



# Seventh Street Sailor

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## The Wonders of Science

By Leia E.

Science can be really fun. We learn about science in class.

One of the science projects was trying to figure out which liquid was a citric acid and the liquids that were citric acids would react with a liquid or powder. The liquids that we found out were citric acids were lemon juice and vinegar. The vinegar reacted with baking soda and it reacted by fizzing up bubbles. It did

this because it is a citric acid and any thing that has citric acid mixed in it will make a reaction.

The lemon also reacted with baking soda. It reacted by turning pink.

Another experiment we learned was with pennies. We got a dark penny and tried to turn it into a shiny penny. We tried to do that by using vinegar, salt water, soapy water and bean water. We



found out that vinegar worked.

## Science Fun

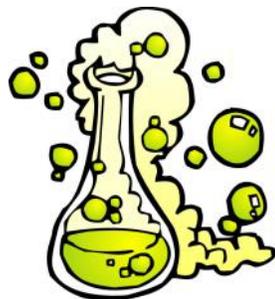
By Persephanie

Science is my favorite subject because of the fun experiments.

One time, we did a science experiment where we mixed baking soda and vinegar. It made a bubbly explosion.

I also liked the experiment where we put a nail in salt and vinegar and we left it over night. The next day, we came back to a rusty and copper nail.

Another experiment was where we dipped half a penny into salt and vinegar for about 16 seconds and it got a little rusty and it



turned into copper.

Another fun experiment I really liked was when we had Coca-Cola and we put Mentos in it and it made a really big explosion. We also tried different sodas and the one that worked the most was Pepsi and Coca-Cola and the ones that didn't work the most were Sprite and Fanta!

These are some of the reasons why science is fun.

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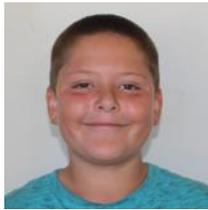
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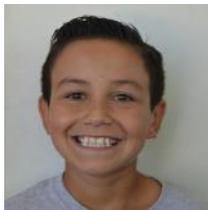
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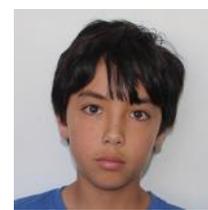
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## Science Magic

**T**here can be a lot to learn through science experiments, it was really cool when in science we dipped half a side of a dirty penny in salt and vinegar for 15 seconds. The side that was in the solution got cleaner!

Next, we put a handful of pennies in the same solution and let it sit over-

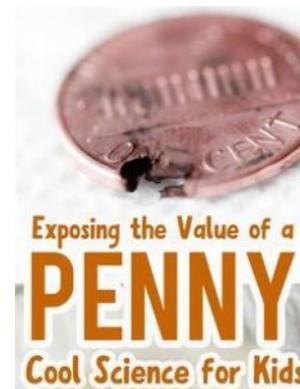
night. The next day we checked the pennies and some of them were completely clean! Also the pennies chipped!

The next experiment we did was to get a screw and let it sit halfway in the same solution we used to put the pennies in and the next day they had a layer of copper but if you scratched at it, it

would've come off. That's because the copper chipped from the pennies and attached to the screw.

I thought this was cool because I didn't really think that these experiments would work also because I just like doing experiments with classmates.

*By Sabrina G.*



## Slimy Science

**I**n science you can do lots of experiments in different categories. An experiment means to test something.

My favorite category is chemicals. In that category there are lots of dangerous chemicals involved. When a lot of these chemicals are mixed they cause a chemi-

cal reaction. A reaction is when something is a component to something else it causes a reaction.

One chemical reaction is when you mix baking soda and vinegar it fizzes. Another example is coca cola with a Mentos makes the coke fizz up.

It's fun to get your

hands dirty and have lots of fun. Like when you make that ooey gooey slime that everyone loves apishly and the non-sticky glow putty that gets hard when left out of a container.

These are reasons why I like science.

*By Nathan P.*



## The Colors of Art

**A**rt is my favorite subject at school. It is fun and it can be messy. You just get to play around and have fun with our favorite colors. And make your own pictures with any paint.

Something that I love to paint is a flower. I am very good at painting flowers

but my friend Anastasia is way better at it. Painting flowers is the only thing I am good at painting and that's why I love flowers.

The best colors to use are bright colors because you can see very little speck you added.

Another reason why I

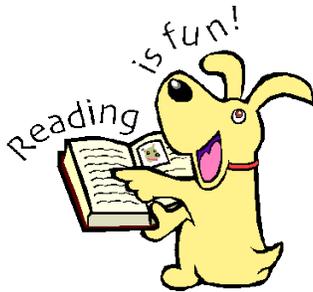
love art is because its not boring like history or other subjects that people don't really like. Also, art is the best subject to do in school or at home.

If you do a subject you love, you'll want to do it at home as well as at school.

*By Ariana A.*



## The Imagination of Art and Reading



**M**y favorite subjects are reading and art. I like art because you can draw what you want and I practice a lot, so I have improved since I was little and I am getting better every day. art, you also can use a lot of imagination to make interesting drawings or paintings.

When I was in 3rd grade I wrote a lot about

art and famous artists. Now, whenever I have extra time at home I like to draw whatever is on my mind or what I am thinking about.

I like reading because to me it is easy and there are many interesting books. I like books that have magic and mystery. I usually like to read books that are part of a series,

and I like long books.

When I get grounded at home, I usually read a book, and at school whenever I have extra time, I always read a book or draw.

These are some of the reasons why reading and art are my favorite subjects at school and what I like to do at home.

*By Megan P.*

## Art and Handball



**M**y favorite subjects in school are art and handball because they both are fun.

Art is fun because I get to be creative and use my imagination. I like art because I paint with different colors and color on paper to have fun too.

I do art during my free time in class. In art we make sculptures, por-

traits, paintings, drawings, cards, and holiday stuff.

After art, I go to recess and play games. One of my favorite games is handball. I go to the handball court and then I say to myself "I am a winner!"

I like handball because it is fun to play with my friends and I love the

game. Handball has one rule—if the ball goes out of the court then you're OUT!

In conclusion, these are my favorite subjects in school because in art, I can use my imagination, and I like handball because sometimes when I play with my friends, I beat them.

*By Dolly S.*

## Let's Make History



**H**istory is super fun, mostly because I don't have to do classwork that is not fun. History is the easiest subject to study, because I love history.

Mrs. Caycedo is my history teacher. In her

class, we study the different regions such as the mountains, the coastal area, the desert, and the valleys. The best place to live is a valley, because valleys have almost everything you could ever need to grow to survive.

But the Chumash Indians lived along the coast and ate fish and birds.

Someday, I might just become part of it by being the first girl as president – so watch out – girls rule the world!

*By Ashling N.*

## Division is Fun

**M**y favorite subject school is math. My favorite part is when we do division, because it's fun. In division, we do three digit numbers divided by two digit numbers.

Whenever we do math, the teacher calls about 5 kids to the kidney table. She calls them to the kidney table to

help them with their math.

Sometimes the teacher picks partners. She picks partners so they can work on problems together and help each other. Sometimes when she calls partners, she tells other kids to do one thing like flip to one page and when she does part-

ners she tells them to go to a different page.

Sometimes our teacher lets us do our math on our white boards, which the class loves because it is so much fun. Sometimes she forgets about math but most of the time she remembers.

*By Delilah G.*



## Coordinates and Math

**M**y favorite subject is math because it's easy and challenging at the same time.

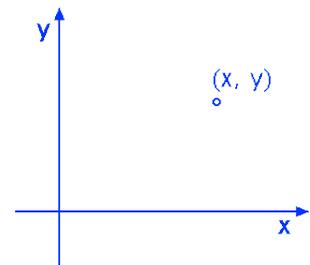
One thing I like about math is our X and Y coordinates. The only thing you have to do when your graphing letters or graphing the dots on the

paper all you have to do is meet the numbers on the line together. For instance (7,13) the y coordinate is he top where the 13 would be and the x coordinate is on the bottom where the 7 would be. Go where the seven is or on the

line where it says 7 then go to the 13th line connect them on the 13th line and put a dot on the left hand corner.

I also like multiplication because it is most easy thing in math I have learned.

*By Juliette M.*



## Exercise and Play in P.E.

**P**.E class is my favorite class in school, because you get to exercise and play. Each class has its own P.E. activities. Each teacher picks five people to bring the equipment. After that we go down to the yard. The teacher then tells us to run six laps.

When you're done with laps, you can play on the

apparatus, or you can play handball or four square. Four square is my favorite game to play when I am done. My least favorite game to play is handball because I always get out. I wish we had tether ball at school.

A fact about running the teacher gives tickets. You earn tickets by doing

good . And if you do something bad, you don't get tickets.

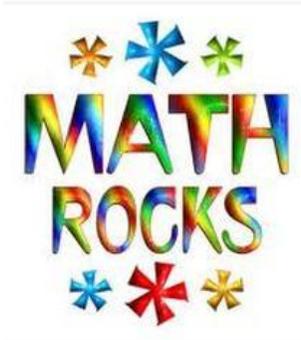
The purpose of earning tickets is to redeem them for candy when you've collected enough tickets. To get gummy bears you need 3 tickets, ring pops are 5 tickets and fun dips are 5 tickets.

*By David J.*

**Physical Education**



## Making Math Count



**M**ath is my favorite subject, because in math we do division. When we do division, our teacher gives us a problem to do on our whiteboard.

In math, the teacher gives us a three-digit number divided by a two-digit number.

In class our teacher splits us up into groups to

work as partners, to work with the teacher at the kidney table, or to work independently. When the teacher calls kids to the kidney table she calls five kids because the table can only hold five kids, and gives them more help.

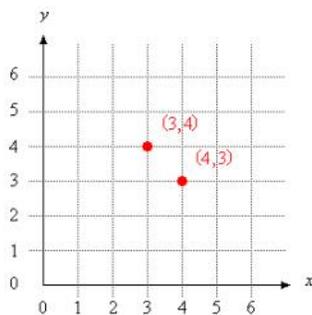
When the teacher calls some kids to work as partners, she always

has to pick an even number of kids so everyone has a partner.

When the teacher says "Who did I not call?" then a few kids stand up because they did not get called. The teacher tells the remaining kids to take out their math book and go to math problems on a certain page.

*By Keira B.*

## Math and Graphs

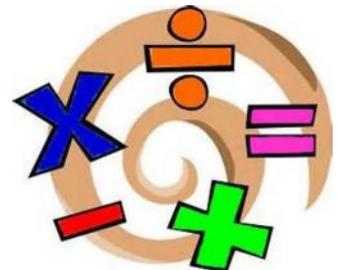


**M**y favorite subject in class is math. I like math because it is really easy to learn. In class we do division, multiplication, fractions, and algebra.

I also like math because graphing y coordinates and x coordinates. Lets say you have a graph model. The y coordinate would go on the

upper left corner and the x coordinate would go on the bottom right hand corner. On the graph model you would write the numbers using the boxes on graph paper.

Let's say you had 3, 4. You would go east 3 boxes then you would go north 4 boxes. Then you would put a dot and the x and y coordinates—3, 4.



However, if you had the coordinates 4, 3, there would be a different spot on the graph.

*By Esmerelda P.*



## Time Tables and More

**M**y favorite thing to do in school is math. For example  $3+3=6$  and  $4+4=8$  and  $4-4=0$ . I like to learn about times tables. Adding is helpful

when you need to add money or [any time]. And here is an example  $7+7=14$  and  $13+13=26$ .

I also like time tables because time table are

easy and fun to learn about. For multiplication, the order of the numbers doesn't matter.  $4 \times 5$  is the same as  $5 \times 4$ .

*By Lisa L.*

PressFriends Foreign Correspondent

## Getting a Kick Out of Gaelic Football

By Lara B., Northern Ireland

In school my favourite subject is PE, where we get to play a great variety of sports, either indoors and outdoors depending on the weather.

As you can imagine here in Ireland, we end up being indoors a lot of the time! On these days it is either netball, the gym, gymnastics or dance.

### Gaelic Football

In the autumn, when the weather is still crisp and dry, we get to play my favourite sport of all: Gaelic football.

Gaelic is the Celtic version of soccer, where you get to fist pass the



ball to your teammates or if you're lucky, score a point or goal through or below the tall, white "H" shaped cast iron bars.

My favourite position is back, where you get to tackle your marker, stopping them from shooting and defending your goals. This can mean an incredible amount of running in short, sharp bursts. Great practice

for my second favourite sport, Irish dancing.

My friend Eibhlin prefers midfield. She jumps and catches the ball in midair from the backs and sprints like lightning to the forwards so they can strike the ball into the net or over the bar.

We are always completely exhausted after a game, dragging our football studs noisily along the concrete, yet we have had such fun getting there! The laughter, the craic (means fun in Irish) and the team spirit makes it all worthwhile. How could there be a better subject/sport than this?



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## Movie Review: Moana



**M**oana is rated PG. The movie is about Moana and her trying to save her island. Moana and Maui want to get Maui's sword back be-

cause it's his. They go back to put the heart back in Te Fiti. Moana doesn't give up on her dreams.

A good song in the

movie is *How Far I'll Go* because Moana personally sings it. Moana is a great movie to watch for all ages.

*By Esmerelda P.*

## TV Review: Descendants 2



**D**escendants 2 is a Disney Channel movie. In Descendants, Mal doesn't think that she belongs in Oradon so she goes back to Isle of the Lost where she used to live, and Uma the daughter of Ursula wants re-

venge. They are trying to find out who's the baddest of them all and if Mal doesn't give them the wand Uma will feed Ben to the Sharks.

The main characters are Mal, Carlos, Jay, Evie, Ben, and Uma. Some

other characters are Harry, Gil, and Lonnie. Evie is a great character because she is fashionable and her mom is the evil queen.

*By Delilah M.*

## TV Review: Fairly Odd Parents



**F**airly Odd Parents is about a kid named Timmy Turner who lives with his family, but his parents always forget about him which is how Timmy got fairies. Now with the help of the fairies Timmy is no longer lonely and can experi-

ence fun with his classmates.

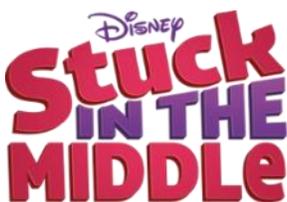
The characters in Fairly Odd Parents are Timmy Turner the kid who has fairies, Cosmo the dumb fairy, Wanda the smart fairy, Poof the baby fairy, Crocker the evil teacher, the father Mr. Turner, and

the mother Mrs. Turner. A great character is Poof because Poof is really cute and funny. For example when Poof talks, all he says is "poof poof."

This show is an animated comedy.

*By Sofia K.*

## TV Review: Stuck in the Middle



**A** great show is *Stuck in the Middle* because it is funny. My favorite episode is when they do a girl vs. boys challenge.

There are seven kids

and two parents. The two parents are weird and Daphne acts like she is the boss. Lewie and Beast are the crazy kids and twins, Harley is the inventor, Ethan is the

guitar kid, Georgie is a basketball player, and Rachel is the fashion kid. I like Lewie because he is the crazy and funny character on the show.

*By Richard J.*

## TV Review: Naruto

**N**aruto is the most dramatic and FUN-NIEST show in the anime world.

Naruto is about Naruto and how he succeeds in the ninja world. Naruto is a ninja who never gives up. He is from the hidden leaf village and his dream is to be the hokage. His crush is Sakura but that changes later on the show, and his best friend is Sasuke, who is also his rival.

Naruto contains the Nine-Tails inside his body, which is the most

powerful, tailed beast and can give Naruto more chakra. The Nine-Tails is very strong! He is also the main character.

Sasuke is a fast learner and his older brother Itachi killed his whole clan and now it makes him want to get stronger and he wants to kill Itachi, Naruto is his best friend and has the sharigan which is very powerful! He also is from the hidden leaf village.

Sakura is very, very strong but yet she was the weakest in the begin-

ning of the show. She is in love with Sasuke but Sasuke initially sees her as a weakling. Sakura is very helpful later on but when she's little she can be pretty annoying.

My favorite episode is when Naruto mimics one of the jonin that was telling them what to do while shaking his hips. This is an anime that you can find on Netflix.

I LOVE this show because it is very dramatic, VERY funny, and very intriguing.

*By Sabrina G.*



## Drake and Josh

**D**rake and Josh is a television show about two brothers who fight but they still love each other and always gets in trouble. Drake is in a rock band and Josh is working at a movie theater. Their sister Me-

gan always pulls pranks on them.

A good episode is when Megan got an illegal chili, and Drake and Josh sneaked into Megan's room and got the chili. They used the chili for the contest and they

won. Then they told the judge what they used and the judge told them that the chili is illegal in America.

Drake and Josh are always on adventures that make you laugh.

*By Abrielle B.*



## Book Review: The Fire Within

**T**he Fire Within was written by Cris D'Lacey. The main character is David. He stays at Liz's house for his college in the book.

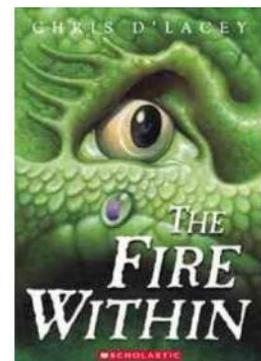
This book is about dragons and squires at the Pennyketle house.

I think this book is great for dragon lovers.

I also really like this

book, because It is very touching and sad but it is worth it.

*By Nathan P.*



## TV Review: Pretty Little Liars

### *Pretty Little Liars*

**D**o you like mysteries, love, and betrayal? Well if you're a teen or a tween you should watch *Pretty Little Liars*.

The main characters are Emily, Aria, Spencer, Hannah, and Alison. It is about a group of friends and then all of a sudden one of the friends Alison goes missing. Later they get strange messages from this creepy person named A.

A has been watching them and later in the show, they find Alison's body. When they go to the funeral they get a new text from A that hints that Alison is alive.

Later in the show there is a new AD but what they don't know is

that Spencer and AD are related. Then, the group or as I like to call them, the Liars get stuck in the dollhouse. Alison is there and so is Mona. I personally thought Mona died but I guess that was a new or old episode.

Charles and Alison are related too but Charles takes form of many different people like Cece, Charlotte, and A.

At the end of season 7 we have to say our good-byes to the Liars. Emily is in a relationship, Spencer is going to law school, Aria is getting married, Alison is in Rosewood and Hannah loves fashion.

I miss Mona; she would fit right into the

group. Charles (aka Cece) died. Charles de Laurentis is Alison's brother but often looks like a girl.

The liars graduated from Rosewood High School.

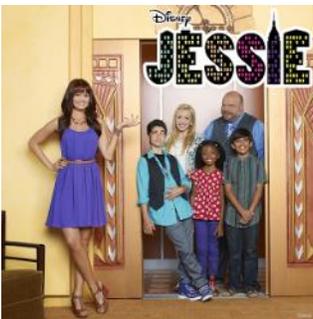
I have grown to love this cool tween and teen show. You could watch it on Netflix and Freeform, which is the new ABC Family channel.

My favorite character is Ali. She is in all the episodes and then she disappears.

*By Amber M.*

NOTE TO PARENTS:  
THIS SHOW IS FOR  
TEENS OR TWEENS

## TV Review: Jessie



**M**y favorite television show is *Jessie*. The TV show is a comedy. The main characters are Jessie, Luke, Zuri, Emma, and Ravi.

I like Emma the best, because she doesn't know anything and she's the oldest.

The first thing I like about the show is Emma, Zuri, and Luke always try

to get Ravi to do all their homework.

The second thing I like about the show is that Emma doesn't care about anything; she just cares about her clothes. The last thing I like about the show is that Ravi has a pet lizard named Ms. Kibling.

My favorite episode in *Jessie* is when Luke, Em-

ma, Ravi, and Zuri get in trouble for not selling the muffins Jessie made for their fundraiser, so they throw a huge party on the roof and charge kids \$50 for a ticket but no one was coming in so Zuri tells kids a famous singer called Tammy Paul would be singing so that the kids will go to their party.

*By Juliette M.*

## Castles and Fun at Disneyland

“ There it is! ” Tante Stephie said excitedly. I was looking at the blue and pink Aurora castle. I could smell the food and hear the people laughing. It was my aunties birthday and we were spending it at the most magical place on earth. Which also meant I had to go on any ride she wanted. I dreaded to hear the one she was going to say. When I was little, I nearly threw up on that ride. So disgusting.

Anyway, we turned the corner and tried to swim through the ocean of people. We were walking to Tomorrow Land. I heard the music coming from the loud speaker turning into a space theme type of music. I turned my

head to see that her chin was dropping. Then came out the words.

“Space Mountain!!!!!!” Tante Stephie said as her eyes grew and she made the biggest smile you could ever see. Honestly. “Nooooooooooooo!” I yelled in my head. I ignored the fact that we were getting the white and blue Fast pass tickets and going into a large white building.

I had a frown on my face. We skipped up the empty gray ramp. We walked up and up. It seemed we were on a very large, white platform. I realized we were on the top of the white building’s roof. It was a really short line, yet it was a fast pass line so of course it would be a short wait.

We went back in the building. It had blue, yellow, and orange eerie, cool lights. We were skipping down the halls and she was singing, “ Space mountain, space mountain, were going, to space mountain!!!” I played along too, and walked our selves into a line.

I tapped her shoulder and asked, “What would the ride be like? Is it like Big Thunder Mountain?”

“ You’ll see. ” She grinned.

My heart sunk. All of a sudden, this girl in front of us turns around and says “The first time I went on this ride, I was freaked out too. But it was just fine.”

Ugh.

*By Anastasia R.*



## Our Roots in France

Over the summer I went to France. It was a lot of fun. Do you know why? Well it all started because mom, sister, and I were French but also because my mom wanted to see her brothers and sisters plus her mom. So when we got on the plane it was kind of scary but fun. Once we got off the plane we went

to a hotel. I begged my mom to take me to the Eiffel Tower but she said no. At first I was sad but then I did the most evil, well not the most evil, but the worst thing I could think of. So I first grabbed the phone then I called one of my mom’s sisters then I told her,“(ps) call my mom and tell her to meet you at the Eiffel Tow-

er.” Then she said, “why?” And I said, “Just do it.” the next day my mom took me to the Eiffel Tower. I was so exited that I think I fainted. Then I ran in a circle like I was crazy or something. That was the most fun I had ever had in all my life.

*By Sofia K.*



## SUMMER MEMORIES

### ARIZONA HOME RUN

This summer I went to Arizona. I was watching my brother play his baseball game. He hurt his hand and it was bleeding everywhere.

My brother's name is Zachary. He is a teenager and 13 years old. I was with my Mom, Dad, my little 5 year old sister, and my cousin that is 10.

I called room service to eat some good food. I ate hot dogs and I watched *Hot Dog* videos.

*By Mason M.*

### DRIVE TO ARIZONA

"Are we there yet!?" I said, trying to talk over all the noise that is happening in the car. No one answers, so I grab the sugar snap peas and started to eat them.

"Why are you people so hot?" I said to my brother, Adrian, and my sister, Marilu.

My sister ignored me and said, "Hand me of those sugar snap peas. I'm starving in here."

Six hours later, I was staring at my brother wondering how my brother can sleep with his mouth open.

My dad says happily, "We are in Arizona!"

*By Sabrina G.*

### BEACH BONFIRE

Over the summer I went to the beach with all my friends and family. We had a great time and we stayed there till night time.

All of my friends got to spend the night at my house. We bought slime ingredients to make slime down at the water front and all of my brother's friends came.

After that we went to the house and then we stayed up late to watch scary movies all night. It was super fun.

*By Ariana A.*

### CAMPING

My favorite summer activity is camping. In the beginning of the camping trip, you set up camp. I like to set up a yoga mat at the bottom of the tent so the hard, lumpy ground doesn't hurt my back.

Later in the day, you can go hiking. I love to look at the trees and pick up leaves that look cool. The last time I went hiking at the camp site, I saw a waterfall. Some things you could carry around if you get lost or if you are an explorer is a compass, a water bottle, a snack and a whistle. You could whistle if you are in trouble or lost.

The most fun is at the camp fire. At the campfire you could cook hotdogs by putting it on a stick and holding it above the fire. You could do the same for marshmallows and then put the roasted marshmallows on graham crackers and chocolate to make S'mores.

You could tell scary stories. That's the best part.

Even though you have to pack up at the end, you probably had a fun time. What will your next adventure be? I know mine will be camping.

*By Anastasia R.*

### SUMMER AT BGC

Summer was so different this year. My mom put my little sister and I in the Boys & Girls Club camp.

At the Boys & Girls Club camp, there were groups, and I was in the 10 year old group. We were the first ones to go with Ms. Carmen, the film teacher.

In the film, I picked whom I wanted to be. I was a silent one who loved to read, but between you and me, I hate being silent and I hate to read. My BFF Deven played the mean old

man, our next door neighbor.

*By Ashley M.*

### CINCINNATI

During the summer, I went to Cincinnati, Ohio. We met up with my cousins and we went a lot to get ice cream at Graters. There was a specific flavor only available in Ohio named "Buck Eye."

It was pretty cool to sleep in the house that my dad grew up in and lived in through high school. There were fancy chandeliers that hung by the ceiling next to the stairwell that had diamonds hanging on it! Their house was like a museum! They had marble art works, exquisite vases on marble shelves, and some succulents hanging in glass domes!

Our trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, was an electrifying week.

*By Phoebe K.*

### DAHLIA'S HOUSE

Dahlia's house is so much fun. You could play Minecraft on her TV. She is also so nice. We are in the same class at school.

When I went to her house, her cousin Penny came with us. At her

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house was a little fluffy dog, named Jack. But I called him Fluffy and Pip-squeak.

*By Leah O.*

### POOL FUN

Over the summer I went to the pool a lot of times. I went to the YMCA. They have a pool, a kid zone, a baby zone, and a gym. I love it there. My family goes there almost every day. I usually go swimming, my little sister goes to the baby zone, and my mom goes to the gym.

I remember the first time I went to the pool with my friend Sofia. She had texted me on her phone and she asked if I was going today. I asked her what time she was going. She said eight o'clock to nine o'clock and if I wanted to go. I said yes so I met her there. It was really fun for the first 20 minutes. We were in the small pool but for the rest of the time we were in the big pool. I thought the big pool was cold but Sofia thought it was fine. The big pool is up to 8 feet deep. I had a lot of fun and so did Sofia. We were doing canon balls, swimming, and played a lot in the water. I hope we go back soon.

*By Delilah M.*

### WATERPARK WONDERS

One day my family and I were on our way to the waterpark. The waterpark was called Las Margaritas.

My favorite ride was a bumpy ride. I went on the ride so many times. I couldn't stop going on.

I ate pizza and fried chicken and it was so delicious. After we ate, we went home because it started to rain. On our way we got wet from the rain.

Overall, my family and I had so much fun!

*By Esmerelda P.*

### LAS VEGAS

This summer I enjoyed flying to Las Vegas with my family. We stayed in a hotel with a pool. I also saw the big hotels, like Caesar's Palace and Bellagio. I played in the pool with my family. And in the hotel there was a bakery and in the bakery there were cakes, cupcakes, and bread. My family and I went to the park, where we had a great time!

My family and I had a great time at Las Vegas!

*By Precious*

### MARY STAR FIESTA

This summer, I went to

the Mary-Star fiesta. The Mary Star fiesta is a big fun carnival with rides and games. I had a lot of fun with my family.

My favorite ride was the UFO. It was totally fun. It goes so fast that you could stick to the wall but I was upside down.

*By Aiden*

### MEXICO

"Are we there yet?" I asked in a funny voice.

"We are going to the gas station first to get gas," my mom said in a calm tone.

"We are here," my mom said.

"At Mexico?!" I said shouting.

"No we are at the gas station," my mom said.

We got off the car and went to the bathroom. After the bathroom my dad and little sister were in the store and got snacks for us. I got the Sour Cream and Onion chips and a Dr. Pepper.

After that, I fell asleep and woke up and we were at Mexico.

*By Abrielle B.*

### MY FIRST COMMUNION

It was my first communion. I was a tiny bit shy but happy. My auntie was

there too. Some nice kids were doing their first communion, and we all went up to the front. I had butterflies in my tummy but my auntie was there. I went up and said the communion prayer, and I loved my voice on the stage. I was blushing a little but it was over, we had Greek food and cake.

*By Dahlia M.*

### SWIMMING WITH SHARKS

My summer vacation was the best. I got to go to the aquarium and I even got to swim with a shark. The shark was bull shark and my mom was way too scared to go in the water. I pushed her in the water, and she was swimming so fast. Then she pushed me in the water, and I was swimming with the shark. I thought the shark was going to eat me, but it didn't.

The shark had fish on its skin. I thought it was eating the skin and I told my mom that the fish was eating the shark.

*By Alejo S.*

### THE FANCY DONATELLO IN SAN FRANCISCO

"HONK! HONK!" went the truck that was behind

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me. I was on the way to San Francisco, crowded behind my parents. When I looked out the window all I saw was fields of food.

The air conditioning never worked so it was very hot. I was hot. We finally made it to the Donatello.

*By Nathan P.*

### SAN FRANCISCO

In the summer my family and I drove to San Francisco. Once we got there, I saw many narrow streets and tall buildings, like skyscrapers.

The hotel we stayed at was called the Donatello. After we got there, Nate and I went to bed. The next day we went to a science museum called the Exploratorium. We also went to a cable car museum that showed us how cable cars work, it even showed some underground.

On our way to the hotel we got hats—my brother got a Panda hat and I got a Fox hat. We also got macaroons I got a strawberry one and my mom got an apricot one; it was really good.

*By Megan P.*

### UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

I liked Universal Studios a lot. They had so many rides, like the Universal Studio Tour and Minion Mayhem.

It was super fun, because I went on like a million rides. My favorite was the Universal Tour, because it showed a lot of movie sets, like the King Kong Skull Island and Transformers.

*By Ashling N.*

### SUMMER DAYS

Over the summer I slept in, and I got my sleep. One day, I woke up and took a paper and a pencil and started to draw. I drew a dinosaur. I drew a Velociraptor. Next I drew a T-rex. Afterwards, I drew an Ankylosaurus (the armored lizard), which lived in the cretaceous period. Its bones were found in the U.S..

When I was done drawing, I remembered to eat breakfast. I had a breakfast sandwich from Starbucks. When I was done I did chores. I fixed my bed, got dressed, put the dishes away and then I read a book about bats. I learned that the fruit bats only eat fruit and brown bats can fit in the palm of your hand!

Right at the moment my mom came and ques-

tioned, "What are you doing?" I answered "I'm reading."

*By Michael H.*

### DISNEYLAND

It was really early in the morning when we got up. The funny thing was that I was still half asleep, so I took nap in the car and then we were there at Disneyland. The first ride was Splash Mountain and it was so much fun. I got so wet.

*By Dolly S.*

### LAS VEGAS

When I went to Las Vegas, we stayed at the Circus, Circus Hotel. When we got to our hotel room we set down our suitcases. Our hotel had a circus act every hour, food courts, and arcades. We went to eat dinner in one of the food courts.

The next day we went to the Adventure Dom. The Adventure Dom is a big amusement park with rides and games.

*By Keira B.*

### KNOTTS

This summer, I went to Knott's Soak City with my family. The first thing we did there was eat some really good pizza.

After we ate pizza, we went to a little area where there was a huge bucket that filled up with water. We got soaking wet and the water was freezing!

After that we finally went to the wave pool which was really fun and it felt like we were actually at the beach.

*By Persephanie*

### PUMP IT UP

Over the summer I went to Pump It Up because it was my birthday. You can go there to play or it is also a birthday place it is in Torrance (1780 Oak St, Torrance, CA 90501). Little kids play on jumpers and slides. After we played, we ate.

*By Richard J.*

### WATER BALLOON FUN

My favorite part of the summer was having a water balloon fight with my best friend Argelia. I went to her house and filled the water balloons outside. We threw them at each others, and popped them on each others' head. We saved the really big water. After we finished, it was time to for me to go home. We were so sad; I didn't want to go home.

*By 7th Street reporter*

## MEET OUR REPORTERS

### ASHLEY

Ashley is eight years old and in third grade. Ms. Yoshida was her favorite teacher because she is super nice. Reading is her favorite hobby because it keeps her busy. Her favorite book is *Dork Diaries* because the characters go through the same thing she is going through.

Ashley's favorite movie is *Signs* because it is very scary (rated PG-13). Honey walnut shrimp is her favorite food because of the taste and soft texture.

Ashley loves to go to amusement parks because of the fun rides. Her favorite day was when her baby brother was born and she touched him and he smiled.

She would like to work with the police someday because it is fun to handcuff and capture someone.

By Ava H.

### ABRIELLE

Abrielle is ten years old and is in the 5th grade. She enjoyed Mrs. Lee the most of her teachers because she was very creative.

Art is Abrielle's her favorite subject in school. Flat Stanley is one of her favorite books because it is very addicting and fun-



Abrielle and Sabrina

ny to read. Also, her favorite movie is *Goosebumps* because it is very funny and scary.

Spaghetti is Abrielle's favorite food, because it is delicious and saucy. Her favorite outside activity is dancing because it is enjoyable to do. The best day of her life is when she went on a trip to Mexico because it was fun and hot.

When Abrielle grows up, she would like to teach Hip Hop to children.

By Sabrina G.

### SABRINA

Sabrina is ten years old and is in the fifth grade. Mrs. Rucker is her favorite teacher because she let her grade papers and is very nice. Art is her favorite subject in school because it is very fun, and she is very good at it. *Money Hungry* is her favorite book

### ALEXA

Alexa is ten years old and she is in fifth grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Daser because she is pretty, kind, caring, loving, and helpful.

Alexa's favorite subject is math because it is easy to learn. Her favorite book is *Number the Stars* because it is interesting.

Her favorite T.V. show is *Good Witch*. Her favorite food is albondigas soup because it is yummy and delicious.

Alexa's favorite thing to do outside of school is play softball because it is fun and she gets to hang out with her friends.

Her best day of her life was when her cousin Brooklyn was born. Alex wants to be a doctor or a teacher when she grows up.

By Esmerelda P.



Alexa and Esmerelda

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Precious (profiled Aiden)

### AIDEN

Aiden is nine years old and in third grade. Ms. Vaudo is his favorite teacher because she is fun. P.E. is his favorite class because you get to stretch.

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is Aiden's favorite book because it is funny.

*Boss Baby* is his favorite movie because it is very fun.

By Precious

### AVE

Avelardo is ten years old. He is in fifth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Conosa- Car because he learned a lot of stuff from her. His favorite subject is math because it is easy.

Avelardo's favorite book is *Narnia*. His favorite movie is *Fast and the Furious* because a lot of stuff blows up.

By Chris S.

### CHRIS

I am ten years old and in 5th grade. My favorite teacher is Mrs. Feldman, because she gives good treats. My favorite subject is science because you get to do a lot of experiments that might blow up. My favorite book is *Trails of Apollo* because it has a good story line.

My favorite movie is *Too Fast Too Furious* because it has a good story line and a lot of action.

My favorite food is pizza because it can be served many different ways.



Chris

My favorite thing to do after school is come to Press Friends because the mentors are very funny and helpful.

My favorite day was my first day of Press Friends because I got to meet the mentors, especially Cristina.

By Chris S.

### DELILAH M.

Delilah is nine and a half. She is in fourth grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Caycedo because she makes her laugh a lot! Her favorite subject is art because she likes drawing.

*Stilton and the Chocolate Sabotage* is Delilah's favorite book because she likes the characters. *Descendants* is her favorite show because she likes Disney villains. Alfredo is her favorite food because it tastes good. Her favorite thing to do out of school is going to the pool because she likes swimming.

By Richard J.

### RICHARD

Richard is 8 years old. he is in 3th grade. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Grimaldi because she is funny



Richard

and fun. Math is his favorite subject because it is fun. Stink and the Candy Store is his favorite book because it is funny! Trolls is his favorite movie because it is funny. burgers is he favorite food because it is good. Sleeping is his favorite thing to outside of school because it feels good.

By Delilah M.

### DOLLY

Dolly is 11. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Spray because she is cool. Her favorite colors are the colors of the rainbow.

Dolly's favorite subject is art and the most challenging thing that she likes to draw is Pikachu.

Her favorite movie is *Boss Baby*. Her favorite emoji is the unicorn emoji and her favorite fruit is watermelon.

Dolly loves to sit and do nothing and she also loves to sleep. Her favorite season is summer. Dolly's favorite summer activity is sleeping in.

Dolly's favorite imaginary thing in the world is unicorns. Her favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs.

The best day of her life is when she can watch *Tom and Jerry* all day.

When Dolly grows up,

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Megan and Dolly

she wants to be a veterinarian and help pets and animals.

Dolly is my BFF and she is the sweetest and nicest friend anyone could have.

By Megan P.

### MEGAN

Megan is nine years old. Her favorite color is blue. She loves reading and her favorite emoji is the unicorn emoji. Her favorite hobby is drawing. Her



Keira

favorite character is Pusheen.

Megan's favorite food is pizza. Her favorite summer activity is reading books.

Megan is my BFF and she is the coolest BFF ever. I would never be happy without Megan.

By Dolly S.

### KEIRA

Keira is ten years old and in fifth grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Daser. Her favorite subject is math.

Kiera's favorite book is *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid* and her favorite movie is *Hide And Seek*.

Kiera's favorite food is tacos. Her favorite thing to do outside of school is Diamond Cheerleading.

Kiera's best day ever was going to Disneyland.

Kiera would like to be a manager someday.

By Keira B.

### DAHLIA

Dahlia is nine years old and in the third grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Katayama because she is so nice. Her favorite subject is Art.

Dahlia's favorite book is the *Dork Diaries*. Her favorite movie is *Star Wars*. Her favorite food is BBQ Ribs. Her favorite thing to do at home is play video games.

The best day of Dahlia's life was she got to play Bed Wars. Dahlia would like to be a singer when she grows up.

By Leah O.



Leah

### LEAH

Leah is eight years old and she is in third grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Katayama because she is so nice. Her favorite subject is reading.

Leah's favorite book is

*Owl Diary*. Her favorite movie is *Beauty and the Beast* and her favorite food is crab. When she is not at school, she is at the pool.

By Dahlia M.

### LEIA

Leia is 11 years old. She is in fifth grade and her favorite teacher is Ms. Daser because she was very nice to her.

Leia's favorite subject in school is writing because she loves to write. Her favorite book is *Smile* because it's a very good book to read. Her favorite movie is *Super-califragilisticexpialidocious*.

Leia's favorite food is sushi because it's good. She likes to skate when she is out of school because it is fun.

The best day in her life was when she went horseback riding because it was fun. Leia wants to be a vet because she loves animals and wants to help them.

By Ariana A.

### ARIANA

Arianna is 10 years old. She is in 5th grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Park because she was very nice to her. Her fa-

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Leia and Ariana

favorite subject is art because she is really good at it.

Arianna's favorite book is *Harry Potter* because she thinks it is interesting. Her favorite movie is *Finding Dory* because it is cool.

Arianna's favorite food is rice because her grandma used to make it. Her favorite thing to do out of school is to get haircuts with her mom. The best day of her life was when she went to her best friend Ava's, and it was really fun.



Isabella

When she grows up she wants to work at a vet because she loves animals.

By Leia E.

### ANASTASIA

Anastasia is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade. She is in Ms. Paaske's class which is also the same class as me.

Anastasia's favorite teacher is Ms. Katayama because Ms. Katayama was the 1st teacher to teach her transitional words and because Ms. Katayama gave good instructions so it was easy to understand.

By Isabella L.

### ISABELLA

Isabella is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade. She is in Ms. Paaske's class. Even though she does like Ms. Paaske, she also likes Mrs. Marin. This

is her favorite teacher in Barton Hill. She likes this teacher because she never got in trouble. Her teacher was very nice. Isabella's favorite subject in school is reading because it calms her from the things around her. Her favorite book was *RAIN REIGN* because it was so sad. Now her favorite book is *Hidden* because it is very cool.

Isabella's favorite movie is *It*. Her favorite food is wings because she likes the taste. Isabella likes to go to the Boys and Girls club because she likes the activities there.

Isabella's favorite day of her life was when she met Clayton Kershaw. She likes the Dodgers and he is her favorite player. S

Isabella would like to be a singer because she will make a lot of money.

By Anastasia R.

### SOFIA

Sofia is nine and a half years old and in the fourth grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Caycedo, because she makes her students laugh. She is nice and her classroom rocks. Sophia's favorite class is art, because you get to draw and have fun.

Her favorite book is *Garfield*.

By Delilah M.

### DELILAH G.

Delilah G. is 10 and in the fifth grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Austin, because Delilah was her favorite student and Ms. Austin was really nice.

Delilah likes reading and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is her favorite book, because she can relate to it. Delilah likes to watch YouTube because it's entertaining.

Her favorite food is lemon pepper wings because they're delish.

When she grows up, she would like to be popular—and she wants to help others.

By Juliette M.

### JULIETTE

Juliette is 10 and in 5th grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Mount because she is really sweet.

Juliette likes to read, and her favorite book is *Wonder*, because it taught her a lot of things about life. Her favorite TV show is *Friends* because it's funny. Her favorite food is homemade Chicken Alfredo because the sauce is bomb.

Juliette likes to watch

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**Delilah G. and Juliette**

YouTube and Netflix because its fun.

The best day in her life was starting kindergarten because she met her first best friends

When she grows up, Juliette wants to be a fire-fighter because she wants to save peoples lives.

*By Delilah G.*

### **NATHAN**

Nathan is ten years old and a fifth grader. He likes to sleep and nap and his favorite subject in school is math.



**Nathan**

Nathan's absolute favorite food is ramen, and when he grows up, Nathan wants to be an amazing actor.

Nathan's favorite teacher is his current teacher Mrs. Paaske..

Another of his favorite things is reading, and his favorite book is *Shiloh*. Nathan's favorite movie is *Metropolis*.

*By Phoebe K.*

### **PHOEBE**

Phoebe is age 10. She is in 5th grade.

Phoebe has a very good taste in movies! She likes *Princess Monoke* and her favorite book is *Wings Of Fire*.

Phoebe also has a good taste for food too! She loves cheeseburgers.

Phoebe loves Mrs. Bradshaw as a teacher and science is her favorite subject. When Phoebe grows up, she wants to be



**David and Cierra**

a veterinarian because she loves animals.

*By Nathan P.*

### **CIERRA**

Cierra is ten years old, and she is in 5th grade.

Cierra's favorite teacher is Ms. Dragich because her favorite subject is math.

Cierra's her favorite book is *Shiloh*, because it is a very descriptive book.

And her favorite movie is *Mary Poppins*.

*By David J.*

### **ALEJO**

Alejo is 9 years old and in the fourth grade.

His favorite teacher is Mrs. Daser because she is really nice. His favorite subject is math, because it is fun to work on problems..

Alejo's favorite book is *I Spy With My Little Eye* and his favorite movie is *Stuck in Space*.

At lunch, Alejo day-dreams about eating Chili Cheese Fries.

*By Suzanah S.*



**Suzanah and Alejo**

## Principal's Corner



Dear Seventh Street Sailors,

I am so proud of all of the hard work that you have done so far this school year. Seventh Street is a wonderful school and I would like to express

how pleased I am that so many of my students are trying their hardest to be the best that they can be at all times. It warms my heart that I witness so many students making positive choices daily

and reaching out to others with kindness.

I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and wonderful Winter Break.

Happy Holidays!

*Mrs. Sanchez  
Principal*

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To our writers, we are very proud of your desire to be writers. Your representation of

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*Ms. Miller and  
Ms. Yoshida*

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