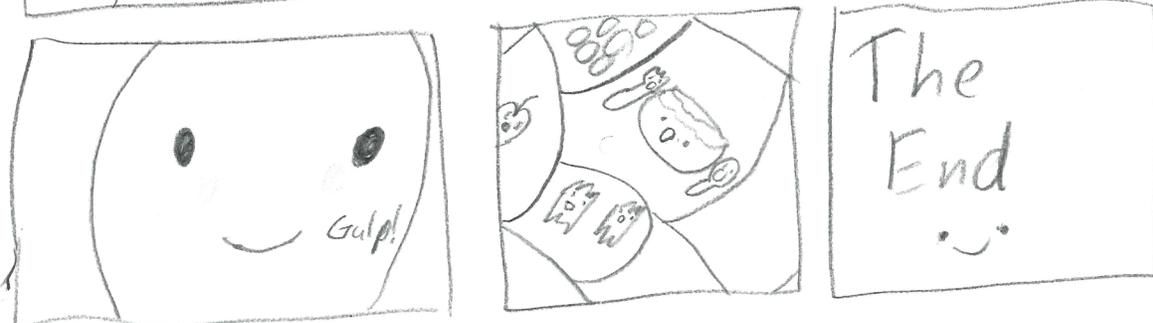
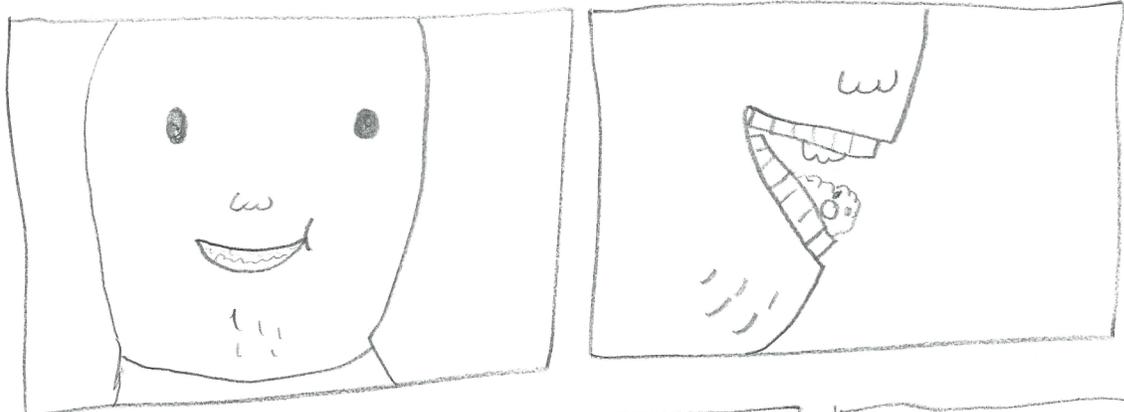
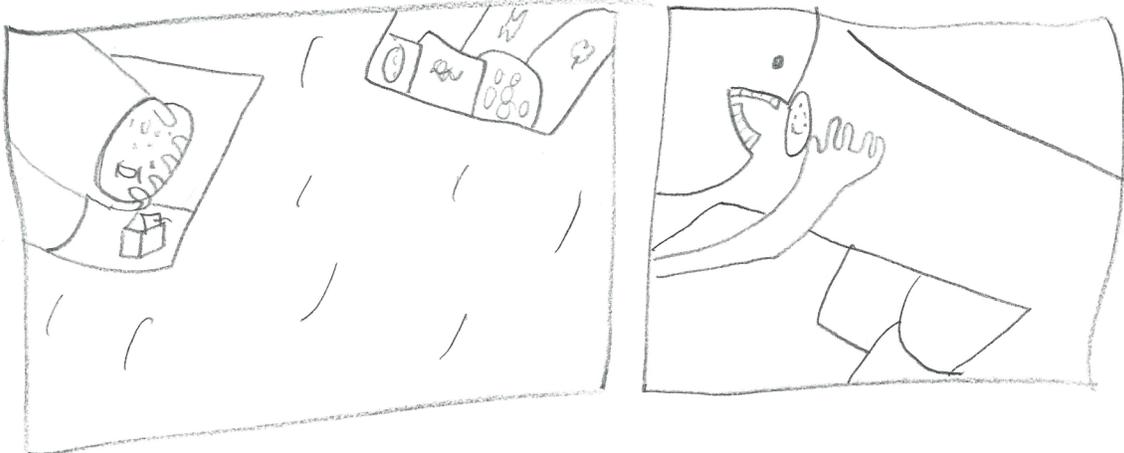
By Seth H.



THE END

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breaking the 4th wall! Things! by Eli P.



C O M I C

How to draw a Human Wolf

by Helena E

1. draw a circle



2. draw ears and top of shirt



3. Add your own face!



4. Add Accessories!



5. draw body (And tail)



(how to draw body)
6. draw torso



7. draw legs



8. put legs & torso together



COLOR!

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you're done!

Part 2 next time



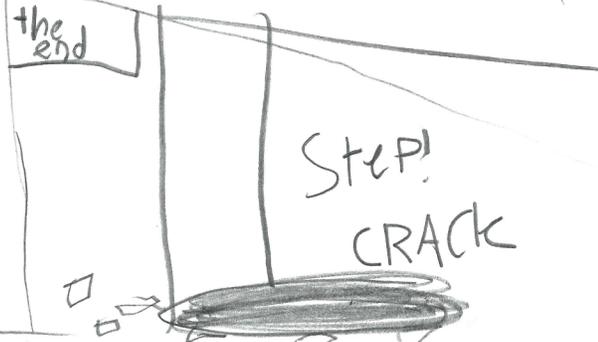
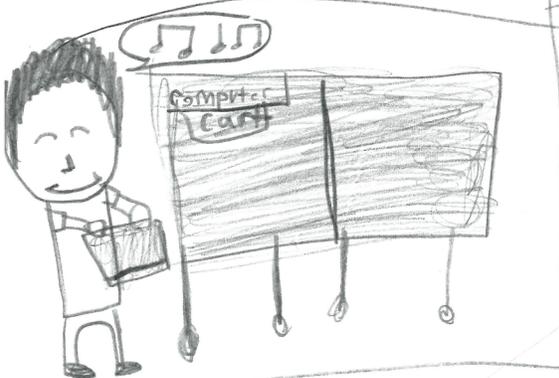
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COMIX CLUB

The Life of Jimmy

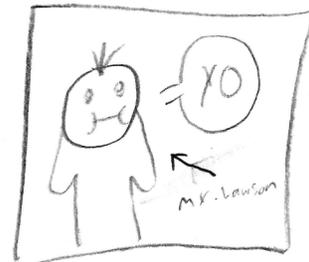
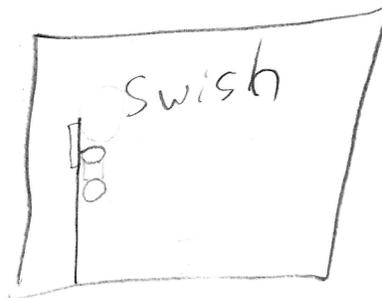
Part 1

By Daniel K



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The real Mr. Lawson By John F.



The End

C O M I C

The carrots of the Caribbean island
 by: Helena. E and Maddy. S



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Dylan G.	Beckett M.	

CALENDAR

- December 20 - Holiday Movies
- December 21 - Holiday Classroom Parties
- December 24-January 4 - Winter Break
- January 7 - Classes Resume
- January 9 - Spring Ave PTO Meeting, 7:00 pm
- January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
- January 23 - Spring Avenue Battle of the Books
- January 24 - Spring Ave Math/Science Night and Science Fair, 6:30-8:00 pm
- January 25 - Fun Lunch
- February 6, 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences

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