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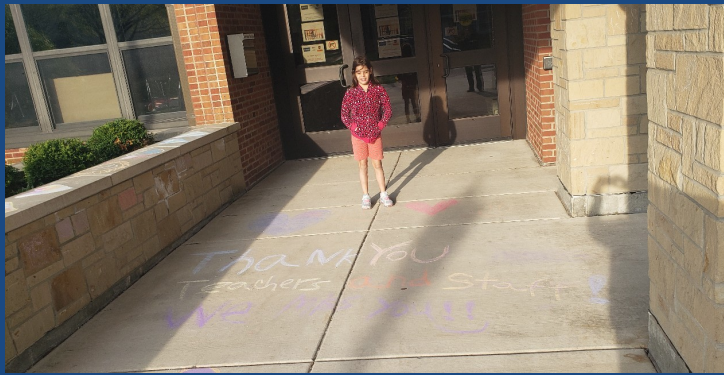
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Our last issue features guest writers from all grades at Spring Ave! Well done writers!

Spring Avenue Elementary School
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Spring Ave 3rd grader with her chalk art to honor teachers during Teacher Appreciation week.

THANKS FOR THE READ ALOUDS!

By Meghan K.

Thank you to all the teachers who are doing the read alouds! I love reading! It just makes me smile. I love when all the students follow along and read the stories while the teachers are reading them.

I have a read aloud with Mr.

Lawson and the second graders are reading Charlotte's Web. And all grades have read alouds with Ms. Marek and Mrs. Manganello where they read all different kinds of books like nonfiction, fiction, and biographies! Thanks for reading! Go Lions!

BUDDY RELATIONSHIPS LIVE ON

By Dylan P.

When I was in 2nd grade, I had a 5th grade buddy named Jack. Buddies were my favorite part of 2nd grade. Next year I will be a 4th grader and a bigger buddy to a 1st grader. I hope my

buddy thinks I'm cool just like I thought Jack was. Jack is a 6th grader moving onto Gurrie. I'm glad I met him. Congratulations to all the 6th graders. Thank you for everything you have taught us.

MISS YOU SPRING AVE!

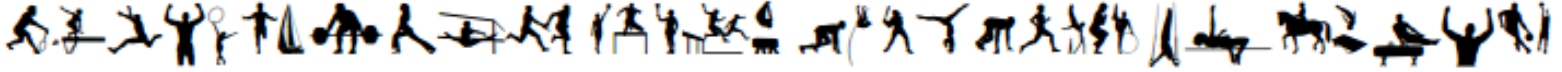
By Clare M.

Hi Spring Ave!! I miss you guys so much! I hope you are having a good day! Thank you teachers so much for helping us with the e-learning. You are awesome teachers! I'm so grateful to have you all in my heart. When I moved to Spring you were the

first ones to make me feel like home and I will always have you in my heart! I hope you guys are staying healthy! And trust me WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS. I will see you guys in school soon!!! I love you Spring Ave!!!

To all students and staff, remember to keep hope and DO NOT LOSE IT! I hope everyone has a great summer! -Bella L.

SPORTS PAGE



CHICAGO BEARS DRAFT RECAP

By Daniel K.



Cole Kmet

Grade B-

The Bears really needed a tight end, but they also really needed a safety. And guess what they did... They drafted a tight end. Some people say they needed a tight end more than anything! Well Grant Delpit from LSU AKA "Baby Jammal Adams" went the very next pick! I'm shocked beyond words.



Jaylon Johnson

Grade B+

I think he was a good pick overall for the Chicago Bears; he only gave up 3 touchdowns the whole season and had one interception which was a pick six. I watched all last season's targets and Johnson could have had many more picks if he caught them. He could have been a first round pick if he did not have three shoulder operations. This will help out the Bears' defense a lot.



Trevis Gipson

Grade B-

I'm actually not mad with this pick because Gipson led Tulsa with eight sacks and 15 tackles for negative yards as a senior. He had four sacks and nine

tackles for loss and an astonishing five forced fumbles as a junior. And he was a part of the College Football Senior Bowl. (All Star Team)



Kindle Vildor

Grade B+

I think Kindle Vildor was very good at Georgia Southern. He racked up nine career interceptions there. This was a pretty good pick for the Bears. He also had a pick in the Senior Bowl to cap off his career at Georgia Southern.



Darnell Mooney

Grade A

I am happy the Bears found a solid wide receiver from Tulane. He ran a 4.38 in the (40 yard dash) combine. He had five touchdowns last year. And eight in 2018. The Bears needed to find a replacement for Taylor Gabriel, so they went out and they drafted Darnell Mooney. I'll give credit to Ryan Pace on this one.



Arlington Hambricht

Grade C+

I think Arlington Hambricht is okay. I just don't know how good he is going to be. He's a pretty good blocker. But he's not that fast. Not all linemen are fast but you have to be average speed. This guy is pretty slow.



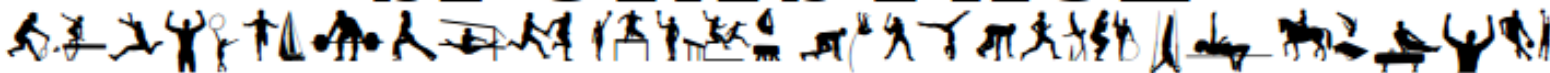
Lachavious Simmons

Grade C+

Just like Arlington Hambricht, I'm not too thrilled about these picks. This is the Bears' last pick in their 2020 NFL Draft. Simmons is ok. He moves well and he will help the Bears' linemen out.



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TOP 10 FREE AGENCY TRADES, PART 2

By Daniel K.



10. Vic Beasley

Will sign a one year \$9.5 million with

the Titans. He was a linebacker for the Falcons who last year had eight sacks. This was a great start for the Titans rebuilding. He led the NFL in sacks in 2016 with 15.5, his rookie year. Hopefully he can resurrect his career with the Titans.



9. James Bradberry

Will sign a three

year \$45 million dollar deal. The Giants are making moves on defense including elite cornerback James Bradberry. He was on the Carolina Panthers last year and had three interceptions.



8. Kyle Van Noy

Will sign a four year \$51 million dollars.

He had 6.5 sacks last year and will join a solid Dolphins defense. He is a little bit past his prime but he is still a very good player.



7. Teddy Bridgewater

Will sign a three

year \$63 million dollar deal. This has been a roller coaster for Teddy Bridgewater being hurt with the Vikings, then signing with the Saints. He finally played when Drew Brees was injured. He threw nine touchdown passes in five games.

Also in the five games he played, he won all five out of five.



6. Bryan Bullaga

Signed a three year \$30 million

dollar deal with the Chargers. The Chargers had just lost Russel Okung, a good tackle now playing for the Panthers. They had to rebuild. So they signed Bryan Bullaga, a solid Tackle who used to play for the Packers for many years.



5. Breshad Perriman

He will get a one

year \$8 million deal. He will replace the recently departed Robby Anderson and be paired with Jamison Crowder. This was a good move for the Jets because they needed another great wide receiver. Perriman looks to make a splash in New York just like he did in Tampa.



4. Robert Quinn

Will sign a five year \$70 million

dollar deal with the Chicago Bears. He had 11.5 sacks last year with the Dallas Cowboys. This was a great deal for the Bears because pairing Robert Quinn with Akiem Hicks and Khalil Mackrushing the quarterback would be a nightmare. He is very strong and quick and is able to get past blockers.



3. Nelson Agholor

Will sign a one

year \$1.5 million dollar deal. Agholor was a solid receiver for Philadelphia last season, with the Eagles he had three receiving touchdowns. He will join Henry Ruggs and Tyrell Williams in Las Vegas.



2. Chris Harris

Will sign a two year deal worth \$20.25 million.

He played for the Broncos last year. But he only had one interception. The four time Pro Bowler looks to do better with the Chargers. His career high interceptions in one season is three.



1. Todd Gurley

Was once the highest paid

running back in the league and now he gets \$11 million dollars for one year. He had 12 touchdowns last season with the Rams. then he got cut. Also the Falcons cut Devonte Freeman, so the Falcons signed Todd Gurley.



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NBA SUSPENDS SEASON AFTER PLAYERS TEST POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS

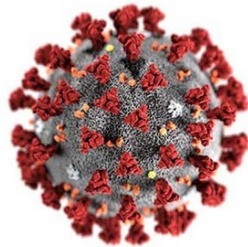
By Evie R.

On March 10th 2020, NBA players Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell tested positive for coronavirus. All NBA games have been suspended until all the sickness goes away. People don't know when the NBA will be back. Also the NCAA tournament was canceled, the Tokyo Olympics was canceled, and rugby events have been canceled. In Italy and Iran, all sports have been postponed. If coronavirus does not go away by 2022, the 2022 World Cup will be canceled and lots more.

The NBA's Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell are trying to get better so the NBA will restart, but should the NBA keep playing but have no crowd or should they keep it like this so no more NBA players get sick? The NBA's LeBron James does not like the idea of not having anyone watching him. He said in an interview on Friday March 6, he would refuse to play without a crowd. He also said "I play for the fans that's what it's all about. If I show up to the arena and there ain't no fans there, I ain't

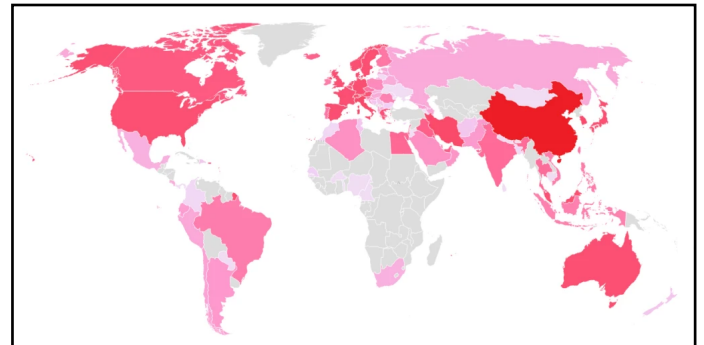
playing!"

LeBron James continued, "They're saying no one could actually come to the game, so I'd be disappointed in that, but at the same time, you got to listen to the people that are keeping track of what's going on. If they feel that it's best for the safety of the players, safety of the franchise, safety of the league to mandate that, then we'll all listen to it."



NBA players and coaches spoke to the press under new guidelines to stop the coronavirus from spreading. Interviewers and journalists are restricted from interviewing players in the team's locker room.

The world map from Time Magazine (<https://time.com/5800901/coronavirus-map/>) of where the coronavirus has spread to. It is really bad in North America, Asia, Australian, and



South America. The most common age to get the virus is 40+. These players who got sick came into contact with someone who had coronavirus. They might have been contagious before they knew they were sick.

We don't know when the NBA will be back, but we all hope that scientists find a cure. Everyone wants the NBA to be back but everyone needs to stay safe so what do you think? Should the NBA return with no fans or should the NBA stay canceled?

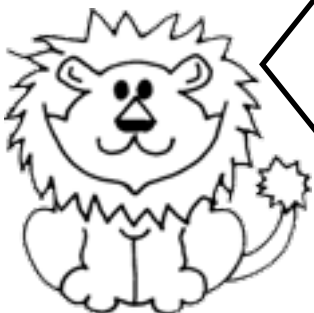


26 THINGS TO DO DURING QUARANTINE

By Camille S.

1. Go on a walk
2. Go on a run
3. Clean your room
4. Organize something
5. Take your dog on a walk (if you have one)
6. Play with your family outside
7. Talk virtually with friends and family
8. Annoy your siblings (be careful)
9. Play Roblox or another video game
10. Make a fort
11. Create something
12. Make a schedule
13. Jump on a trampoline (if you have one)
14. Have a water balloon fight
15. Make bets with your family
16. Make bets with your friends
17. Beat your friends at a game in Gamepigeon (it's a app)
18. Read
19. Build something
20. Plant a tree to give you extra oxygen
21. Try to figure out a cure to COVID- 19
22. Bake
23. Make a medical face mask
24. Pull pranks
25. Try not to get the coronavirus
26. Rage at how boring life is right now

**Stay safe,
Spring Avenue!
We miss you!**



HOW TO STAY BUSY DURING QUARANTINE

By Abbie S.

Hey everybody! I would just like to say that there are lots of fun things you can do with your family. So I will tell you some stuff that you can do with your family. Also always remember to stay six feet from your friends. It is really important. Hope to see you soon

Board games

1. Blokus
2. Tenzi
3. Yahztee
4. Monopoly
5. Clue
6. Charades
7. UNO
8. Q-bitz
9. Candyland
10. Life

Also you should have some special family time by playing outside.

Stuff To Do Outside

1. Make s'mores
2. Play sports
3. Eat dinner outside
4. Take a walk
5. Take a bike ride
6. Plant a garden

7. Watch the birds and other animals from your backyard
8. Play water guns when its nice out
9. Play catch
10. Make a fairy garden

Last, I think you should do some other stuff to keep you busy

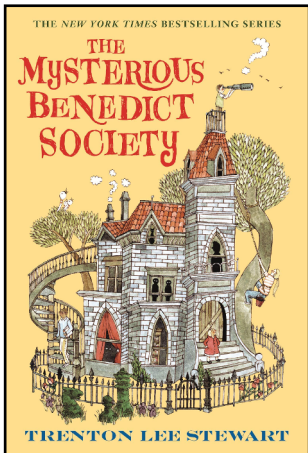
1. Customize your room
2. FaceTime with friends and family
3. Have a virtual party
4. Do fun crafts
5. Make a fort
6. Have a text chain with your friends
7. Wash your hands
8. Make dinner, dessert, breakfast
9. Do tie dye
10. Make origami
11. READ
12. Do a puzzle
13. Have a sleepover with your parents or siblings.

That is some fun stuff that I encourage you to do to keep you busy and not lose your mind to boredom. Thanks for reading!! Bye Miss you!! Hope you have a great day with your family.



THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY

By Sydney K.



The Mysterious Benedict Society is a mystery and fiction book. The book begins with an ad in the newspaper that is looking for kids who are gifted to take impossible tests. If you pass, you join Mr. Benedict on his potentially dangerous mission. The mission for these children is to go undercover to the institute that an evil enemy created. The enemy is trying to send

super confusing messages through the TV and radio of children saying riddles with hidden meanings. This sender of these messages is going to control all the people in the world through the hidden messages. Will the children stop him and save the world in this short amount of time??

I think that the main characters are relatable. I am in the middle of this life

changing story for the kids. This book is exciting and makes me want to solve the riddles along with the kids in the book. I highly recommend this book for whoever wants to read it! We are lucky that this book is part of a series and the second book is called The Mysterious Benedict Society and The Perilous Journey. Onto the next one for me!!

10 WAYS TO MAKE A DOG SMILE

By Cece S.

During this time of quarantine, your dog might be depressed or sad. Here are some ways that might make your dog smile:

1. Rub under your dog's collar. (If you usually don't do this, this might make your dog smile.)
2. Put a treat in your hand and have your dog guess which hand the treat is in. (Don't give them too many treats.)
3. Play your dog some music. (My dog likes piano music.)
4. Make an obstacle course for your pup.
5. Blow bubbles. (You can also buy bacon flavored bubbles on Amazon!)
6. Go on a car ride and have the window open so your dog can stick their head out.
7. Get outside and play in the sprinkler/pool. (On a nice day.)
8. Wrap a treat for your dog and let them unwrap it.
9. Play fetch outside.
10. Cuddle together after a long day of fun!





Playing Pokemon Go is fun!
As a trainer, you get to evolve
Pokemon and power them up.
Anyone can play, you just need a
phone. And a lot of energy to walk
and bike ride. Or you can cheat
and go in the car.

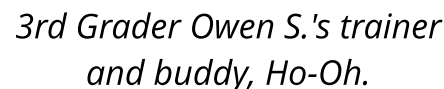
Then you can start catching Pokemon. You get five balls to start the game with. You also get a camera to take pictures of your Pokemon and one revive to help you along the way.

You have to go to Pokestops to get more Pokeballs. You also can get berries to feed the Pokemon. Pokestops are

everywhere! I go to St. Cletus. There are four Pokestops there and a lot of Pokemon to catch. I also go to Brancato Park to do some raids. Raids are tricky for beginners. Only do 3,000 combat power and under if you do a raid. Once I tried a Nidoking and I couldn't beat it because time was up.

One last thing. You choose a caught Pokemon to be your walking buddy. This buddy collects candies to evolve (mine is Ho-Oh , used to be Mewtwo). When your buddy gets hungry you have to feed it with the berries you collect at Pokestops.

You will start leveling up after a little while. But when you get to Level 29, like me, it's a nightmare getting to level 30.



FIND THE MISTAKE

By Peter K. and Ben S.

Find the five mistakes.

Toda I want to eat 15 sandwitches. I keep five sandwiches and give teen to different people. Tommorow I get eight sandwiches and I eait all of them. And got to the end of all of them.

Answers on next page



ROARING RECIPES!

FIT FOR A KING LION

By Maddie M. and Owen M.



Ingredients:

- 1 TB Peanut Butter (fur)
- 1 Slice of Bread (face)
- 1/4 Banana (cheeks)
- 2 Marshmallows (eyes)
- 1 TB Shredded Cheese (mane)
- 3 Crackers (mouth and ears)

Instructions:

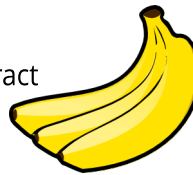
- 1.) Get ingredients out.
- 2.) Cut bread into a circle.
- 3.) Spread peanut butter onto bread.
- 4.) Put on cheeks, eyes, mouth and ears.
- 5.) Place cheese around face.
- 6.) Roar! Enjoy.

HOW TO MAKE BANANA BREAD

By Lia M.

Ingredients:

- Vegetable oil spray
- 2 cups of all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon of baking soda
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 3 very ripe bananas
- ¾ cup of sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 6 tablespoons of unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- ¼ cup of plain yogurt
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract



Cooking tools needed:

- 8½-by-4½-inch metal loaf pan
- 2 bowls(1 large, 1 medium)
- Whisk
- Large fork or potato masher
- Rubber spatula
- Toothpick

Directions:

Preheat the oven at 350 degrees. Spray bottom and sides of the pan with vegetable oil.

In the medium bowl whisk the flour, baking soda, and salt together.

Peel bananas and put them in the large bowl. Take your fork or potato

masher and mash bananas, stop when it is broken down but still chunky.

In the large bowl add sugar, eggs, melted butter, yogurt, and vanilla and whisk it all together.

Add the flour bowl mixture to the large bowl and use a spatula to stir gently until combined. Do not over mix it. Get your spatula and take the batter and put it on the pan (make sure you smooth the top).

Put the pan in the oven. Bake for about 55 minutes until the bread is golden brown.

Use the oven mitts to take the bread out of the oven and make sure an adult can help you if you want. (You can take a toothpick and poke it in the center of the bread to test when it's done, if it comes out clean you can move on. If it doesn't come out clean then put it back in the oven.) Place it on the cooling rack and let it sit for 15 minutes.

Take oven mitts and turn loaf on to its side and take the bread from the pan. Let it sit for about 1 hour. Now take the bread and put it on the cutting board, cut then serve!

So that's how you make banana bread!

FIND THE MISTAKE ANSWERS

Today I want to eat 15 sandwiches. I keep five sandwiches and give teen to different people. Tomorrow I get eight sandwiches and I eat all of them.

CREATIVE WRITING

POETRY PAGE

By Payton M.

Seasons

Winter

White wintery snow,

Icy wind blows.

Nesting in the house to escape
from the cold.

Trees that sparkle in the sun with
snow weighing them down.

Eating cookies by the fire at night.

Reindeer flying with Santa
drinking hot cocoa in his sleigh.

Spring

Summer is coming soon,

Pink flowers are blooming

Rainbows and rain appear.

In spring the

Nutritious vegetables grow, and

Gardens pop with colors.

Summer

Sunny days,

Umbrellas not needed,

My mouth watering for water.

Memories made under the warm
air,

Eating ice cream with it melting all
over,

Reading for my summer book
group on the porch in summer.

Fall

Friendly birds flying south,

All preparing for the winter.

Licking the apple crisp right off
plate, and

Laughing and jumping in leaves in
fall.

Songs

Springtime is coming,

So are the birds and their songs.

Birds are rejoicing.

Dogs

Loyal and loveable and cute.

That's what he is, that's what she
is.

They are there for you and love
you back.

You can say whatever you want to
them,

They won't mind.

Give them love,

They give you loyalty.

They are the best, they are...

A girl's best friend.

Luck

Hiding in the grass,

Found you! Grant me good
fortune

By your four clean leaves.

Poison Ivy

Three leaves upon it.

Touch them and red marks
appear,

Itchy, itchy marks.

Flower

Flowing beauty,

Lack of a mind,

Overseen by us humans,

Where we take in their scent. They

Eat up the carbon dioxide so we
can

Rejoice.

Seasons

The seasons are changing he said,

As he watched the world from
above.

"I can just feel it's summer," he
said in mid December.

"I can just see it's winter," he said
in late July.

"I can just taste the fall," he said in
early April.

"I can just hear it's spring," he said
in mid October.

Now although he was right for the
one half of the world,

He was wrong for the other.

CREATIVE WRITING POETRY

By Payton M.

Metaphor

You are sunshine.
Your dad's voice is a garbage truck.
The bats' teeth are daggers.
The cat is a lemon.
The doctor is a vampire.
The pen is a ballerina.
My brother is fire ablaze.
Your dog is a pillow on my bed.
Your mom is a clown.
It's an oven out there.
My feet are icicles.
And those, my friend are metaphors.

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Look for more information about our 2020 Summer CONNECT Program in the next few weeks.!



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