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## STEW Field Trip to USC

By LaBella Rose S.

**F**oshay Flash reporters went to the STEW (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Writing) workshop at USC with student reporters from other schools and programs.

When the Foshay Flash got to USC, there was a long line of students waiting to get into the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. We first went into a large auditorium, and

PressFriends and the PressFriends Club at USC acknowledged everyone who came. it was something to see the auditori-

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Foshay Flash reporters at USC and PressFriends' STEW Symposium for Kids.

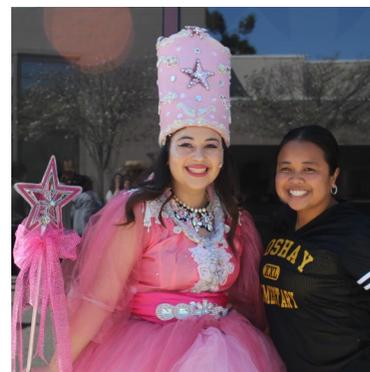
## The Good Witch of the Wizard of Oz

By Katelyn M.

**T**he Foshay Flash went to the Armstrong Theatre to see the "Wizard of Oz" on stage. The musical was put on by MET2 theatre company.

My favorite character in MET2's production was Glinda. I liked Glinda, because she is a nice witch and she likes everyone but the bad witches. I liked her because she is beautiful and wears a nice pink dress.

Glinda is not the main character in the story, but she is the person that helps Dorothy save all the other characters. When she entered the stage, she rode in a ring of flowers high above the stage and bubbles started to come out from the sides of the stage. When she came out, everything was peaceful until the bad witch appeared. But Glinda prevailed.



Sara Gilger as the Good Witch and 5th grade teacher, Ms. Tigolo

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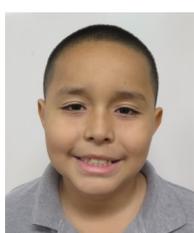
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## STEW Speakers

By Sky B.

At the STEW (Science, Technology, Engineering & Writing) Symposium for Kids, we heard from a number of speakers.

Laura Faye Tenenbaum is an innovator in science communication and a member of the Earth Science Communications team at NASA's Jet propulsion laboratory. She writes for the website *Global Climate change: Vital Signs of the Planet* and the *Earth Right Now* blog.

Laura creates interactive media products to

engage and educate students, teachers, and professionals about environmental science. Her team won five Webby awards, the internet industry's highest honor, for the Best Science Website and Best Green Website. Laura also is a faculty member at has held a faculty position in the physical science department at Glendale Community College for the last 13 years.

Laura's goal is to bring science, multi-

media, and education together to attract a motivated and enthusiastic new generation that will be ready to take on the huge environmental challenges we face.

Christoph Efstathiou showed us awesome information about uses of a cell phone, like using a cell phone for measurements.

Bing Jian taught us about robots. We already knew about robots, but she showed us her robot was made out from a kit.



Laura Tenenbaum

## Robots and Bing Jiang

By Gabriela M.

At the STEW (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Writing) Symposium for Kids, each school went into a classroom and heard from several speakers.

The first speaker we heard from was Bing Jiang. She talked to us about robots, being an engineer, and motivation.

Ms. Bing showed and talked to us about Rolling Robots. Ms. Bing is the cofounder and owner of the Rolling Robots. She told us about some robotic competitions.

My favorite robot that Ms. Bing talked about and showed us was the Mechanoid. Some other robots she showed us were also very unique.

The Mechanoid robot was interesting. It could

do a few cool things. For one, it could record what you say and it could do whatever you wanted to make it do. It could dance and talk to you. The Mechanoid robot can be bought in a store, but you have to assemble it.

Ms. Bing put videos for us to watch based on the robots. We watched a PowerPoint that motivated us to think that just because we're kids doesn't mean we can't build a robot or be an engineer. Ms. Bing also talked to us and that motivated me and my classmates.

I am in Robotics class right now so everything Ms. Bing was saying I knew about it because either I've

seen it, done it, or am learning about it. I like robotics and learning about it, so I had a great time learning more about Robots from Ms. Jiang.

At the end of her presentation, I think I learned a lot because there were some things I didn't know about and now I know more things. I think my favorite part was when she talked about how you can be 11, 12, 13, or even 5 and younger to build a robot. I liked the way students worked as a team to build and make a robot move. I also liked how they learn together as a team because now when I'm building or working with robots I will know more.



Bing Jiang

## NASA JPL's Laura Tenenbaum

By Tayler W.



Laura Tenenbaum

**F**oshay Flash reporters went on a field trip to USC. We went to the STEW Symposium for Kids that was sponsored by the USC Viterbi School of Engineering School Graduate and Professional Programs, PressFriends, and the PressFriends club at USC.

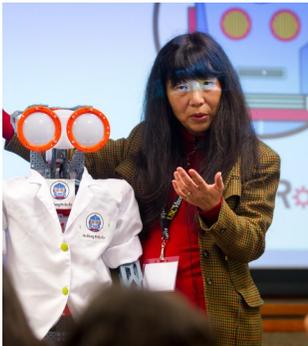
We heard from a number of speakers in the morning, and more speakers at lunch. One of the lunch speakers was Laura Tenenbaum and she talked about a place that's called Greenland. She said it is very beautiful even though I haven't been there.

The people that named Greenland, named it Greenland to attract more people to visit.

Laura Tenenbaum works at NASA. Her goal is to bring science to our generation so we are ready to take on the huge environmental challenges facing us.

## Bing and Sivaram

By Jordan P.



Bing Jiang

*Photo by Michael Owen Baker*

**B**ing Jiang is the co-founder and owner of Rolling Robots, Inc., a children's robotics and STEM entertainment and education company.

Bing received her master of science degree in Physics from California State University, Los Angeles, and was a Goldman Sachs 10k Small Business Development Scholar at Babson College. Then, Bing got ac-

cepted to a job that worked with robots. Then, Bing learned how to love robots! Bing Jian taught us about robots and their competitions. Bing brought a robot with her! The robot's name was Mechanoid. Bing taught us how the robot works. To make the robot, Mechanoid, you need to have plastic, electronics, and wires.

Sivaram taught us about the internet. Sivaram taught me a lot of things like the current status is how the internet connects. And that the internet is a large network of internet cables and computers that make it possible for appliances to send information to others. Every website has a domain name and its own IP address.

## Robots and the Internet

By Saira G.



Sivaramakrishnan Ramanatha

*Photo by Michael Owen Baker*

**B**ing Jiang owns Rolling Robots. She talked about robots. She showed us a video about some kids in an awards show doing a robot project and they were really good. The robot that boys built was a robot that will help people use it in the future. She also showed us a small robot. The small robot

changed colors based on the color that it is placed on. I also saw a robot called Mechanoid. The robot Mechanoid could do a lot of cool stuff. The boys in the video were ages were 12, 14, and 15. They were pros at building robots.

Mr. Sivaram talked about the Internet and how it works. It works

because computers are hooked together in various ways, such as wires under the ocean and through satellites in the air. If too many people are using it, it doesn't give Internet access to everyone. Servers can help you download faster. Mr. Sivaram thinks that the Internet is important because it tells you a lot of things.

## STEW Symposium for Kids

By Stephen G.

The Foshay Flash newspaper team went to USC for the STEW Symposium for Kids. STEW stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Writing.

We heard from different speakers. We learned about robots, technology, and brains. I

enjoyed learning about all those things and it was very fun taking notes.

Afterwards, we ate sandwiches from Subway and chips for lunch. After I ate, Laura Faye Tenenbaum talked about Greenland and the melting ice and then Bing

Jiang talked about robots.

At the end of the field trip, we took a tour of USC, and we saw libraries that the students can study in. Our tour guide walked with us all around USC.

I was very happy that I went on that trip.



## Bing Jiang of Rolling Robots

By Tayler W.

Bing Jiang is the co-founder and owner of Rolling Robots, Inc., a children's robotics and STEM entertainment and education company. Kids from 5 years and older can build robots at Rolling Robots! There even was a seven year old that made her own robot

that could hit ping pong balls!

Ms. Bing showed us a heart, it was half green and half red, she pulled out a tiny robot that could identify the color!

Ms. Bing pulled out a big robot and it was very funny. It had a voice command on the stom-

ach and whenever you pressed the button and said something and moved, the robot would do so at the same time.

There was also another robot that a child made, and it could pick up blocks and stack them.



PressFriends founder Luke Southwell and Bing Jiang  
Photo by Michael Owen Baker

## More About Robots

By Daniel B.

Bing Jiang brought robots to the STEW Symposium for Kids. The robots were great when they moved. There were big ones and little ones, and all the robots were built by kids. The kids worked very hard to

build the robots. Many took yours to build while others took seconds. The robots did different things. Some robots moved from controllers.

Bing Jiang brought a big and small robot. The small robot changed into

the same color. The robots turned green and red.

The robots all had names but my favorite was the Mechanoid that could do human things like talk and move. It looked like a human machine.

## Internet Basics

By Jordan P

Sivaram taught us about the internet. Sivaram taught us a lot of things like how the internet connects. The

internet is a large network of internet cables and computers that make it possible for applications to send infor-

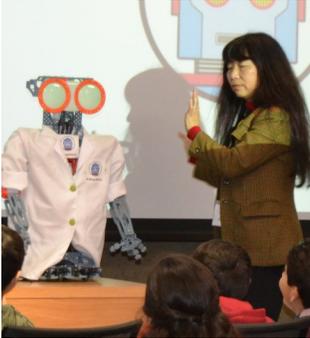
mation to others. Every website has a domain name and its own IP address.



Sivaramakrishnan Ramanatha

## Bing Jiang

By Samantha A.



Bing Jiang

The first speaker, Ms. Bing, talked about robots. She was an engineer who worked with robot. The first robot she showed us changed colors. The other one can do a lot of things like

dance and copy your voice. She also showed an awards show for robots. She has worked for Integrated Applied Physics. She is the cofounder and owner of Rolling Robots. Rolling Robots is a

company that helps children with robots and works in STEM Fields. The children that work in Rolling Robots go to competitions and compete with other schools.

## Phone and Internet Services

By Tesla A.



Sivaramakrishnan Ramanatha

The presenter, Mr. Sivaram, taught us about phones and internet science. He taught us that everything is connected underwater and everything fits together with wires so it can be a big network. IP address-

es are like a telephone number.

It's important to have internet for emergencies. Sometimes internet doesn't work because people around the world use it. There are also 250 million domains. Servers

help you with everything on a phone or computer. Phones also can do science. You can measure anything like food. We saw a noise-o-meter.

Mr. Sivaram taught us a lot about internet and phone science.

## Christoph Efstathiou—Phone Science

By Dajah N.



Christoph Efstathiou  
Photo by Michael Owen Baker

Chris Efstathiou explained phone science to students at the STEW Symposium for Kids. He talks about how phones can do basically anything. He speaks about how technology is evolving. He asked us how many of us have phones. Phones can measure anything. You can use a noise-a-meter to test sounds. You can use it to test how loud

your snoring is or how loud a car horn is. A train's sound level is at 80, thunder is at 120, which is probably why it's scary.

Phones are extremely powerful and will be even more powerful as technology progresses. An airplane probably clogs your ear because an airplane's noise level is at 146. VR (Virtual Reality) goes at one foot

per second.

Phones can do science. Phone numbers are like IP addresses. Phones are our future; they will help us.

That is all that Mr. Chris taught us about. He was a great person. It seemed like he was very smart. Everything in his speech was very inspiring and good to know. I'm impressed that this is our future.

## Clayton Bingham—All Brains

By Ronald S.

Clayton studies the brain. He was a very good speaker but he ruined my childhood. He said to go to bed before eleven o'clock or your brain will get mushy.

He gave us a lot of advice such as not eating before you sleep. That

was when my world ended. In my mind I thought—doesn't that defeat the purpose of dinner? Dinner is when you eat before you sleep. Usually after dinner I hop into bed and watch Netflix on my phone.

Clayton also taught us about the hippocampus in the brain. He uses chips inserted in the brain to repair the hippocampus, which is the memory and emotional responses. If I didn't have a memory I would be able to write this article.



Clayton Bingham

Photo by Michael Owen Baker

## Clayton Bingham—Neural Engineer

By Alexis M.

Clayton Bingham is a researcher and an engineer who is studying for a PhD. Clayton enjoys spending time with his loving wife and his old English sheepdog.

Clayton works in the USC center for Neural Engineering.

Clayton is a Neural Engineer who studies the brain. Clayton talked about brains, a little bit

about himself, and about engineering. Clayton said your brain sends body movements to your body.

I wonder if Clayton still wants to be an engineer after getting his PhD.

## Brain Repair

By Laura T.

Clayton Bingham talked about repairing brains. He said that if any part of the brain is not working you will start to forget stuff and lose track of your life.

Mr. Clayton said that if the hippocampus part of the brain is damaged you will forget the most

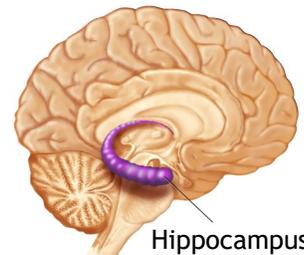
important things in your life such as family.

Some parts of your brain that he explained to us were the hypothalamic, amygdaloidal, hippocampus, cingulate gyrus, corpus callosum, and thalamus.

Mr. Clayton had to get two college degrees

in order for him to make his own inventions.

Mr. Clayton said that there are five ways to keep your brain healthy. The five ways are to sleep, diet, exercise, drink no alcohol and take no drugs. Learning difficult things will help keep your brain healthy too.



Hippocampus

## Brain Questions

By Michael R.

Electronics and cables are connected all around the world, but not the South Pole. Why is there no cables in the South Pole? There are cables in Antarctica and

the North Pole. A phone is more powerful than electronics in outer space. When you download an app, it goes around the world 5 times in 1 second.

How do people put cables under water? What makes a phone work or computer work? Can it explode if it has too much data? This talk raised a lot of interesting questions.



Clayton Bingham

### Mr. Brain

By Tesla A.



Clayton Bingham

Clayton Bingham talked about our brains. Our brains are like a machine.

We use our brains all the time. Our brains have electrical signals. Without our brain we can't do anything. We wouldn't be able to read, talk or spell.

The hippocampus is the part of your brain that helps with memory. If it is damaged, you can

lose your memory and it's hard to find your



way to places.

What is good for your brain is sleeping for 10 hours and exercising. What isn't good for our brains is sugar, drugs, and alcohol. He helps people who have damaged hippocampuses because his grandmother has a damaged hippocampuses. That's what Mr. Clayton taught us about our brains.

### Brains and Stuff

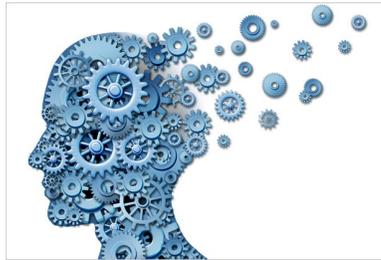
By Dajah N,



Clayton Bingham talked about brain science. He said our brain is like a machine.

We use our brains every hour and second of the day.

The brain sends electric signals for our body to do things. Without our brain we cannot do anything and we would be dead. If our hippocampus is damaged, we lose our memory. The best way to keep your brain healthy is



to sleep, diet, no sugar, exercise, no drugs or alcohol.

Mr. Clayton plans on finding a way to put a "robot" in your brain so it can fix your hippocampus. He experiments on animals which is a little scary but it is for science.

Mr. Clayton is still working on this research because his grandmother has dementia.

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um filled with over 400 people.

Afterwards, we went into a classroom, and speakers came in and talked to us about all different kinds of things.

First, Bing Jiang, who owns Rolling Robots, and she talked about robotics



and how we are the all the future scientist and engineers.

Then we heard from Christoph who talked about cell phones. He said that they are very powerful machines and we were not using them to their full abilities. That's why they are expensive . After that an-

other man walked it name Sivarakkishnan taught us about the internet. How it has so many wires it's crazy, there are over a million people using the internet. Next was a man named Clayton he talked about repairing people body parts and brain failure

## “The Wizard of Oz”

The Foshay Flash went to the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance to see the Metropolitan Educational Network’s production of the “Wizard of Oz.”



### The Story of the Wizard of Oz

By Carla C.

The *Wizard of Oz* is about a girl named Dorothy who lives in Kansas. She does not like her neighbor, Almira Gulch, who is trying to take her dog Toto away, because Toto ruined her garden.

Almira Gulch went to the authorities and got an order to take Toto, because he was dangerous. Dorothy didn’t want Almira Gulch to take Toto away from her, so she asked her Auntie Em and Uncle Henry for help, but they couldn’t help her, so she ran away.

The story is about a girl who gets caught in a tornado and goes over the rainbow to find a make-believe world. Her house falls on top of the Wicked Witch of the East, and her sister, the Wicked Witch of the

West sets out to take the ruby slippers off of Dorothy’s feet. She meets the Good Witch Glinda, the Munchkins, and three friends— Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion—who sound a lot like her friends on her ranch. They set off to find the Wizard of Oz in this new world over the rainbow to help Dorothy find a way back to Kansas.

Dorothy and Toto, and their friends, have a lot of adventures getting to meet the Wizard and dealing with the Wicked Witch of the West.

The play is based on the book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum.

### The Wizard and Dorothy

By Alexis M.

Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion

were off to see the Wizard of Oz. The Wizard projected his message on a screen and had a big head and was all green. But in the end, when the screen was raised, he was just an ordinary person talking into a microphone.

In the *Wizard of Oz* there was a girl named Dorothy who had a pet dog that was so cute but disturbed some people. The dog’s name was Toto.

Dorothy lived in Kansas where there are a lot of tornados and a tornado blew around a lot of special things that the people on the farm needed—like food, water, and shelter to survive.

My favorite characters in the play were Dorothy and her dog Toto. Dorothy is really nice and her dog is cute. My favorite scene is when Dorothy returns home and says there is really no place like home.

### Glinda the Good Witch

By Leilah L.

My favorite scene in the play, the *Wizard of Oz*, is when the tornado starts and the Wicked Witch of the West comes out and does her evil laugh. That is my favorite part because for some reason I always love the bad guys more than the good people. I think that the bad guys make the crowd excited for the whole story. When the Wicket Witch did her evil laugh, it filled me with excitement. I felt like I could do it too so when I tried it on the bus I found out that I could not.

Another part I like is when Dorothy and her friends finally get to the Wizard of Oz and we get to see him. He looked so

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## “The Wizard of Oz”

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green that I thought he was an alien. It was so cool I wanted to scream but I knew I could not because that would be rude to others watching.

I loved all of the play. I thought it was out of this world.

### Dorothy Steals the Show

By Tayler W.

**M**y favorite character is Dorothy because she is very pretty and takes care of her dog Toto.

Dorothy starts in a brown dress but after

she lands over the rainbow, she has on a blue striped dress. Her hairstyle is pigtails, and she has on red sparkly slippers.

For props Dorothy has a basket with a blue striped cloth.

### The Wicked Witch’s Laugh

By Ronald S.

**M**y favorite part of the *Wizard of Oz* play was when there was a tornado and pigs were flying on stage. The pigs were kids in costume, and I saw the wires holding the pigs in the air immediately but I didn’t

care because it was fun to see them fly.

What really freaked me out is when the Wicked Witch of the West came out on a flying broom. She wasn’t scary herself, but with her laugh and the costume, she was freaky, and I can see why everybody was scared in the play.

But the real scary thing was the way Scarecrow walked. I thought that the actor playing the scarecrow was really good. I was just worried her hands were going to snap.

But other than that I enjoyed myself and I hope other audiences enjoyed it too.

### We’re Off to See The Wizard

By Michael R.

**W**e’re Off to See the *Wizard* is the title of a song in the play, *The Wizard of Oz*. A little girl named Dorothy, a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion sing the song throughout the play as they set out to find the Wizard.

The story is about a girl that wishes she lived somewhere else. A tornado hits and she is sucked into the tornado. She ends up in a very far away land, and that’s where Dorothy meets the scarecrow, tin man and lion.

## “The Wizard of Oz” movie

By Gabriela M.

**T**he *Wizard Of Oz* movie came out in 1939.

Judy Garland was cast as Dorothy Gale. Ray Bolger was cast as the scarecrow and the farmhand named Hunk. Jack Haley cast as the tin woodman and the farmhand named Hickory. Bert Lahr was cast as the cowardly lion who is also the farmhand named Zeke.

After Dorothy meets the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion, they meet the Wicked Witch of the West who was played by Margaret Hamilton. Frank Morgan played the Wizard of Oz. Toto was

played by a female dog named Terry.

*The Wizard Of Oz* movie was produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. The movie was based off of the novel published in 1900 by L. Frank Baum.

The movie, *The Wizard Of Oz*, is a fantasy fiction, drama, musical, and comedy.

Many people love this movie because of the interesting events like no other. The movie is about a girl named Dorothy who is looking for her dog named Toto. Dorothy ends up somewhere far away from Kansas and has to follow the yellow brick road to find the Wizard who can

take her back home. On her journey, she meets new friends but also meets a wicked witch and good witch. Sounds exciting? The movie really is amazing

### Fun Facts About the Wizard of Oz

By Dajah N.

There are a lot of fun facts about the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, at <https://parade.com/329429/linzlowe/75-weird-wonderful-facts-about-the-wizard-of-oz/>. Here are some of the facts:

- The dog that played

Toto made more than the Munchkin actors. The dog that played Toto also was a girl dog.

- The oil in the oil can was actually chocolate syrup.
- The horses in the Emerald City were covered in jello and they kept trying to lick it off.
- The cowardly lion suit was made of actual lion skin and weighed 100 pounds.
- The Wicked Witch was a kindergarten teacher before she became an actress.
- The ruby slippers were originally silver.

## The Tornado in *The Wizard of Oz*

### Tornadoes and Oz

By Sky B.

A tornado is as a rotating funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 mph. Tornadoes can be very large—more than one mile wide and 50 miles long.

Tornadoes can be part of tropical storms and hurricanes once the storm hits the land.

It's a super important to be prepared for a tornado for those who live in places where they have tornadoes—like Kansas. You would need a disaster plan for your family and for pets too!

Tornadoes to me are really bad storms that happen not so often. I learned that they can suck people up and in the *Wizard of Oz*, the tornado sent Dorothy to a mythical world beyond the rainbow.



In the *Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy went to the land of Munchkins and met a nice witch named Glinda that gave her one of the Wicked Witch of the East's shoes.

Dorothy also met Tin Man, Scarecrow and Lion. They went with Dorothy to see the Wizard. When they get to the Wizard's castle, they find out he's not whom they thought, but he is still willing to give them everything they needed. Even Dorothy. He was going to take Dorothy back to Kansas in his hot air balloon, but when Dorothy was looking for her dog Toto, the balloon flew away.

### Tornadoes Danger

By Stephen G.

A tornado can cause a lot of damage because it can kill you.

Tornadoes can come in all kinds of sizes like big, little or regular.

A tornado can result when warm air meets the cold air. There can be tornadoes in Kansas.

Tornadoes can destroy any houses and other buildings.

In the play, the *Wizard of Oz*, there was a tornado when Dorothy tried to run away.

Tornadoes can mostly appear in the hours between 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tornadoes can also form in the water, and these tornadoes are called waterspouts.

I think tornadoes are cool because they look cool but they can be



dangerous. Storm chasers are people who study tornadoes. While everyone is running away from it, they go towards it to get more information about tornadoes.

### Tornado Speed

By Jordan P.

Did you know tornadoes winds can reach up to 300 mph? Tornadoes are clouds with whirling winds.

A tornado can cause a storm or a hurricane. Tornadoes can be made when a warm front meets a cold front, also forming a thunderstorm.

With the thunderstorms, one or more spawns of twisters can result. A tornado can appear once dust and debris are picked up.

Tornadoes are most likely to appear around the daytime to the night time, but can also appear anytime.

Tornadoes can form into water and those are

called waterspouts. Most tornadoes can tear roofs apart and knock down buildings and anything else in their past.

### Tornadoes

By Daniel B.

Foshay Flash reporters watched a play called the *Wizard of Oz* at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. The main character in the play is Dorothy. In the beginning of the play, she is taken away over the rainbow by a tornado.

Dorothy was taken by the tornado after she ran away from home to protect her dog. But then she tried to go home again, but the tornado was blowing by that time.

An extreme tornado's wind speed can reach 300 or more miles per hour and can last up to one hour on the ground.

When there's a tornado you should hide in a basement until the tornado has passed by and there is no more danger.

## “There is No Place Like Home”

Home for me is kind because there's no home like mine. My home makes sure I am fed and makes sure I am in bed.

My mom is number one every single day . My mom is my past, present and future.

My family is the real home I have. No matter what place I am at. Wherever my family is at is called home for me.

Home is where my mom goes to rest after a hard night at work. Home is where all my hopes and dreams will always be.

My home may be small or big but it will still be home. Home will always be home even if there is no roof above my head. Family is like home. They won't ever leave you even at your worst moments.

What does home mean to you?

*By Carla C.*

Home is your safe place, the place where you can run to no matter the problem.

Home can be a person (like your mom, dad, guardian, friend, etc.) or a place like your room or your actual house.

You take home for granted. You only know how special it is until you lose it, but by then it's too late. After you

lose it, you most likely can never get it back, no matter how hard you try.

Don't be like Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz*.

Don't take home for granted, because you may not be able to get it back!

*By LaBella S.*

Home is the place I go after school every day. The place I go when I am sad and happy. Or when I am sore. Home is the one place I know I can rely on to cheer me up is home. It is also the place where I love the people there and they love me back. I have family time and also the food my parents bought for me. It is a place where I am safe, and it is a place where I go when I go to bed. It is the place I stay when there is no school and it is the place where my favorite parents live.

I am always happy when I see my house because it means my day has ended but one more thing home is also where all my video games live.

*By Ronald S.*

Home to me is hugs and kisses and my little sister.

There is no place like home because in the morning my little sister always comes downstairs and asked for oatmeal. I

don't think there's anything wrong with that. I just think it's a sign for her loving me and I think that's cute.

*By Sky B.*

Home to me is on my bed sleeping. I think that is home to me because that's the best thing I like that's in my home.

Home is also reading and watching television or my tablet. I like that I get to boss my brother around, because he is younger than me. My brother would need to follow everything I say. That's why I like home.

*By Katelyn M.*

I think there's any place like home because I have family at home They love me and take care of me. I also think there's no place like home because they give me food and buy me things.

I love my family because they get me what I want and they also play with me sometimes. The people that play with me are my sister, my cousins and sometimes with my uncle. I also watch television and movies with my family. Those are the reasons why I think there's no place like home.

*By Stephen G.*

Home to me is getting treated how I want because I am the youngest.

The best thing at my house to me is my room. The best thing at my house is my room to

me because I like being on my bed and watching YouTube or Netflix. The best thing is to watch something on my bed because then I fall asleep!

I live with my brother, sister and my mom and even though they bother me so much. there is no place like home!

*By Jordan P.*

What I like about home is what is inside. On the inside is my family. My family is the most important thing to me. My family loves me and I love my family. They fill my heart with joy and they take care of me. I love them so much.

Another thing I love about my house is my room. When I walk into my room I feel amazing. I think that is because I designed it to match my style.

In conclusion I love my house because of what is inside.

*By Leilah L.*

Home is really kind to me because it has everything that is important to me.

Home makes me feel safe because I have people that love me. I also am very happy that I live where I live. The people that live with me are my mom, dad, two sisters, uncle, my uncle's friend, my other uncle, and my two grandmas. These are the people that love me. I was sad because my uncle just moved to Las Vegas, but

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*There's no place like home.*

*- Dorothy, Wizard of Oz*

## What Does Family Mean To You?

By Gabriela M.

**F**amily can mean many things. One thing family can mean is trust between one another.

You don't have to be related in order to be a family. Family can also be friendship between two people or more and they may treat each other like family. But what does it mean to treat each other like family? To treat someone like family is to treat someone how you would treat yourself.

Your family may take

really good care of each other or sometimes when you are around someone you may consider family, you may act different or act a certain way with them.

Having a family can really change a person from not having one. Sometimes when you have trust in someone (family) and they lose your trust and that can affect a person and the way the rest of your friends and family look at you.

Many people have a family that loves them. Even if you don't have family and relatives around, you are not alone. Going to school and having friends and teachers are like a family that watches over you just like your neighbors, your best friends.

Having a family isn't something you should take for granted because once they are gone everything will change.

People that love, care, and do kind things

for you are like family because they treat you like family because they treat you with respect. Sometimes you may even have a friend that you call "brother" or "sister" because you are just that close to each other and you care for each other.

As an another example of family is the Foshay Family, because we act like one big happy family. When you are at Foshay, you have family all around!

## Kansas

By Dajah N.

**K**ansas is a state in the Midwest. The capital of Kansas is Topeka, and its largest city is Wichita.

Kansas became the 34th state in the United

States in 1861 after it abolished slavery.

Just like in the *Wizard of Oz*, Kansas is still a farming state. It produces wheat, corn, sorghum, and soybeans

Kansas is one of the states in Tornado Alley. It has a lot of heavy thunderstorms, and some become tornadoes. Kansas has about 50 tornadoes a year.

Besides the *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, another famous book set in Kansas was Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House on the Prairie* series of books.

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he told me to not be sad so I just started being happy and now I go to visit him.

These are the reasons why there is no place like home.

*By Saira G.*

There's no place like home because you know what is in your home and you feel comfortable there.

I love home because it shows me that my par-

ents love me. They provide us with a place to be safe and we have a home because our parents work so that we can have a home. I love home because you know everyone who lives there. I also feel very safe living there. That's why there's no place like home for me.

*By Samantha A.*

Home is a place with a family who are always

there for you. Being at home means I get to play with my favorite video games or watch YouTube videos after I finish my homework. At home I get to spend time with my turtle, and since he doesn't like always being in the water, sometimes I take him out of the tank.

When I get home, I also have the chance to visit my cousins. Home is the place for me.

*By Daniel B.*

No place like home is home, because home is safe. When I get home, I look forward to seeing my fish and feeding him.

Home is the best because at home you can lay on your bed and go to sleep.

Dorothy has a pet dog named Toto and I have a pet fish named Blue. Dorothy lives in a cottage, and I live in a house.

*By Mia S.*

## What Does School Mean to Me?

### Third Grade

There are many reasons why I like being in Third Grade. This is the first grade that I have been in where I get to touch and interact with animals. I get to watch movies, and I also get to do science.

We also do science in class. In my class the science we do is we learn about animals like mammals, reptiles, birds, and amphibians.

In class, we also do Writing/Language arts. I also get to be on the iPads or a computer and I get to do a program called GG ST Math.

One reason I like Third Grade is that I have pets in the class. You can take these pets home and you can play with the pets. There is a hamster, mouse, two goldfish, a tadpole, two birds, and we are about to hatch one-hundred silkworm eggs. We get to feed the animals. We also get to touch them.

Another reason why I like Third Grade is my teacher, Ms. LaCombe. She gives my class treats and she sometimes puts on a movie. My teacher is nice she is also the mayor of the elementary village.

*By Michael R.*

I like to play with the class pets and take them home on Friday. We have zebra finches that are birds and they have three eggs. They need quiet to lay more eggs. It takes 10 days until the eggs hatch. We also have

mice that are white and gray. One mice died and got buried. We got more pet animals in our classroom.

We do apps on iPads. Kids get treats when they are purple. Kids have their own pets. The kids' pets always need food, water, and shelter. The pets are in the cage. They are warm-blooded and cold-blooded.

*By Daniel B.*

### Fourth Grade

What I like about Fourth Grade is my teacher, Ms. Brown. I like the fact that she likes to have fun like playing games and reading books. I also like the fact that she wants us to have fun. My favorite way to have fun in class is Friday Funday when we play games together. My favorite game to play would be Monopoly Jr. My favorite character to use is the dog. I like playing as this character because it reminds me of my dog Fanny.

I also like being in Fourth Grade because of all the fun games like ST Math and Accelerated reader. My favorite game to play on the iPad is ST Math. This is my favorite game because it involves math and my favorite subject is math. I also like these games because my teacher lets us see our progress on the classroom wall, and I think it's really cool.

My favorite part

about Fourth Grade is getting to read all of the amazing books in our fourth grade library. So far, my favorite book is Judy Blume's *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. This was my favorite book to read because of all the funny things Fudge does. My favorite part of the book is when Fudge explains to Peter and his mom where the turtle went.

So at the end what I like about Fourth Grade is the fun I have with my classmates and my teacher.

*By Leilah L.*

I love being older and learning new things with my teacher Ms. Brown. My favorite part is our literature circle. We get to read new books that are always good. I know I can trust Ms. Brown because she has good taste in books.

Also another thing I like is when we went to the Music Center and saw Legend Dances. It was awesome. I am glad I have a good teacher, because she says we can only be doing practice book pages, but we also do fun stuff like Literature Circle, ST Math, and P.E. I am learning and having a great time.

Friday is my favorite day of the week for two reasons. Of course It is my favorite because it is the end of the week and because of Friday Funday. Friday Funday is when the class does work and then gets to play. I hope I keep learning in

fun ways but until then I am excited for Fifth Grade.

I have a sister in Fifth Grade, LaBella Rose. Her teacher is Ms. Tigolo, and she is a funny teacher also she likes math and I like math. I have a good feeling about next year. My sister always says she likes what she does in Fifth Grade. Plus the only reason we have a lot of field trips is because of her class. We did the opera called The Legend of Cannery Row because of her. If her class does a cool thing, I know I am going. Plus I will be getting older and am just one grade away from middle school and will graduate. Ms. Tigolo also has a lot of books in her room. I think she will be a great teacher who has everything I like in her one little room. Since I am not in her class yet and am still in Fourth Grade, she could be the complete opposite of what I expect.

I hope this year doesn't end though. I've been having a good time with my friends. At the end though, I will want to keep going and never end because once I am in Fifth Grade, there is no turning back. I know it will all be worth it though because I want to go to college and if I'm going to do that, I first need to though all of the elementary years.

*By Ronald S.*

I like being in Fourth Grade, because we do cool things like opera

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with the LA Opera Company and field trips to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. I also like 4th grade because we get to do my favorite subjects—science, writing and social studies—and we get to do Friday Funday. I like Friday Funday because we get to play games with all our friends. My teacher made Friday Funday so if you need to catch up in reading, you read with a group of people who need to catch up. Also, if you are a 4 in reading you can play games.

I am excited for fifth grade because Ms. Tigolo is the best teacher in the world! I hope in 5th grade I can do an opera with the LA Opera Company because I like that we got to work with Eli because he was funny. I also want to work with LA Opera Company because the characters Turandot, Teacher Joni, Cal and Bus Driver Bob are great in the opera and it is nice to hear them sing. I also liked that we got to talk to the characters after the opera. If we do another opera, I would want to do Pinocchio.

In Fifth Grade, I want to writing more than any other subject and I am excited to learn new things everyday. I also want to go to new field trips. In 5th grade I want to join Press Friends/Foshay Flash and Robotics.

I don't want to leave school during the Summer because I don't like

it when I am away from my friends.

*By Jordan P.*

I like the Fourth Grade because we go on field trips, and we do fun things. The field trips we've gone on are the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the Getty museum.

The fun things we do are playing games and using the iPad. My favorite subjects are art, and writing. I like art because you get to feel different things like textures, and you learn more ways to make art. I like to write because you can write about what you feel and what you are thinking.

I did an opera. The opera was about immigrants and the Chinese. The title of the opera was The Legend of Canary Row. We had practice about 20 times so that we could memorize everything. I think the opera was a success because we did everything good.

Next year, in Fifth Grade, I think I will have fun because I will learn new things and reach new goals. I think I will go on fun field trips and do fun things. The fun things I think we will do are join PressFriends again and Robotics. I think Ms. Tigolo is a fun teacher because I've heard good things about her.

*By Katelyn M.*

The thing I like about Fourth Grade is when we

go on field trips because every body is so calm. I met a person name Leroy Villanueva and Eli Villanueva and they taught us about pronunciation. They taught us how to be focused and what a librettist is—the librettist is the person who does the script for the opera to tell the story. The director directed really good when he was directing my class. He taught us a lot of new stuff and his voice is amazing. LeRoy, his brother, played Bus Driver Bob and he did a great job interrupting Teacher Jones. I was in the opera as one of the children doing the solo song.

When I get to the Fifth Grade, I'll have so much fun because we're going to fundraise and be able to read books by Roald Dahl and by Tui T. Sutherland. We are going to have so much fun in Fifth grade because we go on lots of field trips like Dorothy Chandler Pavilion so we can see operas, plays, musicals, and more. I'm ten and I will love Fifth Grade because all the people are so thoughtful. My friends are nice to me when we go some where so I thank them for always looking out for me.

*By Sky B.*

The thing I like about Fourth Grade is math. I like math because it is fun, and I'm good at it. The other things I like about Fourth Grade is field trips, because I get

to meet famous people. The people I met were Eli Villanueva and LeRoy Villanueva and we did an opera with them. It was very fun performing in front of people. A field trip we went to see was Alvin Ailey. We saw two versions of the dance. A field trip I'm looking forward to going to is Disneyland because it is a very fun place to go.

This is one of the best years of my life but I am looking forward to moving on to Fifth Grade. I hope Fifth Grade will be the same or better than Fourth Grade. I hope Fifth Grade will be interesting and I hope we will going on fun field trips.

The books I'm reading in Fourth Grade are *Wings of Fire* by Tui T Sutherland, which is a very good book and I hope to finish the whole series of *Wings of Fire*. I want to try to read all the books by Tui T Sutherland. Another series of books are *Harry Potter*. I already read the first book in the series and want to finish all the books. My goal is to try to finish all the *Wings of Fire* and all the *Harry Potter* books.

In the future, I want to reach all the goals I set - like always getting 100% on ST Math and Accelerated Reader.

*By Stephen G.*

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### Fourth Grade

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What I like to do in Fourth Grade is write paragraphs, read, learning about entrepreneurs, and learn about science. I like my teacher Ms. Brown, because she has a lot of games and sometimes we have Friday Funday and get to play her board games like Monopoly, Clue, Big Bang Theory, Clue, Candy Land, Disney Princess Candy Land, and The Allowance Game.

At my school we have field trips like going to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to see an opera and it was amazing! We also went to Getty Museum. Sometimes my favorite part of my school day is when me and my class have free time and when we have literature Circle and book clubs. We also did an Opera, called The Legend Of Cannery Row, and it was about immigration, hope, love, and sacrifice. My class and the 5th grade class were also in the opera. We met all of the actors.

By Tayler W.

### Fifth Grade

In Fifth Grade, we do all sorts of things. We do art, math and we even train with an Olympians. We also participate in a lot of field trips like Disneyland, opera, and more.

Our teacher for dance, Ms. Wilkerson,

she teaches us very cool dances. We watched Alvin Ailey 2. It was pretty and looked cool.

When you are in Fifth Grade, you get to do more activities and afterschool stuff. I love to read and Ms. Tigolo has many books for my selection. I love to learn lessons from Ms. Tigolo because she always makes them fun.

I go to Book Up club, and that's my favorite afterschool activity.

I love when Ms. Tigolo does math. She makes math really fun.

We did an opera about Cannery Row. My favorite part was our masks and the singers of course.

I love fluency and reading and anything like that. PressFriends is fun.

When Ms. Tigolo tells stories she makes reading fun. I love when it's rainy because we get to play games. I can't wait to get to Sixth Grade because we will have more classes and probably experience new things. I am also looking forward to NAI, getting A's and meeting new people.

By Dajah N.

I like Fifth Grade because we do a lot of activities, like dance, exercise with a Olympian and participate in programs. Our teacher for dance is Ms. Wilkerson. She teaches us new dances every Wednesday, but first we warm up, stretch and then we

start dancing. For exercising, we do the same thing— we warm up, stretch and work out.

In Fifth Grade we go to Disneyland for the end of the year field trip. We get there at 10:00 and leave at 12:00 am. Sometimes we take the 4th Graders.

Also we did an opera. The characters were trying to save each others' lives. The name of the opera is *The Legend of Cannery Row*.

The programs that we have in Fifth Grade is Book Club, Robotics and PressFriends. In class, when we do math, it's fun because Ms. Tigolo makes math fun and funny. She also tells us stories about when she was little.

There are a lot of activities I like in Troy Camp, like swimming, hiking and art.

In Sixth Grade there is NAI and I want to get A's in every class. That's what I want to do in Sixth Grade.

By Tesla A.

I like being in 5th grade because we do a lot of stuff that is cool, awesome, and amazing. Ms. Tigolo usually signs us up for everything she has heard of or found out about. She signs us up for everything because she, trusts my class, and but if we misbehave, that's another story that I'll save for later.

Ms. Tigolo signed us up for Art, Science, and lots and lots of other stuff that 4th grade

would like when they are in 5th grade. Ms. Tigolo even books us a field trip at Disneyland, The Happiest Place On Earth.

I also like the fact that we have afterschool activities like Book Club, Robotics, and PressFriends. Who can forget about Press Friends?

By Chelsie H.

I like being in 5th grade because I like my teacher Ms. Tigolo and my friends. I like the field trips, because they teach me about culture and art. I also like the way Ms. Tigolo teaches and some of the assignments, but mostly I like the fact that I am the oldest in 5th grade so it gives me some authority.

I like the fact that we have after school activities such as Book Club, Robotics, and last but not least PressFriends!

What I don't like is the fact that some of the kids have really bad behavior and they don't get in trouble. Even when the teacher knows!

It teaches you that people don't get what they deserve and people that deserve stuff get nothing! It isn't fair but you have to deal with it. I know I have to be good because if I am not and my teacher doesn't punish me, my parents will.

But don't let the bad stuff take away from the good. I am looking forward to Sixth Grade because my friends are coming to Foshay and it will be fun to have them here.

By LaBella Rose S.

## Middle School

By Gabriela M.

I enjoy being in the Sixth Grade, but it is a big change from being in elementary. I have 7 periods instead of just having one. Having 7 periods can be fun because you have different teachers, more time for different subjects, and more. Having 7 periods can also have its bad sides too, because there's more pressure on you and you have a certain amount of time to get to each class.

I'm in robotics, which is my first period, and in that class I was able to participate in the First Lego competition and that was really fun, and even if my team didn't win, we learned a lot about teamwork. I also was also a part of the Mesa day where I was in the Eggxpress challenge. I didn't win but now I know what to fix the next time that I go to a competition for robotics.

Being in Robotics can be fun because of all the projects you get to do and you're getting more knowledge about these types of things. In Robotics, the teacher's name is Mr. Newhouse and he teaches us all about being an engineer.

For my second period I have P.E. and my teacher's name is Ms. Hodes. For P.E. there's time for sports (basketball and volleyball and other sports) and we also do different kinds of moves to keep us healthy. For P.E., there are different types of tests that you have to

pass in order to show that you're learning something or that you're in the healthy zone.

For my third and fourth periods, I have the same teacher which is Ms. Pippin, and she teaches Math and Science. Math is fun because everyone in the class learns a lot and the teacher can be a little funny at times. Science is fun because we have fun projects to do but they can be difficult too.

My fifth period's teacher's name is Ms. Burton. For fifth period I have English and it's fun. For English right now we are reading the book called "Children Of Willesden Lane" and so far the book is fascinating because of all the details and the story is just so interesting to read but that isn't all we do, we also have vocabulary words sometimes in our interactive notebook.

My sixth period's teacher is also Ms. Burton. I have Ancient Civilization but most people call the class social studies. In that class I am learning about how our civilization started and about early man. We read books based on what we are learning then we might watch a video based on what we have read.

For my last period I have French and the teacher's name is Ms. Wickhorst. French is fun to learn and it isn't so hard. For French class, I do word search that are

in French based on the holiday. I also learn basic French words like numbers and greeting words, and on certain days we might learn more advanced French words.

Having all 7 periods is fun and hard but luckily between classes there's nutrition, lunch, and passing periods where we have time to walk to class. I have to try hard to keep up my grades, make lots of time for my homework, and I also have to try to keep up my goal of never missing a day. I have never missed a day of school.

I got into the honor roll this year for having a good GPA so I got a silver medal, and I also love coming to school.

I am looking forward to 7th grade next year because I think that's going to be a great challenge and I love challenges. I now know I just have to keep working hard to stay in N.A.I. (USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative), because N.A.I. is a program that is helping me a lot in 6th grade, so I want to continue and be successful.

I want to continue to work hard in N.A.I. to do well in school, get into a good university, make lots of money, and become a great person. I know that I can achieve these goals in the future if I work hard, am well-educated, and take the challenges to learn new things.

By Gabriela M.



PressFriends Foreign Correspondent**Irish Dance in Northern Ireland**

By Evelina M., Northern Ireland



Irish dancing isn't all big wigs and fake tan. Here in Ireland, it's as common as football or swimming. If you speak to anyone, they will all tell you that they had to Irish dance at some point in their life, willingly or not. Most of us are thrown into lessons as soon as we can walk, but only a few of us actually stay with the sport into our teenage years. We become addicted to the long practice hours and even longer competitions.

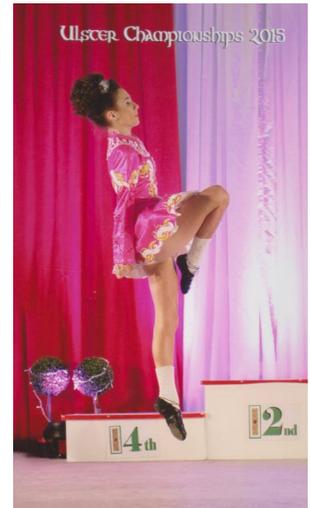
There are two main styles in Irish dancing. The light dances that we do in our pumps, which are similar to ballet shoes. These dances are light and fairylike with lots of high kicks and even higher jumps. We also have our heavy dances, where we have another pair of special shoes, made of leather with hard taps, like tap shoes. This is my favorite because we get to make a lot of noise and I like to take my



anger out on the floor.

So, after you know all your dances, you compete at feises, which in Irish translates to competition. You dance two dances on stage against up to 50 people in your age category, or even 200 at major competitions like the World Championships. This is where all the glitz and glamour comes in. It's a bit like performing on stage in a play or musical, you want to stand out on, which is why our dresses have so

many sequins and diamonds so they sparkle and shine on stage. We also have to wear stage makeup so that we don't look washed out like a ghost, and it doesn't help that we are already pretty pale in the first place! I can't sing or dance or play the violin, but I love performing on stage because when you're up there it feels like you're just inches from flying.



My favorite bit isn't the competing. It's the friendships that you form. Don't get me wrong though, we come home from every class with sore legs and blisters on our feet and most of the time we don't get the competition results we want, but I Irish dance because I have grown to love both the pain and the beauty of it.



## Beautiful Bunnies

By Leilah L.

**B**unnies are cute, small, fuzzy and they can hop very high. These features make bunnies fun to play with but also makes them hard to train. However, training them is a challenge, and I like a challenge. In fact that's probably what I like best about them, as well as the fact that they are cuddly.

In third grade, we first had class pets and we fed them everyday. I never wanted to feed anything but the two bunnies.

The two bunnies names were Chip and Ace. They were two dark black bunnies who loved to eat. The bunnies were the reason why I stayed inside dur-

ing every recess. I would play with them and let them out of their cage they pooped all over the place. I remember once when I was holding Ace, she pooped little pellets on me and I had to run to the bathroom and wipe it all off. That was a fun time.



## Cute Bunnies

By LaBella Rose S.

**B**unnies are the cutest animals around.

Bunnies are baby rabbits, however a fun fact scientifically is that they are called a rabbit.

Bunnies/rabbits are mammals found in a lot of places all over the

world. Rabbits/bunnies are very tame and not demanding of attention and food. They can be trained to do tricks and play games just like dogs! They can even be trained to use the litter-box.

Bunnies are just like dogs but more tame! Bunnies don't make much noise so you don't have to worry about your neighbors complaining.

I learned things I didn't know before and am glad I wrote about bunnies.



## Curious Cats

By Michael R.

**T**here are lots of different types of cats. I have a cat named Tigger who is colored black, gray, and white. He likes to play fetch. He is very smart, and he can open a

door. He is cute and cuddly and at night he cuddles with me. Tigger also scratches me and plays with my hand.

A long time ago cats were gods.

Sometimes my cat can be nice or mean. You can feed cats hard food and soft food. Tigger's fur is soft and sometimes he lays on me or on my face.

## Mice as Pets

By Mia S.

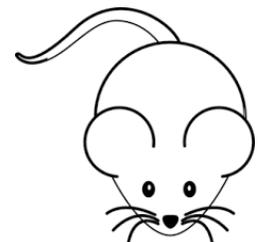
**M**ice are good pets. Mice eat between 15 and 20 times a day. Mice are good jumpers and climbers. Mice predators

are cats, snakes and foxes. Mice need food, water and shelter and can't stay in the sun.

Mice eat seeds, fruit,

beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers and leafhoppers.

Mice need a cage and bedding.



## Huskies

By Sarah G.



**H**uskies are dogs that are part of the wolf family. Some of them have blue eyes. Some of them also have black and white fur. They have pointy ears and they can hear really good. They can even hear the wolf howl. They are really hard to train because they are just like wolves.

They are really small when they are born.

They like to run a lot. If you have one you will know how hard it is to keep up. They also like to hike a lot and they like to play a lot. They have wild roots, so huskies are full of energy. They like to eat human food more than dog food. They like to be in a pack with other dogs—any kind of dogs.

I like huskies because

they are smart and super cute. I also like huskies because of their color. Huskies have a lot of energy and you could play with them any time. They like doing anything with you that involves running with them. They do not like sharing their family and owners with other dogs. If you have a husky, you will know how it feels.

## Dogs

By Alexis M.



**D**ogs help guide people, but only some dogs guide blind people. Some dogs eat food from a can and some eat dry dog food.

You can train a dog to listen to you by giving it a treat.

Some dogs live in the wild. There are many species of wild dogs, and they include foxes and wolves. Other dogs became tamed by people at some point.

A dog is going to die for a reason—maybe because it's too old or it does not have enough

food and water. Some dogs have owners to protect them. When the dog dies, the owner might be really sad if the owner really loves the dog.

Some dogs are called working dogs because the dog works with police officers or helps people that are blind. Dogs can also help fire fighters, and can locate people lost in the snow. Dog also help on ranches and farms.

Every dog needs food, water, and shelter and sometimes space. Dogs are interesting be-

cause they are loving, caring, and they have soft fur. Dog owners fall in love with their dogs and sometimes run around with their dogs and let their dogs to bed with them.

I wonder if dogs enjoy helping people? Dogs can be your friend. Dogs can protect your house. Dogs have many colors and some have spots. Dogs also have wet noses. Adult dogs have about 42 teeth. Dogs are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and meats.

## Dogs

By Daniel B.



**I**would buy a dog because they are soft and furry. Dogs play fetch and chase sticks. Dogs are color blind. I like medium dogs because

they are friendly. Adult dogs have 42 teeth. Dogs hearing are 10 times more accurate than a person. A dog's nose is like a person's finger-

print. Dogs eat all foods, except chocolate because they will die. Female dogs carry their puppies for 60 days. Dogs communicate by barking.

## Golden Retrievers

By Katelyn M.

**G**olden Retrievers are pretty and fun to play with, even if I don't have one. I would like to get a Golden Retriever one day, and if I do, I would have fun with it everyday. I would try to do everything I could to make it live a long life. If I got a Golden Retriever,

I would name it Zoey.

Golden Retriever's shed a lot so the dog might need to have its hair brushed every day.

Golden Retrievers are really active, so you need to give them 40- 60 minutes of exercise everyday. They get over

weight easily so you need to feed them good food and you can't leave their food out all day.

Golden Retrievers are friendly but they are heavy and can knock down a little child.

Male retrievers are 24 inches and usually weigh 65 to 75 pounds.



## Foxes

By Tesla A.

**F**oxes are my favorite because they are so cute and they eat mice, voles, hamsters, gerbils, gopher and woodchucks. Also they hunt opossums, raccoons, rabbits, birds, reptiles and insects.

Did you know that Grey Fox, which lives in North America, are the only dogs that can climb trees?

Foxes also live underground and where they are called their dens.

There are 27 types of foxes including the Fennec, Red Fox, Arctic, Culpeo, Corsac, Tibetan Sand, Grey Fox, Bat-Eared, Pampas, Kit, Swift, Island, Crab eating, Blanford's, Ruppell, Ethiopian, Cape, South American Grey, Bengal,

Hoary, Pale, Darwin, Sechuran, Short Eared, Falkland Island, Cosumel and Cerdocyon.

Also foxes are members of the dog family. They can live for up to 14 years.

Did you know that a girl fox is named a vixen and a boy fox is a dog? Young foxes can be called pups or cub.



## Flamingos

By Gabriela M.

**F**lamingos are very unique compared to other animals. One special thing about flamingos are that they can balance on one foot.

Flamingos are a beautiful pink color but sometimes flamingos can have gray and white feather too.

There are flamingos

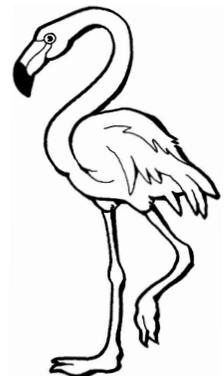
are kept in zoos so people can go and see these beautiful, impressive animals. Most likely, flamingos are kept in large groups near a pond maybe at the zoo. These large groups are called colonies.

Flamingos at zoos are kept healthy. Most flamingos eat algae, crus-

taceans, brine shrimp, diatoms, and aquatic plants.

There are three types of flamingos. These are Greater flamingos, American flamingo and the Chilean flamingo.

Flamingos are a type of bird. Their scientific name for a flamingo is Phoenicopterus.



## Pandas

By Jordan P.



I like Pandas because they're cute and they fluffy, I have asked my mother to buy me a panda but she said "What is the point of getting a panda?"

And then she said "Is that illegal?" and I said "Yeah."

I also like pandas because pandas protect one another. I mostly

like that they are taking care of each other because I want pandas to live on and on.

### Fun Facts

Bamboo is the most important plant in a pandas life since they eat a lot of bamboo. Pandas eat bamboo for about 12 hours every day.

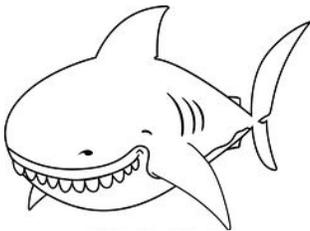
Another Fun Fact about pandas is that the Chinese are setting the pandas into the wild!

Pandas live in forests, and besides bamboo, pandas eat grasses, bulbs, some insects and some fruits,

Pandas can be 5 feet long and baby cubs are born hairless and with their eyes closed.

## Great White Sharks

By Stephen G.



The great white shark is impressive because they are big and they're very good swimmers. The great white shark is the biggest of all sharks.

A young shark can eat fish, rays, and other sharks. Adult sharks eat larger prey like sea lions and seals. They can also eat otters and sea turtles.

The great white shark can be located along the coasts of Australia, South Africa, California and the Northeastern United States.

A great white shark can weigh up to 1500-to 2400 pounds. The biggest great white shark can reach up to 20 feet long. The average female is 15-16 feet long,

while a male generally reaches up to 11-13 feet long.

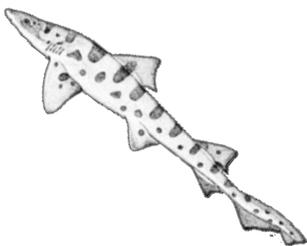
A shark can have up to 50 teeth in their mouth.

All the facts I learned about the great white shark were very interesting and I learned a lot.

It was fun learning about the great white shark.

## Leopard Sharks

By Sky B.



The leopard shark is a species of hound shark, in the family triakidae. It is found along the Pacific Coast of North America, from the U.S. state of Oregon to Mazatlan in Mexico.

Known for its distinctive dark spots, the leopard shark can live up to 30 years, taking more than a decade to reach

maturity. They generally only grow to about 4 to 5 feet and the heaviest ever recorded weighed in at 40lbs.

While a few leopard sharks have been documented traveling hundreds of kilometers, most leopard sharks tend to remain in a localized area for much of their lives.

Leopard sharks like to hunt small fish to eat and they feed their babies the fish they catch.

I like sharks because they like to play and if they bite you, they could be deadly.

I don't like the fact that they could kill people I like the part where they can be helpful for each other.

# Sharks

By Dajah N.

I like sharks a little bit because they are really friendly and generally they are afraid of humans.

I like sharks because of Jaws, which was a really cool movie.

I also like sharks because they have five to seven gills.

Sharks can live 20-30 years in the wild.

Sharks are really cute in my opinion. You are more likely to die in a car accident than a shark attack.

Sharks can go 31mph as an adult. Sharks live in the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic and Southern. They can also be found in freshwater lakes and in the Amazon River.

Sharks eat smaller fish and invertebrates. Some larger sharks eat things like seals, sea lions and other marine animals.

There are 470 species known that are sharks.

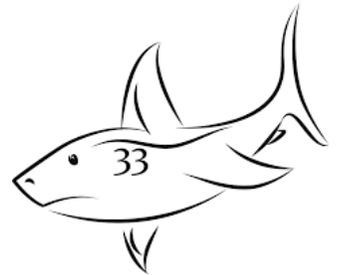
Sharks will drown if they stop moving. Great

white sharks are endangered and we need to help.

Most sharks are cold blooded but maybe two are warm blooded. Sharks have eggs and some sharks give birth.

Sharks live in warm water because they are cold blooded. Most sharks breathe with their mouths open under water.

Some sharks can stop to sleep. It was really interesting to learn more about sharks.



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We had a great year at the *Foshay Flash*, thanks to the huge efforts by our faculty advisor and your fifth grade teacher, Jasmine Tigolo. We are so proud of all the reporters and mentors for their work on the *Foshay Flash* newspaper.

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We hope that everyone has a great summer and hope you'll join us next year as either a reporter or mentor.

Thank you to our Faculty Advisor  
Jasmine Tigolo



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