

A LION'S LIFE



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Springtime

By Hazel M



Spring is a breath of fresh air after the long and dreary winter months, and it never fails to fill us with renewed hope and excitement. As we eagerly anticipate the intro to the new and upcoming spring, I want to assure you, dear reader, that these months are going to be truly magnificent. The gentle blossoms of cherry trees, the vibrant colors of daffodils and tulips, and the melodious songs of birds returning from their migration - all these wonderful signs remind us that life is blooming again. Let us embrace the beauty and serenity that spring brings, for it promises to be a year filled with joy, growth, and countless adventures waiting to be discovered.

What to Expect

By Avery R



In this issue there will be exciting interviews, upcoming events and so much more! The articles upon these pages will be about Battle of the Books, Speech Team, the SCOTY Award, and even Monte, Buster's son! There is so much creative and informational articles in this issue of the Lions Life Newspaper!





SCHOOL NEWS



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS; 2024

By Clare M and Meghan K

This year, exactly 96 5th and 6th grade students participated in the Spring Battle of the Books. This was a thrilling experience for everyone; the suspense got the job done! 4 lists, 16 books, and 3,721 total pages all thanks to Ms. Marek and Ms. Maloney who led this showstopping event. Even though every contestant was a winner, there were 4 teams that demonstrated a clear understanding of each of their books. (The books were split into categories in which each team member chose either List A, List B, List C or List D.) The first place winner was the HIMOTHYS_\$. Tied for second place were the Fearless Readers and The H2O Mermaids. And last but not least; (in fourth place) going into a stressful tie breaker round, The SMARTIES and God Squad 2.0. (The Smarties were the team that advanced to the District Battle.) Even though not all 20 teams had the opportunity to participate in yet another battle (this time all across D105) one thing remained the same - everyone had a lot of fun!





SCHOOL NEWS



READING WITH MONTE

&

HOW TO ACT WHEN AROUND MONTE

BY: ELISE D, SOFIA D, LILY R, AND RANIA Q



As you all know Buster, Ms. Read's dog has sadly passed away. But what most of you probably don't know is that Buster has a son named Monte. Recently, Ms. Read has been bringing Monte to Newspaper Club so he can get used to being around kids. We're also getting the chance to be able to read to him. The goal for Monte is to get him to the point where Ms. Read can bring him to school during the school day. Not only are we teaching Monte how to act around students but in this article we will also try to teach YOU how to act around Monte so when the time does come you all will be ready!

Directions on how to act around Monte

Step 1: Walk slowly, calmly and quietly towards him.

Step 2: Make sure he sees your hand before you begin to carefully pet his head.

Step 3: Make sure you bend down to his eye level so he can see your face.

******It is important that you follow these steps when you see Monte in the hallways. It might be awhile before Ms. Read brings Monte during the school day but when she does eventually make sure to remember these steps in exact order.**



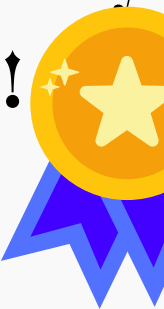
SCHOOL NEWS



The SCOTY Award

By Grace D

This year, Spring Avenue's very own Meghan Koziol was awarded the SCOTY award. The SCOTY award is given to a sixth grade student that is a good citizen to the school and models responsibility towards others. The SCOTY award started in 1985 to recognize students who showed traits of a good citizen to their school while also demonstrating positive attitude, leadership skills and strong work ethic. Meghan and over a hundred others will be awarded on March 20th with a celebratory ceremony. Congratulations Meghan!





SCHOOL NEWS



Speech Team

By Alex B.

You probably heard the announcement a couple weeks ago about the DI05 speech team getting 3rd overall and our Spring team getting 1st in their category.



Our Spring team was made up of Alex B, Maddie B, Sofia D, Alexa F, Aika K, Kaia K, Meghan K, Hazel M, Rania Q, and Emma U. Our coach was Mrs. Musillami and our alternate was Isabel P.



For your performance, you can do a dramatic presentation, a duet trio event, an improv presentation, a poetry read, a readers theatre, or a solo event.

We performed a readers theatre script from a chapter of the book Zorgamazoo by Robert Paul Weston. We read chapter 16, A Furious Fray, which had us practicing public speaking skills and using unusual words to rhyme



If you want to participate in Speech Team you have to be in 6th through 8th grade. Speech team is a great opportunity to speak in front of a crowd, get over stage fright, and have fun as a group.



SCHOOL NEWS



Mysteries of Spring Ave

BY: Timmy N, Alice K, Jack V, Charlie U, Kaia K, Cooper D, Luke L, Nathan R, Charlie W, and Rania Q

Have you ever wondered what's under those trapdoors in the hallways? Well, we're about to tell you in this article, In fact we're going to tell you about rooms that kids aren't allowed in like the boiler room, Which is a room that controls the climate. There are a bunch of really important pipes in the boiler room that basically run the whole school. There are also trap doors that are said to have tunnels underneath them that are only accessible to janitors. These trap doors are by the library, and in a few rooms. There are also storage closets that teachers use to be prepared for upcoming units too. That is all the secrets that are in Spring Avenue Elementary School for this issue!





Avery R & Hazel M

In this musical it is not just 7th and 8th graders. There are also 6th graders! Here is the entire cast list:

Moana Jr. Cast List		
Moana	Bea Scouffas	Understudy: Alexa Fey
Maui	Katie Springer	Understudy:
Tamatoa*	Abbie Scouffas	Understudy:
Left Claw*	Bailey Dutton	
Right Claw*	Sydney Hartman	
Chief Tui*	Quinn Barrett	Understudy: TBD
Sina*	Sofija Delevic	Understudy:
Pua*	Isabel Pawula	
Hei Hei*	Avery Rosckes	
Gramma Tala*	Makaela McGinnis	Understudy: Estella Perez
Chief Ancestor 1*	Alexa Fey	Understudy: TBD
Chief Ancestor 2*	Payton Meller	Understudy: TBD
Chief Ancestor 3*	Estella Perez	Understudy: TBD
Ensemble ALL roles with an * will also be in the ensemble		
Te Fiti/Te Ka*	Emma Villarreal	
Villager 1	Hazel Murphy	
Villager 2	Estella Perez	
Villager 3	Sophia Murphy	
Villager 4	Elise Diaz	
Villager 5	Elena Bailey	
Villager 6	Madison Bailey	
Fisher 1	Maddie Shishman	
Fisher 2	Sofia Diaz	
Gate Monster 1	Ashley Karkoska	
Gate Monster 2	Hazel Murphy	
Gate Monster 3	Elena Bailey	



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Q&A with.....

**MISS
MELONE**

By: Clare M and Cate R



1) Q: Where and when were you born?

2) Q: What were some of your favorite childhood memories as a kid and also when did you first want to become a teacher?

3) Q: What was the first school you worked at? If it was Spring Ave who was the current principal?

4) Q: What grade are you currently teaching; do you enjoy it?

5) Q: Did you teach any grades besides 1st? If so was/where it/they.

Bonus Question!:

1) Q: Can you speak any language(s) other than English?

1) A: I was born on February 25, 1988, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

2) A: I grew up in La Grange Park and loved playing with my friends when I was young. We would play basketball, ride our bikes and have sleepovers together!

When I was in high school, I was in a club that tutored younger students. I really liked helping the kids and thought about becoming a teacher then.

3) A: Spring Avenue was the first school I started working at after college. My first principal was Mrs. Webb!

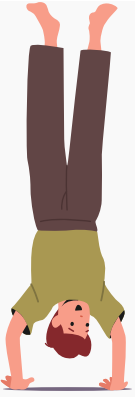
4) A: I am teaching first grade now and love it!

5) A: I have taught third grade for three years with Mrs. Dahlin and Miss McGinnis. Then, I taught kindergarten with Ms. D for one year!

Bonus Question!:

1) A: I learned how to speak Spanish in high school and Italian in college.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Which Teachers can do a Handstand?

By: Alice K and Kaia K

Ms. Quinn: Yes

Ms. Read: No

Mrs. Panice: No

Mrs. Weiland: Yes

Ms. Marek: No

Mrs. Mindy: Yes, with a wall

Mrs. Wanta: No

Mrs. Eck: No

Ms. Fornaro: No

Mrs. Tobin: Yes, with a wall

Mrs. Podgorski: No

Mr. Arneson: No

Mr. Kratt: No



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

TEACHER ART CONTEST

By: ALICE K AND KAIA K

Teachers can grade report cards, 10 page essays, but can they do art? In the past there have been various art contests for the students at Spring Avenue but never for teachers. So, we thought it would be fun to have a friendly competition between the teachers. They will submit artwork in a category (Teachers you can use any art materials) Then Kaia, Alice and other students in the newspaper club will judge it. (**THIS IS A VERY FRIENDLY COMPETITION!) The pieces of art will be in the next issue of Lions Life along with the winners! Tell your teacher to participate! The pieces of art are due Tuesday, April 16th. Deliver your final piece to Mrs. Mindy's room and say it's for Kaia and Alice.

The category is....

OCEAN



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Do you prefer Ice Cream on a cone
or in a Cup?

-Getting you ready early for the summer season!

By Clare M and Meghan K

Ms. Marek: Cup

Mrs. Skala: Cup

Mrs. Bato: Cone

Mrs Jones: Cone

Miss Laisha: Cone

Ms Maloney: Cup

Mrs. Mus: Cone

Ms. Wagner: Cup

Mrs. Fuller: Cone

Miss Melone: Cone

Mrs. Stang: Cone

Mrs. Tobin: Cup

Mr. Kratt: Cone

Ms. Eck: Cup

Mrs. Wanta: Cup

Ms. Quinn: Cup

Ms. Arreguin: Cone

Mrs. Dickerson: Cone

Mrs. Rybakowski:
Cup

Mrs. Mindy: Cup

Mrs. Weiland: Cup

Mrs Podgorski: Cone

Mr Arneson: Cone

Mrs Brantner: Cone

Ms Lily: Cup

Ms. Keillor Cone

Mrs. Weiland: Cup

Mrs Manganello: Cone

Ms. Read: Sugar/Waffle
Cone

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

whats your favorite green food?

by cate r

mrs. fuller: green grapes

miss melone: avocado

mrs. stang: brussel sprouts

mrs. tobin: any kind of lettuce

mr. kratt: pesto pasta

ms. eck: avocado

mrs. wanta: green grapes

ms. quinn: avocados

ms. arreguin: mint chocolate chip ice cream

ms. dickerson: granny smith apples

ms. fornaro: broccoli

mrs. rybakowski: lime sherbert

mrs. mindy: lettuce

mrs. weiland: pistachio ice cream

mrs. podgorski: guacamole

mrs brantner: green beans

ms. maloney: green grapes

mrs. manganiello: pickles

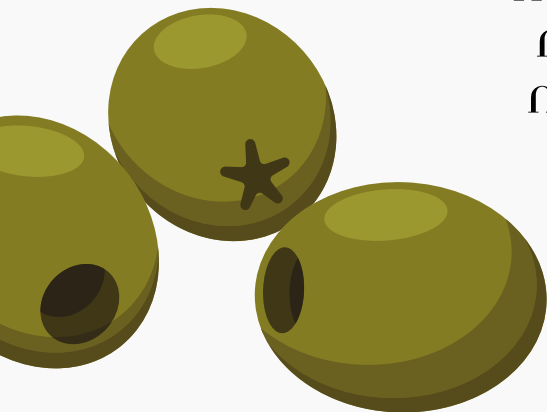
mrs. bato: shamrock shake

mrs. jones: avocado

miss laisha: green apples

ms. lily: broccoli

ms. keiler: salad/peas



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE BASEBALL TEAM?

BY: TIMMY N, CHARLIE U, AND JACK V

MRS. WALSH: CUBS

MRS. DICKERSON: TIGERS

MS. ARREGUIN: CUBS

MRS. FULLER: CUBS

MS. MELONE: WHITE SOX

MS. STANG: WHITE SOX

MRS. TOBIN: CUBS

MR. KRATT: TIGERS

MS. ECK: CUBS

MS. FORNARO: CUBS

MS. QUINN: CUBS

MRS. RYBAKOWSKI: CUBS

MS. MAREK: CUBS

MS. MILANI: CUBS

MR. ARNESON: CUBS



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

What is your favorite type of flower?

By Sofia D. and Elise D.

Mrs. Dahlin: Tulip

Mrs. Mindy: Hydrangea

Miss. Quinn: Dahlia

Ms. Fornaro: Sunflower

Miss Arreguin: Hydrangea

Mrs. Stang: Lily

Mrs. Milani: Sunflower

Mr. Kratt: Daisies

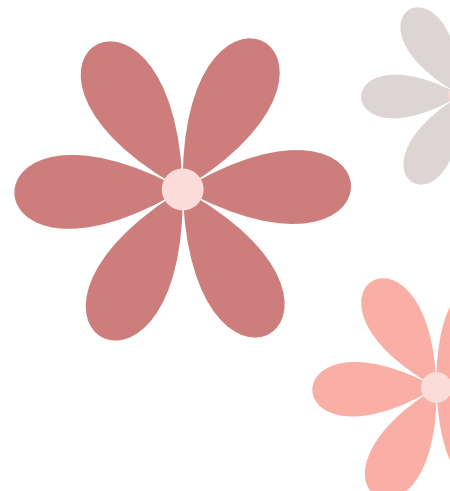
Mrs. Tobin: Tulips

Miss Eck: Peonies

Ms. Lily: Lilies

Mrs. Wanta: Roses

Mrs. Fuller: Roses



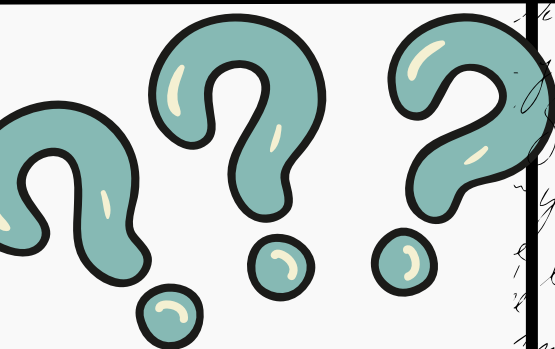
TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE

“COMMONLY CONFUSED” WORDS?...

BY: CLARE M AND MEGHAN K

“Pecan or Peecan”	“Caramel or CARMel”	“Kran” or “Crayon”
Mrs. Wanta: Peecan	Mrs. Wanta: Caramel	Mrs. Wanta: Kran
Mrs. Walsh: Pecan	Mrs. Walsh: CARMel	Mrs. Walsh: Kran
Mrs. Stang: Peecan	Mrs. Stang: CARMel	Mrs. Stang: Kran
Ms. Arreguin: Pecan	Ms. Arreguin: CARMel	Ms. Arreguin: Crayon
Mrs. Dahlin: Pecan	Mrs. Dahlin: CARMel	Mrs. Dahlin: Crayon
Mr. Kratt: Pecan	Mr. Kratt: CARMel	Mr. Kratt: Crayon
Ms. Fornaro: Pecan	Ms. Fornaro: CARMel	Ms. Fornaro: Kran/Crayon
Ms. Quinn: Pecan	Ms. Quinn: CARMel	Ms. Quinn: Kran
Mrs. Kay: Pecan	Mrs. Kay: CARMel	Mrs. Kay: Crayon
Mrs. Mindy Pecan	Mrs. Mindy: CARMel	Mrs. Mindy: Kran
Ms. Laisha: Peecan	Ms. Laisha: CARMel	Ms. Laisha: Kran
Ms. Lily: Peecan	Ms. Lily: Caramel	Ms. Lily: Crayon
Mrs. Jones: Pecan	Mrs. Jones: CARMel	Mrs. Jones: Crayon



How do you say these words?

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Guess the Teacher's Childhood Photos

BY: CLARE M AND MEGHAN K 11 NEW PICTURES

ANSWERS ON PAGE 36

EVERY MONTH!



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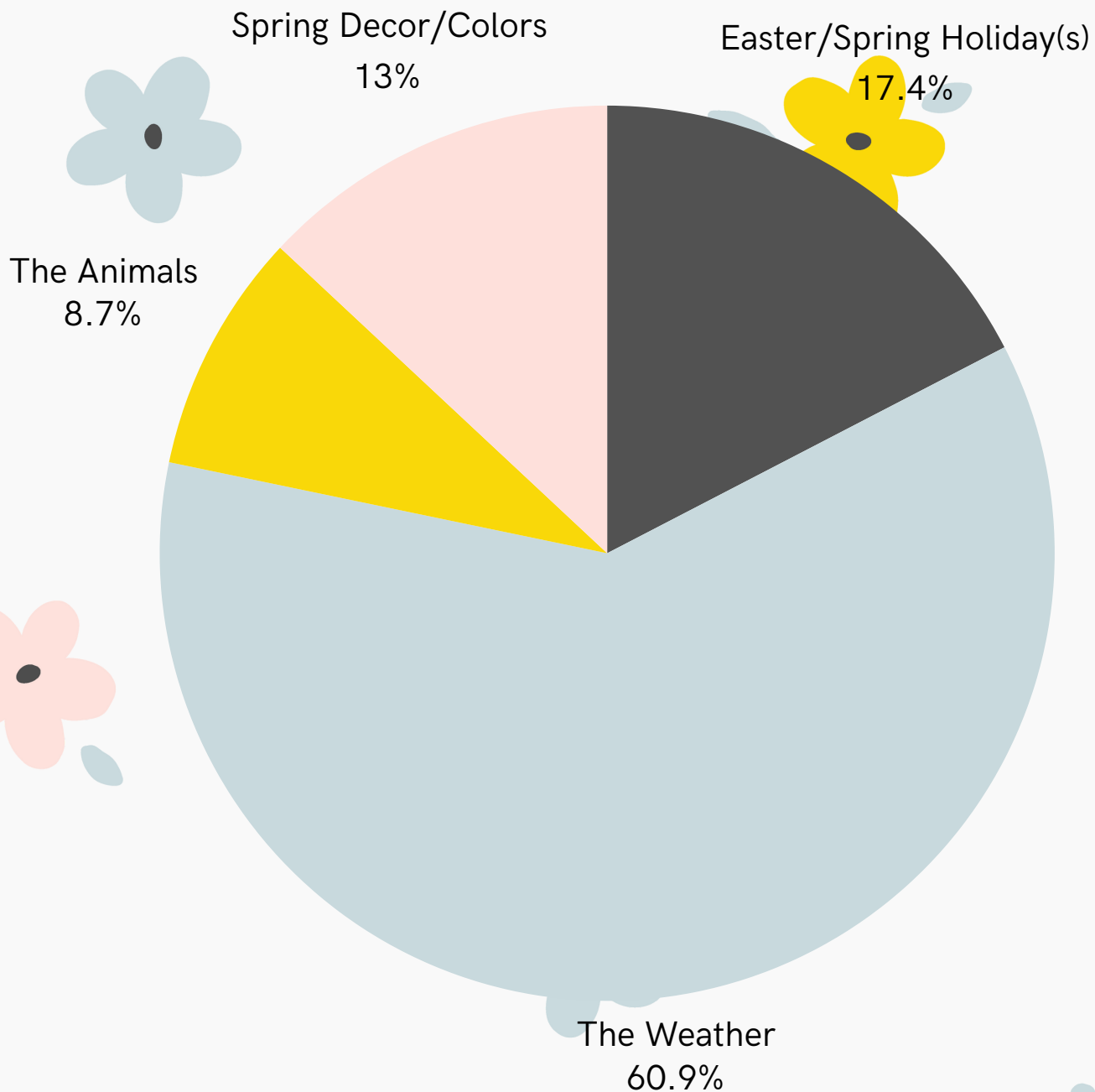
EVERY MONTH!

PART 2!



What is your favorite thing about Spring?

By: Clare M and Meghan K



Thank you to every teacher who was willing to engage in this poll!- every response counted! :) We loved seeing what you love about this season!

SPORTS PAGE

BEST CURRENT FOOTBALL PLAYERS

BY: LUKE L AND LUCIEN D



Christian McCaffrey is a NFL running back and he plays on the 49ers. Christian McCaffrey scored 21 touchdowns this season.



Patrick Mahomes is a quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs. He was the super bowl MVP this year.




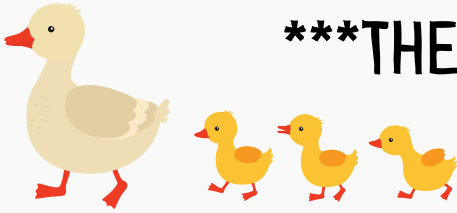
MOVIE REVIEW



MIGRATION

***THE ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE

REVIEW BY: KAIA K



MIGRATION IS A MAJOR MUST WATCH! THE MOVIE IS ALL ABOUT THEIR ADVENTURE FROM HOME AND WANTING TO TRY NEW THINGS. I REALLY LOVED ALL THE CHARACTERS, AND THEY WERE PERFECTLY SET WITH THE BIRD/DUCK THEY WERE. THE MOVIE WAS A MIX OF COMEDY, BUT THEY FACED MANY CHALLENGES, WHICH MADE IT EXTREMELY FUN TO WATCH! I JUST LOVED THE EFFECTS, AND IT KEEPS YOU NAIL BITING THE WHOLE TIME. I COULD REWATCH THIS OVER AND OVER, IT'S JUST THE MOST PERFECT MOVIE TO JUST SIT DOWN, RELAX, AND JUST ENJOY THE SHOW WITH A BOWL OF POPCORN. (JUST MY OPINION, IF YOU DISAGREE THAT'S OK TOO!)



REVIEW BY: CLARE M



WHEN I FIRST FOUND OUT I WAS GOING TO SEE MIGRATION OVER WINTER BREAK I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD SHARE THE SAME CRITERIA AS ANY OTHER ANIMATED MOVIE, BUT TO MY SURPRISE I WAS TOTALLY WRONG! MIGRATION NOT ONLY HAD EXCITING PLOT TWISTS, LAUGHABLE CONTENT AND RELATABLE CHARACTERS BUT ALSO WAS A SPECIAL PROMOTED 3D FORMAT. (I ACTUALLY ORIGINALLY SAW IT IN 3D AND WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED!) THE EXPERIENCE REALLY TRIGGERED MY APPROVAL; WHAT A SHOWSTOPPER! I WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY RECOMMEND THIS MOVIE TO ANYONE LONGING FOR ADVENTURE!

REWATCHABLES

By: Kaia K.



As a fellow movie fan, I love all movies, but, only a few made it to a cut of movies that I would rewatch. It could be Comedy, Horror, and any type of movie you could imagine! Here are the ones that made the cut. And not only my favorites, but some movie ideas for you!

1.

Home Alone

Why- It's a great movie to watch around Christmas (I know it's spring) But it's still a absolute favorite.

2. Migration (This movie is also included in a review!)

Why- I find this movie was great because they faced many challenges, yet they overcame it, And its truly a fantastic movie!

3. (Any movie) Despicable me

Why- No matter what age I am, this movie has never gotten old!





MANGIA MANGIA

By: Timmy N



IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE, BUT DON'T WANT IT TO TAKE HOURS THEN MANGIA MANGIA IS THE PLACE TO GO TO. THIS PLACE IS AN AMAZING STYLED ITALIAN RESTAURANT WITH THE BEST FOOD IMAGINABLE. THEY HAVE THE NICEST WAITERS THAT COMPLY WITH EVERYTHING YOU SAY. THIS CONCLUDES IS WHY I THINK THAT MANGIA MANGIA IS THE BEST RESTAURANT IN COUNTRYSIDE.

Rihanna's Easy Mac and Cheese Recipe Will Blow You Away

Noodles as bold as RiRi herself.

- *Recipe from allrecipes*



HOW TO MAKE RIHANNA'S MAC AND CHEESE!

BY: CLARE M AND MEGHAN K

450 grams small elbow macaroni noodles

Salt, for pasta water

1 medium white onion, grated

1 red bell pepper, julienned

6 spring onions, chopped

¼ cup yellow mustard

¼ cup ketchup

1 ½ tablespoons Eaton's Jamaican

Scotch Bonnet Pepper Sauce

900 grams Colby Jack cheese,

shredded

1 cup water

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1. Cook the macaroni noodles according to package instructions and drain the water once cooked, leaving about ¼ cup pasta water in the pot.
2. Return the macaroni to the pot and put back on the stove on a low flame. Stir in the onion, bell peppers, and green onions until combined.
3. Stir in ketchup, mustard, and pepper sauce until combined. Add cheese a handful at a time, stirring regularly. If the sauce is too stiff, add more water to reach desired consistency.
4. Top with more spring onions and serve immediately.

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ROARING RECIPES!

Recipe for Shamrock



Ingredients

3 large scoops
vanilla ice cream
(about 1/4 c. each)
1/4 c. heavy cream
1/2 tsp. peppermint
extract
6 drops green food
coloring
Whipped cream, for
topping
Maraschino cherry,
for topping(s)

Shake

By: Cate R

Directions

Step 1:

In a blender, blend ice cream, heavy cream, peppermint extract, and food coloring until smooth.

Step 2:

Pour milkshake into a glass. Top with whipped cream. Garnish with a cherry.



RECIPE FROM delish.com



ROARING RECIPES!

RECIPE FROM delish.com

How to make the best St. Patrick's Day Cupcakes!

Ingredients:

By Meghan K.

Directions:

CUPCAKES

- 1 2/3 c. (200 g.) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 c. (200 g.) granulated sugar
- 3/4 c. (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 3 large egg whites, room temperature
- 1 tbsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 c. full-fat sour cream, room temperature
- 1/2 c. whole milk, room temperature

FROSTING & ASSEMBLY

- 1 c. (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 4 c. (460 g.) confectioners' sugar
- 3 to 4 tbsp. heavy cream
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 tsp. kosher salt
- Green food coloring, Airheads Xtremes
- Rainbow Sour Candy, cut into 3" pieces, and gold sprinkles, for decorating

CUPCAKES

Step 1

Arrange a rack in center of oven; preheat to 350. Line a standard 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

Step 2

In a large bowl, using a handheld mixer on medium-high speed (or in the large bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment), beat granulated sugar and butter until light and fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes. Add egg whites and vanilla and beat until smooth and combined, about 2 minutes. Add sour cream and beat until just combined.

Step 3

Add half of dry ingredients and beat on low speed until just incorporated. Add milk and beat to combine. Add remaining dry ingredients and beat until just combined.

Step 4

Fill liners three-quarters full with batter. Bake cupcakes until slightly golden on top and a tester inserted into the center comes out clean, 19 to 22 minutes.

Step 5

Remove cupcakes from pan and let cool completely.

FROSTING & ASSEMBLY

Step 1

In a large bowl, using handheld mixer on medium-high speed (or in the large bowl of stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment), beat butter until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar and beat until combined, then add cream, vanilla, and salt and beat until combined.

Step 2

Transfer 1 cup frosting to a piping bag fitted with a star tip. Add green food coloring to remaining frosting and stir until desired color is reached. Transfer to another piping bag fitted with a large round tip.

Step 3

Pipe green frosting onto cupcakes. Stand rainbow candy upright in frosting. Using white frosting, pipe clouds at bottom of rainbow. Decorate with gold sprinkles.



Facts about the Springtime

By: Clare

Holidays you can celebrate during the Spring are St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Earth Day, Cinco De Mayo and more

Kids grow faster during the Spring; more than any other season

Having "Spring fever" doesn't mean you are actually sick.

SPRING

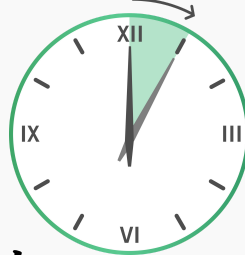


In Japan, the cherry blossom marks the start of Spring

Benjamin Franklin established Daylight Savings in 1787



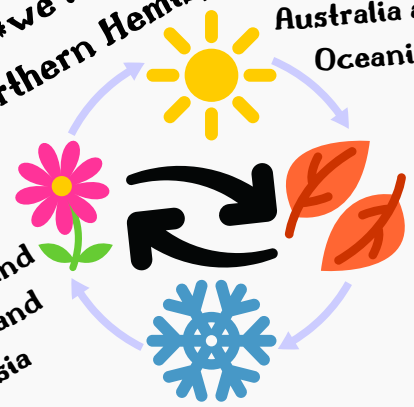
The first day of Spring is called the vernal equinox



When we celebrate Spring in the Northern Hemisphere it's the Southern Hemisphere's first day of fall.

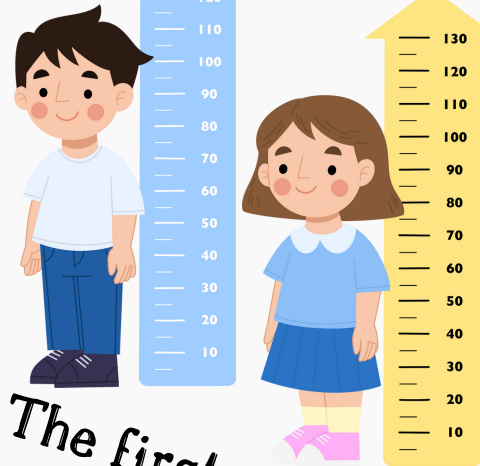
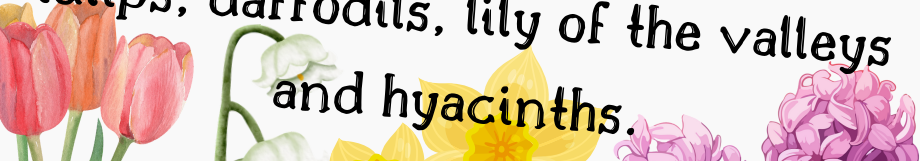
Southern Hemisphere:
Antarctica,
South America,
Africa,
Australia and Oceania

Northern Hemisphere:
North America,
Central America
Europe and Mainland Asia



Some of the most popular flowers that bloom in the Spring are...

tulips, daffodils, lily of the valleys and hyacinths.



spring trivia!

By: Kaia



1. How many peeps are sold each year?
2. When did people start decorating eggs?
3. What was the most popular Easter candy in 2020?
4. America eats 16 million _____ during Easter.
5. In Japan what flower signal spring?
6. What is the sunniest month in Spring?
7. What causes most allergies in Spring?
8. Which month(s) does/do butterflies hatch?
9. Which insect visits 2,000 flowers?
10. Is Spring more popular than fall?



25 things to do over Spring and more!

By: Cate R, Clare M, and Meghan K

1. Go on a run/walk/bike ride: nature is all around you!
2. Play some board/card games! (Some options are Uno, Sorry, Ticket to Ride, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders and Old Maid.)
3. Listen to different varieties of music!
4. Participate in sports or outside activities
5. Read! Mrs. Marek or Ms. Maloney can give you great book recommendations for over break!
6. Use your imagination! You could try making D.I.Y. crafts or build a pillow fort
7. Bake/Cook! (This may require adult supervision based on the certain recipe.)
8. Read our Newspaper!! There are varieties of interesting topics you could read that can gain your attention.
9. Plant an edible garden
10. Learn to fly a kite- wait for windy days
11. Sleep underneath the stairs
12. Plan an outdoor scavenger hunt
13. Have a picnic in the park! It's always going to be nice out! And it's also important to get some fresh air!!
14. Have a bonfire and make s'mores
15. Decorate your driveway/sidewalk with colorful chalk
16. Organize/clean your room
17. Try any type of puzzle (Crossword Puzzle, Word Scramble, e.t..c- we have some of these in our newspaper)
18. Go to the movies or have an "at home" movie night. Invite friends and family!
19. Have a karaoke night: showcase your singing abilities!
20. Watch and admire the sunset. This could either be in the morning or at daybreak.
21. Visit an amusement park,, museum or zoo!! It's always fun to look at the nature!
22. Go on a hike!! It's important to get some exercise!
23. Play charades!!
24. Have a cup stacking competition! Race with friends and family!
25. Stay in the moment :)

If you're unsure of your schedule this spring break, try filling out this calendar with some ideas/goals that you hope to achieve this 2024!

MARCH

Get creative! Label the days of the week: draw pictures and take notes. Anything is possible!



CREATIVE WRITING

War

By: Rania Q.

CRASH!

BANG!

BOOM!

Silence.
it swallows the air,
it snakes it's cold tendrils
through the grass
across
a war-torn
battlefield.
There is
no
help here.
No soldier
to save the day.
A soldier
is strong
and brave
and can do anything....

right?

why
is this
one
still
sprawled
across
the brown grass
why is this one
left behind?

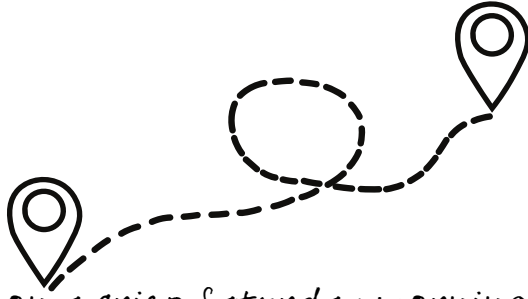
Peace

By: Aika K.

the end of the war
was bitter sweet
the silence is loud.
people clammer as
they look at the once
bomber plane-filled sky
is only filled with
a single cloud
we all look around with
an archive of our brow.
suddenly, static
fills the air we all jump up
I hear a voice in my head.
the war has ended but
many are dead
we come to peace and we
are allies I finally
see it, the thing I longed
for the thing I despaired
for.
PEACE

CREATIVE WRITING

By Hazel M



As the sun rose on a crisp Saturday morning, Emma and Riley excitedly packed their bags into Riley's old, reliable car. The two best friends had been planning this road trip for months, eager to explore new places and create unforgettable memories together. They hit the road with the windows down and their favorite songs blasting through the speakers.

Hours passed as they drove through picturesque landscapes and charming small towns. Laughter filled the car as they shared stories and indulged in snacks from local markets. Everything seemed perfect until the car suddenly sputtered and came to a stop on a quiet country road.

Panic set in as Riley tried to restart the car to no avail. With no cell service in sight, the two friends realized they were stranded in the middle of nowhere. Determined not to let this mishap ruin their adventure, they decided to explore the area on foot while leaving a note on the car.

As they walked along the country road, they stumbled upon an old farmhouse nestled among towering trees. A kind elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, welcomed them with open arms and offered to help with the car trouble. Over hot cups of tea, the friends listened to stories from the Jenkins' youth and learned about the history of the area. Mr. Jenkins, a retired mechanic, managed to fix the car in no time. Grateful for their newfound friends' hospitality, Emma and Riley bid farewell, heading back on their journey with a renewed appreciation for unexpected detours and the kindness of strangers.

The road trip continued, but the memory of the unexpected problem that led them to the Jenkins' doorstep remained etched in their hearts as a reminder that sometimes the unplanned moments make for the best stories.

CREATIVE WRITING

What If's

By: Clare M

If there weren't any what if's where would we
be now?

If no one sought for the pot of gold at the end of
the rainbow there would have been no benefit to
what we can label now. Because success is not
always guaranteed by one small step. It takes more
than an individual to raise a community; multiple
people to make a substantial difference. What if's
decided, imagined and made possible.

Our society is brought by all the people that
searched the ends of the rainbow.

Extensively; with defined purpose.
Until they found the barrier to color
And the gate to gold.

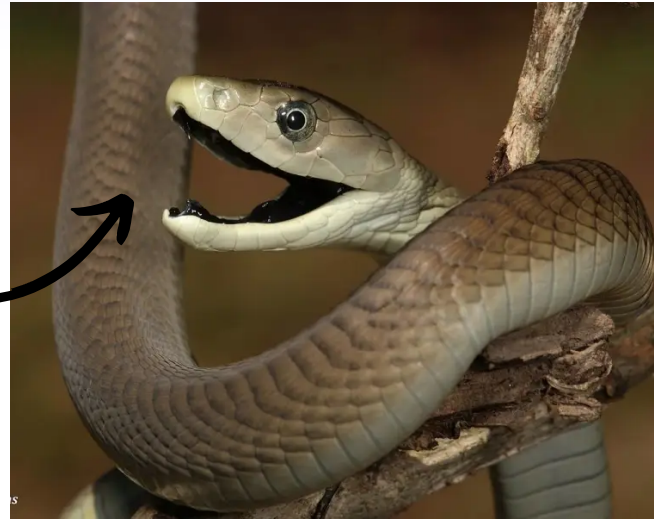


CREATIVE WRITING

SNAKES

By: Cooper D, Timmy N, and Charlie W

Black Mambas
Black Mambas are the fastest snake and the fastest killing snake in the world. If you ever see a mamba, do not make any rapid/sudden moves or it might strike, just back away carefully and slowly. (They are also found in Southeast Africa.)



Rattlesnakes

Rattlesnakes are easy creatures to deal with. If you ever hear it rattle that means you're in its territory and you need to walk away slowly and carefully. If it starts to stand up that means that it is going to strike you soon. (These snakes can be found in the west of the US.)



Copperheads

Copperheads are venomous snakes that are found in the Southeast US. They're venomous snakes that also have an advantage. Their scales let them blend into the terrain.



Anacondas

The Anaconda is a big snake that can reach 30 feet. It's also the only snake to give live birth, that not hatching out of eggs.

They weigh up to around 600 hundred pounds. (There are found In the Amazon Jungle) They use their big bodies to wrap around its prey and it makes its prey stop breathing, and then it eats it whole.



Quote Wall

By: EVERYONE (and other famous past people)

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." -Dr. Seuss

"Each person must live their life as a model for others"

-Rosa Parks

HAPPY READING!- MS. MAREK

"...because we are only who we are"

-Clare M

Never doubt your ability to accomplish something

Have Fun GRIT!!

great. -Lily R

HEHEHEHEHE - HAZEL

ALWAYS. - Meghan

People may not remember what you said, but they will always remember how it made them feel.

- Avery R. K.

- Ms. Musillami

"Guess why I smile a lot? Uh, because it worth it! -

-Marcel the shell

:/ -HAZEL

Gymnastics is the best sport- Alice K.

'Sup.- Aika K.

THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF. -FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Life is precious. - Rania Q.

My fingee :-)- Luke L.

The way to get started is to quit

Me like potatoes. -Jack V.

what is

talked and begin

-DON'T INVEST IN THE STOCK MARKET. -

life -

doing. -Walt Disney

ALEX B.

Me German! - Charlie W. Lucien D.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -Eleanor Roosevelt

Jimmy is cool. -

"Well done is better than well said." -Benjamin Franklin

Timmy N.

"Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not." -Oscar Wilde

"We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained"- Marie Curie

THAT FACE YOU MAKE IN SCHOOL

WHEN YOUR TEACHER SWITCHES
THE MULTIPLY SIGN FROM X TO •

When the teacher asks who is
presenting next.



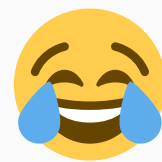
When you've been joking around all hour and your
teacher asks how your group project is going.



POV: YOU GET A EASY QUESTION
WRONG AND YOU WRITE IT IN PEN



MEMES



Made by Lily R and Clare M

When the teacher uses your name
as a good example



THE LOOK YOU GIVE YOUR
FRIEND



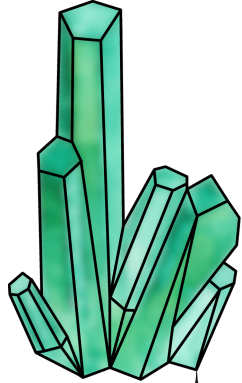
WHEN YOUR TEACHER SAYS TO FIND
A PARTNER

What is an extreme sport?

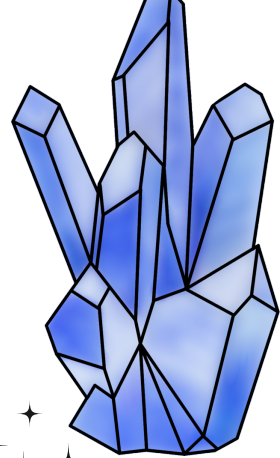


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Doing your homework while the
teacher is collecting it



What is your Birthstone?



BY: KAIA K AND CATE R

Garnet

Amethyst

Aquamarine

Diamond

Emerald



January



February



March



April



May



June

Pearl



July

Ruby



August

Peridot



September

Sapphire



October

Opal



November

Topaz



December

Turquoise

Which
one are
you?!

WHAT IS YOUR

ELEMENT

BY: ELI R

OF NATURE?

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ELEMENTS OF NATURE ARE USED BY WIZARDS TO PERFORM AN ASSORTMENT OF SPELLS? OR THAT THEY ARE RELATED TO THE ZODIAC SIGNS?

MARCH 21 TO APRIL 20,
JULY 23 TO AUGUST 22,
AND NOVEMBER 23 TO
DECEMBER 21: FIRE. TO BE
A FIRE ELEMENT MEANS TO
HAVE A LOT OF ENERGY AND
PASSION FOR DOING WHAT
THEY LOVE.



FIRE

APRIL 21 TO MAY 20,
AUGUST 23 TO SEPTEMBER
22, AND DECEMBER 22 TO
JANUARY 20: EARTH. TO BE A
EARTH ELEMENT MEANS TO
HAVE A SENSE OF CARING FOR
OTHERS.



EARTH

MAY 21 TO JUNE 20,
SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER
22, AND JANUARY 21 TO
FEBRUARY 18: AIR. TO BE A AIR
ELEMENT MEANS TO HAVE BIG
DREAMS AND A CREATIVE
MINDSET.



AIR

JUNE 22 TO JULY 22, OCTOBER
23 TO NOVEMBER 22, AND
FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 20:
WATER. TO BE A WATER
ELEMENT MEANS TO DEEPLY
UNDERSTAND OTHERS
EMOTIONS.



WATER



What is your Spring name?

By: Clare M, Cate R, and Meghan K

A: April
B: Bunny
C: Carrot
D: Daisy
E: Easter
F: Flowers
G: Grasshopper
H: Hop
I: Insects
J: Jacket
K: Kite
L: Lilies
M: May

N: Nature
O: Orchid
P: Picnic
Q: Queen of the Night (flower)
R: Rain
S: Sun
T: Treats
U: Umbrella
V: Violet
W: Warm
X: Xeranthemum (also known as a sunflower)
Y: Yellow
Z: Zinnia (type of flower)



EMOJI MATH

By Meghan K

SPRING EDITION

$$\text{tulip} + \text{clouds} = 7$$

$$\text{ladybug} - \text{tulip} = 6$$

$$\text{clouds} + \text{ladybug} + \text{tulip} = ?$$

ANSWERS ON PAGE 46

Find the Image.

By: Cate R and Clare M

Easter Basket:

Easy

'Happy Easter'

Sign: Medium

Egg Hunt Sign:

Struggle a little

Hatching Chick:

Really hard

Eggs: Almost

Impossible



Can you find
them??



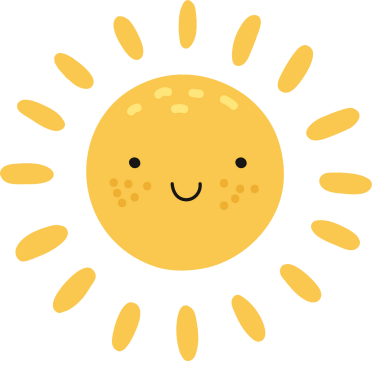
Spot the Difference

Disney

By Grace D

**SPOT ALL 20
DIFFERENCES**





By: Alice K

SPRING

Word Scramble

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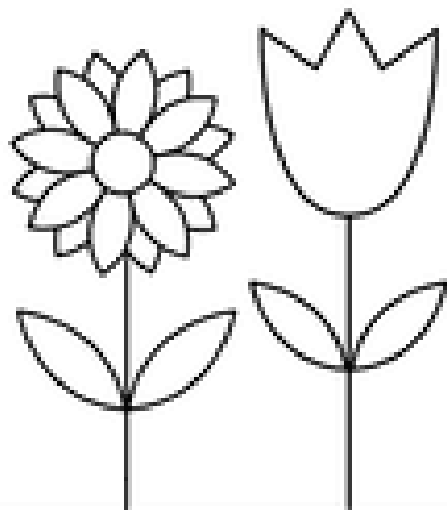
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SPRING GARDEN

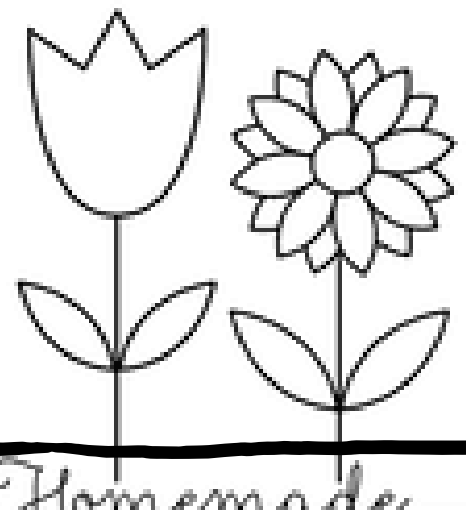
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WORD LIST

BIRDS
DAISY
GRASS
IRIS
LILY

NEST
RAIN
ROSE
SPRING
TULIP

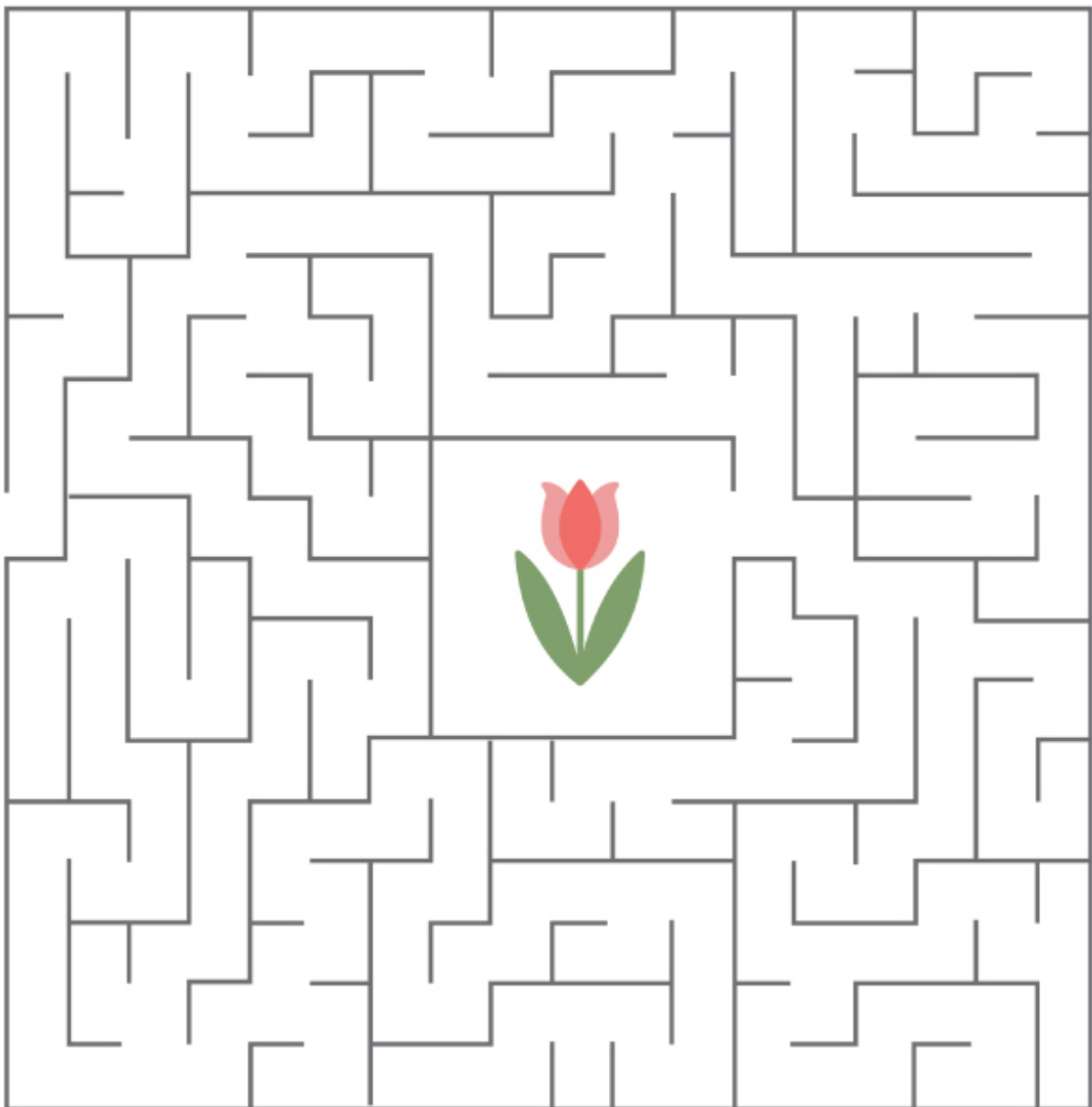


SPRING MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach
the flower in the center.

Happy Spring!

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ANSWERS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

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<- PART ONE

ANSWERS!!!



<- PART TWO

If you can't see the names:

Part 1:

1. Mrs. Mindy
2. Mrs. Weiland
3. Mrs. Dickerson
4. Mrs. Tobin
5. Mrs. Musillami
6. Mrs. Skala

Part 2:

1. Ms. Quinn
2. Ms. Arrequin
3. Mrs. Panice
4. Mrs. Kay
5. Ms. Eck

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

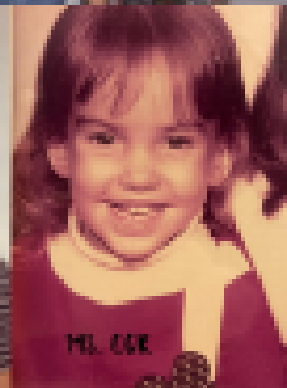
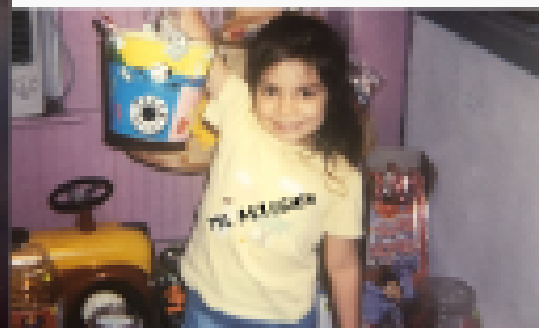
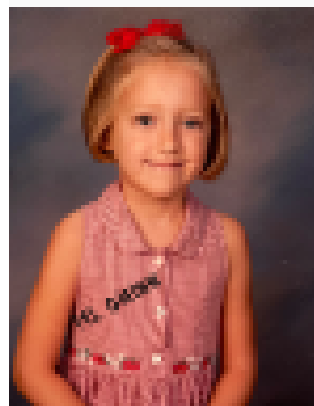
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ANSWERS

spring trivia answers!

- How many peeps are sold each year?
#1: 700 million
- When did people start decorating eggs?
#2: 1500
- What was the most popular easter candy in 2020?
#3: Peanut Butter Chocolate eggs
- America eats 16 million _____ during Easter
#4: Jellybeans
- In Japan what flower signals Spring?
#5: Cherry blossom
- What is the sunniest month in Spring?
#6: May
- What causes most allergies in Spring?
#7: Blooming trees
- Which month(s) does/do butterflies hatch?
#8: March and April
- Which insect visits 2,000 flowers
#9: Bees!
- Is Spring more popular than Fall?
That's up to you!



SPRING GARDEN

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

BIRDS
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Homemade
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SPRING Word Scramble

By: Alice K

SKCICH	CHICKS
RAMW	WARM
IRNA	RAIN
SFOLDADFI	DAFFODILS
EGNRE	GREEN
ARBULMEL	UMBRELLA
SIUTLP	TULIPS

RWESOHs	SHOWERS
PLIRA	PLIRA
NGEADR	GARDEN
REFWOSL	FLOWERS
EKTI	KITE
NISHUESN	SUNSHINE
MBOOL	BLOOM



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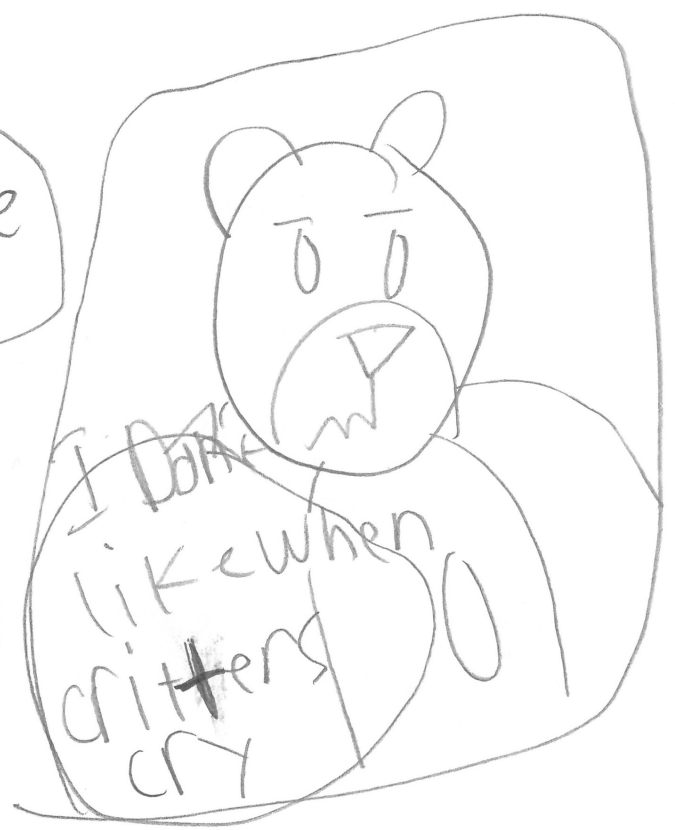


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?=18



BY
CHARLIE W

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

By: Clare M



Ruth smiling



Ruth also won many awards in her life Here she is pictured receiving an Honorary Degree

Today, on March 15th of 2024, we celebrate the birthday of the famous Ruth Bader Ginsburg. If you don't already know, Ruth made history when she became the second woman (first with a Jewish background) to serve on the Supreme Court on August 10th, 1993. She lived up to her role for 13 years before she passed away on September 18th, 2020.

But to this day, especially on the 90th anniversary of her birth in 1933, Ruth has been acknowledged for what she has done for the United States.



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author visit

By Alex B.



As everyone knows, on April 4th Don Tate is coming to our school. Don Tate is an author who writes about historical children's books about underappreciated African American people. Ms. Marek has gotten us ready for his visit by reading us his books "Swish!", "Whoosh!" and "Jerry Changed the Game."