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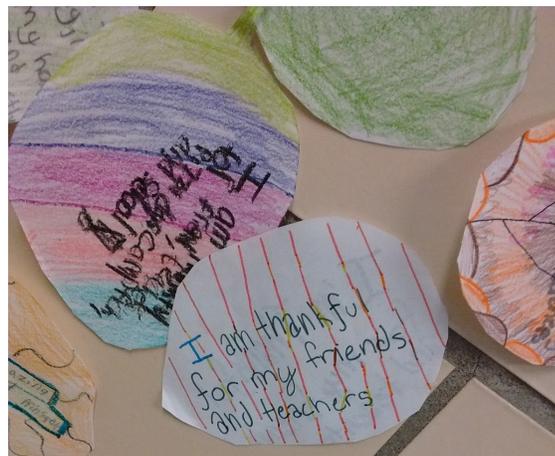
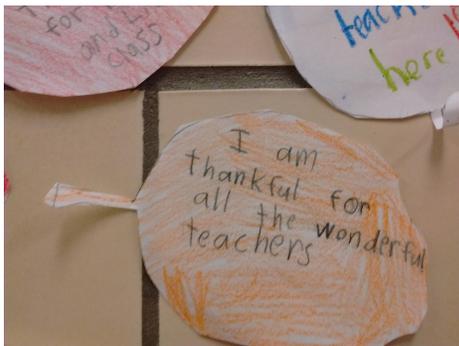
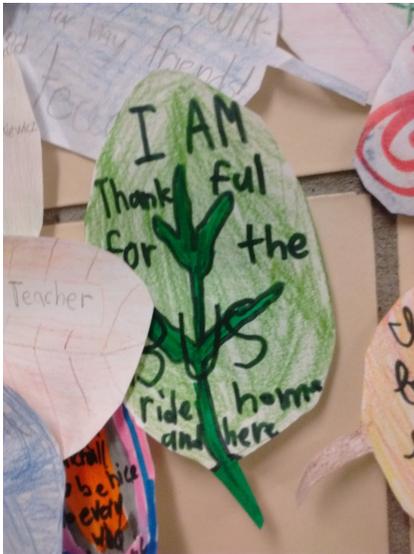
we have Thanksgiving riddles, fun facts, and more!

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Kensington Thankfulness Tree

by **Alex G.** The Kensington Thankfulness Tree is just outside the library. The leaves that cover the whole of it are handwritten notes that show what the Kensington students are thankful for. Here are some examples:



Fun Facts of the Month

by Annie S. and Sydney A.



Space

- On Venus a day is longer than an Earth year
- The hottest planet is not the closest planet to the Sun
- 99% of our solar system is the sun
- Space is completely silent

Fun Facts about Rainforests

by Annie S.

- Giant bamboo plants can grow up to 9 inches a day!
- Flying animals of Asian rainforests include frogs, squirrels and snakes!
- 1 out of 4 ingredients in our medicine is from rainforest plants!
- The forests of Central Africa are home to more than 8,000 different species of plants!
- veiled stinkhorn fungi, found in tropical rainforests, smell like rotting food!

- Rainforests get at least 250cm of rain a year. Sometimes it's almost double that at 450cm!
- A tree known as the idiot fruit grows in Australia's Daintree rainforest!
- It can take ten minutes for a falling raindrop to travel from a rain forest's thick canopy to the floor!
- A lake inside a rainforest on the Caribbean island of Dominica sizzles at around 158.4°F!
- A fifth of our freshwater is found in tropical rainforests, the Amazon Basin to be exact!
- Rainforests only cover around 2 percent the total surface area of the Earth, but really about 50 percent of the plants and animals on the earth live in the rainforest!

How to Deal With Bullies

by Annie S., Grace W., Ava H., Alex G., Tom L., Sydney A., Marko D., Chiara K., Ryker MG., Danica W., Eleanor R., and Henry W.

You can't concentrate because someone called you a name, or your best friend was whispering to a kid you didn't know about how you didn't know the answer and you messed up in class. Those are all types of bullying and no one wants to be bullied. Many face this every day and are confused and maybe even hurt. You can try and stop or stay out of the way. It may last for days or maybe a few minutes. It all depends on you. Here are few things to help you if this ever happens to you.

First: you tell an adult. Next: you need to ignore or go away from them. You will never know when it will happen. In that case, you need to know to recognize it.

TRY THIS!

by Marciel F.

MATERIALS

. A FEW MIRRORS

. A FLASHLIGHT

MAKE A MAZE OF MIRRORS.

TRY TO MAKE THE LIGHT GO THROUGH THE MAZE. THIS IS INTERESTING.

Camp Fitch

by Alex G.

Most of the 4th grade went to Camp Fitch. I myself went, too. Here are the highlights of my trip! I will rate each aspect of the trip from ☆ to ☆☆☆☆☆. ☆ means half.

The Bus Ride: The bus ride to and from camp was about 2 hours long. During that time, I did a lot of yelling to be heard. The radio mysteriously played Christmas music. I kinda liked it.

Rating: ☆☆☆☆

Rock Climbing: Rock climbing was one of my favorite activities at camp. We got to climb an almost 60-foot wall! I was a little scared at first. It was fun anyway.

Rating: ☆☆☆☆



Survival: Another favorite. There were two stations. 1: Start a campfire; 2: Build a fort. It wasn't very hard making the fire. I liked it.

Rating: ★★★

Archery: This is one I didn't go to, but many kids liked. It is what its name suggests: archery! I don't know what it was like. Why? I wasn't there! If you want to learn more, read Annie S.'s article.

Rating: ??????????????????

Meals: The food was AWESOME!! At lunch and dinner every day there were two soup bars and two salad bars. And at breakfast there were two cereal bars. I remember what we had for breakfast both days. (Day 1 we only had lunch and dinner.) Day 2: waffles and sausage; Day 3: pancake-egg-meat combination.

Rating: ★★★★★

Waiting for the Meals: While we waited to be led into the dining hall, there was another room we waited in. There was a fireplace, a ping pong table, and three foosball tables I mostly played foosball on teams, but for a last-day special, I played one-on-one with my friend.

Rating: ★★★★★

I know all of you who went had fun. Hello out there! all of you who didn't, there is still a summer program at Camp Fitch! So, all 3rd graders, now you know what to look forward to. And 5th graders, hopefully this was what you also enjoyed the most!

Archery

By: Annie S.



The fourth grade came back from a few days spent at Camp Fitch, and one of the classes my group took was ARCHERY! Below is some basic info on how to do archery.



IF YOU'RE RIGHT HANDED

1. Hold the bow out sideways with your **left** hand
2. Take an arrow out of your pouch
3. Lock the arrow into the bow between the finger grips (Make sure the different colored feather is pointing towards the sky)
4. Turn your bow so it's vertical
5. Put three fingers (from your **right** hand) into the finger grip (Pointer finger above the arrow and your third and ring fingers below the arrow)
6. Pull back with your **right** hand all the way until your hand is at your cheek
7. Aim, and...
8. FIRRRRRRE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

IF YOU'RE LEFT HANDED

1. Hold the bow out sideways with your **right** hand
 2. Take an arrow out of your pouch
 3. Lock the arrow into the bow between the finger grips (Make sure the different colored feather is pointing towards the sky)
 4. Turn your bow so it's vertical
 5. Put three fingers (from your **left** hand) into the finger grips (Pointer finger above the arrow and your third and ring fingers below the arrow)
 6. Pull back with your **left** hand all the way until your hand is at your cheek
 7. Aim, and...
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How To Be a Spy

by Kiley M.

1. Hide in plain sight. The number one object of a spy is to blend in.
2. Keep your gear to a minimum
3. Take part in the activities around you
4. Delete yourself from the internet
5. Never run through a crowd
6. Don't be nervous or react when you are seen
7. Know when silence is necessary
8. Have a disguise
9. Have a code name
10. When talking to someone never talk about spies
11. If someone asked what you are doing just say what you could be doing

Netflix Shows I recommend

by Grace W. and Alex G.

#1 Fuller House

Information: It is based on the TV show *Full House* and has many of the original people starring in it. You will love it once you watch it.

#2 Star Trek: the Next Generation

Season 6, Episodes 6, 7, and 8

Information: It is the ultimate sequel to the original series and these specific episodes are DA BOMB! Look up the characters and then you will understand when you watch it.

Watch out for more great Netflix shows next month!!



Why Does the Tide Rise and Fall?

by Chiara K. and Sydney A.

Most people wonder this. So we decided to get some answers.

What are Lunar Tides?

Tides are made because the Earth and the moon are attracted to each other, just like magnets. The moon tries to pull at anything on the Earth to bring it closer. But, the Earth is able to hold onto everything except water. Since the water is always moving, the Earth cannot hold onto it, and the moon is able to pull at it. Each day, there are two high tides and two low tides. The ocean is constantly moving from high tide to low tide, and then back to high tide. There is about 12 hours and 25 minutes between the two high tides.

We really didn't know why this happened before we wrote the article, except that the moon had something to do with it.

Source: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~krcool/Astro/moon/moontides/>

Writer of the Month

by Grace W.

The Writer of the Month goes to Alex for always trying to do his best. If our team tries we might do this in 5th grade and it all depends on Alex to bring us to that point with his great leadership. He has a great life ahead of him. He could even work on one of the world's best newspapers for all we know. He is a great role model. If he didn't make the newspaper I wouldn't have done this article.

You wouldn't have been reading this either.

GREAT JOB ALEX!!!!!!



Thanksgiving Riddles

By Alex G.

1. *If April Showers bring May Flowers, what do May Flowers bring?*
 2. *Why are the pilgrims buried in Massachusetts?*
 3. *When did the pilgrims first say God Bless America?*
 4. *When the pilgrims landed where did they stand?*
 5. *Why didn't the turkey eat his dessert?*
 6. *Why was the turkey play the drums in the band?*
1. ~~ANSWER: Pilgrims!~~
2. ~~ANSWER: Because they're dead!~~
3. ~~ANSWER: The first time they heard America sneeze!~~
4. ~~ANSWER: On their feet!~~
5. ~~ANSWER: Because he was stuffed!~~
6. ~~ANSWER: Because he had the drumsticks!~~

Pumpkin Carving

by Chiara K. and Ava H.

Even though it is after *Halloween* it is still fun to carve some **pumpkins**. First, Get a good sized **pumpkin**. Second, get a sharp knife. Third, if your carving is, for example, Harry Potter, look up a picture of him. Fourth, turn the picture to black and white. Fifth, print the picture out. Sixth, tape the picture on the **pumpkin**. Seventh, poke holes along the edges of the outline. Eighth, take off the picture. Ninth, carve on the dots and you will have a perfectly carved **pumpkin**.