

A LION'S LIFE



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Face painting was one of the many exciting activities at the Spring Avenue Fun Fair.

SPRING AVE SERVICE PROJECT

By Camille W.

For Mother's Day, Spring Avenue has connected with the organization Loving Without Limits. The organization gives care packages to family members of patients in the hospital. We are collecting EOS lip balm, travel Kleenex, Ice Breakers mints, and hand lotion. These items will be put into packages that will be distributed for Mother's Day. Students will have

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an opportunity to make pictures to decorate the hospital bags. The hospitals involved are Advocate Children's Hospitals in Oak Lawn and Park Ridge, and Alexian Brothers Children's Hospital in Hoffman Estates. Please contribute to our donation of items for the Mother's Days care packages by bringing these items to school. To find out more about the organization, visit www.lovingwithoutlimits.org/.

PTO SPONSORED FUN FAIR

By Jack NM and Carson T.

The Spring Avenue Fun Fair was recently held on April 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm. It was a huge success. A lot of people were excited, and I thought we could interview some people and tell you about the Fun Fair and lots of other facts about it.

The Fun Fair is basically an event that happens every April at Spring Ave. The money from the Fun Fair goes towards charity and other good causes.

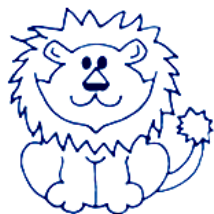
First things first. The Fun Fair included lots and lots of games including: the cake walk, raffles, an inflatable slide, soccer,

and a money machine, and lots of other fun things to do.

Some sixth-graders, including Carson T., were in charge of some of the games and other activities some of the time. You could preorder your wristbands so you didn't have to wait in line, and so you can skip right to the fun!

Rocks for painting were sold by fourth graders for \$3 each to benefit Loving Without Limits.

In the lunch room they had concessions such as popcorn,



SCHOOL NEWS



FUN FAIR CONTINUED

By Jack NM and Carson T.

cotton candy and other yummy treats as well.

Students at Spring Avenue were asked about what they liked best about the Fun Fair or enjoyed:

Emma H. in 5th grade: She enjoyed all of the fun games and all of the raffle baskets. She mostly enjoyed the Cake Walk.

Grace T. in 6th grade: She enjoyed all of the raffles. She also

enjoyed spending time with her friends. She mostly enjoyed the Cake Walk.

Zibby M. in 4th grade: She enjoyed lots of the raffles and also liked the Cake Walk.

Where does the money go from the Fun Fair?

The money goes to the PTO, which comes right back like a boomerang to the school. The

money will be used for stuff in classrooms such as building robots like Lego MindStorms and other school activities. So make sure you thank the PTO for the Fun Fair and the fun things they give to us.

To conclude, the Fun Fair is always an excellent event here at Spring Avenue, and I hope we keep this going on for years.

ABC Countdown Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			4/26	4/27
			Art Day	Bring a Book Day
4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3	5/4
Crazy Hair Day	Dice Day <small>play dice math games!</small>	Exercise Day	Flip Flop Day	Game Day
5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10	5/11
Hat Day	Interesting Fact Day <small>Bring in a fact share in class</small>	Joke Day <small>bring in a joke</small>	Kindness Day	Library Book Return Day
5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18
Music Day	Number Talk Day	Outside Day	PJ Day	Quiet Day
5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25
Read! Day	Spirit Day	Team Day	Under the Desk Work Day	Visit from next year's teachers Day <small>"flying up"</small>
5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1
No School Memorial Day	Writing Day	Xtra Fun Day	Yearbook Day	Zero days left, so we are zooming out for summer

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

INTERVIEWING GURRIE TEACHERS

By London SM and Lindsey W.

Mr. Hood- Principal: He has been teaching for 13 years. His favorite subject is social studies. He went to Hamrun School from kindergarten to 4th grade. He also went to McDonald School from 5th grade- 8th grade. He has two kids, one is a freshman in college and one is a junior in college. He said his favorite thing about the school is that it is safe, fun, and challenging!



Mr. Sullivan- 7th grade social studies teacher: Mr. Sullivan is a super nice and funny teacher. He has been teaching at Gurrie for eight years, and he has also taught in other places. When he was a kid he went to Seton for kindergarten to 8th grade. His favorite subject is social studies. I talked to a student who said that he is very nice. He thinks that the school is awesome! His favorite part of this school is the students!



Mr. Ingwersen- 7th grade ELA teacher: He has been teaching at Gurrie for eight years. His favorite thing about the students is that they are all different. He loves ELA and social studies. He has two kids, one is three and one is one and half. From kindergarten-5th grade he went to Roosevelt Dolton. From 6th grade -8th grade he went to James Hart. Things he likes about the school are the students who are focused, the lots of different clubs, that the kids are inclusive and cool, and that they are caring.

Mrs. Rioux- resource teacher: She has been teaching at the school for six years. Her favorite thing about the school is getting to know all the different kids. Her favorite subjects are social studies and math. She has two kids. From kindergarten-8th grade she went to St. John of the Cross. Her favorite thing about the school is "There are tons of great teachers that care enormously, and it's a great place to learn and make new friends."

Mrs. Colby- substitute teacher: She has been working at this school for 30 years, and she has been substituting here for four years. Her favorite thing about Gurrie students is that the kids all have fun and learn. Mrs.



Colby has one son and two daughters. She went to Lockport High School and Knox College. She teaches English and French. She says the school runs smoothly because students have respect.

Mrs. Guilfoyle- Orchestra teacher: She has been working at Gurrie for four years. She has four kids. She went to St. Peters in Rockford. When she was five years old she started playing piano. She thinks the school runs efficiently and it is awesome. She and Mr. Valdez teach orchestra.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

INTERVIEW WITH THE GYM TEACHERS

By Bridget G., Bella M., Dylan J., and Molly E.

What are your two favorite colors?

Mr. Arneson: Green and Gold

Mrs. Kiley: Blue and Pink

What college did you go to?

Mr. Arneson: Wisconsin

Mrs. Kiley: Indiana

What's your first name?

Mr. Arneson: Luke

Mrs. Kiley: Jennifer

What's your middle name?

Mr. Arneson: Michael

Mrs. Kiley: Marie

How old are you?

Mr. Arneson: 37

Mrs. Kiley: 29

Where did you go for Spring Break?

Mr. Arneson: Staycation

Mrs. Kiley: Staycation

What's your favorite Vay Cay?

Mr. Arneson: My honeymoon in Thailand

Mrs. Kiley: California

If you were stranded on an island, which three things would you bring?

Mr. Arneson: Fishing pole, a small net, and a lifetime supply of matches.

Mrs. Kiley: Food, water, and a tent.

What's your favorite season?

Mr. Arneson: Summer

Mrs. Kiley: Summer

What's your least favorite color?

Mr. Arneson: Pink

Mrs. Kiley: Brown

What's your favorite subject

Mr. Arneson: PE

Mrs. Kiley: PE & Science

What is your least favorite subject?

Mr. Arneson: Music

Mrs. Kiley: Social Studies

How old is your wife / husband?

Mr. Arneson: 32

Mrs. Kiley: 30

ALL ABOUT YOU QUIZ

By Bridget G., and Bella M.

What is your
favorite color

1. Purple
2. Blue
3. White
4. Black

What is your
favorite season?

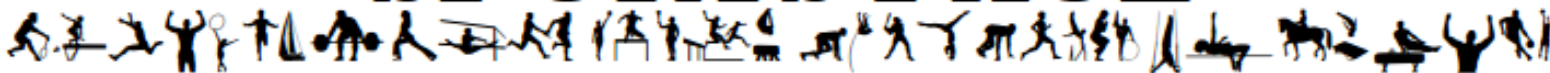
1. Spring
2. Summer
3. Winter
4. Fall

What is your
favorite sport?

1. Gymnastics
2. Swimming
3. Soccer
4. Basketball

Mostly 1's : You are a very nice person. You will (someday) be the smartest of your friends.
Mostly 2's : You are very sporty and athletic and you love to hang out with friends a lot.
Mostly 3's : You are a very funny person, and you make all of your friends laugh.
Mostly 4's : You are very smart and love to hang out with different people.

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DOG SLEDDING

By Simone B. and Jack NM

Dog sledding is where you board a sled that is run by dogs and is pulled on snow. Did you know sled dogs can run about 20mph? In this article we'll tell you what dog sledding is and where it happens.

Huskies are usually the dogs who pull the sled. There are about 10 dogs usually pulling the sled. Dog sledding occurs in Alaska, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Vermont, Canada, Colorado, Michigan, Iceland, Sweden, Europe, Australia, Greenland, and finally Wisconsin.



TOP 3 BEST NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

By Patrick C., Finley T., and Gavin D.

#1. Duke

We chose Duke because they won five National Championships. Some NBA players that have gone here include Kyrie Irving, Jayson Tatum, J.J. Redick, Tyus Jones, Jabari Parker, Carlos Boozer, Rodney Hood, Luol Deng, Austin Rivers, and Justise Winslow. Also right now they currently have Marvin Bagley III, Grayson Allen, Gary Trent, Jr., Wendell Carter. The greatest player that went to Duke is arguably Christian Laettner.



#2. North Carolina

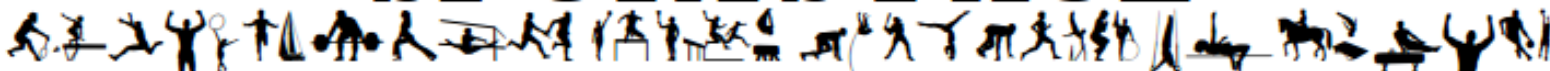
We chose North Carolina because they won six National Championships. Also, the greatest basketball player ever (Michael Jordan) went there for college and another legend, James Worthy, also went there. There is also a current player in the NBA that is on the Dallas Mavericks named Harrison Barnes. He went to North Carolina too. The best dunker ever in basketball (Vince Carter) went to UNC.

#3. UCLA

We chose UCLA because they have the most National Championships in history with 11. Also, the most popular rookie in the 2018 NBA Draft (Lonzo Ball) went there too. Last Year's MVP (Russell Westbrook) also went there, as well as the all time leading scorer (Kareem-Abdul Jabbar) went there.



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CURRENT MLB STANDINGS

By Carson T.

This may be a bad time to do this because the MLB is only about 20 games into their season, but I wanted to show you guys how some of the teams in the MLB are doing so far.



Boston Red Sox: This team is in the American League East in the MLB. They are doing **AMAZING** so far.

They may have lost some people, but their team is going strong with a winning record of 17 wins and 4 losses. **WOW!** But for some reason, these guys keep getting into the playoffs, and they always lose. This team has a really good lineup, including Mookie Betts, Dustin Pedroia, and Jackie Bradley, Jr. Their pitchers are great, too, including Chris Sale and Joe Kelly. They are in first place in their division.



New York Yankees - This team is in the American League East in the MLB. They got in the playoffs last year and did pretty well. This year, they have a winning record of 11-9, but they are third place in their division. This is surprising because their lineup has amazing hitters like Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton. They also have

an amazing pitcher named Masahiro Tanaka.



Chicago Cubs - This team is in the National League Central in the MLB. They won the World Series in 2016 and

lost in the NLCS last year. This season, their record is almost the same, except their record is 10-9. A little bit of a strange start with a team that is absolutely **STACKED** with people like Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant. Their pitchers are good, too, with people including Kyle Hendricks and Yu Darvish. They are in fourth place in their division.



Tampa Bay Rays - My favorite team hasn't existed for very long, and so far this year they are not doing very well. They used to be good until Joe

Maddon, their former manager, went to the Chicago Cubs. Also, they got rid of their best player, Evan Longoria. Can these guys make any more dumb moves? These guys don't really have ANY players who stand out and their 8-13 record clearly reflects that. This team is in the American League East in the MLB. They are in fourth place in their division.



Cleveland Indians - A team that has been killing it the past few years. This is another team that has been in

the playoffs, but still hasn't won the World Series since 1948. This team is in the American League Central in the MLB. They have a winning record of 11-8. This is not a bad start for this successful team. They have many players that stand out such as Francisco Lindor, the pitcher Corey Kluber, and Edwin Encarnacion. These guys are in first place in their division.

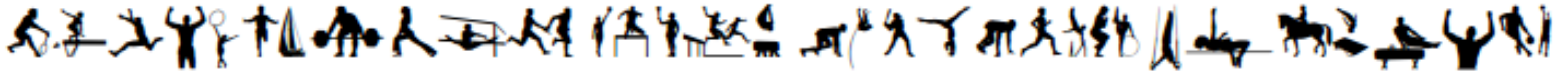


Miami Marlins - Another team that has not existed for very long. At least this team has won the World Series

two times. This is a team in the National League East in the MLB. This team has made some dumb moves, like getting rid of their best player, Giancarlo Stanton, but that is less big than most dumb moves made in MLB history. This is another team that has no famous players that really are known and that stand out, and their 5-16 record clearly reflects that. These guys are in last place in their division.

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CURRENT MLB STANDINGS, CONTINUED

By Carson T.



San Francisco Giants - This is the team that is rocking the 21st century most of all. These guys won the World Series in 2010, 2012, and 2014. However, these guys are now in a drought even though they have many players that stand out. Some amazing players are Madison Bumgarner, the pitcher, Buster Posey, and Evan Longoria. They have a losing record of 9-12, which is kinda strange, so hopefully the Giants can win a couple more games and they will be okay!

TOP 3 BASEBALL TEAMS 2018-19

By Nathan M.



1. Red Sox are 17-4. They have only lost one game in their home stadium this year. They have a .810% win percentage.



3. Diamondbacks are 15-6 and have lost six games at home and three games away. They have a .714% win percentage.



2. Mets are 14-6, and have lost four games at home and only two at an away stadium this year. They have a .700% win percentage.

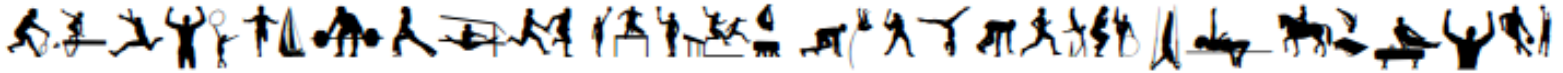
RUSSELL WESTBROOK

By John F.

Russell Westbrook plays basketball for the Oklahoma City Thunder. He started his career in 2008. He won the MVP in 2016. Russell Westbrook is 6'3", an average size for an NBA basketball player. He averaged a triple double, the best average in the NBA right now. He also has great teammates like Paul George and Carmelo Anthony.



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TOP 5 SMALL FORWARDS IN THE NBA OF THE 2017-2018 SEASON

By Gavin D.



1. LeBron James- 27.4 PPG- 9.1 APG- 8.7 RBG- Cleveland Cavaliers- He went straight from High School to the NBA.



2. Kevin Durant- 26.3 PPG- 5.4 APG- 6.8 RPG- Golden State Warriors- University of Texas



3. Giannis Antetokounmpo- 27.2 PPG- 4.8 APG- 10 RPG- Milwaukee Bucks- Greece



4. Paul George- 21.6 PPG- 3.4 APG- 5.7 RPG- Oklahoma City Thunder- Fresno State



5. Andrew Wiggins- 17.7 PPG- 1.9 APG- 4.4 RPG- Minnesota Timberwolves- Kansas

All of these players are stars except one. Some of these players have played for the USA Men's Olympic Basketball Team. One of the players didn't go to college, he just went straight from High School to the NBA. Two of these players are not from the USA. One of these players people say is the best NBA player ever. Another player is sixth in all-time scoring. All of these players are small forwards. The small forward position is the best position in the NBA right now.

TOP 5 PLAYERS UNDER 25 IN THE MLB

By Porter G. and Jack C.



Name: Francisco Lindor
Age: 24
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 190 lbs
Position: Shortstop
Team: Cleveland Indians
College: Montverde Academy



Name: Corey Seager
Age: 23
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 216 lbs
Position: Shortstop
Team: Los Angeles Dodgers
College: University of South Carolina



Name: Carlos Correa
Age: 23
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 218 lbs
Position: Shortstop
Team: Houston Astros
College: Portico Baseball Academy



Name: Severino Luis
Age: 24
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 195 lbs
Position: Pitcher
Team: New York Yankees
College: Dominican Republic Academy



Name: Cody Bellinger
Age: 22
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 210 lbs
Position: First base
Team: Los Angeles Dodgers
Education: Hamilton High School

COLORING COMPETITION

By Camille W.

The goal of this competition is to color in the drawing below. There will be two winners, one will be K-3 and another will be 4-6. Runners up will also be chosen. You can use markers, gel pens, colored pencils, and/or crayons. The winner will get their drawing put in the next newspaper with an interview with the artist. To enter, fill out the questions below and turn it in to Ms. Marek at the library before May 14.

If you don't complete the information below, you will not be accepted into the contest. Judges are the 6th grade members of Newspaper Club. You will be judged on creativity, using different coloring materials, and the message you put in the speech bubble.

GOOD LUCK!

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

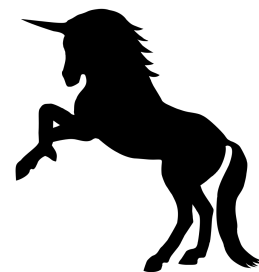
Grade: _____

Teacher: _____





WHICH MYTHICAL CREATURE ARE YOU



By London SM

What's your favorite color?

1. Red
2. Orange
3. Yellow
4. Green
5. Blue
6. Purple
7. Pink

What's your favorite food?

1. Chili
2. Pizza
3. Taco
4. Steak
5. Salad
6. Berries
7. Sweets

What do you like to do?

1. Be outside
2. Read
3. Sleep
4. Eat
5. Swim
6. Play Make Believe Games
7. Make yourself look good

What is your favorite genre?

1. Fiction
2. Non-Fiction
3. Biography
4. Autobiography
5. Romance
6. Historical Fiction
7. Mystery

What is your favorite animal?

1. Dog
2. Snake
3. Cat
4. Can't decide!
5. Dolphin
6. Elephant
7. Horse

What is your favorite subject?

1. Math
2. Science
3. Writing
4. P.E.
5. Art
6. Social Studies
7. Music

What is your favorite sport?

1. Soccer
2. Soft/Baseball
3. Football
4. Basketball
5. Gymnastics
6. Race Car Driving
7. Gaming



Mostly 1's, you're a dragon! You are strong, mischievous, brave, and loyal!

Mostly 2's, you're a phoenix! You are loyal, good hearted, and helpful!

Mostly 3's, you're a minotaur! You are funny, crazy, and brave!

Mostly 4's, you're a cyclops! You stand out in a crowd, you are loud and loyal! You also love animals!

Mostly 5's, you're a mermaid! You are fun loving, special and an all out sweetheart, and a little secretive!

Mostly 6's, you're a fairy! You are mystical, helpful, and a great friend!

Mostly 7's, You're a unicorn! You are a great friend, you're kind, caring, helpful, and stand out in a crowd!

Have a different number for each question, you're a shapeshifter! You have many different likes and interests, you are different than all the rest, and you are fun, helpful, and caring! Also, you can't be described by one word!

ANSWERS

MONTHLY HOROSCOPES 3

By Annie P.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You will meet your true love this month, even if you don't realize it. Your caring attitude will help you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - You will do better in school this month. Your hardworking attitude will help you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - You will change something about your look this month. Your attitude will help you.

Leo (July 23-August 22) - You will go on an adventure this month. Your fun-loving attitude will help you.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) - Someone who you helped in the past will repay you. Your kind attitude will help you.

Libra (September 23-October 23) - You will find a new favorite book this month. Your calm attitude will help you.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) - Something unexpected will come into your life this month. Your patient attitude will help you.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) - You will learn something new about yourself this month. Your curious attitude will help you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) - You will find a new hobby this month. Your hardworking attitude will help you.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) - You will meet a new friend this month. Your optimistic attitude will help you.

Pisces (February 19-March 19) - You will experience true happiness this month. Your positive attitude will help you.

Aries (March 20-April 19) - You will hang out with all of your friends this month. Your outgoing attitude will help you.

POPULAR NAMES AND THEIR MEANING VOL. 2

By Bridget G., Dylan J., Molly E., and Bella M.



of the Wave

Evan - God is Good

Frankie - Free One

Gabriela - God is My Strength.

Hannah - Grace

Isabella/Isabel - God is My Oath

Jenna - Fair Phantom

Katherine - Pure and Clear

Luke - Light Giving

Molly - Of The Sea

Nina - Strong

Oliva - Elf Army

Porter - Door Keeper

Quinn - Wisdom, Reason, Intelligence

Rachel - Ewe

Sarah - Princess

Thomas - Twin

Ulysses- Clever and Resourceful

Vivian - Alive

Will - Strong-Willed Warrior

Xander - Defender of People

Yael - Mountain Goat

Zac - Short Form Of Zachary

That's all for this issue. There will be more in the next issue of A Lion's Life.

Abigail - Gives Joy

Bridget - Power and Strength

Claire/Clara - Bright and Clear

Dylan - Son (or Daughter)



RAMUNE REVIEW



By William P. Avey R. Veda R. and Chris R.

Marble soda is Japanese soda with a marble in the top part of the bottle so that, until you open it, the marble at the top keeps it extra carbonated. You then pop out part of the lid to push the marble to a lower part of the bottle so that you can drink from it. We will put them in order, from the ones we thought were the best to the ones we thought weren't that good. So start reading, and be sure to try these flavors yourself!

1.) Strawberry

Avey:

I love strawberry. It's a little bland but other than that delicious!

William:

There is too little carbonation.

Chris:

Not too much carbonation in it.

Veda: this I believe was a little just a little too sweet.

2.) Original

Avey:

Yep, tastes like lemon lime! Too carbonated, though. Also, it was almost a tie between strawberry and original.

William:

Tastes like bananas.

Chris:

This one tastes like actual soda with a lot of fizz, which I like.

Veda: I voted for this but strawberry won with more votes

3.) Watermelon

Avey:

Too carbonated and WAY too sweet.

William:

This one tastes too sweet.

Chris:

It doesn't even taste like soda, it tastes so sweet with barely any fizz.

Veda: Too much carbonation.

Ramune™ comes in at least 37 flavors. The original was lemon-lime, and others include banana, blueberry, blue Hawaii, bubble, bubble gum, candy, champagne, cherry, chili oil, chocolate, coconut, cola, corn pottage, and a lot of other flavors, some good, some bad, and some just plain weird! Want to try some yourself? You can go to World Market on Sheffield. The address is 1623 N Sheffield Ave, Chicago, IL 60614
Visit to learn more → <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramune?scrllybrkr=fc84fe6c>





BATH BOMBS

By Jackie K. and Gabi S.

Making a bath bomb is fun, and it's something that you can keep for a few months until you're ready to use it. Although this DIY has things that may seem expensive, you can make them for a cheap price. Before starting, make sure you have permission from an adult; it might even be fun to do this project with them.

What you need:

8 oz baking soda, 4 oz Epsom salt, 4 oz cornstarch, 4 oz citric acid (from the canning section of a local grocery story or Target), a large bowl, something to mix with,

glitter (optional), 2.5 tablespoons coconut oil, about 1 tablespoon water, about 2 teaspoons of essential oil (for scent), food coloring, 2 small bowls, and 12 silicone molds.

Getting started:

Working with an adult, first mix the dry ingredients (baking soda, Epsom salt, cornstarch, and citric acid) together in a large bowl. Once that is done, mix the liquid ingredients in a separate bowl (water, essential oils, coconut oil). You may need to microwave the



liquid mixture for it to fully mix. Have an adult help you with the microwave.

Then SLOWLY mix the wet and dry ingredients together. Lastly, take your silicone molds and put the mixture in them. Let the bath bombs dry for about 24 hours, and make sure to be gentle with them after taking them out.

Directions for use: Place in a bathtub for relaxation. Enjoy!

ASHLYN ANALYSIS: BLUEBERRY HILL

By Ashlyn G.

Hello again! Welcome to my review of Blueberry Hill, a breakfast cafe. It is located at 49 South La Grange Road in La Grange. Everything on the Kid's Menu is \$3.99, and you can have the Kid's Menu if you are 10 or under, but you can sometimes get it if you're older, or if you ask.

I had the Silver Dollar Pancakes, and it's basically five pancakes laid out in a nice line, overlapping each other. They are sprinkled with powdered sugar, too. You can get a side of bacon, or sausage, and you always get an orange slice. The pancakes are thick and fluffy, you could say, and



the sugar adds a nice touch. They also give you a miniature pitcher-like cup with syrup, and it makes the pancake softer and it just tastes so good together!

Some of the drink options are milk, chocolate milk, and orange juice. And, if you want water, there is a convenient pitcher of water at the center of the table,

with a stack of cups next to it. I always drink the chocolate milk, and it's so creamy and delicious!

On the way out, you can even get a sucker from the box by the door!

My only hangup is that some tables are so close to each other that you are practically sitting right next to the person from the other table. It's really annoying. Also, the service could be a little better. My waitress only came two or three times. She came once for me to order, once to check in, and once to give us the check. Overall, I rate this breakfast joint a 4 out of 5 stars.



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

NILL AND DILL AND NILL AND DILL AND NILL AND DILL AND NILL AND DILL GAME CORNER

By Landon N. and Aidan D.

Fun Fact: FORTNITE IS BETTER THAN PUBG BRING ON THE HATE I WON'T STAND DOWN

Landon: Well you didn't read the fun fact so let's start. Fortnite is the game everyone's talking about! We're here to talk about it so that we can finally have frie- I mean so we can have fame and money! Yeah! We have lots of friends!

Aidan falls through the ceiling, badly damaging the workers who had just finished up fixing the roof from last N&D-GC

Aidan: But we only have like, 7 f- Oh..uh...7 billion dollars we are gonna make through our fame! yeah...hehe...*(We have no friends plz help)*

Landon: Fortnite is a

game where 100 people are on a battle bus and drop out onto an arena where they gather materials and weapons to be the last man standing. Meanwhile, a storm closes in on everyone, forcing them closer together.

Aidan: ...Oh nooo- Alright then time for story timeeee...

Everyone present reluctantly drags themselves over to the story corner as Aidan lets out a long groan before taking out a small book

Aidan: So, long ago, everyone was fine and dandy on an unspecified planet, until suddenly, a large storm appeared and killed 98% of the population and husks start attacking everyone



else- it's just a zombie game guys *Pulls out a broom and pushes Landon away*

Landon: The best part of the game is squads because you get to mess with your squad mates and ruin the game for them because I'm a terrible person yaaaaaaaaaaaaay.

Aidan: My favorite part is when you have an absurd amount of materials and you build a

house, sure it's impractical, but it's fun.

Landon: Another fun thing is blowing up the houses Aidan makes.

Temmie: I liek pubg

Landon: Get out.

Aidan *Sighs*

Ratings:

Landon: 10/10 IGN

Temmie: no i like pubg better

Aidan: 6.5/10 I like the game

ALEXA & KATIE REVIEW

By Camille W. and Gabi S.



Alexa and Katie is a very heartwarming Netflix original show that is realistic fiction. In it, Alexa has cancer and Katie is her best friend. They go through high school together. It is really good because it is realistic and could happen to anybody. So in all we give it 5 stars. I would recommend watching this if you are 10-13 years old.





VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

TOP 4 SWITCH GAMES

By Jenna P.



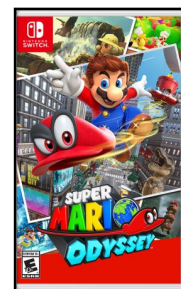
The 1st game is Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. I chose this because you can choose all these racers and a kart and race at all these places. This new replica of Mario Kart 8 includes the DLC's, and the new Inklings characters from Splatoon, and Splatoon 2.



The 2nd game I chose is Splatoon 2 because it's an awesome game. You get a team and try to make the whole arena your color.



The 3rd one I chose for this list is The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. It's one of the most popular games on Switch. It's like trying to stay alive as long as you can in the forest with bad guys.



The 4th one I chose was Super Mario Odyssey. It's also really popular for Switch. You go in all of these adventures as Mario. Mario loses his hat and finds this human-possessed hat, named Cappy.

TOP 6 VIDEO GAMES

By Jenna P.



My first game is Flappy Bird. In the game you are a bird that has to flap through all these tubes without hitting the ground.



The second game I recommend is Rocket League. It is a REALLY fun game that I definitely recommend you play. It is available on the Xbox, PlayStation, PC, and Nintendo Switch.



My 3rd game is Minecraft. A lot of people have probably played Minecraft. But if you have not, the game is about a character named Steve, and you play as him and a lot of things are blocks.



My 4th game is FIFA 18 on the Nintendo Switch. It's all about soccer. You chose a

team and play with a different team that can be from another country or state or the same country or state.



My 5th game is Super Mario. You are Mario and you go through all these obstacles and monsters. That game you can play it on the NES Classic, SNES Classic, Gameboy, Gameboy Color, Gameboy Advance, Nintendo 64, Wii, Wii u, and Nintendo Switch.



The 6th game is Angry Birds Space. In this game you have to knock down all the towers that the pigs are standing on. You can play this game on a tablet, iPhone, iPad, and many more.

CREATIVE WRITING

SPY DOGS

By Blake M.

Splash! Lucie got thrown into the tub! She hates taking baths! Well, It's kind of Lucie's fault, she was playing in the mud. It was so fun! There's nothing Lucie loves more than playing in the mud with Crackers! Crackers is the next door dog. He is loud and full of energy. Their owners are going to get married. So, they will live together! Lucie is SO EXCITED! Anyway, after she went into the bath of doom and got all dried off, Lucie went downstairs and Crackers was there!

"Wonder what our owners are saying?" asked Crackers.

"I don't know," said Lucie, suddenly interested.

The two dogs listened in.

".....Spy mission..."

".....Can't go....."

".....Dogs are trained..?"

"No way we can miss our wedding!" said Cracker's owner.

Suddenly, Lucie and Crackers saw a dog walk outside the two big windows in the front of the house.

"Rrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!" growled Lucie.

"Knock it off!" said Lucie's

owner.

"Definitely mature!" said Cracker's owner, laughing.

"Sure," said Lucie's owner.

Rinnngggggggggggggggg!!!
Cracker's owner's alarm clock went off!

"Up and at 'em!" said Cracker's owner.

"Why?" replied Crackers.

"Oh, you cutie!" said Cracker's owner, like she hadn't even heard Crackers.

Rinnngggggggggggggggg!!!
Lucie's owner's alarm clock went off!

"Time to get up Lucie!" said Lucie's owner.

"Why so early?" asked Lucie.

"I have to meet Sophie!"

"Hi Crackers!" said Lucie.

"Hi Lucie!" said Crackers.

"Do you have any idea why we are here?" asked Lucie.

"I don't know," said Crackers, looking at the enormous building in front of them.

"Ok you two," said Cracker's owner. "Time to go!"

Lucie and Crackers both pulled on their leashes.

"I want to sleep!" Whined Crackers.

"I want a dog treat!" Moaned Lucie.

When Lucie and Crackers finally got inside, they got dragged into a dark room.

All the lights got turned on and a voice spoke out, "Crackers and Lucie, you are summoned to complete a mission....." She paused and looked at Crackers who was chasing her tail.

"Sorry," said Cracker's owner, blushing.

"As I was saying..."

Lucie was now chasing her own tail.

"Are you sure Crackers and Lucie are ready for this?" asked the woman.

"I hope so....." said Cracker's owner. "They're our only hope."

Both Lucie and Crackers stopped chasing their tails and looked at Cracker's owner for awhile.

The lady cleared her throat "Training starts at 5:30..."

She looked at Crackers and Lucie

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By Blake M.

To be continued.

CREATIVE WRITING

LIZARD INVASION

By Chris R. and John F.

There were normal lizards living in Florida in the year 2143. One day a scientist made this liquid that could change animals in many different ways. The scientist thought the experiment was a failure. Then the lizards in the science lab drank the liquid.

BOOM!
The lizards got infected in less than one minute.

CRASH!
The lizards ran out of the cage

"AAAAHH, RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!" the scientist screamed.

Everyone was evacuating the building but most people did not make it out without an infection or bite marks. The streets were outrageous. There were people running and yelling.



The same day the S.W.A.T. team came. They came with bait and they led the lizards inside the building and locked them in.

The next day they went to the Badlands and they tried to find a cure to save the lizards.

The second day they were searching for the cure, the lizards found them.

"Stay calm..." they said to each other.
"Actually, just RUN!"

It was a chase, lizards vs humans. Good thing the S.W.A.T. team had shields to protect themselves from the poison. But some people tripped as they were running, so they had to stop. The lizards caught up to the S.W.A.T. team members on the ground, but as soon as the lizards stuck, the lizards ran and fell on the ground.

The barrier was so close, but one of the lizards closed it so the S.W.A.T. team had to go somewhere else safe. They hid in a room. But the lizards didn't see where they went, so the lizards went back to what they were doing.

After a while, the S.W.A.T. team checked if it was clear, and it was, so they ran for it and made it back home safely. But then they had to get rid of the lizards, so they called in helicopters and they brought in a liquid that would put the lizards to sleep. Then they dropped it down, and the liquid made the lizards go to sleep. So then they had people drop down to put them in a cage and then give them to the scientists to change the lizards back to what they were before.



SOCCER



By: Arielle G.

It was a warm day in May, perfect for a soccer game. And Stacie was having a game. Stacie was excited but also nervous, it was her first one. Stacie had just moved from Canada and she wanted to join soccer. So, here she was.

"My first game!" Stacie yelled.

"Stacie, you will be offense," said the coach.

Molly, Stacie's best friend, was in soccer too.

She was goalie. When everyone was ready the game started. Stacie kicked the ball as hard as she could, aiming for the goal, but she missed.

"Nice try!" Molly yelled across the field.

Stacie's palms were sweaty. And when she finally got the ball again Stacie kicked it past a player on the opposite team. Then she kicked hard and aimed for the goal and scored!

CREATIVE WRITING

TESTED VOLUME 5

By Charlotte S.



Anna

reason when he says my name my heart skips a beat.

"Ok!"

By the time I get across the room to where my friends are, a small crowd is starting to form. Man, there are a lot of orphans at this place. I can't believe it only took five years to gather this many people. I move so I'm standing next to Rocco. He smiles as he watches Anna and her brother hug.

"Oh, Jack, I missed you so much," Anna says, happy tears streaming out of her eyes.

"I was only gone for three days," Jack says smiling. His voice has a strange metallic sound, and his eyes look strange too, almost as though they are made out of metal.

When Jack was first taken to the lab, Anna

"What do you mean my brother's out?" Anna sounds just as confused as I feel.

"They... finally let...him... come back... from the lab!" The girl, I mean Clarie, answers in between gasps.

"Where is he?" Anna asks. I can tell she is trying to act calm but she can barely contain her excitement.

"This way!" Clarie yells over her shoulder as she rushes off, Anna close behind her.

"Come on, Elizabeth, let's go!" Rocco says. For some

told Rocco they were going to do the 'metal thing.' Did she mean they were going to turn him into a cyborg?

"Jack, this is Elizabeth, she just got here," Anna says as she leads Jack over to me and Rocco.

"Pleasure to meet you." He holds out his hand for me to shake.

"The pleasure's mine." He seems like a nice person. Polite.

"Hey, Rocco, good to see you again friend."

"Hi." Rocco is smiling.

Suddenly a boom sounds from the other side of the room like someone slamming the door against the wall, and in one spontaneous motion everyone looks towards the door to the lab. Five men in hazmat suits walk out of the door and over to a skinny blonde boy. One of them grabs his arm and starts leading him over to the lab. The rest of the men follow silently and close the door behind them.

Slowly everyone starts to talk again, and I can hear snips of their conversations.

"I wonder what they're gonna do to him?" Anna says, worry creasing her brow.

"I don't know," Rocco says. There's an edge to his voice that I've never heard before. "But I do know that we have to get out of this place."

"Rocco, what do you mean?" Jack asks, confused.

"I mean we have to escape."

CREATIVE WRITING

FLIGHT OF THE OWL, FINALE

By Emily S.

The familiar coldness of a chair beneath me. The smooth surface of a desk. The dull colors of the classroom. The touch of hands patting my back. Everything about school seemed more welcoming than before. I smiled as people, most of whom I didn't know, swarmed around my desk.

"We're glad to have you back."

"It's good to be back."

Before I knew it, the day flew by. My father packed me a slightly generous lunch, which I was grateful for. Anything more than a piece of tofu was a feast to me, as that was all I'd been eating for the past two weeks.

I was jogging across the street, my backpack thudding against me with every stride, when Chen stopped me in my tracks. Frowning, I shouldered him out of the way and lunged for the sidewalk. There was no way I was ever talking to that boy again. He'd both enriched my life and ruined it. I still couldn't tame that fire in my bones, burning eternally.

"Wait up, man!" Chen called, racing to my side.

Spinning on my heels, I turned to face Chen. I shot him the glance of a wolf staring down its subordinate, eyes narrowed and blazing.

"I'm not ready to forgive you!" I snapped, coming out more harshly than I intended to.

Chen's eyebrows shot up comically. I almost felt satisfied upon seeing him cower, but another side of me felt the contrary. Before I had the chance to apologize, the shame overwhelmed me. My face was flaming red as I stared Chen down.

"Slow down," the lean boy said quietly. "I want you to tell me what's wrong."

"Don't pretend," I howled, rage overcoming my senses. "You can't walk in both worlds!"

Time seemed to stop. Everyone in the village became silent. If I listened closely, I could hear the melodic chirps of cranes in the distance.

Chen's eyes were larger than I ever could possibly imagine.

My voice came out shaky. "You're the one who trapped m-me here between two w-worlds. I... I want to be friends."

The first time I saw y-your hawk kite I thought I'd found someone who understood me. I guess I was wrong."

Chen softened. He probably

thought I was insane, screaming like a wailing infant and deafening everyone in the village. Although I sounded identical to a child having a tantrum, I continued.

"Do you know how it feels to lose your mother?" I challenged. "It's emptiness you'll never understand. The only happiness I can find is my kite. Don't you understand? Y-you've trapped me!"

My voice cracked as my vision blurred. I averted my gaze to the ground, hiding the tears that threatened to break free. A hand rested on my shoulder. I didn't have the energy to back away. Instead, I trembled and swallowed a lump in my throat. My head was throbbing. It seemed that my heart did the same.

For a moment, I stood and tried to resist. Chen's hand was still on my shoulder. Before I could process it, I closed my eyes and let the tears stream down my face. It hurt every time I breathed.

"I'm trying to help you," whispered Chen. "Let me help you. We can both work together."

"No," I croaked, fists clenched.

"Having a foot in two worlds isn't a bad thing. I can show you."

Against my will, Chen grabbed my wrist and led me to the top of a hill. I was forced to

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CREATIVE WRITING

FLIGHT OF THE OWL, CONTINUED

By Emily S.

follow, watching the ground roll beneath me with blurred vision. Tears threatened to burst from my eyes, but I blinked hard to hold them back.

Chen sat me down atop the hill. I felt comforted by the familiar texture of lush grass beneath me. Smoothing out his bangs, the boy sat beside me. He loosened his grip on my wrist. Together, we stared out into the distance with the afternoon light beating down on us.

"Sit down and think, Xiang," Chen smiled, eyes twinkling. "Look up at the sky. If you look far enough you'll see the stars hanging in space. Tell me what you want to know about them."

For a moment I didn't trust my voice. I simply inhaled, taking in the scent of fresh grass. The gentle breeze ruffled my hair playfully as if taunting me. My throat went dry.

Chen turned to face me. "You don't have to tell me. I know. All of us wonder, Xiang. You have to understand how many people are like you. You're not alone."

"With you around I'll always be alone," I scoffed.

"What I'm saying is..." Chen trailed off, then cleared his throat. "Look, Xiang. You're not the only one with problems. All of us have

problems. It's how we handle them that determines who we are. It's fine to live in two worlds, péngyǒu. I'm not betraying you in any way by helping you in two ways. You need to learn to trust people."

I wrenched my hand out of Chen's grasp, glaring. I was an owl frowning upon its difficult game... the only option it had among a world of scarce resources. Chen was my only hope, whether I liked it or not. He had chosen to let me down.

I can't let the wisdom of my owl... my brother... guide me now, I decided. It's up to me whether to forgive Chen and live two lives.

The weight of my backpack suddenly increased. Maybe it was just the amount of pressure thrown onto my shoulders by my enemies. I clenched my fists, muscles tight. My nails dug into my palm with such force that they left crescent-shaped marks as reminders of their presence.

"I can help you," whispered Chen, voice soft and concerned. "I didn't realize about your struggles. Now, I know. If you come with me I can introduce you to my family. We can get you showered and fed. At night we can create our stars and wait until the

clouds part."

"Don't think you can fool me," I spat dryly. "I know what kind of a life I'm always going to have. You can't convince me otherwise."

A soft coo silenced my thoughts. I averted my gaze to make eye contact with the majestic great-horned owl atop my shoulder. In his eyes were a million emotions at once. The only one I could decipher was disappointment.

"Trust me," Chen repeated, eyebrows raised with concern.

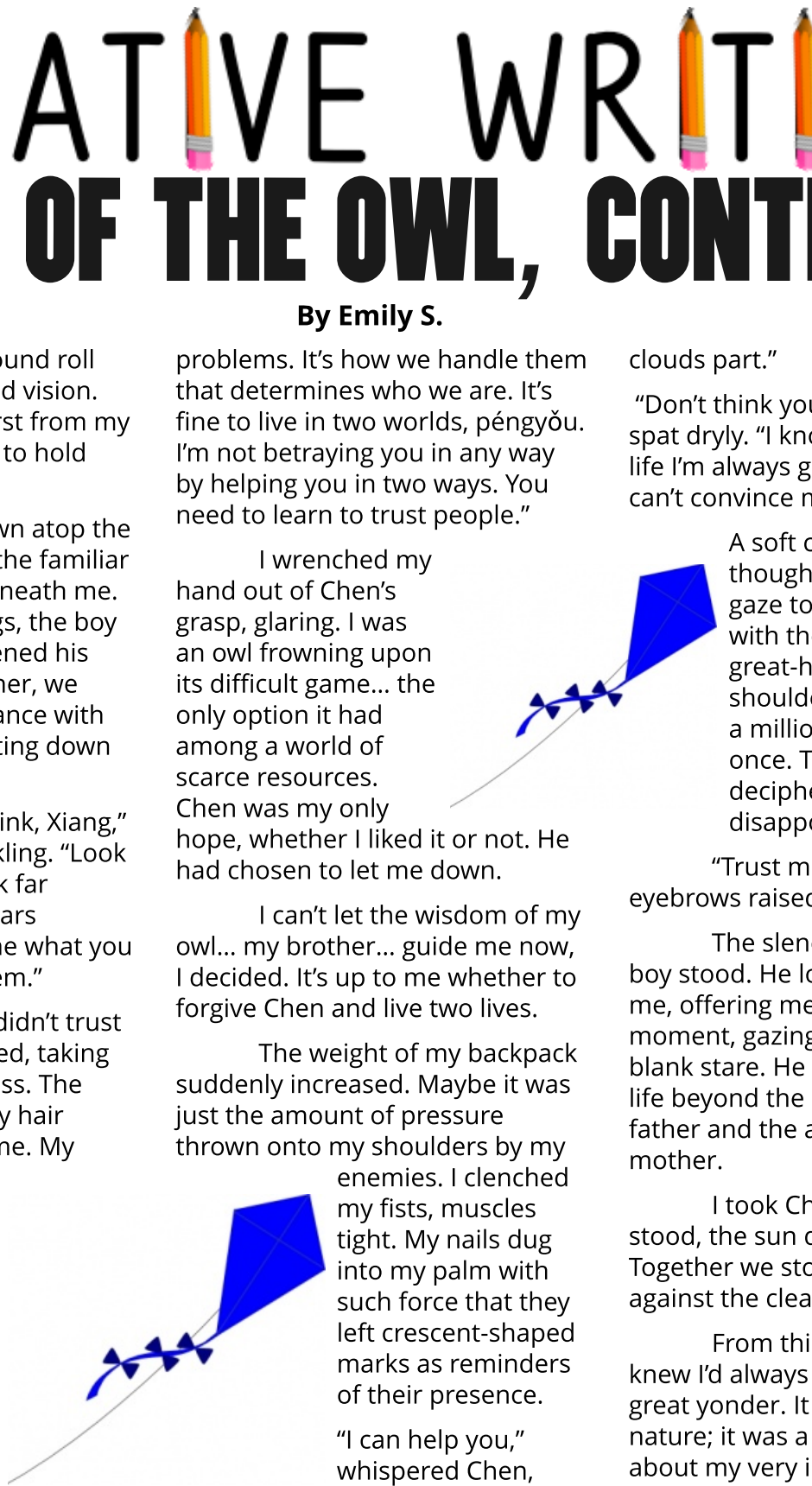
The slender, black-haired boy stood. He locked eyes with me, offering me his hand. I sat a moment, gazing up at him with a blank stare. He would give me a life beyond the cruelty of my father and the absence of my mother.

I took Chen's hand and stood, the sun drying my tears. Together we stood, silhouettes against the clear blue skies.

From this day forward I knew I'd always wonder about the great yonder. It was simply in my nature; it was a fact I couldn't deny about my very identity. Not all questions can be answered, but sometimes we just have to accept that.

Zhī l, wǒ de péngyǒu.
Journey on, my friend.

Journey on.



CREATIVE WRITING

THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SKREK OF PLANET SKYNI AND THE SHREK OF PLANET ALLSTAR

By Aidan D.

Dedicated to Ms. Waterston

Many a human in this day and age have encountered two species of creatures with the increase of Interstellar Animal Trafficking and The Neo Colonial Period of Empires springing up and with Empires and Cartels in a mad dash to occupy the planets before their rivals two species have accidentally appeared even on Earth. But these two, while very different, are very similar in name. So, if you ever wanted a full list between the difference of the Shrek and Skrek, here it is.

The Skrek

The Skrek live on Planet Skyni of the Europa Region, the newest territory acquired by The Aidversian Impeirium and are a hotspot for Cartels and Rebels. The Skrek's are around three feet in height and are genetic mix between Designated Species PL-483901 (Known as "Plague Doctors") and the Tropical Toucan from Earth and the Genevan Region. They are usually found in Skyni's few vast tropics, but due to the Alpine Terrain the species has adapted to fly in frozen cimates. The Skrek's hands and claws are disconnected from the body and seem to use a currently unknown form of magnetism to keep the parts floating and near the body.

The main body is split up between the skull, body, and wings. The skull is very thick and is covered in a very thin layer of red, orange, and brown skin and fur. Inside the skull are their eyes, brain, and a unknown substance similar to spices. It is known to taste delicious with Italian and British foods and therefore very valuable for Cartels to hunt and sell. The wings are made up of a feather-like substance which is able to easily glide through humid and thin air. The wings are very durable and connect directly to the spine. The body is made up of the spine, tailbone, heart, stomach, and lungs. The Skrek has no known bones in its body beside the skull, spine, tailbone, and a thin layer of ribs to hold the heart and lungs in place.

The Skrek seems to not produce waste of any kind nor does it seem to have any functioning reproductive organs/system. The black skin of the body is not very durable below the ribs and can be pushed to the point where it almost touches the tailbone, but the Skrek is extremely violent if pushed in that area. The Skrek's really only eat small bugs and plants native to Skyni, but they will eat other foods if they have been domesticated.

The Shrek

The Shreks come from a planet known as Planet All Star in the Meme Region, which was established as a Quarantine Zone in 2018 by the I.O.N.A.C due to the Ugandan outbreak which wiped out the populations of Planet VChT, Planet Yinube, and Planet Redin before finally dying due to a lack of hosts. These creatures are in the Ogre Family of animals and are known to hide in swampy regions and stalk their prey. These beings are highly intelligent and set out basic traps and signs to establish a perimeter of territory. Entering their territory will result in the Shrek appearing and screeching at the trespasser with threats along the lines of "WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY SWAMP!?"

The victim would then die from the venom xpelled in the spit of the screaming Shrek. The Shrek would then take the body and bring it back to his home before [REDACTED]. While docile, a Shrek's antenna might produce music with lyrics along the lines of "Somebody once told me the world was gonna roll me..." Shreks are considered dangerous creatures and should be avoided if spotted.

CREATIVE WRITING

TRICKS IN THE HALLWAY: VOLUME 2

By Jenna P. and Ethan W.

Last Time On: Tricks In The Hallway

I saw my name on the wanted list in the news, and I just knew I was in trouble. Then we heard banging on the door: "Tyler M., we know you are in there!"

Scene 4: The Post-It Car Prank

It was the next day, and I wanted to perform another prank. So I got my post-it notes out, snuck them into my pocket, and asked the teacher if I could go to the bathroom. She said "Sure, but be back in 3 minutes."

Instead of going to the bathroom, I walked over to my math teacher's car, and covered it in post-it notes! I was limited on time, but I managed to pull off the prank.

Scene 5: After School

After school, I could tell my mom was not in a happy mood. The moment I got in her car, she said, "Honey, we have to talk. I heard from the principal that you gave him a fake \$100 bill, and I am not happy."

I reply, "Mom, I did not know it would get that serious! I promise I won't do it again!"

Mom says, "Well, honey, you are in huge trouble. No more pranks or you will get in more trouble!"

Scene 6: The New Change

The school has a new rule! When you graduate, you either get sent to the "positive" school or the

"dreadful" school. I won't know what I got until they send the envelope out after graduation. The school decides based on your report card. The most important part of your report card is how many times you went to the principal's office. I'm not going to the positive school with 67 visits to the principal.

Scene 7: The Confusion

While on summer break, I may as well take the time to relax, BUT, I also want to take the time to see which school I got sent to! Let's see here.. hmmmmmm.. uh huh, yeah I don't care. Oh, wow! I guess the teachers got confused and sent me the wrong letter!

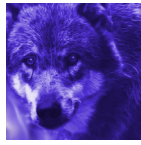
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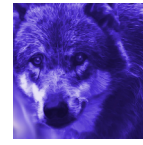
By John F.

The sea has many wonders
Like unknown creatures and many others
From tiny plankton to great blue whales
And don't forget about the fire fish, that's very pale
Those are the wonders of the sea

CREATIVE WRITING



ROYAL WOLF



Hey, do you want something in the paper that is special just for you?

Do you want something that is designed to fit you or someone of your choices needs?

Well, good news! I can do that for you! I will design an article just for you! It can look any way you want, and be about anything or anyone you want!!! You get to choose! You may be wondering, "how do I get my ideas to you?" Well, that is very

simple. Just write down a word, a phrase or even draw a picture, and I will turn it into a story, article, poem, or interview. If you have a preference, you may write that down as well. It can be fiction or nonfiction, your choice!

You can write your real name or a code name down on the slip of paper, (Code Names Are More Fun!!!) because then that will be there so that you can get some credit. Also, if you want a special copy that is not in

the paper, write down your locker number, and I will drop it off in your locker.

When you are done writing everything down, just put it in the box with the words Royal Wolf!!!! on it. It will be in the story area. The way I will choose which ideas go in the paper is I will randomly draw. Can't wait to hear your great ideas! Example: this phrase has been provided by Max I. Phrase: World War School!

WORLD WAR SCHOOL

By Royal Wolf

I gulp as I walk into the school doors. What horrors await me today? A pop quiz? A test that I'm unprepared for? I know I'm late, which is not tolerated in this boring prep school. Redge Wood is the most boring school ever. We have to wear stuffy uniforms that are swamp green! Who likes swamp green, I mean come on!

The teachers are the worst, though. They are kinda like evil witches. Every time I look at them I can see green skin and horrible warts all over them. It makes me laugh sometimes, but then I get detention.

I walk into my classroom to find

my teacher, Mrs. Dile, holding a stopwatch in her hand. She pushes a button and asks the class to estimate how late I am. Numbers are thrown around like a baseball, twenty minutes, thirty minutes and fifty-three seconds. Mrs. Dile makes me stand in front of the class while they guess, but none of the answers are correct.

"The correct answer is thirty-six minutes, forty-three seconds, and eight milliseconds," Mrs. Dile announces proudly.

I think she just likes to make kids feel bad. At my old school, Spring Avenue, the teachers were nice, imagine that!

I've been going here for a few months, and from what I can tell, everyone is out to get you. I want to go back to my old school, but my mom already paid for a full year at Redge Wood. I get detention, of course!

At lunch my friends and I talk about this school and how it could be better. Then I have an idea. I tell my friends, and they pass it on. The teachers are going to get what they deserve.

After lunch we all pile into our classrooms, armed. Not with guns and stuff, but with food. This is gonna be awesome! When the teacher calls attendance, we aim

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CREATIVE WRITING

WORLD WAR SCHOOL, CONTINUED

By Royal Wolf

and fire. Mrs. Dile gets hit with mashed potatoes. It's on!

World War School is happening! Food is all over the room, teacher vs. kids. I look around at my fellow food soldiers

and hold back tears as I watch them fall. Then my best friend goes down. It's over. I throw some peas, hitting Mrs. Dile in the face. We rallied! We won!

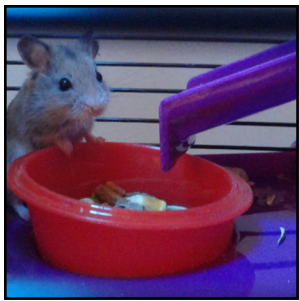
"Gianna! Get up!" My mom

yells. I open my eyes to find myself in bed. I get ready for school and dread going to Redge Wood, but the bus drives us to Spring! I guess it was all a dream.

-- Royal Wolf

GREGOR THE HAMSTER

By Veda R. and Avey R.



Explanation:

Gregor is Avey's hamster, and he is adorable.

This series tells the story

of how he became a professional sword fighter and ninja in his spare time.

Gregor:

Hello. I am Gregor the hamster. I am currently trying to steal cheese from my owner. She WILL NOT give it to me! She keeps saying, "roll over," whatever THAT means. Wait, what's this? She's putting the cheese ON MY BACK!! I can almost reach it... OW! I fell on my back!

"Yayyy!!!" she says.

Whaaat? She's happy that I fell on my back?! Oh wait, the cheese. It's all mine! MWAHAHA!
chomp

LATER

I'm on my wheel now. I think I'm almost getting somewhere! Wait... AHHH!! The wheel is spinning and spinning around!! I have no CONTROL!

OW! I'm on the ground. Wait, why is my owner laughing her head off with her friend????? She's holding her phone. Did she VIDEOTAPE that?! EVIL!!

Avey and Veda:

Hi. I'm Avey. I have three annoying brothers and an adorable hamster. I am currently trying to train him to roll over, but he won't listen! Hmm... I could put the cheese on his back... there we go! He did it!! Yaaaay!! Hmm, he doesn't seem so happy. Oh, never mind, he's eating cheese. Awww!

LATER

I am Veda, Avey's friend. I am watching Gregor on his wheel. It is so fun but the noise is ANNOYING! I also have a little

brother but I only have one (and trust me that is enough). She is trying to tape Gregor on his wheel on her phone but he just falls off! I ask Avey why and she says it is natural and continues laughing at his epic fail.

Gregor:

My owner is watching some Kung fu show. It's ok, but physically impossible. The kung fu masters are basically flying!! Wait... they are about to start sword fighting. WOW!!! THIS IS SO COOL! I want to learn that! I jump on my wheel and start training. My owner looks over.

"Hey, dad, Gregor's on his wheel! Maybe we'll be able to catch him falling off again!" Her dad looks over (EVIL!!) and watches me. I stop, waiting for the impact... nothing. I've mastered my wheel!!

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CREATIVE WRITING

SPAZAM CHRON. III

The Last Of Our Heroic Metallic Eyeball (At least, for now!)
By Aidan D.

Chapter 7

Spazam walked outside into a crisp, fall morning. The leaves of the maple trees glowed orange, yellow, and red, and pumpkins had begun to sprout. The slimes jumped about as normal and seemed to be radiating a sense of autumn joyfulness that made Spazam smile. Spazam turned around to get a glimpse of Kyle and Joseph talking before she shut the door of the cabin. She quickly began to run through the morning air while trying to avoid the surplus of slimes hopping around the tundra. She continued running until she halted suddenly due to an impulse in her head. She grabbed her head in desperate frustration, as the impulse caused a massive headache. But soon she recovered and felt the need to go south.

After walking through the Grand Tundra that bordered the mountains, she came across colder areas until soon she walked into a Winter Wonderland of snow. Despite its beauty, she continued south until something caught her eye. The ice in the ground began to look odd. As she bent down and observed the ice, she noticed a slight purple hue. Spazam stood



back up and looked further down to notice the ice further south having a larger and more intense shade of purple. So, Spazam followed the trail of purple until the snow fell off into a cliff, and below the snow was large quantities of purple, demonic stone. The snow

surrounded the hole of purple and inside the hole unknown shapes and lights glowed and faded. Spazam looked up to see a massive collection of these tunnels and beyond that, trees and grass of purple loomed above. With demonic shapes going in and out of these tunnels, worms with a thousand eyes flew from hole to hole. Spazam then suddenly felt that Electric Impulse again and collapsed into a headache. After what seemed like an eternity and a day, Spazam rose and knew that the answer to a question that she did not know, but desired, lay within this chasm. She began to descend.

Chapter 8

As Spazam descended the forbidden rocks, she used her pickax and mining helmet to safely

climb down until she encountered a small breakaway. As she climbed into the breakaway she saw a large glowing orb floating in the back of the small cave. As she approached it, an instinctual desire to crack it open filled her, and she grabbed her golden pickax and swung at the orb. All at once hundreds of wails and screams filled the chasm as Spazam collapsed in pain. When she looked up with great struggle she saw something lying on the ground. It was a small musket.



As she moved to grasp the musket, the cave began to collapse in on itself. She quickly grabbed the musket and jumped into the endless chasm. As she rapidly fell, she noticed a large purple boulder flying by. She grasped it and slowly crawled up to see a rapidly approaching break off into a large hallway-like cave. Spazam quickly jumped from the boulder into the cave. As she landed, a large stalagmite cut her face, forming a large, dark red cut over her eye socket. Spazam, fueled by shock and adrenaline, carried on until she stopped at a peculiar stalagmite in the middle of the cave. It looked normal until the tip curled into the shape of a small bowl. As she looked at the bowl,

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CREATIVE WRITING SPAZAM CHRON. III CONT.

By Aidan D.

still in shock, she witnessed the bowl suddenly alight in a green flame, illuminating the surrounding cave. Around her sat countless skeletons of humanoids, worms, and odd beasts. Some of the humanoids had horrible deformities like talons, claws, or wings. As she looked around in horror a voice echoed throughout the cavern.

"SPAZMATISM"

"Wh-what? Who's there?" Spazam said, confused and worried.

"TOUCH THE FLAME," the voice echoed.

Spazam, almost instantly, touched the green flames that lit the room.

Immediately, Spazam collapsed onto the floor, her head racing with headaches and Electric Impulses. She felt her one eye burning with pain.



"Don't worry Spazmatism, it will be over s o o n."

Spazam looked up in despair to see the stalagmite broken and in its place a giant worm with eyes covering the surface of its body.

"Ea-Eater.." was all Spazmatism said before they collapsed into darkness.

FIN

MR. P. BUNNY. THAT'S IT. NO SPECIAL TITLE. DID YOU WANT ONE? WELL, TOO BAD.

By Landon N.

Mr. P. Bunny was eating a newspaper when a bonobo crashed through his window.

"SOMEBODY HELP ME!
THE DUIKERS ARE COMING!
HHHHAAAALLLLPPPP!!!!"
screamed the bonobo.

Mr. P. Bunny, who had a nasty run-in with a few duikers a couple years back, went to the government, and they declared war on the duikers. However, there was no army, so like usual Mr. P. Bunny had to fight them all by himself.

While he was making deals with Noreh Korta (rearrange the letters to get the joke) in order to ensure the safety of his nation, Snvoet Uoiint (rearrange the letters to understand), the duikers

attacked! It was a full scale duiker invasion!

Mr. P. Bunny quickly grabbed his name-changing friend *Why Does No One Hear My Pleas For Help?* and chucked him at the duikers. *Why Does No One Hear My Pleas For Help?* was swallowed by the duikers as Mr. P. Bunny quickly escaped to the time machine.

Now, you may remember last time the time machine was used a time paradox was created, and if you read the full book of his adventures, you would see that the time paradox ended up starting the series in an attempt to make the series not happen.

Apparently, Mr. P. Bunny did not remember this because I need content to write about. He

hopped in the time machine and flew to the past, when the first duiker was born. He picked up that duiker and put it in a cardboard box that conveniently had air holes and V.F.D. written on it.

He quickly flew back to the present and found that all the duikers were gone because the first didn't ever make offspring. However, the world was in chaos and poverty rates were higher than ever before. There was also a war going on because the Earth had been deprived of so many resources that people went to war just to get food and water.

Mr. P. Bunny saw this world he created, and was quite proud he effectively got rid of the duiker problem.

CREATIVE WRITING

FOOD WARS: PREPARING FOR BATTLE

By Kenny B.

All of the foods had their ammunition loaded at full, and the guards were standing at the towers. Each wall was made of thousands of carefully placed toothpicks. Fort Crop wasn't built completely. Thousands of trucks were moving into the new facility, loaded with about 25 troops at a time. Then came the new tanks with quad traction that had just come from a new facility. As each vehicle came in with triple-layer cardboard protection, multiple troops were ready for battle.

Then the guards heard the boom of cannons. Hundreds of troops came running out followed by 45 tanks and 20 planes. The general sounded the bell and ran down the stairs to the base. In no time he was out and rallying the troops. Every single troop, tank,

and truck was out there. Huge food cannons were being attached to the tanks and smaller ones to the trucks.

As the troops and trucks moved out, the tanks had been the first ones to hit the troops, causing the apple core to blast into a trillion pieces. Then they heard a rumble in the ground. Six dozen tanks came busting out of the door making the toothpicks fly everywhere and into everything. Thousands of troops went faceless. Even some of the tanks had crashed.

The troops were speechless. With each attack, they got closer to the other side. But they kept fighting until only a few of the soldiers were left out. Then the planes took off with



paratroopers and thousands of cherry bombs. Then came the boom of the pill planes and scraps fell from the sky. One of the armies had finally surrendered and they were moving everything that they had to the other base.

To be continued...

RAT INVADERS, VOLUME 2

By Maggie R.



In a land far, far away the Rapid Rodents were still trying to take down the world with two more troops left. Their previous mission was against the Sweetwaters. They now have been upgraded to a new troop.

The next troop was the Chargers. They were one of the toughest troops. They had lots of weapons and shields. They are also very sly. They were always so sneaky too.

They were just about to leave when there was a strange noise coming from outside. They looked, and there the Chargers were, right there with all their weapons, and then they fired away. Luckily, the Rapid Rodents always carried spears and weapons, so they took their places and fired away.

The Chargers were dropping like flies until one Charger remained. The Rapid Rodents all huddled up and blasted the last Chargers.

"We defeated the Chargers!!!!!" everyone cheered.

CREATIVE WRITING

WHAT DESTROYED MY CITY

VOLUME 4

By Dylan J.

Before the raging waves pulled me under, I yelled to mom, "MEET ME BY THE WAILEA HOTEL AT ONE!" And the waves pulled me under.

As the current pulled me into certain death, I thought about hurricanes. Well, hurricanes flood, I know that already from personal experience. I also know that hurricanes have names, based on the ABC's. So the last hurricane's name was Isic, so that means this one has to start with a J and it has to be a girl. Deep in thought, I made the mistake of opening my eyes in the murky water. When I opened them, right away the water stung me like millions of bees. I immediately closed them again, pulling myself back into darkness.

At that moment, I realized my lungs were burning and I needed to breathe. I fought my way to the surface, thinking about what was going to happen if I didn't get air, and broke the surface. The air tasted like rain, obviously, but I was still happy for it. When I opened my eyes, I saw a

mattress, floating nearby. I swam towards it. When I reached it, I climbed on top of the mattress and laid there for a minute, catching my breath. I looked east and could make out the huge Grand Wailea Hotel in the hazy sky.

A thunder clap as loud as a stampede of elephants came from the sky. Then, lightning as bright as spotlights crossed the sky and hit a palm tree nearby. The flood was rushing me right towards it! It was falling over! Oh my gosh, it's going to fall on me!

The rapids pulled me under the tree and it fell on my ankle. Pain flared up my leg, and I screamed. I reached towards the palm tree on my right ankle and used all the strength I had left to lift it off my foot and into the flood. It splashed all over me but I didn't care.

All I was thinking about was the Grand Wailea that loomed 200 yards to my left. I knew that I couldn't swim, but that was the only option. I jumped off the mattress. I started swimming and though the pain in my right ankle was unbearable, I fought my way through it. I swam with all I had left. I picked my head up for air when I saw the Wailea a couple yards away.

I pulled myself ashore and big, strong arms picked me up.

"It's ok, honey," a soothing voice told me. "Go to sleep."

When he said that I thought about how tired I was. I yawned and fell asleep in his arms.

When I woke up, I found out quickly I was in Lagoon Tower, facing the pools. I looked down at my right ankle and found it bandaged.

"Wha-wha," I sputtered. "Wha-what happened?"

To be continued...



CREATIVE WRITING

BATTLE CASH

THE NEW BEGINNING

By Reese T.

SEPT 4:

It was probably the most frightening time in my life. I was in the back seat of Nickel Squad in a helicopter drone. It had a ton of new currency, even Euros, a European currency. All I wanted was to free the U.S.A. from Counterfeit.

I jumped out of the support helicopter. There were guard posts all around and a hospital. I had to go to a trench filled with worn down troops who have to go to No Currency land again and again getting more run down every minute. I just want them to rest.

Then our captain, who is a silver dollar, yelled "CHARGE!"

I had nothing to do so I ran with other coins and dollars. I saw one piggy-tank going toward an artillery cannon. Then, I saw a

Counterfeit coin running at me, holding a pool cue. I blasted him with my gold-maker. So he was covered in cold gold. Then the tank froze. It was shot by a gold bazooka, and the crewmembers abandoned the vehicle.

I was still running through the dust of the battlefield. Then I fell into an abandoned ditch, it was abandoned. A fake coin ran into me. I was so startled I punched him and he fell onto the ground. He was one of the Counterfeit's new coins. A mk-coin designed to look even more real.

I ran through the trench until I found a door. I wished I hadn't opened it because over 100 Counterfeit troops were there, and they all looked at me.

"I am your new Captain!" I said with authority.

Mint troops can tell the difference between Real or Counterfeit, but Counterfeit, can't.

"Yes sir!" they all said. I was told to get their plans in their base.

"Show me your plans. I was sent here on short notice and



didn't get debriefed," I shouted.

This was the best excuse to get the plans.

"Ok Cap," one of the soldiers said.

He then handed me the plans.

I made a run for it through the door and back to the battlefield. I got back to our side and ran right into General Income.

"I....got the plans!"

He looked like he got 10,000 presents.

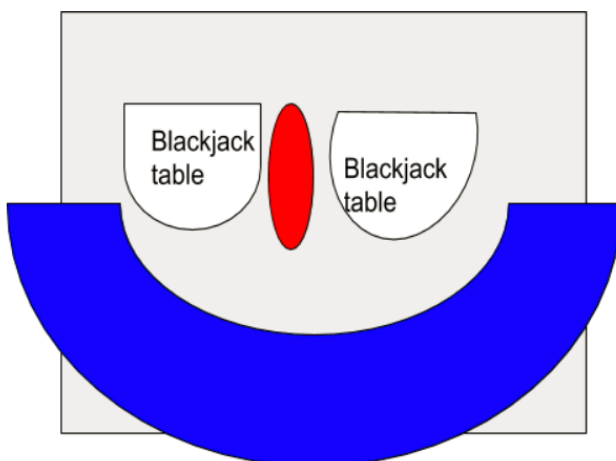
"Well, lets' see them!" He exclaimed.

We looked at them together.

"Looks like they plan to cut bravo team and destroy them," he said.

"Well, we better stop them," I replied.

The end



CREATIVE WRITING

STEIK

THE GREAT CITY OF STEAM

By Aidan D.

CHAPTER I

An Odd Awakening

A lone man jolts up from his bed, looking around his room. It was quiet, with a bright light shining behind the covers of his window. He pulled up the shades and a bright light flooded the room as a bright blue sky glared down at the man from his fiberglass window. The man, still sweating from what he saw in the dream he had, opened his door and quietly fumbled downstairs. His face would shift from a “:(” to a “...” as he sulked into his kitchen, only barely hearing the light chirping and whirring of gears and steam from outside. A bright light would shine into the kitchen as the man activated his house lights. He then went to the fridge and fished out a tuna sandwich.

“Pointless restrictions, I want meat, not fish...” The man spoke from his expressionless face. He quietly went to a table and ate the sandwich. Despite his frustrated tone, he still seemed to like the fish. After finishing he put the plate in his sink. The man put on some proper clothes and a jacket, and unlocked his door. He walked outside and observed the area. He was five miles away from the walls of Steik, a small fishing village. The city recently started

restricting food supplies coming out from traders. You either bought food for yourself in Steik and brought it home, or you ate the fish the town mayor rationed off to you.

The man decided that he needed some proper food, and was making the trip to Steik today. But he needed to wait at least one more hour until the next train arrived. So, he decided to go off to the Town Market and see what stuff they fished up from the lake. As he wandered to the store, the man heard a familiar voice.

“Oi, An Ming! How are you doing?” said a voice behind the man.

He turned around to find a tall, teal skinned man in a light jacket with a fishing rod on his back. From his face you could see gill patterns and his hands were worn from swimming.

“Ello, Xhadhaug. Why are you here today?” An Ming said, confused by his arrival due to the increasing regularity of cold temperatures.

“The village has been cut off from incoming fish by an ice blockade, so I was tasked to get a special saw to open up the pathway again. And those are only sold in Steik because of the recent

restrictions, but you know that. So, I’m heading to the train.” Xhadhaug said this as he started walking beside An Ming.

“Huh, I’m heading out to Steik as well to get supplies, so we should be on the road together,” said An Ming, as they approached the small market place.

The Market was in the alleyway of the Mayor’s Building and the Headquarters of Trade for the town. The two walls were lined with fabrics, stains, and materials. Adults inspected foods and children played tag and ran around as there was no school that day. An Ming approached a small, quaint booth with indigo and white stripes on the fabrics. A woman was inside inspecting a small copper gear.

“Hello, how much is a three meter silver gear?” asked An Ming as the lady looked up and went to grab something from under the booth.

“That would be..uh...37 Yen,” said the shopkeeper, placing the gear on the table.

He fished in his pocket until he found his wallet. He pulled out the money and took the gear.

“Thank you for purchasing, come again!” said the shopkeeper as she returned to inspecting the

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CREATIVE WRITING

STEIK

THE GREAT CITY OF STEAM, CONTINUED

By Aidan D.

copper gear. An Ming quickly found Xhadhaug at the armoury, trying to bargain for a water resistant ax.

"I told you, 55 Yen or bust! If you don't have that money you can leave my shop you moron!" Shouted the Blacksmith, as Xhadhaug, clearly disappointed, pulled out 55 Yen and payed for the Ax.

boy ran past them before tripping and falling on the gravel. An Ming and Xhadhaug simply walked past and approached the train station. They bought tickets for five Yen each and hopped aboard as the train began to power straight to Steik.

To Be Elaborated Upon In May

As the two were leaving the market, a young

ATTACK OF THE FLYING NARWHALS

By Avey R.

It was an ordinary day in Chicago, Illinois, as people walked, ran, drove or rode to an unknown location of no consequence to this story, until suddenly...

"FLYING NARWHAL!!!" A random passerby bellowed.

As the other people turned their heads at the amazing spectacle, more underwater unicorns arrived. One lunged for a woman on her phone.

As the narwhal flew closer, she finally noticed. "OMG, wait, I have GOT to post this!" But as she lifted her phone into the selfie position, it was too late. The Jedi of the Seas skewered her phone like a shish kabob. Everyone fled. It was complete chaos. The cops arrived, along with a S.W.A.T team. But when they saw the army of flying narwhals, they quickly ran away, sucking their thumbs, bawling at the top of their lungs and screaming, "MOMMY!!!"

The narwhals flew through Chicago, wreaking havoc through the city. They crashed into buildings and splashed through Crown Fountain like it was a bird bath. Meanwhile, everyone else was in their cars, frantically driving as far from Chicago as

possible, ignoring all traffic lights and signs they passed. The people who lived farther from Chicago were watching the news, because one local news station, Channel 5 Action News, was brave enough to film the catastrophe.

"We're talking RATINGS, baby!" the reporter had said.

The chaos continued for hours, but no one could take their eyes off the tv (as usual) as their Windy City became windy piles of rubble. Then, all of a sudden, as the sun set on that weird, disaster-filled day, the narwhals looked at the dock of Lake Michigan and moaned sadly. They opened their wings and lifted themselves up into the air. They started flying into the sunset, most in the general direction of Canada. Soon, they disappeared into the horizon, and for a moment all was silent.

Soon, people began to cheer. They then went on with their everyday lives as if nothing had happened at all. Soon, Chicago started to rebuild. All was right with the world, and the people on it hoped it would stay that way. All I can say is, they had better keep hoping!





Dear Jillian,

My friends are making me do stuff that I don't want to do, like break the rules.

From, The Innocent Guilty Person

Dear The Innocent Guilty Person,

Just walk away and hang out with another person. If you do that then you won't get in trouble, and if they are doing bad things maybe they aren't that good of friends. Especially if they are making you do it.

From, Jillian

Dear Jillian,

Truth or Dare?

From, Icing

Dear Icing,

Dare! (Send me one for next issue!)

From, Jillian

Dear Jillian,

What's the meaning of life?

From, Curious Person

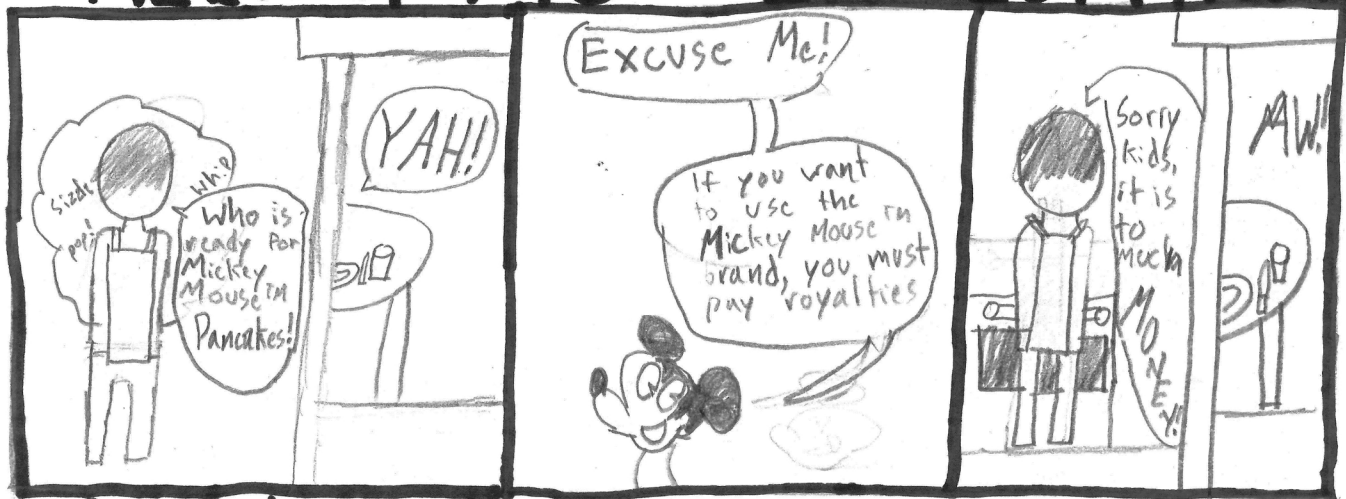
Dear Curious Person,

Life is defined differently in the eyes of different people. For many life is all about love. For a few, life is all about religious practices. For a philosopher like Aristotle, life is about happiness: "Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence."

From, Jillian

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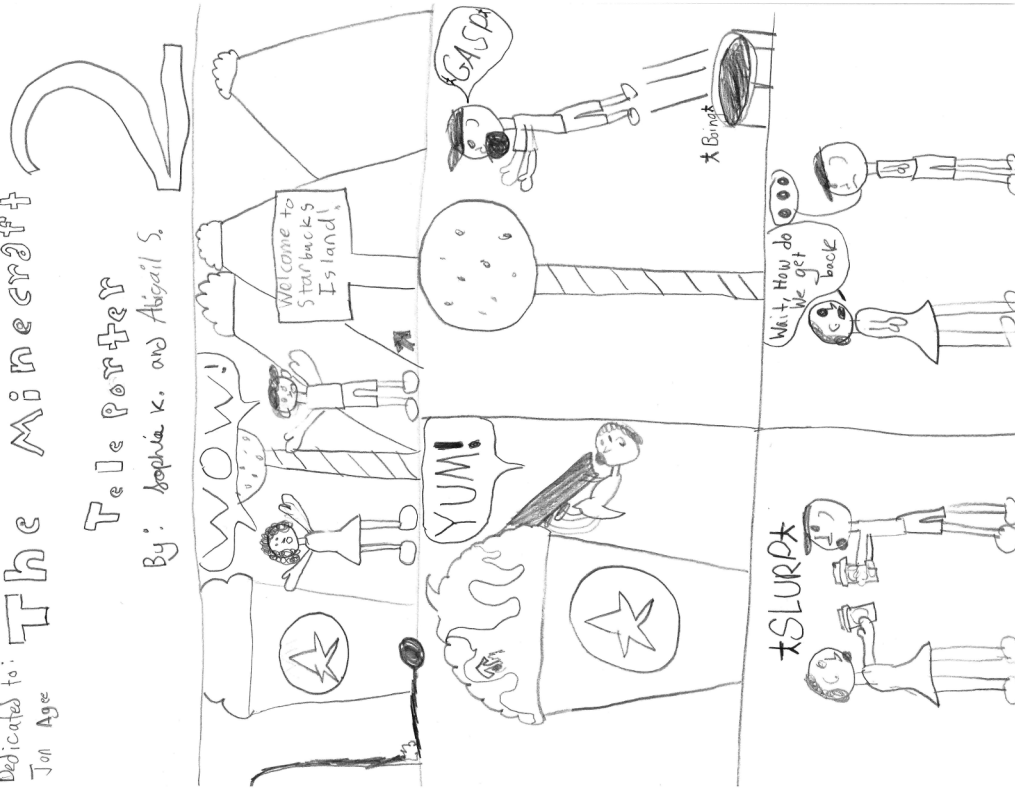
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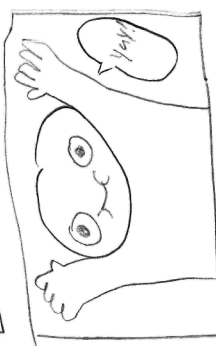
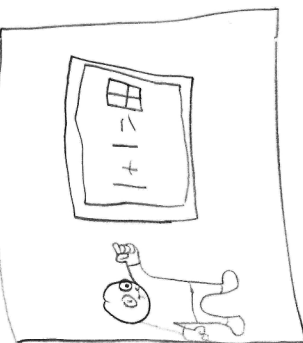
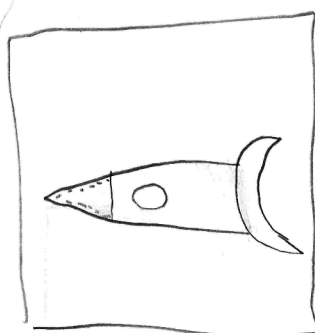
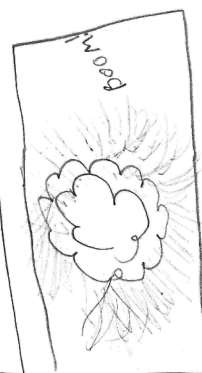
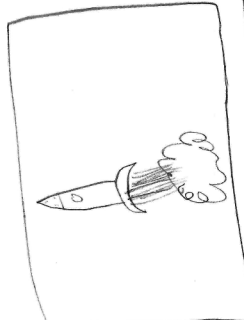
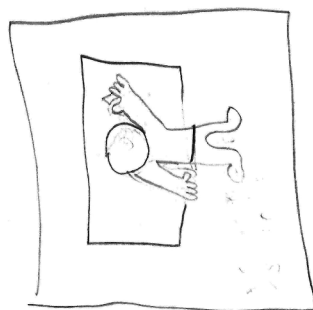
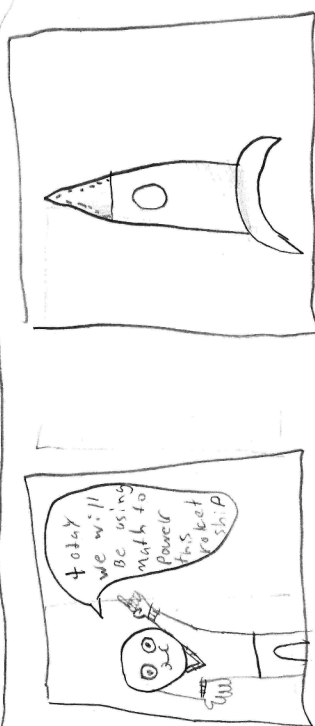


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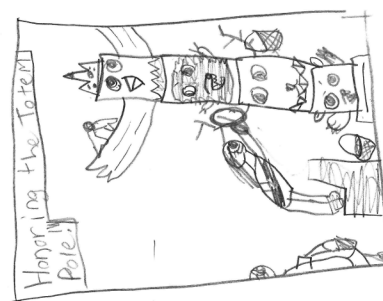
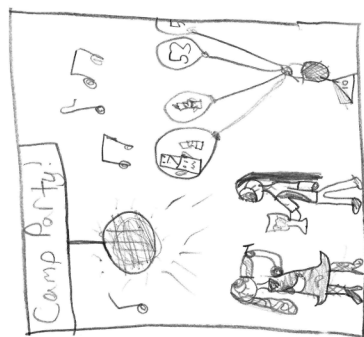
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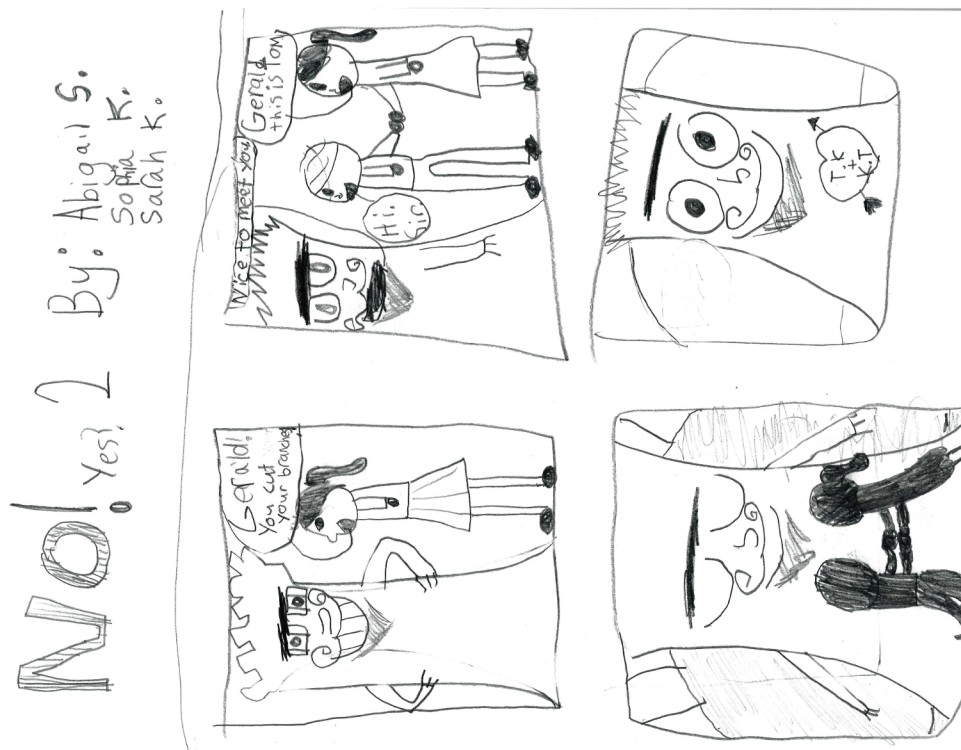
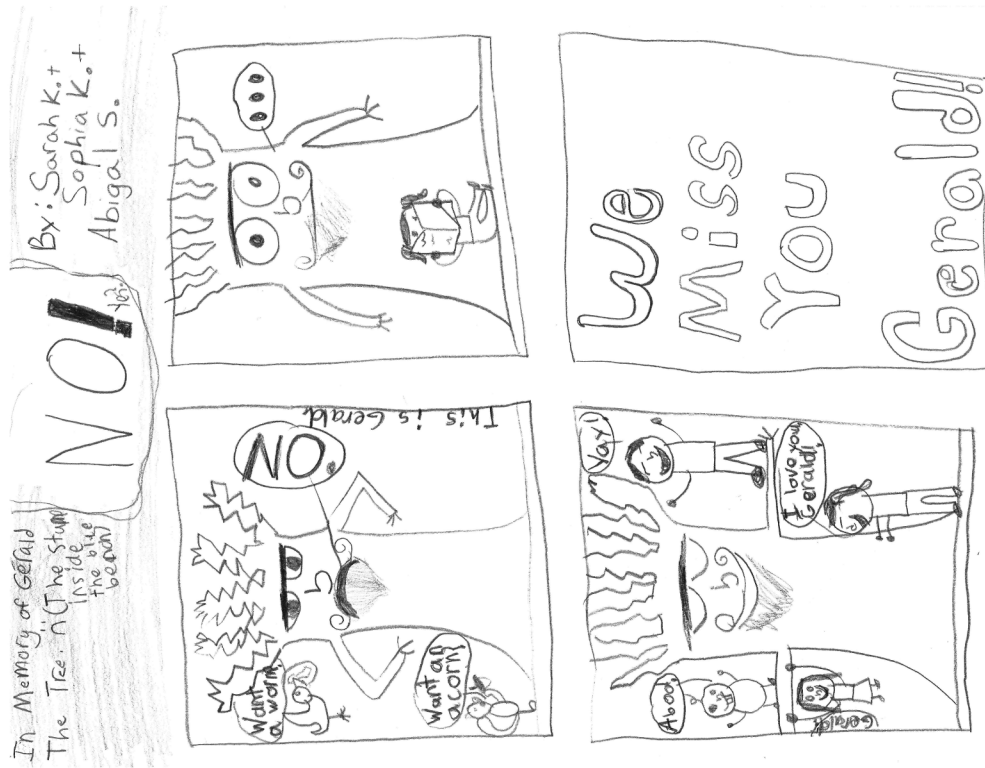
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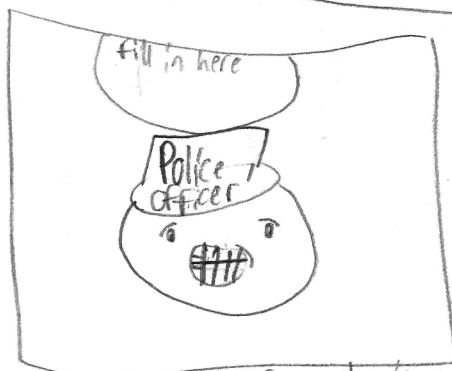
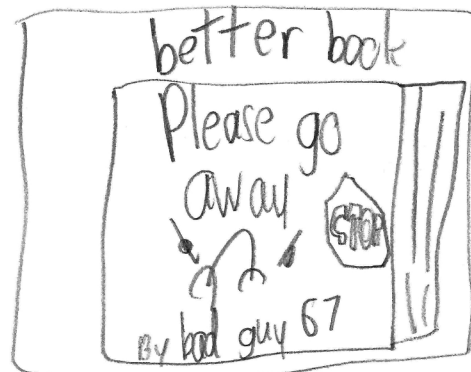
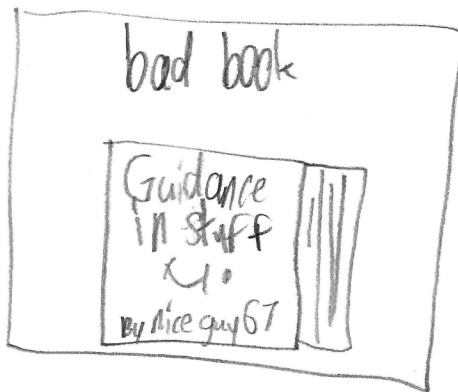
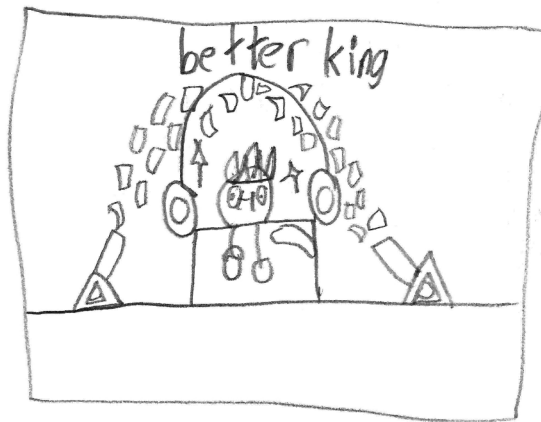
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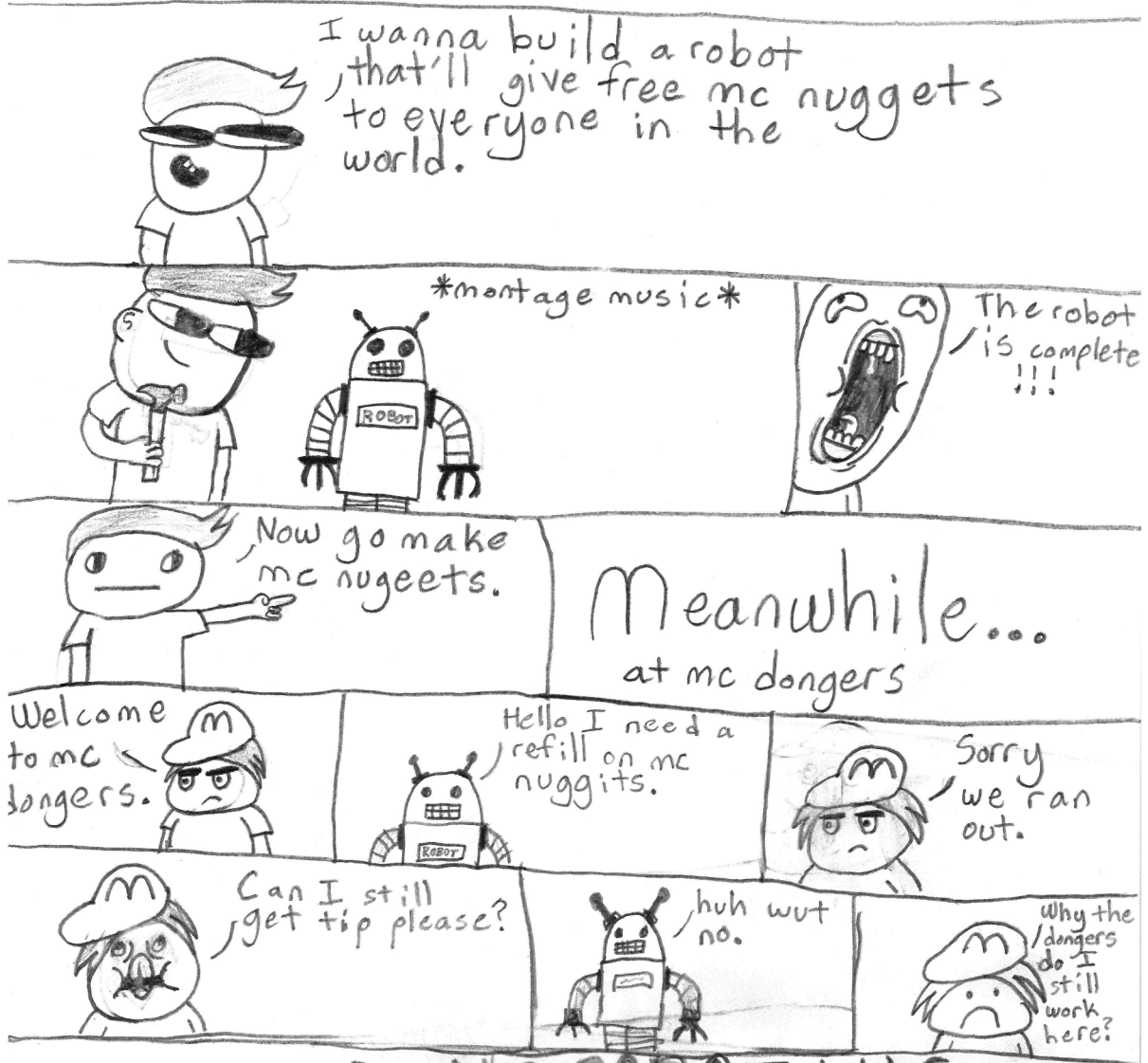


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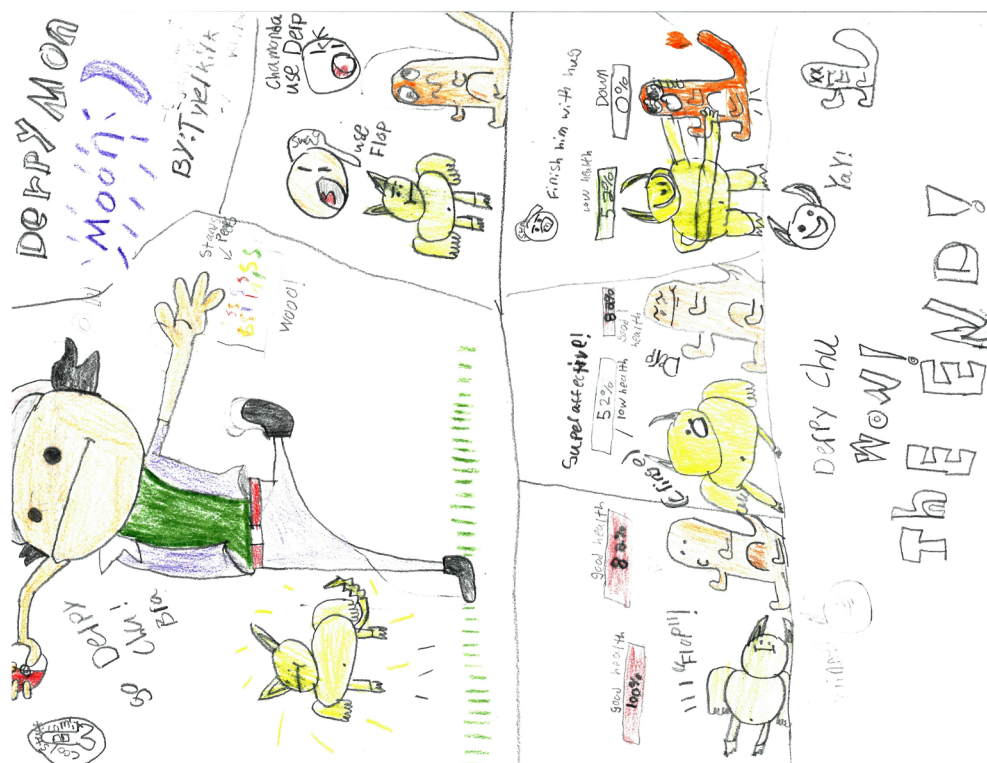
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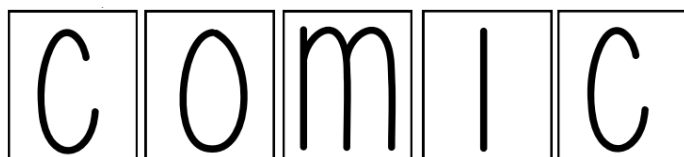
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- May 1 - 18 - MAP Testing
- May 1- Band Performance Matinée at 1:25pm
- May 3 - Orchestra Performance Matinée at 1:25pm
- May 10 - District Musical Student Matinée (Grades 4, 5 & 6)
- May 15 - DARE Graduation, 12:20-1:20 in Gym
- May 20 - D105 Dash
- May 23 - Writing Festival
- May 24 - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 25 - La Grange Public Library Librarians visit Morning Kick Off for Summer Reading Presentation
- May 25 - Library Books Due!
- May 28 - Memorial Day, No school
- May 30 - PTO Meeting at 8:40, Awards Assembly at 9:40
- May 31 - Field Day and Fun Lunch
- May 31 - Stepping Up (Grade 6) -- 6:00-8:00 pm
- June 1 - Last Day of School!

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