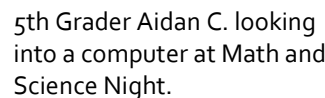


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By Niko S.



Many people liked taking apart computers, and some liked doing other activities, like the scavenger hunt. You learn so much by just taking apart a computer. Math and Science Night was very successful!

By Jeanne M.

Mrs. Webb was happy to report that Mr. Lawson is very nice and excited to be a part of the Spring Avenue Family. Mr. Lowrey will continue to be the assistant principal.

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Principal's Corner

By Mrs. Webb

My Dear Friends,

Over the last 11 years I have begun to think of you all as family. Leaving you will be one of the most challenging parts of my career.

I'm going to attempt to share a piece of wisdom here, but I'm borrowing it from my favorite book, The Traveler's Gift by Andy Andrews. In this book, Christopher Columbus is remembered as having a decided heart. As you know, his perseverance and vision were the very things that kept him going for his big discovery. He never gave up. He could SEE in his mind what he needed to see in front of him- Land! This is what we wish for our students. Their tasks may be frustrating or overwhelming at times. Our job, as educators and parents, is not only to keep the students supported, but to have them believe that THEY can accomplish their goals! It took 19 years for Christopher Columbus to even persuade the King and Queen to give him the money and ships he needed. You are the King and Queen in children's lives, providing the support and belief that they need to succeed.

In another chapter of this same book, the main character encounters a nine year old child going through some of the most challenging of all situations known to mankind. Despite the trials and tribulations, she decides to "choose happy" through it all. This, too, is a gift we all need to give to our students and our children. In life, they all may have to endure some hardships, but it is ultimately up to them and us to learn from it and come out of the situation with a positive attitude. There were many other factors obviously involved in Anne Frank's life, but choosing happy is one of the most important lessons. In this world of social media, stressors and pressures, looking for some hope and goodness may be a saving factor.

I won't spoil the rest of the book but these are the ideals and mottos I live by and have learned to live by in my experiences with children and here at Spring Avenue. You have all touched my life and made me a better person. I humbly thank you.

Thank you, too, for the privilege of learning right alongside you and your children!

Mrs. Elizabeth Webb

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Top Five Best Basketball Colleges

By Aidan C.



Duke- Duke is practically known for basketball. They have won five NCAA tournament titles.



Kentucky- They are also known for basketball. They have won eight NCAA tournament titles.



Kansas- Kansas has an amazing basketball team. They have won three NCAA tournament titles.



North Carolina- Now here we go, this is the college Michael Jordan went to. UNC has won five NCAA Tournament titles.



UCLA- UCLA Bruins is where NBA star Russell Westbrook went to school. UCLA has 11 titles.

Top Five Best Chicago Bears Players

By Emmett D.

5. Richard Dent



All-time leading sack player in Bears history. 137 career sacks. He played 15 seasons and four Pro Bowl games.

Years with the Bears: 1983-1993, 1995.

4. Mike Singletary



Heart of the defense. He played 12 seasons and 10 pro bowl games. He had 885 solo tackles. Years with the

Bears: 1981-1992.



3. Gale Sayers

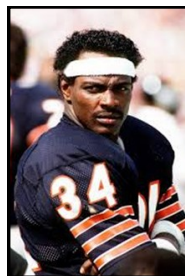
2nd best in yards per game. 5th best in overall yards. Years with the Bears: 1965-1971.

2. Dick Butkus



Eight straight pro bowls, 22 interceptions, 25 fumble recoveries. He played nine seasons with the Chicago Bears. Years with the Bears: 1965-1973.

1. Walter Payton



He had 16,726 rushing yards, 492 receptions. He played 13 seasons with Chicago Bears and scored 125 touchdowns. Years with the Bears: 1965-1973, 1975-1987.



Biggest Upsets in NCAA Tournament 2016

By Aidan C.

These are the biggest upsets in the 2016 NCAA Men's tournament.

Michigan State (2) losing to Middle Tenn (15)
Score 90-81

West Virginia (3) losing to Stephen F. Austin (14)
Score 70-56

Hawaii (13) winning against California (4)
Score 77-66

Arkansas Little Rock (12) beating Purdue (5)
Score 85-83 (2 Overtime)

Baylor (5) losing to Yale (12)
Score 79-75

Arizona (6) losing to Wichita (11)
Score 65-55

Gonzaga (11) beating Utah (3)
Score 82-59

Virginia (1) losing to Syracuse (10)
Score 68-62



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Top 10 Best Soccer Players, Part 2

By Charlie F. and Ivan V.

10. Steven Gerrard; 1998-present:



The man who was captain of Liverpool in the Barclays Premier League, Steven Gerrard has appeared in Liverpool's matches about 700 times. He has scored 120 goals in 17 seasons with Liverpool and only two with Los Angeles Galaxy in 17 games.

9. Lucho González; 1998-present:



This Argentinian player has played for five teams through his career, and has scored 96 goals in 481 matches. That may not seem a lot, but he is also a good defensive player.

8. Luis Suárez; 2005-present:



Suarez has scored 212 goals in 331 matches. Most of the goals came from the clubs of Ajax (81) and Liverpool (69). He has been a great part of the National Team of Uruguay, too.

7. Sergio Aguero; 2003-present:



Sergio Aguero is one of the best players on Manchester City right now. He has scored 193 goals in his career in 374 games. Right now, he is rocking it in Manchester City with 96 goals in 145 games.

6. Gonzalo Higuain; 2005-present:



for Real Madrid.

Higuain is an offensive player who can score a lot of goals. In 327 matches, he has scored 185 goals, the most playing

5. Andres Iniesta; 2001-present:



Even though he has scored 39 goals in 438 matches, Iniesta is amazing at defense, and can make a lot of plays. He is also the present captain of Barcelona.

4. Carles Puyol; 1996-2014:



Even though he has only 18 goals, he was great on both defense and offense. He has played in 481 matches for Barcelona. That is one of the most in Barcelona history.

3. Wayne Rooney; 2002-present:



them coming from Manchester United.

Wayne Rooney is one of the best players for Manchester United. He has scored 192 goals in 420 matches, 177 of

2. Xavi Hernandez; 1997-present:



by opponents.

He has scored 64 goals in 590 matches, but like Iniesta, he is an awesome defensive player, setting up great plays, and intercepting great plays

1. Diego Maradona; 1976-1997:



to ever play. One of the goals that shouldn't have counted was "the hand of God" in the World Cup in 1986.

Before Messi came along, Maradona was the greatest Argentinian born player in the history of soccer. He has scored 259 goals in 491 matches, and most of them have been highlight reel goals. At 5'5", he is one of the shortest

A Look Ahead to Rio, Summer 2016



The soccer tournament of the 2016 Summer Olympics will be played at the beginning of August. The final Women's game will be played on August 19 and the final Men's game will be on August 20 at the Estádio do Maracanã in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Unfortunately, the USA Men's team lost to Colombia and will not be playing in the Olympics. The USA Women's team will be defending their gold medal from the 2012 Olympic win in London.



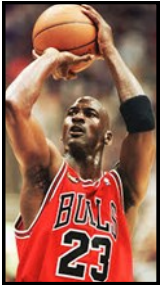
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Top Ten Sports Players of All Time

By Adam K., Emma K., and Patrick E.

1: Michael Jordan



He was one of the best basketball players who played for the Chicago Bulls in 1984-1998.

2: Muhammad Ali



He was a famous boxer whose career spanned for over 20 years: 1960-1980.

3: Wayne Gretzky



He was a hockey player and coach for many teams. His NHL career lasted from 1979-1999.

4: Bo Jackson



He was a baseball player and a football player. His career lasted from 1991-1995.

5: Michael Phelps



He is an Olympic athlete. He won eight gold medals. He started his career in 2001, and he is currently still swimming. Look for him at the Olympics this summer.



6: Usain Bolt

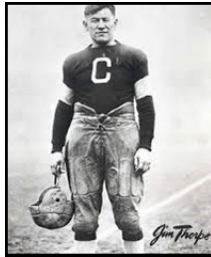
Usain bolt is a Jamaican runner, and he is one of the fastest runners of all time. He is still running today, he started his career in 2004.



7: Roger Federer

He is a tennis player who was the number one player for 237 weeks. He started his career in 1998 and he is currently still playing.

8: Jim Thorpe



He was a star at football, baseball, and basketball player. His sports career was from 1912-1919.

9: Babe Ruth



Babe Ruth was an amazing baseball pitcher and hitter. His career lasted from 1914-1935.

10: Pele



Pele is one of the greatest soccer players and athletes of all time. He played soccer for many decades: 1958-1999.

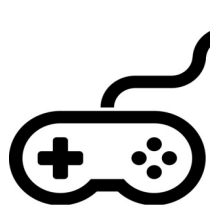
10 Weird But True Facts

By Abby M.

Some of these may be the weirdest facts you ever heard of! If you liked this article you can check out many of the different books out at the Spring Ave Library.

1. It gets so cold in Siberia that your breath turns to ice.
2. Applesauce was the first food eaten in space by an American astronaut.
3. Gorillas burp when they're happy.
4. Strawberries have more vitamin C than oranges.
5. Bloodhounds can follow a scent that is four days old.
6. Some honeybees quack.
7. Honey never spoils.
8. A waterfall in Hawaii sometimes goes up instead of down.
9. A newborn kangaroo is about as long as a paperclip when its born.
10. The world's first mobile handheld mobile phone was \$3,995! You could buy more than 11 iPhones with all that money!

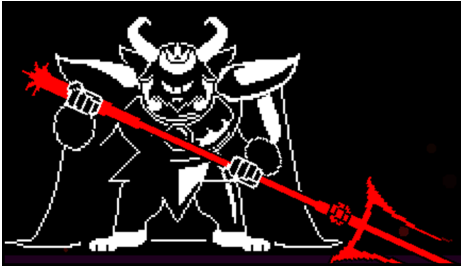




VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Undertale Original Soundtrack Review #1: ASGORE and Bergentrückung

By Aidan N.



Cano R. created an Undertale review for the April issue of *A Lion's Life*. This inspired this new article that you are reading. Now, let's get started.

Bergentrückung

Bergentrückung is the build up to ASGORE. It is a slow, chiptune melody, that plays after the player is judged by sans, and meets King Asgore in the Cas-

tle garden. It plays while the player makes their way towards the Barrier. Asgore will ask the player if they have any unfinished business. The player may begin the battle, or delay it to say goodbye to their friends.

ASGORE

ASGORE is the battle theme of King Asgore. Once the player starts the battle, Asgore will speak briefly.

"Human....it was nice knowing you. Goodbye."

He will then destroy the play-



er's MERCY button, forcing the player to either FIGHT or ACT.

In the end, ASGORE and Bergentrückung are more than awesome. They're more than sad. They are...depressing and amazing. With ASGORE being a remix of Heartache (Toriel's theme, His ex-wife) and Undyne (Undyne's theme, his friend and apprentice) it captures the sorrow he has had over the eons. His son was turned into a genocidal flower, his adopted child caused a war, his wife left him, and the Monsters were sealed Underground. Kind of sad, don't you think? Although, Bergentrückung and Spider Dance would make a better mix...

Stayed tuned for Review #2: Spider Dance!

Super Mario Bros: An Old But Challenging Video Game

By Aidan D.

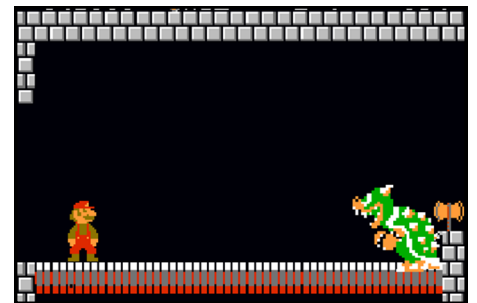
Super Mario Bros is an old game that is pretty hard. You are Mario and you have to save Princess Peach from Bowser.

Here are some tips:

- Avoid all the monsters!
- Never do game over.
- Try to collect coins! They help you get a new life.

You only have three lives so be careful. Sometimes there are green mushrooms, which give you a life. The fire flower gives you a power to turn into Fire Mario. There are eight worlds to play in.

I hope you enjoy this game.



LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens Video Game

By Carter H. and Niko S.



This game is a funny, adventurous game about the movie *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, just in LEGO.

This game has not been decided

it's rating, but will probably be rated E, which means for everyone (RP means rating pending). This will come out June 28, 2016. You can play as Finn, Rey, BB-8, Kylo Ren, Captain Phasma, a Stormtrooper, and many other star wars characters.

In this game you go through

many different challenges to complete levels. This game will go for around \$50 when it comes out but the price will decrease. In the old Star Wars games there are two modes: space and ground. You can race as a TIE fighter, and fight as a Jedi. What will you choose? Light side or dark?

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

An Interview with 6th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Wanta

By Ivan V.



⇒ Mrs. Wanta went to The Ohio State University.

⇒ Mrs. Wanta wanted to become a teacher to help out other kids.

⇒ Mrs. Wanta is still connected to the kids she

grew up with.

⇒ Mrs. Wanta says her favorite thing about being a teacher is all the students she gets to work with.

⇒ If Mrs. Wanta was gifted two million dollars, she would go on a nice vacation with her family, she would put some of the money towards the college funds for her two sons, and donate to charity.

⇒ Mrs. Wanta would like to meet Theodore Roosevelt if she had the opportunity to meet one person who is no longer alive.

⇒ Of all the teachers at Spring Avenue, Mrs. Wanta talks to Ms. Waterston the most.

⇒ Mrs. Wanta went to college in 1991.

Author and Illustrator Jason Chin Visits Spring Ave

By Gabby L. and Jackie K.



Thanks to our wonderful PTO, Award-winning author Jason Chin is coming to Spring Avenue for an author visit on Thursday, May

19! He will be giving four talks with us students. The schedule will be posted on the website in May. Jason Chin only writes non-fiction books.

He has written and illustrated Redwoods, Gravity, Island, and Coral Reefs. He also illustrated Where Do Polar Bears Live, The Day the World Exploded, The Master Detective Handbook, The Master Spy Handbook, and Chinese New Year.

Jason Chin grew up in New Jersey and studied illustration at Syracuse University. In 2001 he found a job at children's bookstore in Manhattan, New York. His newest book is called Water, Water, written by Miranda Paul

and illustrated by Jason Chin. He currently lives with his wife, Deirdre Gill, and their kids. He has won two Gryphon Honors.

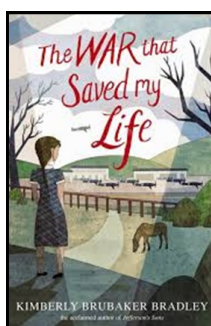
Each grade level is working on a project to prepare for his visit. Look for these projects in the hallways of Spring Ave.

We are looking forward to having this incredible author come to our school! We hope all of you enjoy having him at our school just as much as we did researching him.



The War That Saved My Life

By Camille W.



You should read The War That Saved My Life because it is an intriguing book that captures you and holds your attention the whole way through the book. Also because it shows what it was like for kids during World War 2.

It is about a girl named Ada who has an extremely mean mom. She lives during the war so when her mom decides to send her brother to the countryside she decides to sneak off with him. What will happen in the countryside? Will the person who takes them be nice? Will her mom take them back?

Find out when you read The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.

This book is on the Caudill 2017 list. View the whole list in the Library.

The Dangers of Social Networking

By Audrey H. and Shea W.

In this article we are going to be talking about the dangers of two separate apps that are used by some Spring Ave students. These apps have many hidden dangers, and adults should look over these with their children.

Whenever online, students should think about the repercussions of their actions before they do anything they might regret.



Musical.ly

By Shea W.

Musical.ly is a very fun app that allows you to make your own videos or lip sync to your favorite songs. You can show your friends and follow them, and have them fan you. But there is a scarier thing that is

hiding beneath the surface.

If you have a public account (meaning that anyone can follow you), you don't get to decide when anyone can see your account or your comments. There are many dangers in having public accounts. For example, let's say that you are on vacation when you want to make a musical.ly. You do and it shows you not at home. Now people know that you are not home and you won't be back home. There have been situations like this when people's homes have been robbed.

It is all too easy to learn personal information from unsafe account creation. Let's say that your username is the year you graduate and your name. It is easy for identity thieves to take advantage of you.

Finally, you have to be careful not to say negative things to people. You should focus on saying something nice. There is that option in many apps. In other words Musical.ly can be as fun and safe as you make it.



Kik

By Audrey H.

Kik is an app where you can text people even if they don't have the same brand phone as you! But recently, people have been making some fake accounts to trick

people. Things like that can lead to some serious danger. Like getting a message asking where you live.

Never EVER share where you live or who you are to people you have never met. Always stay alert to who you are texting. If you don't know who you are texting, just delete the app and walk away. That is the safe route. Always tell a trusted adult. People who trick you on the Internet could possibly hurt you.

So next time you are looking for a good texting app, I suggest not getting Kik! As a reminder, always be careful whenever on social media.



Is It Bullying? A Guide On Behavior

By Camille W.

Rude



When someone does something unintentionally and only does it once.

Mean



When someone does something purposely but only does it once.

Bullying



When someone purposely is being mean to you even when you tell them to stop. Also, when that someone does it over and over.

A Guide To How To Be Homeschooled

By Gabby L. and Sammy K.

Have you ever wondered about homeschooling? Well, if you continue reading, you may be able to find some answers to your questions!

Pros of Homeschooling

- You get to stay in your PJ's all day.
- You don't have to wake up early to go to school.
- You get to stay at home all day long.
- You get to have lunch at home.
- Your parents get to teach you every day!
- You get one-on-one learning.

Cons of Homeschooling

- You don't get to talk with your school friends.
- You can't have lunch with your school friends.
- You may not be able to be in group discussions unless you are with a homeschooling group.
- You don't get to talk with the awesome teachers at Spring Avenue School.
- You can't go to the school library.

Is it right to homeschool my child?

This is different for every family depending on how much time you have and interest. One child may benefit from homeschooling, but others may struggle with being home all day and not seeing their friends.

What subjects do I have to teach my child?

The required subjects are Language Arts; Mathematics; Biological and physical sciences; Social Studies; Fine arts; and Physical Education.



Do my children have to learn online?

Absolutely not. This is not required at all, and is completely optional.

My child is currently attending a public school. Is there a procedure that I have to follow to withdraw him/her from school to begin home-schooling?

You are highly recommended to write a letter to the school board to notify them.

May a student attend public school part-time while being home-schooled?

Yes, students are allowed to attend their local public school part-time under these conditions set forth in the School Code (Section 10-20.24):

- there is space available in the school
- you have submitted your request to the school principal by May 1 for the following school year
- you follow the school's courses and curriculum

How do homeschooled students graduate?

Students must meet requirements and need to graduate just like any other kid who has been in a regular school. If they also pass the other reasonable requirements after re-enrolling in the public or private school then they are allowed to graduate. Talk to your local principal for more information.

If you have any more questions, great resources available on these two websites:

- ◇ time4learning.com
- ◇ www.isbe.net/homeschool

Incredibox Website Review

By Annie P.



incredibox

Incredibox is a website where you can make music in four different style versions. What you do is you start with a person and you drag an item from the bottom bar (there are four sections: beats, effects, melodies, and voices) and drop it onto the person, and another person appears. Sadly, you do have a limited amount of people.

When you are finished with your song you can download or post it (or neither!). If you end up posting you can have a chance of your song getting to the Top 50 (The 50 most popular music pieces).

This is an amazing website that has hours of fun ahead! Check it out at www.incredibox.com.

The Original Swagway

By Christopher S.

Did you know that not all Swagways explode? When Swagways came out a year ago a lot of companies started making copycat versions that were not made the same.



When you go to the Swagway website, it states: "The Original and Official Swagway™ come with a 1-Year Standard Warranty. Since we first launched this revolutionized hoverboard, there have been many cheap 'knockoffs and copycat brands' that have created very cheap versions of the Original Swagway™. Don't be fooled into buying these cheap products simply to save a few bucks. Most of these are very poorly made using cheap parts, and you'll end up wasting your money. If you want the real-swig, this is it!"

So if you are still unsure about getting a Swagway, you could try it out. If you're shopping for Swagway, make the right choice and buy an original Swagway.

Gossip Down the Grapevine

By Emily S.

Gossip is simply a rude thing to do, speaking behind someone's back, twisting things around... The list goes on and on.

"Pass the secret signal for 'You Are Mean' across the table down to Nom-Nom!"

"Wobblesmobble pushed Fuzzles! (Even though Fuzzles pushed Wobblesmobble in the first place.)"

"I HEARD THAT YUM-YUM HAS A HUGE CRUSH ON TUM-TUM!"

Those are the consistent sounds of gossip and invaded privacy. They twist things around and seep into everyone's **PRIVATE**, **PERSONAL** information. People do not appreciate this, especially those who are constantly gossiping about two people who seem to have crushes on each other.

The question is: Why do people gossip?

Well, it really depends on the situation.

Sometimes, people want to gain popularity by being "in the know." Other times, people spread hurtful information around until it reaches the person they target. Maybe they want to embarrass the person, or they just don't like the person.

Just to sum it up, people should never gossip. The majority of the time, gossip is not true. Gossip is called gossip for a reason! It is deemed a "hot topic" which will attract followers. You don't need to know every secret! An individual's privacy should be respected.

In some cases, cliques of people may say something behind someone's back and message each other to tell the other person something hurtful. The 'messenger' may try to seem innocent by saying, "Well, so-and-so said so, I didn't!" even though you clearly said it aloud.

This particular method of gossip can get extremely tangled and complicated. You may feel tempted to dig down to the person who 'started' the method of gossip if this has been done to you, but resist it. Instead, if you feel that you should, gather the whole group who discussed this and kindly explain to them that it hurts your feelings. They have opinions, too, so let them explain their side of the story as well as yours.

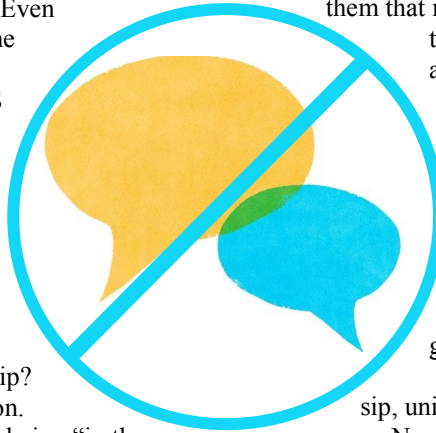
We need to put a stop to gossip down the grapevine. All gossip does to the world is rapidly shake it around until everything comes shattering down. False statements can create a hostile environment, which can be hurtful to others. Even if the information is true, it may be **PERSONAL** for a reason. Well, this is how to stop gossip down the grapevine.

First, we should avoid people who gossip, unintentionally or not.

Next, we should stop gossiping, ourselves! So what if someone has private things they prefer not to share? So what if someone seems to have a crush on someone? So what if so-and-so is the 'innocent' one in an argumentative event? It doesn't matter!

Finally, we should make sure to avoid openly sharing a secret someone is prying out of us. They may do some horrible things with it, things that change the story completely, things that spread the secret around, and other terrible uses.

When gossip is removed from our school and from our world, everyone feels safe with their privacy and with their friends. Therefore, our lives are further enriched and we live on as one heart - a heart free of gossip down the grapevine.



TRAVEL THE WORLD



Why You Should Go To San Diego, California

By Abby M.

Do you want to go on a fun vacation? You should try going to San Diego, it has many fun and enjoyable places and things to do!

There are many cool things you can do in San Diego, California. You could go to Legoland, Sea World and much more. If you like Legos there are many fun things to do at Legoland. There are many rides and attractions. The best part of the park would be the Lego sculptures. There are many different themes with the Legos. Some examples are different animals like pandas and zebras.

If you are looking for something to do the next day,

there is the San Diego Zoo. You can feed giraffes, other animals you can see are dolphins, apes, elephants, koalas and giraffes.

Lastly, visit Sea World. The animals you can see are whales, sharks, sea turtles, and sea lions. There are many different attractions such as shows of the Sea Animals doing tricks! Hope you go to San Diego soon!



Quiz: Which Unicorn Are You?

By Emily S.



Traditional Unicorn

If you are this: You are sweet, kind, loving, and seem magical in a way to others around you. Your pleasant aura spreads all around. But beware, if someone hurts your loved ones, you will stop at nothing to protect them.



Fire Unicorn

If you are this: You are energetic, optimistic, strong, and short-tempered. You'll set everything you dislike ablaze and otherwise protect your loved ones with your life. When trouble arises from the ashes, you simply burn it down with anger and heat.



Oceans Apart Unicorn

If you are this: You are sweet, nourishing, and easily take sides. You prefer to join the fight between two sides, rather than stop it from the outskirts. Others around you will suddenly earn their loyalty just when you are seen. When trouble arrives in the riptides, you either help it or go against it.



Blossom Unicorn

If you are this: You are sweet, kind, and adapt very well to transitions and changes. You are always ready for a new start to things. People feel fresh and new when you are around them. But when trouble sprouts, you will try to turn the trouble into a blessing in disguise.



Whirlwind Unicorn

If you are this: You are fast, quiet, and athletic. You are ready for anything that sets you running off course. Others around you may not notice you because you have to make yourself more known. When trouble rockets down from the sky, you will fire at it with all you've got.

Mandala Coloring Picture

By Sophie I.



art by Shala Kerrigan
www.donteatthepaste.com

Dogs Vs. Cats

By Christopher S.

Are you wondering whether you should buy a cat or a dog? People are arguing about which pet is better. I think dogs are better. First, dogs are easy to train. Second, dogs spend more time outside.

Dogs are easy to train. According to the book from our library Why Dogs Make Good Pets, "dogs are patient and make good listeners." This means when you're training your dog, he will listen to you and retain the information.

My last reason is dogs spend more time outside. Also from Why Dogs Make Good Pets it says "most dogs are curious and want to meet other animals and people." Therefore, your dog will be curious, happy, and excited to play outside and meet new people." Your new dog will be happy to meet you.

Which one will you choose? Dogs or cats? I hope you choose dogs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



VS.



Quiz: What is Your Spirit Animal?

By Paige K.

What year were you born?

- A. 2003
- B. 2004
- C. 2005
- D. 2006
- E. 2007
- F. 2008
- G. 2009

What are your two favorite animals?

- A. Dogs and parakeets
- B. Elephants and Serpents / Snakes
- C. Cats and Dogs
- D. Elephants and Sharks
- E. Lions and Giraffes
- F. Pigs and Horses
- G. Unicorns and Ants

What are your two favorite colors?

- A. Black and White
- B. Green and White
- C. Blue and Green
- D. Red and Blue
- E. Yellow and Orange
- F. Pink and Red
- G. Pink and Purple

What month is your birthday in?

- A. January or February
- B. December or October
- C. November or March
- D. April or May
- E. June or July
- F. August
- G. September



If you have mostly G's: Your spirit animal is an Anticorn (Ant - ie - corn)! An anticorn is an ant, but with a unicorn's tail. The ant part of it would be pink and the unicorn part of it would be purple. It can use magic and also be able to crawl underground! It would be born in 2009 and its birthday month would be in September! Its name is up to you! A perfect mix of magical rainbows and creepy crawling ants!



If you have mostly F's: Your spirit animal is a Hopig (Ho - pig)! A hopig is a horse, but with a pig head. The horse part of it would be pink and the pig part of it would be red. It can run super-fast and also find the time to roll in the mud! It would be born in 2008 and its birthday month would be in August! Its name is up to you! A perfect mix of racing and muddy hoof prints!



If you have mostly E's: Your spirit animal is a Liofeen (Li - oh - feen)! A liofeen is a lion, but with a giraffe's body. The lion part of it would be yellow and the giraffe part of it would be orange. It can make ENORMOUS roars, and can grab things that are super high off up in the air, like food on the tops of trees! It would be born in 2007 and its birthday month would be in either June or July. Its name is up to you! A perfect mix of roars and tree - top - looking!



If you have mostly D's: Your spirit animal is an Elarkt (El - are - ck t)! An elarkt is an elephant, but with a shark's body. The elephant part of it would be blue and the shark part would be red. It can swim super-fast and can fly with its ears. It would be born in 2006 and the month would either be in April or May. Its name is up to you! A perfect mix of deep - sea diving and ear - flapping - elephant - flying!



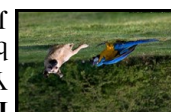
If you have mostly C's: Your spirit animal is a Cog (K - aw - guh)! A Cog is a dog, but it has a cat tail and a cat head, but a dog's body. The cat part of the animal would be green and the dog part of the animal would be blue. It can jump super high and run really fast. It would be born in 2005 in November or March! Its name is up to you! This animal is a perfect mix of cuddles and fetch!



If you have mostly B's: Your spirit animal is an Slerphant (Su - er - fant)! A Slerphant is an elephant, but instead of an elephant trunk, it has a serpent's head and half of a serpent's body. Also, its tail is a serpent's tail. The serpent part of your animal would be green and the elephant part would be white. It would be able to fly, (obviously, Dumbo). Your animal would be born in 2004 and its birthday month would be in December or October. Its name is up to you. A perfect mix of Dumbo and under - the - sea wonders!



If you have mostly A's: Your spirit animal is a Daraaget (Dare - uh - geet)! A Daraaget is a parakeet with a dog head. It would have a black body and a white head. Your animal can fly and walk. It can swim too, but it can't breathe underwater. It was born in January or February in 2003. Its name is up to you! This animal is a perfect mixture of a smart bird and a playful dog!

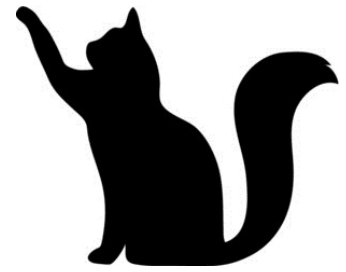


ANSWERS

Quiz: Warrior Cats Spin-Off

Which Clan (Made by Me) Are You in?

By Ashlyn G.



1. Who is your favorite cat in SilverClan?

- A. Shade
- B. Pearl
- C. Cloud
- D. Tiger
- E. Strike
- F. Cinder
- G. Other

2. What would be your or your Clan's personality?

- A. Strong and sneaky... Heh, heh, heh...
- B. Kind, loyal, trusting, persevering, strong and thankful
- C. Loyal and strong... Maybe weak at times?
- D. Speedy, loyal, persevering, trusting, and strong
- E. Loyal, persevering and strong
- F. Shy, kind and strong... (coughs and says quickly) at times...
- G. CLAN?!?!?! I DON'T LIKE CLANS!!!! (Me:) Then why are you taking this quiz?

3. How do you feel about this quiz right now?

- A. No. Just no.
- B. I am very thankful for this!
- C. I will be in the mountains now...
- D. I will make sure... some... cats will like it!
- E. I hope a lightning storm comes...
- F. Some cats... maybe like me... or not... like it!
- G. My answer for the LAST question is... IF I would be in a Clan, which one would I be in?

4. Would you like your Clan to be peaceful with the other Clans?

- A. NO!!! JUST NO!!! NOT AT ALL!!!!!!
- B. Yes, of course! Being peaceful to the other Clans is important!
- C. Fine, but just not to loners or rogues...
- D. Yes! We let in a loner that was from another Clan!
- E. Maybe...
- F. No... It's more important to protect our

- very little prey...
- G. I still don't like Clans, so, NO!

5. If a Clan were to suffer... (not spoiling my books) would your Clan help them?

- A. NO! WE WANT THEIR PREY IF NOT ANYTHING ELSE!
- B. YES! WE MUST HELP THEM! WHAT CLAN IS SUFFERING?!?!?!?
- C. Maybe... Depends...
- D. As long it's not DarkClan or...
- E. Only if they have done a favor for my Clan...
- F. No, we have too little prey...
- G. NO!

6. Which Clan would you help if you had to? (that Clan won't be your answer)

- A. FireClan, they will starve if we don't feed them.
- B. ANY CLAN!!!
- C. Hmm... LakeClan, they will be thankful even if we give them a sparrow a day!

- D. LightningClan, we can maybe have part of their territory then... if we can persuade them!
- E. SkyClan, they live in the mountains, how can anything happen to them?
- F. LeopardClan... Why? I want more prey... and the Clan does too...
- G. FireClan, we can just not let them eat.

7. The quiz has finished... One last question though... Did you like this?

- A. Eh, can we get prey from you now? (Me:) no... (You:) No, I disliked this...
- B. WE. ARE VERY. THANKFUL FOR. THIS. QUIZ!!!
- C. Eh, goin to the mountains now...
- D. WUVED IT! Maybe...
- E. I want me answers now...
- F. Give me prey... PLEASE?!?!? And... yes, ONLY IF YOU GET ME PREY!!!
- G. Still don't like Clans... Maybe I like DarkClan now...



Mostly As: You are in DarkClan! This Clan does not like other Clans. This is a dark Clan, as you can tell from the name of it.

Mostly Bs: You are in LakeClan! This is a thankful Clan, and SilverClan are their role models. They would help any Clan in need.

Mostly Cs: You are in SkyClan! You are in the only Clan that lives in the mountains. You eat mostly birds, and you can find hawks commonly, but not every day.

Mostly Ds: You are in LeopardClan! This Clan has lots of tortoiseshells, ginger cats, striped cats, and spotted cats.

Mostly Es: You are in LightningClan! You have kittypets in your Clan, but, they are strong and loyal kittypets.

Mostly Fs: You are in FireClan! Your Clan may be starving, but, no other Clan knows about it...

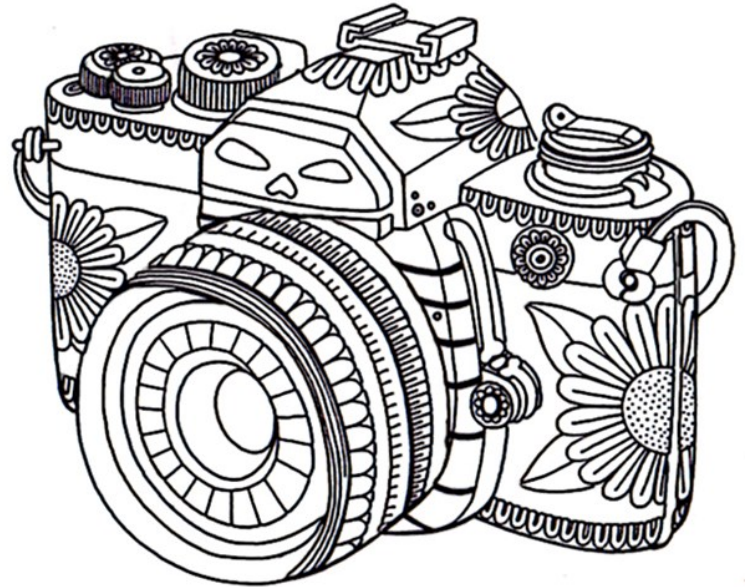
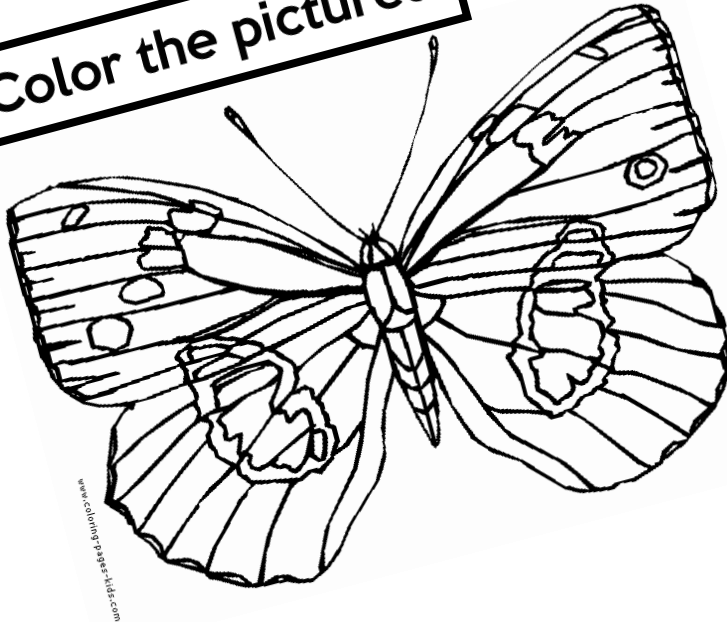
Mostly Gs: You are not in a Clan, but you are a rogue! You may have been in a Clan, or you may have been born in the forest, not in a Clan.

ANSWERS

Activity Book

By Caroline F., Camille W., and Annie P.

Color the pictures!



Riddles

If you are running a race,
and you pass the person
in second place,
what place are you in?

You bury me
when I'm alive,
and dig me up
when I die.
What am I?

I am the beginning of the end,
and the end of
time and space.
I am essential to creation,
and
I surround every place.
What am I?

MAD LIBS

Once upon a time in the land of _____. There
(place)
was a girl named _____, she was the pretti-
(girl's name)
est thing in the world. Once when she was _____
(verb with -ing)
she encountered a strange _____ with fur
(animal)
that was _____. When it started chasing her, she
(color)
wisely _____, but the _____ was too
(past tense verb) (animal)
fast, she was soon cornered. _____, noble
(transition word)
_____ who was the _____ in the
(boy's name) (character trait ending in -est)
land of _____ saved the day. He picked her
(place)
up and rode away on his _____. The End!
(animal)

QUIZ

Which Element Are You?

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Someone is getting bullied! What do you do? | 2) What is your favorite candy? |
| A) Stay out of it. It's their battle. | A) Gummy Bears |
| B) Tell an adult. You want to help but not get in the middle of it. | B) Smarties |
| C) Stand up for that person! Why not? | C) Warheads |
| | 3) What is your favorite book genre? |
| | A) Fiction/Fantasy |
| | B) Non-Fiction |
| | C) Graphic Novels |

RIDDLE ANSWERS

1. You are in 2nd place, 2. I am a plant, I am the letter E

Mostly A's = Water element-You go with the flow and keep things to yourself sometimes.
Mostly B's = Earth element-You always think before you do things and are very smart.
Mostly C's = Fire element-You don't always think about the consequences that could occur.

ANSWERS



Record Setting Fox

By Amaris W.

The record setting fox for size was found in Britain. It weighs 26.5 pounds—that's not normal! The person who found this huge fox is a veterinarian named Keith.

This animal was found on a boxing tournament day. The fox is kind of cute. This animal was also getting larger and bolder, although it's no longer alive. It was the size of a coyote. But foxes are usually not the size of coyotes. Coyotes are bigger than foxes.



The family found the fox at night, but they didn't think it was a big deal at first, so they just went back inside. But what they didn't know was that it was the size of a coyote and this fox was special.

Porcupine Pufferfish

By Sammy K.

Porcupine puffer fish are some of the "cutest" fish in the entire ocean. People think that this species of fish (diodon holocanthus), which means it is actually not a pufferfish, has venomous spines. However, this is not true, the sharp spines do pierce the skin of a predator, but do not inject venom into them.

These fish are not fish you can cook and eat yourself. These fish contain tetrodotoxin, a chemical in their internal organs. That means when ingested every cell in the body stops functioning and kills you in about three seconds of quick



painless death. In Japan, people go to school for two years to get a license to cook any type of blowfish without killing anyone.

Fun fact: blowfish are excellent breathers of oxygen when puffed up. That means if you own a blowfish of some sort, you could take it out of the water and watch TV with it. Another fun fact is that puffer and blowfish are the second deadliest invertebrates on the planet.

Finally, the tetrodotoxin they contain is about 1,200 times deadlier than cyanide.



Hawk Spotted on Spring Ave Property

By Emily S.

Warning: Fourth through sixth grade audiences only!



On the date of March 14, 2016, Mrs. Haymes' fourth grade class spotted a large hawk with brown feathers and a round, golden belly sitting outside the classroom. As soon as one student spotted it, the others flocked toward the window to observe.

This is the gruesome part - the hawk was carrying the carcass of a small, white bird in its sharp, short beak. We won't provide any details.

"Well, that's the life cycle," science teacher Mrs. Haymes exclaims as the students shriek in disgust.

Just as quickly as it had come, the hawk soared away into the neighborhood.

This all ties into constant raptor sightings (birds of prey) that have been reported throughout the school. A student in Mrs. Eck's class reported that he had seen a hawk flying outside his home's window.

And I also have

some further evidence. A few times when I visited Waiola Park, I spotted red-tailed hawks (one per each day I saw them) gliding across the sky. One swooped down so close, it was barely a foot above my head!

But more evidence - a pack of around five coyotes was spotted in the backyard of someone who attends our school. Now we know it isn't just the hawks! The hawks might have flown over here, followed by the coyotes. The coyotes probably followed them because a bird of prey (or a scavenger bird) flying around or to somewhere usually means there is food (in this case, rabbits) around.

What could this mean? Is this a reflection on the global warming happening to not only the polar bears, but all the cold-climate areas? Are raptors suddenly migrating from a danger that was possibly caused by humans? Or are they flying over here for food?

Only time will tell. For now, we await the raptors that are moving into the area.

Haiku Poetry

By Michael B.

Haiku is a Japanese poetry with 17 syllables in a 5-7-5 pattern. Feel free to count along.

Home

Small or rickety,
big or fancy home is where
the heart is, home is.

Friends

Friends, the ones you trust
anywhere and anytime,
they can have your trust.

Imagination

The world of wonder
bounds are unheard of for you
create, explore, now.

CREATIVE WRITING

Animal Jam Quiz! What Type of Jammer Are You?

By Ashlyn G.

1. What do you like to do the most?

- A. read
- B. take things from others
- C. feel sorry for unfortunate jammers, A.K.A. jammers with only necklaces
- D. steal things from people you know and replace it with something of yours
- E. Put proper sentences in here, PLEASE.
- F. other?

2. What mammal do you like the most (in Animal Jam or in real life)?

- A. cats
- B. anything that likes to bring me other items, maybe a dog?
- C. jammers that need homes
- D. anything that wants to trade me a spike
- E. Hmmm... JAMMERS IN ANIMAL JAM THAT USE PROPER

3. What Animal Jam item do you like the most?

- A. elf bracelets
- B. any stolen item
- C. anything anyone can give to people in need
- D. trade me a pink spike for my orange one? Oh, for the question, BLACK LONG!!!

- E. Spike maybe... Oh! My Silver Long Spiked Collar from the Diamond Shop.
- F. anything or other?

4. What is your favorite den item?

- A. mats that are green
- B. YOUR BETAS
- C. adopted animals
- D. trade me any beta and that will be my favorite!
- E. A jammer that types PROPER SENTENCES!

- F. all or other or just anything?

5. Which animal do you like the most?

- A. leopard, cheetah, wolf, fox, arctic fox, or bunny
- B. any animal that falls for my tricks
- C. Bunny
- D. can you trade animals?
- E. A JAMMER THAT USES PROPER SENTENCES!!!!!!!
- F. everyone, or other?

Mostly A's: You are a Warrior Cats roleplayer! You love roleplaying Warrior Cats in Sarepia Forest! Your favorite den item is a green mat because that is used for moss for your "cat" to sleep on. You like a lot of animals because a lot are used for roleplaying. You have found your calling!

Mostly B's: You are a scammer. I don't entirely know why I put this one in here, but if you do scam, please stop. I have been scammed, and it feels bad. It might not be for you, but for everyone else, it hurts. Please stop.

Mostly C's: You are a person who is constantly in the Pillow Room! Why are you always in the Pillow Room? You always adopt other animals. Keep doing that. You are making others happy! Good for you! You found your calling of what to do when you are bored!

Mostly D's: You are a trader! You should be trading fair trades if you have been doing this for a while. If a famous jammer is on, try trading them. I would trade WootMoo if I were you. And, you have found your calling! If you can't trade famous jammers, go to Jamma Township in the world, Aldan.

Mostly E's: You are a Grammar Jammer! Most people on Animal Jam don't use proper grammar. Other people are Grammar jammers too! Keep encouraging other jammers to use the correct grammar! Maybe one day the game will be different...

Mostly F's: You can't make up your mind, or you just love everything, or you don't like anything. But, that's ok! Animal Jam is a great game, find something to do, keep loving the game or start loving the game! At least like it!

ANSWERS

The Legend of the Bunnu

By Landon N.

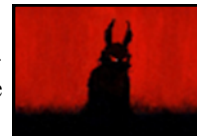
Legend says that a creature called a Bunnu lives in Mount Ducky Duck, a place also of legend. The creature is a giant size and has the strength of 1,000,000 men... No matter how people tried, they could not get rid of the evil rabbit. Then a hero came! His name was Ball. He looked like this:



Ball went onto capture the beast! First he had to cross the River of Cattt. The River of Cattt was very dangerous, because it was filled with sabretooth cattt fish. It took five days, but he managed to cross the river with

only minor injuries.

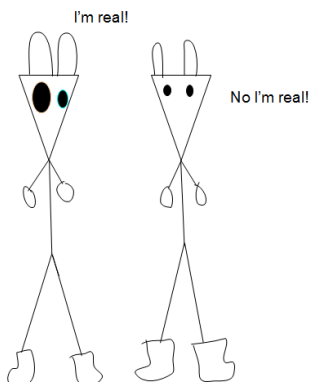
Then he got to the mountain. The Bunnu came out, and the two fought for a month. Now because we all know how stories work, you know who won the fight. The Bunnu won of course! More heroes came to fight, but the Bunnu won each time. Then Ball rose again, and told everyone about how the Bunnu fights and all its tactics. They all prepared, and went into war! With a large army and lots of knowledge, they managed to defeat the Bunnu. Now the fossils of the Bunnu are found in the Museum of Bunnu in the 51st state of America.



CREATIVE WRITING

Mr. E Bunny

By Landon N.



Mr. P. Bunny is absent. Today you have Mr. E. Bunny. Mr. E. Bunny was walking down the street when he was attacked by a banana! There were five hundred thousand ninja bananas attacking him!

And leading them was.... **MR. P. BUNNY?! Oh, noooo!** I should have just worked on something else. Then, there was a giant fight between Mr. E. Bunny and Mr. P. Bunny.

"Get away imposter!" shouted

Mr. P. Bunny.

"You're the imposter!" yelled

Mr. E. Bunny.

The two fought for hours, until I decided to make something new...

Mr. G. Bunny!

Mr. G. Bunny entered the fight and won! Mr. G. Bunny grabbed them and recycled them.

Now I'm gonna go make a new

Mr. P. Bunny for the other papers....

THE END.



Mr. Taco and the Magical Quest, 3

By Annie P., Camille W., and Abby M.



One day, Mr. Taco, Mr. O.J. Burger and Gary the Ghost were walking upon the river of Potatoes, when they heard... "TACO!!!!" A young boy screamed (He wanted lunch).

"OH NO!!!" Mr. Taco screamed

"He is going to eat us!!!" Mr O.J. Burger yelled.

"He won't eat me." Gary the Ghost said.

"Not. The. Right. Time." Mr. O.J. Burger said,

"RUN!"

The two food humans ran. Gary, well, he floated.

So, when the boy's parents came out, they looked around for the taco, but when there was nobody in sight they scolded the little boy and sent him to bed.

"But it's LUNCH TIME!!!" The boy protested.

"Too bad. Go to bed. No lunch or dinner," the father responded.

"Yeah. We're too horrible of parents to care about you." The mother added.

Just then, Mr. Taco came out and jumped onto the top of their house.

"I think I heard a taco." The boy said.

"Don't be fooling us again or else you will get dinner." The mother snarled.

"Oh, no! I better keep my mouth shut. Everybody knows that my mom's meals are poisonous." The boy thought.

When the boy was just about to enter the house, a giant eyeball came hurling at him! He ran away so instead of him the eyeball (somehow) ate his parents!

"What just happened?!!!" The boy screamed. He ran far, far away.

"At least it wasn't us!" Mr. Taco said in a relieved tone. The End!



Mouse Tale

VOLUME 1
By Emily S.

The sound of a metallic clang made Skipper's ears fold. Fresh, new shavings had just been poured into the cage.

"Mice, check," the pet shop keeper muttered to himself, scribbling something on his paper.

Skipper watched his two siblings burrow into the shavings. He knew they had adjusted easily to the pet shop, so he was sure they would fall asleep before the moon was fully up.

However, Skipper did not appreciate his place in the pet shop. With-

out hesitation, he scurried towards the cage door and scratched at the bars, reaching his paws out as much as he could. The lock on their cage seemed quite complicated, but Skipper was sure he would crack the code.

"Skipper, when are you going to give up?" Skipper's twin sister, Ash, squeaked, nibbling on a small grain.

"Never!" Skipper declared.

Just then, the most amazing thing happened. Skipper's paw had reached the lock... and pulled it out. Then, it brushed the other one... and pulled it out.

"Hmm?" the keeper said, glancing around. "What's that?"

"Move quickly, mice," Skipper hissed, darting out of the cage.

The cold wood under Skipper's paws made him tingle with excitement. He effortlessly scaled a table leg, but swiftly leapt behind it just as a giant foot stepped past him.

Skipper's chest was rising and falling rapidly. He opened his ears wide to listen for the keeper's location. A few footsteps indicated that the keeper had approached the parrots, who squawked in alarm.

"Go!" Skipper snapped, pointing his nose up at the cage.

A moment passed. But soon after, two brown mice with white dapples on their hindquarters were marching down to the floor.



CREATIVE WRITING

Adventures of the Felines, Volume 4

By Emily S.

As you recall from volume 3 of this series of articles, Bramble and his colony of stray cats have suddenly been attacked by a pack of dogs just after Shade's resurrection. What happens next? Read this to find out!

Pushed on by Shade's words, Bramble lunged head-first into battle, his tail lashing viciously. He soared above a cluster of barking Doberman Pinschers, but soon skidded to a halt before another Doberman in the back.

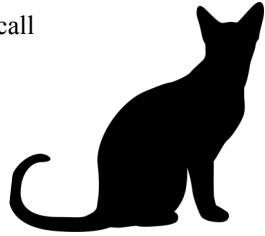
"Well, well, well," the dog growled, "old enemies destined to meet again. How pleasant!"

Bramble was paralyzed. His fur bristled high. His pupils narrowed into thin slits. His ears flattened. His tail arched defensively above his head.

"F-f-fluffy?" Bramble stammered once he had found the words.

You see, these two have had an unfortunate history. When Bramble first joined his colony, he was sent off to kick the buckets of Fluffy and two of his assistants.

Eventually, he and Fluffy were forced to fight in a fire. Bramble indeed had ended the life of his old enemy,



but here he was, standing unharmed. "Aah, yes," Fluffy snickered sinisterly, beginning to circle around Bramble. "I have been waiting for this day! In case

you haven't noticed, my pack is larger than the two Dobermans you saw with me."

A hiss escaped from Bramble's throat as he rocketed at Fluffy, but Fluffy simply pinned him down to the ground.

"Not so shabby, am I?" Fluffy smirked, sliding his paw upwards until it reached Bramble's throat.

"How are you still alive?" Bramble rasped, kicking his hind legs at Fluffy's underbelly with all his might.

"Youch! Ouch!

Stop! It! AAAARGH!!!" Fluffy whimpered.

But Bramble pushed on. He kicked and kicked until his leg muscles became sore. And that's when he unsheathed his claws and scratched Fluffy's eye, sending the dog flying backwards.

"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE????!!!" Fluffy howled, enraged. He clutched his left eye, hiding it.



Bramble sprang to his paws and charged over to the Doberman, his head held high and his chest puffed out.

"That is the mark made by me," Bramble meowed. "Remember it, and remember it in shame."

Suddenly, Bramble was knocked down to the ground by something behind him. He yowled and looked up to find a bulldog pinning him down and slobbering all over him.

"Yuck!" Bramble cried, shaking frantically.

"Master, I believe I overheard this feline calling you Fluffy," the bulldog sniffed. "Is this true? Were you really a house dog raised and forced to work by humans?"

Bramble grinned and observed the reaction of Fluffy. The Doberman's face was frozen in panic. His eyes were wide with

terror.

"Now, now," Fluffy whined through gritted teeth, "we can just relax..."

"LIAR!!!" the bulldog barked, leaping off of Bramble with astounding speed and knocking Fluffy

off his feet.

And somehow, just after Bramble leapt out of the way, the entire pack came thundering at Fluffy.

Bramble smiled - his words had been heard. All this time, Fluffy had been lying to his pack and carelessly hurting the colony. Now, he would pay.

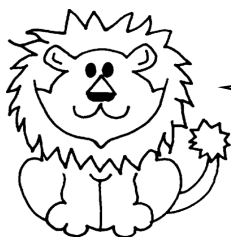
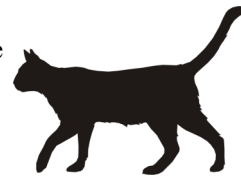
Just then, a scent wafted into Bramble's nose. The tabby cat, who had once been celebrating his victory, glanced around and followed the scent.

Soon, Bramble reached another alley, slightly larger than the one his colony had, that was somewhat far away. He dropped low to the ground and stalked closer until he could peek inside.

And there stood another colony of stray cats, just like the one Bramble belonged to. At last! Bramble and his colony were not alone! Bramble raced into the alley, grinning, but suddenly felt wrist cuffs rapidly clapping on an area above his paws.

Bramble yowled in pain, glancing around until he saw two black cats holding chains and gags.

And then, Bramble's world went black.



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CREATIVE WRITING

THE SURVIVOR

By Charlie R.

I WAS ABANDONED BY MY TEAM. AND NOW I'M GONNA FIND MY WAY BACK HOME.

MONDAY, 2:00AM, OCTOBER 20TH

I was walking, barely breathing, legs are weak, I need some medical attention. My team disappeared, I was the only one left on the deadly island. I needed some help and some food. There was a big stream of water, filled of fresh clean water. Later, I was in terror because of all the scary sounds.

4:00AM, OCTOBER 20TH

I ran into a creature that was 6.5 feet tall! I needed to ride it even though I was really weak from being knocked out. I was trying and trying and nothing! It wasn't mad at me for trying 1,000 times.

After 2 hours I finally got it tamed! So I rode it and got pretty far. I found another team to get me healthy!

10:00AM, OCTOBER 20TH

I had a few hours of sleep. The people who helped me are named Alex, Marksman, Sky, and Bob.

"Breakfast is ready!" Sky said.

"You have been severely injured. Need any assistance?" Marksman asked.

"Nah." I said back. It was in the middle of the big jungle so we had 4,000 more miles to go.

After I had breakfast I went to lay down for a while. I was covered on all of my fingers, wraps to help stop the bleeding.

12:27PM OCTOBER 20TH (OF COURSE)

When the bleeding stops, I'm going to get back to

civilization and tell my research team I'm alive. I first need to fight through the pain. Then I will get out and get back home and live normally. I won't get hurt as much as I had already gotten hurt. I will become the first to survive 4,000 miles with nothing but my clothes! (and some other stuff)

TO DO LIST:

- 1.) Find some weapons
- 2.) Find some food
- 3.) Look for a good place to live and stay

4:00PM (YOU KNOW WHAT DAY!)

It took a while to tell Marksman, Sky, and Bob.

"You're crazy!" Said Sky.

"There are so many monsters out there!" Explained Bob.

"I'll tell you the origin of the Jungle. Here! One day Gerald, who was a crazy man and wanted to make money by going in the Jungle, spent four hours in the jungle because, this was in 1938 when they were just discovering it. He never came out so the townspeople thought he was lost because he was already at two hours so, they waited. It has been three hours, nothing. Then four hours came by and he was weak and his skin was black and blue from the creature's poison." Marksman told.

"I really need to get back home and let my team know, I'm still alive!" I screamed.

"Fine! But, we are going to give you a partner. How about Sky?" Bob said.

"No! No! I'm not going in there!" Said Sky an-

grily.

"I might need assistance. And you can help a lot." I said.

"Ok." Sky said back.

7:36AM OCTOBER 21ST

"Wakey, Wakey!"

Said Sky.

"Ugh, Oh! Hey." I

said.

"Let's go. I need to get out here anyways. I secretly don't like it here. Bob, and Marksman are my brothers and I was going to go here alone but, they were so anxiously wanting to come." Said Sky. "Anyways I'm gonna go freshen up!"

I was thinking this is an opportunity for her to get out of this place. But, her brother's sound a little nice. Aw! I'm just going to forget about it!

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS! OR SO I THOUGHT...

I was so ready to go out and go into the depths of the jungle! The thing was that Sky's brothers are going to need assistance and they are going to be too busy fighting so, I didn't know if bringing Sky was a good idea.

"All ready! I'll get my things! I also am a little nervous so you know anything about the jungle?" Sky said.

"I just know that I am getting out of here!" I answered. I was too busy thinking about telling my team I'm fine!

8:36AM OCTOBER 21ST

I ate bacon and eggs! (scrambled).

I needed to tell the others that Sky and I are going to live in the civilization and not in the jungle.

"Hey guys, so, your sister and I are leaving, and she is going to live in civilization." I said nervously.

"What?! ARE YOU JOKING? WE NEED HER!" Bob answered back.

"Where's Marksman?"

I asked.

"He's gone." Bob said.

"How?!" I answered

back.

"He got bitten by a jungle crawler. Which sometimes ends in death or serious internal damage. The poison got to his heart and he died." said Bob sadly.

I felt bad, but also I had to leave.

"Charlie. I'm bleeding. I'm injured. Tell Sky I-I..." Bob passed out ON THE FLOOR.

"Bob! Bob!!! Get up!" I said.

"Please! Don't leave! I need you to tell me what to tell Sky!" I said.

I left him. I needed to tell Sky he passed out. But suddenly I heard a noise outside. It was a helper team to save me!

"Hey! Hey!" I yelled.

"Charlie? What are you doing?" Sky said when she came down the stairs.

"We're getting saved!"

I said back.

"Come on! We're going home!" I screamed.

When I jumped into the helicopter Sky was taken away to another one.

"Hey! Sky! Where are you going!" I yelled.

"I'm going home, but I live somewhere else. We're getting split up!" She said.

"No!!! I can't! Don't leave!!!" I screamed with my eyes filled with tears.

"Goodbye Charlie."

She said.

THE END.

PS: I didn't find any weapons. In fact, I still wanted some of those supplies. But wait, I still didn't tell my discover team. "The world has been destroyed maybe you can help us!" The captain said.

"Oh yeah! I'll do it." I answered back.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Clouds of Akelae

By Sophie I.



Oh! Hi there! how nice of you to come and hear this story about a not-so far away land of which you've probably heard of. This is a story of magic and mystery. It's a good one, so let us begin.

Once on Maui, the main island of Hawaii, there lived a large family of gods and goddesses called the soul of Hawaii. There were seven boys and four girls (left) in the family. Among the sisters, ummmmmmmmm, about that, let's just say, there was some tension going on with Makore and some of her sisters. Anyway, some of the family was at competition with each other because they thought there should only be one goddess of water. And their names were Akelae and Makore. They were sisters and they always fought over who was the better goddess. ("Your clouds wouldn't be here if it weren't for my water!" etc.) \

You see, Akelae was the goddess of clouds and Makore was the goddess of the sea. They always tried to out-

shine one another and become the favorite child of the family. Their sister Alouau was sick and tired of all the commotion going on at the time. She had sand design work to do. (Yeah, literally, Alouau designed each individual grain of sand because she was the Goddess of the sand.)

How was she possibly going to be able to focus with such a racket? She had to do something about it! She decided to come up with a plan with Honolulu (one of her many sisters). They would tell their parents what was going on. They did this and decided that Makore and

Akelae would switch powers for a day so they could see the other side of the argument (maybe a

little out of their comfort zone?).

Now, they didn't tell Makore and Akelae what they did. Akelae and Makore were VERY surprised and angry when they realized what had happened, and were unsure how to control each other's elements. When they learned that they had to cope with each other to figure out

how to control over each other's elements, they were enraged.

Aaarrggghhhh! They decided to maybe try it for a few more days to see how it would work out. During the first day of it neither of them talked because they were both so focused on each other's stuff they did not find time to quarrel! But then they learned how to control their new elements and started fighting again.

When they finally got fed up, they ran to their parents to tell them how mad they were.

"I can't believe you!" they shouted.

So as the story goes, Akelae and Makore persuaded their parents to switch them back. After that, they went to Alouau and Honolulu to tell them never to do this again. After that, things went on as usual. That is, almost as usual.

Once Akelae and Makore got the control power over their elements back, they started using them to rapidly soak one another.

BASED ON FIRES OF PELE

(The Sequel To

The Sculptures Of Alouau)

The one-on-one war lasted for several days. Finally, it got so bad that Makore grasped Akelae with a snake of water made up of the ocean. After swirling Akelae around for a while,

without thinking, Makore quickly lowered her watering grasp so that Akelae sank into the sea. Akelae tried to get out, but her sister's overpow-

ered push washed her away from the shore and out of sight.

Since Akelae could not control the sea anymore, she sank to the bottom of the ocean floor. No one could help her now! From that day on, not a soul heard or saw Akelae again. If you ask me, that family was nuts, although most thought they were the beginning and end of the universe. People worshiped the family when the family should be worshipping the people. Now, there are a couple lessons to this story. One, never use Alouau and Honolulu's plan because clearly it didn't work. Two, think before you act, and never let your anger and greed take the place of the kindness in your heart.

Farewell!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 28—Kindergarten Tea
April 29—Professional Learning Day, No School
Month of May—Spring Av Fundraiser at Vern Goers

May 11-12—District Musical
May 18—11:45 dismissal
May 19—Writing Festival
May 22—District 105 Dash

May 25—PTO Meeting, Volunteer Breakfast, Awards Assembly
May 31—No School
June 1—Last Day of School

C O M I C

My Grandpa is A
by: CONOR

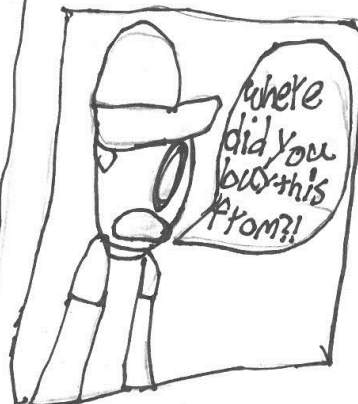


Grandpa!



Can you explain THIS?

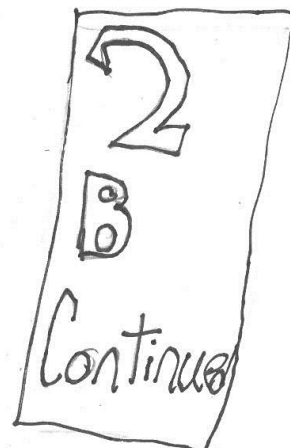
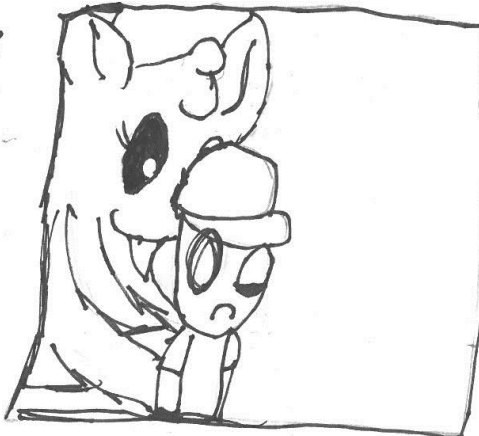
What is it Mikey?



Where did you buy this from?

Aw, yeah! The pet I ordered!

Why from Ebay!



ABC Countdown

26 Day Countdown To The Last Day of School

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| 4/25 A= Appreciation Day:
write a note to someone you
appreciate | 5/19: R= Really Cool Cats
Day (Students may wear
sunglasses and/or hat) |
| 4/26 B= Book Day | 5/20 S= Sidewalk Art Day |
| 4/27 C= Crazy hair day | 5/23 T= Team Day |
| 4/28 D= Dance Day | 5/24 U= Used Book Day:
everyone brings a used book
to donate |
| 5/2 E= Extra Quiet Time Day | |
| 5/3 F= Favorite Color Day | 5/25 V= Very Unique Day:
try to do something or wear
something that makes you
unique |
| 5/4 G= Games galore: bring
your favorite board game | |
| 5/5 H= Hawaiian Day | 5/26 W= Write on the spot:
students may ask students to
Stop Drop and Write and
any time during the day |
| 5/6 I= Ice cold treat | |
| 5/9 J= Joke day kids carry the
joke in their pockets | 5/27 X= Xtra special snack
day |
| 5/10 K= Kickball day- during
PE or recess | 5/31 Y= Yearbook signing
day |
| 5/11 L= Listen to Music Day | |
| 5/12 M= Mismatch Day | 6/1 Z= Zoom out of school
day (at 3:00, of course af-
ter the "clap out" proces-
sion) |
| 5/13 N= Neckties or Necklaces
Day | |
| 5/16 O= Outdoor Learning | |
| 5/17 P= Picnic Day at Snack
Time | |
| 5/18 Q= Questions for the next
year teachers day | |



DVD Slots Discovered In School Computers, Researchers Questioning Science

By Aidan N.

Recently, a DVD slot was discovered in school Windows7 Lenovo Core i3 computers, which led to the discovery of the century. As it turns out, all the computers have DVD slots. "It really is an amazing discovery," says Dr. Aidan N., the head of research in this discovery. He went on to state that video games might even be played on the computers with these DVD slots. Strangely, on the outside of these slots, it says "multi recorder," which may mean illegal pirating could be a possible danger.



The DVD slots are activated by a red-and-black button. The inside is decorated with white gears and other spinny things. When the aforementioned button is pressed, a black platform emerges, with a large, U-shaped hole in it. "We've found technology that could change the school; it was sitting right under our noses, or, laptop screens." Dr. N. says. We interviewed him and we found out more things.

Interview with Dr. Aidan N.

Q: How does this affect our computers?

A: I dunno LOL \(\.^.\)

Our interview was not successful.

World's Biggest Hamburger

By Michael F.



The biggest hamburger in the world was a 134 pound burger. It had pepperoncino; it had lettuce, cheese, and obviously meat. It was huge!!!! If you could eat the whole thing, then that's like saying you gained 134 pounds!!

And guess what?

The bun was 50 pounds for both the top and the bottom each, which is 100 pounds. Some people aren't 50

pounds yet, so it is really amazing.

Do you know what I'm wondering? I'm wondering who ordered that hamburger or maybe they just wanted to set the world record? I just don't know, but something that I do know is that it is a big hamburger.

The record for biggest hamburger was set at Mallie's Sports Bar in Southgate, Michigan.

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