



Mack Squad News

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USC's Medical School

By Ahmed M.

USC has a medical school. USC's medical school can be tricky to get into. They are looking for outstanding students. You have to get good grades and take a test called the MCAT.

An interesting field of medicine to study is neurological surgery. It involves surgery on the brain. For example, for people who need brain surgery, they are operated on by neurosurgeons.

USC is looking for exceptional students to go to the medical school and for students to do the job correctly when they become a doctor, since surgery can be a life-and-death situation.

USC is looking for students with leadership skills who are hard workers and are committed to social justice.

An example of social justice is when we partici-

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Science and Engineering at John Mack

By Fernando C.

Science at John Mack is exciting, because you get hands-on learning.

You can learn how to program robots too. I got to go to USC's hacking program two times. I programmed a robot to push little rocks. It's really fun to program because you get to use electronics.

In science class, we learned how inventors use the engineering process.

The first step in the engineering process is to Ask. What is the problem and what can we use now to fix the problem?

The second step is to Imagine. Brainstorm! And then choose a solution.

The third step is to Plan: Draw it, and make a materials list.

The fourth step is to Create: Make it and then try it out.

The fifth step is to Improve: Make the solution better.

The sixth step it to Communicate: Talk with your team and work together.

Imagine if the co-founders of some of the big tech companies didn't share their ideas. If that had happened, I may not be typing this article on a computer!

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Do the WRITE Thing

Art at John Mack

The art class at John Mack is the favorite class of a lot of students. We get to study about art and in art class, we do these cool projects like landscapes and self-portraits, and we did drawings with shapes.

We drew a landscape of a park or a restaurant, and that project was really fun.

One of my other favorite things to do in school is reading, because when I read, it gives me a time to relax and visualize about the story.

Some of the books you might enjoy reading are the Harry Potter series, Bones, Manga Educational, and Alice in Wonderland. Comics

are also very interesting and fun.

While art and writing are my favorite subjects at John Mack, what I've also learned at John Mack is that if you work together in school, you can get stuff done easily.

By Ricky D.



Math has an Identify

In math, Ms. Cortes, a fourth grade teacher, is teaching us pre-algebra. She taught us about the commutative properties, associative properties, and identity properties of math.

The commutative property of math means that you can move numbers around. So $3+2 = 2+3$ and $3 \times 2 = 2 \times 3$.

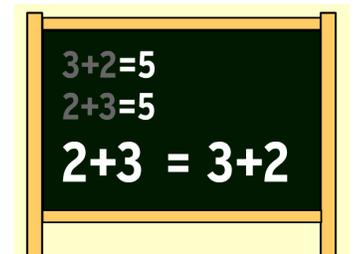
The associative property of math means you can move the parentheses around a set of numbers and get the same answer. For example $3+(9+7)=19$ and $(3+9)+7=19$.

The identify property for adding is "0." Any number added to 0 will be the original number.

Another thing about math routine is that I learn to go to math books for our homework. We get one page of math homework and a reading log.

We also work in groups called Dog Man Squad and Judy Moody groups.

By Gerber R..



Writing is the Write Thing to Do

My favorite thing in school is writing because I love to write. When I grow up I want to be a writer because I want to tell people's stories. I want to tell people's stories because some people don't

know how to express themselves on paper, and I want to help them. And I want to help people write.

It is important to help people read and write because that is caring for others. My

sister now knows how to write and read because I showed her how, and she had got better at writing at the age of 6 years old. I was very happy for her, and my mom and dad were too

By Courtnee W..



MATH ROCKS

Multiple Fun in Math

Math at John Mack is my favorite subject. Math can help you when you get older and need to get a job.

Math has its own language, like the meaning of prime and composite numbers and factors and multiples.

A multiple is a fancy way to say skip counting. Knowing multiples can help you get the product or answer to a multiplication equation.

We learned how to multiply by double digits, and it's very fun when you know how to do it.

Sometimes I help people with their math and it's fun to see them get their answer right. If their answer is right, they get to do Pickles or read a book. Pickles is where we get to do any activity you want.

By James W.

Math is the Best

Math is the best subject in the world, because its the most challenging and fun subject.

Multiplication was frustrating and hard when I first started multiplication. But when I kept practicing and practicing, I got better and now I know multiplication.

The hardest part about learning multiplication was having to

understand how numbers repeated and added up to make a bigger number.

It took me about six months to learn it. I spend a lot of time practicing at home and at school.

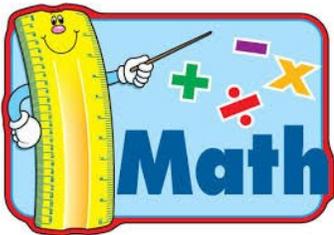
On weekdays at home, my mother would tell me to play online multiplication games to learn, but on the weekends she lets me play any game I

want on my tablet.

Now that I am older and multiplication is easier, I really enjoy learning fractions because now when I cut pizza I know how much of the pizza I am cutting — whether it is a quarter, a third, or a half.

I think that everybody should practice math because of how important it is!

By Ahmed M.



The Constitution

In class, we are learning about the United States Constitution. This is the law of the United States. There are three branches of the federal government—the legislative branch (Congress), the executive branch (President) and the judi-

ciary (the Supreme Court). James Madison may have had the most influence on the Constitution, and he also worked on the Virginia Plan and the Bill of Rights. The Constitution was adopted in 1787.

James Madison became the 4th president of the U.S. He was president for two terms from 1809 to 1817.

James Madison worked so hard that they named him the Father of the Constitution..

By Harumy N.



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 or 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

At the moment we have crisp dry Autumn days, where you 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.



The laughter, the craic (means fun in Irish) and the team spirit makes it all worthwhile.

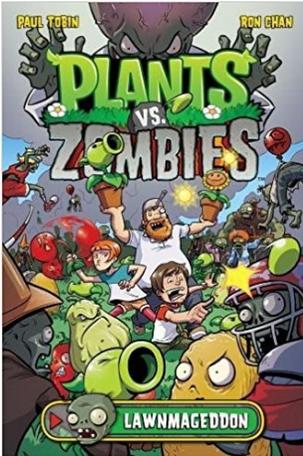
We are always completely exhausted after a game, dragging our football studs noisily along the concrete, yet we have had such fun getting there! The laughter, the craic (means fun in Irish) and the team spirit makes it all worthwhile.

How could there be a better subject/sport than this?

The PressFriends at USC Club and PressFriends Inc.
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Book Review: Plants vs. Zombies

Plants vs Zombies by Paul Tobin is a book series about zombies that are trying to take over a town called Neighborville.

These books because the characters are extremely funny and the books are full of action.

One of my favorite characters is named Uncle Dave because he is hilarious.

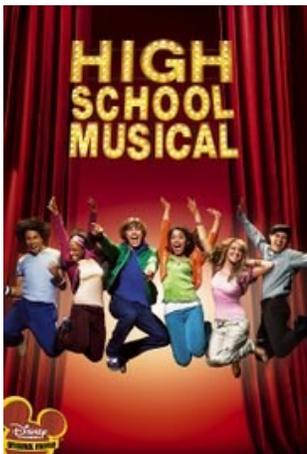
The zombies try really hard to take over Neighborville and the characters have to stop them. They almost take over the town but the characters created a gadget to destroy them. I really liked the ending because the zombies lost.

In one of the books, Uncle Dave says he is going to build a fire

breathing dragon robot but a bunch of his friends don't believe him. This motivates Uncle Dave to build the robot, which he does, and it really breathes fire!

I would recommend these books to both boys and girls, age 10 and up, who like adventure and zombies.

By Damian R.



Movie Review: High School Musical

High School Musical is a Disney musical rated PG and directed by Kenny Ortega.

The main characters real names are Troy Bolton (played by Zac Efron) and Gabriella (played by Vanessa Hudgens). In the movie, Troy meets Gabriella when he sings with her

at a New Years Eve party. They ended up at the same high school, but their friends thought that their relationship was weird.

The movie is about lots of different people getting along together. It makes me think that anything is possible. Just trust yourself. Don't let

your friends or people stop you from doing things that you want to do.

The movie first aired in 2006 on the Disney Channel and is now on DVD.

I think the movie will inspire both boys and girls of any age.

By Yllari C.



Movie Review: Despicable Me 3

Despicable Me 3 is a funny animated movie because the minions are fighting for a banana and an apple.

Gru and his twin brother Dru have a fight over who is a better villain. Dru has a lot of gadgets .

The villain in the movie named Balthazar Bratt. Gru and Dru try to get a gadget back but Brad has a giant robot Then Dru uses one of his cars to get the girls back.

Brad uses super-powered gum to pop all over the town. Gru

and Dru pop the gum so they can get Brad to jail. When the minions go to jail, they get tattoos all over their body. The minions escape jail but leave a minion behind. Dru and Gru see the minions pass by.

By Damian R.

Movie Reviews: Captain Underpants

My favorite movie is *Captain Underpants*. The director of *Captain Underpants* is David Soren. The movie just came out on DVD and is rated PG, so most everyone can see it if your parent says it's okay.

The characters in the movie are voiced by Kevin Hart, Ed Helms, and Thomas Middleditch.

Captain Underpants is a man who wears underpants and a cape. In the movie, two kids named George and Harold were pranking teachers so the principal called them to his office. When they were in his office both kids snapped their fingers and the principal's clothes came off and he turned into Captain Underpants. Even his hair came off!

George and Harold made a book called *Dogman* and Harold drew pictures while George wrote the story.

By James W.

I saw the movie *Captain Underpants* many times and even watched it recently. The movie is rated PG so I was allowed to watch it.

The people that are the voices in the movie

are Kevin Hart, Thomas Middleditch and Ed Helms.

The story takes place in an elementary school. The director of the movie is David Soren. The movie was in theaters and is now on DVD.

Families will enjoy this movie and the children will especially like the part of the movie when Harold and George snap their fingers and the principal loses his clothes and become Captain Underpants.

By Lilybeth M.

Captain Underpants is a very fun movie to watch. It is rated PG. It is an animated movie and is like a comic book. The movie is about an evil guy hypnotizing the kids and trying to rule the school.

Kevin Hart is the voice of George. Ed Helms is the voice of Captain Underpants / Principal Krupp.

The movie was directed by David Soren and based on the books by Dave Pilkey. The movie used to be in movie theaters but now is only on DVD.

The people that will like this movie is every body in the world.

By Nathan

Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie is very funny. I've read about ten Captain Underpants books, and the movie didn't follow the books, which had a different evil character.

The movie was a combination of the first book and the fifth book. The beginning was like the beginning of the first book, but the middle and last parts were like the fifth book.

My favorite character is Harold, because he has a really funny haircut and he was the one that drew comics. Also, I like the character George because he came up with the name of the little company – Treehouse Comics Inc. and George was the one that had the tree house.

There are more Captain Underpants books like *Dog Man*, *Super Diaper Baby* and *Ook and Gluk*. I also like *Dog Man Tale of Two Kitties*.

The reason why I became inspired by *Dog Man* was when I was in 2nd grade, and on the last day of school, my teacher gave me a backpack and it had this comic in it, and that's why I got inspired to read

By Gerber R.





Movie Review: Lego Movie

Emmet Brickowski goes on a adventure in the *Lego* movie with his friends to find the Piece of Resistance before Lord Business tries to put his hands on it.

Some of the actors and actresses voicing the characters are Chris

Pratt as Emmet Brickowski, Allison Bree as Princess Unikitty, Charley Day as Benny the astronaut and Will Arnett as Batman.

The movie was funny and filled with action and it was easily

likable. I give the movie 4 stars. The *Lego Movie* is now on DVD so I recommend you buy it and watch the movie with your family. The movie is based on Lego construction toys.

By Ricky D.



Movie Review: Madea's Halloween

Madea's Halloween is about Madea, Joe, Aunt Bam, and Miss V.

My favorite part of the movie was when Miss V. jumped out of a box and scared Madea. Madea got scared and punched Miss V. It was so funny.

When Miss V went

into the attic she saw a clown and she got so scared that she fell down the stairs running away.

Madea was my favorite character because she is very funny. I like watching comedies because I love to laugh.

Everyone will like this movie—my mom

would like it, my dad would like it, and my sister would like it.

Madea is in a lot of Tyler Perry movies. My favorite is *I can Do Bad All By Myself*. I have loved Tyler Perry movies since I was 5 years old. If you watch his movies, you will love them too.

By Courtnee W.



Movie Review: Coraline

Coraline is my 7th favorite movie. It is an animated movie rated PG. Most every kid likes *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Coraline* was in that movie.

Dakota Fanning was the voice of Coraline,

and Teri Hatcher was the voice of her mom. Jennifer Saunders was the voice of Miss Spink, and Ian McShane was Mr. Bobinsky.

The story is about this girl named Coraline. She has a secret door in her new house

and on the other side of the door she has a weird Other Mother and Other Father. They want to keep her in the other side of the door. I do not want to a spoiler so be sure to watch the movie to find out what happens!

By Calis E.

Movie Review: Halloweentown High

Marnie Piper goes back to Halloweentown and gets three or four monster teens to go to her high school in the mortal world. When they enter the mortal world, the Halloweentown teens look like humans.

Marnie is a witch and she bets all her family's magic that her plan will work. If it doesn't, her family loses its magic forever.

Marnie likes a boy named Cody, and they are my favorite characters. They both have

magic and are cool, awesome and amazing. They get into a lot of adventures.

Halloweentown High is a Disney Channel movie. There were three other Halloweentown movies.

By Angel Molina



Video Game Review: Legend of Zelda

Legend of Zelda is a very well known video game series. There are many Legend of Zelda games like the *Ocarina of Time*, which is really good. This review is about the *Legend of Zelda Breath of the Wild*.

The *Breath of the Wild* was released in 2017 for the Nintendo Switch and the Wii U.

It is a free roam game, which was different from

other Legend of Zelda games. Players can go wherever they want. But *Breath of the Wild* also has a great story. The characters are Zelda, Link, an old guy, and Ganon

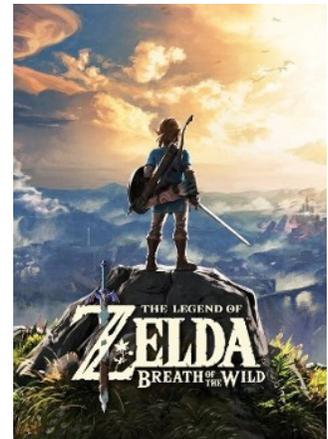
Breath of the Wild got 10 out of 10 in ratings by other reviewers. A review on the IGN network rated the game high because of its really good graphics and the

open roaming.

But there is a downside. The game is really expensive. It costs over 70 dollars after tax, and if you need to buy a Nintendo Switch, it is around 400 bucks.

Breath of the Wild is amazing! I would recommend it to anyone. It is rated E10+, so it is good for anyone over 10 years of age.

By Ethan I.



Medical School

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pate in our morning meetings at John Mack and share how we feel, and how we'd like people to think about us. We learn to respect each other and not talk over each other.

As a doctor, you

need to listen to your patients and to the nurses and staff.

I want to be a neurosurgeon because they make a lot of money. Some neurosurgeons earn over \$300,000 and some get up to a million

dollars. But mostly, I want to be a neurosurgeon because they like to help save lives so people can live longer. It might be hard to look at blood and guts, but it's worth it if you can save a life.



Summer Memories

In summer, whenever I get home, I always I always turn on my PS4 and play on my tablet.

My favorite place to go is Universal Studios. And my favorite ride is the Simpson's ride. My other favorite ride is Jurassic Park. When I go, I can barely wait to wait to go on the Simpsons ride. You go through a big donut in the animated ride.

The fastest ride is the Mummy because it goes really fast, like forty-nine miles per hour, and sometimes I could breath in a lot of air.

My least favorite ride is the Minion ride because it goes really slow.

By Nathan

This summer had its downs and its lows for me, so lets just get the bad part over with. This summer my brother went to college and just left me to be without him in my little apartment at USC family housing where I live with my mom, dad and little sister. I had to move from my spacious military base house to a small tiny apartment.

It's not like I'm not used to having family leave me and go someplace different, because my mom and dad are in



Simpson's Ride at Universal Studios

the military and they both have to go sometimes, but my brother has always been there to comfort me whenever they leave so when he left, I missed having him around.

Then, to top it all off, I had to leave all my friends whom I've been with for all my life—like Alivia, Jade and Trinity.

I only had to go because my mom decided she wanted to go to graduate school.

Imagine this happening to you in two months.

Imagine having someone you have known your entire life leave you when they have never left you before.

Imagine leaving all your friends and school and having to say so many goodbyes. Now

imagine you're only ten years old.

Now for the fun stuff. I went to Universal Studios for the first time and went to the new Harry Potter World. It was so fun.

Before I moved, I went fishing with my friends. It was the last time I saw them, but I am sure they are all doing fine now.

By Asia

My summer was lit. I went to summer camp and I went on 20 field trips. My favorite field trip was to Soak City and I loved all of the slides at Soak City. They had food carts everywhere. I had a wonderful time and a lit time. I was so mad when we had to leave. We went to change our clothes and then we went to walk to the bus. I went to sleep and then I don't know what happened after two hours on the bus I woke up and then we were at my summer camp. My mom asked for me, and then drove me home. I took a shower and then I called my best friend Ismenia and we played Roblox.

That was what happened on my most memorable day at summer camp.

By Calis E.



Knott's Soak City

Summer Memories

My summer was awesome for most of it but sometimes it was kind of boring.

We went to Disneyland and the rides were so fun. I went to a Super Hero documentary and one of the rides was California Screamin'.

This summer, I also went to visit family in Fresno, and I went to my dad's house and since it was summer, I got to stay longer. I went to my friend's house a lot to play games like *Watch-dogs*, *FIFA17* and *GTA5*.

This past summer, I also went to Marino Valley to visit my aunt and cousins, and it was cool. And I went to my friend's birthday party.

Last, I got tired and lazy and spent part of the summer relaxing.

By Ethan I.

This past summer I went to Las Vegas, Nevada,

because I went there to dance. It was really fun to be there. I went with my studio, Fuego y Sabor Latino. I went with four other students, and we were in a show that featured Columbian style Salsa.

I have been dancing since I was in kindergarten. My mom is also studying all different kinds of dances.

It was fun to go to Las Vegas and I felt like I was in a competition. I would like to compete in dance competitions in the future.

By Gerber R.

On my summer vacation I went to the Mayan pyramids in Cancun.

On the tallest pyramid there are 20 mini figures on the top of the pyramid, and if you clap your hands in front of the pyramid or at a corner of it, you can hear a

bird chirp or a snake rattle.

By Fernando C.

This summer I went to Universal CityWalk in Hollywood with my family. I had a really good time and I got to spend time with my family.

We walked around CityWalk to see all the good stuff that they had. I loved the light shows there. After we went walking, we found some really cool rides. One of the rides was pink and yellow roller coaster and it was pretty big; the second one was just red and it was like the spinning cups in Disneyland.

A month later, we went to Six Flags and we went on the "Twister" and "Boomerang." It was a really fun part of my summer..

By Ricky D.

Over the summer, I went to a gymnastics competition with my mom, dad, grandma and my sister, Ruby. The first thing we did when we woke up at 5:30 in the morning was brush our teeth. Then, Ruby and I did our hair and put on our leotards. My leotard was pink and white, and Ruby's leotard was purple and blue.

After we got dressed, we had some yummy breakfast and then we headed to the car. We drove off to the competition, and my first event was the beam. Ruby's first event was the bars.

During my first event at the beam I did really well. There was music playing and I felt confident. I scored a 9.7/10 and I was very pleased. My sister didn't do as well because she accidentally fell off the bars, so she ended with a score of 6.7/10.

My second event was the floor where I got to show off my best tricks. I did even better during this event and scored a perfect 10/10! My sister did really well in her beam event, which made up for her mistake in the bars. She scored a 9.8/10 in the beam.

My third and final event was bars. I did just as good on the bars as I had done on the floor. Once again, I scored 10/10. My sister did better during the floor event. I was very proud of her she scored 9.9/10.

My mom and dad were proud of Ruby and I. Overall, I had an amazing competition with my sister.

By Courtnee W.



Las Vegas, Nevada

Meet Our Reporters

Ahmed

Ahmed is ten years old and he is in the fifth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz because she is nice, funny, and fun. His favorite subject is math because it's fun and challenging.



James, Ahmed, and Franklin

Ahmed's favorite book is *Captain Underpants* because it's funny and cool. His favorite movie is the *Lego Movie* because it's funny and his favorite food is Mac and Cheese because it's good and tasty.

Ahmed's favorite thing to do outside of school is doing music.ly, because it's fun. His favorite day is Christmas, because he gets gifts.

When Ahmed grows up, he wants to be a doctor because he said he would like looking inside people's

bodies and seeing the insides of humans, especially the brain.

By James W..

James

James is ten years old and he is in fifth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz because she's

funny, she's kind, and she's smart. His favorite book is *Dog Man* because it's funny.

By Franklin B.

Franklin

Franklin is ten and in the fifth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz, because she is cool.

Franklin's favorite subject is math and his favorite book is *Diary Of The Wimpy Kid*. His favorite movie is *The Smurf Village*, because it's funny.

Franklin's favorite food is Mac and

Cheese, because it's tasty.

by Ahmed M.

Angel

Angel Marquez is ten years old and in the fifth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz.

Angel's favorite subject is science, and he likes the book called *Life Plus One*. He thinks it's interesting.

Angel's favorite food is tacos because he thinks they're good.

Angel's favorite thing to do outside of school is to be with his friends and to talk about things with his friends.

The best day in his life was when he got his PS4. He said it is one of the best things that anyone could have.

Angel would like to be a video game designer for *Call of Duty* video games when he grows up.

By Gerber R.

Gerber

Gerber is nine years old and in the fourth grade. Gerber's favorite teacher is Mr. Arellano, because he always includes fun activities in his classes.

In school, Gerber's favorite subject is reading, because he thinks you can learn a lot from literature and most of the books he reads are really funny. Most kids his age hate to read, but Gerber really sees the value in reading and enjoys all types of books, but especially funny ones.

Gerber's absolute favorite book of all time is *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney because it's hilarious. Gerber's favorite character is Greg because his problems are really random and the entire book revolves around Greg's awkwardness.



Angel and Gerber

Meet Our Reporters



Calis and Yllari

Gerber's favorite movie is *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* because the three original characters are really young when they meet for the first time and become friends.

Gerber enjoys pizza, but specifically the toppings. His favorite toppings are pepperoni and mushrooms. Gerber's ideal drink is raspberry ice tea.

In Gerber's free time, he loves to play with his friends and get exercise. They play soccer and basketball outside and when they get tired they go inside and play Super Smash Bros on the Wii U.

Gerber's best day of his life was when he went to LegoLand in San Diego, California.

Finally, when Gerber gets older, he wants to design video games.

By Angel Marquez.

Calis

Calis is ten years old. She is in the fifth grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz, because she is lit.

Calis' favorite subject in school is Art because it is fun.

Calis' favorite book is *Hurricanes* because it is about hurricanes. Her favorite movie is the *Conjuring 2* [editor's note: this is rated R].

Calis' favorite food is pupusas because it is lit food. She likes being lit and getting that shmoney outside of school.

Calis' best day in her life was September.18 because that is the day that her niece was born.

She wants to be a teacher when she grow up, because she wants to teach kids to be lit.

By Yllari C.

Yllari

Yllari is ten years old and she is in the 5th grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Vega. Her favorite subject in school is math because she likes numbers .

Yllari's favorite book is *Goosebumps* because it's lit. Her favorite move is *Conjuring 1 & 2* [editor's note: these are rated R so you can only see it with your parent]. because its lit and scary .

Yllari's favorite food is Korean noodles .Her favorite thing to do outside of school is riding her bike. Her favorite day in her life is when

she went to KCON-LA .

When she grows up Yllari wants to be a lawyer because it's just fun.

By Calis E.

Courtnee

Courtnee is in the fifth grade and is 9 years old. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz because she is awesome. Courtnee's favorite subject is writing because she likes to write. Her favorite book is *Dog Man* because it is funny. Courtnee's favorite movie is *Lights Out* [editor's note: this is rated PG-13] because it is scary.

Courtnee's favorite food is hot dogs because they're yummy.

Courtnee's favorite thing to do outside is going home playing with her friends.

When Courtnee grows up she wants to be a teacher.

By Fernando C.

Fernando

Fernando is in the 5th grade and he is nine years old. Fernando's favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz because she is funny. His favorite subject is science because it's fun



Courtnee and Fernando

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Meet Our Editorial Team

and his favorite book is *Tikali*. Fernando's favorite movie is *Captain Underpants* because he wears underpants.

Fernando's favorite food is pasta because it's yummy and his favorite thing to do outside is to play with his friends.

Fernando's best day of his life was when he went to Cancun. Fernando wants to be an architect because he likes to draw.

By Courtnee W.

Lily

Lily is nine years old she is in fourth grade. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Cooper. She said because he is fun.

Lily likes to paint, and she likes to paint herself.

Lily's favorite book is the *Series of Unfortunate Events*. Lily also liked the movie *Captain*



Damian and Lilybeth

Underpants The First Epic Movie because it is funny.

Lily favorite food is pizza because she likes the toppings.

Lily likes to use her phone outside of school because she likes to play games on her phone.

Her favorite day in her life was getting a video game, because she likes to play it.

Lily wants to be a famous chef someday, because she likes to cook.

By Damian R.

Damian

Damian in nine years old. He is in the fourth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Jackson, because he and his class have a free day on Fridays.

Damian's favorite subject in school is math, because they play a game.

Damian's favorite book is *Planets vs. Zombies* because it's about zombies and plants. His favorite movie is the *Lego Ninjago* movie, because he likes Legos.



Ethan and Jada

Damian's favorite food is beans with quesadillas, because they taste good together. His favorite thing to do outside of school is to play video games.

The best day of his life is when he moves away and goes to a different school. Damian wants to be a doctor when he grows up and earn a lot of money.

By Lilybeth M.

Ethan

Ethan is nine years old .He is in the fourth grade. His favorite teacher is Mr. Ariano because he is nice and fun .He likes reading and writing because it is fun .

Ethan's favorite book is *Last Kids on Earth* because it has monsters. His favorite movie is *Logan* because it has a lot of action.

Ethan's favorite food is Chile Rellenos because they taste good.

His favorite thing to do outside of school is to play video games because they are fun

The best day of his life was when he was born.

Ethan wants to be a song artist and rapper when he grows up. His favorite rapper is Kendrick Lamar.

By Jada G.

Jada

Jada is nine years old and in the fourth grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. A because she liked the snacks she

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gave her. Jada’s favorite subject in school is math and her favorite book is *Losers* because she likes ghosts.

Jada’s favorite movie is *It* [editor’s note: this is rated R] because it is scary, funny, and weird.

Jada’s favorite food is Caldo de Res, a beef soup. She thinks it’s “delish”.

Jada’s favorite thing to do outside of school is napping because it feels good and she is tired.

Jada said that the best day of her life was when her brother got his computer taken away because her brother is mean to her.

Jada wants to be a judge because she likes to argue.

By Ethan I.

Nathan

Nathan is ten years old and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Ruiz because she does fun stuff in class.

Nathan’s favorite part of school is recess, and he likes to play instead of eating lunch.

Nathan’s favorite book is *Goosebumps* because the stories are interesting. His favorite hobby is playing video games, which he thinks

are more fun than school, and his favorite movie is *It* [editor’s note: this is rated R].



Ricky and Nathan

Nathan’s favorite food is the Orange Chicken at Panda Express. His favorite day is Saturday because he goes to Universal Studios.

Nathan would love to be a gamer when he grows up because he likes to win.

By Ricky D.

Ricky

Ricky is ten and he is in the fourth grade. His favorite teacher is Ms. Cortes because she is really nice.

Ricky’s favorite subject in school is art because he likes to color a lot. He does not have a favorite book because he has a lot of favorite books. His fa-

vorite movie is *It* [editor’s note: this movie is rated R] because it was scary for him.

Ricky’s favorite food is Chinese food, because it has flavor. His favorite thing to do outside of school is play video games because he likes being a gamer and when he grows up, he wants to be a video game creator and develop games.

Ricky’s favorite day of the year is his Birthday because its fun.

By Nathan

Harumy

My friend is Harumy I like her because she is honest, kind, and helpful. She’s funny, she wears glasses, and she loves to smile.

Harumy loves her baby brother and his name is Jacob. He loves to smile like his sister and is cute. She also loves her sister who is in Foshay.

Harumy has other friends and their names are Yllari, Valeria and Betsabet.

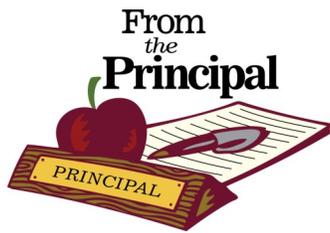
Harumy, Valeria, Betsabet and me are going to Foshay next year and Yllari is going to USC.

Harumy wants to be a Doctor when she grows up and Yllari wants to be a dentist. Betsabet and Valeria want to be teachers. We are all in 5th grade and my friend Calis is lit.

By Layla



Layla and Harumy



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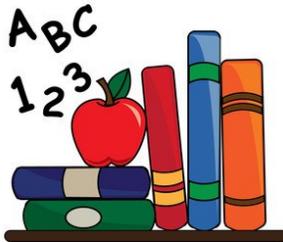
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Ms. Ruiz

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