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St. Patrick's Day Facts

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March is a great month for everyone big and small human or animals it's also the best month for facts too. The real saint Patrick's day blue. Did you know that New Yorkers take saint patty's day seriously the parade is one of the biggest parades in the world! did you know whenever it is St. Patrick's day in Chicago everything green. The Irish say their are no female leprechauns. It used to be a dry holiday for most of the 20th century, saint Patricks day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland



March Jokes!

by: Alex, Kabir and Charlie , 2nd Grade

Why did the farmer pick all the berries? Because it was the ripe thing to do
What day do fish hate the most? Fryyyyyyday
What do you call a berry who cuts in line? Berry rude
What did the square say when he was alone? Square is everybody
What do you call a garden with fruits on a windy day? Blew berries
Why did the rhombus not make it to school? Because he took the rhongbus
Why was there a traffic jam on the road? Because there was jam on the road
What do you call new pasta? Newdooles
Where did the pencil go for vacation? Pennsylvania
Why did the circle go to exercise? So it can stay in shape

Fun Places to Visit During Spring Break!

by: Gabi , 5th Grade

1. Hawaii
2. Florida
3. California
4. Mexico
5. Texas

Fun Things to do on Spring Break!

by: Aliya , 2nd Grade

1. A pool and swim
2. Cruise ship and go on water slides
3. A friends house
4. Sleepover at some ones house
5. India
6. Go see a movie

Four Leaf Clovers

by: Jinyuan, 5th Grade

You may have wondered why a four leaf clover is considered lucky and how it became lucky. There is no clear origin as to how the clover is considered lucky. Although in Irish stories some sorcerers gathered the clovers at a full moon and cooked them with vervain. A vervain is a type of plant that people put in gardens. It is also considered very lucky because it is very rare studies show that there is a four leaf clover is at a ratio of 1 out of 5000 clovers. Some scientists think that the four leaf clover could be the result of a recessive gene or a somatic mutation.

Meaning of the clover and religious folklore

The four leaves on the clover represent hope,faith,love, and luck. There is also a Christian legend that said when Eve(the first girl) was expelled from paradise she brought a four leaf clover with her. This makes the four leaf clover lucky. Therefore Christians think that you are blessed by paradise if you find a four leaf clover. Also four is the number of the cross.

Ancient beliefs

In the Middle Ages many people believed in fairies and therefore they thought if you carried a four leaf clover you could see fairies, witches and potential evil spirits lurking. Many people in the Middle Ages also thought it was good for healing. The four leaf clover would also ward off any evil such as wizards and witches it was considered that your luck would double if you give someone a four leaf clover. These are some ancient beliefs.



Would You Rather?

by: Manu, 5th Grade

* Have no homework but go to school 24/7 or Have 100 pages of homework from every subject but go to school 12 times a year?

*Be trapped in a book for the rest of your life or In a tv?

*Go back in time or Ahead into the future?

IRISH DANCE: A TRADITION STILL DONE

By: Daniela Elizalde, 5th Grade

Irish dancing is a loved form of dancing. It has a very rich history, and is a cultural dance. As a symbol of Ireland, Irish dancing is now done around the world. Irish dancing consists of two types of shoes, and is done in shows and competitions. Irish dancing has changed over the years, but important elements have remained the same.

Past Irish Dance:

A long time ago, Irish dancing was banned in Ireland. Officers would go around and check in the windows to see if people were dancing. If so, they would be faced with a punishment. But the people of Ireland loved their dancing, and wanted to dance in secret. So on Sundays, when everyone came together to dance, the people would open the door half way. The doors were split in half, so the dancers closed the bottom half and opened the top. And they would Irish dance! The officers would come over and suspect nothing! That's how the Irish people danced when it was illegal.

Present Irish Dance:

Today, Irish dancing isn't just in Ireland, but all over the world. In America, there are many Irish dance shows, competitions. There are regional and national competitions too! Irish dancing has changed since the 17th century too! It's no longer illegal. People can Irish dance without having to hide it! Irish dancing has changed since its first times.

Why do dancers keep their arms to their sides? A long time ago in Ireland, officers would check to see if the people were dancing. The people would keep the doors half open, and kept their arms to their sides. The police officers would suspect nothing, while the people were dancing.

Why do Irish dancers have curly hair? Well, it's not actual curly hair. Irish dancers have a secret: it's a wig! But back in Ireland, the people would go to church on Sunday's. And the ladies would always put their hair in curls, sleep in it, and have pretty hair for church the next morning. And at church, they would dance. Nowadays, to make it easier for the parents, we put on wigs!

What's with all the different dresses? Now, Irish dancers tend to start out in a school dress. A school dress is a dress that differs from every Irish dance school. All dresses at each school are the same. Once the girl gets to a certain level, they get a solo dress. A solo dress is a dress that is unique from any other. It has designs, and it tends to tell a story. You can have sparkles on your solo dress too! You can always add a little shimmer and shine to it!

Can boys dance? Of course! Boys can Irish dance too! Instead of dresses, they wear vests, or kilts. Kilts are kind of like a skirt for boys. And they can have sparkly solo costumes too!

The girls have pretty shoes called ghillies. Tell me about them! Ghillies are special Irish dance shoes that ladies wear. They are designed to help dancers leap and get high on their toes. Dancers do the jig, single jig, reel, and the slip jig, though the slip jig only girls can do.

What about the shoes that go bang? Those shoes are called hard shoes. They make loud banging noises. Boys and girls wear them. They are used to dance the Treble Jig, Hornpipe, Treble Reel, and Trad Set. They look like tap shoes, but are made of fiberglass.

What shoes do boys wear? The boys wear a special version of soft shoes. They are soft, but they have a clicking heel. So they can do high clicks in the air.

Why do the girls have sparkles on their dresses? Why not? Sparkles make everything better!

Can only Irish people dance? No way! Anyone of any nationality can Irish dance! You don't have to be Irish! That's what makes Irish dancing so special, everyone can do it! And it's the fun that counts!

What kinds of solo dances are there? There are many solo dances. In soft shoes, you can do the jig, the reel, the single jig, and the slip jig (only girls do the slip jig). But as for hard shoes, you can do the treble jig, the hornpipe, the treble reel, and the trad set. There are many solo dances.

What are calles? Calles are dances where many dancers hook hands and dance together. There can be a minimum of two people in a calle. Calles are a fun form of Irish dancing.

How old or young do you have to be to dance? The usual minimum age is three years old. And you don't have to stop! People over 100 can dance, if they want! People of all ages can enjoy the fun of Irish dancing! And it's never too late to start!

Where is dance practiced? All over the world! Irish dance is now a popular type of dance, and is practiced all over the world! You can go almost anywhere and find a dancer!

How do the Irish dance competitions work? At Irish dance competition, you compete with the people of your age, and level. Everyone stands in a line, and the judge is up front. He or she will determine the best of the group. Usually two people go at a time and dance. After, the dancers point and bow, and walk offstage. Then they check their results to see what they got.

What are the regional, national, and international competitions? The regional competitions in America is where everyone of your age and in your region compete for the best person of your age in the region. Nationals are where the whole country does a competition to see who the best Irish dancer of your age in your country. Worlds is an international competition where you compete to be the best in the world.

Do Irish dancers do shows? Of course! Irish dancers perform usually at St. Patrick's day. They perform at pubs, schools, nursing homes, and many other places!

What are the levels in dancing? Well, there are many levels of Irish dancing in America. You start out as a Pre Beginner, then a Beginner, an Advanced Beginner, Novice, Prizewinner, PC, OC, and you end as an open champion.

Are there Irish dance schools? There are different Irish dance schools, like educational school (Kildeer). But they have their own versions of dances, and they teach different things. Two schools may teach a different reel. There are different schools in Irish dance.

How hard is it? It depends on the person. It may come easy to one person, but hard to another. Nevertheless, it still takes effort.

How do you do the Irish jig? Well, you start with a big jump, then a knee, put it in back, step step step. Repeat that two more times. Then for a special ending, knee, put it in back, put it in back, step step step.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEXT PAGE FOR SOME PICTURES OF IRISH DANCING!



March Poems

By: Isaac, 2nd Grade

There was once a greedy leprechaun,
Who was a greedy one.
He stole gold
He really wasn't fun!
This lads name was Shawn,

He was no ordinary leprechaun

One day, Shawn saw,
A big bright sun!
But what put Shawn in awe,
A rainstorm just begun!
We all know what happens when there's rain and the sun,
It's very simple, it is so.
If you don't know what happens with rain and a sun,
Well there is a beautiful rainbow!
We all know at the end of the rainbow,
There's a big pot of gold
Shawn jumped out of bed, so,

SHAMROCK SHAKE

I WAS GOING TO GET A SHAMROCK
SHAKE
IT MADE ME SWERVE TRV AND WAKE
MY MOTHER SAID
GET TO BED
AAAAAAA
OH WHAT WHAT SURPRISE
THAT WAS VERY WISE
AND THERE IT IS MY SHAMROCK
SHAKE
AND I'M REALLY GLAD I WAKED

NEWSPAPER POEM

by: Raina, 4th Grade

Look at our past
 Look at our past,
 Our crew and cast,
 From the books to the cookbooks,
 To the writers and typers,
 It was fun with our cast,
 But sadly it won't last,
 Until next year I say,
 "Look at our past!
 I love our cast."

HOW TO MAKE AN ORIGAMI CLOVER

by: Jennah and Arya, 1st Grade

What you need:

- *paper that is green
- *scissors and
- *tape
- *pencil

What to do:

1. Draw two clovers on a piece of green paper with a pencil.
2. Cut out the two clovers
3. Make Thick pieces of green paper
4. Tape to connect all of the green Paper to together.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

March Madlibs

by: Aliya, 2nd Grade
Alex, 1st Grade

One day I was walking and I saw _____ roses. There were

 (Color)

_____ roses. They were in the _____. I bought some.
 _____ (Number) _____ (Size)

They cost _____ . _____ went to pick a rose
 _____ (Size) _____ (Number)

for _____ . _____ really liked it.so
 _____ (Person) _____ (Person)

_____plated one flower in my garden
 (First person point of view)

TOM AND JERRY STORY

by: Alex, 2nd Grade
Kabir, 2nd Grade

One day Jerry the mouse gobbling up some cheese in the refrigerator. Then jerry went back to his hideout. Next Tom the cat called the mouse exterminator. third The Mouse exterminator came he painted a bolt and made it smell like cheese. Then he rolled into the Jerry's hideout . next jerry ate it the mouse exterminator had a magnet and got him.he got an axe but Tom couldn't look then he hit it on toms tale but Tom cut the mouse exterminators leg he got so angry hit Tom with a bat on the head then Tom fainted
 The End

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POEMS

by:Kylie, 2nd Grade



St. Patrick's Day.
 I see leprechauns
 I can smell culver's
 I can hear parades
 I can taste food
 I can touch gold pieces
 St. Patrick's Day



AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. KIESER

by: Ruqaiyah, 2nd Grade

What's your favorite holiday and tradition?

Go to Texas Roadhouse

What's your favorite sport?

Baseball

What's your favorite animal?

Dogs

What's your favorite place?

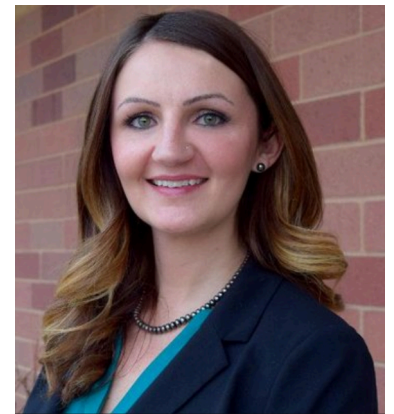
Anywhere with family

What's your favorite book?

The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane

Why do you like working in Kildeer?

The school is family



Information About Animals

by: Lucille, 2nd Grade

If you think animals are just trying to hurt your crazy. Animals are beautiful creatures they should be as equal as us. We're not the only things on the planet us and animals are like enemies and I'm on there side. Some animals are becoming extinct or endangered some are already extinct. Know why because of us we're the enemies here not them. Every day an animal is dying because we're ether eating or just killing them. I respect animals in all ways so you should too. And don't try to stop me from doing my dream. My dream is that animals and humans love and respect each other. Thank you for listening!

HOW ARE CUPCAKES AND DONUTS THE SAME AND DIFFERENT?

by: Aliya, 2nd Grade

A cupcake is the same as a donut Because they both have sprinkles and frosting on them they are different Because a donut and cupcake tast different and cupcakes and donuts are different because I don't that's a shape as circle and cupcakes a shape as a cylinder and they are also different Because a cupcake has a cherry. and a donut dose not!

Leprechaun Traitor

by: Aaradhya, 3rd Grade

Daanya, 3rd Grade

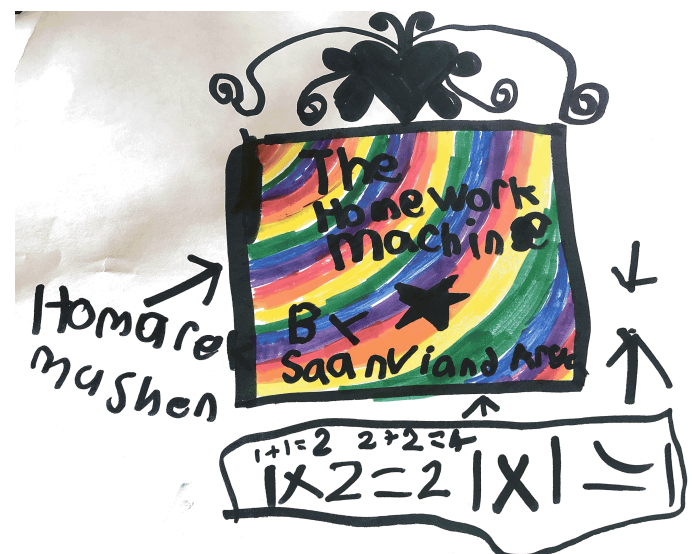
I was at leprechaun school in leprechaun world when my friend Sofia shouted out "I saved you a seat Alia!" I hid my face with my books and ran over to my friend. All the leprechaun's were staring at me as I took a seat next to Sofia. But everyone forgot about it as my teacher announced our new project. The teacher Ms. Rep said " your new project is... Ms. Rep was interrupted with a big crash coming from the bathroom. We all were about to get up when Ms. Rep continued her boring speech. Just then Sofia nudged me by the shoulder and whispered "come on let's go check out the scene in the bathroom." No I said but as usual Sofia ignored me and pulled me out the door to the bathroom. When we got there we opened the door and we saw windows smashed and the sink was broken and there was gold water coming out but now the faucet was broken and normal water came out. As we were about to leave we heard the bell ring and headed back to class. We asked our friend Maria what the project was and she said that we had to go to the human world and give a boy some joy. We asked if it had to be a boy but she said Ms. Rep was trying to spread some "swag." As we were walking back to our neighborhood we saw a shadow and heard a rustle coming from the bushes and heard a whoosh. I was going to continue on the path back home but as usual Sofia pulled me by the arm and went in the bushes, and that is when we saw..... A PORTAL! Sofia was about to step in the portal but I pulled her back and said "let's investigate first, I have a lab at my house." Sofia groaned and followed me back on the path home. When we walked in my house my mom told me lunch was going to be ready soon and greeted Sofia. We went in my room where my secret lab was. Sofia reached in her pocket and pulled out some of the faucet we took from the bathroom earlier. We took out a fingerprint scanner and found the fingerprint. "Lexa can you identify who's fingerprint this is" Lexa said "there are no matches to this fingerprint. Sofia said " if she can't reach out to anyone that means no one in the leprechaun world did this, that means OMG!" Well that means this person is a human. Then Sofia's voice started to fade away. You may not know this but Sofia's dad was captured by a human. Sofia's voice suddenly turned angry. "FIRST THEY TAKE MY FATHER AND THEN THE COLORS!!!!!! I said "let's find your father and we might get a idea of were the colors are. We walked over to Sofia's house and we saw a note and some footprints. The note said to follow the footprints. We followed the footprints and we got to the portal. This time Sofia jumped before I could say or do anything. I jumped after her and when we got there we were in the human world. We followed the footprints and it got us too a forest. We followed the footprints again and it got us to a tree. Sofia was so upset that she hit the tree and it opened. We went inside and we saw the colors and Sofia's father. We were hiding behind a table when someone walked in the room. The man was eating a sandwich and threw the leftovers in the garbage can under the table so we quickly hid behind the trash can. Then the man reached for a shelf and pulled out a jar. The jar had some colorful type of liquid and he poured it in a machine. The machine turned the colors into gold. Then Sofia's dad said "you will never get away with this, Mark will find you." "Pffff the leprechaun king, I bet he is probably as small as a shrimp." "I'm just going to squash him like the other leprechauns." Then the man walked into another room slamming the door. Sofia reached in her backpack and pulled out some human clothes. One with a unicorn and sparkles all over it and another with stars and moons all covered followed by some hideous pants covered in sparkles. I closed my eyes while putting on these hideous clothes. Then we grabbed some gold and put it the machine and out came the colors. We grabbed the jar with colors and ran to Sofia's dad. Just when we were about to untie Sofia's dad the door opened and out came the guy. He was carrying a gun. He said what are you two doing here. Then he shot Sofia's dad. Her dad said "Sofia run!!!" Sofia shouted DAD!!!!!!!!!! I grabbed Sofia's hand and pulled her out the door knowing we would not survive any longer. As we were leaving the man noticed that we had the colors. He ran towards us but I took Sofia's hand and ran to the portal. We jumped in making it the last use of the portal. When we got out of back to leprechaun world I saw Sofia cry. She doesn't cry that much I've never seen her cry. I wiped away her tears and said it was going to be okay. We ran to the king's palace and showed him the colors. He took the jar and said thank you so much. Then he noticed Sofia's tears. "What's happened?" he asked wiping away her tears. Sofia opened her mouth but no words came out. I told him everything and he said "it's going to be okay at least we have the colors thanks to your dads sacrifice." On the way back to our houses and I tried to cheer Sofia up but nothing worked. When I got home Sofia's mom was there and she saw her tears and hugged Sofia. I told them what happened. "At least now we have colors then we all hugged.

The Homework Scanner

by: Saanvi, 2nd Grade

Arya, 1st Grade

One day I built a homework machine and decided to call it the homework scanner. It would do all your homework. All you need to do is to just put your homework inside and then press the green button which says start and all you need to do is press the button and then there's a pen inside so then it can write all the answers to your homework. There is also a big box that holds all others materials in place.



LEPRECHAUNS DIARY

by: Michelle, 3rd Grade

LUCK

1/24/2009

HI! YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHO I AM, BY THE TITLE. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW MY NAME! HA! GOTCHA! OK, FINE I KNOW YOU'LL GET MAD! TOO BAD! HAHahaha!
 ^-^ I KNOW I'M KINDA ANNOYING, BUT AT LEAST I'LL TELL YOU MY, LIKE, "SCHOOL NAME". MY SCHOOL NAME IS EVA, BUT MY REAL NAME IS... NEVER MIND (NO, IT IS NOT "NEVER MIND"). I AM GOING TO START BLURTING OUT LEPRECHAUN LANGUAGE, SO DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU SEE THIS: LOHLE. (THAT MEANS HELLO, AKA IT'S AN ANAGRAM).

HELLO AGAIN.

1/25/2009

HI AGAIN. I AM LIKE NEVER GONNA TELL YOU MY REAL NAME, SO DON'T BE THINKING ABOUT THAT. IT'S NOT GONNA BE COMING UP ANYTIME SOON.

MEH.

1/26/2009

HEY! ARE YOU STILL READING? I GUESS SO! LOL! SO, HERE WE GO! I'LL TELL YOU MY REAL NAME. (LET'S BUILD UP THE SUSPENSE! HAHahaha!) OK, LET'S JUST GET ON WITH THIS. MY REAL NAME IS...

EVA!

ARE YOU SUPRISED?

Specials Poll

by: Madden, 4th Grade

Hello! Today, I will be ranking all of the specials at Kildeer. I have interviewed 16 people and asked them their favorite special and why. I will be showing those votes and why I think the scores got the way they were. So anyways let's get to it!

In last place is LC (Learning Center) with zero votes! I did not expect LC to be the highest, but yet again I did not think it would do so bad. Some reasons why I think this are that first off. Many people don't like practicing cursive. And this year, you can only check out books every other week in learning center. This is a very unwelcome change upon most of the students and I think that is why LC took the last place spot.

In 4th place it hurts me to say this but, EXL with 2 votes. I honestly think it should have been second or first. I am very surprised at the outcome of this but one thing that says some reasons why not many people voted for it was the demographic of the voters. It mainly was younger children as only four 4th graders and two 5th graders were in the poll. I think that younger audiences may not appeal to EXL because it may seem hard for them. The reasons for the voters of EXL were that they liked the creative freedom. This creative freedom may have been overwhelming for some first or second graders. Surprising but justifiable that was EXL.

Tied with EXL, we have Music with two votes! This is also justifiable by the demographic of the poll. Music does not get that fun until I would say about 3rd grade when your shows start to get more exciting. During Music the first half of the year is probably used on practicing your show, and when your show is not that fun, it can be a big bummer. Those are the two ties for 3rd, now for some for interesting results.

With four votes, we have art! This is not that surprising. I knew art would be a favorite of most because of the fact that, Art is fun for all ages! Unlike music, the fun of art class starts very early! And two of the four votes talked about how it was relaxing. That is another quality of art that is very nice. And we get a whole hour to do it making it much more fun.

And the winner, with seven votes, is PE! This is not surprising especially with the roller skating unit. PE is very fun. We have fun games and you get more fit! PE unlike other things, is more fun the younger you are. When you are younger, there is no fitness unit. And also, it is easier and you do more games. So in this situation, the demographic actually increases the popularity of the special.

So from this poll we have concluded that demographic is key in the decision of the best special. (Except for learning center, people of all ages think it is bad). And PE is loved by people of all ages. And if you want to see the votes and the reasons, here they are!

Landon: PE Reason: Fun games, some units are fun such as bowling and throwing. Favorite game is Star Wars

Dora: EXL Reason: Likes making blog with keyboarding badge.

Raina: Art Reason: likes to create things parents can keep.

Chloe: PE Reason: Friday game days

Laila: PE: Reason, active freedom and likes doing physical activities

Sanjana: Art Reason: because you get to create things.

Katie: Music: Reason: likes to sing

Manu: PE: Reason: new games interact with different people from different classes, and teachers are very nice.

Azlan: PE: Reason: favorite games are in PE, exercise

Lyla: Neutral: Reason: all good.

Arya: Music: Reason: like to sing

Saanvi: Art: Reason: always get to draw cute pictures and build cool things.

Aaradhya: Art: Reason: we get to draw interesting things. Also, peaceful

Isaac: PE: Reason: Likes to socialize with friends from other classes.

Parth: PE: Reason: Likes to hang with friends.

Skylar: Art: Reason: fun

Madden: EXL: Reason: I like the creative options you have.

Silly Animals
by: Lucille, 2nd Grade

1. I have a mustache hahah!



2. Me see rat should I eat?



3. YOU MADE ME MAD!!!



4. Move it! I'm off to get nuts!



5. How are you?



6. Umm I'm just going to lay on your back if it's fine. Bottom wolf said, No no no it's not fine!



7. Super cheetah Hey super cheetah hey!



8. Dramatic chipmunk hey dramatic chipmunk hey!



MARCH COMICS!

By: Lyla, 1st Grade

The leprechaun was walking down the street to somebody's house because they saw something leprechauns really like the most he went inside she was getting to act he got trapped by for me the wizard so polite you give me a list like he did not give him his meaning it was very on his mind so to find his girl come on her explanation point he said he said to put on his And started to laugh this is the kind of day I'm so excited but then when I saw his face his friend inside of the truck started to move quickly into the house seems so bad both of them now when friends sneak they had one friend that was the sneaky near friends I'm dead but he forgot the pot of gold silver how to do it when I got it it was so stinky this terrible but then they grabbed his one and put a sleeping spell on the wizards he never wake up again and then the little leprechauns live happily ever after The end



TEACHER INTERVIEWS

By: Alex, 1st Grade

Aliya, 2nd Grade

Mrs. Lushpynskji

What is your favorite color in The Rainbow?

Blue

What is your favorite color flower?

Purple

What is your favorite part of teaching?

Getting to be with kids and watching and hepping kids

What is your favorite food to eat in march?

Mangoes

What is your favorite color?

blue

Mrs. Smith

What is your favorite color in The Rainbow?

Blue

What is your favorite color flower?

White

What is your favorite part of teaching?

The kids

What is your favorite food to eat in march?

Sushi

What is your favorite color?

Teal

A Secret Forest

By: Sophia, 5th Grade

Vanessa was running down a sidewalk with excitement. A month had past and she hadn't at all seen her best friend, Rowen. They were inseparable, even when they were still at the age two. Not a day that passed, that Vanessa wouldn't think of Rowen.

She walked up to his door, when she saw a car pull in his driveway. Vanessa had never seen the car before. She just stood there, until a man came out of the car.

"Hey, Vanessa!" It was Rowen's Dad! "Long time no see. Rowen is in the car right now. Also, do you like our new car?" Vanessa examined it. The car was a small one. It was a bright shade of blue.

Vanessa was always attracted to the color blue, so before she was done looking at it, she blurted, "Yeah! I love it!"

Suddenly, the back door opened, a boy in a suit walked out, "Oh, Vanessa," It was Rowen, although he doesn't sound happy... what was wrong?

"Rowen, my boy, smile a little!" His Dad wrapped his arm around him. "Dad, I'm not in the mood-."

"If you want, I can come back later?" Rowen's Dad unwrapped his arm from Rowen.

"It's okay, you can stay, I dragged Rowen to a business meeting today, and it took longer than expected. I just wanted him to get a taste of what a business is like."

Vanessa nodded. "Here," Rowen's Dad opened their garage, "you can enter here."

Rowen swiftly ran in. "As I said, the business meeting went longer than expected, oh, and I made him wear the suit. I thought it would fit the mood," Vanessa smiled.

Rowen's Dad was always funny and fun to be around.

As Vanessa walked in the house, she was greeted by Jake and Mary, Rowen's older siblings. "VANESSA!" Cried Mary as she rushed for a hug.

"Hey! Rowen just ran up to his room," Jake walked from the living room.

"Hey, guys! Where's Mrs. Yann?" Vanessa asked. The room ended up so silent a mouse could be heard.

"She's out on a business trip!" Jake spoke up, unsure of what he had said.

Vanessa nodded, "can I go upstairs?" Mary nodded, still hugging her.

Once Vanessa got out of Mary's grasp, she walked upstairs, only to hear someone crying. Vanessa walked around the floor. She ended up finding a dog. To be exact, Ruffy, Rowen, Mary, and Jake's dog.

"Hey, boy! Long time no see," she whispered as she bent down to Ruffy's level. "Where's Rowen?"

Ruffy barked and ran to Rowen's bedroom door. Vanessa stood up from her position, and knocked on Rowen's door, "it's me, Vanessa." No answer. She waited a bit and knocked again, "you okay?"

"Yeah... I am," the door opened and Vanessa saw Rowen. His eyes were red and he wasn't in that suit of his. "Wanna go outside, to the forest?" Vanessa could see Rowen's eyes light up, "Y-yeah sure... I didn't think you'd ask." "Well, it is the very place you and I had our first play date!" Vanessa could tell she had made Rowen feel better.

They ran outside, Ruffy following not that far behind. They ran to the backyard, and fell into the forest, that lay before them.

One day, when Rowen and Vanessa were young, they made a treehouse, with a little help from Jake and Mary. They had made it their hideout.

Rowen was the first to the treehouse, they had made long ago. Vanessa second, and Ruffy last. They went around the trees trunk and unfolded a latter, that was on the floor. "Careful Ruffy!" Vanessa called, making sure he didn't get hurt.

After they unfolded the latter they lifted on the tree, and started to climb. "Stay there Ruffy," Rowen called after helping Vanessa with the last of the latter she needed to climb.

"I missed this place!" Vanessa let a breath out, she had found when nature took over some parts of the treehouse, she couldn't help but stare. "Me too, I haven't been here since mother die- never mind what I just said," Vanessa looked at Rowen. Did I hear him right? Died? Mrs. Yann died?

"I'm sorry if I butting in, but... what happened to Mrs. Yann?"

"Mother got into a car accident, and she didn't make it... her funeral is in a week, did you get notified?" So calm!? "Now that I think about it, Mom was acting strange the other day..." Vanessa then remembered something, "Mom said that I wasn't able to visit you because of important family stuff!"

"Yeah... Anyway what have you been doing?" Rowen's voice wasn't that excited, but Vanessa respected his space, she has and always will, to anyone. "Oh! I went to Colorado! It was fun! It would've been more fun if come though!" Vanessa smiled.

"I see, I saw some photos, you looked really happy in them all," Rowen smiled back. Vanessa turned her head to look at the moss on a wide space, that was supposed to be a window, "wanna look for some animals?" She turned back to see his expression.

"Yeah, sure!" He stood up, "Let's get Ruffy to help us!"

After getting off the latter, they folded up and hid it away. Ruffy was still in his spot, wagging his tail.

They set off. "Look! A Red Robin!" Vanessa looked up, a Robin was perched on a high branch, minding its own business.

They passed many squirrels, that wanted nothing to do with them. Of course, Ruffy, being a dog, ran full speed at them. The trees they went past, they were mostly all green pines or very tall trees, that they couldn't identify.

When they were young they always would find new things and find resources in books or online, so they could know what it was and what to do with it and if it was important because it may be rare. They also went to camps to find out more information. It was always so fun!

They had reached the end of there trail. The farthest they have ever went. Vanessa wanted to make a new record. Trying to avoid any plants she stepped further. "New Record," she blurted. Rowen chulked, "Yep!"

All of a sudden a lot of movement came from a nearby bush. "Stay back," Rowen called.

The movement had stopped a bit, and a four legged creature came from it. They then realized it was something very special. A doe. "Now, you don't get to see that everyday," Rowen whispered into Vanessa's ear. "Yeah... the 8 years I've been here, I had never seen anything like it..." Vanessa whispered back. "Yeah and I've been here 9 years," Rowen said back.

Suddenly a loud bark erupted from behind them, Ruffy was running full speed, at a squirrel. Quickly Rowen dove to get the dog. He succeeded in catching Ruffy, and missed the squirrel just barely.

Vanessa tried to hold her laughter in so hard, she ended up laughing instead. "What's so funny?" Rowen threw attitude at Vanessa. "The way you flung yourself at Ruffy!" Vanessa couldn't breathe. She suddenly stopped and shot a look at where the deer was. It had moved a few feet forward.

Vanessa kept a straight face and said, "We should leave it be, we shouldn't be around it to long and maybe stress the deer out." Rowen nodded getting up.

"Come on Ruffy," Rowen whispered walking back with the dog.

Vanessa stayed a little bit longer, wow, this deer must have not heard us. I wonder if it lives in this area... She started up the trail and then looked back. Bye, see you, maybe? Without hesitation she left.

Rowen was standing at the beginning of the entrance, smiling. "I liked today... it made me feel happy and better." Vanessa smiled, "Yeah, me too!"

The End

How to Make Slime!

By Dora, 4th Grade

What you needs

- Glue
- Contact Solution
- Baking soda
- Sparkle
- Paint
- shaving cream
- A bowl or just make it on the table
- Something to mix with or just hands
- Foam beads

1. Go grab your bowl and lick it clean.
2. Then grab you glue smell It first to make sure it smells good. If not that can be fixed by adding gross scents.
3. Next add color I recommend green classic slime green.
4. Then get the shaving cream and give yourself a mustache & a beard.
5. After that get some contact solution .
6. Then pour in the hole thing.
7. Then add a lot of clay

Student Interviews

By: Skylar and Parth, 5th Grade
Mason, 2nd Grade

We interviewed 2 students from each grade level. We asked each student two questions:

1. What do you do on St. Patrick's Day?
2. What other holidays do you celebrate in March?

1. Have a party, get parents a gift, go shopping, cake and brownies.
2. St. Patrick's day



Arya (1st Grade)

1. Having a party and wears green
2. His cousins birthday


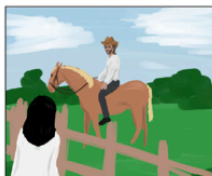
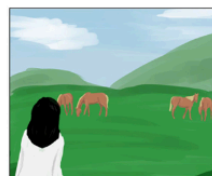


Zachary (1st Grade)

Deja Voo

By Singyee, 5th Grade

Imagine walking into a sunny field, looking at the flowers, trees, and horses. Suddenly, you feel like you've seen this picture before. It feels so familiar but so out of reach. You may be very confused, but the feeling you are currently experiencing is called *Deja voo*.

<p>A You watch a video of a monkey on a goat.</p>  <p>feels familiar YES familiarity is appropriate YES NOT DÉJÀ VU</p> <p>"This feels very familiar. It looks just like the video of the monkey riding a goat. It's funny how some things look just like things you've seen before."</p>	<p>B Later on, you see a person on a horse.</p>  <p>feels familiar YES familiarity is appropriate YES NOT DÉJÀ VU</p> <p>"This feels very familiar. Although I've seen horses before that's not why it feels familiar. It actually feels much more familiar than it should. The familiarity feels wrong."</p>	<p>C Later still...</p>  <p>feels familiar YES familiarity is appropriate NO DÉJÀ VU</p>
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*Deja voo is the feeling that one has already experienced the present. One explanation is that the person might have seen or experienced something very similar, but can't remember it, and then the person would mistake the present for that memory, resulting in *deja voo*. Another explanation is that in that period of time, the person's eyes receive information in slightly off times. That means one eye gets information faster than the other one. But the information doesn't become a memory yet, also resulting in the feeling of already experiencing the present. Similarly, *deja voo* can also be resulted in the brain having slight cut offs between the left and right which means when the dominant side of the brain is trying to send information to the other side, there is a split second cut off which results in the dominant side thinking that the information was not sent and making it send the information again. But the information was sent. It just was a little bit late. Since the information was sent twice, it makes everything seem very familiar. *Deja voo* could also be caused by a memory abnormality, hallucinations, or a mental illness. Scientists found that *Deja voo* is mostly associated with temporal lobe epilepsy, which is a brain abnormality which causes weird feelings, hallucinations, seizures, and *Deja voo*. *Deja voo* usually happens before a seizure. Some drugs while taken together or an overdose of will cause *Deja voo* too. *Deja voo* is really confusing and it is for scientists too. But it's really interesting and sci-fi like.*

1. Purim Carnival and wears green
2. St. Patrick's day



Mason (2nd Grade)

1. Stays home and wears green
2. Celebrates her and her twins birthday



Aliya (2nd Grade)

Student Interviews Continued...

By: Skylar and Parth, 5th Grade
Mason, 2nd Grade

- 1. Wears green
- 2. Her birthday

Lily (3rd Grade)



- 1. Wears green
- 2. Celebrates her cousins birthday, and celebrates this Russian celebration where you make pancakes and let other people try them and you try other people's pancakes as well.

Anna (5th Grade)



- 1. Him and his cousin go play laser tag and bowling
- 2. St.Patrick's day

Kalen (3rd Grade)



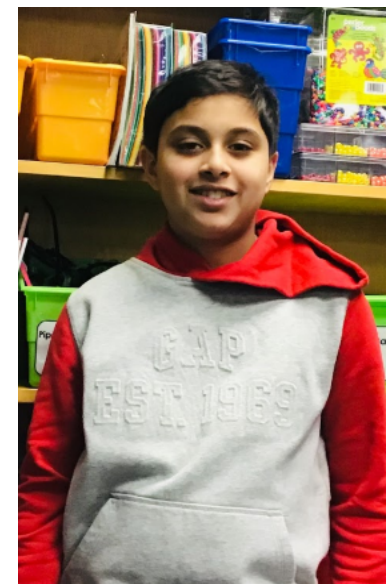
- 1. Wears green, watches tv, and spends time with my family.
- 2. Saint Patrick's day.

- 1. Wear green, The Chicago St.Patrick's Day.
- 2. St.Patrick's day

Madden (4th Grade)



Parth (5th Grade)



- 1. Wear green, The Chicago St.Patrick's Day.
- 2. St.Patrick's day

Nadia (4th Grade)



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