

A LION'S LIFE



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Newspaper Club is Back!

By: Leah K., Danielle M., Jackson T., and Leonardo F.

Newspaper Club is up and running again. Students from 5th and 6th grade are welcome! The 6th graders have already gotten an early start, but for any 5th graders who would like to join, they will get the option on February 7th.

Everyone is super happy to be back in this club to entertain our readers. Our amazing teachers Mrs. Musillami and Ms. Marek have helped us make this possible. If you see any of them make sure to thank them for all they have done! And as always, happy reading! We hope you enjoy!



SCHOOL NEWS



LION'S NAME

DEBATE

What do you think the mascot's name is?

By June M., and Sidney B., and Ashley S.

Ms. Marek

"I think that the mascot's name is Leo."

Mrs. Walsh

"Ummm Lion is all I can think of so lion."

Mrs. Dahlin

"I'm trying to find a gender neutral name so I'm thinking Lu the lion."

Ms. Eck

"Leo."

Mrs. Rybs

"Lenny."

Mrs. Jones

"I'm thinking it should be Leo."

Ms. Dickerson

"I think the lion's name is Rory."

Mrs. Fuller

"I think it's Leo."

Mr. Kratt

"Linus the lion."

Ms. Fornaro

"I'm going to say Lenny."

Mrs. Mindy

"Leo the Lion."

Mrs. Stang

"Leo the Lion."

Mrs Coffey

"I think it's Simba."





SCHOOL NEWS



Upcoming Event

By Kate E.

There will be a Christmas concert from grades Kindergarten - 6th grade. There will be a lot of songs and great singing from the students. My favorite part about Christmas concerts is how the whole school comes together and is a team. The music teachers would like you to know that the doors open at 5:15 and you need to be in your classroom by 5:20. ENJOY!!!

Kindergarten: December 21st at 5:30

1st: December 21st at 5:30

2nd: December 21st at 5:30

3rd: December 21st at 5:30

4th: December 19th at 5:30

5th: December 19th at 5:30

6th: December 19th at 5:30



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Teachers' Winter Breaks

By Frannie C , Yuvia R., Alex. S.P., and Kate E.

What are you looking forward to doing over Winter Break?

Ms. D - Sleeping

Mrs. Mindy - Playing
with dog in the snow

Mrs. Stalegrave -
Watching movies

Mrs. Kay- Spending
time with family

Mrs. Dahlin - Going
skiing

Mr. Arneson- Family
and winter activities

Mrs. Moose - Family
and reading

Ms. Marek- Reading

Mrs. Rybs -Sleeping in

Mrs. Coffey - Family

Mrs. Walsh - Family

Mrs. Tobin - Family

Ms. Melone - Florida

Mrs. Fuller - Family

Ms. Jen - Weekend trip

Mr. Kratt - Going home

Ms. Sherry - Family

Ms. Eck - New Zealand

Ms. Jones - Family

Ms. Stang - Sleeping in

Ms. Weiland- Doing what I want
to do and not what I need to
do.

Mrs.Podgorski - Relaxing with
my family



Secret Life Of Teachers

By Liam M. and Emmett L.

Ms. Dickerson: “I like to hang out in my backyard, and I am a photographer. I come from a big family. My favorite movie is *Mary Poppins*. My friend and I like to go off roading. I have been teaching here for 14 years. I have gone to Disney World/Land at least 20 times. I played the violin. I played CANUSA softball (Canada vs. U.S.A.).”

Mrs. Walsh: “I like to run, and I like to write. My family and I like to go hiking and going to national parks. My family’s goal is to go to every national park. I try to read two books a month, my favorite book is “The House Across The Lake” (it is scary though). I like to go on vacation with friends, and I like to cook as well.”

Ms. Melone: “I love to go walk/run to the lake. I like to cheer on Notre Dame. I like to see and hang out with my family and friends. I am left handed. I grew up in LaGrange Park. I studied in Rome for four months. I got to travel around Europe. I have a boating license and my parents own a pontoon.”

Mrs. Fuller: “I like to bake, and I like to work out. I like to visit my family. I have a condo. My favorite subject to teach is reading. I’ve been to five of the seven continents (Africa, North America, South America, Asia, and Europe). I practice speaking spanish with Ms. Elizondo (the night custodian).”

SPORTS PAGE



Best college football teams in my opinion

By Bodie M.



1. Georgia Bulldogs

Led by Stetson Bennett, the Georgia Bulldogs are the best team in college football with a record of 12-0 overall and 7-0 in their conference. They also have an amazing defense only giving up an average of 10.5 points per game which is really good when you combine it with the 40.6 points per game.



2. Ohio State Buckeyes

THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

Led by C.J. Stroud, the Ohio State Buckeyes have a great record of 11-0. They have scored 49.7 points on average at home (That's #1 in College Football)! They have only given up 15.6 on average.

3. Michigan Wolverines

Giving up only 11.2 points



The Michigan Wolverines have a record of 12-0 and average of 41.4 points per game.



Rating Local Ice Cream

By the Food Crew:

Charlie P., Colin C., and Evie R.

Here are our ratings of local ice cream places. The ice cream we tested was vanilla cookie dough. We tested Forever Yogurt, Tates, Crumbl Cookie, Cold Stone, Red Mango, and Andy's.

<p>Crumbl Cookie Dough Taste ★★★★★ Hospitality ★★★★★ Cleanliness ★★★★★ Price ★★ Overall 16/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Came in dish • Tasted milky • Bad selection • Not much cookie dough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small shop • Not a lot of cookie dough chunks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expensive 	<p>Tates Cookie Dough Taste ★★★★★ Hospitality ★★★★★ Cleanliness ★★★★★ Price ★★★★★ Overall 20/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very nice workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good service • Place was clean • Provide ice cream for other restaurants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homemade • Good amount of ice cream. • Had games to play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great price 	<p>Andy's Cookie Dough Taste ★★★★★ Hospitality ★★★★★ Cleanliness ★★★★★ Price ★★★★★ Overall 19/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff was OK, not good or bad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Came in a cup • Frozen custard was good • Had just enough chunks • Pretty good price for cost • Came with really good hot fudge
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Rating Local Ice Cream, Pt.2

By the Food Crew:

Charlie P., Colin C., and Evie R.

<p>Red Mango Cookie Dough Taste ★★ ★ Hospitality ★★ ★★ ★ Cleanliness ★★ ★ Price ★★ ★★ ★ Overall 16/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Came in cup • Bad flavors • Bad selection • Not much cookie dough • Small shop • Not a lot of cookie dough chunks 	<p>Forever Yogurt Cookie Dough Taste ★★ ★★ ★ Hospitality ★★ ★★ ★★ Cleanliness ★★ ★★ ★★ Price ★★ ★★ ★ Overall 18/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very nice workers • Good service • Place was clean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homemade • Good amount of ice cream 	<p>Small Cakes Cookie Dough Taste ★★ ★★ ★★ Hospitality ★★ ★★ ★★ Cleanliness ★★ ★★ ★★ ★ Price ★★ ★★ ★ Overall 18/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff was Nice • Came in a cup • Frozen custard was good • Had just enough chunks • Pretty good price for cost
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The winner is
Tates!



Pizza Places Rankings

By: Leonardo F.



Aurelio's Pizza



The pizza at Aurelio's is good but the food takes a while to get to the table. The menu has many options as they are mainly a pizza restaurant.

Billy Bricks



They cook the pizza for a perfect amount of time. The crust is very good too. Another good thing is that they have pizza trucks for parties. But, they do not have the greatest menu.

Buona Beef



The pizza does not take too long to make. It tastes great because the flavors melt in your mouth. And they have a great menu selection.

Dominoes



The pizza tastes incredible and is ready quickly. It is also really cheap. It has a great delivery option. This is my favorite pizza place around our town.



Lou Malnati's



The pizza is very good. This restaurant has many options. Their thin crust pizza is loaded with Butter and is very flavorful.

Nonna's Good Life Pizza



This pizza is okay. The first time I went there the pizza was bad and doughy. Afterwards my stomach hurt. But the second time it was slightly better though the pizza was a little too greasy.

Giordano's



The pizza is pretty good. Although it is a little salty and greasy. Also if you get takeout it comes way earlier than expected. Overall it's good but it needs a little work.

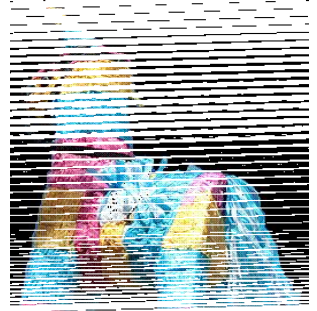
Dominoes Wins!



Posadas in Mexico a Christmas tradition.

By: Leah K

What are **Posadas**?



According to the website Journey Mexico, the Latin American tradition of Las **Posadas**, evokes chilly nights surrounded by family and friends, singing, enjoying a warm meal, and spreading holiday cheer all around. The real meaning of the word **Posada** means inn, or lodging, and traditionally **Posadas** are a celebration of the Christmas story.



Posadas takes place on nine nights from December 16th to the 24th. Posadas feature hot food and drinks, sweets, music, and piñatas.



ORIGINS.

Las **Posadas** are mainly celebrated throughout Mexico, Central America and Cuba, whose origins date back as far as the 900's A.D.



* * * Elf Names * * *

By: Sadie M. and Audrey B.

A. Angel

B. Blitzen

C. Candy Cane

D. Dobby

E. Eggnog

F. Frosty

G. Ginger

H. Holly

I. Ivy

J. Jolly

K. Kreacher

L. Lucky

M. Merry

N. Noel

O. Ornament

P. Peppermint

Q. Quincy

R. Rudolph

S. Snowflake

T. Twinkle

U. Ugly sweater

V. Vecna

W. Winky

X. X-mas

Y. Yuletide

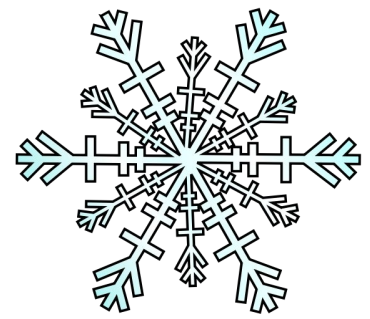
Z. Zippy



You match the first letter in your first name,
and the last letter of your first name.

30 Things to do over Winter Break.

By: Leah K



Winter is on the way! Today I will be giving **you** fun ideas of how to spend your winter break. Have fun!

1. Snowboard/Ski/Sled
2. Play in the snow
3. Hang out with your friends
4. Have some hot cocoa
5. Sleep in
6. Bake christmas cookies
7. Build a gingerbread house
8. Build a snowman or snow fort.
9. Have a snowball fight!
10. Hang out with family
11. Make paper snowflakes
12. Go on a hike/walk
13. Go to a holiday light show
14. Journal
15. Organize something around your house.(Room, closet, bag, ect.)

16. Make a christmas list
17. Watch a Christmas movie.
18. Play board games with family or friends.
19. Go to an ice skating rink
20. Go to the zoo
21. Read a book
22. Write!
23. Call a loved one
24. Shovel your neighbors sidewalk/driveway.
25. Give back to the community.
26. Go out for dinner with family.
27. Read!
28. Listen to music
29. Take a walk and enjoy the beauty of winter.
30. **No matter what you decide to do have a wonderful winter break!**

25 things that you should get for christmas

By Danielle M.



1. Crayola Ultimate Light Board
2. Calming Toy Companion
3. Nintendo Switch — OLED Model w/ White Joy-Con
4. Barbie dolls
5. Karaoke Microphone for Kids
6. Artie 3000 The Coding Robot
7. Kindle Paperwhite Kids (8GB)
8. Lite-Brite Ultimate Classic Retro Toy
9. Kids Audio Player
10. Don't Step In It Game — Unicorn Edition
11. Kids Against Maturity: Card Game for Kids and Families
12. Super Glitter Rainbow Pack
13. The Original Reversible Octopus Plushie
14. Classic Creative Building Set (LEGOS)
15. LED LIGHTS
16. Squish mellow
17. Giant Snakes & Ladders Game
18. Lucky Fortune Blind Collectible Bracelets
19. Funkoverse: DC Comic Board Game
20. Launch and Defend Batmobile RC Vehicle
21. Fidgets
22. Putty
23. Phone case
24. Mega Bundle Home (bluey)
25. Iphone 14 or tablet

What is your Winter Name?

Take the quiz to find out!!

By: Bea S.

What is your favorite winter food?

- A. Candy Canes
- B. Hot Chocolate (Yes, it qualifies for food)
- C. Smores
- D. Other

What is your favorite winter activity?

- A. Skiing
- B. Ice Skating
- C. Sledding
- D. Other

What is your favorite winter movie?

- A. Home Alone
- B. Christmas Chronicles
- C. Elf
- D. Other

What is your favorite winter wear?

- A. Gloves
- B. Hat
- C. Coat
- D. Other

Mostly A = Santa

Mostly B = Angel

Mostly C = Snowflake

Mostly D= Noel

Half A and B = North

Half C and D= Elf

Half A and C= Peppermint

Half B and D= Present

Half B and C = Snow

Half A and D= Mittens

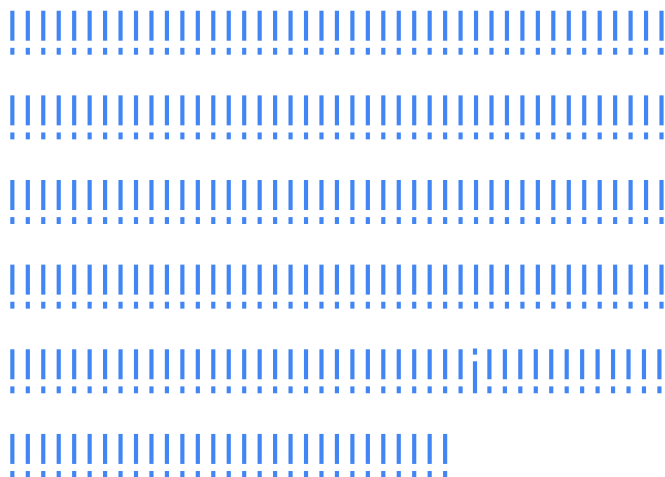
A mix of all= Mistletoe

Spot the Difference (Impossible)

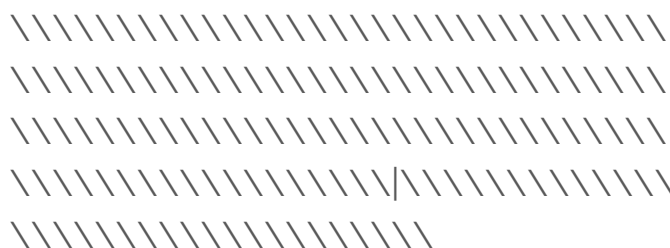
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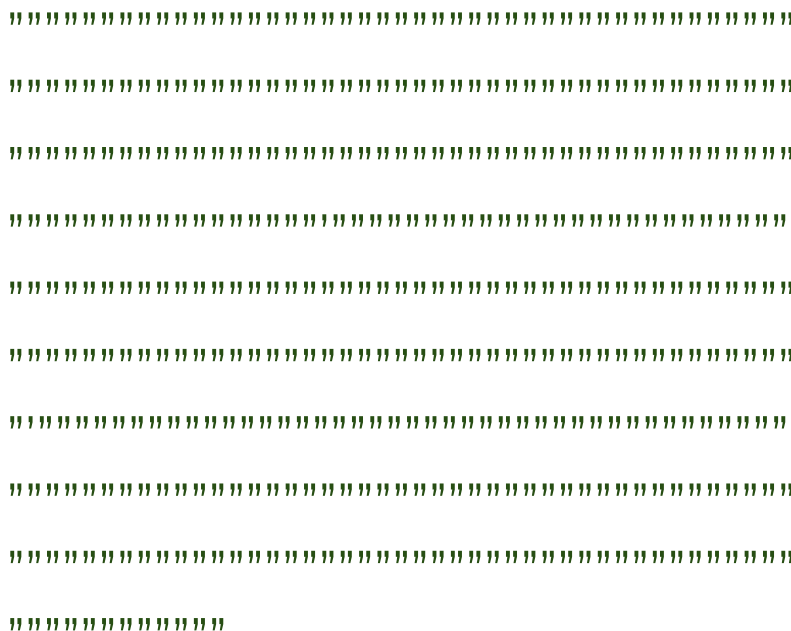
Level 3



Level 4



(2 differences)



Find answers on page 29!!

School Word Search

By Jackson T.

Word Search

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Z	T	W	D	A	B	Z	B	L	P	W	S	L	U	N	C	H	U
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Y	Q	J	P	U	X	L	L	C	R	F	H	N	A	Y	Z	S	Q

BOOKS HISTORY PENCIL STUDY

BUS LIBRARY PRINCIPAL TEACHER

EDUCATION LUNCH SCHOOL WHITEBOARD

FRIENDS MARKER SNACK

Answers on Last page

Word Scramble

By Liam C.

Spring avenue

mascot: oiln

Gurrie mascot:

igert

Instrument:

umtpetr

6 grade teacher:

rsm. indym

Subject: athm

Sport: arccosel

Season: afl

Fruit: hrrecy

Star wars

character:

ibo- anw

Where we get

books: ibarylrf

Answers on the last page.

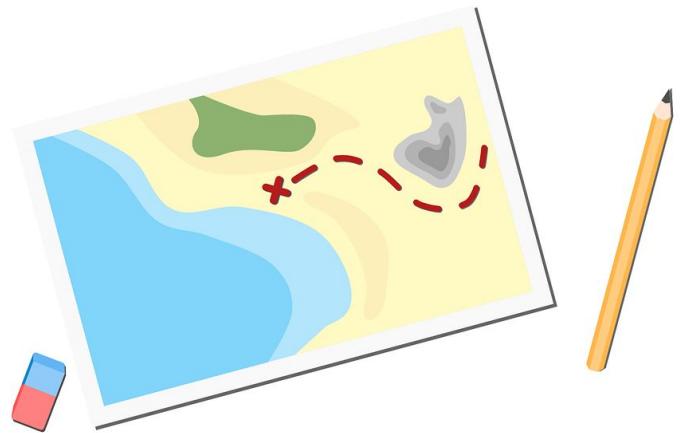
CREATIVE WRITING

By: Sydney K

If you could choose to add one of these 3 to our school what would it be?

- More P.E. time (Go to page 19)
- Class presidents' (Go to page 20)
- Other (Go to page 21)

Choose your own adventure!!



CREATIVE WRITING

By: Sydney K

Since you like physical activity here are some random facts about sports!

- Usually golf balls have 336 dimples!
- Olympic medals are mostly made of sterling silver.
- Sports have been played on the moon.
- The boxing ring is called a “ring” because it used to be round!
- Babe Ruth got his 700th home run baseball by giving the fan who caught it \$20!
- Tiger Woods made his first hole in one when he was eight!
- The second hardest sport is ice hockey, second to boxing.

CREATIVE WRITING

By: Sydney K

Monarchy

v.s.

Democratic government

★ *Kings and Queens have 2 birthdays.*

★ *The Royal family can't sign autographs.*

★ *Queen Elizabeth was the longest reigning British Queen of all time.*

★ *King Charles doesn't squeeze his own toothpaste.*

★ *Princess Diana's wedding dress contains over 10,000 pearls.*

❖ The government of the U.S is the largest in the world.

❖ A government's basic functions are providing leadership, maintaining order, providing public services, providing national security, providing economic security, and providing economic assistance.

❖ The first female president is Pratibha Devisingh Patil. She was the first president of India.

❖ Christmas decorations are displayed in the Cross Hall of the White House on November 28 every year.

CREATIVE WRITING

By: Sydney K

Poetry

OR

Memes

Haiku

Haikus are the best

But sometimes they don't make sense

Scary garden gnome

The raven haiku (inspired by Edgar Allan Poe)

Just a visitor

A mysterious raven

Nevermore black bird

Evergreen

Evergreen is a christmas tree waiting to be trimmed

Like a wreath hanging on your front door

As calm as Santa leaving presents

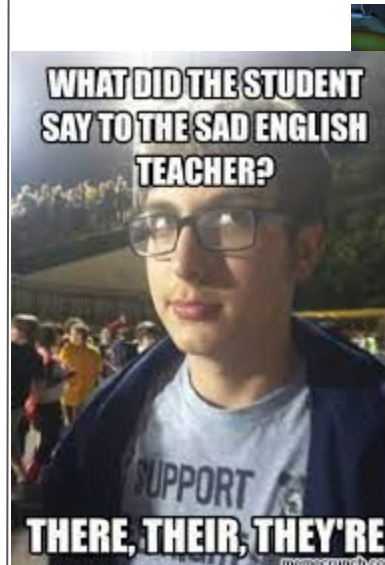
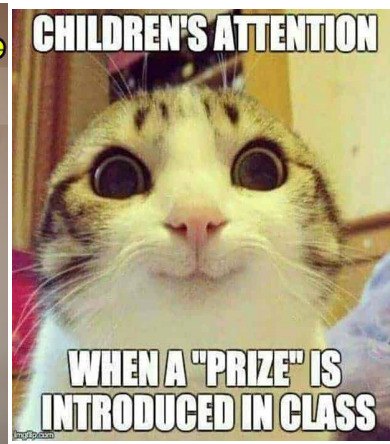
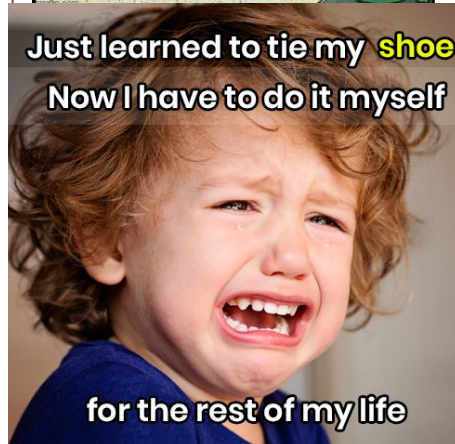
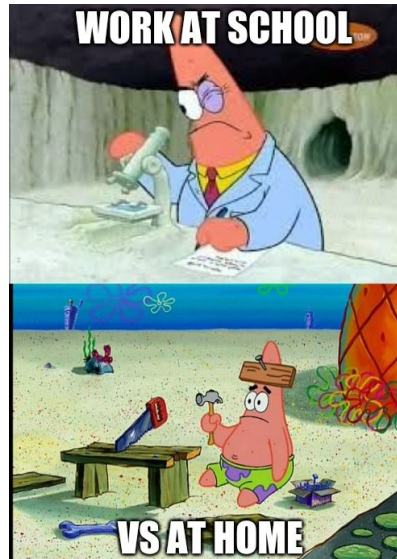
Evergreen, the color of christmas

Sled dogs

Alaskan sled dogs

Pulling sleds and wearing boots

Helping together



CREATIVE WRITING

The Hike

By Bea S.

Sweat
wind
dirt
breath
the journey up
the restless walk
the hike
when the leaves fall
when the grass becomes tall
that's where I go
I go through those leaves
sometime even climb big trees
but mostly that moment of silence
nothing can take that away
sharp axes take the trees
the wind takes the leaves

but the silence
even for a second is
unbreakable
on the tallest peak
or even by a smaller creek
there is so much more to
discover
there are secrets to uncover
the only noise is the baby birds
chirping for their mother
I love this hike
this hike is the one I will take
for taking the loud hikes are just
a mistake
so walk the hike of silence with
me

THE END

CREATIVE WRITING

The Creepy Closet

By Makaela M.

“DO we have to move?” I whined.

“The decision is made Miranda, the house looks good for us to stay, besides this house is small and has barely enough space for everyone! The other house has PLENTY of room! You’ll love it if you just give it a chance.” Mom said, waving her hand dismissively, like I was making a big deal.

“How can I give it a chance, if I’ve never even been there?” I muttered, but a few days later, we moved in, and my Mom was right! We all loved it! It had a lot of space, and it was homey. The only thing that creeped all of us though was this creepy closet. It had long thin scratches on it that looked like the work was made from a cat with really sharp claws. There are also spiderwebs all over it! Which was very strange because my Mom and my Dad haven’t found any spiders in our house. My Mom told me to stay away from it because she heard certain rumors about it that made her pretty cautious. I rolled my eyes when she told me that because I don’t believe in rumors. People were just saying rumors just to do something and scare people. NO ONE SCARES ME, I am tough, I can handle an ugly closet....

That changed last night.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Creepy Closet, continued

By Makaela M.

Squeaky noises woke me instantly, and it was oddly cold.

“Mirandaaaaaa.” A cold voice suddenly whispered. I shivered, and shrunk back against my covers.

“Mirandaaaaaa.” It whispered again, I felt like the voice saying my name was right next to me, and when I heard it, I shivered. I couldn’t sleep for the rest of the night... The next day, I told Mom and Dad what I heard, but they just rolled their eyes.

“You probably just had a nightmare.” Mom said.

“Or maybe that was your mother snoring.” My Dad added, laughing a little as he said it. Mom nudged my Dad softly.

“You and your jokes.” She said, trying to act stern, but couldn’t stop giggling.

“No, I was not dreaming,” I declared. ***“It was real!”***

“Honey, are you feeling ok?” Mom asked, reaching down to feel my forehead.

“Mom, stop!” I yelled, shrinking back away from her hand.

“I am not crazy! And if you don’t believe me, then I will just figure this out myself.”

“Miranda! We don’t think that you are crazy.” Dad snapped.

“Yes, you do,” I responded, and I ran out of the room, upset. At night time I grabbed a flashlight, and climbed out of bed. I immediately walked to the closet, stopped, and hesitated.

“Should I really do this?” I pinched myself in the arm, to just double check ALL OF THIS CRAZINESS!

CREATIVE WRITING

The Creepy Closet, continued

By Makaela M.

“Lord, why did you put this into my life?” I whispered, and then the door creaked open revealing nothing but darkness. I took a deep breath, and said,

“I can do this.” I walked into the closet, and the door shut behind me....

TWO WEEKS LATER...

Mrs. Bruno (Yes, that's the last name.) walked into Miranda's room and sighed.

“I hope she's ok.” She said, then she heard her name being called. *MRS BRUNOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!* Mrs Bruno screamed, and yelled,

“ROGER! ROGER! HELP!” Mr Bruno ran into the room, and said, “What is it!” Roger said. “Are you hurt?”

“That thing that took Miranda is calling my name.” Mrs Bruno stuttered.

“Oh.” Mr Bruno said,

“I'll protect you.” Mrs. Bruno smiled. “Thank you, honey.”

Then Mr. Bruno suddenly said “Lie.”

And he waved his hand, the door slammed shut behind them.

“*MRS BRUNOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.*” He yelled, and he laughed, and they never heard from Miranda nor Mrs Bruno again.....

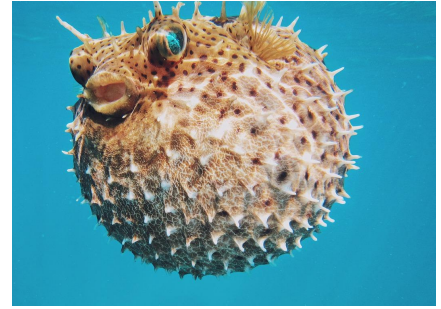
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Cute But Ugly Animals

By Sydney K. and Bea S.



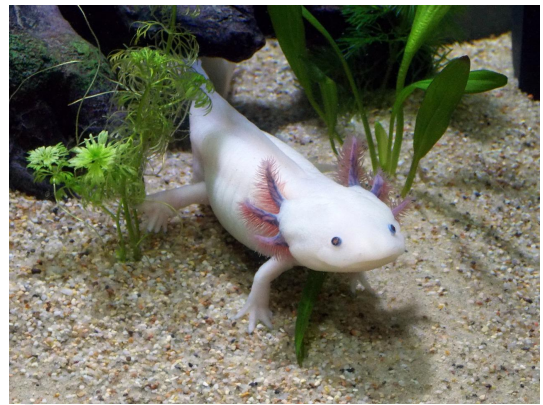
Baby mouse



Puffer fish



Hairless cat



Axolotl



Opossum



The Black Wolf



Armadillo

C O M I C

By: Daniel B.



COMIC

By: Bella L.



Answers to the spot the difference!!!

Level 1



Level 3



Level 2



Level 4

(2 differences)





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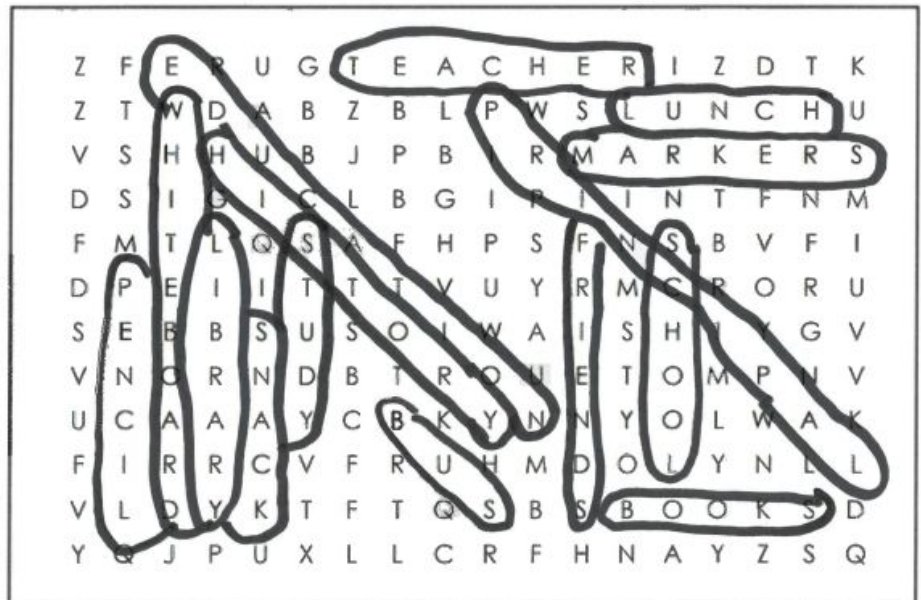
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Thanks For Reading!

Word Search



Word Scramble Answers:

Spring avenue mascot: Lion

Gurrie mascot: tiger

Instrument: trumpet

6 grade teacher: Mrs. Mindy

Subject: math

Sport: Lacrosse

Season: Fall

Fruit: cherry

Star wars character: Obi Wan

Where we get books: library

Next Issue: Beginning of February!