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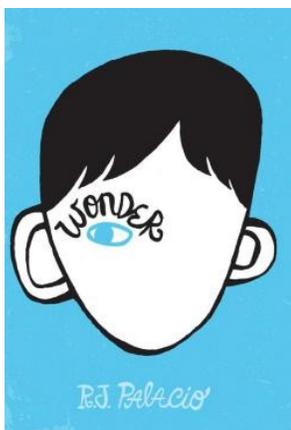
## The Wonderful Read

By Zoe M. and Kaile R.

If you are a 5th grader at 7th Street School you have probably read the book, *Wonder*. This book shows how it feels to be bullied. Many people have been bullied before and it's not fun. Though many others have never been bullied, but they are pretty sure it sucks.

The story is about a boy named August who has a deformed face. He goes to a school and makes some very nice friends. He meets some mean kids too, but he makes it through the 5th grade.

*Wonder* is a best seller. It has inspired kids to write poems, songs, and stories based on the story. Some people even celebrate



little Augie's birthday. This just shows how great this book is.

R.J Palacio wrote the book because of an experience she had with her kids. The writing style is unique. The author Palacio took turns writing from each characters' point of view. In the story she wrote herself as August's friends' babysitter.

Palacio writes, "It is hard to fit in when you were born to stand out," but that

doesn't mean that people shouldn't let you fit in.

Many people would rate this book 4 or 5 stars out of 5 stars. You should read this book because it is WONDER-ful.

## Our Best Friends

By Isabella T.

There are a lot of dogs in the world. This article will cover five very popular breeds.

The first one is the Chihuahua. Chihuahuas, for a fact, are the smallest dogs in the world. Chihuahuas usually only weigh about 7 pounds.

The next dog is a Labrador (Lab). Labs only live for about 10-12 years. Different types of Labs are the Black Lab, the Yellow Lab, the Chocolate Lab, and the Silver Lab.



Another popular dog breed is the Basset Hound. The Basset Hound can get really fat,

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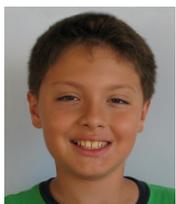
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## Dubstep Music

By Keone A.

**D**ubstep takes sounds from other songs or things to make really cool music. Dubstep music focuses on the drums and bass and less on vocals, so the music has an electronic sound.

### Creating Dubstep Music

Dubstep music can be very hard to make. You have to edit many times to get the music right. People usually take phrases of songs and mash them together and try to see if it sounds good.

People sometimes create and do the things on a com-

puter to make dubstep. People usually will check on an amplifier. This helps the creator figure out how high or low the sound is. This is how dubstep is created.

There are many famous people that make dubstep for a living. One popular dubstep artist is Skrillex.

### Using Dubstep Music

Dubstep music can be used for many different things. People on Vine, which is an app, use dubstep music in their videos. Vine is a service where users can loop five to

six second videos and share them on the Internet. Dubstep can be heard on some football vines.

Some people just make YouTube videos with dubstep to entertain other people. People make dubstep into other videos to make them sound fantastic. Dubstep music is really cool.

Dubstep is also used by a lot of music artists in their recordings. Dubstep is one of the best and most popular genres of music in the entire world.



Skrillex performing

## Disney Trivia on the Net

By Rosanna G.

**D**o you know any Disney secrets? Well if you don't, there are a lot of websites that think of all different types of possible secrets. These sites focus on "Disney Conspiracies," and come up with stories that make characters in one story related to characters in other stories. It's fun to read and you can make up your own stories too using your favorite Disney stories or other stories too.

In "The Little Mermaid," the mermaid Ariel is the

daughter of King Triton, who is the king of the ocean. One of the conspiracy websites says that Hercules is the brother of King Triton so that Ariel is Hercules's cousin.

Some sites speculate that the sunken ship in Little Mermaid was the ship that sank with Elsa and Anna's parents in "Frozen." Or that they landed on an island and gave birth to Tarzan.

In addition to some fun stories, Disney fans have also spotted characters from other Disney films making

cameos. It looks like Rapunzel is attending Elsa's coronation. You can see her for a half second in the movie, and the character has the same chopped haircut as Rapunzel in "Tangled."

The genie in "Aladdin" runs into Sebastian from "Little Mermaid" when looking in a cookbook.

There are a lot of Disney characters spotted in movies other than there own, so keep watching and see if you can catch a visiting Disney star.



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## Fashion News

By Vivienne



Many people love fashion. When some people grow up, they want to be a fashion designer.

Others just love drawing people, and they like thinking up different outfits for them.

When girls get their quinceanera on their fifteenth birthday, they might want to pick the prettiest dress in the world. People will hope you get the perfect dress.

Some girls like Barbie dolls and they love dressing them. There are a lot of

cute clothes for Barbies and for other dolls.

### Fashion Tips

Here are some tips to dress cutely:

- Ask your mom if you can go to the mall and buy some cute clothes. You may have to wait for a special occasion, and you can check magazines and talk with your friends while you are waiting.
- Talk to your friends about what they think are cute fashions.
- Try to make good clothes choices when you dress for school or to go out.
- Ask your grandma to help you match your clothes.
- Look at the clothes that other people are wearing. In a magazine that recently was published, Taylor Swift was so cute.
- Come up with your own unique fashion, and become a fashionista. People may follow your fashion!

## Mega Million Twins—Mary Kate and Ashley

By Jennifer S.



Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen are twin sisters. They are 28.

Let's get into the story now. The twins were young Hollywood producers in 1992, since they were 6 years old. They were both in the TV show "Full House" when they were about 9 months old.

If you are wondering why I said that they were both in "Full House," when there was only one baby character (Michelle Tanner),

it was because of restrictions on kids working. But it worked out for the show, because if Mary Kate got hurt or sick Ashley would take her place. And if the same thing happened to Ashley, Mary Kate took her place. They would do that because they are identical twins and look the same, so no one would know!

Their birthday is on June 13, 1986. When they were little they were really good actors because they were

really funny in their TV shows. They also have books on their hit shows.

Today, they are in the fashion design business. They have a fashion line called Elizabeth & James and one called The Row.

Mary Kate and Ashley won the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) Womenswear Designer of the Year award in 2012, the CFDA's Accessories Designer of the Year award in 2014

## LA Kings triumph in 2014

By Max F.

The L.A. Kings have been on a roll for the past three years. They made the National Hockey League finals three years in a row, and won their first two Stanley Cups in two of those years. The Stanley Cup is the championship game in the National Hockey League.

In 2012, the L.A. Kings won the Stanley Cup by beating the New Jersey Devils four games to two. That was only the second time that the L.A. Kings had reached the finals. The first

time was in 1993 with Wayne Gretzky on the team.

In the 2012 finals, the New Jersey Devils were the 9th seeded team of 16 playoff teams, and the LA. Kings were thirteenth before entering the finals.

The Kings did a sweep in the first series and lost one and won four, won four and lost three, and lost two and won four in 2012 to give them their first cup.

In 2014, the L.A. Kings beat the New York Rangers four games to one.

The Kings have a great lineup with Dustin Brown 'C,' Anza Kopitar 'A,' Jonathan Quick, and Trevor Lewis. Maybe the Kings can be the second team to win the Stanley cup next to the Detroit Red Wings for two years in a row.

The Western Conference for the past few years have been more dominate than the Eastern Conference, which means they are in a hard conference. The L.A. Kings have a lot of hard work to do to win the 2015 Stanley Cup.



## AYSO Soccer—Everyone Plays

By Olivia C. and PressFriends

AYSO stands for the American Youth Soccer Organization. There are AYSO teams everywhere now, but it only started in 1964 in Torrance.

AYSO is run by six principals. First, everyone plays. It's not much fun for only the good players to play, and it's hard to get better if you don't get a chance to play.

The second principle is that the teams are balanced. AYSO tries to put good players on every

team, so that each team has a chance to win.

The third principle is open registration, which means that anyone who wants to sign up can do so. There are no tryouts and no selection process.

The fourth principle is positive coaching. The coaches should make every player feel good about themselves and playing soccer.

The fifth principle is being a good sport. It is im-

portant to tell the other team congratulations if they win and not to make them feel bad if they lose.

The last principle is player development. All the players should learn about the game and how to improve their skills.

My soccer team was the Seattle Sounders. We had a great defense and were able to keep other teams from scoring a goal. When the Seattle Sounders made goals it was so exciting!



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## Famous Singers

By Ayla T. and Madison M.



A lot of great singers aren't recognized for all their great talents. Everybody is all caught up in Katy Perry and Iggy Azalea. Their bright lights can overshadow some very talented artists, who are successful and recognized, but not on the same scale.

### John Newman

First up is an amazing young man, John Newman. John Newman was born June 16, 1990, in North Yorkshire, England, U.K. When John

was six, his father left the family with only a pound per day to live on. When he was 14, John was inspired to make music by listening to Motown and Stax. His dancing and singing was also influenced by Northern Soul sound

Newman is 24 years old. As a young solo artist, Newman has sold over 1.3 million records in the U.K alone!

### Lindsay Haun

Next up is Lindsey Haun. You may have heard of her from

the *Addams Family* and a new T.V. show *True Blood*. Lindsey's father was a musician who played the guitar left handed. Her mom was a choreographer. Lindsey was born in 1995, and is currently 29 years old. In her acting years, she has been in over 30 movies. For her first appearance on television, she was in a Little Caesar's commercial.

So hopefully, this article has convinced you to try new artists other than Katy Perry and Iggy Azalea.



## Perfect Pugs

By Matthew M.



Pugs are a great type of dog breed. They are perfect for kids, parents, and family members. But don't forget to take a shower because these cute little friends shed, a LOT.

Believe it or not, they used to be Chinese guardians. Pugs accompanied Chinese kings and queens.

If you're interested in having a Pug, you should have a 7 to 10 foot back-

yard because they like to run.

When they are puppies, you can let them inside the house, but I think you should get a gate so you don't accidentally hurt them.

## Our Best Friends—Dogs

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and it has really short legs. You might think that this dog can't hunt but it can! It's true! Weird right?

The next one is the Boxer. Boxers love to be with

their owners, so if you don't have time for them, don't get a Boxer. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Boxers were used to fight!

The last dog breed is the Brussels Griffon. This dog

comes in a lot of colors. This dog likes to act like a human.

This is only a small selection of the many dogs in the whole world.

## Movie Review: Frozen

By Sophie P.

**F**rozen is a Disney movie that is rated PG. The movie is about a princess and her magic power. Her power is that she can make ice sculptures.

The characters in *Frozen* are Anna (played by Kristen Bell), Elsa (played by Idina Menzel), Olaf the snowman (played by Josh Gad), Kristoff (played by Jonathan Groff) who plays

Kristoff, and Hans (played by Santino Fontana).

The directors of the movie are Jenifer Lee and Chris Buck. The music is by Christopher Beck and the lyrics are by Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez.

The story takes place in a frozen castle and it is in the North Mountain. Some of the most popular songs in the movie are "Let it Go"

and "Do You Want to Build a Snow Man?"

The movie is on DVD now and it used to be in the theaters. It is a very popular movie because many people watched it and enjoyed it.

The people that would like this movie are girls because girls like princesses and princes. This is the best movie because it is loved by so many people..



## Movie Review: Wreck It Ralph

By Juliana

**W**reck It Ralph is about characters in a video game. Ralph is a kind person that does not want to be a bad guy. He helps a kid named Penelope. She is a computer glitch. She can't leave her game. Kids are mean to her because they don't have memories of her.

An evil person erased their memories. He did it because he was a computer glitch too. The whole point is to get Penelope to become a real racer.

The main characters in this animated movie are Ralph and Penelope. This movie is the best movie be-

cause it has a man and a kid that work together to help each other.

The music is by Henry Jackman. The movie was directed by Rich Moore and edited by Tim Metens. The voices are by John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jack Mcbrayer, and Jane Lynch.



## Comic Review: Batman

By Jacob R. and Donald A.

**B**atman is a character that saves people who are in big trouble. He is a man that never gives up, even when he wishes to.

Batman became Batman to catch the bad guys that killed his mom and dad.

The Joker was the first bad person to battle Batman in a fight. At the end, Batman put Joker away.

Batman works with Robin. There have been two Robin characters. The second one, betrayed Batman.

Now, Batman has other things to do. It must be hard to keep your identity a secret!

There are three movies about Batman and they are making a new one. Batman is the best superhero ever



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## Monster High Dolls

By Ashley C.



Monster High is a popular line of dolls owned by Mattel. This doll line came out in 2010. The six common Monster High dolls are Frankie Stein, Cleo De Nile, Clawdeen Wolf, Draculaura, Lagoona Blue, and Goalie Yelps.

Monster High has filmed lots of movies. Last year's movie was "Freaky Fusion." To save Monster High, the ghouls have to learn from the hybrids to control their fused powers.

This spring, Monster High will be in a movie called

"Haunted." It is about the ghouls getting fused together.

Every year many new characters come out. The meaning of this doll line is to embrace you inside and out. You should start collecting these awesome dolls.

## The Mean, Clean, Infinity Team

By Dean C.



There is a new game on Xbox360, PlayStation, Wii U, Xbox One, and Playstation4. This wonderful game is called *DISNEY INFINITY*. This game is the best game to get if you like super heroes because you play as super heroes, like the Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, and Spiderman.

This game also has a sandbox mode called the toybox. In this mode you can create a "whole new world" (*Aladdin* pun). But seriously, you can make anything with your imagination, like a world with pirates or a world in space.

There are many more possibilities, but let me get into the playsets. The first one is the Spiderman playset. The Spiderman playset

is an amazing playset where you can swing or fly or maybe even go on a nice relaxing stroll down the block with Simbyotes on your tail.

Up next are the Avengers. This playset is a snowy one where you fight as a character from the Avengers. There are also boss fights in all the playsets. But in this one they can't

fight in a team because if you play co-op, it is only two players.

The final playset to review in this article is Guardians of the Galaxy. This playset is in space. But you don't get to travel in space.

Finally, it is time for more toy box, where you can play as anybody in the world that you created.



## Minecraft

By Tyler I. and Gabriel H.

**M**inecraft, a world of amazement and full of adventure until it's NIGHT TIME!!! Mobs (monsters) come out at night and hunt you down. You only have a few minutes to get back to your house.

There are good mobs and bad mobs. These are some of the good mobs:

- Chickens: They give you eggs, feathers, and meat.
- Cows: They give you leather and meat.
- Horses: They give you leather and things that are equipped on them.
- Ocelots: They drop nothing but XP points.

- Pigs: They give you meat.
- Sheep: They give you wool. If the wool is dyed, then it gives you dyed wool.
- Bat: Bats give you XP points.
- Mooshrooms: They have a chance to give you mushrooms and meat.
- Squids: They give you ink sacs.
- Villagers: They drop XP and you can trade with them.

There are also bad mobs in the game. The two bosses are the Ender dragon and Wither. These two bosses are a little hard, but the

better gear you have, the easier it is.

The Wither drops 1 nether star and XP. While the Ender dragon only drops XP.

Here are the bad mobs that will attack you and mobs that will attack you if you attack them.

The mobs are zombies, skeletons, spiders, creepers, cave spiders, wolves, blazes, ghost, magma cube, slime, enderman, zombie pigman, endermite, spider jockey, witch, wither skeleton, zombie villager, chicken jockey, killer bunny, guardian, elder guardian, and iron golem.



## Minecraft Mods and Servers

By Liam M.

**M**inecraft is one of the most popular games of all time.

### Mods

Minecraft can be modified ("mod"). Minecraft has probably 50 to 100 mods. The mods can be separated into many groups such as guns, explosives, mobs and many more.

Mods can also be put together into groups called mod packs. The most played mod pack, according to the

mod creator, is the crazy craft mod pack. That may not be true, but it is very fun and it updates a lot so that may be some evidence that it is most played. So if you read last year's *7th Street Sailor* newspaper, I actually mentioned mods.

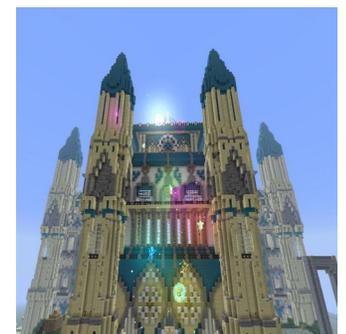
Other things besides crazy mods are crazy turtle canons.

### Servers

Now let's talk about servers and mini games!!!

Servers have mini games on them. There are really popular servers that YouTubers go on. A really popular server is the GTA server even though it doesn't sound possible, it is! There are other awesome games on Minecraft: Clash of Clans, Halo, Call of Duty, and many more!!!

There are adventure maps too. An adventure map has parkour and it is basically a giant maze with monsters and prizes.



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## YouTube

By Paul A.



If you watch YouTube, make sure you do it with your parents. There are some fun videos to watch.

A popular YouTube video is one where a teenage boy saved a baby lion. The baby lion's parents died in

an accident. The teenage boy took care of the baby lion. He played with the baby lion everyday. He also fed her everyday.

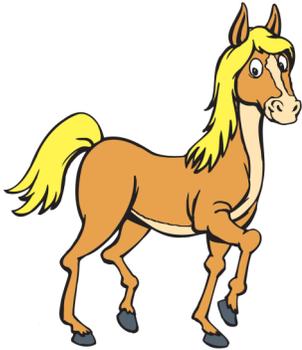
Since then they haven't been together for a long time. The teenage boy visit-

ed the lion now that she was older. A man opened the gate and the lion hugged the teenage boy because she remembered that he saved her.

This video was cool, sad and sweet.

## Holly and the Horse Show

By Holly T.



Holly and her horse Trucker competed in a walk trot competition at a horse show. She put on her horseshow jacket and black helmet before getting on Trucker. They walked to the warm-up ring and practiced trotting and posting.

They then practiced the sitting trot and then a two-point trot. Finally, Holly and Tucker settled into a walk.

Then they went out of the warm-up ring so they could get cleaned up for the Walk Trot Event. In the Walk Trot event, riders are judged at

a walk and then posting at a trot. All of the riders then line up in the middle of the ring so they can be judged.

Afterwards, the judge handed out ribbons. Holly got three blue ribbons and one champion ribbon. It was a great day.

## Pumpkin the Hamster

By Olivia G.



Olivia has a hamster. The hamster is named Pumpkin, because she is bright orange and white.

Olivia's mother bought her the hamster from a pet store. When her mom was about to go in the car, she looked at the box that the hamster was in and there was a huge hole with the

hamster sticking its head out. She ran back to the store and bought one of the balls that a hamster can go in. Finally Olivia's mom got home.

Hamsters are very playful and like to play. They can play with people or with toys in their cage. Hamsters also sometimes like to bite on the cage.

Hamsters can eat grass and their owners can bathe them to keep them clean. And, believe it or not, the hamster knows how to swim really fast.

People say that hamsters are good for kids, so if you are thinking about getting a pet, you should think about getting a hamster.

## A day at Seaside Lagoon

By Lily A.

One day Lily's friend, Elizabeth, invited her to Seaside Lagoon. Seaside Lagoon is like a beach, but does not connect to the ocean.

Lily's mom dropped her off at Elizabeth's house and the girls began to play with the iPhone and iPad. Suddenly, they heard a . . . boom! They heard Elizabeth's mother calling her to help her.

Lily thought about coming up with a plan to scare Elizabeth. When Elizabeth and her mom came back, Lily was under Elizabeth's bed. She ran in calling her name so loudly that the bed was almost shaking. She yelled and she ran into her room and looked everywhere except the bed. Elizabeth laughed so hard when Lily told her that she was in her room under the bed.

Then, they helped Elizabeth's mom and left for Seaside Lagoon. They had to wait so long that it felt like they were going to die. Then the hour came. They ran inside and before you could say "quick," they were in the pool. Then, they were freezing and instantly ran and jumped right in the hot and dry sand. After that, they got used to the water.



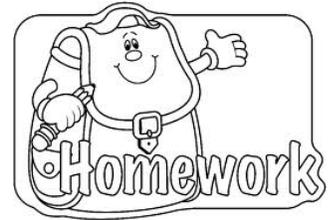
## Homework Helper

By Ana B.

One day Ana needed help with homework. So she asked her older brother, Luka, for help. He took her step by step through the problem so she

could understand it. She really understood how to do the problems after that. Brothers can be bothersome but they can also be really nice, kind and faithful. Most

people wouldn't want to help with a large amount of homework. But if you have a quick and fast friend to help out, it might not seem like studying at all.



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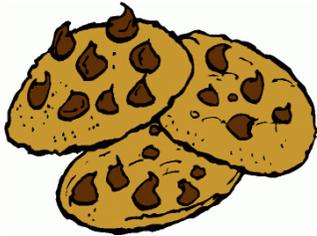
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## Best Ever Chocolate Chip Cookies

By Belle G.



This recipe will make the best chocolate chip cookies EVER!!! Chocolate chip cookies are many people's favorite type of cookies. This is true because they have chocolate in it, they are a type of desert, and you can have fun making and eating them. Now let's get baking!

### Ingredients

1 cup of softened butter

1 cup of white sugar  
1 cup of packed brown sugar  
2 eggs  
2 tsp of vanilla extract  
3 cups of flour  
1 tsp of baking soda  
2 tsp of hot water  
1/2 tsp of salt  
2 cups of half sweetened chocolate chips  
1 cup of chopped walnuts

### Cooking Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Now mix the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until its nice and creamy. Then, bake it for 10 minutes in the oven that you have already preheated, or until the cookies are nice and brown.

This recipe makes 4 dozen cookies. And now that you have made the cookies, you can share them with the whole family! You can also share the recipe with your family and friends.

## Delicious Pumpkin Pie

By Bella D.



Next holiday, why not try making a scrumptious pumpkin pie instead of buying one!

### Ingredients

8 oz. cream cheese softened  
2 c. canned pumpkin mashed  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 egg  
2 slightly beaten yolks  
1 cup half-and-half  
1/2 stick of butter, melted  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1/4 tsp. ground ginger

1 pre-made pie crust or pie dough

### Cooking Instructions

First, put your pre-made pie dough in a 9-inch pie pan and follow instructions on the packaging or use a pre-made pie crust.

For the filling, in a large mixing bowl, use a hand mixer to beat the cream cheese. Then beat in the mashed pumpkin in too. Then add the sugar, salt, eggs, egg yolks, half-and-

half, and melted butter beat until combined. Then add the vanilla extract, cinnamon, and ginger, then combine.

Finally, pour the mixture in the warm pie crust and then bake for fifty minutes. Let the pie to cool to room temperature and cut into slices.

For a finishing touch you can add some delicious whipped cream to your pie. Have fun making your pie and enjoy!

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