



# A LION'S LIFE

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## Welcome Back!

By Lily R. and Avery R.

Welcome back readers! This is the first issue of A Lion's Life and we are super excited to kick off the start of November with a fun newspaper! This issue will consist of funny comics and interesting interviews. It will also have restaurant and book reviews. There will be updates on sports and school news. All the usual. There is only one difference this year and that is that we're using Canva! Last year we used Google Slides to create the newspaper and this year we're trying something new! We hope you enjoy this first edition!



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving



# SCHOOL NEWS



The name of one of your favorite PE games has

**BREAKING NEWS**

changed!

**BREAKING NEWS**

By Alice K.

What used to be known as Poison Ball has now changed to Moon Ball. The vote was between Zero Ball and Moon Ball (because of the color).

The idea of Moon Ball is that you're on your own planet (Mars, Earth, Venus, Saturn, etc.) and you are throwing asteroids (foam balls) to make sure the Moon doesn't crash into your planet.



## Veteran's Day 2023

By: Clare M.

This November 10th we celebrate all the veterans that have served our country. Take time to honor these veterans by considering doing some of the following...

1. If you know anyone that was a veteran make sure to admire what they have done!
2. Write a letter and/or send a video to express your appreciation
3. Take part in Veteran's day assignments/projects. (A veteran may be visiting your classroom so participating in conversations is great to show that you are giving your full attention and respect!)
4. Invite a family member who was (is) a past veteran (a veteran) to the music performance (Friday, November 10th)
5. Give thanks to any possible veteran; make the day especially special for them!



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By Alex B., Natalie N., and Venice B.

Out of all of your past Halloween costumes which one was your favorite?



Ms. Palabrica: Slytherin Student  
Ms. Maloney: Green M&M  
Mrs. Staelgraeve: Pippi Longstocking  
Mrs. Tobin: The California Raisins  
Ms. Eck: Blue M&M  
Mrs. Wanta: Witch  
Ms. Fornaro: Captain Jack Sparrow  
Ms. Quinn: Kangaroo  
Mrs. Mindy: Tiger  
Mrs. Jones: Witch



Miss. Melone: The Good Witch  
Mrs. Dickerson: Mickey Mouse  
Ms. Manganello: Super Woman  
Mr. Arneson: Squirrel  
Miss. Arreguin: Princess Peach  
Mrs. Walsh: Mary Poppins  
Ms. Read: Frog  
Mr. Kratt: Minion



Ms. Marek: Punk Rocker  
Ms. Skala: The pigeon from the pigeon books  
Ms. Lily: Winnie the Pooh  
Ms. Laisha: Witch



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What's your favorite clothing brand?

Venice, B., Natalie N., Alice K.



Mr. Kratt: Patagonia  
Ms. Fornaro: Madwell  
Mr. Arneson: Vouri  
Ms. Quinn: Abercrombie  
Miss. Arreguin: Target  
Mrs. Sompolski: Anthropologie  
Ms. Brantner: Birkenstocks



Easy Learning Guide

Ms. Dickerson: Disney  
Ms. Maloney: Arie  
Mrs. Walsh: Madewell  
Mrs. Tobin: Athleta  
Miss. Melone: J Crew  
Mrs. Fuller: Vintage Charm  
Ms. Eck: Athleta  
Mrs. Wanta: Athleta  
Mrs. Milani: Athleta  
Mrs. Podgorski: Old Navy  
Ms. Read: J Crew  
Ms. Skala: Old Navy  
Ms. Manganello: Old Navy  
Ms. Lily: Torrid  
Mrs. Mindy: Athleta  
Mr. Sompolski: Poio  
Ms. Laisha: Nike

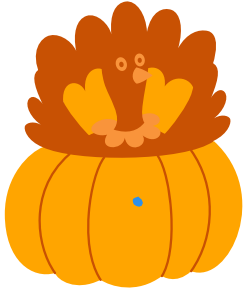


aerie

J. CREW

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## What is one of your Thanksgiving traditions?



By Alice K.



Miss Palabrica: She says she always cooks the dessert

Mrs. Milani: Every year she goes to Virginia to have  
Thanksgiving with her family

Mrs. Mindy: She cooks and hosts Thanksgiving for her  
whole family

Mrs. Tobin: She runs the Turkey trot with her daughter  
each year

Mrs. Walsh: To be with family

Mrs. D: Watching Football

Miss Melone: She helps her mom cook

Mrs. Fuller: She has Cinnamon Rolls for Thanksgiving

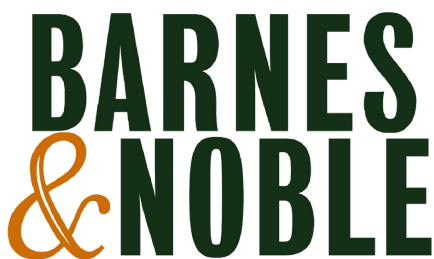
Mr. Kratt: Watching the Detroit Lions

Mrs. Wanta: Getting together with family

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What's your favorite store to shop at?

By Meghan K, Clare M, Elise D, and Sofia D



Mrs. Musillami: Vintage Charm

Mrs. Mindy: Target

Mr. Jacobs: Trader Joes and Tony's

Ms. Weiland: Target

Ms. Stang: J. Crew

Mr. Arneson: Vuori

Mrs. Milani: Athleta

Mr. Wilkinson: Nike

Mrs. Feldner: Target

Ms. Eck: Amazon

Mrs. Sompolski: Nordstrom

Mr. Sompolski: Whole Foods

Mr. Kratt: Amazon

Ms. Tobin: Kie Kate

Miss Arreguin: Target

Miss Melone: Nordstrom

Mrs. Fuller: Vintage Charm

Mrs. Jones: TJ Maxx

Mrs. Brantner: TJ Maxx or Marshalls

Ms. Maloney: Barnes & Noble

Mrs. Manganello: Old Navy

Ms. Dickerson: Homegoods

Mrs. Walsh: Madewell

Ms. Fornaro: Madewell or Trader Joes

Mrs. Wanta: Target and Athleta

Miss Quinn: Anthropologie

Mrs. Kay: DSW

Ms. Lilly: Walmart

Ms. Bato: TJ Maxx and Target

Mr. Hood: Bass Pro Shop

Nurse Amy:: Target



ATHLETA



J.CREW

NORDSTROM

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD BOOK?

**BY: MEGHAN K. AND RANIA Q.**

Ms. Walsh: There's A Monster At The End Of This Book

Ms. D: Sweet Valley Twins

Miss. Arregun: Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

Mrs. Fuller: The Country Bunny And The Little Gold Shoes

Ms. Melone: I'll Love You Forever

Mrs. Stang: Didn't read a lot, so no book

Mrs. Tobin: Little House On The Prairie

Mr. Kratt: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Mrs. Sompolski:

Ms. Eck: There's A Monster At The End Of This Book

Mrs. Wanta: Where The Wild Things Are

Ms. Fornaro: Goosebumps

Miss. Quinn: Junie B. Jones

Mr. Sompolski:

Mrs. Mindy:

Ms. Marek: Jamberry

Mrs. Musillami: Where The Wild Things Are

Ms. Milani: Where The Red Fern Grows

Mrs. Manganello: The Giving Tree

Ms. Read: Wrinkle In Time

Ms. Jones: The Little Princess



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What is your favorite part about/of the fall?

By Grace D, Kaia K, Clare M,  
and Meghan K

Mrs. Wanta: Apple picking, pumpkins, fall  
candles (The smell)

Ms. Eck: The weather

Ms. Fornaro: The cool crisp weather

Ms. Quinn: When the leaves change colors,  
carving pumpkins

Mr. Arneson: Football

Mrs. Mindy: Football games

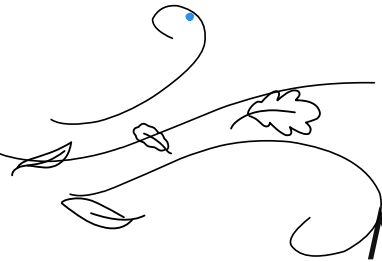
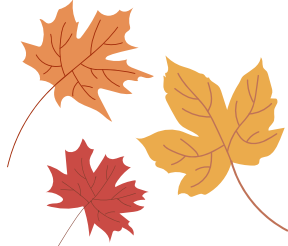
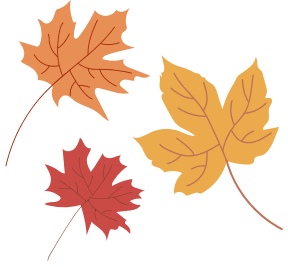
Mrs. Milani: The smell after it rains, everything  
pumpkin related

Mrs. Podgorski: Fall spices/smells

Mrs. Jones: The changing of the leaves

Ms. Sutkus: Pumpkin Spice lattes

Mrs. Kay: The colors of the leaves



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## What's your go-to Starbucks order?

By: Meghan K, and Clare M

Ms. Marek: Black Americano

Mrs. Musillami: Pumpkin Spice Chai Tea Latte

Mrs. Manganello: Iced Brown Sugar Shaken Espresso

Mrs. Bato: Mocha

Mrs. Walsh: Pumpkin Spice Latte

Mrs. Dickerson: Caramel Apple Cider

Miss. Arreguin: Chai Latte

Miss Melone: Venti Pike Place Steamed 2% on top

Mrs. Tobin: Blonde Rose Black Coffee

Mr. Kratt: Cafe Latte (no foam)

Ms. Eck: Peach Green Tea

Mrs. Wanta: Vanilla Latte

Miss Quinn: Caramel Macchiato

Mrs. Mindy: Honey Almond Cold Brew

Mr. Arneson: Pumpkin Spice Latte

Mr. Sompolski: Vanilla Bean Frappuccino

Mrs. Sompolski: Passionfruit Lemonade



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



## Favorite Pizza Place By Kaia K. And Avery R.



Ms. Tobin: Lou Malnati's

Miss Arreguin: Charlie Fox

Ms. Dickerson: Jets

Mrs. Walsh: Aurelios

Mrs. Bato: Luca's/Ledo's

Miss Melone: Lucas

Mr. Kratt: Jets220

Ms. Eck: Lou Malnati's

Mrs. Fuller: Homemade pizza

Mrs. Wanta: Frankos

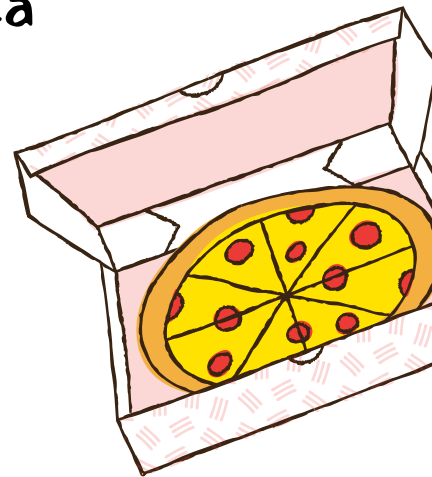
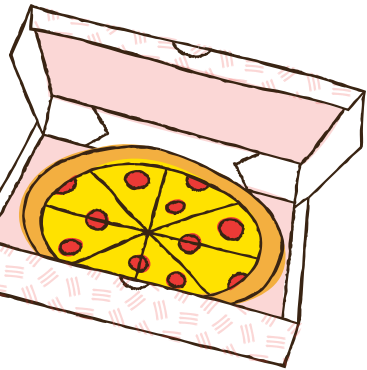
Ms. Quinn: Lou Malnati's

Mr. Arneson: Jets

Mrs. Jones: Lou Malnati's

Mrs. Mindy: Nancys

Mr. Driscoll: Vito and Nicks



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## What was your favorite childhood snack?

By: Kaia K. and  
Clare M.

Ms. Marek: Snickers Ice Cream Bars

Mr. Arneson: Beef Jerky

Mrs. Mus: Fruit Roll Ups

Ms. Mahoney: Doritos

Mrs. Stang: Chocolate

Mrs. Walsh: Special K Bars

Mrs. Tobin: Anything that is leftover

Ms. Melone: Ants on a Log

Mrs. Fuller: Chocolate Chip Cookies

Mrs. Manganello: Mom's Oatmeal Cookies+ Nutty Buddy bars

Mrs. D: Sour Cream and Onion Chips

Mrs. Kay: Fritos

Mrs. Jones: Apple Pie with extra crust and cinnamon sugar

Ms. Read: Snicker Bar

Mr. Kratt: Chips and Salsa

Mrs. Weiland: Cheerios with parmesan cheese and butter

Mrs. Feldner: Celery sticks with peanut butter

Mrs. Wanta: Cheez it crackers

Ms. Fornaro: Cheez it gripz

Ms. Quinn: Apples and caramel

Mrs. Milani: Apples/Bananas with peanut butter





# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## Favorite NFL teams

By Timmy, Jack and Cooper

Ms. Marek: Bears

Mrs. Musillami: Bears

Mrs. Walsh: Bears

Ms. Dickerson: Lions

Mrs. Bato : Bears

Ms. Arreguin: Bears

Ms. Quinn: Cowboys

Mrs. Fuller: Bills

Mrs. Tobin: Bears

Ms. Eck: Bears

Mrs. Mindy: Bears

Mrs. Polich: Bears

Mrs. Jones: Bears

Ms. Lily: Bears

Ms. Melone: Dolphins

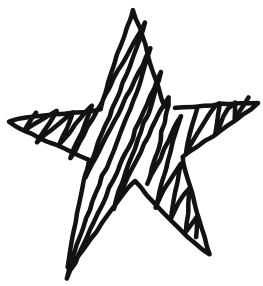
Mr. Arneson: Packers

Ms. Skala: Eagles

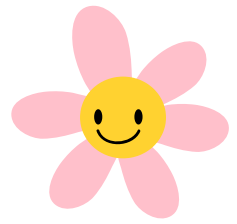
Ms. Read: Cardinals



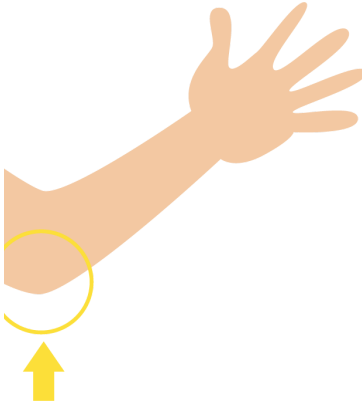




# Fun Facts



By: Alice K.



Most people cannot lick their elbows. (Try it!)



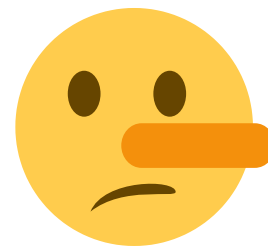
A jar of Nutella is sold every 2.5 seconds



French fries are Belgian, not French



Before alarm clocks, people would pay someone to knock on their window and wake them up. They were called knocker-uppers.

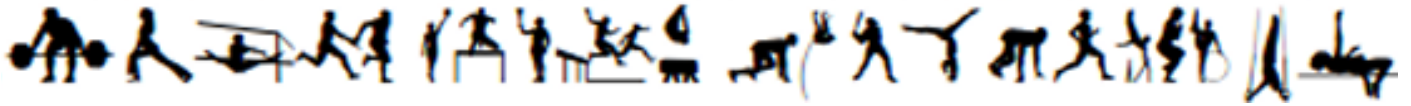


Your nose may not grow like Pinocchio's, but it does get warmer when you tell a lie.



All British armored vehicles have the equipment needed to make tea.

# SPORTS PAGE



## Top 5 NFL Teams



By Jack V, Timmy N, Lucien D, And Charlie W

1



After the eagle's super bowl loss they hope to get the win this year. As they're on track as they are 8-1 a great start for the eagles, with the help of Jalen Hurts and DeVonta Smith.

2



The Ravens are on fire this season. They have star players including Lamar Jackson, Mark Andrews and Odell Beckham Jr. They are 7-2 and looking for a super bowl title

3



The Chiefs have some of the best players in the league including Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce, and Chris Jones. They are 7-2 and on top of their division.

4



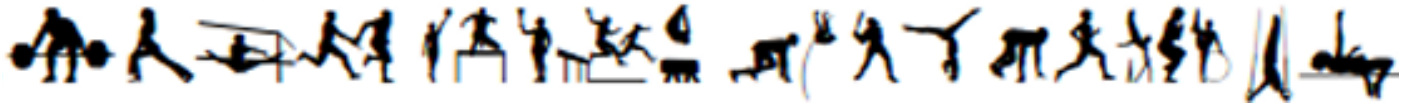
The Dolphins have a really good offense including Tyreek Hill, Tua Tagovailoa, Jaylen Waddle. with a tough season last year they're looking for a nice spot in the playoffs, and it's looking well with a 6-3 record.

5



The seahawks have taken the first place spot in their division. a tough loss to the #2 Ravens made them 5-3 and they are now tied with the 49ers for the first place spot, but there's still a lot of season left and they are looking for their second playoff spot in a row, or maybe even a super bowl title.

# SPORTS PAGE



## Who is the best women's college softball player?

By: Clare M.

In all of  
women's  
college  
softball!

RANK	PLAYER	SCHOOL	POSITION	WWAA
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1	Valerie Cagle	Clemson Located: South Carolina	UTL/P Utility (Multiple Positions) Pitcher	10.3 She contributed helping her team win 10 more wins then the average player!
<b>2023 Stats</b>				
A good batting average is between 280 and 300.				
AVG	HR Homeruns	RBI Runs Batted In	R Runs	H Hits
.469	19	57	50	83

Fun Fact  
about Valerie:  
She has  
pitched 193  
innings and  
has produced  
188  
strikeouts!



### Valerie's Top Achievements

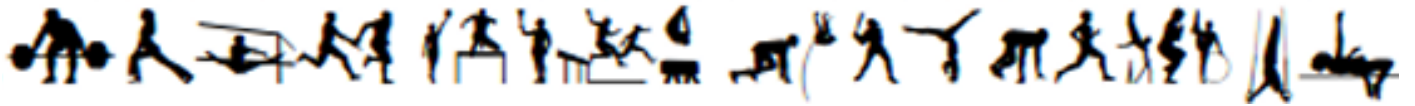
- National Player Of The Year by D1 Softball and USA Softball
- ACC Player of the Year
- First team All-ACC and first time All-American
- USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year
- Softball America Player of the Year
- Gold Glove Award winner at pitcher

### Word Glossary:

ACC: The Atlantic Coast Conference

D1: Division One. ("Offers the highest level of competition")

# SPORTS PAGE



## Iowa's Record Breaker

By Charlie W.

Iowa record breaker on October 16th was awesome.. The women's basketball team had a record breaking 55,646 people but it was not a full house. This game will go down in history. The final score to this game was Iowa-94 Depaul-72.



**WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL**



# SPORTS PAGE



## Top 3 World Lacrosse

By Cooper D.

1.



United States

11 world Championships in 1967, 1974, 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2010, 2018 and 2023.

2.



Canada

4 world Championships first in 1967, 1978, 2006, 2014.

3.



Haudenosaunee

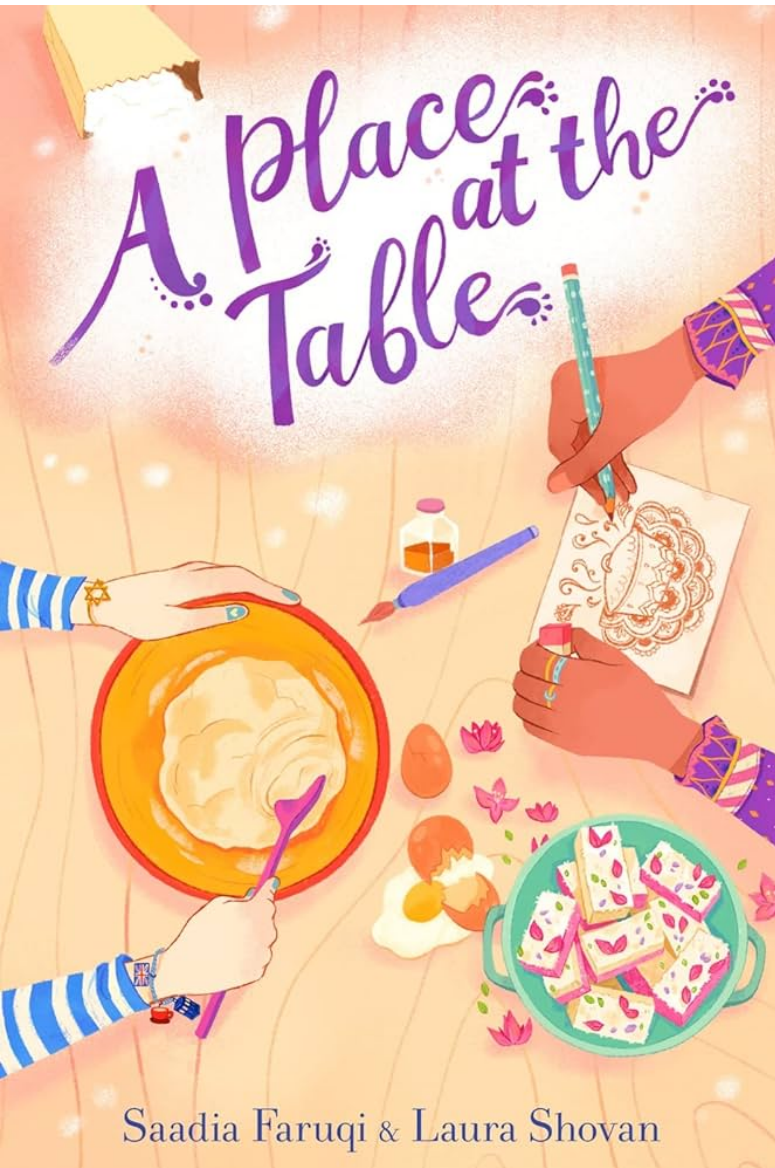
4 Championships first in 1990.





# A Place at the Table

By Clare M.



If you're looking for a book that will keep you reading to the last page, *A Place at the Table* (by Laura Shovan and Saadia Faruqi) is the one! Filled with friendship, family and lots of food, *A Place at the Table* delivers the main message of being accepted (being proud) for who you are, while also finding people that understand you along the way. As you switch between the two main characters (Sara and Elizabeth) you will discover their desires, perspectives and emotions towards certain events and you will gradually become engrossed with their story.



## Why Aurelio's is top in LaGrange

By: Kaia K.



Ever looking for a delicious slice of mouthwatering pizza? Well I know a place that can check off all those marks! Aurelio's. Their delicious pizza will make you replace that old pizza place with the new! The sauce is the best part. The salty yet sweetness complimented by the soft melty cheese... So good! One bite and the morsels of cheese with melt in your mouth. No matter what you are welcomed by friendly waitresses. One step you take in there and you will feel at home.

# FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

By: Rania Q.

Source: Scholastic

Find each of the fall words hidden below.

H	A	R	V	E	S	T	E	I	S	E	T
R	S	L	O	E	C	D	D	E	C	H	A
A	E	U	O	L	I	A	V	A	A	S	S
E	A	U	N	R	L	A	A	N	R	C	N
E	E	P	Y	F	E	A	K	R	E	O	R
O	L	A	P	L	L	S	B	A	C	R	O
R	H	M	E	L	G	O	U	T	R	N	C
A	E	E	D	I	E	T	W	L	O	A	A
N	R	E	V	E	U	S	O	E	W	O	R
G	L	I	E	M	R	M	A	A	R	R	F
E	N	E	N	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	R
G	Y	E	L	L	O	W	I	D	S	A	R

## WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	



# What's the first letter of your Fall name?

By: Clare M.

A: Acorn

B: Blanket

C: Cozy

D: Donuts

E: Election

F: Football

G: Grateful

H: Harvest

I: RaIny

J: Jacket

K: SpooKy

L: Leaves

M: Maple

N: Nutmeg

O: Orchard

P: Pumpkin

Q: Quilt

R: Raking

S: Sweater

T: Thanksgiving

U: CostUme

V: Vanilla

W: Witch

X: EXtra Layers

Y: Candy

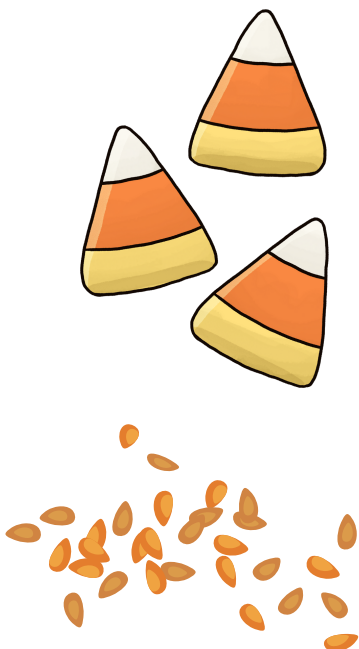
Z: MaZe



## Fall Trail Mix

By Alice K. and Grace D.

1. Get a big bowl
2. Get your ingredients (pumpkin seeds, chocolate chips, candy corn, walnuts and cranberries)
3. Mix them together
4. Store in separate bags if desired







# Pumpkin Spice Latte Recipe By Clare M.

**This quick and easy delicious drink (That contains no caffeine/coffee) is perfect for the fall, or if your're just in the mood for something pumpkin!**

## Ingredients

- ☐ 1 cup milk (or milk alternative)
- ☐ 4-6 Tbsp pureed pumpkin depending on how pumpkin-y you want it to taste
- ☐ 1 1/2 tsp pure maple syrup
- ☐ 1/4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ☐ 1/4 tsp pure vanilla extract

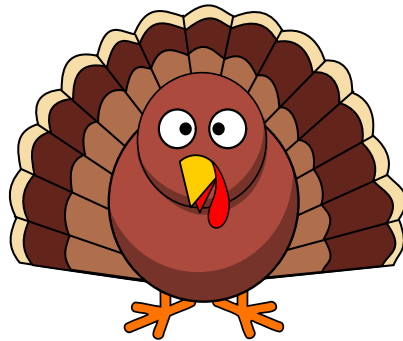
## Steps

1. Place all ingredients except optional garnishes into a glass, then whisk or mix with an immersion blender.  
(If serving hot, gently heat all except vanilla on stove, whisking constantly.)
2. When steaming, remove from heat, add vanilla, then pour into serving glass)
3. Top with whipped cream and additional pumpkin pie spice for garnish if desired.

# THANKSGIVING CRAFT

By Grace D.

## Turkey Name Holders



### Supplies:

- Wood Slab
- Feathers
- Paint Pens
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly Eyes
- Twine
- Pipe Cleaners

Step 1, Glue feathers to the back of the wood slab.

Step 2, Glue the eyes, beak, and gobbler on the front of the wood slab .

Step 3, Shape the pipe cleaners to look like turkey feet, and glue them to the bottom of the wood slab.

Step 4, have an adult twist the twine and make a loop at the top to hold the name tag. Then make sure that the turkey can sit up straight.

**BY: AVERY R.**

# **QUOTE WALL!**

**"I DON'T WANT TO REDO THE  
TABLE OF CONTINENTS-ER,  
CONTENTS, SO PLEASE ADD YOURS  
IN WHEN YOU ADD A SLIDE!" -  
RANIA Q.**

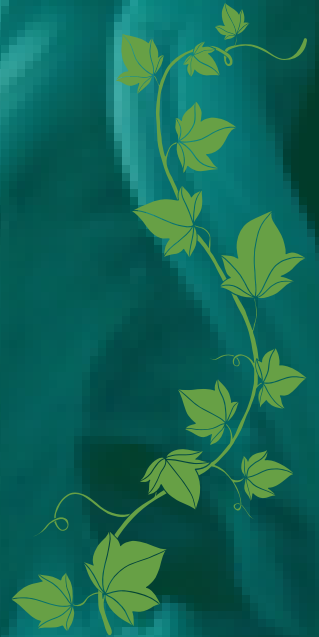
**"WHO DELETED THE TRUMPET?!" -  
CHARLIE W.**

**"NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP!" -  
MRS. MUS**

**"I'M MAKING THE FONT SMALLER!" -  
AVERY R.**

# Rania Q's S.T.E.M page

On September 27, 2023, 100 dolphins and fish were found dead in the Amazon rainforest, caused simply by climate change. Because of climate change, there has been a huge decrease in the amount of rain. In the past week, the temperature of these animals' habitat have climbed up to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. How can we save them? All you have to do is turn off your lights and recycle anything that can be recycled. Who knows? Anyone might just save the world.



This whole line along the shore of this brown river is all dead fish and dolphins.



# School Memes

By Grace D., Meghan K., and Alice K.



My first graders finding out I don't actually live at school



Me: OK, this is really important. You're going to want to take notes. You got that?

My students:



@weareteachers

## What it feels like being picked first in PE







When your friends are arguing about whether the answer was 44 or 45 and your answer was South Africa



**POV: You entered the wrong classroom**



**When your bestie walks into the classroom on the first day of school**



Two kinds of people when going back to school 🤔🤔🤔



**Me, when my principal pops in unannounced, just as the students start indoor recess, and asks how things are going**



When the teacher moves ur seat away from ur squad cuz u disturbing but he doesn't know the whole class is ur squad

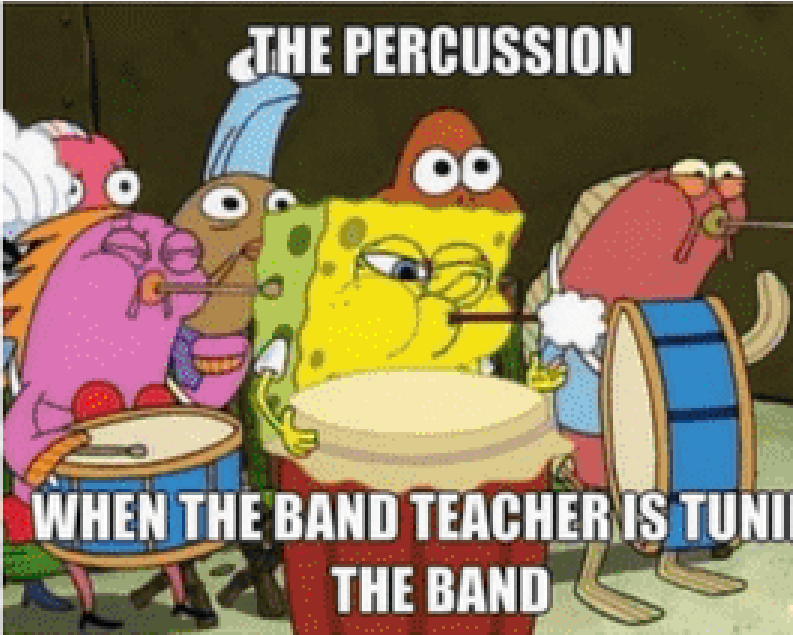




The moment a single snowflake hits the ground.

My students:

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Professor: "What inspired you to write this essay?"

Me: "The due date"

COMING BACK AFTER HAVING A SUB

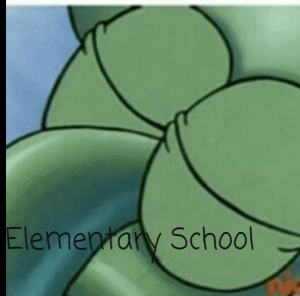


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**SLEEPING  
PEACEFULLY  
DURING  
SUMMER  
BREAK**

**REMEMBERING  
SCHOOL  
STARTS  
IN A FEW  
WEEKS**



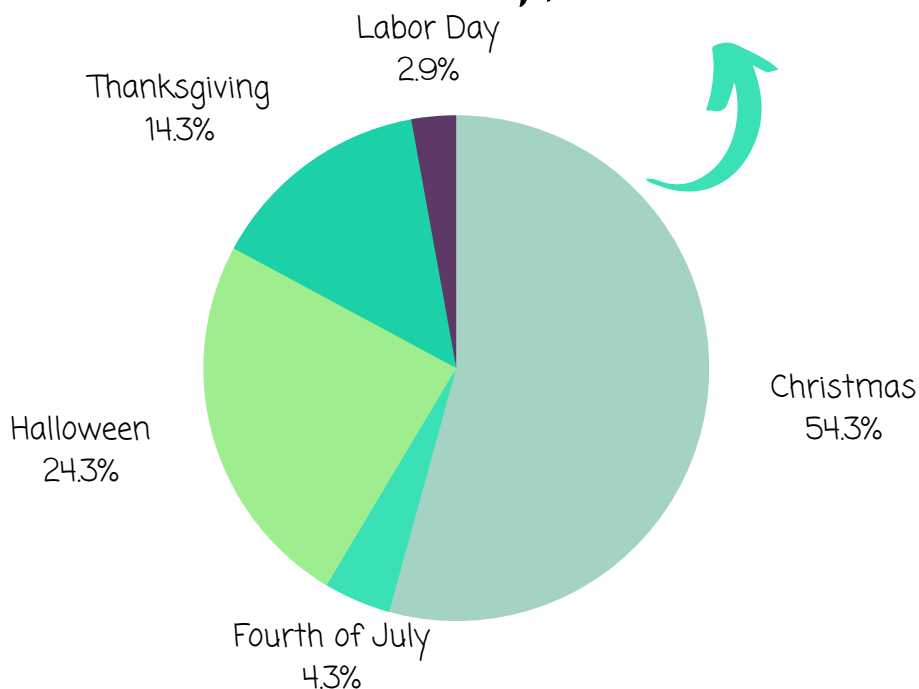
# Student/Teacher Poll



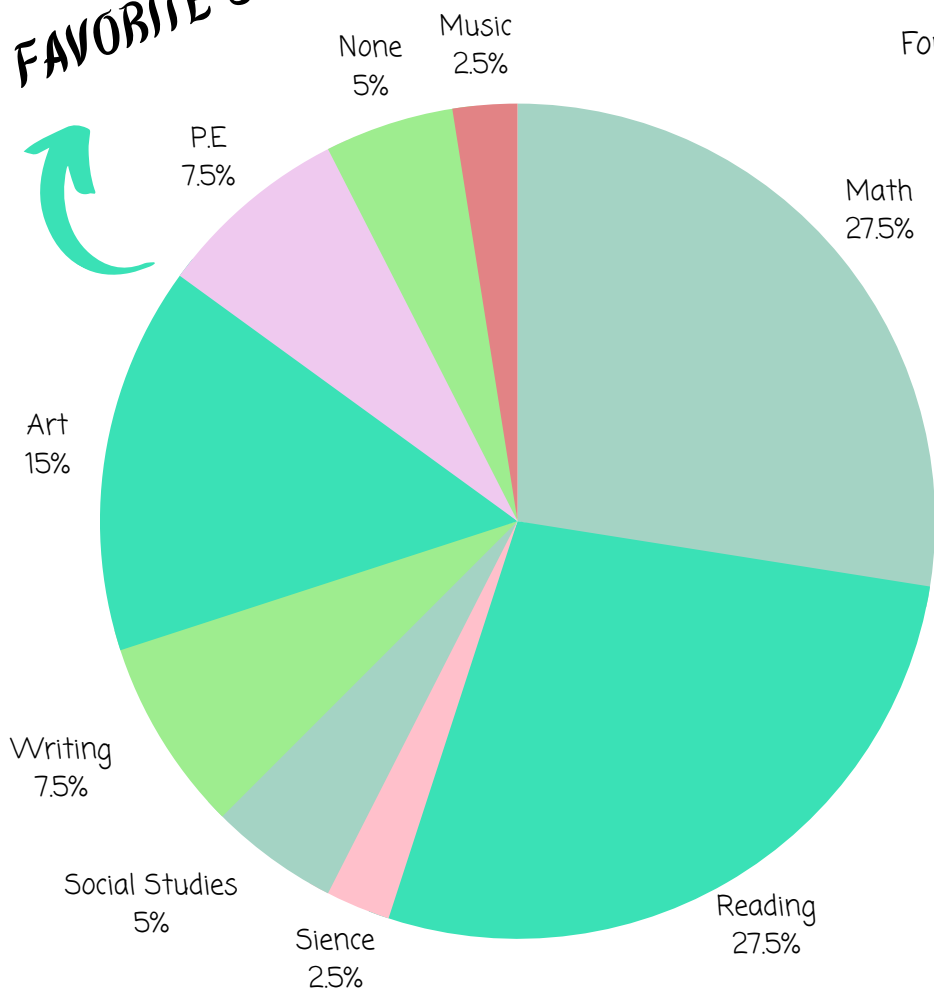
By: Avery R. & Aika K.

In first place we have  
CHRISTMAS with a  
total of 17 people! In  
second we have  
HALLOWEEN with 8  
people.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY



FAVORITE SUBJECT



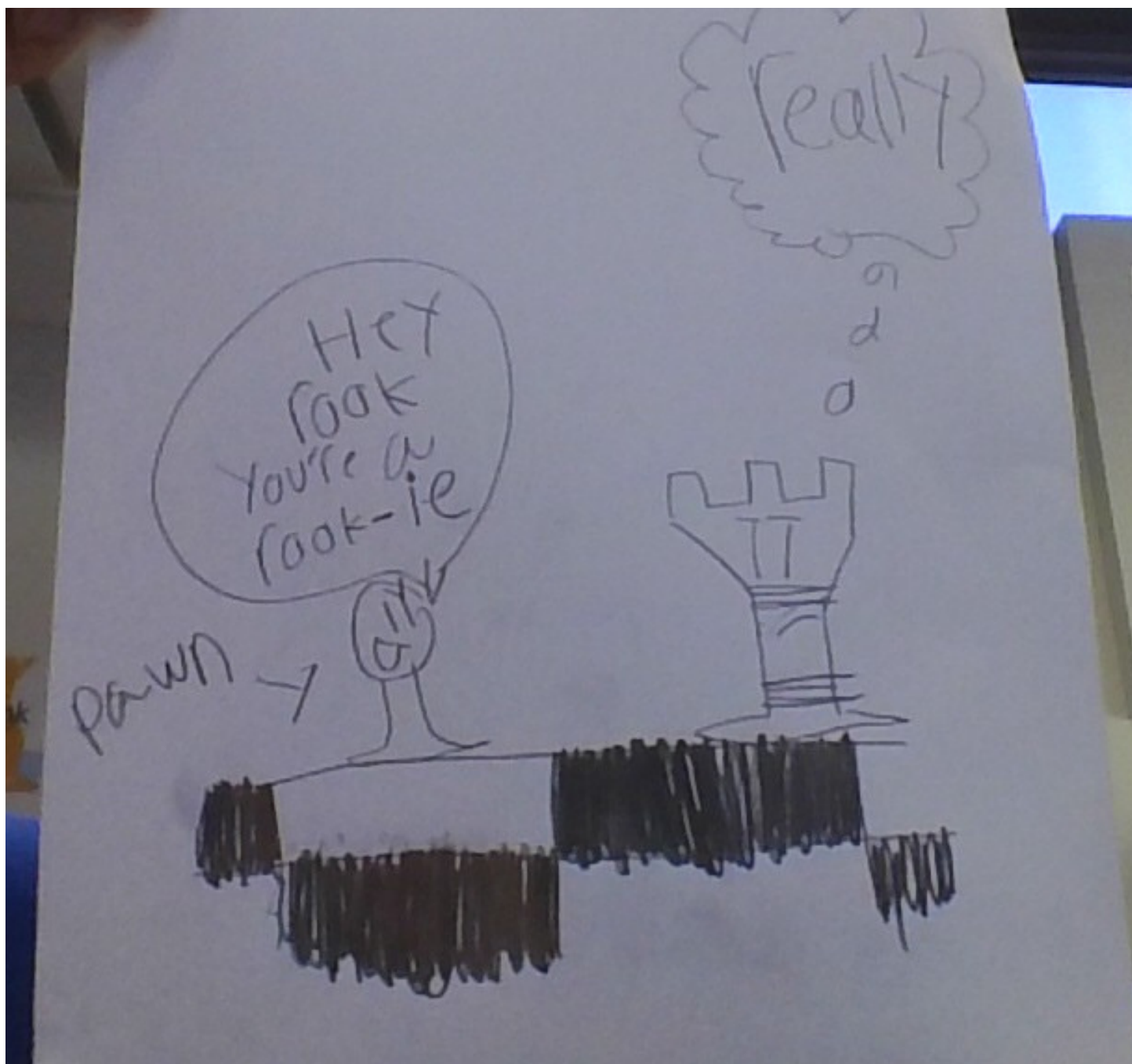
We have a  
TIE  
between MATH and  
READING by 27.5  
people!!!

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

answer on pg 42 Hazel M



# C O M I C



**By Charlie W**

Spring Ave Elementary School



# CREATIVE WRITING

## Rabbit Saves The Day!!! Part 1

By Lily R.

There was once a Rabbit who lived in a burrow in the woods near the river. He woke up on a lovely sunny morning. He got up, ate breakfast, cleaned his fur and went for a walk down by the river.

“What a lovely day!” He exclaimed as he hopped down the dirt path to the river bank. On his way he stumbled upon Squirrel sitting high above the ground in his oak tree. “Lovely day, isn’t it Squirrel?” Asked Rabbit.

“Oh absolutely!” Exclaimed Squirrel. Rabbit waved goodbye and headed up the path leaving Squirrel up in his tree. He then ran into Tortoise who was slowly making his way down the path, heading towards Rabbit.

“Morning Tortoise,” Said Rabbit.

“Good day to you to Rabbit,” said Tortoise. “Say, where are you heading in such a hurry?” Asked Tortoise.

“I’m heading down to the river for a walk,” Said Rabbit.

“Ah yes, it is quite a lovely day for a walk by the river, Well, I must be off I gotta get a move on or I’ll be here all day,” Said Tortoise. Rabbit nodded goodbye and started up the path once again. When Rabbit made it to the river he spotted Moose, who was drinking the clean water that sparkled in the sunlight. He spotted Fox and Bear who were fishing on the other side of the river. He then spotted Mr. and Mrs. Beaver who were reinforcing their dam.

“Morning Rabbit,” said Mrs. Beaver. “Enjoying today's weather?”

“Oh most definitely!” Exclaimed Rabbit.

“Well enjoy it while you can. Humming bird told me there’s a storm on its way,” Said Mr. Beaver.

“Well that’s spring for ya. Anyways I’d better get going, see you later,” Said Rabbit, as he hopped off along the river bank Mrs. Beaver called from behind.

“Goodbye Rabbit!” She called. Without stopping Rabbit turned his head around and smiled back at her, he quickly turned his head back to look in front of him and then continued on his walk.

The next morning there were powerful winds blowing through the tree leaves shaking the branches furiously. Rain poured down on the soft dirt clinging to the grass. Thunder boomed loudly and lightning lit up the sky. Dark gray clouds rolled over blocking out the sun.

Squirrel held on to his tree for dear life, and Tortoise was moving as fast as he could to take cover under a low tree branch. The Beavers were hiding away in their dam and Moose was lying down under a tree. Bear and fox were sleeping through the storm in their dens.

Rabbit stared out his burrow watching the raging storm. He quickly spotted other animals who seemed to be struggling. Chipmunk was hiding under a couple of leaves and branches which looked like they were about to blow away any second. Robin was shivering in her nest. The branch that the nest sat upon swayed from side to side and at times it would dip low. Rabbit thought for sure that it would fall. He wanted to help them both, so he called out to them.

“Robin, Chipmunk! Over here!” They turned and saw Rabbit in his burrow. Chipmunk scrambled over and Robin stood on the edge of her nest. She dug her feet into the sticks and then pushed off and flew. The rain pelted down on her wings. She made it down safely but much less gracefully. They both huddled in the warm, dry burrow.

“Thanks Rabbit,” Squeaked Chipmunk.

“No problem. We’ll have to wait out the storm and who knows how long it’ll be so get cozy.”

They slept all day and night and the rain still came down hard, it was the next morning when the rain finally gave up. The Animals scuttled out of brambles and bushes. And shimmied down trees. They all looked up at the sky. There was no more rain, no more thunder and lightning, and no more gray clouds. Instead there was a brilliant blue sky, there was a gentle breeze, and the sun shined down on the forest floor. And on top of all that there was a beautiful rainbow that arched over the forest. Rabbit climbed out of his burrow and sniffed the air. The Sun shone down and warmed the fur on his face. He looked around. Twigs and branches were scattered across the floor of the forest. The storm had made the forest a mess.

“Is it safe to come out?” Chirped Robin.

“It’s safe,” Answered Rabbit. All three climbed out of the burrow.

“What a mess!” Exclaimed Chipmunk. They stared around bewildered, and all of a sudden they heard a soft cry.

**FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS  
TO RABBIT AND HIS FRIENDS  
IN THE NEXT ISSUE.**

# CREATIVE WRITING



## Gratitude

By: Clare M.

Note when reading: What is gratitude to you and how can you use it repeatedly day by day?

Gratitude is from the heart

Thus, it should bring a smile to your face  
For the people, places or things that make you who  
you are today

Gratitude is not expecting something in return  
Not asking for more

Gratitude is an emotion that is to be felt but not  
touched

Happiness is produced from Gratitude  
Gratitude is not something you celebrate every year in  
November

Gratitude is to not to be taken for granted  
But to instead to be forever indulged



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# CREATIVE WRITING

By Hazel M.



Once upon a time, in a small, quaint town, there lived a scary ghost named Miss McGillicuddy. Legend had it that she was the spirit of a mischievous schoolteacher who had met an untimely demise many years ago. True to her reputation, Miss McGillicuddy loved to play pranks on the living, delighting in their startled screams and terrified faces. However, her favorite prank of all was setting off people's fire alarms.

Every night, as the clock struck midnight, Miss McGillicuddy would roam the streets in search of her next victim. She would glide through walls, her ethereal form casting eerie shadows on the empty sidewalks. Armed with her ghostly powers, she had the ability to manipulate the physical world just enough to set off fire alarms with a single touch.

One such evening, Miss McGillicuddy spotted a cozy cottage nestled amongst a row of houses. She sensed a young couple fast asleep inside, unaware of the spooky presence lurking beyond their threshold. A mischievous grin formed on the ghost's translucent face as she glided through the door.

Inside, the cottage was dimly lit, the soft glow of candlelight flickering against the walls. Miss McGillicuddy floated towards the couple's bedroom, her ghostly footsteps making no sound. She reached out her spectral hand and tapped the fire alarm, causing it to screech in piercing alarm.

The young couple, startled awake, leaped out of bed in a panic. The husband fumbled to silence the alarm, while his wife trembled, her eyes wide with fear. They searched for signs of smoke or a fire, finding nothing amiss. Confused, they exchanged bewildered glances, wondering how the alarm had gone off without reason.

Meanwhile, Miss McGillicuddy watched from the shadows, her laughter echoing through the air. She reveled in their fear, relishing the chaos she had created. The ghostly teacher couldn't resist the temptation to taunt them further. With a wave of her hand, she smothered the candles, plunging the room into darkness. More shrieks of terror filled the night as the couple scrambled to find their way in the pitch-black room.

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# CREATIVE WRITING

By Hazel M. **Part 2**

As the frightened couple stumbled through their home, they caught sight of a faint figure floating away. It was Miss McGillicuddy, her pale form disappearing into the mist, her laughter echoing through the night sky. The couple, now filled with adrenaline, chased after her, determined to bring an end to her haunting pranks.

For days on end, Miss McGilacuty continued her ghostly fire alarm spree, leaving the townsfolk sleepless and anxious. But as the ghostly teacher soon discovered, the townspeople were not as defenseless as she had presumed. They rallied together, devising a plan to trap the mischievous spirit once and for all.

One night, as Miss McGilacuty was setting off yet another fire alarm, the townsfolk sprang into action. They had set an intricate network of motion sensors and trapdoors, specifically designed to capture wandering spirits. As Miss McGilacuty flew through the cottage, the sensors detected her ethereal presence, triggering a complex series of mechanisms. Suddenly, the ground beneath her gave way, and she found herself trapped within a ghost-proof cell. From that day forward, the townspeople lived in a peaceful serenity, no longer tormented by Miss McGilacuty's pranks. The ghostly teacher, confined to her ghost-proof cell, could do nothing but watch as life continued outside her prison walls. Gradually, she began to understand the impact her actions had on others, and her heart filled with remorse.

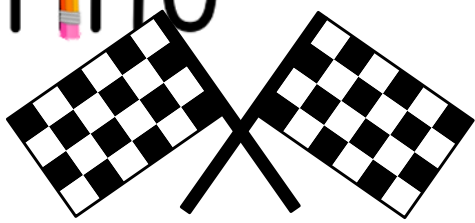
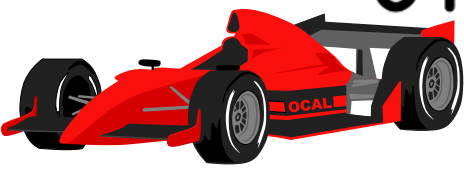
Though forever trapped, Miss McGilacuty made amends by sharing her knowledge with the living. She became a friendly guardian spirit, teaching children the importance of fire safety and cautioning them against pranks that caused fear and harm. And so, the legend of Miss McGilacuty transformed from a tale of terror to a cautionary story, reminding all that even the scariest of ghosts can find redemption in the end.



# CREATIVE WRITING

Hazel M.

## Racing Ahead



Emily was a young girl with a passion for race cars. From a very young age, she would sit in front of the television, eyes glimmering with excitement as she watched the cars zoom around the tracks. She could feel her heart race along with them, imagining herself behind the wheel, the wind in her hair.

However, Emily faced a challenge that threatened to dim her love for race cars. At school, she was bullied because of her obsession. The other kids couldn't understand why a girl would be interested in something like race cars. They would tease her, calling her names and telling her she didn't belong.

But Emily refused to let their words bring her down. With each insult thrown her way, her determination grew stronger. She knew deep down that she had a talent waiting to be unleashed.

One day, Emily stumbled upon a small, abandoned racetrack on the outskirts of town. It was weathered and worn, but it ignited a spark within her. She spent every spare moment at the racetrack, practicing her driving skills. She studied the racers on TV, dissecting their every move, learning from their expertise.

As time went on, Emily's skills improved, and she started entering local races. The bullies couldn't believe their eyes when Emily not only competed but won several races. Her talent behind the wheel was undeniable, leaving her tormentors astounded.

News of Emily's racing prowess traveled fast, attracting the attention of a renowned race car driver, Sarah Michaels. Sarah, impressed by Emily's natural talent and determination, took her under her wing and became her mentor. She trained Emily relentlessly, pushing her to her limits and beyond.

Years passed, and Emily's talent soared to heights unimaginable. She became the youngest race car driver to ever compete professionally. The world marveled at her skill, her elegance on the track, and her ability to push boundaries where others faltered.

Emily's journey from being bullied for her love of race cars to becoming the best race car driver in the world sent a powerful message to all the dreamers and believers out there. It stood as a testament to the power of perseverance and the ability to rise above adversity. And so, as Emily stood on the podium, holding the trophy high above her head, she smiled, knowing that she had overcome the doubters and proved that with passion and determination, dreams can become a reality.

# Incredible Instruments

## By Rania Q. and Nathan R.

Any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader can get a shot at this awesome activity!

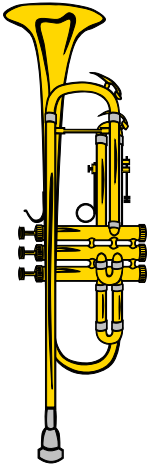
### The Saxophone Family



The saxophone can be a very fun instrument to play. It is great for playing jazz, too. One thing that's important to know about the saxophone is that you don't often have the melody. Besides that, you will love it and we highly recommend it. Types of saxophones include Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bari, and Bass.

### The Trumpets

The trumpet is a loud instrument. It has 3 valves and it is the melody most of the time in a band. It's a great instrument, and we recommend it.



### The Flutes



The flute is a very high instrument with a wonderful, light, sound. Although you can't often hear it, it makes a beautiful sound when heard. The flute and the saxophone have the same keys, so you can play either when only knowing the keys for one!

### The Clarinets

The clarinet is a very mellow sounding instrument. It is a woodwind like the saxophone but sounds very different from it. I would recommend this instrument to people who like to play both the melody and harmony.



### What We Play!

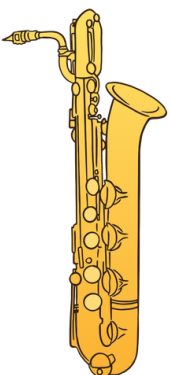
Rania :-)

I play the alto saxophone, and I highly recommend it. It's an amazing instrument.



Nathan Rice :-)

I play the baritone saxophone and I recommend it because it is super fun to play. You can't play the Bari until you have been playing another instrument for at least 1 year. I also play the alto and recommend that too.



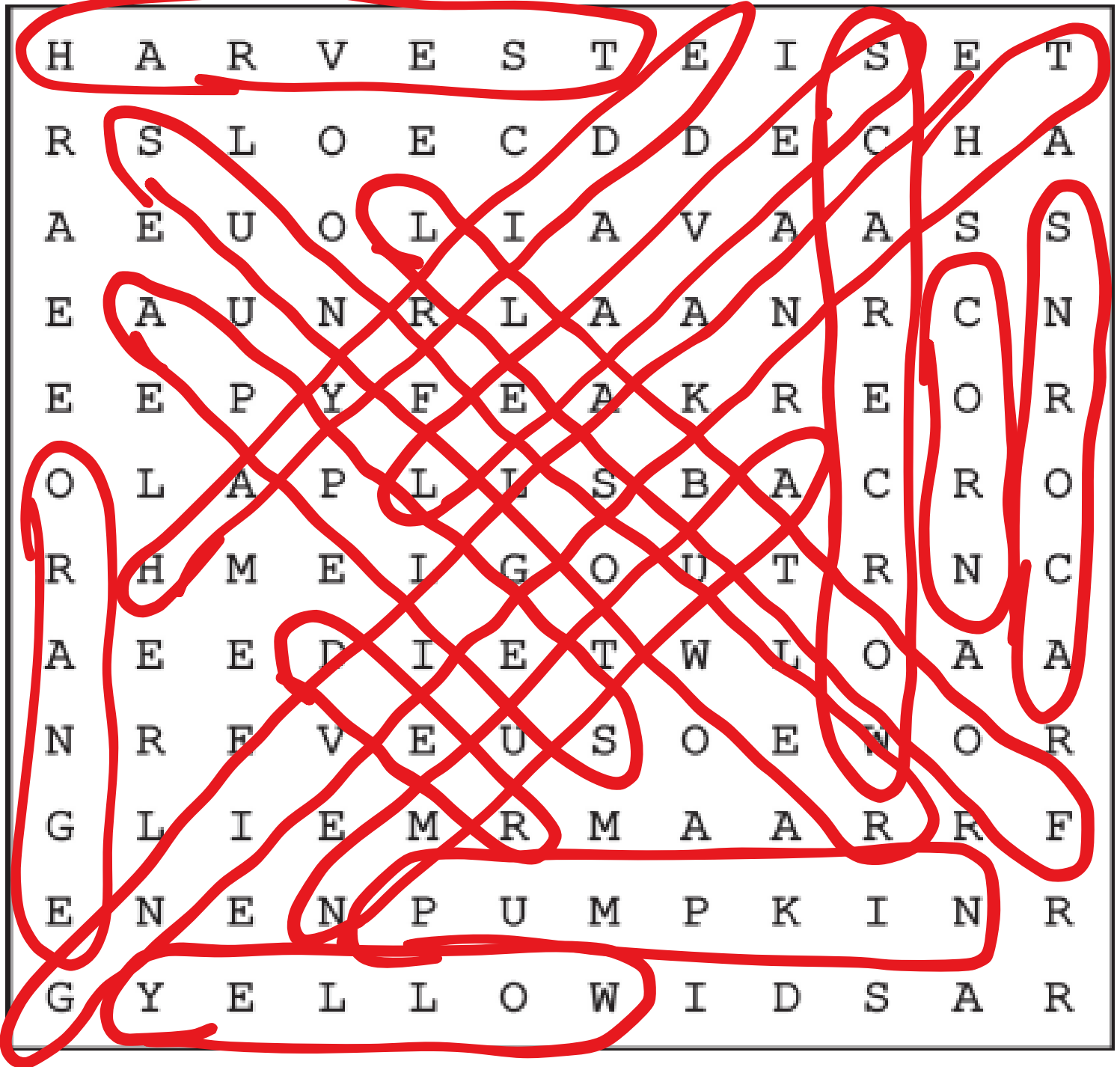
### Low Brass

Low brass includes the tuba, baritone, and trombone. The bari sax and bass clarinet do play the same part though. If you want to play bari sax or bass clarinet you have to wait until you're in 5th grade. Brass is super fun because you get to play the bass line which is the most important part of a song/piece.



# FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



## WORDS TO FIND:

~~pumpkin~~

~~yellow~~

~~scarecrow~~

~~autumn~~

~~leaves~~

~~sunflower~~

~~acorn~~

~~corn~~

~~harvest~~

~~apples~~

~~hayride~~

~~red~~

~~Thanksgiving~~

~~football~~

~~orange~~



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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# TEACHERS BIRTHDAYS

By Alex B.

Few people know about teachers' birthdays unless they're on the morning announcement. Mrs. Musillami and Ms. Maloney were on the 26th of October. Mrs. Rybs was on the 2nd, and once she comes back, you can say Happy Belated Birthday!

Ms. Sutkus, one of the art teachers is on the 12th of November. If you see any of these people, Make sure to Happy belated birthday or happy birthday. Thats all for recent teacher birthdays!

