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Mission Statement:

AIT International School provides holistic elementary education (Nursery – Grade 6) in a stimulating and caring international environment that will help build a positive attitude towards learning. Our education is based on values that will support the growth of a reflective and responsible member of the society.

AITIS ANNUAL DAY 2018



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Together We Can!

Dear Parents and Friends of *AITIS*;

On behalf of *AIT International School* I sincerely thank you for making this a very successful and productive school year.

As we end the school year we must also wish several departing teachers a sad goodbye and best wishes in their future endeavors:

Mrs. Nirja, *AITIS* Pre-K Teacher & Coordinator (23 years service to *AITIS*)



Mr. Elvis, *AITIS* Elementary Teacher (23 years service to *AITIS*)



Mrs. Divina, *AITIS* Music Teacher (8 years service to *AITIS*)



Although they will be greatly missed *AITIS* must continue for the sake of our children.

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Mrs. Manjiri has agreed to become the new Pre-K Coordinator. I thank her for her commitment to our students and know she will do an excellent job.

Two new teachers have agreed to join us for the next school year. They will be introduced to you in August once they have formally signed their contracts.



As our school continues to grow with new students we find that classroom space is once again an issue.

I have been authorized by the President of AIT to purchase a new purpose-built classroom container. This will be the second new purpose-built classroom that we will install at *AITIS*.

Mr. Koo of the Malaysian AIT Alumni Association has donated a generous portion of the cost of the classroom.

On behalf of *AITIS* I extend our sincere “**thank you**” to Mr. Koo.

It would be very nice to see our parents and *AITIS* alumni help by making large or small donations for this much needed project.

Donations may be made at the school office during normal school working hours. Your generosity will be very much appreciated and will be used to help provide our children a modern, well equipped and safe learning environment.



I sincerely thank you for your continued support of *AIT International School*.

Sincerely,
Kevin Mauritsen, M.Ed
Principal/Director

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Pre-K Section Activities

Nursery

The Nursery children had fun learning about ‘The Favorite Stories.’ They listened to many stories – “Cinderella”, “Rapunzel”, “Ginger Bread Man” and “The Little Red Riding Hood”. The children enjoyed their role play, dressing up, and using props as Little Red Riding Hood, Grand Ma, Fox, Rabbits, Wood Cutter, Ginger Bread Man, Fairy God Mother, and Prince and Princess. (See pictures 1-2)

Pre-K 1A

It was an exciting and fun-filled learning experience to make the accessory for the Annual Day Presentation by Pre-K 1A.

The children also had fun making and floating a paper boat when learning about the topic on Transportation. (See picture 3-4)

Pre-K 1B

The theme about Daytime and Nighttime has been another engaging experience for the little ones. They made an artwork of the topic using their coloring and cutting skills, including the proper orientation of pasting the pictures. What they have enjoyed the most was playing "Throw and Catch" on a beautiful sunny day. (See picture 5-6)

Pre-K 2

Pre-K 2A Children enjoyed working in their Number Book. Counting and Matching numbers to the objects is always a fun activity for them.

Pre-K2 B had a quick pose after their enjoyable nature walk. (See picture 7-8)



HOW TO READ AND RESPOND TO END-OF-YEAR REPORT CARDS

Think of the big picture when responding to grades.

Source: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/grades-report-cards/how-to-read-and-respond-to-end-year-report-cards>

How well your child did in school may seem like a big deal, but remember that final grades are only one measure of academic success, and how hard your child worked, what he learned, and how he grew need to be looked at over the year as a whole. Here are some guidelines to help you understand the big picture and encourage and foster a positive attitude towards learning that will last through the summer.

Interpreting

Hopefully, your child's teacher has explained how students are evaluated. If the marks at year's end are still a mystery, or you need a refresher, check your school's Web site or that of the local PTA which often have how-to-read guides just for parents. If the report card doesn't include information about the entire year, pull out report cards from previous quarters/semesters and see what has changed. A "satisfactory" or B grade may be a significant improvement from an earlier streak of "below expectations" or C grades and should be recognized. Also, spend time reading teachers' comments to inform you of the shades of accomplishment within the black-and-white world of numbers and letters. Last, look for trends in which subjects your child thrives upon and which give him trouble.

Responding

Start off by praising the positive. Congratulate your child not only on A's but also on getting better grades in subjects he has difficulty with. Ask him which grade he is proudest of and why. Involve him in discussions about his successes and challenge him to explain how he got a good grade. It's easy to ask, "What went wrong?" when looking at an "unsatisfactory," but it may be far more useful to ask, "What went right?" for a good grade to see how that achievement can translate to other more difficult areas.

When talking with your child about problem areas, don't yell or blame her for the grade. Focus on discussing the class itself. Ask her if the work was too difficult or the class went too fast. If she says she was bored or "hated it," find out if she thought the class was too easy and ask her to explain her dislikes and try to address them. For example, if math is "useless" and "dull," find ways in the future to show her how math is used in subjects she loves, from space exploration to shopping to computer games. Second, ask about homework. Was he getting enough time to complete it or were extra-curriculars taking up too much after-school time? Was he distracted from completing work at home? If your child doesn't have a special homework area, spend some time over the summer with him brainstorming and creating a new study space for back to school.

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor

Kindergarten Activity

"The KG students proudly present their puzzle on what they can see in the library."



STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING AT AITIS



Science Activity by Grade 2



Science Activity by Grade 2



Social Studies Activity by Grade 2



Social Studies Activity by Grade 2



Math Activity by Grade 4



Math Activity by Grade 4



Language Arts Activity by Grade 5



Social Studies Activity by Grade 5



Math Activity by Grade 6



Language Arts Activity by Grade 6

Stories

By Grade 1 Sunflower

Fiction Stories with problems and solution created by the pupils.
They come in different titles.

Stories

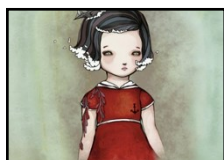
By Grade 1 Lily



Joey

Joey hurt his leg because he fell down. So the doctor takes care of Joey's leg. Dr. Mia takes a look at Joey's leg. Joey is feeling good so he can go back home.

Marie



Whistle

I like to whistle but I don't know how. My mom can whistle. My friends can whistle. Then I shape my lips round but just air comes out and there is no sound. I will keep on practicing until I solve my problem.

Rudrakshi



Jumping Rabbit

Rabbits were going through forest to play. Then, they went to the beach. They met a friend and played together in the water. They enjoyed sailing too. They went to play in the snow. They went back home and took shower. They went to sleep after getting tired of the long day they had.

Roba

The Baby Who Never Walked

One day, there was a mommy who had a baby. She was ten months already but she still didn't know how to walk! Her mother brought her to the doctor and the doctor said, "You should let her take this medicine." Then the mother let the baby drink the medicine but still she could not walk! The mother brought her to the doctor again but this time the doctor wasn't there. And the baby got ill. The mother brought her to her room and the baby could walk! So the baby was not ill anymore.

Sasikorn

The Man Who Could Fly

The man never stopped flying because of the game. His mom said, "Stop flying," but he didn't stop. He just flew and flew and flew. He flew around the world. The space ship saw the flying man and the astronaut said, "Why are you flying around?" The man didn't answer so he just slept on the moon.

The astronaut brought him home. And his mother downloaded a new game so he could walk happily ever after.

Wynn

The Man Who Wasted Water

Once upon a time there was a man who liked to waste water. He got lesser and lesser water until it was gone. The man needed to pay a lot of money for the water bill but he didn't have enough money to pay the bill. He borrowed money and paid the water bill. He learned to use the water properly. He closed the tap properly. And then all the house had enough water to use.

Burapol

The Girl Who Never Died

One day there was one girl called Yancy. She was very cute. One day she said, "I think I cannot die." She grew up and she was pretty. Then one night, she dreamed that she died. But when she opened her eyes, it was not true. So she went back to sleep and slept for a long time. When she woke up, she was already old and died. She lived again and she became a person again.

Terapa

The Monkey and the Wolf

Once upon a time, there was a monkey and a wolf who were friends. They always played. One day the monkey walked and saw a cat.

The Monkey asked, "Who are you?"

"I am cat," answered the cat.

The wolf saw the monkey and the cat and made friends with the cat. Monkey, cat, and the wolf became friends.

But the wolf ate the cat. Monkey said, "Why did you eat the cat. The cat was our friend." The wolf answered, "I ate the cat because he was not my friend.

Then the monkey was not happy.

Zara

Stories
By Grade 1 Sunflower

Ella's Secret Friend

Once upon a time there was a girl named Ella. She was sad because she didn't have a friend. She went somewhere to look for her friend. She saw someone but it was not her friend. She went everywhere. She found someone and said, "Can I be your friend?" And she played with her new friend. Her new friend's name was Ellan and they became good friends.

Udhayasri

The Snail Who Could Run Fast

Once there lived a snail who could run fast. He won in every race. Everybody voted for him. Then he got pushed by the rabbit and he got hurt! He couldn't play and race anymore. He was in the hospital.

After everyone had voted for the rabbit, the snail was really sad and angry.

When he was okay, he ran again and won the race with the rabbit again.

Aahana

The Princess Who Was Scared of the Dark

Once upon a time, there was a princess who was scared of the dark. But the king didn't have time to look after the princess. They slept on different beds. The princess wanted to sleep with the king. They slept in the same room. The king had tried hard to make the princess fall asleep.

The only thing that could make her fall asleep was a bedtime story. The king told a good fairy tale to the princess. And the princess fell asleep.

Sudchaya

The Man Who Couldn't Die

One day there was a man who couldn't die. He told the people to try to kill him. The first person tried to kill him with a knife. But he didn't die. The next man tried to kill him with a gun. But he was still alive. And the last person tried to kill him with his strength but the same, he didn't die.

What do you think could kill him?

Witwisit

The Baby Rabbit Who Didn't Smile

One day there was a mommy rabbit who had a baby rabbit. But the baby rabbit didn't smile. Then her mommy did something funny to make her smile but she didn't smile. After that, she said to her, "Why don't you smile?" The baby rabbit couldn't talk yet but she could hear.

After that, mommy rabbit called father rabbit and said, "Father Rabbit, come to baby rabbit." And father rabbit said, "Okay." Later, father rabbit tickled and tickled baby rabbit which made baby rabbit to laugh and smile. Then mommy rabbit and father rabbit felt happy and they hugged baby rabbit.

Pitchshamon

Stories
By Grade 1 Lily



Animals

Have you ever seen a gecko? Gecko is a reptile. It can camouflage. The gecko has four legs, 1 tail and 2 eyes.

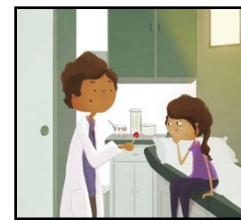
The duck-billed platypus' face is so funny. And the mouth of it is so funny too. Ha ha ha ha ha!

The tail of the chameleon is like a centipede. The eyes of it are so wide. The chameleon is not harmful.

The hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. It has a long beak. The hummingbird is so beautiful.

The flying fox can fly. The flying fox can glide. The flying fox is not a fox but it is a bat.

Athit



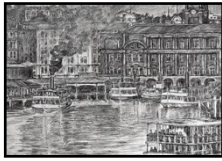
Doctors

Doctors help people and kids with their tools. When it's finished, doctors give treats to kids. Sometimes doctors tell people to stay in the hospital for days. When it's breakfast and lunchtime, your mom and dad will give medicine to you so you will feel better. When it's raining don't go out in the rain or you will get sick and go back to the hospital again.

Nyan Paing

Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



Beautiful Country

Once upon a time, in a lovely village, people lived in peace and loved each other. It was ruled by a very wise king and a beautiful queen. The kingdom was so congested. In the house, everyone did their activity as usual. Mothers did the breakfast, lunch and dinner for the family. In one family they had at least two children. Every father and son went to the forest to hunt wild animals. Some of them went to the river with their boats to take the passenger, from one village to another village. The fisherman caught the fish to sell and to bring home. It also had many factories. The biggest factory was the chocolate factory which was known as Cadbury chocolate, the delicious chocolate ever in the world. There were also famous singers and musicians. Classical music buzzed everywhere. This city had their own public transportation, locomotive which took the passengers from one town to the other town. It was a lovely place ever in the world.

Elizabeth

Halloween Day

One day, there was a boy who liked to dress like a pumpkin. Everyone knew him as a pumpkin man. His best friend Rossy liked to dress like a dead pirate. Everyone knew her as a dead pirate. Two of them had a pet Batta. Batta was a good pet. He never hurt anybody. So people wanted to invite them every Halloween day.

Arithuch

Stories

By Grade 1 Sunflower

The Tsunami

One day there was a big tsunami and the people ran away. They found a shelter to hide but it became a problem. The building fell down.

The people built it again and it became a normal day again. It happened again and it's still the same. A big tsunami hit and the building fell again.

Many people died and many got hurt and it became a sad day.

Palin

The Friend of the Bird

One day there was a bird with no friend. The bird was so sad. The other birds laughed at the lonely bird.

One day, she saw another girl bird flying up in the sky. The lonely bird flew and talked to her.

The girl bird said, "Yes, I am a girl. Can I play with you?" The bird said, "Yes!" And they became friends.

Achiraya

The Lion and the Weather

Once upon a time, there lived a lion.

One day when he was walking in the forest, there blew a strong wind. The lion was blown away but it didn't cry. All the animals were worried about the lion.

When the lion landed back to the ground, all the animals were happy because their king, the lion, was back.

Abhishek

The Man Who Never Spent His Bills

Once upon a time, there was a man who was very rich. He never spent his bills but used coins when buying food and water. And he never ran out of coins.

"I am so rich!" said the man. "I can buy anything but I don't want to spend any of my bills.

All the people gathered together and said to the man, "You need to spend your bills."

But the man didn't want to spend his bills. He paid 2000 THB to the security guards. The workers said, "Everyone, go to your house!" So all people went to their houses. Then they tried to think of a way on how to make the man spend his bills. Then the people thought of a solution.

The people knew that the man's house was empty. So they went to the man's house and said, "Why is your house empty?" Then the man said, "Why do you say that to my big house?" The people answered him, "Because you didn't buy any decorations in your house."

"Oh!" said the man. Then he went to the shop to buy decorations without remembering not to spend his bills.

When the man went home, he put the decorations in his house. But then, he remembered that he should not spend his bills. But he liked all his decorations and kept them because they made his house look nice and beautiful.

And the man realized that the people were right after all.

Ba Khoi

Stories

By Grade 1 Sunflower

The Fairies and the Witches

There were fairies playing with the new baby fairy but the witches wanted the baby and they took the baby away. The fairies went to the witches and said, "Give our baby back." The witches said, "Why is your baby good?"

The fairies told the witches that the baby fairy is funny. The fairies told a funny tale to the baby and she laughed. The fairies were so happy.

And the witches went away and the fairies were free to take the baby.

Sonarar

The Princess Who Couldn't Sleep at Night

Once upon a time, there was a princess in a castle. She was still awake at night. When her father came at night to see her, she said, "What should I do? I cannot sleep." Her father slept with her.

The next day was Halloween. Everybody was given candies except for her. There were no candies left for her. She said, "So mean people!" Her father had her eyes checked in the hospital why she can't sleep at night. She can sleep now because she had her eyes checked.

Su Yamin

The Princess Who Couldn't Laugh

Once there lived a princess who never laughed. So the queen asked the people, "Whoever makes my princess laugh will get a reward." Soon all the foreigners came and all the princes came.

One prince gave hundreds and hundreds of funny jokes but it didn't work. There were more who tried until the last prince came. He told the funniest joke in the whole wide world. At last, the princess laughed so much that she laughed the whole day. So whenever she's reminded of the joke, she laughed and laughed so much.

Nysa

The Sad Cat

One day a cat woke up and went to the Dog School. All the dogs woke up and went to school. The dog teacher taught the young dogs.

The cat didn't like the school because it was a school for dogs. He cried and cried. There was no cat school near the place.

He looked and looked for a cat school until he found a school for cats.

The cat was happy to find a cat school. He found new friends, too.

Chotiwat

The Bird That Could Not Fly

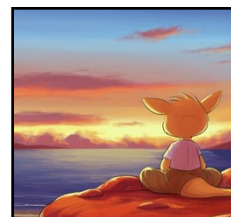
One day a bird walked on a bed and slept. When he woke up, he played with tiger. They played and slept.

When the bird woke up, he ate lunch and drank water. He drank and drank and he got stomachache. He went to the doctor. The doctor gave him medicine and the stomachache was gone.

Tathas

Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



The Cute Little Path Leads to the Treasure

That first morning, little fox went for an adventure. His name was Foxy.

Foxy saw a girl. The girl also had a cat. Foxy asked the girl about the cute little path.

"Yes! I know where will you pass", said the girl. "Where?" asked Foxy. "At the FLOPSY JUGGLING. There are two giants watching," replied the girl. He passed the FLOPSY JUGGLING and his mission had been completed. When Foxy opened the mini door, Foxy found a pink potion. The pink potion was called the fancy potion. Foxy grabbed the fancy potion and went. He saw a sign that said "nepo". Foxy knew that it meant, "open". So Foxy opened the door. Foxy turned on the flashlight. There was trash everywhere. Foxy found a way out of all that trash. Foxy found a rock. Foxy dug. He dug and dug. Foxy was tired of digging but he tried and tried. He dug deeper and deeper. Foxy fell down a hole. Foxy said this was a hard level. At last Foxy fell down another hole. Foxy saw a beautiful place. "This is the cute little path!", said Foxy. "I think that cute little path is leading us to the treasure!", said Foxy. Foxy opened the treasure and found the magic stuff.

Akarat

GEMSTONES AWARDEES SEMESTER 2, 2017-2018



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5

Stories

By Grade 1 Sunflower

Snow Day Fun

Once upon a time, there was a little girl. She used to play with snow every morning. She was so happy. But then she felt hungry so she cried and cried and cried.

At night she ate the biggest meal ever. Mom made meal for her every Sunday and Monday.

Thanyaporn

Why is the Owl Same with People

One day there was an owl named Gife. She liked to sing and listen to music. She liked to draw and she liked to walk. She liked to play and she liked to talk.

She had a friend cat named Gift. They talked and talked and talked. And they liked to hop. Then the cat told the owl that they are like people. The owl answered, "No, I am not the same as people because I am not like them.

And they lived happily ever after.

Pishaporn

The Happy Family

Once upon a time there was a family who lived in a small house. They slept together at night. One morning, they woke up and ate some food. They went to the beach. They had a lot of fun. They enjoyed swimming.

Suddenly, there came a big shark. People ran away from the beach. The family did not swim for a long time after that.

Yathida

Stories

By Grade 1 Lily

Dentist

Dentist (Dr. Chutaimon) removed my dirty and painful teeth and gave me medicines for relief of pain. She gave me injection in my gum before removing my teeth. After removing my teeth, she gave me balloons as a gift. She advised me to brush twice a day or after every meal. This way I keep my teeth clean and be happy without any teeth pain. Everyone must visit a dentist every six months for check-up. Dentists save and clean our teeth.

Lala

The Great Chef

The chef gives us food. We pay money for the food. Chef makes food for us. Chefs are good. Chefs make restaurants. We pay to them for food. Chefs make beverages. Some time they give free food, but some time not. Some time they volunteer. Chefs tell us about food.

Proundpimfha

Report about Arctic Terns

This paper is about Arctic terns. Arctic terns are seabirds. They are 13 to 15 inches long. They have red beaks, black head, and gray bodies. Their tails are forked. They migrate each year. From April to September Arctic terns live near ocean water in Europe, Asia, and North America. From October to March, they live near Antarctica. Arctic terns eat fish, crabs, and krill. In warm weather, they hunt for worms, insects, and berries. Their life cycle is also very interesting. Arctic terns build their nests near water. Each clutch has one to three eggs. Both parents feed and care for the baby chicks. Arctic terns live for about 30 years. In a lifetime, Arctic terns travel a distance equal to the moon and back. Male and female Arctic terns look the same. Arctic terns live together in groups called colonies.

Thipbu-Nga, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

The Fierce Gila Monster

Gila monster, also known as *Heloderma Suspectum*, which is its scientific name, can be found in the following countries: Southwestern United States and Mexico, a range including Sonora, Arizona, parts of California, Nevada, Utah, and New Mexico and possibly Baja California. It normally stays underground. The Gila monster eats small mammals, lizards, frogs, insects, carrion, birds and birds' eggs. They hunt primarily with their sense of taste and smell. As they grab their prey with their jaws, venom flows into the bite wounds. It is also the 8th most venomous four legged reptile. It has very cool dots scattered around its body, which is orange and has a black skin. Wow! I learned lots of great things about this reptile.

Zachary, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

The Country I Would Like To Visit

Which country I should go? Oh! USA! So who should be along with me? I know Pemika, Lalana, Rujirat, Sasha, Angy, Nania, Shurti and Phon my brother, Tee tee, Wawa my sister, Vee Vee and my mom.

We would like to see Winchester Mystery House located in San Jose, California. This house belongs to the owner of Winchester Gun Company. He built this house because he was afraid that customers, who bought the guns from him, might kill somebody. Also, he thought the dead people who got shot by the gun he had sold will come back and revenge on him. Therefore he decided to build a house with many windows inside, so that when the soul or the ghost got into this house they could not find him because the ghost would

be confused about the entrance and exit doors.

Why I like USA? Because my mom always tells me about her life when she was a student in USA. There were many places that are very interesting such as Golden Gate Bridge, Lombard, Coit Tower, Napa Valley and so on. I hope someday I will have a chance to be there for sure.

Isaree, Grade 5 Ace Achievers



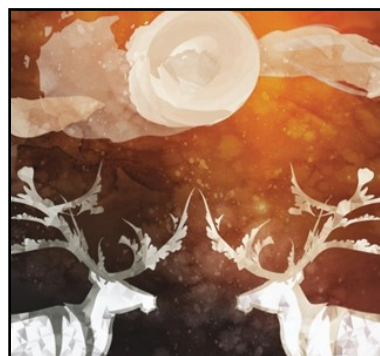
Farmers: People Who Take Care of Earth

Farmers help earth by planting crops and plants and more. They let us have more air to breathe. They put ours and earth's needs first. I would like to be a very helpful person like a..... farmer!

Farmers have to work very hard! They have to dig holes, put seeds in them, water them, wait, and then you have it....a plant! Next time you see a farmer say, "Thanks for the plants you have planted!"

Wait! I have to show you something. Here they are! Flowers!

Aishee, Grade 1 Lily



All About Deer

Deer has horns. It eats vegetables and runs fast. Deer are members of the order artiodactyls. Deer can be found all around the world except Australia. There are over 100 different types of deer. They easily adapt to their environment. Their brown coat provides great camouflage.

Sirawasaya, Grade 1 Lily

If I Could Go Anywhere in the World

If I could go anywhere in the world, it would be Russia. My companion would be Vince Arthur Roa (a world war fanatic). It is because I would like to visit the places where parts of the world war took place, for example:

Osowiec Fortress:

Osowiec Fortress is a 19th century fortress located in northeastern Poland, built by the Russian Empire. It saw heavy fighting during World War I when it was defended for several months by its Russian garrison against German attacks.

The fortress was built in the years 1882-1892 as one of the defensive works to protect the western borders of Russia against Germany and continuously modernized afterwards to cope with advances in heavy siege artillery.

In September 1914, the fortress was put under siege by parts of 8th German army - 40 infantry battalions that attacked immediately upon arriving. By 21 September, having a huge advantage in numbers, the German troops were able to push back Russian field defenses to the point where German artillery could fire upon the fortress itself.

On 3 February 1915, German forces attempted a 2nd assault on the fortress. A long and hard battle was fought for the control of 1st line of field defenses. The Russian forces were able to hold off numerically superior forces for 5 days in shallow trenches. On 9 February, Russian command decided to pull back all the forces to the 2nd field defense line that had deep trenches and established machine gun placements.

Gas attack

The Germans waited until 6 August for the right wind conditions. At 4 am, as regular artillery started their bombardment, German forces used poison gases against the defenders. Thinking that all of the defenders were dead, fourteen battalions of Landwehr - at least 7000 infantrymen - began advancing. When German infantry reached the first line of defense, they encountered what was left of 13th company of the 226th Zemlyansk regiment (about 60-100 men).

Russian soldiers were coughing blood up and pieces of their lungs because of the effects of the poison gases, putting the Germans in a state of shock and caused them to break and run. The five remaining Russian guns subsequently opened fire on the retreating Germans. European papers afterwards called this 'The Attack of the Dead Men.'

Stalingrad

The Battle of Stalingrad (23 August 1942 – 2 February 1943) was the largest confrontation

of World War II in which Germany and its allies fought the Soviet Union for control of the city of Stalingrad (now Volgograd) in Southern Russia.

Marked by fierce close quarters combat and direct assaults on civilians in air raids, it is often regarded as the single largest (nearly 2.2 million personnel) and bloodiest (1.8–2 million killed, wounded, or captured) battle in the history of warfare. It was an extremely costly defeat for German forces, and the Army High Command had to withdraw vast military forces from the West to replace their losses.

WWII War Memorial, Moscow:

Four bronze soldiers stand representing the allied powers of Britain, France, the Soviets and America against the Nazis. While the West is often portrayed as the World War II victors who defeated the Nazi army, here Russians are the heroes of the Great Patriotic War, the Russian title for the same conflict. By 1943 the Soviet Union had lost over five million soldiers, yet still managed to come out of the war victorious in 1945 – but at a significant expense. It is estimated that close to 26 million Soviets died during the war, including around 11 million soldiers, while the Nazi army lost about three quarters of their army when engaged in Soviet combat.

Okay, that was a lot of history.

How long: I would want to stay there for a month or two, as I am, a world war fanatic as well. Well, I guess this is the end of "Write about yourself".

Thank you,

Boongyal, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

AITIS Peace Makers 2017-2018



Woodchuck

Do you know what a Marmota Monax is? It's a woodchuck! Do you know what a woodchuck is? It's a groundhog. Read this report to know what they look like, what they eat, where they live, and what they can do.

Appearance

Woodchucks are small and cute creatures. Their lifespan is only up to 4-6 years and they have a curved spine. They have fur, which is yellowish-brown in color, but white parts are found on the sides of the face, nose, lips and chin.

Food

Woodchucks eat plants and insects like berries, clovers, peas, beans, lettuce, broccoli, grasshoppers, snails, etc.

What Woodchucks Do?

Woodchucks can swim, climb to collect food, hibernate from October to late March and they can also predict spring!

(Legend says if Phil Punxsutawney, a famous woodchuck, comes out of his burrow after his long winter nap and sees his shadow then there will be six more weeks of winter.)

Habitat

Groundhogs live in burrows, grasslands, and in farm lands. Their burrows underground have 2-5 entrances.

Closing

Don't you think woodchucks are sweet little animals? While writing this report I have learned many new things about them. I hope you learned something new too!

Sasha, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

Prairie Dogs

Have you ever gone to the Grasslands? If you did, then you have entered the home of the prairie dogs. Read this to learn more about prairie dogs.

Features

Prairie dogs are small mammals that have black tails, blackish brown bellies and brownish orange fur. They can grow 12-15 inches and can weigh 2-4 pounds. Their lifespan is 3-4 years.

Food

Prairie dogs gather roots, grasses and seeds to eat and feed their young in the grasslands.

Home

The grasslands is where the prairie dogs build burrows as their home for safety and storing food.

Abilities

Prairie dogs can do many awesome thing like digging burrows, stand on 2 feet. They can also bark like dogs to alert their friends that danger is coming. After danger is gone and they are still alive they will go on 2 feet and bark then back on

4 feet to celebrate that they are still alive.

End

I learned a lot and I hope you did too! I didn't know that they can actually bark like real dogs. Did you know that?

Nathania, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtle

The eastern spiny softshell turtle has small bumps or spines on the front of the upper shell and a small ridge on each side of the snout. Shell color varies with age and sex. Males and young turtles have an olive or grayish-tan upper shell with small black dots and circles and a black line along the margin. Adult females have a dark olive or tan upper shell with brown and gray blotches. The lower shell is a plain cream color. Head and limbs are normally tan or olive with small brown or black spots. A yellow stripe, bordered by dark brown, runs from the snout through the eye and along the side of the head; another light stripe runs from the jaw onto the neck.

Habitat

Rivers and larger streams, inland lakes, reservoirs, and even protected bays and river mouth areas in Great Lakes. Tolerate relatively swift current but prefer sand or mud bottom and usually avoid streams with sharp-edged rocks or coarse gravel. Open habitats with little aquatic vegetation favored over those with dense vegetation. Basking spots and sandy nesting areas are important components of suitable habitat.

Kimberly, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

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Snow Foxes

“Did you know?” Arctic foxes live in burrows. Adult Arctic foxes raise their pups in these underground dens, which are often a network of tunnels covering an area the size of a football field! Keep reading and you’ll find out much more about snow foxes, there might be some Snow foxes living near your home country!

Snow foxes can be found in Alaska, Canada, and Russia, Greenland and Iceland and other Arctic locations. Snow foxes are well adapted to cold and snowy environments.

Snow foxes usually eat lemmings, ringed seal pups, seabirds and other small invertebrates they could hunt. Other than meat, snow foxes also have healthy meals like berries and seaweeds possibly found near them.

When food is scarce, Arctic foxes exhibit great resourcefulness by following polar bears and eating scraps of food left behind by the bigger animals. Snow foxes can locate and capture their preys under the deep and cold snow. They walk along the snow and locate prey using their sensitive hearings, while their white fur helps them stay camouflaged with the snow.

Can snow foxes swim? The answer to this question is YES! Snow foxes are very good swimmers, they could enter a swimming contest! If you are running away from snow foxes, don’t even think of jumping into the water! That’s just no. 1 suicide attempt that leads to doom!

On average snow foxes live 3 to 6 years in the wild and up 8 to 10 years in captivity!

Fun facts about snow foxes:

Arctic fox is covered with thick white fur during the winter and grey-brownish fur during the summer. Seasonal variations in the color of the fur ensure camouflage (animal easily blends with its habitats).

Arctic fox can survive on the temperature of -50 degrees Celsius!!

Main predators of arctic foxes are red foxes and polar bears.

Arctic fox is small animal that can reach 26 inches in length and 6.5 to 17 pounds of weight. Bushy tail is usually 13.7 inches long.

Paws of arctic fox are covered with thick fur which makes their movement across the snow and ice easier

Arctic fox curls its bushy tail around when it’s cold to warm itself.

Lalana, Grade 5 Voyagers

Dolphins

Did you know that the modern bottlenose dolphin has been on earth for about 15 million years?

I’m Yamel and today, I will be teaching you about dolphin’s birth, diet, behavior, speed, and weaknesses.

Dolphin calves are born in the water. Most deliveries are tail-first, but head-first deliveries are also possible. Sometimes a dolphin that assisted the mother may stay close to the new mother and calf. This assisting dolphins are sometimes referred to as the “auntie” dolphin.

Dolphins eat fish. The types of fish they eat are mullet, mackerel, herring, and cod. Some species of dolphins eat squid.

Dolphins live in groups called pods. There are about five to several hundred in a single pod. Dolphins use echolocation to locate prey and hunt together using a technique called corralling. Dolphins drive the fish into shallow water so the fish can’t escape easily. Dolphins also use a technique that can be used in deeper water. The pod of dolphins surround a school of fish and take turns swimming through to catch fish.

Dolphins can travel up to 6 miles per hour. Their efficient travelling speed is four to six miles per hour. The dolphin’s cruising speed is eight to ten miles per hour. They can keep up at this speed for short time. If there is a wave or bow of boat, they will travel faster.

It is actually very rare for a dolphin to “drown” as they don’t inhale when they are underwater; but they do suffocate from the lack of air. Being born underwater can cause problems for newborn calves. It is the touch of air that triggers the first, crucial breath. The same problem can happen when a dolphin is caught in a fishing net. If the dolphin is unable to reach the surface, or if it is in a panic, the dolphin will dive deeper, where it will be unable to breathe and suffocate.

I hope that you learned something new about dolphin’s birth, diet, behavior, speed, and weaknesses.

Yamel, Grade 5 Voyagers



Robot Engineer

Some people can make robots. And some people can make games. Some people can make almost the same as real. Robots can make another robot.

Manussanun, Grade 1 Lily

Swimming

Did you know that the world's fastest swimmer, Michael Phelps, can swim 6 miles per hour? After reading this report about swimming you will get to know how to do swimming, the types of swimming, the history about swimming, the fastest swimmer, why should people learn swimming, and tournaments in swimming.

Competitive swimming started around 1830. Swimming was a part of the first modern Olympic game in 1896 in Athens. Swimming is important because if we are trapped anywhere in water we can swim. But the most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save someone's life.

How to do swimming? In body position, you should keep your body flat and lie facing in the water with your body kept in line with the water surface. Your arm movement can be broken down to the simplest form which consists of just two actions - the pull and recovery. In pull action, your palms should be facing down, pull in-line with your body with a bent elbow all the way side to your upper thigh. In recovery action, your hand should be close to your upper thigh, lift one arm out of the water with a bent elbow. Reach forward over the water with a bent elbow and enter the water with your fingers. Both of your hands should be alternate with this movement and be moving smoothly. For the breathing technique, choose a side. It depends on you if you are right or left handed. Then turn your head sideways for a quick breath. You must point your toes behind you and kick your legs up and down in a continuous motion.

Isn't swimming a fun sport? I got to know many facts about swimming like the fastest swimmer, history about swimming, types of swimming, and much more. I hope you guys also learned something new about swimming.

Sahaja, Grade 5 Voyagers

Chickens

Hello everyone my name is Angelina and today I am going to tell you about chickens. Did you know that I really like chickens? I know that there are some things that you don't know about chickens like what comes first the chicken or the egg. I will explain it to you so read this carefully and enjoy learning about chickens!

Chickens live on farms, they do not live in cold climates. In the farms they play around go crazy and meet other animals in the farm, they usually move around the place. Male chickens are usually more colorful so they can attract female chickens. Female chickens are mostly brown and

chicks are yellow. Chickens eat grains, vegetables, fruits, insects and seeds. They usually play around, make sounds and wake up early. Some chickens are funny like the chicken called Hei Hei in the movie Moana. They don't really dance but they move a lot.

Why do people like to eat chicken meat? It actually depends on the person, because some people don't like chickens and some do, like me. There are many kinds of chicken dishes. But my favorite is fried chicken because it's crispy and tasty.

So, what comes first? We all argue on what comes first - the chicken or the egg? Now it's time to know, most Christians believe that the chicken comes first because God made chickens and they laid the egg. But other people believe that the egg comes first because another animal laid an egg and the egg mutated and there was a chick in the egg.

Now, for my closing, I thank you all for reading my research but before my end, those who votes that the egg came first raise your hand and make an oval. But those that votes that the chicken came first put your hands on your hips. We can't argue on that one but I hope you think chickens are cool and I hope you enjoyed reading this! THANK YOU!

Angy, Grade 5 Voyagers



A Great Chef

Chefs make food for us to eat. And they are very good at making food. They make salad, spaghetti and lots of food. When the first time chefs make food, they start with simple stuff, like some scrambled eggs. And my mom makes me delicious food, and she is my number one chef. Chefs always make food for us to eat. They're kind to make us food and one day I'll also make good taste of food like all the kind chefs make.

Practicing making food makes you a great chef.

Pareeya J., Grade 1 Lily

Atoms

Have you ever wondered what is the world made of? Well you might know the word is made of molecules formed from atoms. So atoms are all around you right now and they are even inside you. Atoms are the smallest bits of normal matter and they are made by three particles called neutron, proton, and electron.

In an atom there are two regions. The first region is called nucleus, it contains proton and neutron, and it is located in the middle of the atom. The second region called electron shell or orbit, it contain electrons, and it is located outside the nucleus.

Atom's mass and weight uses the same scale unit and it's called atomic mass unit also known as AMU. One atomic mass unit equals to approximately one proton or neutron and did you know one thousand eight hundred thirty six electrons equal to one proton?

Ions in atoms are when the electron is not neutral to the proton. If the electron is lesser than the proton the ion is positive and if the proton is lesser than the electron the ion is negative.

Atoms also have positive and negative charge. The protons have a positive charge, neutrons have no charge, and electrons have negative charge. This is why electrons surrounds the protons because negative charge are attracted to positive charge.

The atomic number is what connects elements and atoms together. The atomic number defines the element and how much proton(s) there is in that element.

Orbital in atoms is like a spaceship going around the sun but, the sun is the nucleus and the spaceship is the electron. Bohr Model is when you imagine the sun as the nucleus and the planets surrounding the sun as electron.

Don't you think that atoms are cool? In my opinion atoms are awesome and fun to learn. Did you learn anything new about atoms from this report?

Robin, Grade 5 Voyagers

The Trip

One day, I woke up very early in the morning and ran outside just to check my mailbox. When I was already near the mailbox, I saw a black envelope. I immediately grabbed it, opened it, and read the letter. After that, I quickly ran into my house and had a meltdown.

After 10 minutes, I called my friends in excitement. I decided to call everyone, so I did a group call. "Hello, guys! Did you guys know why we have this group call?" Then they all answered,

"No." When I told them that I got free tickets to South Korea, they all answered at the same time, "Awesome!" I told them that all of them were going with me and that they must get ready to pack their bags. After our group chat, I went to my bed to sleep.

One day later, I woke up at 4am in the morning, so I called my friends again to have a wake-up call. "Hello, wake up!" but the most amazing I heard was, "We're at your front door!" they all said. I ended the call and unlocked my front door. "Hello, guys, let's go!" I told them, we got into the car and drove to the airport.

At the airport, Heather said, "We're going to South Korea!", then we just continued walking, and got into our plane.

Two hours later, we finally reached South Korea. I told them, "Guys, I'm going to meet Suga and you guys do whatever you want, okay?" Then a crowd came, but there was a singer surrounded by bodyguards. To my surprise that singer was Suga and he was right in front of me with my bare eyes. The guy whom I wanted to meet and the reason why I wanted to come to South Korea. I looked at my friends and they don't seemed to care about it but what I saw was they were talking to their own idol: Heather was talking to Jackson, Phunthita and Kimberly were talking to Yugyeom, Jewyi was talking to Jungkook, Panita was talking to herself, and I was talking to no one. So, I ran to Suga, kicked all the bodyguards away, and talked to him. After all that drama, we went to our hotel and got some sleep.

The next day, we went to all the studios in South Korea, we were all walking in peace and there was a noise. "Oh-oh-oh," the noise was from Heather. She was singing a K-POP song. All of us looked at Heather then Heather said, "Okay, I will stop." Then, we went back to our hotel room and slept since it was our last day in South Korea.

In the morning, we packed our bags and went to the airport to go back to Thailand. While we were on our way, I got a text message saying, "Did you do your homework?" I didn't reply or anything, I just went back to sleep like "Oh, God! I didn't do my homework yet!"

Kornpech, Grade 5 Voyagers

"If you keep focusing on what people have to say or will say about you, you will lose focus of what God has called you to do. Never let distractions bother you... if you do, you will only be giving your energy to an unworthy cause."

Kemi Sogunle

Why Should Parents Let Their Children Go To A School Concert?

I think that parents should let their children go to a school concert to improve their children's social skills, have more experiences, and relax.

Letting children go to a school concert will improve their children's social skills. It will let them have more participations, and more communication with their friends.

Letting children go to school concert will make children have more experiences. It will make the student learn new things beyond their classroom, face the new kind of surrounding, and other new things.

Letting children go to school concert will make children relax. So the children will not be stressed, tired, and bored.

Some of the parents may say that going to a school concert will not help anything and will be useless for their kids. However, if they would only think deeply, they would be able to see that going to a school concert has a lot of benefits. It will let their children feel more relaxed since they are already tired from the school doing homework and practices for their tests. Going to the concert also improves the children's social skills and it will make students gain more valuable experiences.

Tanawit, Grade 5 Voyager

Making Room for Uncle Joe

Dear Journal,

My friend Gil went on vacation and left his dog. Mayonnaise, with me. That dog is always causing trouble- he's real nuisance. Yesterday I went to the park to play ball, and Mayonnaise followed me. I petted him and encouraged him to behave himself, but every time someone hit the ball, that crazy mutt chased it and ran off with it. Finally we had to stop the game. My friends actually thought that dog was mine! It was embarrassing. I sure hope Gil appreciates what I'm doing for him. I've been busy taking care of Mayonnaise. I'm responsible for feeding him in the morning and walking him three times a day. That's been our routine all week. At night he sleeps beside my bed. I think I'm going to miss that old Mayonnaise when Gil comes home.

Christian, Grade 4

My Trip to South Korea

I went to South Korea with Panita, Jewyi, Phunthita, Kornpech, and Kimberly. We were seated together in our private jet. When we arrived at Incheon International Airport, we were very excited to eat and to travel. We went in a

van and went to the hotel. When we arrived, we took a shower and dress up. We met at the lobby then we went to Myeongdong shopping center. We bought some gifts for our friends and family. When we were all done shopping, we headed back to the hotel.

The next morning, we went to Seoul Tower. It's the tallest tower in South Korea and it is where people put the locks on the wall with anybody. After that, we went to a nearby restaurant to eat our lunch. Afterwards, we went to JYP Entertainment. We were all excited because there were many k-pop groups that were there. But the most k-pop group that I wanted to see was Got7. When we were there, we took a lot of pictures. Then, we went back to our hotel.

Next morning, we went to the airport and went back to Thailand. I was sad but also happy that we were going back to Thailand

Heather, Grade 5 Voyagers

Chasing After Annie

The scrawny kitten was meowing in its cage. Its previous owner had abandoned it. Luckily, someone had found the little ball of fur in an alley and brought it to Joan's animal shelter.

Joan Steiner, director of the shelter, but it was always a shock when it happened. Joan was a true animal lover. Everyone who knew her said she wasn't a phony who ran the shelter only to make money.

Joan liked to brag that she could immediately tell someone's personality just by the way he or she acted toward animals. "You can't pretend with me," she liked to say. She made sure her animals were placed only with people who had a genuine love of animals.

Kanyathorn, Grade 4



Zookeepers

Zookeepers love animals. They take care of wild animals and they work in the zoos. Zookeepers give food to the animals and clean their living places. Zookeepers take care of sick animals. Zookeepers are hardworking persons. We love zookeepers.

Warat, Grade 1 Lily

Letter to Author

Dear Jacqueline Wilson,
I loved your novel titled “Best Friends” and wished it was a series. It’s extremely hilarious and emotional because it reminded me of my best friend who left for India when we were 5 years old. I felt like you could have added a little more to the story instead of ending it with Gemma receiving a birthday letter from Alice. Overall, the story is amazing, and again funny. I loved the part where Gemma got mad and smacked the cake on Flora’s face. I died of laughter. I’ve started reading more of your books such as Candyfloss and Secrets. The character Auntie Karen was snobby enough so Gemma could hate her. I wish to meet you in person.

Your fan,
Chinmay

The first best place to go to would be Terrasen with all the gorgeous ruins! Let’s go there right now! ~Gets magically teleported to Terrasen~

Look at all the pretty trees and ruins! At the moment we are in Orynth, Terrasen. You see that gorgeous ruin over there straight ahead? That used to be a very tall library. But the King of Adarlan (or Erilea if you must) burned it down along with all the other libraries that contained ANYTHING about magic.

I’m not quite sure but, wherever the Antler Throne of Terrasen is, it’s definitely no more. I mean, I’m pretty sure when the king’s army came over they destroyed it. So no point in going there! Anyways, Terrasen is also where Celaena/Aelin was born, and also where her parents were murdered!

Let’s move along shall we? Let’s go to Rifthold, Adarlan next! ~Magically teleports to Rifthold~

Stinky right? That’s the proof of sewer problems...anyways; welcome to Rifthold, most likely the only city that is very fancy. And it’s probably because the king lives right there in that castle made of glass! That castle used to be stone but they built a glass one on top of it. I don’t know why the king would want a glass castle though. I mean, the glass could break, and people can just look t you from the outside.

Anyways! Let’s go down to where the King of Assassins lives! ~Walks all the way down there~ so, basically we just passed the Vaults. Nasty place. Fighting all over money. Fighting FOR money more likely.

So this is where the King of Assassins lives and it’s called the Assassins’ Guild. The King of Assassins is Arobynn Hamel and he doesn’t really like visitors so let’s move on!

Let’s go to where the Silent Assassins live in The Deserted Land!

~Magically teleports there~

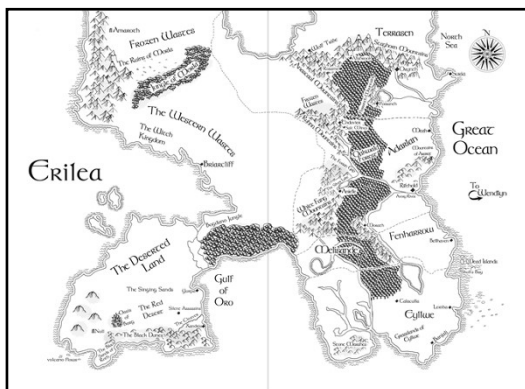
This is another place where Celaena went. She was trained by the assassins here and made a friend who later on betrayed her. Celaena didn’t kill her though. But she let her go back to her home, to The Western Wastes and conquered it by assassinating the previous ruler.

The Deserted Land is very deserted. Barely ANYONE lives here. So that’s the end of this tour! Hope you enjoyed it! Now SO LONG!

~Magically teleports back to wherever you came from~

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

A Tour Guide of a Place in the Story ‘Heir of Fire’ by Sarah J. Maas



Hello! I am this piece of paper! I’ll be helping you find out where you are! And which place BEST to go to!

What People Did to Entertain Themselves in the Middle Ages?

When we think of Medieval times and the Dark Ages we sometimes picture overcast days, damp castles, slaving peasants, and dungeons. However, the people in the Middle Ages loved parties, events, feasts, games, and sports. Just like us, they liked to have a good time.

People in the Middle Ages didn't have vacation or days off, but they did have lots of festivals which they celebrated by taking the day off. They would have fairs, carnivals, and feasts to celebrate these days. Most of these days were special days on the Christian calendar such as Easter, Christmas, and various Saint's days. The favorite sporting event for the nobility was hunting.

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Several nobles may gather together for a hunt on the local baron's land. They would ride horses while their trained dogs would hunt down the prey. Even noblewomen liked to hunt. They would use trained birds of prey, like hawks, when hunting. There was a wide variety of music during the Middle Ages. Many towns had a band that played on feast days. They used a number of different instruments including pipes, drums, fiddles, harps, bagpipes, and even something called a hurdy-gurdy. One of the most popular forms of entertainment was the troubadour. Troubadours were men who traveled from town to town singing and playing music that told romantic stories about knights and heroes. People of the Middle Ages enjoyed a variety of games. One popular game among the nobility was chess. Chess came to Europe from Persia. There were many athletic events at festivals and other occasions. These included archery, jousting, hammer-throwing, and wrestling. In some areas they played early versions of football (soccer), cricket, bowling, or golf.

Thanop, Ananya, Aticha, Grade 4

The Phoenix of Destiny A Castle Made out of Cookies

My favorite book is 'The Phoenix of Destiny'. The best chapter for me was the part where the castle was made of cookies. This book is full of adventure. In this chapter, Geronimo had to find the Sweet Dreams cradle which was stolen by Queen Cookie. Queen Cookie lived in the Cookies Castle. Every part of the castle is made from biscuits, wafers, chocolates, jellies, cakes, and other sweet stuff. I also like that the queen had a magic wand called the Wandinator. It is different

from the ordinary wand. It was half fork and half spoon and it can burn anything. How creative!

Ilan, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

My Created Animals

Wolfia

My created animal is Wolfia!

Wolfia is an animal which eats crystals, drinks cold water, and loves cold weather. It is a mammal. It has sharp claws as it needs to dig deep in the soil to find its food. It needs to wait for the ice to melt to drink water as you can guess that it lives in ice covered land. It is white and blue in color so it can camouflage with its environment.

Look out for Wolfia!

Punya, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

Melody

My created animal is Melody!

Its basic needs are air, water, demons, and sunlight. It usually looks in caves for demons for its food. It lives among the fluffs of the white clouds where it gets its water. If you want to meet one, just look in a library as it loves to read books!

Puntaline, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

Human-bird

My created animal is Human-bird.

The basic needs of this animal are meat and vegetables, carbon dioxide from the air, and water. It is half human and half bird. It is a carnivore. The interesting thing with this animal is that it does not breathe in oxygen, but instead it absorbs the carbon dioxide gas from the air to survive!

Phonphan, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

Tailless

My created animal is called Tailless. It is called so because it has a heart that looks like a long tail! Its basic needs are water, food and air. It eats anything that moves around. You better be careful if you see one. It is as large as an elephant. It has a sharp beak for a mouth and has only one eye in the middle. It is black and grey in color.

Chayakorn, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

My Teacher

I like my teacher.

He is funny.

He is a good teacher.

We like to learn with him.

We like him so much!

Smith, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

Summary Writing

Best Friends by Steven Kellogg

Louise and Kathy were the main characters in this story. They were best friends, like to do things together, and love same things. They wanted to have real horses, but were not allowed to have them. They pretended to have an imaginary one which they both called Golden Silver Wind. After school, they played in their neighborhood.

During summer break, Louise's aunt and uncle took her on vacation to a mountain called Pine Cone Peak. Louise made many friends and had fun while Kathy was lonely back home because no child of her age in their neighborhood. Louise sent a postcard to Kathy about her fun time on the mountain. Kathy became jealous of her friend.

Finally, Louise came back, a neighbor's dog gave birth to one puppy which both friends shared together and continue to be best friends.

Kavya, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon by Pat Cummings

One Saturday morning, Harvey Moon was eating his breakfast while waiting for his favorite show. It was only few minutes left to go when he heard the voice of doom, 'Oh boy, you have to go and clean your room!' Harvey did not want to clean his room but he had to do what his mother says. He went into the room sadly and started to clean up.

Many hours past, the room was still upside down. It was almost 2 o'clock! Harvey called out to his mom announcing that the room was clean. Unfortunately for Harvey, most of his favorite program were gone. He learned his lesson that very day to always keep his room clean.

Thanyachanok, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

Best Friends by Steven Kellogg

Louise and Kathy love horses but they do not own any horse. One day, Louise had a bright idea to pretend that they had a horse named Golden Silver wind. Every day they would pretend riding on their horse. In school, they do everything together to make one team. It was so much fun for them.

When summer came, Louise had to go on a vacation to a mountain resort called Pinecone Peak with her aunt and uncle. Kathy was lonely, she got upset because she has no friends to play with in the neighborhood. One day, she received a postcard from Louise about Pinecone Peak. She wrote about the fun she was having and many friends of the same age she now has. Kathy was not happy at all.

Suddenly, there was a new neighbor who just moved in. Kathy went to say hello to him. He was an old man. Mr. Jode's dog has a puppy, it was the color that Louise wanted. This made Kathy angry again. Mr Jode decided to build a dog house between the two friends' houses. Now the girls can share the dogs. Problem solved!

Ilan, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

The Lion and the Mouse Retold by Robert Hoffer

The lion was the king of beasts. He roars all day and all night, and so became so tired. He decided to take a nap. Not long after that came a tiny mouse who got captured by the lion. He begged for his life and the lion let go with a promise to be a friend and ready to help the lion at any time.

The next day the lion was walking in the forest. He was caught in a net by the hunters. The king of the beast became sad and remembered the mouse. He roared and the mouse came to help him as promised. When the hunters came back the lion was gone. The lion was freed! He thanked the mouse and they shared cheese cake together.

Chanyathada, Grade 2 Eager Beavers



Scientists

Scientists study about animals, plants and especially dinosaurs. They study many things! Do you want to be a scientist when you grow up? To study about something, scientists test them like if they want to know how much a plant can hold water each day they will water a plant each day. Also some scientists write what they have learned about things or what they are studying about. Some scientists have glasses just because they check Google too much. They live in the place where they want to study sometimes. The word scientist comes from 'Scientia' which means knowledge. Scientists might study about raincoats too. The ones with hoods and the ones without hoods.

Inaya, Grade 1 Lily

Letter to Author

Dear Sarah J. Maas,

At the moment, I am reading the third book to the *Throne of Glass Novellas*. I wanted to tell you how *Heir of Fire* is an interesting book to read. I like how you've added some previously unknown details about Celaena, and how you make Rowan emotionless on the outside but full of questions inside.

It's interesting how you move from one place to another so as to show what exactly is happening at a similar time. I just passed the part about Manon and Iskra fighting because Iskra used the whip on Abraxos.

I was hoping that in *Heir of Fire*, Celaena would be more... more...characteristic like the previous books. I do enjoy how Choal is secretly working with Aedion and the other rebels from Terrasen. I also enjoy solving the mystery about the king with the characters.

The way you describe Abraxos and how he seems to understand Manon. I smiled a lot when Manon tricked the Stygian spiders by talking about bargaining, then suddenly changing her mind and taking the ten yards of spidersilk with her.

You make a lot of wonderful books, and I'm sure that the rest of the books in the *Throne of Glass Novellas* are wonderful!

Regards,

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

Big Nate, the Crowd Goes Wild by Lincoln Pierce

This book is a really thrilling, funny, and savage book. Why is it thrilling? It's because Nate always does something that makes him get in trouble like arranging a date with a lovesick

clown for Mrs. Godfrey or drawing a picture of an evil monster of Mrs. Godfrey. Why is it funny? There are so many reasons why the book is funny, well, not only Nate makes the book funny, but also his friends and enemies. Francis would always take a really long time when he goes back -to-school shopping. Francis is also a math geek who could help Nate out when he was about to fall for a trick. Nate's other best friend, Teddy, is also funny. When Teddy started playing catch with Nate's father, he figured out that Nate's father was extremely terrible at playing catch. Teddy said that he will not complain about his dad not being able to play ball with him.

Why is the book savage? The book makes you laugh about tricks that Nate and his friends fall in. Like the pie that Gina sold. Gina brought the pie herself and slammed the pie right into Nate's face. Another savage part was when someone challenged Nate to trash talk. That boy said that Nate was so ugly that he made onions cry, he was so dumb that he couldn't read an audio book, and he was so short that if it rains, Nate will be the last to know. But Nate ended all that trash talking by saying that the boy was so pathetic, he gets lame insults from the internet and pretended that he was smart enough to make them up himself.

I see that nothing is really bad about the book. The book just has no climax. The whole book is made out of a collection of some fun and nice comic strips. Some parts are about Nate's messy locker and some are about Nate insulting Mrs. Godfrey. Some are about Nate's dad and some are about Nate's friends.

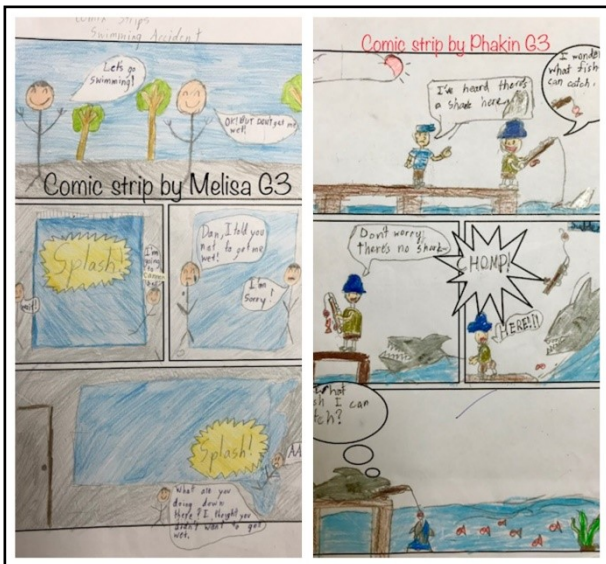
But I really like it the way that all the stories are mixed together. You might get bored of one story, but then there is always a new story for me to be excited about. I would sometimes get bored about Nate writing comics, but then the whole story flips to Nate going to the school fair.

In this book, I see that it is different from other Big Nate books because this book is a little more fun and has a long story. I never read Big Nate books with beaches and with a restaurant. I really like the teachers in the book. They are never boring and they seem to be like children's friends. I really like how the author expresses different emotions into each and every character. In some books, the author would make the characters have a similar dialog. But then in Big Nate, the author would write totally different dialogs for each character.

I would recommend this book to everyone from grade one up.

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An Interview with Celaena and Rowan from Heir of Fire by Sarah J. Maas

Interviewer: Hello and welcome to *Character Talk* where we bring characters from books to life and interview them! And then send them back in the book. Today, we have with us Celaena Sardothien and Rowan, cousin of Celaena!

Celaena: Hi...

Rowan: ~expressionless~

Interviewer: Uhm...well, Celaena! How does it feel like to be able to shift?

Celaena: ~looks impatient~ Shifting is horrible. Can we get this over with?

Interviewer: Fine...next question. Rowan how is it like to train Celaena.

Rowan: Like I'm wasting my time.

Interviewer: They're not happy...anyways, last question!

Celaena: FINALLY! UH!

Interviewer: Fine, NOT the last question! How is Chao!

Celaena: How are we supposed to know? I'm in a rush because we need to go help Chao! And if I'm wasting my time here.... how am I supposed to know? Tell me now! Because I am done here!

Interviewer: Makes sense. Ok then, how's it like in Wendlyn?

Rowan: I think.....

Celaena: HORRIBLE! There you go! HORRIBLE! Now, let. Us Go Back!

Interviewer: Well, uhm...ok guys! We're going to end it here and send them back to their book before things get messy. Bye! See you next time!

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

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