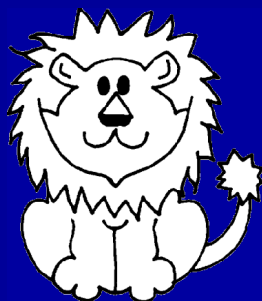


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A Lion's Life

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Spring Avenue Honors Retirees!

By: Erin C.

Four of Spring Avenue School's teachers are retiring this year. I know we'll all miss them. I would like to share my experiences with these amazing teachers with you.

Mrs. B, a long-time kindergarten teacher, was one of the best teachers ever. She always gave us fun things to look forward to, like Show and Tell and Zero the Hero. I think we all thought of Mrs. B as a fun, excellent teacher. We'll miss you Mrs. B!!

I will never forget Mrs. Zale, my first grade teacher. She always thought of new, creative ways to have fun, like the milk bottle figures assignment (which eventually spread to all of the first grade classes), and the Mother's Day plays, which taught us all to memorize at a young age.

And Dr. Stone, SAIL teacher and the leader of the district Speech Team, who inspired my brother, John, to go out and break a record in memorizing maximum digits of Pi. She

teaches literature well and helps children to get a good education.

And last, but certainly not least, Mrs. Kuharic, the Spring and Gurrie Art teacher. She has inspired me with my art, and created so many amazing projects that were enjoyable for us. She is just so creative!

Farewell to all of these awesome teachers. Stay great! Come back here for a visit sometime. We would love to see you again! Thank you again for all you've done for Spring Avenue students!



Mrs. B.

Written by Hannah H.

This is the final year that Mrs. B., an amazing kindergarten teacher, will be with us at Spring Avenue. Mrs. B. has inspired Spring Avenue for more than 28 years teaching kindergarten with great techniques and fun activities.

Read More about Mrs. B on Page 2.



Ms. Kuharic

Written by Meredith B.

After 10 amazing years teaching here at Spring Avenue, this is Ms. Kuharic's last year before her retirement. I got to sit down and learn a little bit more about her.

Read More about Mrs. Kuharic on Page 2.



Dr. Stone

Written by Angelina G.

Dr. Stone, Director of District 105 SAIL program, retires this year after 33 years of teaching. As a student Dr. Stone loved art, math, drama, singing and of course reading.

Read More about Dr. Stone on Page 3.



Mrs. Zale

Written by MacKenzie B. and Maddie D.

Spring Ave. was very fortunate to have Mrs. Zale as a first grade teacher. Our school will miss her greatly when she retires. As our teacher from 1st grade we had such a great time and enjoyed every minute of the fun learning environment.

Read More about Mrs. Zale on Page 3.

More about Mrs. B, continued from page 1

By: Hannah H.

Above all, Mrs. B. is a stupendous kindergarten teacher and puts a fun twist on every step to becoming a first grader.

I interviewed Mrs. B. to sum up her final year as a wonderful kindergarten teacher. Mrs. B.'s time at Spring Avenue was the most fun that she's had. She also has had many friends some which are teachers here at Spring Avenue.

Some of Mrs. B.'s favorite times have been Zero the Hero, The Surprise Box, as well as Bread and Honey the play. Also, watching the kids in Mrs. B.'s class learn how to read and write.

Mrs. B. will not only miss the great staff but all of the kids too. When Mrs. B. officially retires she has no big plans but is going on a trip to Hawaii. Before Mrs. B leaves, she will make sure to finish teaching and pack up.

When Mrs. B is not teaching she enjoys traveling, gardening, having fun, and staying active. Mrs. B loves being a kindergarten teacher, but if she was not one she would like to write and illustrate children's books. Something that inspired Mrs. B. to be a Kindergarten teacher was when she was a kid She would play school and pretend to be the teacher. Finally, Mrs. B would like to say that she is very thankful and lucky that she could spend many years watching the room and kids change.

I also asked some of the kids who had Mrs. B a few questions about their time in her class. Something that the first

grade will miss the most when Mrs. B retires is that she is funny and nice. Second grade thinks that the funniest time they had in Mrs. B's class was when Mrs. B said "knee slapper." Third grade learned how to spell, thanks to Mrs. B. Fourth grade had Mrs. B four years ago and still remember the Bread and Honey play. Fifth grade said some of their favorite times had in Mrs. B's class were when they saw Zero the Hero. Sixth grade thought that some of the qualities that make Mrs. B a great teacher is she made everything fun and always saw the bright side to every situation.

Our whole school will miss Mrs. B and her superb teaching. Also, we will all remember the fun experiences of learning new things and stepping up to first grade ready to learn more. Finally, everyday was something new and fun especially because of her teaching methods.



More about Ms. Kuharic, continued from page 1

By: Meredith B.

Ms. Kuharic was not born in Illinois but in Indiana. You might be wondering how she became interested in art. It was because when she went to McCutchen Elementary School art was her favorite subject.

Ms. Kuharic's art teacher and inspiration was Mrs. Duff. After graduating elementary school and high school she went to Purdue College. Surprisingly, she didn't on major in art. Ms. Kuharic started off in Psychology.

Why did she come to Spring Avenue? Because of all the nice staff and students! Her favorite moment while teaching was when she has finished demonstrating a project and all the students were engaged in making their own art work. When the class reached this point she felt like she was in an art studio monitoring the creative process while everyone was doing their own thing!

After Ms. Kuharic retires she plans to do the landscaping on her new 3 acres of land by herself. Ms. Kuharic also plans to have her own art studio and do some more traveling. Ms. Kuharic will miss the nice students who come to her class every day! She wants to let everyone know that she will miss every student and wishes them good luck!

We Will Miss You,
Ms. Kuharic!



More about Dr. Stone, continued from page 1

By: Angelina G.

Her family could not afford books, so she went to the public library in Chicago and checked out books by the wagon load.

Dr. Stone is married, and has a grown son named James, who is also married and lives in Houston, Texas. Dr. Stone and her husband love to travel and have visited many countries around the world. They also both love reading and their house is full of library shelves of books.

Dr. Stone's favorite place to visit is Zermatt, Switzerland. She told me, "I LOVE taking a helicopter around the top of the Matterhorn and have done it almost ten times! The view leaves me speechless every time!" Besides traveling she adores spending time with her English Cream Golden Retriever, Brighton. Taking photographs of beautiful places around the world, and writing poetry are things she also enjoys doing.

Dr. Stone has published two poetry books and plans to publish another based on a poem she already published called, "Foot in the Ocean." She loves advanced ideas and creativity, and found it very enjoyable to share her love of advanced learning and creative ideas with children.

I asked Dr. Stone what her favorite thing to teach was and she said, "I especially liked doing a SAIL unit called 'The Oxford Connection' where I brought the scholarly heritage of



Oxford into the study of literature. I also directed the District 105 Speech Team for 25 years, and coaching students in speech and drama has always been a passion for me."

Dr. Stone shared with me that one of the funniest moments while teaching was when she would share her very advanced poem called "Standard Deviation." Students became speechless at the advanced words of the poem, but loved to hear her recite the poem from memory and use

elaborate gestures. If Dr. Stone were not a SAIL teacher she would have liked to improve education for children all over the world. She enjoys trying to do things that contribute to world peace and harmony. After retirement Dr. Stone will miss the day-to-day conversations with the kids, and sharing laughter and love of learning with children.

I asked Dr. Stone if she had a message for Spring Avenue, and she said, "This school is extremely dear to my heart. Kids are very lucky to attend a wonderful school like Spring Avenue and grow up in the Spring Avenue community. It is a special place."

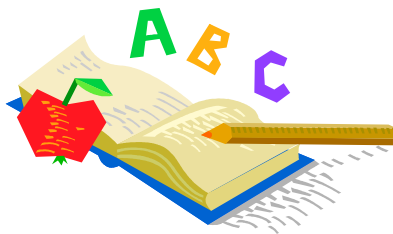
Dr. Stone is also very special and we will miss her dearly. Thank you Dr. Stone for all you've done for us at Spring Avenue.

More about Mrs. Zale, continued from page 1

By: Angelina G.

Mrs. Zale has been working at Spring Avenue for 14 years. Her favorite memory of working here was all of the fun she had recycling the milk jugs and seeing the finished masterpieces. She has not only been a teacher here, but when she first started she taught at Canterbury Elementary school where she was also a 1st grade teacher. Mrs. Zale said "the hardest thing about leaving will be knowing that I will never be back to set up my classroom in the fall. I always looked forward to setting up my classroom and the excitement of meeting a brand new group of 1st graders."

Mrs. Zale has a lot of things that she will miss but the one she will miss the most is "Probably bus evacuation drills...just kidding. I will definitely miss all of the wonderful students I have taught and all of the supportive parents I have met along the way. I will also miss witnessing all of the teeth that fall out in 1st grade." Her favorite activity is watching her students grow and learn. Also seeing the kids build up their confidence to perform for their moms at the Mother's Day

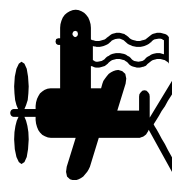
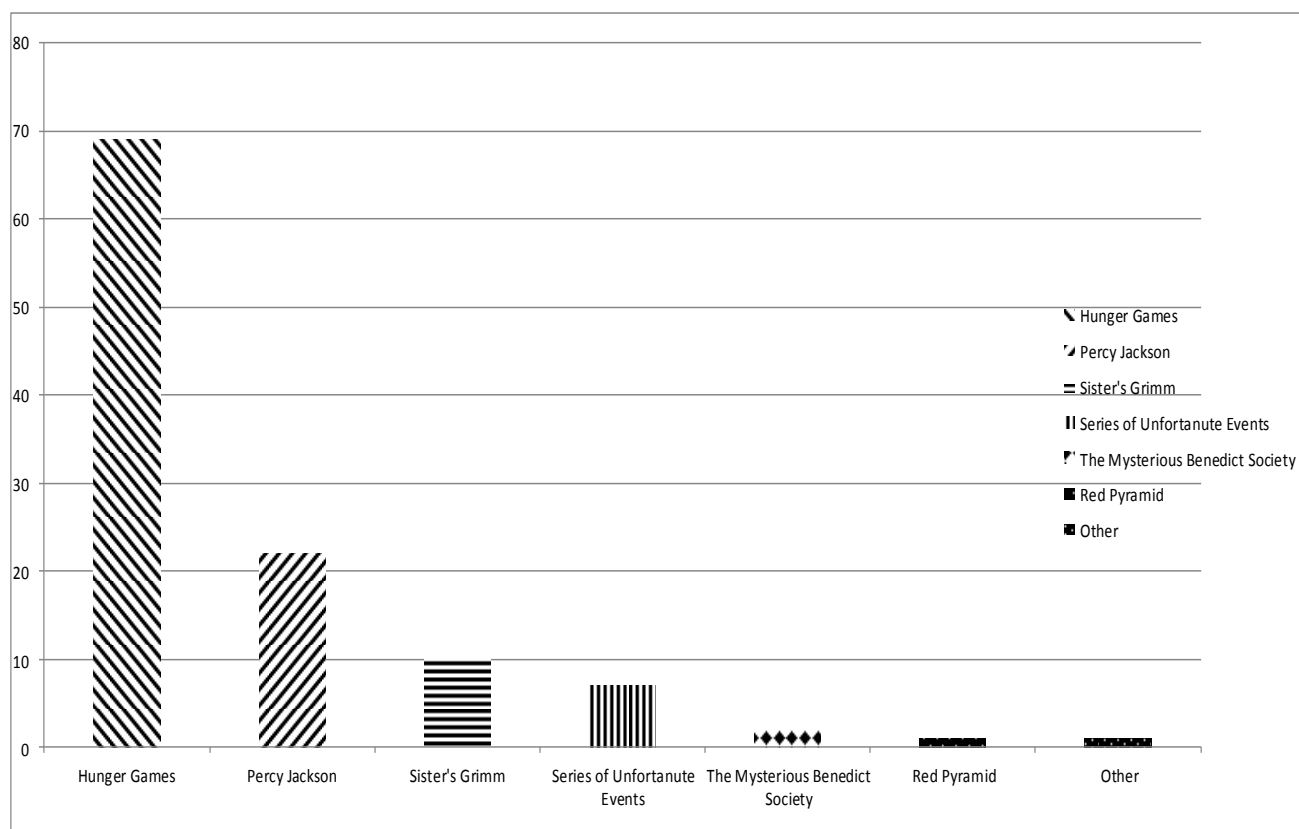


show was always a treat. Also performing 20 skits without a script in hand proved the students could do anything if they set their mind to it.

Mrs. Zale is looking forward to all the spare time she now has! She plans to travel at any time of the year. She is also going to take classes and learn something new like: how to tap dance, cook with a flair, explore photography, and try out for the show Dancing with the Stars! She also plans to spend more time with family and friends, play tennis and exercise more, volunteer, finish writing a children's book, drive a trolley around Chicago, get a total makeover, and throw away her alarm clock! As always, Mrs. Zale is a busy gal, and even though we will be sad to lose her, she will always be in our hearts and remain one of the most fun, happy, energetic, loving, caring, and friendly teachers to ever walk through the doors of Spring Avenue. For that, we thank her. We will love you always Mrs. Zale, and have fun during your retirement!

What's your Favorite Book Series 4th-6th grade?

By: Sean M.



Try Your Hand At Some Travel Trivia

By Maddie D

The Airplane:

The inventors of the first airplane were _____ and _____. Also known as the _____.

The autopilot system is located in the _____.

Turbulence is the unsteady movement of _____ or water.

The Car:

The first modern automobile was created by _____ in _____.

A _____ is a sign attached to a vehicle indicating that the vehicle has been registered.

The Boat:

America was discovered by _____ on a ship in 1492.

The _____ sunk in the _____ Ocean.

A boat captain should leave the _____ first in a state of emergency.

The Train:

A train can _____ stop quickly.

A train can go up to _____ miles per hour.

Amtrak's fastest train is the _____.

Word Bank:

Christopher
300
William

Titanic
Cockpit
License plate

Acela Express
Columbus
1886

Wright
Not
Air

Orville
Karl Benz
North Atlantic

Brothers
Boat

Answers on page 8.

Top 3 MLB Players

By: Joey P.

Matt Kemp: BA: .417 HR: 12 RBI: 25

This season Matt Kemp does not look ready to mess around, his stats blow all competition clear out of the sky. Last year Kemp was dominating but never at this rate. Matt is expected to be a first ballot hall of fame vote. Everyone was counting on him and he didn't let them down. Who knows what he will accomplish next.

Jake Peavy: ERA: 1.67 SO: 33 W: 3-1

I don't believe that anyone put their standards this high towards Peavy. With a 1.67 Earned Run Average, and a whopping 33 strikeouts, 3 wins and only 1 loss in the first month, I couldn't resist putting him at second.

Josh Hamilton: BA: .395 HR: 19 RBI: 47

Josh Hamilton has demonstrated how to be a perfect player so far. Even though he was doing more than amazing last year, I don't know if anyone was ready for such a performance. He is showing great charisma and is intimidating to most pitchers. He definitely deserves a spot in the top 3.



The Stanley Cup

By: Nathan D.

Every year the Stanley Cup is given out to the NHL team that wins the playoffs. The Cup was first given out in 1892 to the best college hockey team in Canada. The Stanley Cup just started as a little bowl and has turned in to a big trophy that is 34.5 pounds and 32.5 inches tall.

The Cup was first played in an outside rink and players wore no helmets. The Cup is named after Governor General of Canada Lord Stanley and used to be called the Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup. In 1917, the NHL was able to compete for the Stanley Cup.

A strange thing is that NHL players say if you touch the cup before winning it you are cursed to never win it. The top five teams with the most Stanley cup wins are Canadians 23, Maple Leafs 13, Red Wings 11, Bruins 6, and Oilers 5. If you win the Cup, you get your name engraved into it. One winner of the cup, Sylvain Lefebvre, used it to baptize his kid inside of the bowl. Another winner, Mario Lemieux, used the cup for pool parties.

Watch the Stanley Cup beginning in June.

LA Kings Make History

By: Joseph P.

On Sunday May 6, 2012 the Los Angeles Kings hockey team made history, becoming the first 8th seed to beat the 1st and 2nd seed. First, the Kings beat the 1st seed Vancouver Canucks 4-1. Then they swept the 2nd seed St. Louis Blues 4-0. The Kings' captain Dustin Brown has been hot this playoffs season scoring 6 goals with 5 assists in 9 games. The Kings also have Vezina Trophy nominee Jonathan Quick as their goaltender. The Kings will face the Phoenix Coyotes in the Western Conference Finals.



PERFECTION

Philip Humber Throws 21st Perfect Game in MLB

By: Joseph P.

On Saturday, April 21, 2012 Chicago White Sox RHP Philip Humber threw the 21st perfect game in MLB history. It was the 3rd in White Sox history behind Charles Robinson in 1922 and Mark Buehrle in 2009.

Humber was saved by some great plays in the outfield by Alex Rios. Humber faced 27 Seattle Mariners batters and took down all of them. Humber made his MLB debut on September 24, 2006 with the New York Mets.

The White Sox picked Humber up off waivers from the Kansas City Royals in 2011. On August 18, 2011, Humber was hit above his right eye by a line drive hit by Kosuke Fukudome and was placed on the 15 day DL. That injury may have affected his 2011 season, but it's not stopping him from having a breakout 2012 season.



The Lorax

Movie Review

By: Allison T. and Jennie B.



The Lorax is a great movie for all ages. The book was written by Dr. Suess. It is about a boy who lives in a land where nothing is real, and they live in a city where there are blow up trees and bushes. The boy meets a girl who loves trees and always wanted to see one. He ends up liking her and to impress her he wants to get her a tree.

So, the boy talks to his crazy grandma and she tells him to go out of the city and find this guy named the Once-ler. That is what he does. When the boy gets there, he finds the Once-ler. The Once-ler tells the boy a story about when he was a kid. His parents did not respect him so he decided to prove them wrong. The Once-ler tried to invent an item that could do anything, which he called a "thneed." The Once-ler tried and tried, but he did not come up with anything, so he set off in search of a place where he could find the perfect material. He ended up finding a place, but there was a little problem. There were creatures living there, the Lorax and their homes were in the trees, and they did not like it when they cut down all the trees.

To find out the rest, you should see the movie!

A Singing Computer?

By: Michelle K.

Everyone in the whole world has a favorite singer. Adele, Rihanna, Lady Ga Ga, and more, but have you ever heard of a singer that really isn't a live singer? You may have heard of autotune, but that's not what I'm talking about. I'm



thinking of Miku Hatsune (Me-coo Hat-sue-nay), a Japanese singer that millions of people love. There are literally more than 200 songs that she has sung. She is called a Vocaloid. Vocal, as in singing, and loid as in a robot. Vocaloids can sing, but they are also given emotions and a background, just like a real singer.

Miku isn't the ONLY vocaloid though. There is also Rin and Len Kagamine (Ka-guh-mine). Rin and Len are twins. There are also many more vocaloids like these. You can listen to their songs on youtube.com for free. Just search a certain vocaloid's name and you can find a few of their songs. You can also find Miku's fan website, "Mikubook."

Sushi Cat

Full Belly Achieved!

By: Kate H. and Devon W.

FULL BELLY ACHIEVED! Those three words mean that you've achieved the goal of the current round and get to move onto the next level!

Sushi Cat 2 is a fun, Japanese game.

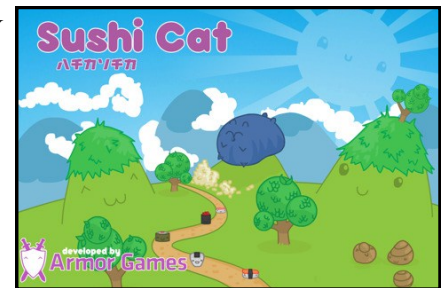
It's about a cat needing to eat a bunch of sushi to be strong enough to save a special pink cat he met. The game is simple, yet addicting. Sushi frenzy!

There are over twenty short, yet epic, levels full of fun, cats, power-ups, and of course, SUSHI! Some power-ups include: Supermarket Sweep, soy sauce bombs, pinball flippers, dragon punch, and prize wheels. Power-ups help you complete the levels with less strain, and sometimes you need them to win the level.

The plot line of Sushi Cat 2 is: one day Sushi Cat and his wife are browsing the Tokyo mall when a new nemesis named Bacon Dog pops up, and kidnaps Sushi Cat's wife! Eat sushi and embark on the incredible journey to reclaim Sushi Cat's wife from that rowdy dog!

This game was originally created in Tokyo, Japan, but still the sushi frenzy spread all over the world! S.O.S. (Save Our Sushi!) The game somewhat resembles pinball, only with cute music, adorable characters, fun animation, and a hilarious plot line.

So feel free to jump on your computer, and EAT SOME SUSHI!



Cubefield Game Review

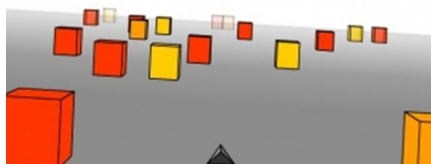
By: Abbey P.

Do you want to play a fun challenging game? Cubefield is the game for you! Cubefield is a skill game where you have to avoid as many cubes as possible.

In my opinion, Cubefield is my favorite game. To play, go to yoiarcade.net. Then click games. Now click Ability and Cubefield will be one game you can choose. When you crash into a cube, you will go back to main menu. It will show your best score. My high score is 130,000! The farther in the game you go, the harder it gets.

I, for one, have never gotten more than 130,000 points, but do you think you can? Play Cubefield today! Play and check your score. Is it more than 130,000? Maybe it is, maybe it isn't. But it's not about high scores. It's about fun.

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By: Jennie B.

LEO: July 23-August 22. You are an independent person who makes very good decisions. Be very careful around big groups of people. Your lucky numbers are 5, 69, 490, 123, and 47.



GEMINI: May 21-June 20. You are a very smart person who loves challenges. Be aware: you can very easily take a conversation from someone. Your lucky numbers are 1, 99, 56, 2,389, and 89.



CAPRICORN: December 22-January 19. You are a very lucky person. You might find something unexpected today. Lucky numbers are 56, 490, 69, 48, and 54.



ARIES: March 21-April 19. You are a very dependable person. Take caution on what you promise. Lucky numbers are 42, 85, 94, 82, and 17.



TAURUS: April 20-May 20. You are a very loyal person. Make sure you don't forget something today. Lucky numbers are 14, 55, 69, and 22.



PISCES: February 19-March 20. You are a very funny person. Your jokes may have a bad effect on someone today. Lucky numbers are 49, 790, 4, 99, and 53.



CANCER: June 21-July 22. You are a very open-minded person. Good things come from hard work for you. Lucky numbers are 18, 98, 56, 59, and 22.



VIRGO: August 23-September 22. You are a very popular person. You might want to make sure you spend as much time with old friends as new. Lucky numbers are 13, 976, 45, 4, and 12.



LIBRA: September 23-October 22. You are a very creative person, but you can be a bit rude when you don't realize it. Lucky numbers are 34, 6,668, 378, 990, and 88.



SCORPIO: October 23-November 21. You are a very strong hearted person. You might snap, so calm down in conversations. Lucky numbers 6, 69, 234, 78, and 10.



SAGITTARIUS: November 22-December 21. You are very lucky today. Someone may be irritated with you today so watch for signs of anger. Lucky numbers are 90, 39, 45, 56, and 7.



AQUARIUS: January 20-February 18. You are a very calm person. But, people seem to not notice you very much. Lucky numbers are 34, 78, 4, 187, and 2.

A Girl Who Speaks the Truth

Poetry

By: Nicole C.

Throughout the courses of my life, I have felt pain, humiliation,
being left out

I felt unwanted, in other words, I felt like a doormat.

Walked on, played, I kept all my feelings locked inside.

And I guess they'll still be locked inside,

Inside this page, I have been afraid to be myself, to tell the
truth,

and now that I let it go,

I let it out,

I'm letting my spirit run free.

I'm breaking boundaries that I never would have dreamed of
breaking.

Now that I let it go, I feel like I'm finally living my life.

And now I dare you (I know that this goes on in everyone's
life),

So

Don't be a broken empty shell like I was.

I found the best way to get over a stupid instance is to talk to
someone.

So think of me as your mentor for whenever you're feeling

upset or bothered

by something,

write me a note,

leave it in Mrs. Webb's office,

and maybe I'll answer.



Artwork by Kate H. and Devon W.

Recipe: Blueberry Dump Cake

By: MacKenzie B.

Ingredients

1 (18.25 ounce) package
yellow cake mix

4 cups fresh blueberries

1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 cup butter, melted

1 teaspoon ground cinnam-
on



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Mix berries, sugar, and cinnamon in the bottom of a 9 x 13
inch pan. Cover berries with dry cake mix. Pour butter
over cake mix, do not stir.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until light brown. Serve warm or
cold. top with ice cream.

Travel Trivia Answers (from page 4)

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1886.

A license plate is a sign attached to a vehicle indicating that
the vehicle has been registered.

The Boat:

America was discovered by Christopher Columbus on a ship
in 1492.

The Titanic sunk in the North Atlantic Ocean.

A boat captain should never leave the boat first in a state of
emergency.

The Train:

A train can not stop quickly.

A train can go up to 300 miles per hour.

Amtrak's fastest train is the Acela Express.

Who Am I?

By: Jennie B.

- ? I was born in London, England, on April 3, 1934.
- ? When I was 22, Dr. Louis Leakey invited me to look for fossils with him in East Africa.
- ? I dug for fossils for 3 months in East Africa.
- ? I did one of the biggest scientific studies ever.
- ? I never went to college.
- ? I first went to the Gombe Stream Reserve in 1960.
- ? I discovered that chimps use tools to get food.
- ? In 1962, I fell in love with Hugo van Lawick when he came to take photos of the chimps.
- ? In 1974, I divorced Hugo, and the next year I married Derek Bryson, a park director.
- ? I was deemed Messenger of Peace in 2002.
- ? I am still alive to this day.



Do you know who I am? Turn to the last page to see if you're right!

Being a Trombone Player

By: Jonathan K.

Being a trombone player can be really fun if you practice a lot. If you practice, you can be really good, and you can go to intermediate and concert band before the rest of the other members of beginner band. You need to really like playing the trombone if you are good because soon playing the trombone will require daily practice for you. As you get better you will join different levels of band, and they will meet on different days. For me, I'm in intermediate and concert band. Intermediate is on Tuesday and Thursday and concert band is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. My whole week is booked with band. Though, I really like it so it's not a problem for me.



Trombone is one of the easiest instruments to play in the band, and it is really fun. Some famous trombone players are Arthur Pryor, Alex Henderson, Harvey "Slide" Seigel, Jonathan Arons, Irvin Verret, Barry Rodgers, and many, many, more.

I would highly suggest playing the trombone for anybody that wants to be good at playing an instrument. There is also a different kind of trombone that you can play if you want to play an instrument with valves. That is the valve trombone. You can play that if you are switching over from an instrument to the valve trombone. The valve trombone has the same notes and same number of valves as any other instrument with valves.

I highly recommended the trombone to any kid/adult that wants to play an easy instrument.



The Avengers Take the Box Office By Storm

By: Joseph P.

Avengers assemble! Captain America and his friends Iron Man, The Hulk, Thor, Hawkeye, and The Black Widow destroyed the previous opening weekend box office record. Marvel's *The Avengers* made a record \$207 million on opening weekend, May 4th – 6th. They demolished the previous record of \$169 million set by *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*.

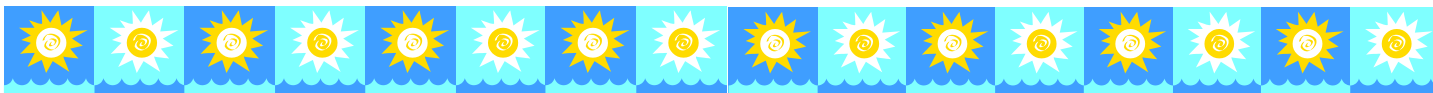
I saw the movie on opening day and besides being full of action, the movie is very funny too. The Avengers are trying to stop Loki and a gigantic army of aliens from getting the Tesseract. The Tesseract is a cube of unlimited power which would allow the aliens to destroy other planets. Loki however, is crazed with being all powerful.

Can the Avengers stop Loki and the aliens to save Earth? You will have to see Marvel's *The Avengers* to find out.



What Are Our TEACHERS Doing for summer Vacation?

By: Taylor S. and Nora W.



Mrs. B is going to Hawaii!

Ms. Morello is going to Michigan!

Mrs. Zale is going to Ireland, her son's wedding, and the Panama Canal!

Ms. Parrino is going to Tennessee to celebrate her parent's wedding anniversary. She's also going to Texas to visit a friend. Lastly, she is going to be a CONNECT coach.

Mrs. Daly is getting together with college roommates. She's going to Wisconsin with some cousins. Also, she is going to watch a lot of baseball games and relax.

Mrs. Walsh is going to Michigan, Kentucky, and the U.P. area.

Ms. Melone is going to teach summer school and be a CONNECT coach. Also, she is going to relax, go swimming, and hang out.

Miss McGinnis is going to have the most fun possible by traveling, going to Cubs games, riding her bike, playing beach volleyball, playing softball, and reading.

Mrs. Dahlin is going to Wisconsin and Michigan. She is going to do some housework, and be a CONNECT coach. Lastly, she is going to hang out with her new niece!

Mrs. Faldani is going to visit her mom in Arizona and be a CONNECT coach. Also her daughter is going to Europe.

Ms. Eck is going to Boston. She's also going to swim!

Mrs. Demer is going to baseball games and Lake Minocqua in Michigan.

Ms. Folliard is taking a trip to Europe, Berlin, Germany, Amsterdam, Paris, and London!

Ms. Charlton is going to Michigan, Seattle, Vancouver, and DC! She is also going to be a CONNECT coach, go to colleges with her child, play softball, and play volleyball.

Ms. Kuharic is going to do some landscape designing, gardening, work on an art studio in her house, and do some traveling.

Ms. Lenardi is going to participate in a race that goes from Madison, Wisconsin to Chicago with Ms. Dahlin and Mrs. Faldani. She's also going to hang out with her dog and family. She's going to Mexico, too!

Mr. Arneson is going boating, and he's going to his lakehouse in Wisconsin.

Mr. Tooth is going to baseball games.

Ms. Marek is going to be a CONNECT coach, and be at the open Spring Library on Mondays! She is also going to 4 weddings this summer.

Mrs. Blazek is going to visit a friend in Annapolis, Maryland and they are going to go sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Dr. Stone is going to Germany and do some brain research!

Ms. Weiland is going to Michigan and Vermont.

Mrs. Bocek is going to teach summer school, go to Michigan and water ski, ride ATVs, wakeboard, ride a waverunner, and swim there.

Mr. Wydra is going to teach summer school, be a CONNECT coach, and possibly go to Las Vegas to see a concert.

Mrs. Kurfurst is going to hang out with her kids and go to Florida.

Mrs. Jones is going to Arizona.

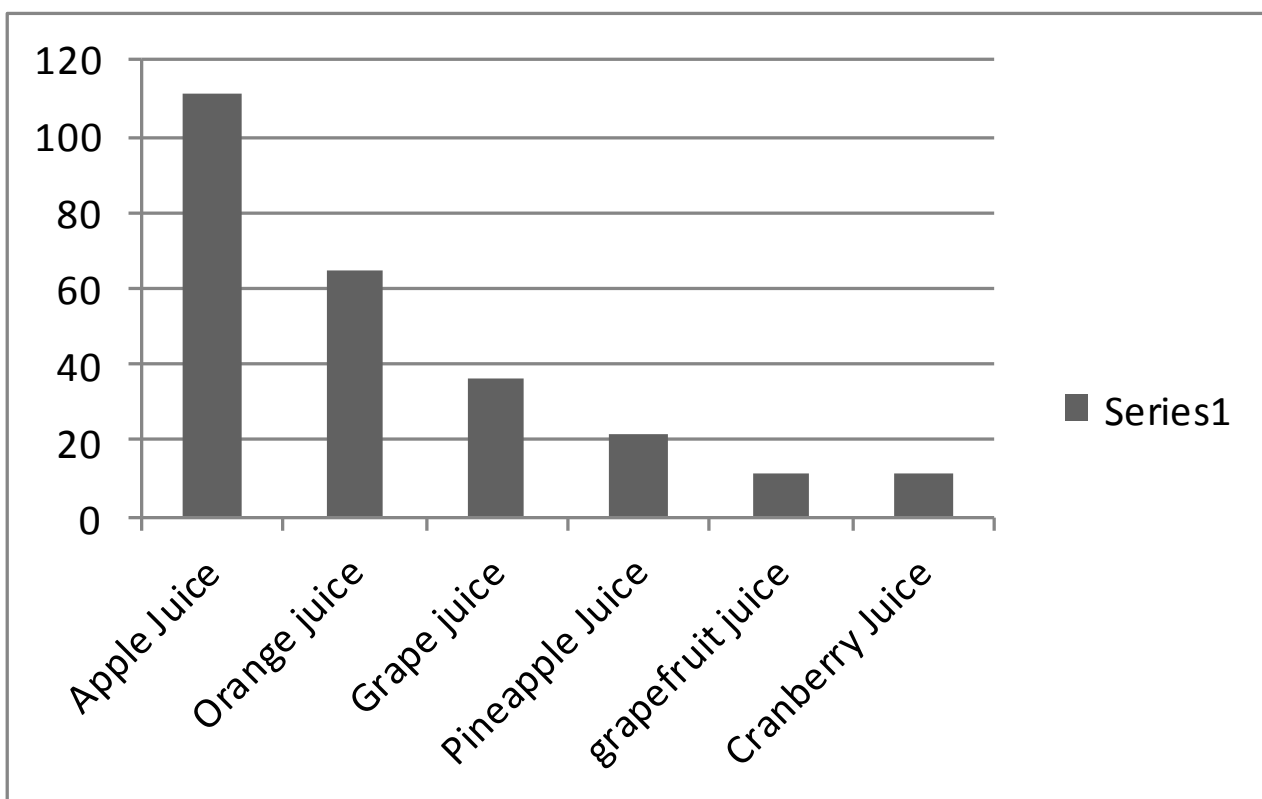
Mrs. Webb is going to work at school, take a train to Georgia to visit a friend, and go to Oklahoma and Seattle.

Dr. Schlichting is going on a bunch of mini vacations. He's also going to Michigan.



What's Your Favorite Fruit Juice Spring Avenue?

By: MacKenzie B., Rowan C., and Maddie D.



I SPY: Can you find the hidden pictures?

By: Olivia B. and Danielle N.

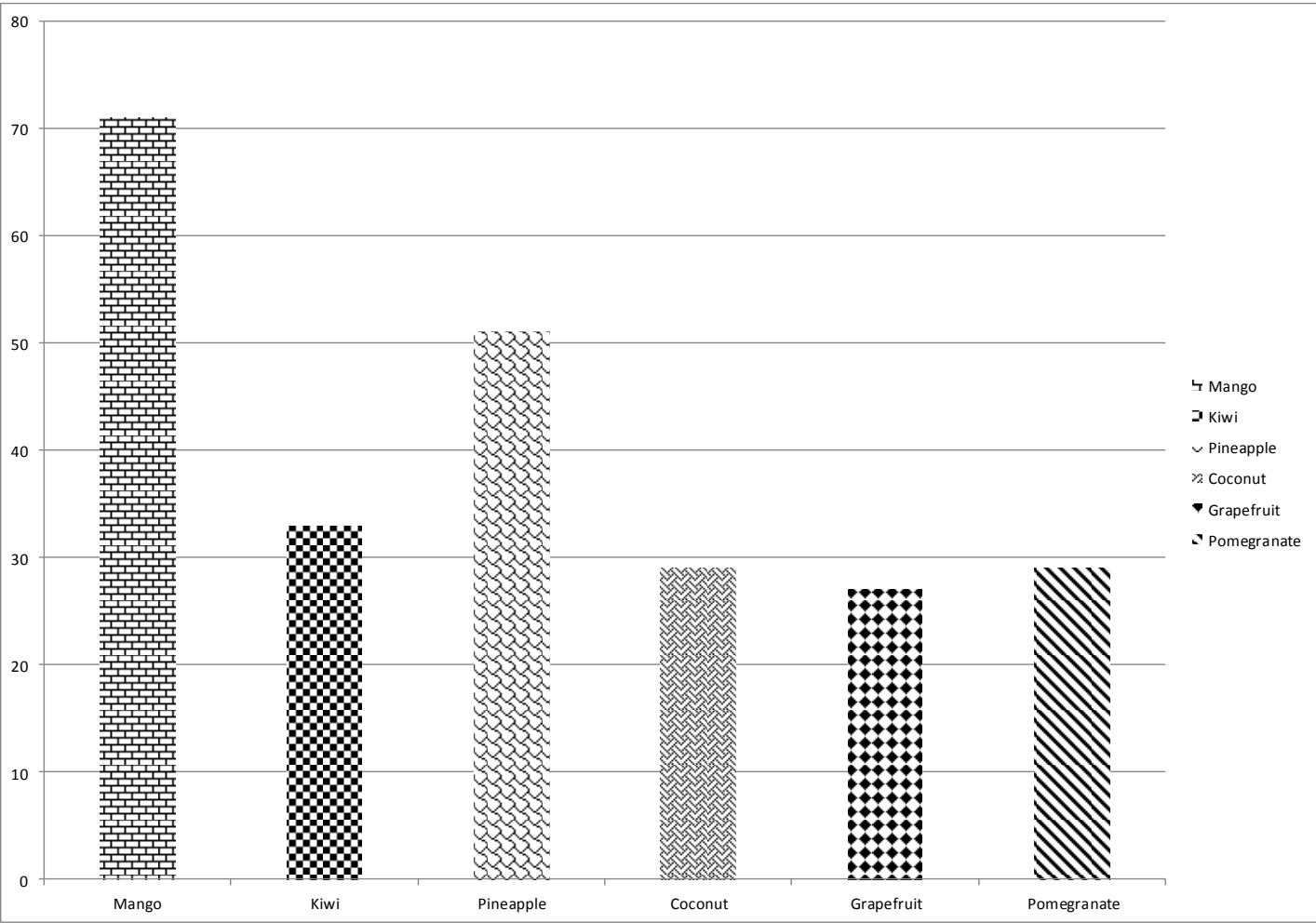


Hidden Pictures:

- ◇ Pan
- ◇ Dragon
- ◇ Lightning bolt
- ◇ 2 Clouds
- ◇ A dog
- ◇ A corndog
- ◇ A bell
- ◇ Chocolate bar
- ◇ A cup
- ◇ A stop light
- ◇ A tree
- ◇ A fern leaf
- ◇ A hat
- ◇ A chalkboard
- ◇ A Sports Car

What's your Favorite Fruit Spring Avenue?

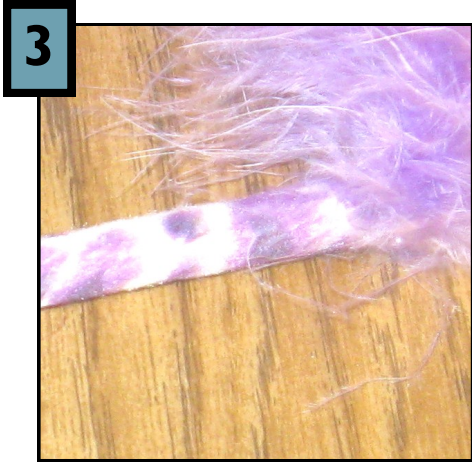
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By: Alexis H. and Samantha R.

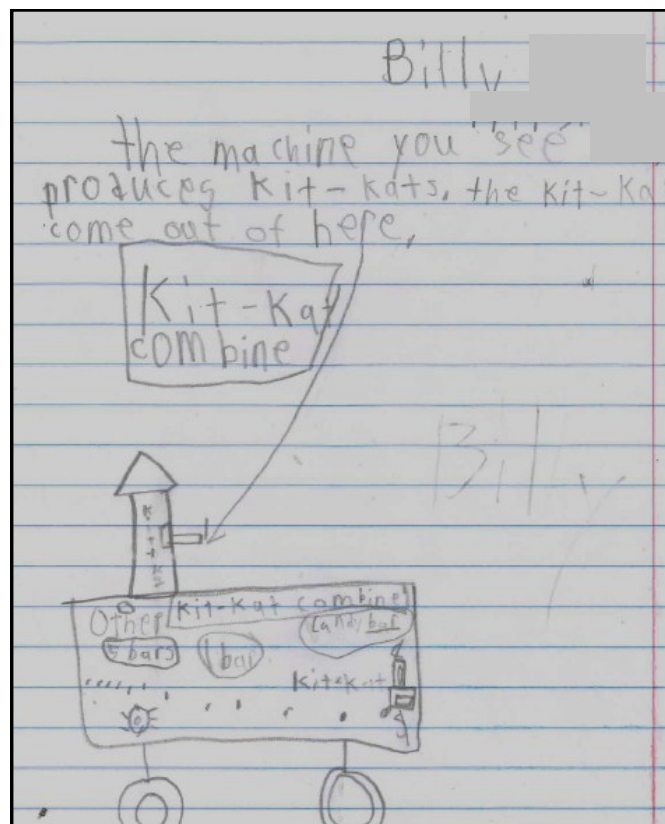
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Invention Idea Contest Winners!

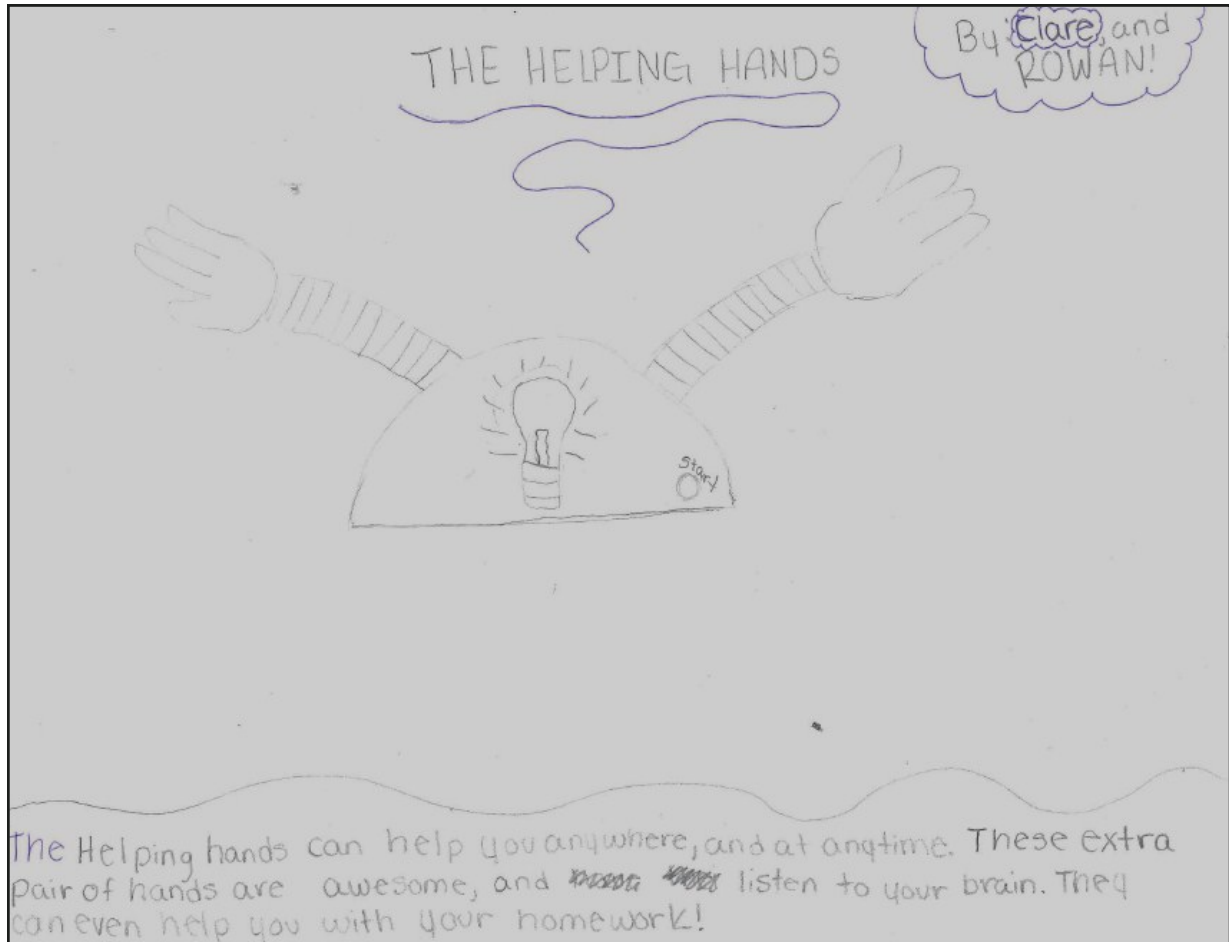
By: Jennie B.

The following 4 drawings were submitted and chosen for the Invention Contest. Great ideas! Take a look and decide which one would be most helpful to you.



Invention Idea Contest Winners!

By: Jennie B.



By: Kathleen C. and Gabriella S.



Creative Writing: One Howl at the Moon

By: Abbey P.

February 18, 1999

Dear Diary,

I just came back from school. It was the worst school day ever! I was in the bathroom and someone had gotten out of the stall by crawling under the door. So when I tried to get in, everyone laughed! I was so embarrassed. Then at recess, I was playing kickball with Heather, Lance, Doug, Frankie, Steven, and Gale. When Gale kicked the ball, she accidentally kicked the ball right at my face! She said sorry a billion times, but it hurt no matter what. Then in science, my science project exploded in my face. Then my dad had to bring me a new shirt and face cleanser. This has to be the worst day of my life no other days worse!

Emily Jareds

"What can get worse? My super-secret Diary being stolen by Jake and dropped in the toilet purposely?" said Emily to Heather.

"I don't know. Jake is your brother and he'd do anything to get you to be the worst. He lies about EVERYTHING!"

Just then Jake slammed into Emily's room without warning. Then he grabbed hold of the diary and soon Emily and Jake were playing tug-of-war with Emily's super-secret diary. But Heather came to the rescue. She slapped Jake's arm and right where she slapped it, it was bright red. He had let go and stormed out of the room and slammed the door behind him.

"Why does everything I say have to be true?" Emily said.

Jake and his friend Stefan were in a tree with a bucket of iced water. When Heather and Emily passed, Jake spilled the ice water on the girls.

They ran inside to tell Emily's mom and when Mrs. Jareds called for Jake, he said- "What? I would NEVER

do that!"

That night, Emily stayed awake. She heard Jake snoring in his room next door. She got out of bed and opened the door to the balcony. Full moon. She had an itch on her leg. She lifted up her night gown.

"AAAHH!" It was really hairy! She stared at the moon. "AARROOOU!"

The next morning, Emily was at the breakfast table. She was staring at the morning ham and bacon.

Jake said- "Hey Em, thought you were a vegan." She grabbed a piece of bacon and opened her mouth. Jake gaped at jagged teeth inside her mouth. He got up and grabbed the oven mitts and a pot. He grabbed a water bottle, some broth and chicken. Then he ran up to his room. He put the water in the pot along with the broth and chicken.

"Danget!" He shouted. He ran in the kitchen and got a spoon and some fire wood from the living room. He made a fire outside and put the pot over it. Then he mixed.

When the chicken soup was done he took it back to his room. In moments, Emily was scratching on the door. Jake got a blanket, a rope, and a clothes hanger. He opened the door, and a beast leaped behind the soup. She was slurping and lapping up the soup. Jake threw the blanket over her and jumped on it. He flipped it over and tied up the blanket. He made it secure with a twisted up clothes hanger.

"Huh, Usually Em's afraid of me. Now it's the other way around!"

Jake rolled the ball down the stairs and in the living room. He untied the blanket and shielded his face. But all he could see was an angry mom and an angry dad. With 13 year old Emily back to normal between them.

That night, Emily was asleep on the balcony. But she didn't look like Emily. She looked like a beast.

To be continued...

What happens next? You decide!

A. Jake and Emily make cupcakes

OR

B. Jake will discover why Emily turns into a wolf and what to do about it

OR

C. Jake follows Emily into the woods and sees her howl and he turns into a wolf, too.

Please vote!

Check the one you want to happen.

Never know! Yours can be the one!

A _____
B _____
C _____



Important Dates: Looking Ahead to the End of the Year!

Monday May 21st – 5th graders start patrol for rest of year

Friday May 25th – All Library books due, Kindergarten Play

Monday May 28th – Memorial Day, No School

Tuesday May 29th – LaGrange Public Librarian visits in Morning

Wednesday May 30th – PTO meeting, 8:45, Scholarship Assembly Gym after PTO Meeting

Thursday May 31st – Field Day, Fun Lunch, Stepping Up, 6:30- 8:30 pm

Friday June 1st – Jim Aylesworth Author Visit, Library, Year books distributed, Gurrie Graduation at LT

Monday June 4th – Kindergarten Last Day, Ice Cream Social 3:05

Tuesday June 5th – Last Day of School! 8:30 – 9:30



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Box of Puffs Tissue



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Bus Tape Dispenser



3

Purple Feathery Pen



Who Am I? Jane Goodall



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