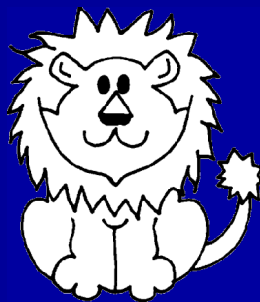


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healthy physical or
mental energy or power,
vitality.



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Sixth Graders Reflect on Years at Spring

By Ivan V., Shea W., Audrey H., and Charlie F.

All of us at Spring Avenue are grateful to have met everyone we know to this day. Without our friends, we would be nowhere. Without our teachers, we would be helpless. Without Mrs. Webb, it would be a whole different world. She has taught us so much on being kind and getting away from those darn cliques! Her love for Disney characters shall live on even without her presence.

Sixth Grade Memories

We have a rocking time at Spring Ave. Oh those memories won't go away for quite a while. I'll start all the way back from kindergarten. In kindergarten we were together as a family, between the sand pit and the toys. Between the building of friend-



ships and between the wrecking of sadness everything was happy!

First grade, intro to school. It got harder than playing all day, Time for learning, less fun but friendships stayed strong.

Second grade memories and plays put on like first grade, but different memories sometimes blur together.

Grades 3,4,5,6 so many more memories, if I named them all I'd take up all the space in the whole newspaper!

We have become a family together through thick and thin.. Bullying barely lives here because if we see a hint, it's gone! We stand up for each other.

It's been hard handling the pressure and the lectures about growing up. The 5th graders look great and ready to inherit the responsibility of being the leaders of the school..

We have had a non-stop ride, and it only goes up from here guys. It only goes up.

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Last Week Schedule

May 25: 8:40 am — PTO Meeting
9:40 am — End of Year Assembly
May 26: Leadership Club to Feed My
Starving Children
2:00 pm — Kindergarten Graduation
7:00 pm — Gurrie Graduation at LT
May 27: Field Day / Fun Lunch
May 29: LT Graduation
May 30: Memorial Day—No School
May 31: 10:00 am — Fun Run
1:30 pm — KICK BALL
6:00 pm — Stepping up
June 1: Last Day of School
2:15 pm — Ice Cream
2:50 pm — Clap Out
June 13-August 3 — Spring Avenue Library
Open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00

A LOOK In This Issue

- Special Summer Section including travel tips, book lists, and a look at what Spring Avenue students like to do best in the summer.
- Will Infinity and Flora finally escape Jamaa? Read Trapped In Jamaa to find out.
- A special dual interview with Mrs. Webb and Mr. Lawson.
- Quizzes galore!
- The last ever My Grandpa is a Monster comic by 6th grader Cano R.

Not only were the students very welcoming and eager to introduce themselves, they were so impressive with how focused they were on their learning and how well they understood what they were studying in class.



Principal's Corner

By Mr. Lawson

Dear Families,

I am pleased to write the Principal's Corner for this month's issue of Lion's Life. To get some ideas of what to write, I looked at Mrs. Webb's recent postings, and it made me so happy and honored to be taking over for a principal who cares so much about her students, is so excited to be a part of such a wonderful school, and is so comfortable sharing these feelings with the community! I know I will never replace Mrs. Webb, but I do share her enthusiastic approach to being a principal, and I absolutely cannot wait to join the Spring Avenue family!

A few weeks ago, I had a wonderful day-long visit to Spring where I got to meet many students and teachers, and an evening reception where I was able to meet many parents. It was easy to see why Mrs. Webb speaks so highly of the entire Spring community. Not only were the students very welcoming and eager to introduce themselves, they were so impressive with how focused they were on their learning and how well they understood what they were studying in class. At the meeting after school, I commented to the staff that it was so evident that the students loved their school and felt very valued by all of the adults that worked with them. When students feel this way, they can truly get the most out of their school experience. I promise to do my best to continue that tradition when I become your next principal.

Mrs. Webb and Mr. Lowery have already been so helpful, and will continue to help me in the next few weeks to learn as much as I can about Spring Avenue, in order to make sure we get off to a great start in the fall. But before that, I hope that you all have a wonderful summer! I am excited that I will be loading the family in the car for a couple of road trips, and I hope that whatever the summer holds in store for you provides you with some great family memories. And when the students are ready to return in the fall...we will be ready to welcome their smiling faces back for another great year at Spring Avenue!

Sincerely,
Mr. Lawson

SPORTS PAGE



Cities That Should Have a NBA Team

By Aidan C.



Louisville- I think Louisville should have an NBA team because people in Kentucky are very passionate about University of Kentucky's basketball and the Louisville Cardinals.



Las Vegas- Vegas is perfect for an NBA team with all the people and gambling. They have a big population and lots of sports fans.



Seattle- Seattle actually lost their team, the Seattle Supersonics. They were really good and featured Hall of Fame players like Gary Payton, and Sean Kemp. They made it to the NBA Finals in 1995-96, but lost to the Bulls.



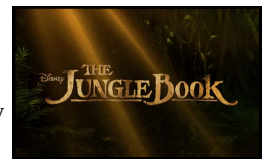
Kansas City- The Kansas City Royals won the World Series in 2015, but don't you think they should have a basketball team too?



Jungle Book

By Caroline F.

This fun loving adventure will keep you excited all the way through. Meet Mowgli, a 'man cub' who somehow ended up in the jungle. As Shere Khan, a vicious tiger, tries to destroy Mowgli, he will meet friends, and foes, on his way to the man village.



The special effects of the animals were awesome and very lifelike. The music was beautiful and fit perfectly into this movie. It was also perfectly cast, with child actor Neel Sethi as Mowgli and Bill Murray as Baloo.

Will Mowgli stay at the village, stay in his jungle home, or will Shere Khan defeat him? This amazing film that will not only entertain you, but also find its way into your heart.

Peanut Butter = Diamond?

By Camille W

How Are Diamonds Made?

Diamonds are formed at high temperatures and pressure at depths of 140 to 190 kilometers. They are usually in volcanic rock. There are many ways to mine diamonds such as digging underground, in rivers, and on beaches.



diamonds are expensive, so many scientists are working on doing it by using false materials.

While trying to mimic the way diamonds were made a scientist turned to the popular sandwich component. You compress the peanut butter with diamond because they can withstand the pressure that is needed. When this experiment was done the diamond wasn't fully pure, but the scientist claimed that too much hydrogen was released and that destroyed the experiment.

How Can You Make Diamond Out of Peanut Butter?

Yes, you can convert Peanut Butter to diamond by pressing peanut butter between 2 diamonds. Of course

Biggest Hot Dog

By Anson B.



As you can see, it looks long! What it has on it is mustard, ketchup, and a super long hot dog in a bun. It was 203.8(669 ft) long. The hot dog bun weighed approximately 330 lb. It was by made by a company called Myraim Products. This long hot dog won the Guinness World Record for being the biggest!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

All About Mr. Lowrey

By Rayna A., Hannah K.,
and Camille W.



We asked
Mr. Lowrey,
Assistant
Principal
at Spring Ave.,
some questions.
Here is what
he said:

What did you study in college?
Music and the Arts

Who was your favorite musician?
John Coltrane

What is your eye color?
Dark Brown

What is your favorite country?
Egypt

What do you do as vice principal?
Connecting with all of the kids.

Do you like being the assistant principal?
I love it!

Do you like bowling?
No

What is your favorite fruit?
Blueberries

Do you love PIE?
Yes

From 1-10 what number is Spring Ave?
10!

Dedicated to Our Wonderful Mrs. Webb

Like A Rose

Poem by Emily S.

*The red rose stands in the lush, green field.
Her petals are dancing, ready to go.
Her leaves are saying, "No, no, no!"
But the rose knows that it is time.
She tears up as she says goodbye.*

*One by one, the leaves start drifting.
One by one, the petals start shifting.
No, it is not that the rose is dying!
The rose is beginning a new life!*

*Suddenly, the world is a land of memories.
Some are good, and others, a bit shady.*

*The rose remembers the beautiful children
that zoomed by and sniffed her enchanting fragrance.
The rose remembers the cause of her birth –
a gardener who planted her as a young seed.
The rose remembers the spotted stray cat
who stalked by every morning.*

*And now, the rose has made a new memory
and will make many more.
She has begun a new chapter in her life
and will write many more.*

*Dear Mrs. Webb, you are the rose.
You are the root of our memories.
You gave life to everything around you
and shed your beautiful fragrance.*

*We are the children who ran by,
stopping to smell your aroma.
We will miss you with all of our hearts!
You've made our lives a work of art.*

*And now, it is my honor to say
that you are like a rose.*



Sixth Graders Reflect on Years at Spring, continued

By Ivan V., Shea W., Audrey H., and Charlie F.

People We Remember From Past School Years

Kindergarten: Nikolas T., Aidan J., and Sophie J.

First Grade: Ethan W., Adrian R., and Jason C.

Second Grade: Madison E., Ale O., and Devin S.

Third Grade: Derek B.

Fifth Grade: Calista O. and Davis B.

Sixth Grade: Zack T.

People Who Joined Us

Kindergarten: Jason C.

First Grade: Owen C., Emma R., Emma C., Isabel M., Devin, S., Ale O., Aidan C., Cole K., and Lindsay P.

Second Grade: Cole L., Madison E., and Connor C.

Third Grade: Peter C. and Jake R.

Fourth Grade: Colin M., Ava P., and Ava M.

Sixth Grade: Timmy W.



Field Trips

Over the years, we have had some really fun field trips! Others.... Maybe not so much. Here is a list of some of the field trips we have been on!

The Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Quarry, Brookfield Zoo, Other D105 Schools, Art Institute, Robert Crown, Team Day, Naper Settlement, Apple Valley



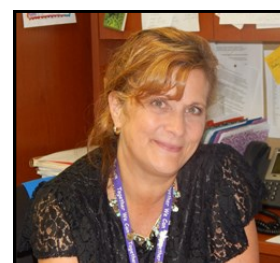
6th Graders pose together at recess.



Ms. Waterston, 6th grade teacher



Mrs. Wanta, 6th grade teacher



Mrs. Webb, Principal

Dual Interview With Mrs. Webb and Mr. Lawson

By Emily S.

Guess what? I was lucky enough to get interviews with Mrs. Webb and Mr. Lawson *at the same time!* How cool is that? So, here it is!

To Mr. Lawson: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Reply: I was a teacher for 8 years and a principal for 5 years. I have three kids aged 13, 10, and 7. I like spending time with my wife and kids. We do sports and vacations.

To Mr. Lawson: What are your hobbies outside of school?

Reply: Coaching my kids in their sports and outdoor activities like camping.

To Mr. Lawson: What qualities are you hoping to find in our school community when you become our principal?



Reply: Hard-working students, caring families, and dedicated teachers and staff.

To Mr. Lawson: What do you think students will look for in you?

Reply: Somebody who cares about them as a person and supports the teachers so that the kids can get the best education possible.

To Mrs. Webb: What will you miss most about our school?

Reply: Kids! K-I-D-S! They're my favorite part of the school!

To Mrs. Webb: Do you have any advice for Mr. Lawson about being the new principal?

Reply: Specifically, he and I both decided we shouldn't change a lot the first year. If something is not broken, don't fix it. But there's always room for improvement!

To Mrs. Webb: What do you think students will miss most about you?

Reply: Hopefully my friendliness.

To Mrs. Webb: If you could pick one word to describe this school, what would it be?

Reply: Fantastic!

The History of a Flute

By Sammy K.

The flute is an ancient instrument that I have the honor of playing. The first flutes were Asian flutes made of bones. They were used when hunting and in magic rituals. Later on, flutes were made out of wood and bamboo. All flutes used to have holes and not keys. They could be held to the right, left, or even like a recorder, but modern flutes can only be held to the right.

From the 16th century on, the flute developed into the modern flute which we know nowadays. In that time the flute was made in one piece and still didn't have any

keys at all. About 1670 the flute became more and more popular. The flute was made in three pieces and got its first key: the D sharp key, which we still have on the modern flute; it is the key for your right little finger. This flute is nowadays called the Baroque flute. There used to be many intonation problems on the flute. This was not only because of the holes, but it was also caused by the different intonations (pitch) in different countries and cities. Therefore flutes were also available in 4 pieces after 1720. The shorter pieces were

for playing much more sharp (higher pitch) and the longer pieces were for playing much more flat (lower pitch). Soon more and more keys were added to the flute making it sound better, even though there were still many awkward fingerings.



The famous flute maker Theobald Boehm (1794-1881) once heard Charles Nicholson play in a concert. Boehm was so impressed by his sound that he started developing the flute further. In 1832 the flute with

a key mechanism by Theobald Boehm was ready. Boehm called this new flute Ringklappenflöte. With this mechanism, playing the flute became much easier, and the flute did sound much better. Flutists and orchestras were very happy with the invention by Boehm. We still play on flutes made with the mechanism invented by Boehm. Only nowadays flutes are not so often made of wood, they are made of tin, brass, nickel, copper, gold, silver, or alloys containing any of these metals.

Harry Potter Vs. Star Wars

By Caroline F. (Harry Potter Team), Sophie I. (Neutral), Annie P. (Harry Potter Team), and Michael B. (Star Wars Team)



Team Harry Potter
Harry Potter is better because of these reasons and more:

- More books / more movies.
- J.K. Rowling wrote it. Do I even need to explain?
- More Characters.
- Better in every way. (I mean seriously, it is.)
- Better powers (they have wands).
- Once again WANDS.
- Harry Potter is pretty much invincible.
- Ron is funny.

- Hermione is way smarter than all the Star Wars characters combined.
- Dumbledore's Army vs. Death Eaters.



Team Star Wars

- Luke Skywalker is pretty much invincible.
- It has the Death Star.
- It takes place in a galaxy far, far away!
- A lot of explosions!
- More planets!
- We have Light and Dark side!

Quiz: What Ocean Animal Are You?

By Margaret P.

What is your favorite color?

- (a) Pink
- (b) Green
- (c) Blue
- (d) Red
- (e) Purple

What is your favorite fast food place?

- (a) McDonald's
- (b) Wendy's
- (c) White Castle
- (d) Burger King
- (e) Taco Bell

What is your favorite pet?

- (a) Dog
- (b) Cat
- (c) Bunny
- (d) Hamster
- (e) Guinea Pig

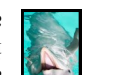
What is your favorite sport?

- (a) Soccer
- (b) Volleyball
- (c) Basketball
- (d) Baseball
- (e) Football

What is your favorite genre?

- (a) Fiction
- (b) Non-Fiction
- (c) Graphic Novel
- (d) Fantasy
- (e) Realistic Fiction

Answers
If you were mostly A's, you are a Dolphin. You are independent and confident. You also know what to do with the rest of your life!
If you were mostly B's, you are a Seal. You're playful, funny and always know how to make your friends laugh!
If you were mostly C's, you are a Sea Turtle. You are athletic, laid back, and like to go to new places every season!
If you were mostly D's, you are a Beluga Whale. You are cool, calm, confident, and very neat!
If you were mostly E's, you are a Manatee. You are playful, athletic, cool, and friendly!
If you were mixed, you are a Great White Shark. You are goofy, relaxed, good at knowing what you want, and when you want it!



The Hawking-Euler String Paradox

By Aidan N.

A strange mathematical equation presented through the subtraction of Euler's number ("e") by the power of the speed of Hawking radiation added by the root of infinity to the 2nd dimension has been discovered by me.

The equation itself is a repeated equation of the black hole, more specifically, Stephen Hawking's black holes. The number patterns narrowed down to the most equal whole numbers creates "e"s (Euler's Numbers), which creates a total of 56 "e"s. This is the main formula for the equation above, which is the exact equal of the formula equation of the String theory.

This is where the "paradox" part comes in. As the "n!" in the equation is a fraction, this makes the black hole equation unequal to its amount; the String theory, which means the "T" is an impossible number, equal to the "e" and nothing else. However, the answer is still the equation in parentheses above, due to the narrowed equation, which is equal to a black hole. It is paradox'd even more when one realizes that the String theory is the exact opposite of Hawking's black holes, making the "e"s invalid. However, it is still the same answer. Why? This is the interesting part. In order to make the answer correct in normal math (most of the stuff above, before the paradox part) and theoretical physics, one

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} + T(r') = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2Mr(1-\frac{2M}{r'})}} \text{ to the power of}$$

$$e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 1 + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \cdots \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{10^6}\right)^{10^6} \cdot \text{subtracted by}$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\lambda} =$$

$$\pi = \sqrt{12} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{-k}}{2k+1} = \sqrt{12} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{3})^k}{2k+1} = \sqrt{12} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 3^2} - \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3^3} + \cdots\right)$$

must add the "e"s in Hawking's black hole together (the 2K + 1 applied to the more "complicated" version of it) we get an interesting equal amount to the String theory. We get "1"s and "0"s, the same pattern found in computers and other machines.

What does this mean? We can conclude two answers:

Black holes (by Hawking) are multi-dimensional (from the String theory) irrational numbers (by Euler) that create virtual code, causing a lapse between our world and the Internet, causing an anomaly that rips a large hole in time and space, into the Internet. They are still stars, but they are just...more powerful than we first thought.

The second answer is a bit

more depressing, look away if you don't want to know the true meaning of your existence. This answer is that black holes are "e"s made in a dimension of a giant computer, basically, "e"-holes are wasted code, created when planets are destroyed, people die, etc. The left-over code collects as "dust", forming nebulae. However, sometimes this "dust" lapses, creating anomalies that absorb other codes. In a sense, the world is nothing but a computer.

As we can tell, if it weren't for a simple "n!", "e" wouldn't be the most dangerous thing in dimension. For years, Michio Kaku, Stephen Hawking, and the ancient Leonhard Euler have worked together, without even realizing it. The world can feel safer as we strive to stop the coding anomalies, and maybe find out a way to control the "e".



Setting: Somewhere in North America during the twenty first century

Characters: Johan, the 13 year old main character; Chip, Johan's best friend; Katherine, Johan's 12 year old sister; and JB, the time traveler.

Johan is adopted and he knows that. In 7th grade, he gets a letter saying, "You're one of the missing." His friend, Chip, was there, too. The next day, Chip receives the same letter. Since Johan is adopted, Chip thought it might have

The Missing: Found, By Margaret Haddix

By Roland C.

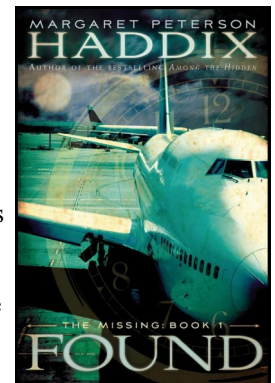
something to do with the letters. So Chip asks his parents if he is adopted, and they confirm it. Chip was disappointed and angry that for twelve years, his parents had never told him.

The next day, Johan and Chip investigate deeper into the mystery with Johan's sister, Katherine. Johan finds someone involved in the adoption, and in this person's office they find a list of the adopted children, and of survivors. They call all the kids on the list. They also find an event for adopted kids, and every kid on the list was there.

In the conclusion, Johan, Chip, and the adopted children go to this

adoption event, which ends up being in a cave. There, they talk and the people who have been sending the letters are there. These same people send them back in time to the fifteenth century.

This story made me feel intrigued and excited to read the next book to find out what happens.



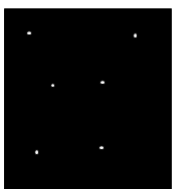
Dark Matter

By Landon N.

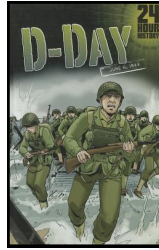
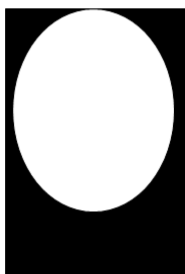
We all know matter: solid, liquid, gas, plasma (you might not know Plasma). But do you know Dark Matter? Dark Matter is the fifth state of matter discovered by Fritz Zwicky in 1933. He noticed galaxies in clusters orbit each other. From the orbit speed it is possible to measure the amount of matter that the cluster has. But, when Fritz made the calculations he found that part of the mass could not be accounted for. He believed that there was some type of dark matter adding extra mass.

When he told of his discoveries, they were dismissed because not much was known about galaxy clusters. 47 years later, Vera Rubin and her team found that even one galaxy would move faster than expected! Astronomers were having a hard time explaining this. We don't know too much about Dark Matter, but it's not like plasmas, gases, liquids, or solids. It doesn't produce or even absorb light. What it does do is control where everything in the universe forms. Where all the moons, stars, and planets matter comes together is controlled by dark matter. It even controls where humans form! So thank dark matter for having enough mass for all the gases and solids and liquids and plasmas to come together and make the galaxy and earth.

New fields of science may open when we study dark matter that can make us understand more about what we're made of. It will also let us see how the universe works and maybe give us a whole new point of view.



in the future



24 Hour History: D-Day

By Roland C.

Here are five things I learned about D-Day written by By: Agnieszka Biskup

- 1) I learned that Canada was part of D-Day.
- 2) I learned about "funnies tanks" and how they helped on D-Day.
- 3) I learned the D-Day invasion stretched over 50 miles of France.
- 4) I learned that President Theodore Roosevelt's son, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., was a general in WW2 and served on D-Day.
- 5) I learned that nearly every beach landing was off by a mile or two.

Here are six new words I learned:

- annex
- repulse
- fortify



- sabotage
- regiment
- artillery

The most interesting thing I learned about D-Day was the strategy the Allies used to win the battle. They didn't just send a bunch of troops into France. Instead, the Allies proactively created a larger military force by seeking aid from additional countries. The Allies also enhanced their tanks and armory.

I rate this book three stars.

5 Rules For Surviving 4th Grade

By Camille W.

- 1) Always do homework or you're going to have to go to homework club (no free passes).
- 2) Get a lot of books because you will have to be reading up to 40 minutes a day.
- 3) Be Quiet! You are expected to work silently.
- 4) Get ready to do a lot of cool projects.
- 5) Remember to have fun.



4 Facts About Cake

By Annie P.



November 26 is National Cake Day.



The world's largest wedding cake weighed 15,032 pounds.



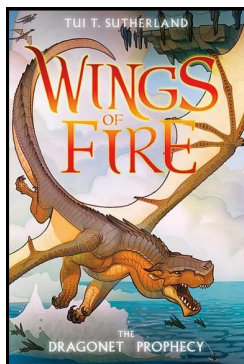
The word cake comes from the Middle English word kake.



The world's tallest cake towered 108ft and 3in tall.

QUIZ: What Wings of Fire Tribe Are You In?

By Emily S. (The RainWing)



Are you an ultimate Wings of Fire book series fan? Do you want to know what tribe of dragons you're from? Find out here!

1) What is your favorite color?

- A. Earthy colors such as brown and orange.
- B. Sea greens or blues.
- C. I guess it depends on my mood. Or... RAINBOW!
- D. Dark colors like black and purple.
- E. Colors like yellow and/or the color of sand.
- F. Colors like pale blue or white/silver like the moon.
- G. Fiery, radiant colors like red and orange!

2) Where would you rather live out of these choices?

- A. A swamp or a marshy area with lots of mud!
- B. UNDERWATER AND/OR IN THE OCEAN!
- C. In the jungle, the mighty jungle...
- D. Somewhere dark and secret where I can have lots of privacy.
- E. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT!
- F. In Winter Wonderland or somewhere where it snows all the time!
- G. High up in the mountains!

3) BOOM! You earned a new superpower. What would it be?

- A. Holding my breath for a long time!
- B. Breathing underwater!
- C. Invisibility or camouflage!
- D. Reading minds and foretelling the future!
- E. Being able to poison somebody!
- F. Breathing ice cold breath that is really dangerous!
- G. Being able to fly!

4) What do you do most in your free time?

- A. Anything related to the earth, planting, or digging! Maybe taking a mud bath...
- B. Swimming, swimming, SWIMMING!
- C. Basking in the sunlight and getting tanned! Eating fruits, maybe...
- D. Sitting alone in a dim, quiet place and reading or writing.
- E. The only thing I want... GOING TO THE BEACH!
- F. Playing in the snow or preparing for winter!
- G. Sports and athletic stuff to keep me fit!

5) Which character is your favorite in the Wings of Fire series?

- A. Clay the MudWing
- B. Tsunami the SeaWing
- C. Glory the RainWing
- D. Starflight the NightWing
- E. Sunny the SandWing
- F. Winter the IceWing (he appears in book 6, Moon Rising)
- G. Peril the SkyWing



If you get half-and-half of something, you're a hybrid!

Mostly A's: You are a MudWing! You are very loyal to your friends and family and would do anything to help your loved ones!
 Mostly B's: You are a SeaWing! You absolutely love the water and are in no hurry to fight!
 Mostly C's: You are a RainWing! You absolutely adore tropical places and (probably) love fruit! One of your favorite activities is basking in the sunlight.
 Mostly D's: You are a NightWing! You enjoy reading/writing and have the knowledge of the world!
 Mostly E's: You are a SandWing! You love warm weather and enjoy anything that has to do with sand!
 Mostly F's: You are an IceWing! You're the #1 Winter Fan and LOVE cold weather! You'll do anything to impress others and meet their needs, especially those with high expectations for you.
 Mostly G's: You are a SkyWing! You enjoy sports and/or watching them and are a very athletic person! Sometimes you dream of flying through the sky, though.

Answers



Phoebe and Her Unicorn is an awesome graphic novel about a girl who's best friends with a unicorn. The unicorn's name is Marigold Heavenly Nostrils. She is very narcissistic (self-

Phoebe and Her Unicorn, By Dana Simpson

By Caroline F.

involved).

Phoebe and Marigold have a lot of awesome adventures together. There are currently three books in the series.

Despite the name, the books are targeted for girls and boys grades 3 through 5.



S U M M E R

Summer Survival Guide

By Caroline F.

Ever been super bored over summer break, just itching for something to do? Well, I'm here to solve your problems. Presenting... 10 Things To Do When You're Bored In The Summer!

- 1) Go to a library and pick out some books. Then, read, read, read!
- 2) Make your family (or just yourself) a meal or snack. Put a lot of time and effort into it.
- 3) Make a craft out of items that you found around the house (always check with your parents before making changes to any items.)



- 4) Go around the neighborhood being a Lemonade Stand Critic. Grade the lemonade out of five stars.
- 5) Write a story.
- 6) Try out new hairstyles or clothing combinations.
- 7) Have a dance party, with a twist. You sing the music! Don't turn it on. Make it!
- 8) Try to imitate the voices of movie or T.V. characters.
- 9) Build a fort out of couch cushions, chairs, or anything else.
- 10) Go to a playground or park.

Camping Survival Guide

By Annie P.

- 1) Bring a "Just in case" kit (band-aids, lotion, chapstick, etc...).
- 2) Recheck your luggage to make sure you have everything.
- 3) Flashlight, lantern, bring some sort of light.
- 4) Just in case the campsite doesn't have bathrooms, bring toilet paper.
- 5) Do not forget a tent and sleeping bags.
- 6) Bring extra activities like a book or a coloring book



- (with coloring supplies).
- 7) Bring an extra change of clothes if you get dirty (really dirty).
 - 8) Bring canned food, a can opener and water bottles.
 - 9) If you want to still use your phone, you can find videos of how to replace an outlet. with a lemon!
 - 10) For many more tips, you can go to the website www.trailsherpa.com/how-to-camp-89-camping-tips/

QUIZ: What Should You Do Over Summer Break?

By Niko S.

Choose what you like best in each of the sections below.

Section 1:

- A. I like to climb.
- B. I like to relax.
- C. I like to learn and explore.
- D. I like to just stay with my friends and family.

Section 2:

- A. I am very strong and don't mind high places.
- B. I don't mind my skin getting irritated by sand.
- C. I like to walk.
- D. I like to sleep in A LOT.

Section 3:

- A. I like nature.
- B. I like water and can swim very well.
- C. I am curious about things.
- D. I like doing housework and/or chores.

Section 4:

- A. I like bears and am not afraid of one.
- B. I like shade.
- C. I like hands-on activities.
- D. I don't like traveling.

Section 5:

- A. I like LONG hikes.
- B. I like seeing a lot of people.
- C. I like the Chicago skyline.
- D. I enjoy peace and quiet.

Section 6:

- A. I walk and climb for a very long time.
- B. I like having fun in water and going high.
- C. I like school.
- D. I like watching movies and getting cozy.

Answers

- ⇒ If you got mostly A's... You are going to the mountains! You are adventurous and like animals.
- ⇒ If you got mostly B's... You are going to the beach! You enjoy water, and love the high waves.
- ⇒ If you got mostly C's... You are going to a Chicago museum! You like to learn, and like the Art museum, field museum, and more.
- ⇒ If you got mostly D's... You are having a staycation! You like hanging out with your family, and don't like traveling.

S U M M E R

Most Popular Vacations

By Abby M.

Need a fun place to go over summer? Maybe you should try some of these!

1- Honolulu, Hawaii: Honolulu has excellent family friendly activities. Such as seeing the dolphins and really cool pools.

2- Washington D.C: D.C has very cool museums and you can even visit the White House! There are also very delicious food choices!



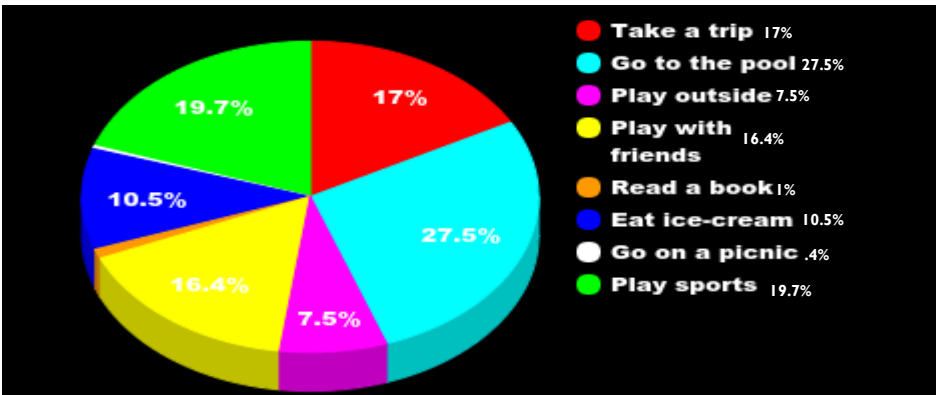
3- Bora Bora: There are many different beaches, such as the Matira Beach! They have many different types of food.

4- Paris: Paris has many different unique restaurants and stores. You can even go to the top of the Eiffel tower! (If you are not afraid...)

5- Sydney, Australia: Sydney is warm, relaxing and fun. There are many cool animals and attractions!

Spring Ave Students: What Is Your Favorite Thing to do in the Summer?

By Emme M. and Zoe C.



5 Tips and Tricks for Traveling

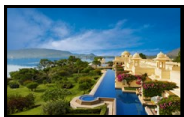
By Caroline F.

- 1) If you're packing necklaces, put them through a straw. It will prevent tangles and knots when they bumble around in your suitcase.
- 2) Roll up the clothes in your suitcase, instead of folding them. This gives you more space, and it helps prevent wrinkles.
- 3) Double check your belongings before you leave, just to make sure that you have everything.
- 4) Bring an emergency bag. It should have Band-Aids, Chapstick, a small amount of cash, or any other objects that you might need. Bring it with you when you leave your hotel, in case of emergencies.
- 5) Bring a travel journal. Document what you did each day. It will be great to look at it when you're older and remember the great times that you had. Plus, you only go on that vacation once, right?



The 5 Best Hotels In the World

By Adam K., Emma K., and Emmett D.



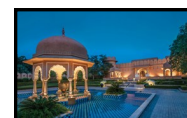
1: The Oberoi Udaivilas. Location: Udaipur, India. When you arrive at the airport you are picked up by a car and then taken across Lake Pichola to your hotel.



2: Hotel Castello di Casole. Location: Casole d'Elsa, Italy. This mighty hotel has 4,200 acres of land.



3. Ashford Castle. Location: County Mayo, Ireland. This hotel features a 784 year old stone castle with 20th century additions.



4. The Oberoi Rajvilas. Location: Jaipur, India. This hotel is made up of luxurious tents with air conditioning.



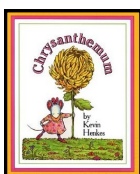
5. Singita Sabi Sand. Location: South Africa. Two giant lodges form this hotel.

Are you thinking about traveling around the world, then this article will be helpful!

S U M M E R

Grade Level Summer Book Recommendations

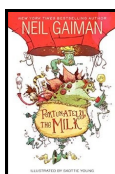
By Jeanne M.



Kindergarten Chrysanthemum

by Kevin Henkes

This book is about a girl who has a very long and unique name and how she gets treated in school. It has a great lesson in the end.



Third Grade Fortunately, The Milk

by Neil Gaiman

This book is about a dad's crazy adventure just to get milk. It is a really good book, and I had a fun time reading it.

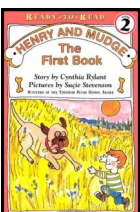


Sixth Grade Out Of My Mind

by Sharon M. Draper

Melody has a special gift, yet she cannot showcase it. She can't talk, write, and walk.

Will she get the chance to showcase her talent? You will have to read to find out.



First Grade Henry and Mudge

by Cynthia Rylant

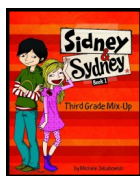
This is a series about a boy and dog. They go on lots of adventures and always have fun.



Fourth Grade Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

This is a story about a boy with a very unique face. It is told from many different points of views and there are other books that tell more about him.



Second Grade Sidney & Sydney

by Michele Jakubowski

This short series is about a boy and girl who have the same name, different spelling. They end up becoming great friends and these are great books.



Fifth Grade One for the Murphys

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Carley Connors is a foster child who gets taken in by the Murphy's. She loves that family like her own. This is about her experience with them.



Fill In the Blank Fun Times Questions

By Ashlyn G.

This is something I made for you to have fun with. You can answer the questions truly, or you can answer fake answers. This was based off of something that I did in reading. Hope you like it!

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Your name: _____

Your shape: _____

Your color (pink, blue etc.): _____

Your flavor: _____

Your height: _____

QUESTIONS:

What would be faster in a race? A rubber band or a wooden

circle? _____

What's thicker? Chocolate or vanilla? _____

Are clocks or watches better? _____

Lemonade or apple juice? _____

"Like" or "as"? _____



All About the Arctic

By Lindsay P.

The arctic is a cold region located at the top of the Earth, in an area above the Arctic Circle, which is an imaginary line that circles around the top of the globe, and is home to many animals and people. The Arctic Circle consists of the Arctic Ocean, parts of Canada, Russia, USA, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Iceland. Many animals call the Arctic home, including whales, Arctic foxes, seals, walruses, and polar bears. One particular animal is only found here is the narwhal, also known as the sea unicorn. It's called the sea unicorn because male narwhals have a tusk projecting from the front of their head that can grow to three meters in length!



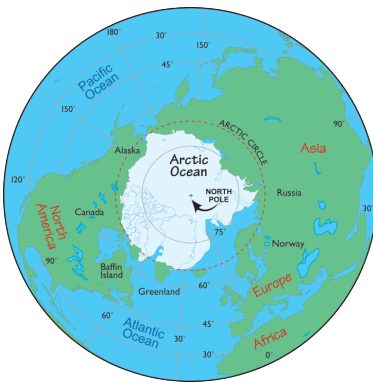
The coldest recorded temperature in the Arctic was around -68°C (-90°F). The average winter temperature is -34°C (-30°F), while the average summer temperature is $37-54^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($3-12^{\circ}\text{C}$). The Arctic does not get much precipitation, but when it does, it is in the form of snow. Since it usually gets less than or around 10 inches of snow per year, it can be officially classified as a desert.

The Arctic has a couple of natural resources, including gas, fish, oil, and various minerals. Many countries are starting to drill for oil, but it poses a threat to the environment. If an oil spill occurs, we are unable to clean up a major Arctic oil spill. We do not have the technology or the infrastructure to be able to clean up a spill that size.

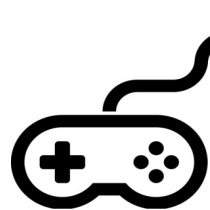
If you visit the North Pole, make sure you're going to the right North Pole. Since the North Pole is not on land, like the South Pole, its location changes regularly. Located on piece of ice, the North Pole shrinks during the summer and expands during the winter, since ice has more mass than water.

The second North Pole is the magnetic pole, a magnetic point that can change every day underneath the crust of the Earth. The third North Pole is the north terrestrial (on the earth) pole that never changes.

Besides animals, the Arctic tundra is home to many plants. Approximately 1,700 species of plants live on the Arctic tundra, including flowering plants, dwarf shrubs, herbs, grasses, and mosses. The ice that helps make up the Arctic contains around ten percent of the world's fresh water. This white, giant, frozen reservoir reflects sunlight, helping keep the area cool. It also plays an important role in keeping our global climate stable. Even so, the Arctic is warming up. Arctic ice has been growing thinner and has shrunk. Across the region, the ice is now less than half as thick as it was in 1980, as temperatures within 200 miles of the North Pole reached above freezing.



Fairbanks, Alaska, received less snowfall in all of December 2015 and January 2016 than the snowfall received in New York in just an hour in January 2016. Anchorage's famous 50 km cross-country ski race was forced to move on to a 4km loop of fake snow. And the Kara and Barents seas north of Russia and Norway have remained almost ice-free all winter.



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Undertale Original Soundtrack Review #2: Spider Dance

By Aidan N.

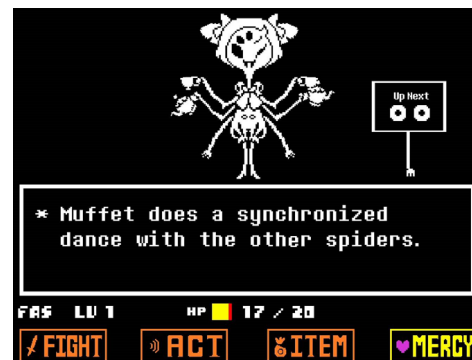
*"I heard that humans...
were STINGY with their MONEY!"*
-Muffet, before the battle.

Muffet traps you! Muffet, the tea-drinking, croissant-throwing, spider-dancing Bake Sale owner is likely one of Frisk's (or Chara's) most difficult opponents. One of the final Monsters faced before the fabulous METTATON EX, Muffet is the most innocent of them. A mysterious creature, "changing shape in the shadows" as said by Muffet, told her that Frisk hated spiders, and thus, she attacks! Her signature "Ahuhuhuhu~" and spider-muffin monster pet makes this music very deadly-the challenge is to not dance along. After a while, luck will be on your side, as a spider will deliver a

telegram. Muffet will release Frisk, telling them to come and hang out again some time. Anyways, back to the music. As said before, it's the deadliest of Muffet's attacks. The spiders and other creatures will jam to the song as it plays. In a cut part of the game, she states this:

"Wait...where is that music coming from? Gah! It's catchy~!"

The song is a remix of the Mad Dummy's theme, called "Dummy!" The designer of Muffet's appearance stated that she had the pleasure of designing "a cute lil' baby spider you can have tea with," which was revealed to be Muffet. Her theme was later revealed too, as she could be unlocked as a secret boss in the



demo. In her theme, a bit of Gaster's theme could be heard, too...very, very, interesting. What do you two think?

Stay tuned for Undertale OST reviews #3: GaStEr'S tHeMe

Terraria

By Brady B., Scott B., and Carter H.



Terraria is a 2D game with more monsters than Minecraft. There is even a

hard mode, but do not try to get to hard mode. There are way more biomes, also there are way more bosses. You can build awesome houses.

The following is a list of things in Terraria. Armor, materials, more weapons, animals, and enemies. You can make your person with many possibilities.

Here are some things in Terraria. In total, there are 360 weapons: 143 melee weapons (77 Swords, 17 Spears, 11 Boomerangs, 13 Flails, 20 Yo Yos, Others 5); 87 ranged weapons (28 Bows 10 Repeaters, 25 Guns, 9 Explosives, 15 Other); 62 magic weapons (28 Wands, 11 Magic Guns, 9 Spell Tomes, 14 Others); 17 summoning weapons (13 General, 4 Sentry-style).

Little Jane on ABCYa.com

By Sophie I.



Little Jane is a game for everyone! While you're playing, do not go near anything besides balloons, porcupines, bumble bees, pufferfish, caterpillars, and cats. These animals are not friendly- they pop most of your balloons. I learned that the hard way. It can be frustrating when something in the sky suddenly just pops all of your balloons.

Let me show you the add ons for each different colored sky.

Orange sky: beginner

Scissors and forks
Arrows
Balloons

Light blue sky: intermediate

Bees
Porcupine
Puffer fish

Dark blue sky: better than intermediate

Falling roses

Turquoise sky: faster than better than intermediate

Birds

Green sky: expert

Cactus plants

Purple sky: super expert

Fastness

Purple kitties

Pink sky: extreme (will probably take you a while to get here), super expert Dragonfly

Blue caterpillar with pipe

Little Jane will go faster and faster for each sky you pass. Good luck!!!!



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Rocket League

By Michael F.

Rocket League is an amazing game. You're driving in a car which you can customize, you're in a huge soccer field, you can drive on the roof, and you are playing soccer - how amazing is that?!

There are different maps you can choose depending on if there's an update. There's a setting where you can choose if

you want to play people that live in the USA, Canada, China or other places.

Something that I really like are the options you have in this game. You can customize your car and can even customize the fire that comes out of the car when you go really fast. You can even put a hat on your car, it's amazing.

The point of the game is that you want to score. So when you score, you get points. You usually get a few points for yourself. You can get points for assists and if you're near the other goal you can center the ball, so if you get a lot of points then you might get a new car or something rare. If you don't get that many



points then you might get something that isn't that rare, like a new glossary. Other awesome options that you could do are hockey, basketball, or the regular one which is soccer. It's so cool.

Also if you want to practice, then go into settings and go to practice. If you do practice then you're playing by

yourself, there's no one but you in the game. Just saying, practice makes perfect.

And if you want to you can play 2v2. You can also play 1v1, also 3v3 and 4v4. My favorite is probably 4v4; it's really awesome.

If I was a beginner at this game then I would practice first then go into 1v1, then you can go in the other ones. I would do it because if you went in the 4v4 first then you would not know what you're even doing yet.

If you want to get a new video game then get Rocket League. It's an awesome game!

How to Nyan Cat-ify Your Screen

By Ashlyn G.



Do you like Nyan cat? I know that may or may not be getting old by now, but if you're bored, here's something to do. But, even before you start, you should ask a parent for permission first.



First, search up nyanit.com. Then, in the box next to "HTTP://", type in the website you want to Nyan Cat-ify. After that, you have to click the "NYAN" button next to the box. Another box will appear under it and Nyan Cat music will start playing. There will be another button, one that says "NYAN ME!". Click that, then Nyan Cats will start flying across that website screen you typed in. You will still be able to use the website the same. Also, you can click them and the one you clicked will disappear. The Nyan Cats will become bigger, so watch out.



Hope you enjoyed this tip so you can Nyan Cat-ify your screen!



By: Christopher S. and Roland C.



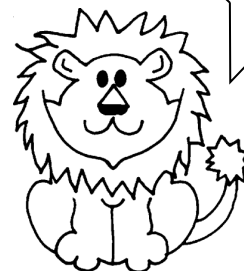
TINY TOWER VEGAS is a new version of TINY TOWER. One of the main differences is that you can earn from one of your casino floors. You start off with a lobby and a casino floor. You can use chips to win there are lots of floors you can have apartments, restaurants, casinos, stores, and job floors. You can spend money to upgrade your casino and floor.

Bisons are the people in Tiny Tower. They will come to your casino, rent, your apartments or ask for favors and bet, that is how you get money!!!!

Tiny Tower is available for all brands of tablets hope you enjoy :)

Here is picture of a well made tower. The two arrows you see at the bottom are the elevator controls. The elevator is used to take bisons to you floors.

Check out past issues of A Lion's Life Newspaper in the archive on the Spring Ave website!





App Review: Musical.ly

By Rayna A. and Hannah K.

Musical.ly is an app that you can find music and lip sync.

Live Movements- You making a pose and it will copy it for you.

Motion- Slow motion, fast motion, time lapse- super fast, epic- super slow, and normal.

Filters- those are color filters that will make your musical.ly look better.

How?- Press the yellow plus button and then press pick music. After you pick the music you will hold the red button. When you hold the red button the music will play. Start to lip sync! When the song ends, it will show you what you made. If you like it then press the red post button. It will post and be on your account.

POST

Public/Private- If you are public, anyone on Musical.ly can see it. If you are private you will get a follow request. A follow request is when someone wants to follow you. Then there is a box that says approve or decline. If you only want the people you know to see your Musical.lys, then we recommend being private.

Tags- Tags are hashtags that you can click on and it will go to all the Musical.lys that have the same tag. Some tags that are used the most are, #featureme #livemoment #lemonchallenge #dandelionchallenge.

Safety- Make sure you get an OK from a parent or guardian. Only follow the people you know (our recommendation). Have fun & be safe.

Soda Pop Word Search

By Christopher S.

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SEVENUP
AWROOTBEER
MOUNTAINDEW
PEPSI
ORANGEFANTA
BARGSROOTBEER
MELLOYELLO

CREATIVE WRITING Mouse Tale

VOLUME 2
By Emily S.



Just let me say, I hope you remember the last article. A young mouse family has just escaped from their cage in the pet shop. What next? Where are they off to? Read this to find out!

"Run!" Skipper screeched, pouncing at the door with all he had in him.

"Kit, come on!" Ash hissed to her baby brother, Kit.

"NO!!!" Skipper cried, whipping around.

But it was too late. The keeper had whacked a broom right at Skipper's littermates - *his only littermates*.

"Scram! I'll show ye mercy, but only if yeh get outta here!" the keeper roared, his feet pounding against the ground.

Skipper's body was shaking furiously. His stomach was churning. His ears angled back at the sound of the keeper's anger.

"What are yeh waitin' for, pesky rat? GO!!!"

At once, Skipper dove towards the door just before it closed.

Outside was a glorious place - well, except for the pelleting rain. Skipper stood on the sidewalk, a midget compared to the world, and marveled at everything around him. There were grocery stores, towering buildings, sewer holes...

... and ginormous, mechanical monsters speeding down the road.

Skipper knew his only choice was to cross the road, where a forest of grass lay awaiting him.

Slowly and carefully, Skipper placed a paw onto the road and darted across for his life.



Answers on last page.

CREATIVE WRITING

Trapped In Jamaa, Volume 6

By Emily S. and Ashlyn G.

Infinity and Flora were standing at the same spot where the old wolf had disappeared.

"I have a bad feeling about what's gonna happen now..." Flora whimpered, starting to shake.

"Yeah..." Infinity agreed.

Suddenly, snow-covered geysers began shooting blasts of water into the sky. A mob of odd-looking jammers charged towards Infinity and Flora.

Then, the first one skidded to a halt. It turned out to be the infamous hacker, Fman122! He stomped his front paw on the ground, and suddenly, a giant black hole sucked Infinity and Flora inside from above them.

They instantly appeared in a volcano. They quickly realized it was the Greely's Volcano den. All the hackers that Infinity and Flora could think of appeared. Fman122 was still in the lead, with his brother, The Lost Jammer, behind him. Next to Lost was Wretchedjungle. Behind both of them were scammers, Thenewjammer (scammed Flora), and rakee15 (unknown to many people, but one day he oddly appeared in Infinity's den).

"What do you want with us?!" Flora demanded, unsheathing the Sword of Fate. It instantly began glowing a radiant gold and seemed to become less artificial.

"I'm unarmed!" Infinity yelped as she changed

back into a regular fox (last time she was an Arctic Fox).

"So?" The Lost Jammer snarled, digging his claws into the snowy ground.

"WE ARE THE HACKERS, or soon to be, OF JAMAA!!!!" Fman122 howled rebelliously.



All the hackers, or soon to be like what Fman said, started snickering. "Remember me?" rakee15 cackled. He was a pitch black seal with orange lightning stripes and evil, red eyes.

"Oh my alphas of Jamaa" Infinity gasped. "You're the jammer who randomly went into my den when I wasn't trapped in here in real life!"

Rakee15 had an amused look plastered to his face. The other hackers yawned and shuffled their flippers/paws/hooves,

waiting to attack under Fman's command.

"NOW!!!!!!!" Fman122 thundered.

"I want to get out of here, I want to get out of here, I want to get out of here," Flora whispered to herself clicking her hind paws together.

"This is seriously not the Wizard of Oz," Infinity growled flatly.

"I SAID NOW!!!"

Fman122 yowled.

At once, all of the hackers charged into battle.

Infinity took her first strike by slamming her paws into The Lost Jammer's cheek. Lost flew back, but quickly stood and slashed Infinity's flank. Infinity howled in pain, but began tumbling underneath Lost and clawing his underbelly.

Flora watched Infinity fight, but then felt

the air get knocked out of her by Thenewjammer. She snarled and bared her teeth.

"Time to get ended," she snickered. Just then, a member that looked like her appeared in the den. "That's who my real user is."



Flora was now cornered by the member version, lolqueen, Thenewjammer, and Wretchedjungle. They all tackled her and jumped off as

soon as Flora seemed to be knocked out. She wasn't, but if they stayed on, she would have been. She was still holding the sword. She took out Wretchedjungle, Thenewjammer, and lolqueen all at one time (to her surprise). Glittering gold sand took all of their places.

Meanwhile, Infinity was chasing hackers all over the den. She managed to

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Is Fman122 Real or Not? By Ashlyn G.

First off, Fman122 is an infamous hacker. Well, at least he was said to be one. If he really is, he is the most infamous hacker in Animal Jam.

This article might persuade you if he really is a hacker or not.

And, for A MILLION YEARS (exaggeration) I thought that Fman122 was real. I actually had a dream recently, when I 100%

believed in him. Now, I don't. I only believe in him 50% now, maybe...

Anyway, I watched a video. It said that the jam-a-gram with the "virus" is a GLITCH. If you log-in with a code, any code, and tap where your mail would be when you are loading, the glitch will happen. It doesn't say how many jam-a-grams you have, it says, #538 / #538, instead. Where a username would be, there is

nothing. It does say "Thanks for playing with me!" in the text, so that is where the myth is made. There also is that text but smaller and it is on top of it. The gift that nobody opens (because they think its a virus) actually has a diamond or gems!

Source: Youtube, Video: "Animal jam - proof fman122 is not real" By: Angelica Chavez

CREATIVE WRITING

Trapped In Jamaa, Volume 6, *continued*

By Emily S. and Ashlyn G.

eventually corner The Lost Jammer and rakee15 against the volcano's lowest area. Rakee15 pressed himself against the hard, volcanic rock and coals behind him.

The Lost Jammer, however, stood his ground. He bared his teeth, but as he did that, Infinity lunged at him and knocked him out with a single blow. Lost instantly crumbled into a pile of glinting gold sand.

Then, Infinity turned to rakee15. The pitch black seal covered against the volcano, but was quickly turned into sand by Infinity.

Finally, the sky had turned dark. Infinity and Flora had taken out all of the

scammers and hackers besides for Fman. Apparently, they were banned for life, no matter what computer or account

information they used to make a new one.

Infinity and Flora stood side by side at the front of the den. They stood bold and tall, their chests puffed out and their heads held high.

"We have defeated you," the two said

in unison, "and there is no way to fight back."

Just then, Fman122 appeared out of fallen rocks.

"I am the only one you haven't defeated," Fman122 sneered. He

fearlessly unsheathed a Brown Nonmember Sword from a strap on his back and pointed it underneath Flora's chin.

Flora hadn't felt so anxious and threatened in her life! Just like in the movies, beads of sweat rolled down her face and she held her breath. Flora knew she couldn't make a single move, or she would... well, "end" as jammers would say.

Suddenly, Infinity sprang at Fman from behind, somehow grew her Rare Freedom Sword back, and stabbed Fman in the lungs. Fman shrieked in pain, and Flora sprang free to join in stabbing him.

"YOU SHALL NEVER END ME!!!" Fman roared.

Flora and Infinity jumped up at the same time and hit Fman in the back with their swords. He started to break apart, golden red light bursting from inside of him. In a flash of light, a pile of gold and red dust took his place on the ground.

But one more task was left. All of the world of Jamaa had fallen into ruins and shattered pieces. All jammers were logged off forever. It was up to Infinity and Flora to recreate the land of Jamaa and own Animal Jam.

TO BE CONTINUED...



Mr. P Bunny: The End of the Year (And World!)

By Landon N.

You will have to go through *your WHOLE life* without Mr. P. Bunny. But you still have this issue to read! And because we're ending the paper for the year, it's the end of the world! YYAAYYYY!

With the world ending and all, Mr. P. Bunny went to the bunker and was stuck with a whole bunch of bunny eating wolves! The doors locked and he was running and screaming as they tore at his non-existent clothes. But then he got dog treats and they were happy.

Then the world set on fire, the Earth shook, the

Moon exploded, and a tsunami happened. Then meteors fell from the sky and the ceiling started to crack! Everything was shaking! Then all the trees died and the bunker exploded. Peanut Bunny got out half alive. Then the sun exploded! Now he was in space, on fire, with no air. Then a black hole formed! Because black holes suck in time, he went slower and slower, until he was sucked in faster than light! Then he came out a white hole, he was stretched out, on fire, and had no air. Then he got rabies from the wolf

bites!

How is he still alive?! Oh, yes, all the creatures from the other adventures came out of the white hole and attacked! I can't watch, this anymore..... And Mr. G and E. Bunny attacked! Well... time to reset the space time continuum!

Good bye!



After...

Hello again! See you next you year and keep reading for the next years (if we get newspaper club)! Or maybe you'll see me in the halls? Who knows? Oh wait Bob knows? Okay thanks Bob.

THE END

{insert finale credits here}

CREATIVE WRITING

Adventures of the Felines, Volume 4

By Emily S.

In the previous volume, Bramble encountered a mysterious colony of cats that he never knew existed, but was swiftly knocked unconscious. What happens next? Who is this colony? Read this to find out!

"Shh, he's awakening!"

Bramble's eyes fluttered open. When he tried to stand, he was instantly yanked back to the ground by something - multiple somethings - hard and cold. He looked down at his paws to find that they were chained to the ground, somehow.

"Let me go!" Bramble wailed, his tail lashing.

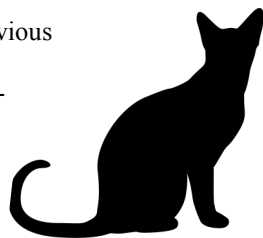
Two sleek black toms sat before him. Their angular, glowing green eyes sliced through the strange darkness of wherever this place was.

"Stand still," one of the cats growled sternly, flexing his massive claws.

"Do not speak," the other commanded with a slightly higher pitched voice.

Bramble bared his teeth and glared at the cats who seemed to have captured him. He had to escape! His colony would be celebrating, and then they'd realize he was missing. And Shade...

"You really are quite



stubborn," the deeper-voiced cat noted calmly, his tail curled around his paws.

"Yes," the higher-voiced cat agreed, "you really

are. You thrashed in your sleep the whole time we hauled you here."

"But where is here?"

Bramble hissed, unsheathing his claws as far as his chains would allow. "You are just cruel, selfish savages who capture their own kind for no reason!"

"Actually," the higher-voiced cat smirked, "we have a reason."

Bramble gulped and shrunk back when the tom before him rose and began pacing. His eyes bore malevolent glints in them. Something wasn't right. But still, the tom continued.

"You have something that we want-" the cat slowed his voice "-and we will stop at nothing to get it. Young tom, you possess something our colony has wanted for centuries. We've tried to get it for countless generations, and here we are, so close..."

"What do you want?!" Bramble yowled.



"Easy," the other tom grinned. "We want everything you have..."

"WHAT!!!!?" HOW!!!!?" shrieked Bramble. He practically shook the room with his thundering voice.

"What he means is," the other cat interrupted, "we want that necklace of yours."

"First of all, cat's don't wear necklaces," Bramble sighed, "and second of all, I don't have one."

Suddenly, a ringing, jingling sound rang from Bramble's chest. Bramble looked down to find a thin necklace with a glowing, aqua-colored, stone-shaped amulet on his neck.

"It has always been there," the toms cackled in unison, stalking in opposite directions around Bramble. They wore twin smirks and let out exact chuckles.

Bramble didn't dare speak. He lay his head on his paws and tried to stop his furious trembling, but his body wouldn't respond. It shook like a boulder tumbling from a cliff.

They smell my fear, Bramble realized.

"You see," one of the toms mused, "that amulet of yours has power. It only appears in times of great

need..."

"For the user, of course," the other tom interrupted.

"But it has always been there," the other continued.

Just then, a strange heat began to press against Bramble's fur. Bramble lifted his head as far as his chains would allow just as his amulet began to explode. Or, at least, that's what it looked like.

Bramble's fur was blowing wildly in the rippling wind. He was blinded by an aqua green light that burst into view. It flooded everywhere, it seemed. The two black toms were yowling in pain, skidding back against a wall and coughing as if they were being choked.

Soon, it was over. Bramble had closed his eyes the majority of the time. Now, he opened them to find his amulet's glow dimmed and the two black cats gone.

"It only appears in times of great need..."

Bramble shuddered, the tom's words ringing in his head. He could feel something was happening... something that went back into every generation of history.

A moment later, Bramble realized his chains had been shattered. He rose, stretched his aching limbs, and padded out of the strange room that was now bathed in sunlight.

CREATIVE WRITING

Mr. Taco and the Magical Quest, 4

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



One day, in Foodville, Mr. Taco, Mr. O.J. Burger, and Gary the Ghost were walking along a path when suddenly, they came upon a

gigantic tower!

"Let's go up!" Gary the Ghost cried.

"NO!" Mr. O.J. Burger whined, "I'm too tired!"

"Okay, you stay behind," Gary said.

"Fine!" Mr. O.J. Burger yelled stubbornly, "I will."

And with that, Mr. Taco and Gary the Ghost climbed up the tower. At the top they found... a magical necklace called an amulet!!!

"I'm gonna try it on!" Gary told Mr. Taco. So, he put it on.

"You do that, I'm going to put on this big old wig on my chin!" Mr. Taco replied.

Suddenly Gary's eyes turned red (even though you can't see his eyes). Gary started walking towards the door.

"Hey, I can't get this wig off." Mr. Taco screamed, getting scared.

"Gary! Where are you?" Mr. Taco screamed again.

Gary had slipped out and locked

the door while Mr. Taco was screaming. Gary was now out at the market buying paints for Tacopunzel (Mr. Taco). Also Mr. O.J. Burger had just woke up from his nap and was climbing the tower.

"Where is Gary?" Mr. O.J. Burger asked when he looked through the window (he couldn't get inside because the door was locked).

"Well, get me out of here!" Mr. Taco yelled impatiently.

Meanwhile Gary had reached the market and purchased the paints for Tacopunzel, sky blue, bark brown and green grass. He heard about the a town that was where all the villains go (it was in Antarctica). Forgetting about Tacopunzel, he started for the town.

While Gary was floating, to the town in Antarctica. Burger Rider (Mr O.J. Burger) was trying to get Tacopunzel out of the tower.

"HELP!!!!!!!"

Tacopunzel was screaming.

"I'll save you

Tacopunzel, just let down your extremely long beard." said Burger Rider.

Burger Rider tried to smash the wall, break the window, break the roof, and failed.

Meanwhile, Gary was hanging out at Villain Con in Antarctica with an Australian dude named Keith Turban.

When Gary was sleeping,

though, Keith wanted his amulet. He decided to take it. He snuck into Gary's room, took out his safety scissors, and cut off Gary's necklace. Then, he snuck out of the room, unheard. He snuck out of villain con. And into a cold cave.

"It's freezing in this cave."

Keith muttered to himself.

Little did he know he wasn't alone.

Back to the tower. Burger Rider was exhausted and climbed back down the tower to take a nap.

"No! Don't leave me up here alone!" Tacopunzel pleaded.

There was no reply from Burger Rider. Tacopunzel sat down and sulked. Now what you have awaited for what was

with Keith. The truth is Keith was sharing a cave with the eyeball (from Mr. Taco and the Magical Quest 3).

"Help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Keith screamed.

But, it was too late, Keith was eaten by the eyeball

(somehow). When Gary woke up he was confused on why he was there, but immediately came back to the tower as soon as he could. He knew a secret passage to the tower and freed Tacopunzel. The amulet was never seen again...

... or was it.

The End



What Mr. Taco and the Magical Quest Character are You?

1. What would you describe yourself as?

- A. Captain Obvious
- B. Hungry
- C. Adventurous
- D. Loyal
- E. Rich

2. What do you do in your free time?

- A. Float around
- B. Have snacks
- C. Go outside
- D. Follow my friend who is going outside
- E. "Borrow" things

3. What is your favorite color?

- A. Clear
- B. Red
- C. Brown
- D. Orange
- E. Shiny

4. Where would your dream vacation be?

- A. The sky
- B. Space
- C. The mountains
- D. Wherever my friend goes
- E. Antarctica

Mostly A's- You are Gary the Ghost. Whenever someone asks a question you say the obvious answer. Still you are funny to be with, so you have a lot of friends. Mostly B's- You are the Giant Flying Eyeball. You like to have snacks. You like to venture off alone. Mostly C's- You are Mr. Taco. You like to go on Adventures, solve mysteries, and have lots of friends. Mostly D's- You are Mr. O.J. Burger. You like to stay with your friends wherever they go. You like to have a lot of rest and are cranky when you don't. Mostly E's- You are Keith Turban. You have a slight tendency to take what is not yours. You like to be alone.

CREATIVE WRITING

THE APOCALYPSE

By Charlie R.

A big ship landed me here. I was out of memory and lost. I needed help so I ran down the hallway. It was dark and scary. I heard noises that got louder, Louder, LOUDER when I walked farther.

"Hello?!" Said a man.

"Who's here?" I said back.

"Please don't hurt me!" The man said.

"I won't. I need help knowing where I am?" I whispered.

"Follow me." He said.

DAY 1. 5:00 AM. IT STARTED.

I saw different rooms. People screaming. I kept walking. It's been 10 minutes and I heard crashes and explosions coming out of outside. I ran outside to find fire and buildings destroyed, although there was nobody outside.

"It's come." The man said.

"It's the Apocalypse."

"Really?" I answered back.

"If it was then we'd see a car crash right, NOW!" I said.

Then I saw a car burn into ashes.

"Ok I believe you." I said.

DAY 1. 5:47 AM. RUN, RUN, RUN!!!!!!

I can't believe it. I was with a man I didn't know.

"What is your name?" I asked him.

"Hardsman." He answered back.

I was getting my vision back, and I saw the red and green shirt he is wearing.

This is not a zombie apocalypse, it's an infection that took over the world. The people would have green and pale skin. We were survivors and together we were going to take down the infection. I was still in pain from whatever happened to me. Soon I was going to feel better.

DAY 1. 6:20 AM. CARS N' STUFF.

I just wanted a place to stay so I won't be so hot out here. Yes it was hot, there was fire everywhere.

"Go RUN!!!!!!!!!!!"

Hardsman yelled.

"AHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!" I yelled back.

There was an infected person! I ran so fast even though my legs were weak.

"Defend yourself with this stick!" Hardsman said.

*WACK!!!

SWING!!!* I swung it to protect myself.

DAY 1. 7:26 AM. TIME TO TAKE DOWN!!!

*WACK!!!

SMACK!!! SWING!!!* I took them all down.

"Come on we're going to the HQ!" Hardsman yammered.

"What?! It sounded like you said the HQ!" I yelled back.

"Just think of it like a place we could stay for the rest of the day." He said.

I was worried. I was hungry. Sweaty. Hot. I was red at the face breathing really hard. Car after car, cut

after cut, fire after fire. I was really weak.

"Come on!"

Hardsman said. "Just a little farther."

I was wondering what he meant by a LITTLE. It looked like we weren't any closer to a place all I could see is destroyed cars and buildings with broken glass.

DAY 1. 7:45 AM. WORRY. AFTER WORRY.

I didn't want to admit it but, I was scared. I was afraid that Hardsman didn't know where he was going. He sounds very convincing, don't get me wrong, it's just that he said that they're his friends at HQ.

MIND BLOWN.

(Not really). The reason I said "MIND BLOWN" is because I have been walking around here for a while seeing no human life or humans just zombies!

"Do you know where we're going?" I asked him.

"We're close. Very close and.. Here!" He answered back.

A big white building not affected completely by smoke, just on the bottom. Inside I was brought to an all white room.

"Where did you put Hardsman!!?" I yelled.

"Relax, He's ok, he's catching up with his friends." The worker at the HQ said.

I was in the waiting room.

"Yo! Hardsman was right, he does look weak!" Hardsman's friend said.

"Hey! What are you talking about!" I said back.

"Relax, Don't pop a blood vessel bro." He said.

"Come with me

shorty." I hope we sacrifice him to the zombies.

"Hey! Hardsman!

Your friend is GROWING on me." I told him. "

He has a name! His name is Jaxy." Hardsman told me.

"Pfft. Haha!

JJAAXXY!!!" I bursted out laughing.

"Haha! He's funny!

Hi, My names Valor!" Valor said.

"Don't mess with me bud!" Jaxy said.

"Ok whatever." I

answered back. He is not that strong so I'm not that scared or intimidated. I ran out with Hardsman, Jaxy, and Valor we're out to take down the zombies!

DAY 1. 8:47 AM. STILL READ PLEASE.

If you're reading this, it's almost over! But, I will skip all the boring stuff and get to the interesting stuff! Keep reading!

Voices in my head, don't know if I'm crazy or if their helping me.

Keep walking it's almost over. The destruction.

You went through a lot. First the Jungle surviving and now this! Get through this and DON'T GET BIT!!!!!! I heard the voices say don't get bit.

Hardsman seemed fine so did JAXY!!!!!! Still laughing at the name. He sounds like a girl. (No hate.) SKIP!!!!!!!!!! "Charlie help!" Valor said.

"Coming!!!" I answered back.

"No time!!!" She said.

"Good bye." Valor was poisoned by a zombie.

Then I knocked it out. "Come on!" said Hardsman.

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C O M I C

My Grandpa is
a... **MONSTER**

By: Carol R.

Well it
took us
12 months
but we
did it.



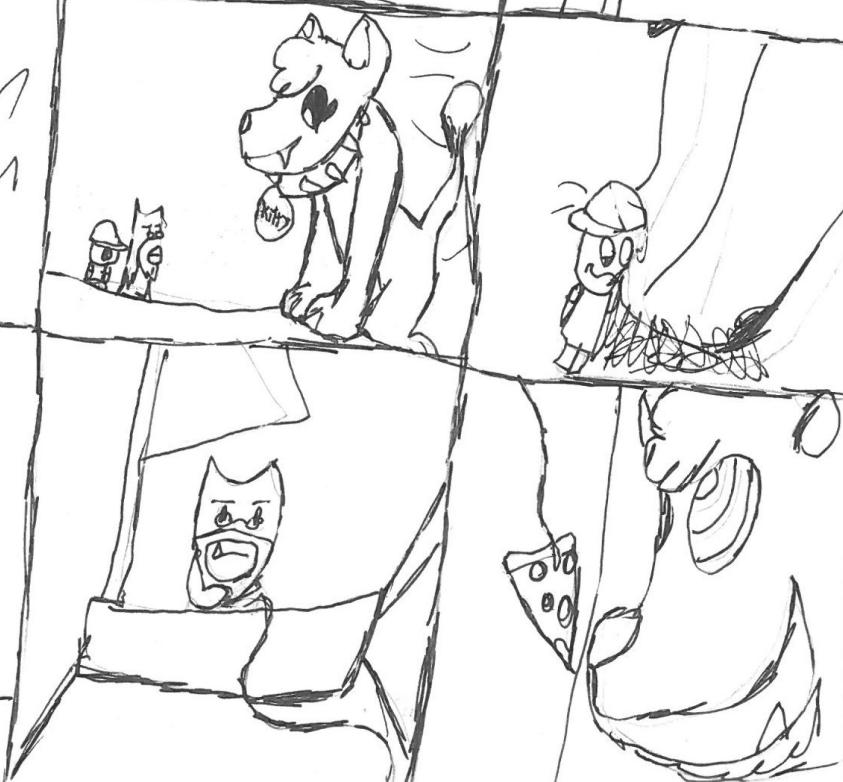
Alright
I'll go get her.



Alright
get the Bait.



On it.



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C O M I C



Got ya!



YAWN
But VERY
TIRED

We did it



THE END
also
Thank you!



Chomp

By Carl Hiaasen
By Aidan D.

Chomp is a book about a kid named Wahoo and his dad named Mickey Cray who is an animal wrangler. They are hired for a job for a show called Expedition Survival! They run into some trouble on the set like alligator attacks, and the missing star of the show, Derek Badger. On the way to the set the Crays pick up a girl called Tuna which Mickey Cray and

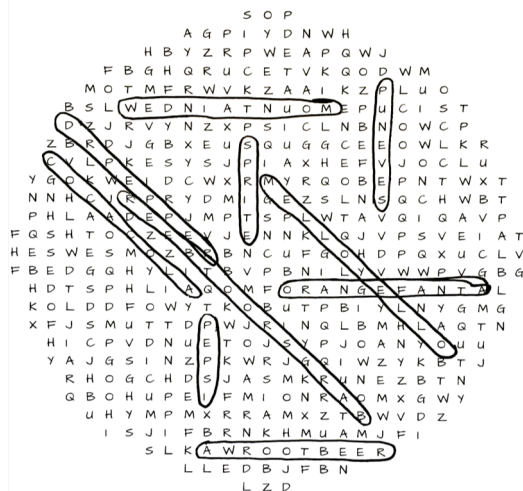
Wahoo take to the set. Derek Badger wants action in his show so he tries using untamed animals.



What will happen in Chomp? Read the book to find out!

Soda Pop Word Search

Answers (from page 15)



CREATIVE WRITING

Steve's Adventures In Minecraft

By Anson B.

One day in Minecraft there was a kid named Steve, and he loved to watch sky blocks which are where there are 2 through 29 players, and where they fight to the death.

First you start out with different gear and you are trying to stay in the game without dying. To play the game, you put blocks around you to save you from getting caught, but leave space so you can target other characters if you have a bow and arrows.

Also you get the other players' stuff they had like a diamond pickaxe, tinic armor (leather armor), legs, and boots. The other team got 64,64,64,1 stone bricks, so they went over to the another team when they were building, and then over to someone named Pink Sumo. They targeted Steve while he was all alone. There was an explosion. I survived and I won I got billions and diamonds and all the food. I became a billionaire.

THE END...



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