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Winter Holidays

By: Clare M.

Do you have any special holiday traditions? If so, what are they? How do you feel, what do you see and how does it smell during those events?

This season is a chance to celebrate all the holidays that take place during December! Some of the many may include: Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Chinese New Year. These are all special traditions that have produced many memories.

Optional Activity:

Try challenging yourself by researching a holiday you may seem unfamiliar with. Go above and beyond by creating a presentation and sharing it with family and friends. This is a great way to expand your interest and expose yourself to new ideas.





SCHOOL NEWS



Nathan Hale's visit

By: Charlie W



The Nathan Hale visit was great. He was fun and made everyone laugh. We hope you enjoyed it. He was so awesome. I really liked the part with Dr Rush. Now stay safe for Christmas and if you don't, take some thunderclappers.



Saying bye to Buster

**By Cece M. and
Venice B.**



In the beginning of November, Buster unfortunately passed away. We wanted to recognize this sad event because he had a place in a lot of people's hearts. We are sad to see him go. Remember, this is hard for a lot of people as it may bring up memories of lost family pets. We will always appreciate him coming around and helping a lot of people, and we also know that he will live on in our memory for years to come.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What is your prediction on Mr. Arneson's
baby's name?

By: Meghan K, Sofia D and Clare M

Mrs. Rybs: Finley

Mrs. Kay: Micah

Mrs. Feldner: Gavin

Mr. Kratt: Jordan

Ms. Quinn: Ezra

Ms. Fornaro: Rowan

Mrs. Tobin: Hank

Mrs. Fuller: Cyler

Miss. Melone: Archie

Ms. Eck: Jackson

Mrs. Stang: Aiden

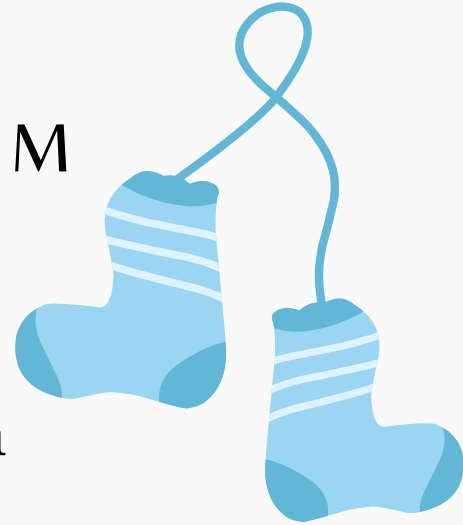
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Mrs. Walsh: Liam

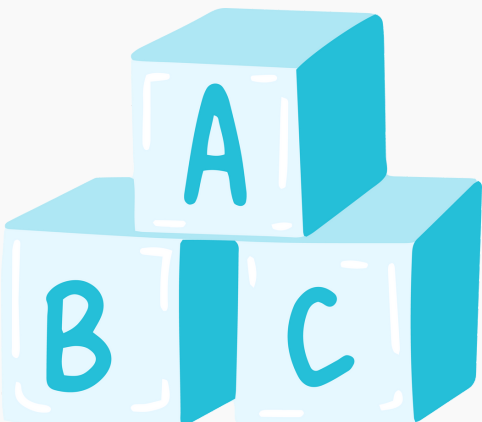
Mrs. Musillami: Brayden

Ms. Marek: Luke Jr.

Answer: Beau Alexander



Did you guess
correct?!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

SUBJECT COLORS

Hazel M & Avery R



Mrs. Fuller: She lets her students pick their folder colors

Miss. Melone: Math, Sci, SS

Mrs. Stang: Math, ELA, Sci/SS, writing, home folder

Mrs. Tobin: math reading ss/sci take home

Mrs. Dahlin: math reading sci/ss classwork

Mr. Kratt: Math, Reading, sci/SS, Classwork.

Ms. Eck: reading math writing ss/sci

Mrs. Wanta: reading math writing take home, ss/sic take home

Ms. Quinn: ela, sci, ss math

Ms. Dickerson: reading, sci, ss

Mrs. Walsh: take home, writing, reading

Ms. Fornaro: math, ELA, sci, ss, writing

Mrs. Mindy: reading, math, ss, sci, home folder white

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What is your Favorite Winter Holiday Tradition?

By Lily R, Aika K, Kaia K and Avery R



Mrs. Stang - Decorating with her mom

Mr. Kratt - Watching a movie with his family on Christmas Eve

Mrs. Mindy - Opening presents on Christmas day in order, going slowly

Ms. Quinn - Baking cinnamon rolls on Christmas day

Ms. Marek - Eating cinnamon rolls on Christmas morning

Mrs. Musillami - Elf on the shelf and making Christmas cookies

Mrs. Milani - Decorating the Christmas tree with her boys.

Mrs. Tobin - Getting a tree and cutting it down

Ms. Eck - Christmas party poppers

Mrs. Wanta - Spending time with family

Ms. Fornaro - The seven fishes meal

Ms. Palabrica - Light a specific candle from Bath and Body works and light it on Christmas

Mrs. Jones - Hanging up stockings

Mrs. Rybs - Making Christmas cookies.

Miss Arreguin - Eating her grandma's Christmas cookies

Mrs. Weiland - Pizza for dinner family party

Ms. Malone - Going to Lincoln Park light show

Ms. Dickerson - Watching Christmas movies

Ms. Otto - Cooking and having a big feast

Mrs. Fuller - Baking all of the Christmas cookies



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What's your favorite Holiday Movie?

**By: Meghan K., Kaia K.,
Jack V., and Timmy N.**



Mrs. Musillami: Christmas Vacation

Ms. Marek: The Holiday

Ms. Dickerson: Elf

Mrs. Walsh: Home Alone

Miss Arreguin: The Grinch

Miss Melone: Santa Claus

Mrs. Stang: Charlie Brown Christmas

Mrs. Fuller: Elf

Mrs. Tobin: White Christmas

Mr. Kratt: The Family Man

Mrs. Dahlin: The Family Man

Ms. Eck: Rudolph

Mrs. Wanta: Santa Claus

Ms. Quinn: A Christmas Story

Mrs. Rybs: The Santa Clause (original)

Mrs. Mindy: Elf

Mrs. Jones: Miracle on 34th Street

Mrs. Kay: The Grinch (original)

Ms. Kim: A Christmas Story

Mrs. Staelgraeve: Miracle on 34th Street



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Favorite Holiday Song

By: Natalie N. and Elise D.

Miss Melone: All I want for Christmas is you

Ms. Fornaro: Christmas Tree Farm

Mrs. Mindy: Silent Night

Mrs. Weiland: The Little Drummer Boy

Mrs. Stang: Charlie Brown Christmas
soundtrack

Mrs. Fuller: Oh Holy Night

Ms. D: Last Christmas

Mrs. Rybs: Santa is coming to town

Nurse Amy: Baby, It's Cold Outside

Mrs. Walsh: It's Beginning to Look a lot like
Christmas

Ms. Lily: All I Want for Christmas

Mr. Arneson: Silver Bells

Mr. Kratt: Jingle Bell Rock

Mrs. Manganello: The Little Drummer Boy

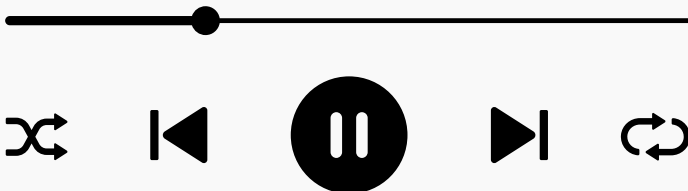
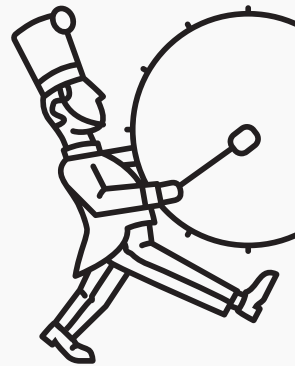
Mrs. Feldner: Silent Night

Ms. Maloney: Sleigh Ride



*Silent
night
Holy Night*

*All I
Want For
Christmas
is you*



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Who is your favorite Christmas movie character?
By: Clare M. and Cate R.



Hot
Cocoa
and
Christmas
MOVIES

Our favorite Christmas
movie characters....

Clare: Clarice (RTRNR)

Cate: Cindy Lou Who (TG)

Mrs. Fuller: Buddy the Elf
Miss Melone: Buddy the Elf
Mrs. Stang: Buddy the Elf
Mrs. Tobin: George Bally
Mr. Kratt: Buddy the Elf
Ms. Eck: Frosty the Snowman
Mrs. Wanta: Buddy the Elf
Ms. Quinn: Buddy the Elf
Mrs. Polich: Clark Griswold
Ms. Arreguin: The Grinch
Ms. Dickerson: Buddy the Elf
Mrs. Walsh: Buddy the Elf
Ms. Fornaro: Scrooge
Mrs. Sexton: Ralphie
Mrs. Rybakowski: The Grinch
Mrs. Mindy: Buddy the Elf
Mrs. Wieland: Buddy the Elf
Mrs. Stalegrave: Rudolph the
Red Nosed Reindeer
Ms. Lisha: Oogie Boogie
Ms. Lilly: Buddy the Elf



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What was/is your favorite gift you gave or received?

By: Clare M. and Sofia D.

Mrs. Stang: A sweater for my niece (G)

Miss D: A Mickey Mouse T.V (R)

Mrs. Walsh: Donating gifts for families/children in need (G)

Ms. Arreguin: A trip to San Diego (G+R)

Miss Melone: A flip cellphone (R)

Mrs. Fuller: An ornament (R)

Mr. Kratt: A family cruise (R)

Mrs. Tobin: Taylor Swift tickets (R)

Mrs. Wanta: An X-Box (G)

Ms. Fornaro: A portrait/painting of her family home (G)

Mrs. Jones: An Ipad for my granddaughter (G)

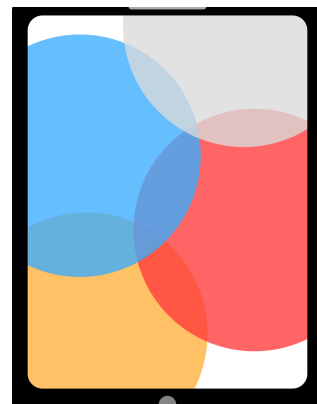
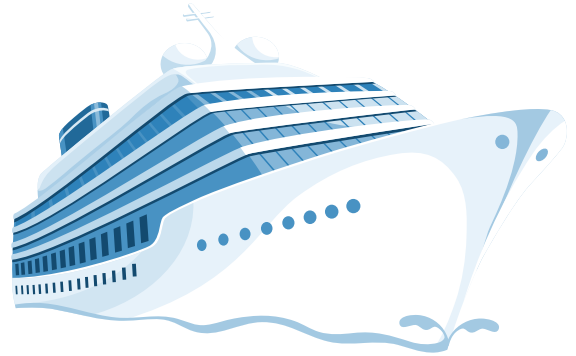
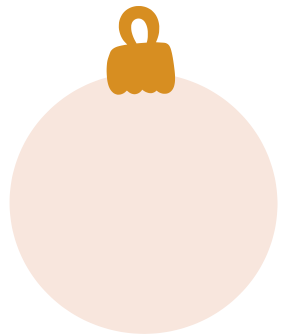
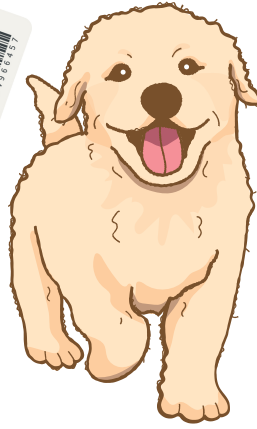
Ms. Quinn: My dog- Ralphie (R)

Mr. Sherman: A dog- Maddie (G)

Mrs. Mindy: A surprise trip to Disney World (G)

Mrs. Staelgraeve: A trip to Ireland (R)

Mrs. Rybs: Britney Spears Concert-Front Row Seats! (R)



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



What is your birthstone?

By: Natalie D., Cate R., and Elise D.

Mrs. Fuller: Pearl

Ms. Kim: Garnet

Miss Melone: Amethyst

Mrs Hilker: Amethyst

Ms. Marek: Amethyst

Mrs. Stang: Pearl

Mrs Kay: Amethyst

Mrs. Skala: Diamond

Mrs. Tobin: Diamond

Mrs Panice: Diamond

Mrs. Patriquin: Emerald

Mr. Kratt: Emerald

Mrs Podgorski: Emerald

Mrs. Bato: Peridot

Ms. Eck: Sapphire

Mrs Colton: Pearl

Mr. Wilkinson: Opal

Mrs. Wanta: Pearl

Mr Arenson: Ruby

Mrs. Polich: Turquoise

Ms. Quinn: Pearl

Mrs Brantner: Garnet

Ms. Suktus: Topaz

Ms. Arreguin: Emerald

Mrs Sexton: Peridot

Mr. Eric: Pearl

Ms. Dickerson: Emerald

Mrs Wiegand: Opal

Mrs Jones: Alexandrite

Mrs. Walsh: Pearl

Miss Palabrica: Ruby

Miss Laisha: Aquamarine

Ms. Fornaro: Peridot

Mr Sherman: Topaz

Our Birthstones:

Mrs. Rybakowski: Topaz

Ms Lily: Amethyst

Natalie: Topaz

Mrs. Mindy: Topaz

Cate: Opal

Mrs. Wieland: Aquamarine

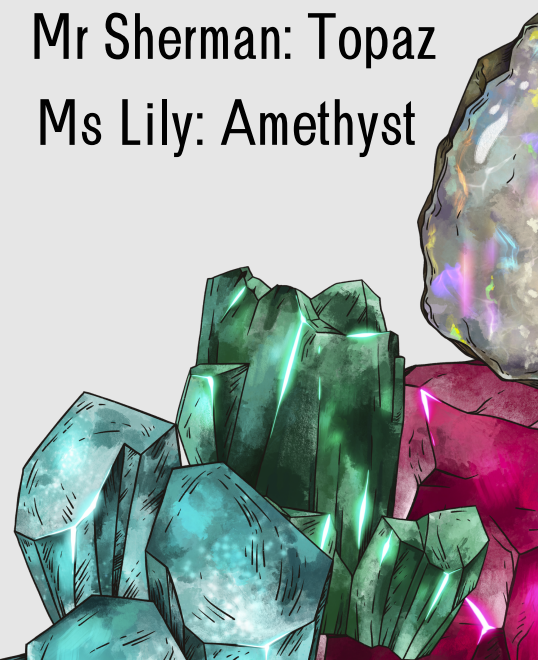
Elise: Sapphire

Mrs. Milani: Sapphire

Mrs. Dahlin: Pearl

Mrs Staelgraeve: Topaz

Mrs. Deligiannis: Diamond



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Favorite Holiday Dessert/Drink

By: Kaia K. and Aika K.

Mrs. Walsh: Peppermint ice cream oreo bar!

Mrs. Stang: Holiday Rice krispies

Mrs. Fuller: Cookies!

Miss. Melone: Peppermint ice cream!

Mrs. Tobin: Eggnog!

Mr. Kratt: Peppermint ice cream!

Ms. Arreguin: Pumpkin pie

Ms. Eck: Peanut Butter blossoms

Ms. fonaro : Peanut Butter blossoms

Ms. Quinn: Oreo balls

Mrs. Kay: Pecan pie

Mr. Arneson: Peanut butter blossoms

Mrs Jones: Tea cookies from Kirschbaum's

Mrs Rybs: Key lime pie

Ms. Marek: Gingerbread

Mrs. Mus: Christmas cookies in saltine bark





Guess The Teachers

By Alex B.



Wakes up at 4 am!

Has worked at Spring for 16 years

Their brother is a PE teacher

They're from Nebraska

They had a black cat (Good luck!)

Their favorite color is green



NEBRASKA

Wakes up at 6 am

Has worked at Spring for 14 years

Their sister does advertising

They're from Iowa

They have a dog named River

Went to Colombia College

Guess the teacher

Venice B., Elise D., and Cece M.



She was a teaching assistant for 3 years.

She has a cockapoo.

She has 3 younger sisters.

Her favorite movie is Jungle Book.

Her favorite game as a child was kickball

**She ran track, cross country, swim and
soccer.**

Her favorite color is yellow.



Answer: Ms. Quinn

Holiday Gifts for Adults

by Natalie N.



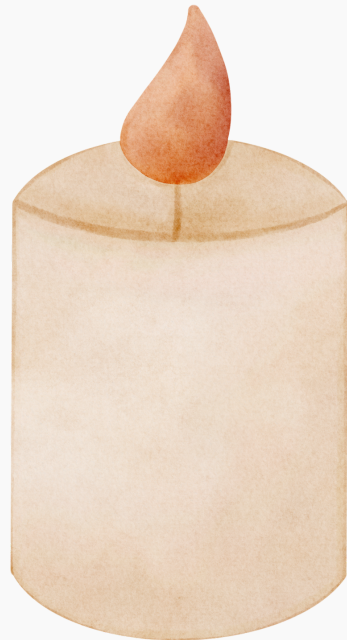
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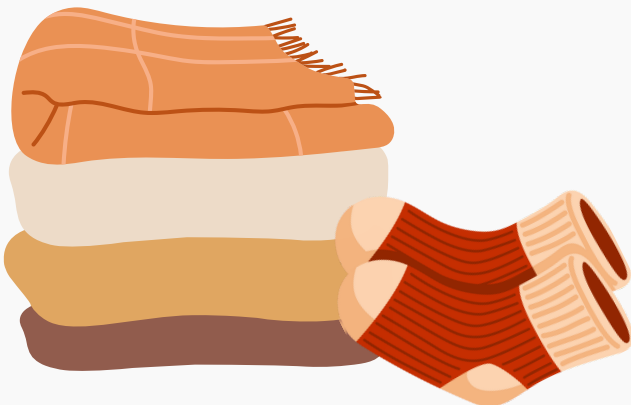
Clothes



Books



Candles

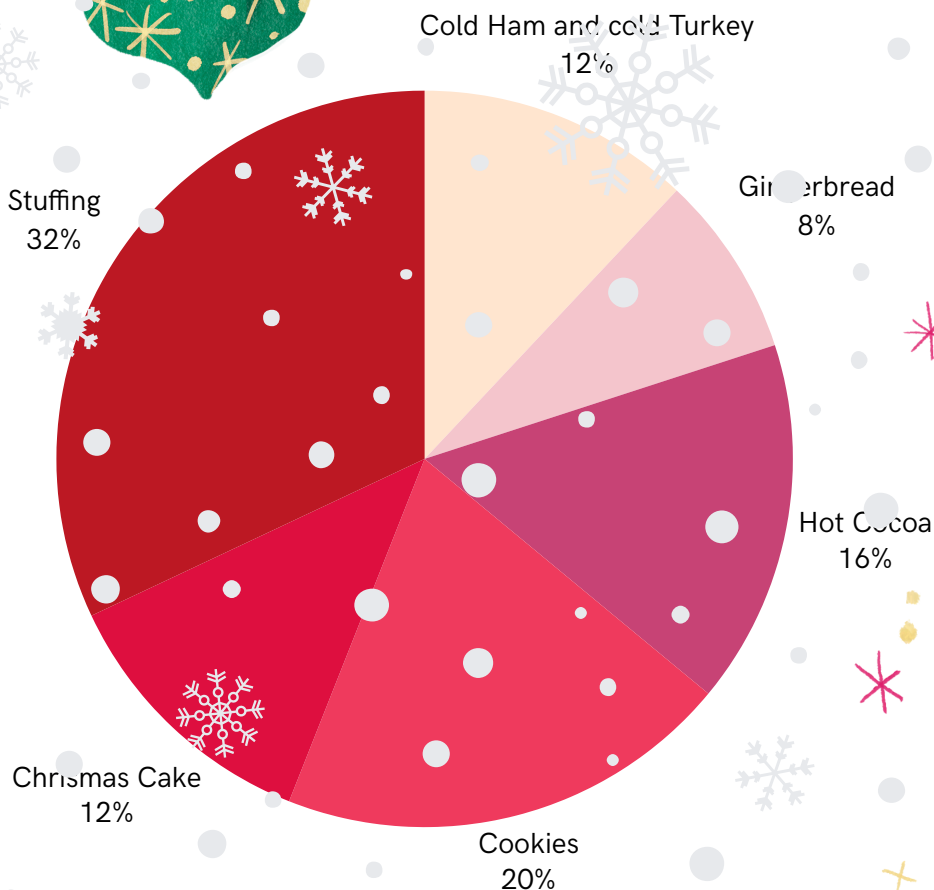
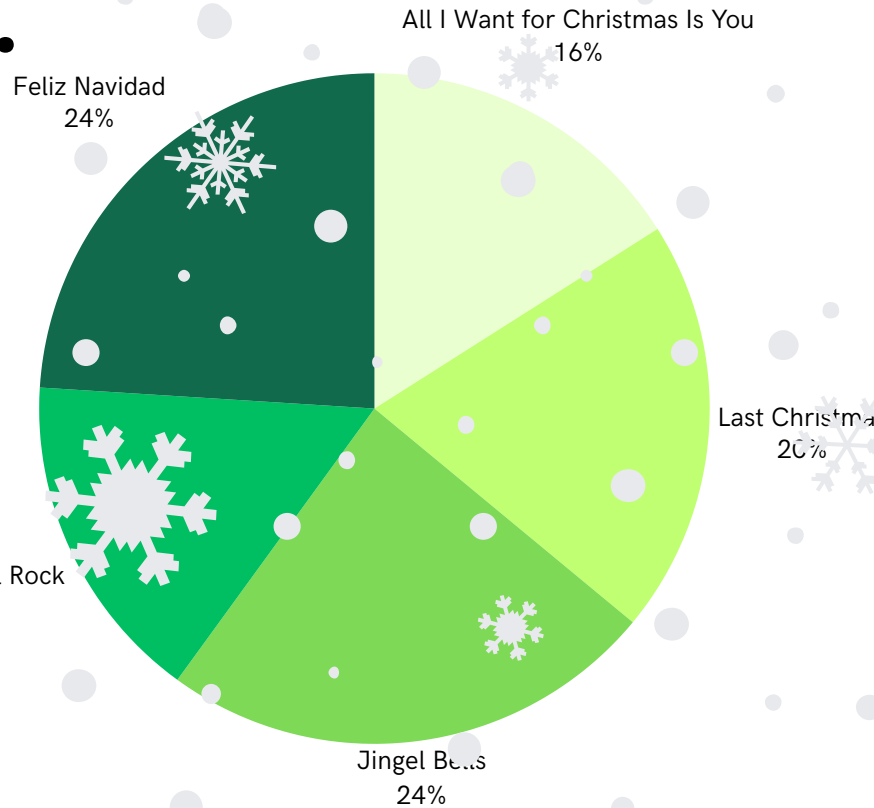


Anything cozy and warm!

Christmas Charts

by Hazel M.

out of 25 people





What is Your Winter Name?

By: Cate R. And Clare M.

A: Artic

B: Blizzard

C: Candy Canes

D: December

E: Elf

F: Frostbite

G: Gingerbread

H: Hot Cocoa

I: Ice

J: Jacket

K: Kris Kringle

L: Lights

M: Mistletoe

N: Nutcracker

O: Ornament

P: Presents

Q: Quantity

R: Reindeer

S: Snowflake

T: Toys

U: Ugly Sweater

V: Vacation

W: Winter

X: X-mas

Y: Yule

Z: BlitZen



WINTER

N K S L I P U H O F D B
 A X T C Z S M L E R S W
 Y P F B U K D I J N O H
 M Z R S C A R F T L C E
 S N O W J T H S P T K D
 F G Z I C E V N A B S M
 O K E X T U C O L D H Q
 R B N A Y I T W Z P F S
 T Q O D U A G M E L T K
 S C P O H B F A J A N I
 U W I N T E R N K Y G X
 Z A H F M S L E D O B P

boots	hat	plow	slip
coat	ice	scarf	snow
cold	melt	skate	snowman
forts	mitts	ski	socks
frozen	play	sled	winter



FIND THE HOLIDAY IMAGE

By: Cate R and Clare M



LEVELS:

WAY TOO EASY



SUPER EASY



EASY



MEDIUM



HARD



EXTREMELY

HARD



IMPOSSIBLE



25 Things To Do For Winter Break

By Grace D. and Meghan K.



1. Bake something sweet!
2. Make a paper snowflake!
3. Go sledding!
4. Make a snowman!
5. Go ice skating!



6. Make a hot chocolate bomb!
7. Watch a holiday movie marathon!
8. Make hot cocoa!



9. Read a book!
10. Listen to some holiday music!
11. Make a craft!
12. Make a gingerbread house!



13. Solve a fun puzzle!
14. Read our newspaper!!
15. Make a funny comic to show to your family and friends!
16. Do origami!

17. Make a snow angel!
18. Decorate your room! Add some fun details!

19. Do the daily Wordle!
20. Eat some holiday goods!



21. Write a fun story!
22. Write a letter to a family member!
23. Have a snowball fight!
24. Build a snow fort!



25. **Have Fun!!**

Original Holiday Movies

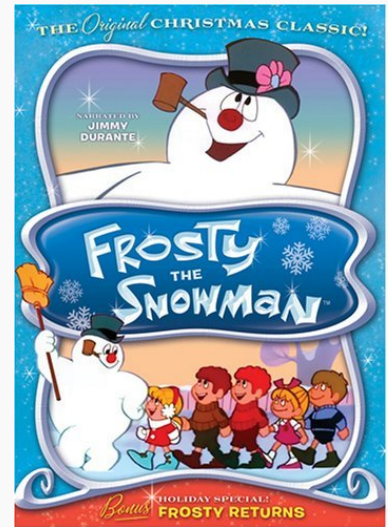
By Grace D. & Alice K.



Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas



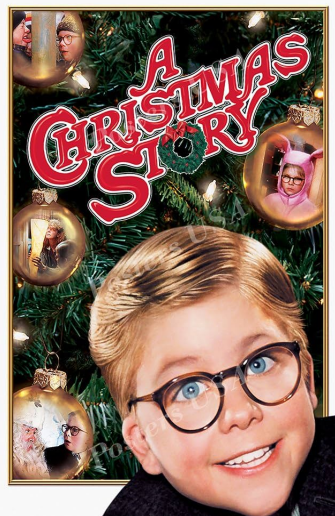
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



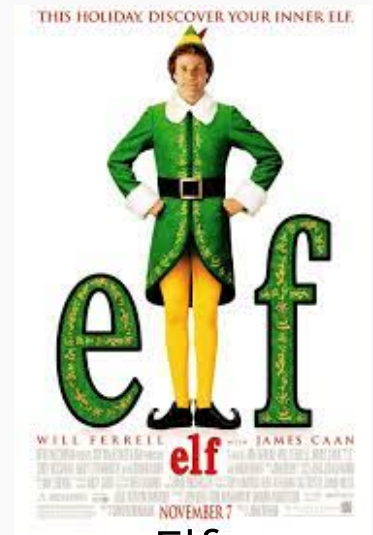
Frosty The Snowman



A Charlie Brown Christmas



A Christmas Story



Elf



Home Alone



Home Alone 2



The Nightmare Before Christmas

Most Popular Holiday Desserts (Around the world)

By: Clare M

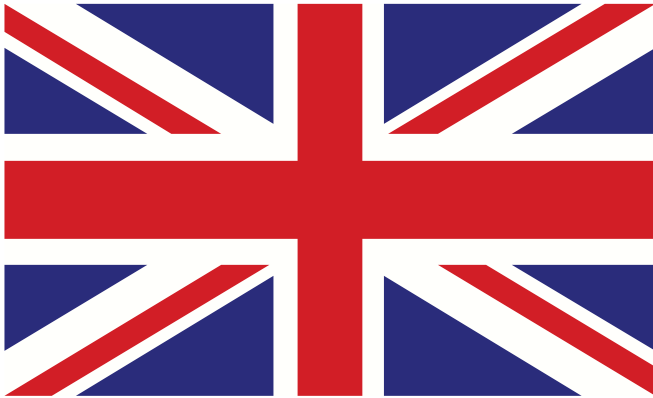
United States of America



Cheesecake



Great Britain



Pudding



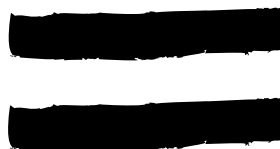
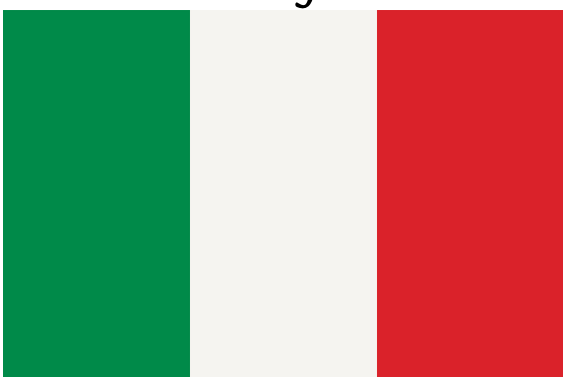
Japan



Kurisumasu Keiki



Italy



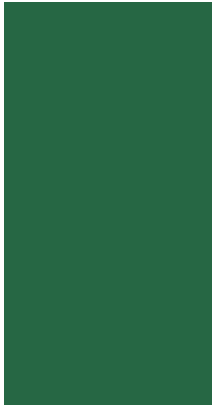
Torrone



Most Popular Holiday Desserts (Around the world)

PT. 2

Mexico



By: Clare M



Bunuelos



Stollen (Christollen or
Weihnachtsstollen)



Germany



France



Bûche de Noël



Canada



Butter Tarts



Taylor Swift's Famous Chai Cookies Recipe!

Recipe from today.com

By Meghan K

Ingredients:

1/2 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1/2 cup sugar, plus more for topping

1/2 cup powdered sugar

1 large egg

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 cups of flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 Chai tea bag



Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease cookie sheet*
- 2. Beat butter and add vegetable oil*
- 3. Add sugar, powdered sugar, egg and vanilla*
- 4. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt and tea*
- 5. Chill the soft dough for about 1 hour*
- 6. Line cookie sheet with 12 tablespoons dough drops*
- 7. Press evenly and cover with sugar*
- 8. 9ish minutes in the oven*
- 9. Cover with icing when cool completely*
- 10. Enjoy!!*



Hot Chocolate Bomb Recipe

By Grace D and Meghan K



Makes: 1 hot chocolate bomb



Instructions:

1. Melt 1 bag of Chocolate Chips in a bowl for 1 minute in the microwave.
2. Put a thick layer of Chocolate into two the round molds. Then freeze until hard.
3. Take the chocolate spheres out and fill it with the hot chocolate mix (marshmallows optional)
4. Melt a little extra chocolate and spread on the edge of the hot chocolate bomb and gently press the two halves together. Let cool for a little bit

Ingredients

- One bag of Chocolate Chips
- Hot Cocoa mix (any kind)
- Marshmallows (optional)
- Round Silicone molds
- spoon

Extra!

Melt a little extra chocolate and drizzle it on top of the hot chocolate bomb. You can even add sprinkles on top!

Snowball Cookie

Recipe



By Cece M. and Venice B.

Ingredients:

2 1/4 cups of flour

1/2 teaspoon of salt

1 cup of butter unsalted, softened

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup powdered sugar (plus extra for dusting)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Then, line a baking sheet with parchment paper. After that, combine flour and salt in a small bowl and set aside. Beat butter, vanilla, and powdered sugar with a mixer until creamy. Turn the mixer to low and add flour mixture until combined. Form dough into 1 inch balls and place on a prepared pan. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until the bottom edges of the cookies are lightly browned. Lastly, cool for a few minutes until you're able to handle the cookies. Roll in powdered sugar and place on a rack to cool completely. Enjoy!



Peppermint-Hot

Cocoa Cookies

Recipe from today.com

By: Cate R

Ingredients

6 ounces baking chocolate

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

3/4 3/4 cup flour

3 tablespoons cocoa powder

1/2 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

salt

2 eggs

1/2

cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2

1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract

8 ounces chocolate, rough chopped

5 marshmallows, halved

melted chocolate, for garnish

1/4

1/4 cup crushed candy cane pieces



Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F.

2. In a glass bowl, melt the baking chocolate and butter in the microwave, in 30 second intervals, stirring in between.

3. In a medium-sized bowl, whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and a pinch of salt until well combined.

4. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the eggs, brown sugar and melted chocolate mixture until well combined.

5. With the mixer on low, gradually add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.

6. Add the vanilla extract, peppermint extract and chopped chocolate and stir to combine.

7. Cover with plastic and refrigerate until the dough firms up, 30 to 60 minutes.

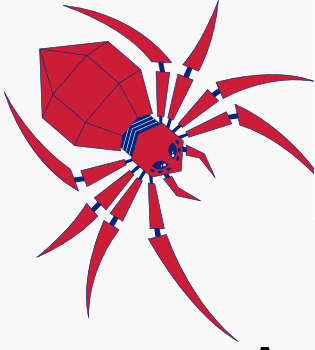
8. Divide the dough into 10 equal-sized balls and place them onto a parchment paper-lined sheet pan, leaving at least 2-inches between each ball to account for spreading.

9. Bake for 10 minutes, then top each cookie with a halved marshmallow.

10. Bake until the cookie is set around the edges and the marshmallow has melted, about 4 minutes. Transfer to cooling racks to cool completely. (Alternatively, you can serve the cookies warm.)

11. Drizzle with melted chocolate and top with a sprinkling of crushed candy cane pieces. Let set before storing in an airtight container for up to 5 days.





MOVIE REVIEW



Across the Spiderverse

By: Rania Q.

If you haven't watched this, you're missing out on a nail-biting, action-packed, full-of-suspense hit! This is an awesome movie (although, unfortunately it ends on a cliffhanger). I personally cannot tell you how many times I gasped and almost screamed. Overall I think it was an awesome movie! The only thing that I was disappointed with, was the cliffhanger and the DELAYED RELEASE DATE!

Guess the Celebrity!

By: Kaia K, Grace D, and Meghan K.

Hints:

1. I love cats

2. I love baking

3. I won 11 Grammy's

4. I am a former Abercrombie model.

5. I have a sibling

6. I made it into Time magazine for my 2nd time

7. I made my first album when I was 16

8. I love Chai cookies

9. My birthday is in December

10. I have broken 58 Guinness World records



Answer on page 37

What celebrities look like kids from newspaper club

BY: Cate, Alice, Cooper, Timmy, Jack, Charlie W, and Nathan R.



Jack V.



BOBBY ELMS



Nathan R.



Karl Jacobs



Cooper D.



Weston Richey



Charlie W.



Macaulay Culkin



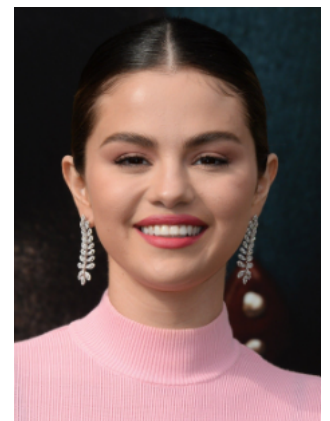
Alice K.



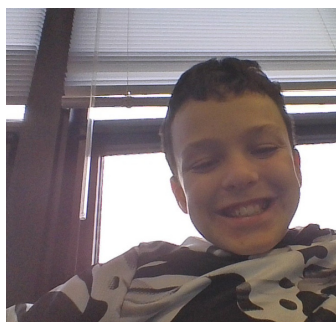
Kerri Russel



Venice B.



Selena Gomez



Timmy N.



Sam Howell

SPORTS PAGE



Who is going to win the college football playoffs?

By: Lucien, Timmy, Jack, and Nathan

1



Michigan's got a strong team but the coaching staff is what concerns people with this team. After their coach got suspended they still went undefeated. Their star player JJ McCarthy is really good and is a future NFL player. He is also from La Grange Park. They are ready to beat Alabama!

2



Washington has an elite starting offense, starring Micheal Penix Jr., Dillon Johnson, & Rome Odzune. All these guys are getting ready for the college football playoffs and are getting ready to smoke texas's butt!

3



Texas is a really good team that went 12-1 and their only loss was to Oklahoma 34 to 30. Their star QB Quinn Ewers threw 3,161 yards, 21 TD and 6 INT this season. They are ready to beat Washington!

4



Alabama is the surprise in the top 4. They started out the season with a tough loss to Texas. No one thought that Alabama was going to make the top 4. Their biggest win of the season was when Alabama broke Georgia's 29 game win streak.

Honorable Mention



I am really surprised Florida State didn't make the top 4. They went 13-0 and somehow didn't make it. They won the ACC championship 16-6 against Louisville, only 3 of their games they won by one score, I'm just REALLY confused.

RANIA Q. S.T.E.M PAGE

SYNESTHESIA

SYNESTHESIA IS A BRAIN CONDITION THAT CAUSES YOU TO FEEL, HEAR, AND SENSE DIFFERENT COLORS, NUMBERS, LETTERS, AND WORDS. MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY HAVE THIS. THIS CONDITION ISN'T A MENTAL DISORDER OR DISEASE. IN FACT, STUDIES SHOW THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SYNESTHESIA TEND TO DO BETTER THAN OTHERS FOR MEMORY AND INTELLIGENCE TESTS. IN FACT, A LOT OF OUR TEACHERS HAVE SYNESTHESIA! NEXT TIME YOU SEE A TEACHER, TRY ASKING THEM WHAT COLOR THE NUMBER 4 IS!



COMIC

By: Charlie W



3:24 pm

Spring Ave. Library



'I Wrote This Comic With One Shoe On' by Rania Qureshi



“Newspaper Club Quotes”

By Lily R

Jack V - “ME HUNGRY!!!”

Aika K - “I’m gonna lose a bet. Not kidding.”

Charlie W - “JINGLE BELL ROCK!!!!!!!”

Kaia K - “Um, um, always be yourself.”

Mrs. Musillami - “We don’t quit we’ve got GRIT.”

Rania Q- “DID SOMEONE JUST DELETE MY SLIDE? 🙄”

Avery R - Um, uh, touch screens rule.”

Hazel M - “Press ummm, press ummm.”

Alex B - “Anyone got food?”

Lily R - “Literally guys you need to be packing more snacks.”

Alice K - “Mr. Kraaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaatt!!!”

Lily R - “Does anybody else want to put a quote on the quote slide?”

Cate R - “COME ON CLAREEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!”

Sofia D - “Uhhhhh” (....)

To be continued.....

Clare M - “ONE SSSEECCCOOONNNDDDD!!!”

Sofia D - “Ummmmm” (....)

Cate R: “WHEREEEE AREEEE YOUUUU CHRISTMAS
WHYYYY CANTTT I FINDDDDDD
YOUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU!!!”

Lily R - “Credits to Avery R for coming up with the idea for a quote wall!”

SCHOOL MEMES

When your bestie walks
into the classroom on the
first day of school



SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!



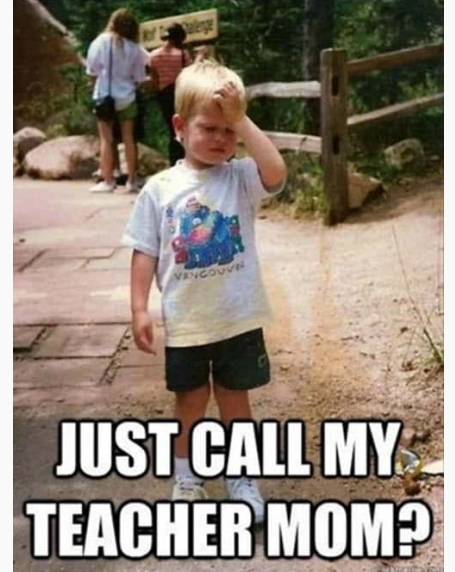
**FALSE. SCHOOL GETS OUT IN SPRING
AND STARTS BACK UP IN SUMMER.**

**When the bell rings and the teacher
forgot to mention the homework**



SpanishPlans.org/memes

DID I REALLY



**JUST CALL MY
TEACHER MOM?**

SETTING YOUR ALARM



FOR THE FIRST DAY BACK AFTER BREAK

**So Middle and High school
students don't get any recess**



**I'm staying
in elementary!**

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Guess the celebrity!



By: Kaia, Grace, Meghan



Hints:

1. I love cats



2. I love baking

3. I have won 11 Grammy's

4. I am a former Abercrombie model.

5. I have a sibling

**6. I made it into the time magazine for
a 2nd time**

7. I made my first album when I was 16

8. I love Chai Cookies

9. My Birthday is in December

10. I broke 58 Guinness World Records.

ANSWER: TAYLOR SWIFT

WINTER

N K S L I P U H O F D B
 A X T C Z S M L E R S W
 Y P F B U K D I J N O H
 M Z R S C A R F T L C E
 S N O W J T H S P T K D
 F G Z I C E V N A B S M
 O K E X T U C O L D H Q
 R B N A Y I T W Z P F S
 T Q O D U A G M E L T K
 S C P O H B F A J A N I
 U W I N T E R N K Y G X
 Z A H F M S L E D O B P

boots

hat

plow

slip

coat

ice

scarf

snow

cold

melt

skate

snowman

forts

mitts

ski

socks

frozen

play

sled

winter



FIND THE HOLIDAY IMAGE ANSWERS

By: Cate R and Clare M



LEVELS:

WAY TO EASY



SUPER EASY



EASY



MEDIUM



HARD

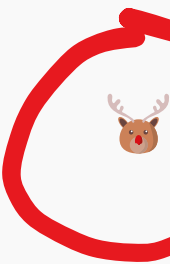


EXTREMELY

HARD



IMPOSSIBLE



CREATIVE WRITING

Everyday, Every Question, Every Answer

By: Alex B.

I'm just a kid.

An onion of 11 layers. A tree with 11 rings. The bubblyness of newborns. The questioner of toddlers. The inventiveness of early elementary. The independence of tweens. The self-discovery of teens. The experience of adults.

I am all of these, and none. I am 1 outcome out of combinations with infinite possibilities. 1 universe out of infinity. 1 timeline out of trillions. I have a very, very low chance of even being alive right now. Even with all of these, these layers and traits, still standing with me, whether dormant or active,

I'm just a kid.

Been born, alive on this earth for 139 months. Been through 4 of those stages. But I can't for the life of me, remember ever being bubbly, curious, inventive or independent. Why can't I remember what seems to be such a simple thing? Why can't I feel like a 6th grader? Why does the toddler come out when I'm angry or the newborn when I'm happy? Why does it feel like it's still 2019? When did the years pass? When did the time pass? Everyone says "Life is short." But when did that become true? When did the fullness of every single day end? When did the days become dull? When did 1 single event be able to skew my mood till the next? Who was the little girl running to her parents after school squealing? Who is the little girl screaming everyday to come out? Who? What? When? Where? Why? All of these questions hidden under the trees rings or onion layers.

But I'm still just a kid.

Only in school.

Only doing this for a project.

So now the questioner has to take her nap, the inventor has to go gymnastics or volleyball or soccer. The entrepreneur has to make lemonade. The baby has to take her nap, but don't forget one thing. One very crucial fact.

I'm just a kid.

So even though I'm bubbly, curious, inventive, independent and self-aware.

Even though I have experience in life,

I'm still just a kid.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Change Within

By: Clare

Heart beating; fast, slow

Mind changing; little did I know

How much I have grown

Take me back to the effortless age

When answers were impulsive

When feelings were appeased

Not agonizing

Someone to depend on

When times are arduous

Now, it's easy to get disoriented

In even your own sentiments

Take me back to that effortless age

Heart beating; fast, slow

Mind changing; little did I know

How much I did grow

And much I now know



WRITERS

Alex B.	CeCe M.
Venice B.	Hazel M.
Cooper D.	Timmy N.
Elise D.	Natalie N.
Sofia D.	Rania Q.
Grace D.	Nathan R.
Lucien D.	Cate R.
Alice K.	Lily R.
Aika K.	Avery R.
Kaia K.	Jack U.
Meghan K.	Charlie W.
Clare M.	

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Mrs. Musillami

Ms. Wagner

By: Alex B

Our library friend, Ms. Wagner has moved to Gurrie! The old Gurrie librarian went to a different school and Ms. Wagner was looking for a librarian job with kids like us, so now she's the Gurrie librarian! For the little kids, you'll have to wait a little bit longer to have Ms. Wagner in the library but you might be able to see her in the hallway. For the older kids you'll be seeing her in the next couple years as you move into Gurrie. We interviewed Ms. Wagner and our results are below.

Q: What's the most recent book you've read from the library?

A: Hoops by Matt Tavares, it is a great graphic novel about the history of girls basketball. I found it super intriguing and i wanted to read more!

Q: What's your most comfy spot in the entire library?

A: My desk chair, I haven't really sat on a lot of the chairs.

Q: Do you like Gurrie?

A: Yes, Of course! Gurrie is such a fun space to be working in and I can't wait to see everyone once they get to 7th grade!

