

# Paw Prints

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### Kildeer Lunch food

By: Laila, Grade 5

The lunch food in the cafeteria was never the best, it was your typical lunch food, but recently there have been some improvements in the cafeteria. But first let's have a moment of silence for Mr. Jose's retirement to Florida. Sorry I got a little teary there. Continuing back to the topic, the lunch food has made a few minor "updates" to the way they package their food to the new dishes they've added to the menu.

One major change the cafeteria has made is to the packaging of food. Now the sandwiches are wrapped in aluminum foil or parchment paper, instead of just slapping it down on our lunch basket's. Not only does it keep the food clean, but it also keeps it warm. Following this might be a small change, but the chicken nuggets are sometimes put into containers instead of them just lying there on the lunch basket.

As well as the packaging the menu has changed to. The calzones are barley around anymore and now they've added beans and ground meat to the nachos, these 2 choices they decided to make was not the greatest ones in my opinion. On the other hand though they have made a great choice of changing the snack, some new snacks include, goldfish graham crackers, lays chips, Doritos, and more.

What are some other updates they've made in the cafeteria besides their packaging or menu?



### How it's like being a twin!

By: Aliya and Joleigh, Grade 3

One sunny day a mom had two Beautiful children and their names were Joleigh and Aliya they are twins and this is how it is like being a twins. Sometimes they fight and they get mad at each other but they will always love each other. Sometimes they have different opinions to like Aliya's favorite color is pink and Joleigh's favorite is yellow. We also have to share a room and one of them keeps everything and their room clean and the other one of them is messy. We also share a lot of stuff like a room close and sometimes food. We are very different and unique, we are different because we are different people obviously I'm having a sister is fun.

### December Facts

By: Azlan and Alex, Grade 2

**1st fact:** December comes from the Latin word decem meaning ten because this was the tenth month of the Roman calender

**2 fact:** National cookie day is December 4th. Other snacks celebrated this month include pie, Cotton candy,

Chocolate brownies (mmm!). Cocoa, and cupcakes.

**3rd fact:** in the United States the month is associated to Christmas 🌲. there I are Christmas decor, sales, musicals, and party's. Many people spend their time Christmas shopping

# History of Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza

By: Alex, Grade 4

In December, lots of people love traveling, Having a big dinner or having some family time. Do you know why people do this. It is because of the Holidays. People who celebrated different religions have different holidays than others.

The holidays are Christmas, Hanuka and Kwanzaa. Everyone thinks December holidays are about all of the Presents. But no, The presents all mean different things. In The Christian religion (Christmas) The presents mean The gift of god, Because he was born.

In the African American group (Kwanzaa) is celebrating the holiday. Maulana Karenga created the holiday. This is usually celebrated in Africa. This is celebrated the day After Christmas. Families put up Colors to decorate the special holidays. It is celebrated on December 26.

Hanukkah can also be called Feast of Dedication, Festival of lights or Feast of the Maccabees. It is celebrated for For 8 days. It starts this year on December 22 and ends December 30. Each day, The people light a candle everyday. It is celebrated for the second temple built in Jerusalem.

Christmas is celebrated on December 25. It is the Birthday of Jesus. People expect Santa AKA Saint Nicholas to arrive to their homes. This falls in all three categories. Christians are required to go to church. Christmas eve is before he shall be born. Have a nice Dinner on Christmas Eve.

Now it is time for the holiday we all love, NEW YEARS. New Years is the first day of The year. January 1st. People stay up till midnight on New Year's Eve to celebrate. In New York Times Square, They drop a giant ball. In Orlando, Florida, They drop an anvil. So many different ways to celebrate.

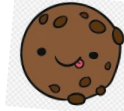
So this December when you light your candles, Or watch your kids (or open presents), Watch the ball or anvil fall, or put up your decorations. Think of why you celebrate it over the break. And have a happy New Year's.  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



# Holiday Recipes

## Chocolate Chip Cookies!

By: Diya & Arya, 2nd grade



Make chocolate chip cookies 🍪 first how to make chocolate chip cookies how to make those foods. first you get dough then you add the chocolate chips then you mix it with your hands or you can mix it with a whisk then make a ball with the chocolate chip dough and then you flatten the chocolate chip Dough and then to go in the oven to set a timer on the oven and if you don't have a timer on your oven set an alarm for 10 minutes so the oven is warm chocolate chip cookies after that alarm beeps then put the cookies in the oven.

## White Chocolate Christmas Cookies Snowflakes and Christmas Tree Cookies

By: Jennah and Samantha, Grade 3

White chocolate Christmas cookies snowflakes and Christmas tree cookies that you could decorate with colored frosting with your own style! Start with white chocolate snowflake cookies! First what you do is get white chocolate get a large bowl that's not glass, put 4 cups of the white chocolate into the bowl then set a timer for one minute on your microwave put the bowl in the microwave and wait when it is done take it out of the microwave with gloves on so you don't burn yourself you might want to ask an adult if you are a kid, place it nicely on the counter, then get out the spatula and start stirring it until it is really smooth you don't want any lumps in your frosting! Then start baking your cookie first what you want to do is get flour and water make dough then place it on the table take your dough and cut out a snowflake, then get a large pan and spray it then put aluminum foil on top spray it again with butter spray, then heat your oven for 8- 12 minutes. Then take them out of the oven with gloves and then again if you're a kid you might want to ask an adult so you don't burn yourself, wait for the cookies to cool down it might take five minutes then when you're done take the white chocolate frosting and a knife only a little in the frosting bowl, then spread it across the cookie if you want to you can add sprinkles! Are you guys going to make it as pretty as you can then when you're done... Eat your cookie!!

# Jokes (part 1)

By: Anaya & Edward, Grade 4

Q: what was frosty the snowman doing in the vegetable aisle at the grocery store?

A: he was picking his nose!

Q: What did the snowman order at Wendy's?

A: A frosty!



Q: What do you get if you cross a pine tree with an apple?

A: A pineapple

Q: What did the snowman have for breakfast?

A: Frosted flakes

Q: What often falls in the winter but never gets hurt?

A: Snow

Q: Why did the boy keep his trumpet in the freezer?

A: Because he liked cool music.



Q: Where do snowmen love to dance?

A: At a snowball!

Q: What is red, white, and blue over winter break?

A: A sad candy cane.

Q: What did Jack Frost say to Frosty the Snowman?

A: Have an ice day

Q: Why did the farmer only wear one boot to town?

A: He heard there would be a 50% chance of snow!

Q: Who says "Oh, Oh, Oh!"?

A: Santa walking backwards!

Q. Why was Santa's helper depressed?

A. He had low ELF-esteem.



Q. Why does Santa have three gardens ?

A. So he can go HOE HOE HOE.

# Jokes (part 2)

**By: Anaya & Edward, Grade 4**

Q: how did darth Vader know what Luke was getting for Christmas?

A: he felt his presents

Q: what is Harry Potter's favorite way of getting down a snowy hill?

A: walking... JK rowling!

Q:Where do snowmen keep their money?

A:They keep it in snowbanks.

Q: What do snowmen like to eat for dinner?

A: Iceburgers!

Q: If your reindeer lost his tail, where would you go to buy him a new one?

A: A retail store!

Q:What do snowmen like to eat for dinner?

A: Iceburgers!

Q: What's a snowman's favorite candy?

A: Sno-Caps.

Q: Is it quicker to be hot or cold?

A: Hot is quicker, because you can catch cold.

Q:What snack should you make for the Snowman Holiday Party?

A:"Ice Krispy treats."

Q:What do mountains wear to keep warm?

A:Snowcaps.

Q: An icicle fell off the roof and hit a snowman on the head. What happened next?

A:He was knocked out cold.

Q:What kind of cake does the Ice Queen like to eat on her birthday?

A:The flavor doesn't matter as long as it has lots of frosting.

**By: Philip, Grade 3**

Knock knock who's there pumpkin Pumpkin who(pumking fallow my directions

Why did the pumpkin go to the doctor because he got carved

Why is the pumpkin not smart because his brain is a light it only gives off a freight

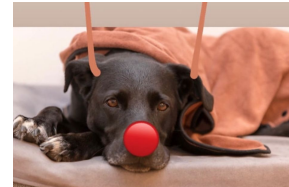
Why did the frog cross the road it wasn't really his fault he was stapled to the chicken 🐔



Why did Christmas tree fall down because it hurts when his pines fall down so he would rather make him self fall down

What has a red nose a brown body and whiteish antlers a reindeer

This is Rudolph the red nose reindeer yes a very very very red nose



# An interview with...

## Mrs. Keller! By: Lucille, Grade 3



Hello my friends I am going to Interview my first grade teacher Mrs. Keller!!! Why I chose Mrs. Keller is that she was so nice to me and a memory I had with her was every week we did star of the week or something like that and when I shared, she really enjoyed what I shared. I will never forget her. Ok here is how this works there are 7 questions and she has to answer them. I hope you enjoy! Now let's get started

1. **what are you doing for winter break?** I am going to Mexico with my family. I can't wait to go somewhere warm
2. **What is your favorite winter food?** Hot Chocolate
3. **What is your favorite part of winter?** Staying inside and reading books under a blanket
4. **What is your favorite part of being a teacher?** I love watching my students learn and grow! I also like building a special connection with them.
5. **What is your favorite winter activity?** Building a snowman
6. **Do you celebrate Hanukkah or Christmas? And what is your favorite part about the holiday you celebrate?** Hanukkah-I love playing the game Dreidel and eating potato pancakes!
7. **Are you excited for 2020 and why also what do you like about it?**

I am very excited for the new year. I like setting goals for myself so I can get better at doing different things.

Well, that's it again hope you enjoyed and learned something new about Mrs. Keller!

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## Ms. Koldon! By: Ellie, Grade 3

**Q:What are you planning to do over winter break** ❄️

A:spend time with family

**Q:Do you like winter why or why not**

A:she likes winter because she loves looking at the snow but not going in it

**Q:What's your favorite part of winter**

A:her favorite part about winter is how it's so pretty

**Q:Do you go outside during winter**

A: no

**Q:Why do you like or dislike snow**

A: she likes it because it is fun to look at

**Q: Is the snow cold to you or not**

A: it's cold to her



### Ms. April! By: Maddie and Isaac



We are going to be interviewing Ms. April Here are some questions we are going to ask her.

1. "How long have you been teaching at Kildeer?" She said "this is my 13th year at kildeer."
2. "Where is your favorite thing about newspaper club?" She said "to get to work with children and help them discover how much they can do."
3. "What is your favorite thing to do when you're not teaching?" She said. "Spending time with family and friends."
4. "What are you doing over winter break?" She said. "I plan on spending time with my kids catching up with friends and relaxing."
5. "Do you celebrate a holiday over winter break?" She said "yes."
6. "What holiday do you celebrate over winter break? She said. " Hanukkah and New Year's."
7. " What are you most excited about over winter break?" She said "I am most excited that I do not have to set my alarm."
8. "Why did you choose to be a teacher?" She said "I love working with kids and helping them see how much they are able to achieve ."
9. "What is your favorite subject to teach? She said "I love teaching math and writing."
10. "What is your favorite Winter time food " She said "I love cookies and dessert all year round."
11. "Are you going anywhere over winter break? " She said "No."

### Christmas Poem

By: Saanvi, Grade 3

**C** craving for gifts and food

**H** having family and friends

**R** reindeer and Santa

**I** imagination

**S** santa

**T** trees

**M** merry Christmas

**A** altogether

**S** snow



### Interesting reindeer facts

By: Kylie, Grade 3

1. Both male and female **reindeer** grow antlers.
2. They live up to 15 years!
3. Their antlers are like our fingerprints, no two are alike!
4. They are plant eaters!
5. A male is called a buck, a female is called a doe and a baby is called a fawn.
6. They like it cold.
7. They are mammals.
8. They live in North America
9. They are stabled
10. They are 4 to 7 feet length.
11. They eat the leaves and lichen fungi.
12. Christmas cartoons got things all wrong





## Chinese New Year

### By: Mia, 4th Grade



"Cindy! Watch out!" I cried as my 12 year old sister skated across the about to crack lake. I trembled with fear. I didn't know a thing this horrible would happen on Chinese New Year! My mouth felt like it was frozen, it was super numb, but I didn't care. For one last time, I yelled, "Cindy! The lake's about to crack!!" Cindy turned around and was frozen, completely frozen. My heart was beating fast, it nearly missed a beat. In about 1 minute, Cindy would fall and. . . Yeah, you probably know. I had to react fast in order to save Cindy. My head was pounding and I didn't know what to do. Cindy was standing in the middle of the lake, frozen. I was scared. "Cindy! Come back now!!" I screamed. Cindy finally listened and then she smoothly skated back to land. I ran to Cindy and gave her a big hug and I said, "Sis! I was worried!" Cindy smiled and shivered. "Well, we should go in and get some \*jiao zi (Dumplings!)" Cindy said. I nodded and me and Cindy walked into our house. "Girls! Come in! Say hello to Mrs. Lin!" Mom told me and Cindy. "Hello Mrs. Lin!" Me and Cindy said together. After we did that, me and Cindy rushed to the table and stuffed our faces with my mom's \*jiao zi (dumplings!). "Girls! Table manners! Go wash your hands, you know it's flu season!" My mom scolded us. I grumbled, followed by Cindy's loud whining. Eventually, Cindy stopped and we both went to wash our hands. When we came back, I wanted to eat but Mrs. Lin said, "Oh, I forgot! I brought you girls some firecrackers and fireworks! We should probably light them now if you don't mind." Mom frowned. She didn't like people interrupting our dinners. But, mom needed to be polite. "Sure!" Mom replied. Mrs. Lin went outside, and we followed. She grabbed something out of her car that looked like a bag from our nearby grocery store. "Oh, I almost forgot! Here." Mrs. Lin said as she handed me and Cindy small presents. "Open them." Mom instructed us. Me and Cindy opened the wrapping and inside was a whole lot of breakable erasers. Wow. . . "Cindy! Amy! Say Thank you." Mom instructed. We did as told. "Thank you Mrs. Lin!" We said. "\*别客气! (You're welcome!)" Mrs. Lin replied. After that, mom and Mrs. Lin went back into the house, discussing what to make for Chinese New Year, either dumplings or steamed buns. Meanwhile, Cindy and I were outside, not knowing that the adults had accidentally locked us out. "So..." Cindy tried to start a conversation. "Yeah?" I answered. "Um, what should we do?" Cindy asked me. I just shrugged. "Okay, maybe we should go inside." Cindy continued. I nodded, it was my way of telling her "yes." Me and Cindy walked toward the house. Snow was already beginning to fall. We shivered in the cold. Once we got there, Cindy turned the doorknob but it was locked. "Huh?" Cindy wondered. "Here, let me try." I said as I pulled the doorknob.

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## Chinese New Year *cont'd*

“Hey! They locked us out!” I cried. We kept on trying and trying to get in, but there was no hope. “It’s impossible!” Cindy muttered. Suddenly, I got an idea. “Cindy!” I exclaimed. “I have an idea! What if we yelled and knocked and rang the doorbell?! ” “Sure! Wait, ringing the doorbell. Why haven’t we thought about that before?!” Cindy said as she slapped her face. So, we tried my plan. After a few minutes, our mom finally came. “\*孩子们！你去哪儿了?!(Kids! Where have you been?!)” Mom questioned. I sighed. Long story short, I said in my head. “Come inside! You must be freezing!” Mrs. Lin told us. We came in the house. Me and Cindy ran to warmth, (which was the room with the heater.) Ahhh... Warmth. I thought. “Ahh!” Someone cried. I ran to the room where I had heard the “Ahh!” I saw a splotch of dirt on the floor. Wow. . . Was my mom that sensitive? Screaming at the sight of a splotch of dirt in the house? Yes, she was. I had seen that happen many times. For example, one time when I was little, I spilled my soda on the ground outside. My mom screamed, “What did you do!? You made the floor dirty!!” It was really weird. “Mom! What happened?” I asked. “Dirt. . .” Mom replied. I shrugged, like it wasn’t my problem, (it wasn’t!) I walked out of the room and headed to the kitchen. The fragrance of delicious \*nian gao (Glutinous rice cake) filled the air. Yum, I thought. I was dying of hunger. I wished I could just eat the \*nian gao now!! But, a rule’s a rule. Our family rule is no eating the special Chinese New Year food until Chinese New Year dinner, which is at 8:30. My stomach growled. “Mom wouldn’t mind if I took one tiny bite. . .” I told myself. So, I ate one bite of \*nian gao. Then, the bite turned into 2 bites, then 3 bites, then a whole ball, then the whole tray of \*nian gao!!! Uh-oh! Mom is going to be so mad! I thought. What should I do?! What should I do?! I knew it, I would order some from Peach Garden Chinese restaurant! I immediately dialed their number on my phone. “Hello? Peach garden restaurant, how may I help you today?” The server said. “Oh, hi! I would like to order some \*nian gao!” I said. “\*哦，多少? (Oh, how many?)” The server said to me in Chinese. “\*二十二个. (22)” I replied. “,\*好! (Good!)” the server replied. I ended the call. “Amy! What did you do?! Where is all of the \*nian gao?!?” Mom cried in surprise. “Uhh. . . Uh-uhhh. . .” I sputter. “I-I ate all. . . O-of it. . .” I say but then trail off. “What?! Amy, what did you do?!” Mom yelled at me in a scolding tone. I don’t know!! I thought. What did I do?!?





# Book Review

## *Legends of Darkstalker*

By: Avani, Julia and Katie, Grade 4



It all began when three NightWings came to visit the IceWings, (not to mention Foeslayer, who just followed her mother.)

But along the way, Foeslayer met Queen Diamond of the IceWings son, Prince Arctic. Unfortunately, Arctic is an animus, (that's a dragon that has magic.) He could use his magic only once as a gift to the IceWings.

However, Foeslayer fell in love with him because they were very similar. They keep on forgetting each other's names!

But two thousand years later after the Scorching, in the IceWing perspective they thought Foeslayer captured Prince Arctic.

Arctic ran away with Foeslayer to the Night Kingdom. Foeslayer had two eggs. Her first egg was born under three full moons, which gave the dragonet the power of mindreading, and predicting the future.

Since an IceWing and a NightWing married, their dragonets were hybrids, (that means an offspring with parents that are different cultures.) The mindreading and predicting the future dragonet was named Darkstalker. And of course he's an animus because of Arctic.

Darkstalkers' little sister, Whiteout, had more IceWing genes. She looked exactly like an IceWing, except for under her wings—NightWing wings. Unlike Darkstalker, she had no special abilities like mindreading, predicting the future, or animus.

While all that was happening, down in the deep SeaWing Kingdom, each dragonet were tested.

After the SeaWing dragonets hatch, they go to an island and be tested to see who is an animus. (They do this every year!)

SeaWing dragonets mentioned at the island were Fathom, and Indigo. Other dragonets were there, too. Fathom's grandfather, Albatross, was an animus. But they didn't know that if you use too much magic, you become evil back then.

Each dragonet was ordered to enchant a coconut to hit Albatross. At first Fathom said, "Coconut, can you please go hit my grandfather?" But then Indigo suggested, "I command you to go hit my grandfather." After Fathom repeated that, the coconut zoomed out of his talons and hit Albatross hard on the chest. He was an animus.

After that, Albatross took a walk with Fathom of how he discovered he was an animus when he was younger. He also told Fathom the project he was working on for the queen right now.

Not very long after that, almost Fathom's entire family was dead. And he discovered the knife was in Albatross's talons. Albatross used too much of his magic for the queen, so he became evil.

## Book Review cont'd

Then Fathom enchanted a spear to kill his grandfather as payback. He also discovered his sister, Pearl, was alive. She said Albatross killed the entire family, (except for Albatross's sisters), and one visitor, too. Since there was no other royal member, (except for Sapphire, but Albatross snapped her claws off), Pearl had to be the new queen.

Queen Pearl made Fathom promise an oath not to use his magic again after what happened. She also separated Fathom's girlfriend, Indigo, from him.

Back in the Night Kingdom, after school Darkstalker and his girlfriend, Clearsight, went exploring into a cave.

The cave was damp and cold, and in the moonlight, they thought they saw a dead dragon, but it was actually an unconscious SeaWing.

Darkstalker and Clearsight both wondered how did a SeaWing wash up all the way here. Suddenly, the SeaWing awoke, and said, "Albatross is crazy." At first Darkstalker wondered who Albatross was, but Clearsight said he was an animus that gone mad in the SeaWing Kingdom. Clearly, the unconscious SeaWing escaped during Albatross's dramatic scene.

Darkstalker told the SeaWing to go back, but he was worried Albatross would still be there. Darkstalker closed his eyes and predicted the most possible future for this SeaWing. His brightest future was go back, and Albatross wouldn't be there. Before the SeaWing left, Clearsight asked him what was his name. He said it was "Current."

After that, Darkstalker invited Clearsight secretly to his house to enchant some objects. But Clearsight was worried after what happened at Kingdom of Sea. But Darkstalker was clever, and transported all his magic to a scroll. This way, the magic wouldn't be in him and he wouldn't turn evil. Clearsight thought it was brilliant, too.

They've had too much fun, they didn't even notice Arctic entered the house. "What are you doing here with a friend of yours?" he snarled. Darkstalker said he was unwelcome to his room. A series of visions surged through Clearsight's mind, wondering what will happen. In one vision, she saw Darkstalker killing Arctic.

That scared her, so she left and Darkstalker was behind with consequences.

That evening, Queen Vengeance invited Darkstalker and his family to join her for dinner. Apparently, Darkstalker is obsessed with his magic. He even enchanted his accessories!

Unfortunately, Fathom decided to visit the Night Kingdom with his new bodyguard, Indigo. And then—

# WAIT!!

Dear Reader,

Is this book review too long? If it is, stop reading for a bit and STRETCH!

# Book Reviews

## Wings of Fire

**By: Avani, Julia & Katie, Grade 4**

Wings of Fire is a fantasy book by Tui Sutherland. It is about dragonets to solve a prophecy.

Every five books the prophecy changes, though. And there is always five dragonets (dragonets are baby dragons) that solve and save the day throughout the five books.

You might be wondering why five is such a popular number in Wings of Fire. That is because in the first book the prophecy said, "Five dragonets born on the brightest night. Five dragonets to end the fight." Alright, alright. I've been TOO mysterious!! I'm not going to spoil the whole story to you! Can we just get to the book, now?



## Ain't so Awful Falafel

**By: Raina, Grade 5**

I would recommend "Aint so Awful Falafel" by Firoozeh Dumas because why not? Actually, this book is a great book because it is a true story about the author! It is about a girl who has moved multiple times across the world. She had never stayed long anywhere enough to develop a strong bond with a friend. And now she's moved again, and her life is filled with fake friends, real ones and a family troubles. And if it weren't bad enough, in her home country, someone has overthrew their king and is forcing women and girls to wear headscarves! If you read more, you will see the troubles of being Muslim, trying to fit in and dealing with the worry of her parents about their family in Israel. Read "Ain't so Awful Falafel" by Firoozeh Dumas.

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## TOP 10 Christmas Songs

**By: Cole, Grade 4**

1. All I want for Christmas is you
2. Rockin around the Christmas tree
3. Last Christmas
4. Jingle bells
5. Winter wonderland
6. It's the most wonderful time of year
7. White Christmas
8. Baby it's cold outside
9. We wish you a merry Christmas
10. Sleigh ride

## A Christmas Story

**By: Tamoghna, Grade 3**

Around 270 AD a humble man named St. Nicolas was alive in Europe. He gave presents and money to the poor and the visitors at their house. He was a tall man, with really puffy and long beard, and he was fat, and whenever he means hello he says "HO HO"

When St. Nicholas died people were sad but even though he passed away his neighbors and people who followed him passed the tradition of giving presents but instead of money and valuable items they started giving toys to the kids. This tradition became so popular that they passed all around the world.

# Why Do Leaves Change Color?

By: Raina, Grade 5

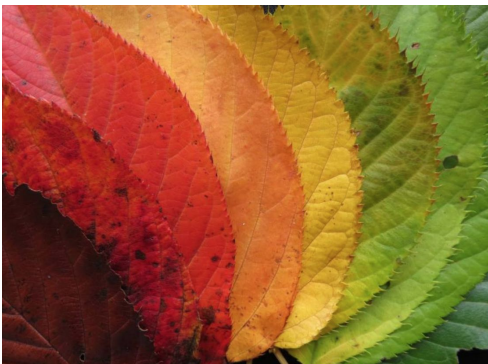
Why do leaves change colors? Well, don't think it's just pure magic, there is actually a lot of science behind it. Leaves can come in a variety of colors such as red, orange, yellow, and much more!

In the fall, because of changes in the length of daylight and changes in temperature, the leaves stop their food-making process. The chlorophyll (the thing that makes it green) breaks down, the green color disappears, and the yellow to orange colors become visible and give the leaves part of their fall splendor.

At the same time other chemical changes may occur, which form additional colors through the development of red anthocyanin pigments (the things that make red leaves red.) Some mixtures give rise to the reddish and purplish fall colors of trees such as Dogwoods and Sumacs, while others give the Sugar Maple its brilliant orange.

The autumn foliage of some trees show only yellow colors. Others, like many oaks, display mostly browns. All these colors are due to the mixing of varying amounts of the chlorophyll residue and other pigments in the leaf during the fall season.

The transformation of fall leaves is a wonderful thing and can make the whole world seem like a picture.



# What Do You Think of Fall?

By: Raina, Grade 5

What do some of our fellow club mates think of fall? Well for me, I think it's a light show with all the different colors of the leaves! People have different opinions though, and we are about to find out about them!

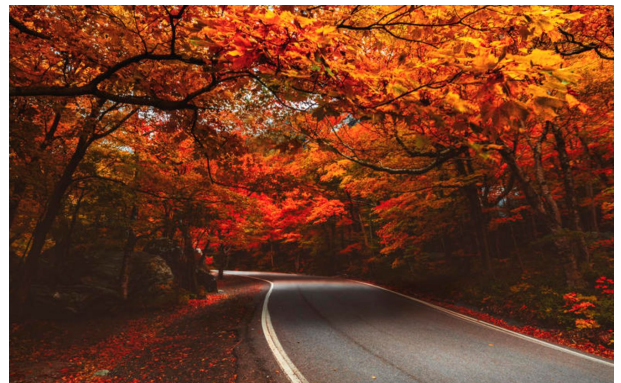
2 grader, Azlan D: "I like jumping in leaves, it's very comfy." Me: Anything else to add? "2 grader, Azlan D: um, um I like that it's cold."

3rd grader, Scarlett: "Not my favorite, it's very yucky out. Though I like that it's the time of year you can make apple pie."

Ms. April, 3rd grade teacher: "my favorite season so far." "The beautiful changing leaves, the smell of the fall air, snuggling under blankets, and scented candles make fall one of the most perfect seasons!"

Cole mason, 4th grader: "I think spring's better. Fall is colder and spring is very warm."

Chloe Kwong, 5th grader: "I think fall is better than spring because fall there is more holidays than the spring. You get to bake more because of holidays and it's colder."



## **Dog Story**

**By: Rachel, Grade 4**



I woke up to see myself in a white room. I had just realized they had put a collar on me! Didn't they trust me? I looked around the room but saw nothing except for beds. But this one girl caught my eye. She was cute and but she had no hair like the other people. Although I didn't mind if she didn't.

But when I barked at her she didn't seem to hear me. I started barking at the people. They ignored me! Hadn't they noticed that the girl couldn't hear me? After a few more tries, I gave up.

The woman with the straight brown hair was talking to another woman with short black hair with a white cap on her head. I rested my head on the floor, bored. Within a few moments, the woman with short black hair said to me, "Hey Baxter! This is your girl, Beatrice."

Black-haired woman pointed to the girl that had no hair. That was Beatrice! "You have to help her with a lot of things Baxter." The woman with black hair said. Now I understood! I had to help Beatrice do things!

I barked happily in response. The little girl who I saw, saw me! She smiled and reached her hands out for me. I wagged my tail showing that I was excited to meet her. I leaped up into her arms and licked her cheek.

Beatrice laughed in response. "This is the best Christmas present ever!" She said to two other people I hadn't noticed. They looked like Beatrice so I assumed they were her human parents. "What kind of dog is he?" Beatrice asked. "He's a Labrador Retriever." Her parents said.

"Ohhhhhhhh ... a Labrador Retriever? Cool!" Beatrice said. The woman with black hair said, "Baxter, this is Beatrice. She has cancer so she has to stay here so we could make sure she is healthy. So far she is pretty healthy. Although sometimes she has to stay here for a few days or so." Said the woman with black hair. Beatrice's smile dropped a little. I went up to her and licked her cheek to make her happy.

"Well, visiting hours is almost over." The black haired woman said. Beatrice's parents walked out of the room. The woman in the room turned off the lights and also walked out the room. I rested my head on to Beatrice's stomach and settled myself for a good long sleep.

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## **A Story**

**By: Ruqaiyah, Grade 3**

One day a girl named Niki was reading a comedy book, the book's name was "Inanimate Objects come to life", here's the story...

"Once upon a time a boy named Jack was eating a sandwich alone in his house. His parents were dead so he lived alone. While he was eating he heard a noise, he went to see what it was and when he did he was in shock, it was a chair and a table and the TV and everything in his house, even the food and drinks! They were running around and trashing the whole house, then all of them lifted Jack and put him outside and then put a flag on the top of the house that said "Inanimate Objects rule". When Jack went back inside he could not believe what he saw, the inanimate objects were flooding, and making a fire in the house, then Jack woke up and realized it was all just a dream"

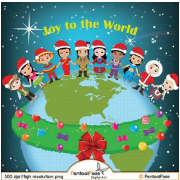
Niki loved it so much that she performed it as a play for her parents and they loved it.

# The Great Molasses Flood

By: Raina, Grade 5

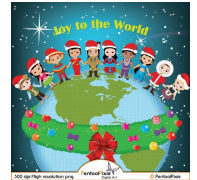
- 1) The relationship between Boston, Massachusetts and the Great Molasses Flood started in 1919. It all started on Boston's Commercial Street, where the humongous molasses tank resided. On the fateful day of when the tank burst, 21 people drowned and 150 people were injured. "The force of the molasses wave knocked down buildings and houses." This shows that this was one of the most shocking tragedies in Boston's history, but a very deadly one. This is a shocking catastrophe, because such a complex substance that humans used for their own good suddenly was the cause of many people's downfall. The molasses flood was a big part of Boston's history, due to the fact that the cause of this was because of the shoddy construction of the molasses tank the USIA designed. "How could something so terrible have happened? It turned out that the disaster was caused by shoddy construction. The owner of the tank, a company called United States Industrial Alcohol (USIA) had rushed to build it." This shows that the company didn't care about the Boston residents and only cared about their own personal gain. Because of this, they put lives at risk and destroyed part of one of the biggest projects ever."
- 2) The relationship started when the USIA built the 50-foot-tall steel molasses tank. People that resided in the shadows of the tank heard it groaning from the first day it was built. People were worried that it was unsafe, but they thought that no one would listen to them since they were poor immigrants. As a result, the tank released a lethal flood, taking the events for the worse. "The molasses moved very fast and destroyed everything in its path." This is important because it shows how life-taking the event was, and how it damaged the citizens' pride.
- 3) In the end, the effects were okay. Boston's safety standards were upgraded, and spread nationwide. "In the years after the flood Massachusetts passed laws with tougher requirements for new building projects. Those safety standards were widely adopted in other states." This is important because Boston saw the error of their ways (by letting USIA build the tank,) and changed many building codes for the better. On the other hand, the USIA was ordered to pay nine million dollars (about \$628,000 at the time) to the families of the flood victims.





# How Christmas is Celebrated Around the World

By: Caelen, Grade 3



Christmas is one of the most famous holidays ever created. We all know the story; on the night before Christmas, Santa Claus flies in his sled with his nine flying reindeer: Comet, Cupid, Blitzen, Prancer, Dasher, Donner, Vixen, Dancer and Rudolph. He sets on top of your houses roof and comes down the chimney stack with his bag of presents. He puts them around the tree, leaves the chimney stack, and flies to his next destination. But not all countries and cultures follow the classic story. Let's check out how some of them celebrate.

France: this country starts the Christmas celebration on December 6th, when Saint Nicholas Day is celebrated. On this day, kids receive small gifts and candies. This is a point in time when all places (especially in the Alsace region) in France start decorating for the holiday season. According to legend, the first Christmas tree here dates back to the 14th century. On Christmas Eve, children put their polished shoes and hope 'Père Noël' (which translates into 'Father Christmas') comes and brings them goodies. The next day family members exchange gifts and have a feast.

Italy: at most Catholic churches, what is called a nativity scene is set up, showing the manger where Christ was born. These are set up in Italy, known there as a 'presepe'. The scene that's setup is very traditional in most areas. In Italy 'Babbo Natale' is how they call Father Christmas (which is a way of saying Santa). He hands out gifts on Christmas Day.

Norway: this is probably the country that does Christmas closest to the U.S. in December children wait 'Julenisse' the Norwegian Santa Claus. During December, 'Julenisse' brings the children gifts on 'Jul', how they call Christmas. They wish each other 'God Jul', which means Happy Christmas!

And, that's it. Tell your family about this, and see if they know how the countries they came from celebrate Christmas. Find out even more ways to celebrate Christmas by clicking the link [here](#).

Source: *Kids-world-travel-guide.com; Christmas around the world*

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## A Hanukkah Story

By: Zachary, Grade 2

Once Upon a time there was a dreidel named bob. He loves Spinning. He always gets dizzy when he's done. The People in the house Spin the dreidel everyday. The time they do it is 4 AM in the morning. They've had the dreidel for 35 years. they finally gave the dreidel up to their nabers to keep for ever. They loved the dreidel so much. Finally they all got tired and went to bed. They had a wonderful day in the house 🏠 the end.

## A Christmas Story

By: Zachary, Grade 2

There was a family who lived in a mansion in South America. It was cold 🥶 and rainy in South America. It was very difficult to get to one place to a nother in South America. Than at night time they saw 🧑🏻‍🎅 with his reindeer's lying in the air with the presents to give to children 🎁. The people were amazed to see 🧑🏻‍🎅 and his reindeer's flying in the air. finily Santa and his reindeer's flew away back to the North Pole. When they left there was a little shining star ✨ in the sky. It was very cool. the family was so happy to see Santa and his Reindeers.

## Christmas Story

By: Scarlett, Grade 3

There once was a boy named Ben and he had a little brother that was super annoying. his name is Lucas.it was Christmas Eve the 24th Ben and Lucas had an elf name Bumpy. Bumpy gave Ben and Lucas an advent calendar that had chocolate in every flap Ben and Lucas ate chocolate and got ready for bed quickly. They were so excited for Christmas. the next morning they ate breakfast and ran to the plate where they had left milk and cookies for Santa and 2 large carrots they were gone. After that they got there stockings and looked inside the first Surprise that Ben and Lucas got was hot wheel cars. Another Present was a Santa chocolate.after that Ben and Lucas went to go open presents Ben really wanted a hoverboard when he opened his present it was a hoverboard Ben loved it. All of Ben and Lucas's presents where all amazing.ben and Lucas thought this was the best Christmas ever.



## Holiday Acrostic Poem

By Chloe, Grade 5

Christians, Catholic celebrate Christmas,  
He will bring presents at night  
Receive presents  
Santa delivers gifts  
Thankful for the gifts you get  
Merry Christmas  
Awake early to open presents  
Stay up to see Santa

## How Christmas was originated

By: Lily, Grade 4

When you think of Christmas, you probably think of Santa Claus, presents, and cookies, but that is not what people had planned for Christmas back about 10,000 years ago, ( it was an estimate from after dinosaur, but before the more "modern" years).

Christmas is literally "the mass for Christ" the day was to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The western date of his birth was chosen by Pope Leo I, bishop of Rome (440-461), Leo thought it would distract his Roman congregation from worship by celebrating the feast of Christ birth on the same day. He described Jesus as "the new light" an imagine the salvations but timely in that the days began to lengthen from 25 December onwards.

But I guess the way I was taught was, Mary (the mother of Jesus) was told by an angel that she would give birth to Christ, so she and her husband Joseph went to Bethlehem on a donkey, and when they arrived, soon after Mary found out she was in labor, but they couldn't find any hospitals that they could have the baby, so they found a barn, and then.. I guess Christ was born, and he did amazing things, people traveled from all over the world to meet him. And sadly that's all I know.

I hope you have a merry Christmas!

Just so you know, at the end when I started to say what I thought Christmas's story was, I couldn't do word by word green red green red, because I didn't have enough time, so I'm sorry.



## Advice Column

By: Krishna, and Samantha, Grade 5  
proofread by Rachel Grade 4

If you feel stressed with schoolwork, here's a paragraph for you! Some of us know the word "procrastinating." It basically means having a lot of stuff to do, but not doing it until the last minute. If you have homework on the upcoming break, it's easier to do a bit everyday you have the time. It's usually easier than trying to forcefully make your mind work for a long time without stopping. Krishna, the other person in this column has experienced this, because she usually has Tae Kwon Do to juggle with all her other activities, and usually struggles to complete her work on time (same -Samantha, the writer of this paragraph), but she learned how to manage her time better and finish her homework sooner, so she has more time to do more things. (Like reading! -Samantha ) Here is a tip to help finish schoolwork earlier; If you are constantly on electronics, then set reminders, or an alarm. That's all we have right now for tips.

Hi! Um, this is Krishna, and if *you* think you are being friendzoned, then come and hear what I've got to say; Friendzoning can happen on the internet, in school, and sometimes at public parks. Word of the day: Friendzoning; when some people are ignoring another girl/boy, but it is not bullying. If this is happening to you, like how Harry and Ron friendzoned Hermione, when they thought her cat killed Scabbers the rat, PLEASE tell a teacher, or avoid them, because that is a toxic friend. The sooner you do this, the sooner the problem will dissipate. Ummm..... Let Samantha take over, I don't know much about this... Sam: you already explained it... (and I have no idea)

Signing off- Krishna, and Samantha

## My favorite books

By: Mckenna, Grade 2

These are some of my favorite books dork diaries eventually I liked massive capter books like fairy tales some are capter books some fairy tales are about fairy's and magical horses or unicorns and so much more magical fun also I like animals and fairy tails like that she was on the news paper all the kids at her school tells her All of there secrets she was the best one in town

### SOME OF MY FAVORITE SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Rudolph the red nose reindeer

**Frosty the snowman**

Santa came to town

Let it snow



## Acrostic Poem

By: Cole, Grade 4

Cold  
Holly  
Reindeer  
Is fun  
Surprising  
Tree  
Merry  
Amazing  
Santa



# The Holidays in December

By Chloe, Grade 5

What holidays do you celebrate in December? Although, there are many holidays there's many different holidays in December. Some holidays are Christmas, Hanukkah, Boxing Day, and Kwanza. But, there are many more holidays in the world.

One holiday in December is Christmas. Christmas is celebrated by Christians, and Catholic people. When Christmas is celebrated you put up many things. You put up a Christmas tree, and you put a lot of different decorations like Christmas ornaments, and Christmas lights on the Christmas tree. You also put out Christmas lights outside on trees, or bushes. On Christmas Eve you bake cookies. At night you put milk and cookies for Santa to eat and drink. On Christmas Day in the morning you open the presents you got from Santa. Christmas is an important holiday for some people. Christmas is on Wednesday, December 25.

Another holiday people celebrated over the world is Hanukkah. Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish people. There are eight days of Hanukkah. On Hanukkah you eat Jewish foods such as latkes (potato pancakes). Also matzah ball soup are favorites during Hanukkah. You light up candles on a Menorah. Hanukkah starts on Sunday, December 22 and ends on Monday, December 30.

Boxing Day is celebrated in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. It is celebrated on Thursday, December 26. People call it Boxing Day because rich people give gifts to poor people.

Kwanzaa is celebrated by African Americans. It lasts for a week. It starts on Thursday, December 26 and ends on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

These are some holidays like Christmas, Boxing Day, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and many other holidays. There are lots of holidays in December.

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## Santa Comic

By: Kalen, Grade 4; Kabir, Grade 3

This is the best comic you had been waiting for :SANTA ANIMALS: this is shark Santa and he is a good santa this is tiger Santa who is gonna break into the house we'll both of them are gonna. and they are also gonna fight each other to get to the human first and eat them and that's not all they have too not get caught by the police and try not to go to Santa jail and the first one to fail will have to pay the other Santa 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, dollars 💵





## Superhero Story

By: Aaron, Grade 4



Ring ring the phone went on hello turbo someone said on the phone, who is this, it's me your boss, oh what do you want. There has been a robbery at the bank and I need you to go there to stop them, ok I'll be right there. Meanwhile at the bank come on tim get the cash one of the robbers said, ok I'll go faster Timmy. Turbo finally arrived at the bank, stop right there robbers, dude why are you wearing a superhero costume, because I'm a superhero. What are you doing turbo said his twin brother zoom flying into the building, what are you doing here said turbo, I'm saving the day what are you doing, my boss told me to stop these robbers said turbo. Let's get out of here Timmy ok tim, ok fine zoom you win let's just catch these robbers, ok turbo uh where are they, they were right here zoom this was all your fault. My fault it was yours, now I'm going to get fired, turbo but we can catch them remember we have super speed and super strength and many more superpowers, oh so you want to have a challenge to see who could catch them ok but the loser has to clean up our whole house, ok deal we are going to start in 3,2,1 go. Zoom and turbo had super speed so they ran to go catch the robbers, turbo first went to the mall to go find the robbers. But he was distracted by the smell of the baked brownies that came right from the oven. Can I have 2 brownies, ok 2 brownies coming right up, thank you meanwhile zoom went to the hotel to go find the robbers. When he went inside he paid the person money and went to go find the robbers. But he got distracted by the hot tub because he hasn't been in a hot tub in a while so he went in. Come on Tim let's go in the movie theater, ok Timmy. The robbers had sneaked into the movie theater and watch the movie while they were there. Meanwhile at the hotel zoom finished in the hot tub and realized that he had to find the robbers so he quickly changed into his clothes and looked somewhere else. At the mall turbo finished his brownies and realized that he has to find the robbers so he looked somewhere else. Turbo went to the movie theater and sneaked inside to find the robbers he checked in the theater and he found them. He took them by their arm and gave them to the police and ran to turbo and said he caught the robbers no you didn't, fine I'll show you, ok I believe you, so you have to clean up the house turbo, fine. Meanwhile at the house turbo was cleaning and then his phone rang turbo your fired for not catching the robbers, but I didn't my brother did, oh ok then I'm going to hire him, oh come on.



# Similarities Between Hanukkah and Christmas

By: Madden and Landon, Grade 5



By the time of this being published, the holiday season has already passed and with that, two important holidays have passed. These holidays are Christmas and Hanukkah. While I'm sure you have heard of Christmas due to it being the most celebrated holiday in the world according to Google. Most non-Jewish people haven't ever heard of Hanukkah. Hanukkah is like Christmas for people who follow the Jewish religion. It spans over eight days where you light a candle in the menorah. These holidays are very different and are premised on entirely different events, but they have more similarities than you would think.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday celebrated in either November or December varying on the Jewish calendar. It is based on when the Maccabees, a Jewish group was set on liberating Jerusalem from their current Syrian rule, captured the temple and cleared it of all of the things put there by the Syrian vandals. When they captured it, they celebrated by lighting an oil lamp, but it's oil was only set to burn for one day. But in a miracle, it burned for eight entire days. That is why on Hanukkah, all Jewish people come around the table to light the Menorah, a nine stocked candle with four candles on each side and one in the middle. The middle candle is called the shaman. You use it to light the other candles, one each day. The eight candles symbolize the eight days that the oil lamp burned in Jerusalem. The main difference between Hanukkah and Christmas is that Hanukkah is celebrated exclusively by Jews, while Christmas is celebrated by Catholics and Christians. But, there are many more differences such as the fact that Hanukkah's date is different every year, while Christmas is always December 25th. I think I have said enough about Hanukkah. Landon! Take it away!

There sure are some great features of Hanukkah but Christmas is fun too. Christmas is the annual Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, primarily observed December 25. Christmas is celebrated among billions of people in the world and I'd say there's a good reason for that. To start off, most people get a Christmas tree and decorate it. Americans cut down 15,094,678 trees/year to use as their Christmas tree! Both holidays give and receive presents. Another similarity between Christmas and Hanukkah are the decorations people put up for the very special time of year. Both holidays involve lights, Christmas involves colorful decorative lights while Hanukkah lights candles for each day lasting eight days. There are many Christmas and Hanukkah traditions families have cherished such as fancy dinners, cookie exchanges, shopping, parties, advent calendar count down and making gingerbread houses.

These similarities and differences stem from their cultural history. Despite of the differences between Hanukkah and Christmas, they sure are great holidays celebrated by special people. And don't forget the true meaning of both holidays is spending time with your friends and families.