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BACK FROM THE PAST

By ADEN S.

Social studies is very interesting. It can tell about people in the past and what they did to defend, survive, and form a government to rule them. History is still going on and it is being made.

So far, we have studied the Incas, Aztecs, and European explorers. The Incas were said to be richer than the Aztecs, but their ruler, Atthalupa, got captured and detained as a prisoner after refusing to turn to Christianity and accept the King of Spain as his master. That was the end of the Incas.

The Aztecs were a powerful tribe. Spain, again, captured Montezuma, the ruler of the Aztecs, when they were conquered and captured by one of Spain's conquistador, Cortes.

I really like exploring social studies because back then North America was unknown. When Christopher Columbus set up a voyage to explore Asia, he accidentally landed in America. He claimed he landed in Cathay (what China was called back then). Later on, Vasquez de Balboa proved him wrong. Another interesting fact is that America was named after Amerigo Vespucci for challenging Columbus.

Some people wouldn't like social studies because they haven't found anything interesting, but if they continue reading more interesting articles about history, they might even like it. Overall, history is fun and interesting at the same time for me.

READING WAS MADE FOR YOU

By BLAKE E.

There are many books to choose in reading. Poems, folklore, and more! The reason why people should read is because there are many interesting facts and stories that you could learn. If I can read and learn, I bet you can too!

Many people from all over the country are learning from all the books they have read. Books you might like include *Matilda*, *Magic Tree House*, and picture books.

The more you read the smarter you'll be. And another reason why you should read...read...read is because everyone should get a chance to get more experiences and learn through the morals of the story.

You can share what you learned from this books other kids . If you do, then I bet that those kids would want to read the books too!

Some people don't like to read because they think it might be boring and not amazing. They might not like reading because they want to play outside or they might want to stay inside and play video games. When their parents convince them to at least read a page, they get the book and pretend that they are reading but don't give it a chance.

Reading is my favorite subject because it is interesting and fun to learn. This is why I like reading.

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MATH IS ALL AROUND US

Even if you don't like math, guess what?! It is all around us. In life, from time to time, you use math to manage money and tell you what time is it.

Math includes many things like perimeter, addition, division, and the order of operations.

Do you compare your age to your brothers or/and sisters? Do you count how many you have of something? That's math you're doing right there!

Have you ever tried to measure your height by

checking how much you've grown since last year? Can you guess what you just used? It's obviously math, of course!

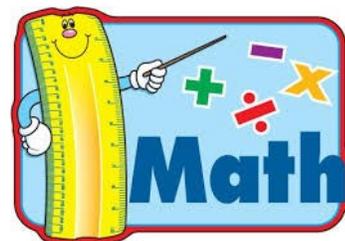
Math is used for many different situations too. Could you imagine a world without math? We wouldn't arrive at the school bus on time because time hasn't been put into measurements, so you couldn't tell time at all.

You may think math is complicated or even frustrating to learn, but I

think it is highly useful in many ways in every day life. Math is important to learn because you will use it many times every day in many different types of situations.

If you learn math, it will make it quicker to get through your daily activities, like calculating whether you can afford to buy something in a store. It is used many times in the real world. This is why I think math is beneficial to learn.

By Jeremiah P.



WHY MATH?

There are a few reasons why we like math. We find math interesting when the questions are challenging but also easy enough for us to understand.

Math really never ends. It follows you everywhere you go. Whether you're a doctor, photographer, or a firefighter, you will need to do math somewhere in your life.

Fifth grader Jordan says, "I like math because you be very creative by color coding. For instance, if you come up with a product of 20, col-

or it red. If you come up with a product below 20, color it blue."

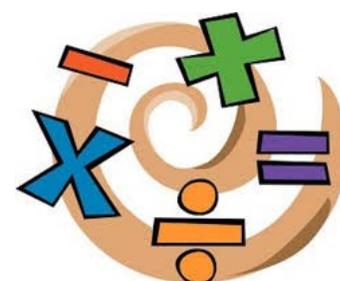
Fifth grader Sophie T. says, "I like math when I can understand it, up to the point of teaching others about it and I like being helpful!" There are all sorts of reasons why we like math.

Now, there are also reasons why we don't like math. Jordan doesn't like math because "[S]ometimes math can take you a long time too figure out and you just want to move on to the next problem. It can be really, real-

ly, really frustrating because it takes the up the whole paper."

"Sometimes math can be really confusing and you feel like you aren't able to achieve anything." Sophie T. says. "I don't like math sometimes, because it can really be challenging when I use every method and still cannot find the correct answer. It makes me even more frustrated when people tell me that my answer is wrong."

By Sophia G.



Mindful MATH

MINDFUL MATH

Math is really important. In a world without math, no one would get anything done. Math is used in the everyday life from buying items, to organizing budget expenses for events, and distributing profits. Math is everywhere. It's even used for coding and creating social media. Math is such a fundamental aspect of our lives that we even

need it for the architecture of buildings.

I love math. I think nothing is complete without it. Math is my favorite subject because I like challenges and it's fun to think about the complex ways to find the solution. It can get frustrating at first when you don't understand the method of finding the answer, but when you understand the strategy, it can be fun to

solve the various problems. Another reason I love math is that I'm really good at it (not to brag).

Math is my favorite subject. Other people may disagree and have other subjects as their favorite, but I hope everyone will understand some things about math and might not have it as a least favorite subject.

By Sophia T.

MATH ROCKS

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My favorite subject in 5th grade is doing 5th grade math. This is my favorite subject because doing math is kind of easy, but it is also kind of challenging; I like to be challenged by math.

Another reason why I like math is that it can be very quick to solve a problem, and I am usually the first one to finish long math problems. Students

have to do it for homework if they run out of time.

In math, there are a lot of different ways to solve a problem. My favorite problems are word problems and multiplication and division problems.

The last reason why I like the subject math is that on the Internet, there is a website where

I can learn math and get coins. Its called "Front Row Ed". Almost every 1st through 5th grade student uses this program.

If someone says, "I don't like math because math is too hard," then I tell them, "You should practice more and it will become easier."

By Ryan A.

Math + Me FUN

MATH IS FUN

Math is so cool on how equations work. Math is fun because of the different strategies you can use to solve that one question

you were stuck on for a long time.

The reason I like math is because of it is easy and full of things that we can use to solve

math questions. You can use different strategies and formulas to solve math problems.

By Anjali G.

AMAZING ART

Art has no limits. You can draw whatever you want and no one can tell you what to do. We like to draw fictional characters like Link, Kirby, Mario, and Megaman. They are from video games that we love to play, because they help us think and use our

skills. We like to talk about these games at recess because we might need some help when we're stuck in the game.

We can be super creative when we draw and that makes us feel happy and entertained. You

can also use different pieces of paper

and cut them to make crafts.

I will continue to do art in my free time. We might try art throughout middle school and high school. We might also use clay to make art.

*By Matthew C.
and Preston F.*



ART IS WONDERFUL

Art is a wonderful and creative thing to do when your bored, and it is an amazing thing to give to relatives for a gift.

We choose to write about art because it is our favorite subject in school. One of our favorite projects was to draw a Converse shoe. This was

our favorite project because it looked so real and the color and pen made the drawing pop out and catch your eye.

Another one of our favorite project was from school. We were drawing random paintings. While that was happening, we were going through the

rainbow, and it became very creative. This made all of my stress go away.

Art is also another way to give your stress away because you can draw, paint, and color whatever you want.

*By Ailyn D.
and Giselle*



ART IS CREATIVE

Art is our favorite subject at school. It is our favorite subject because it is fun and it allows us to be creative.

Art makes regular stories and pictures better and vivid. Other than paint, crayons, and colored pencils, art is more than beautiful, it is also

important because without it, the world would be dull. This also includes furniture, buildings, and clothes. They are all art because they were created to be colorful.

Art allows you to be yourself instead of being the same as everyone else. Through art, you

can express your inner creativity and beauty.

Art may make you feel special and different. You can always be creative and artistic. No art is a mistake because it expresses you. That is why we love art so much.

*By Ariana W.
and Layla S.*



ART EVERYWHERE



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creativity and beauty. Art may make you feel special and different. You can always be creative and artistic. No art is a mistake because it expresses you. That is why we love art so much.

By Elysha S.

EVERYONE'S ART IS UNIQUE



Art is very pretty, and even though I may not be the best at it, I still like it with all my heart.

Sketching, drawing, and painting may sound like the same words to you, but to me they mean the inspiration of drawing.

Lots of people say that they're bad at art, but inside them, they have their own unique sense of art. Some people don't get it in an in-

stant, but instead, they get it when they believe in it. It might take a lifetime to find your unique sense of art but you will find it one day.

I used to be a bad artist, but now I have artistic skills to grow on, and I have my own unique sense of art. my own style, and my own way of expressing myself through art.

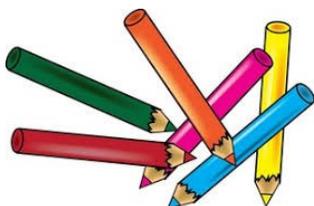
I think art is great. Even though I may not

be the best one at art. I believe in myself.

Never give up on the thing you love. I love art so even though I wasn't the best, I didn't give up. Just don't listen to anyone that insults something you love. No matter how young you are, you still have a sense of art. If you're 100 years old, you still have a sense of art in you. Don't forget that your sense of art is unique.

By Allison L.

SKETCHING AND DRAWING



Art is a really good subject because when you are doing art, you can express yourself in a different and unique way. Art uses a lot of creativity and skill.

In my opinion, I think that art is the best sub-

ject because you could learn a lot about it and a lot about yourself in the process, like your feelings and goals.

A lot of really cool jobs also include art. For example, modeling, architecture, or being the author

of a book all include art. You might think to yourself that art is boring and a huge waste of time, but in reality, art is very important for your mind and brain.

By Mariana H.

MANY TYPES OF ART

In my opinion, my favorite subject in school is art because you can be creative. No matter how you do your artwork, it always looks amazing. You can create art by how you're feeling. They are different types of art. There is sketch and draw, painting, clay and more! My favorite type of art is sketching and drawing; I

like them because if you make a mistake you can erase it.

Some people might hate art because it is messy, but art isn't always messy. Somethings that can prevent you from getting messy is wearing overalls. Sometimes you just got to get dirty.

Sometimes at school

we have an activity called art-to-grow on. I like to go to art-to-grow because it includes art! I have been practicing art for four years! Although I am still not good at it, my favorite part of art is the part of being creative. To do art, you do not have to be good. That's why I like art.

By Maria B.



ART WITHOUT LIMITS

Our favorite school subject art because art can get your creative side going. And the best thing is that there are no limits! You can just do anything with drawing, painting and pastels and call it art.

People might not like art because it is messy, but it is part of the pro-

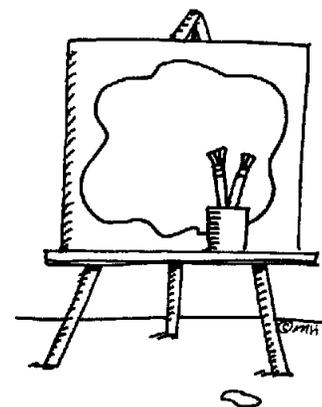
cess. It might be that the mess is art!

We like art because you can be creative and express your feelings with art. Also, art relieves and reduces stress.

Some people don't like art because people may not understand art or they don't open

up to art, but art can come in different ways. It doesn't have to be drawing or painting. You can do theater. Theater can be a type of art. If you do theater, then you are doing a type of performing art!

By Topanga C., Chelcie L., and Valentine K.



SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LEONARDO DA VINCI

Leonard Da Vinci was born in 1452 in Vinci, Italy. He is well known as an artist for painting the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper. However, he was also very good in other things.

Leonardo Da Vinci was also a scientist and inventor. He designed a flying machine and drew pictures and designs for a lot of other things, including war machines.

Da Vince was interested in engineering and designed bridges and barricades.

He also drew pictures of the human bodies and was interested in how the body worked.



PressFriends Foreign Correspondent

GETTING A KICK OUT OF GAELIC FOOTBALL

By Lara B., Northern Ireland



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

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

Gaelic Football

At the moment we have crisp dry Autumn days, where you get to play my favourite sport of all: Gaelic football. Gaelic is the Celtic version of soccer, where you get to fist pass the ball to your teammates or if you're lucky, score a point or goal through or below the tall, white "H"



shaped cast iron bars.

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

My friend Eibhlin prefers midfield. She jumps and catches the ball in midair from the

backs and sprints like lightning to the forwards so they can strike the ball into the net or over the bar.

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

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

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

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A BOY WITH A WEIRD AND CRAZY BROTHER

The *Fourth Grade Nothing* is a very fun book. It is about a boy named Peter, who gets into trouble, usually by his younger brother, Farley (but usually called Fudge).

An example is when Peter gets a turtle and his little brother eats it on purpose. The turtle's

name was Dribble.

Personally, my favorite character is Farley because he is usually the funny one.

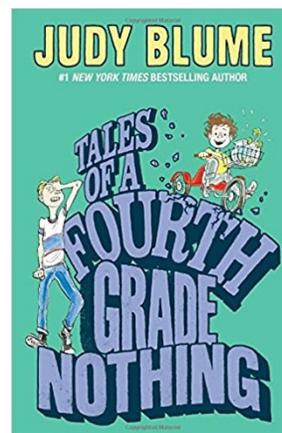
I love this book because it is hilarious and interesting. Also, it is no normal story because Fudge unexpectedly ate a live turtle.

I think the story is

great because it is really cool, awesome, and weird (in a good way).

I think everybody would like this book, especially ages 7-10, because kids in that age love stories that have odd humor. One day, you should definitely read this book!

By Elysha S.



BOOK REVIEW: NOTHING IS FAIR IN FIFTH GRADE

The best book that I have recently read is called *Nothing is Fair in Fifth Grade*. It's about a girl named Elsie who comes to a new school because she has been stealing money from her other school. There has

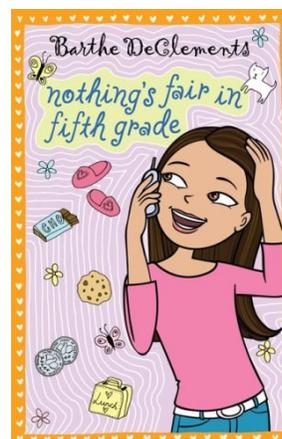
been news that the students in her class have been missing money, and there is evidence that it is Elsie.

I enjoyed reading this book because I had a similar connection to this story because my

friends and I are in a little group of 4, and we are all in 5th grade, just like them.

I recommend this book to girls in their late elementary years that like friendship stories.

By Mylene



HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF BLOOD PRINCE

I think *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, the sixth book of the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, is an entertaining book that I recommend to students who are soon to reach middle school.

The story's setting takes place in Great Britain, mostly in Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry (Hogwarts in the movies

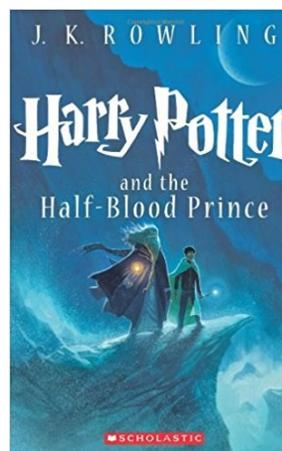
were filmed at Fort William, Scotland). The characters include Harry Potter, Ron Weasley, Hermione Granger, Professor Snape, Dumbledore, Draco Malfoy, and Professor Slughorn. Personally, I think Dumbledore is a wise, humble, kind headmaster offering good years of service to Hogwarts.

In this story, I liked how in some parts, there

were mysteries for readers to wonder and Interesting events. This story can be read if you have daily reading for homework because it'd last you a long time because if I remember, it has around 600 pages! Once you read this book, you could watch the movies, or read the rest of the series.

Happy reading!

By Jeremiah P.



FINDING THE DOLL



The *Doll in the Garden* by Mary Downing Hahn, is an interesting ghost story. Ashley and her mother move to a new town to start over. They move into a small apartment living with a cranky old lady named Miss Cooper.

Ashley meets a girl named Kristi. Kristi warns Ashley about someone crying in the Miss Cooper's garden and a white cat with no shadow.

They find a box in the ground. It's a doll! Then, they try to unravel the past that connects to the

present. They search to find who is crying and who is the white cat with no shadow.

This ghost story gets me a little creeped out. What creeps me out is that the ghost that is crying, and everyone can hear and see the white cat with no shadow.

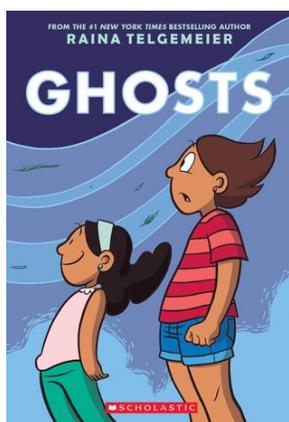
It also gets me hyped because, I am a little scared of ghosts, I wonder if it will be scary enough to make me close the book and put it down. I am kind of looking forward to a continuing story that's about the new adven-

tures that Miss Cooper, Ashley and Kristi.

I thought the main character Ashley, is a little bratty. She steals the doll and keeps it to herself. Kristi, who is a little bratty too.

Kristi finds out Ashley stole the doll and tells Miss Cooper that they were in the garden and that Ashley took the doll. She did this because they apparently agreed it was theirs to share, but instead of sharing, Ashley takes the doll.

By Sophia G.



BOOK REVIEW: GHOSTS

In my opinion, the best book of all time is *Ghosts*. It is about two girls who moved to a gloomy place called Baja de la Luna, California.

The littlest girl Maya has a type of illness that affects breathing and digestion. Maya, Cat who

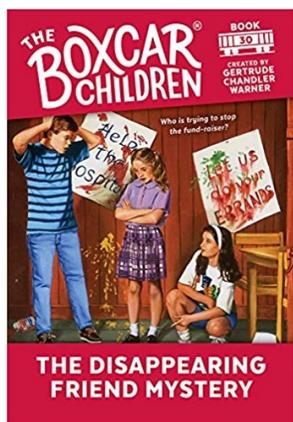
is her older sister, and their parents went to Baja de la Luna because their parents thought that the move would make it easier for Maya to breathe due to the wind.

I like this story because it is adventurous and filled with emotion.

Mostly, I liked how the book takes Maya and Cat through many adventures and shows the characters' braveness.

I would recommend this book to children from 9 to 14.

By Maria B.



THE DISAPPEARING FRIEND MYSTERY

The *Disappearing Friend Mystery* is about five kids, Henry, Jesse, Violet, and Benny, who meet a girl named Beth. They see a poster

for people to donate money for the new hospital wing. They ask Beth if she wants to help them raise money. I really liked reading this book be-

cause it was about mystery, and you have to find clues and put them all together. It was about adventure and mystery.

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THE KINGS OF OLYMPUS

The *Heroes of Olympus* is a series about Percy Jackson and other characters like Annabeth Chase, Jason Grace, Piper McLean, Leo Valdez, and many more. They are the children of Greek Heroes, like Zeus, Aphrodite, etc.

These books are stories of Greek mythology and are not real.

To be completely honest, my opinion is that this series of book is incredible! It hooks you into the story and even though it looks really boring, you will see that

it is actually very interesting and fun to read.

At first, I was introduced to this series by one of my best friends. When I first started reading, I wasn't interested and just wanted to say, "Hey look, I finished this book!" and get it over with. But then, as I read and read, I started to grow fond of it.

The first time I started reading books just like this one was when I was at a public library in Carson with my grandparents. Good thing I knew about these books

because, otherwise, I wouldn't have learned most of my reading skills like grammar, definitions, and pronunciations.

I think this series is very exciting and can give you a lot of information about Greek myths. Books like these can influence you to read more and more chapter books! It probably costs a lot of money, but it's worth it! Personally, I would rate *The Heroes of Olympus* five stars!

By Samantha V.



BOOK REVIEW: SUPER FUDGE

Super *Fudge* is about a boy named Peter, He is 11 and his brother named Fudge is 5.

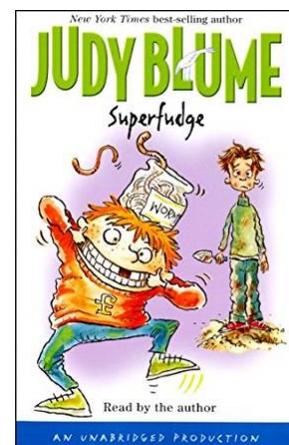
Peter hears some surprising news that will shock you. The main characters in the book are mostly Peter and his brother Fudge.

This book is funny and good. This book is good because it has a lot of details and things that you could use in real life. It has lots of drama and has some surprising news.

This book is very interesting because there

is a lot of drama and some funny and weird stuff in this book like the time where Fudge when to Burger Heaven and smeared his mashed potatoes on the window, which really embarrassed Peter.

By Valentine K.



DISAPPEARING FRIEND

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Therefore, the story was good and fun to read. The characters had their own personality, and they were all different.

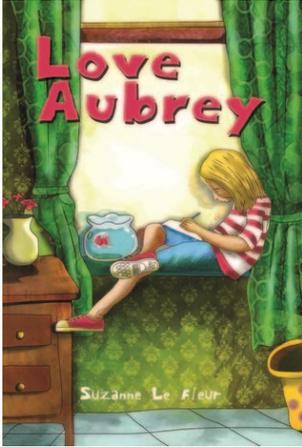
I recommend that people who like to solve puzzles and problems should read this book. Also, children from 7-10

should read this book because it might be your level.

By Malice



LOVE, RATINGS



Love, *Aubrey* is a really deep and tragic book written by Suzanne LaFleur.

Love, Aubrey is about an 11-year-old orphan girl named Aubrey. Aubrey's dad and younger sister, Savannah, died on a raining day in a car crash. Only she and her mother were left. Her mother leaves a few days after the car crash and Aubrey thinks that her mother left her because she was a bad kid, at least in her mother's eyes. Their house is in Virginia.

Aubrey's only grandmother lives in Vermont, all by herself, too. Gram asks Aubrey if she wants to go to her house, which Aubrey says yes to.

If this book could be rated, I would rate it to be 4.8/5! That's a pretty good rate because of all the details Suzanne LaFleur put in the book and how she describes the emotions that happened to the characters.

This book is mostly for 4-7th graders because of all the words and story.

There are many reasons to like this book and, if you've read it, I'm pretty sure you'll have a lot reasons too. I really enjoyed how the author made up many moments, grabbed it, and put it into the book. I really liked all the details and how the author described everything. My favorite part is when Aubrey makes a

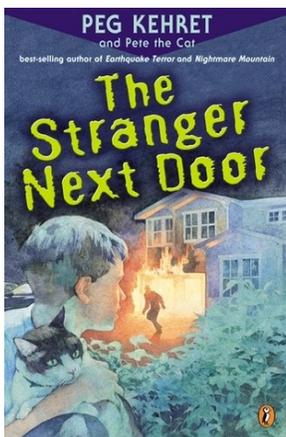
new friend, Bridget. The author introduces Bridget from top to bottom, like in TV shows or movies when the cameraman looks at the person's clothes from top to bottom.

It's the same with Bridget's tall house. Her house is yellow and white, with a small porch and very little grass. The little grass part is where Mabel, Bridget's younger sister, plays with her dolls and dollhouse. Aubrey started of with a great life, then bad, and then an even better life! Aubrey is a person who is persistent and kind.

You should try reading this book too!

By Jordan B.

THE STRANGE NEIGHBORHOOD



The mystery book entitled *The Stranger Next Door* is about a kid who's 12 years old named Clifford. His dad had a bad issue which caused them to move, change names, and leave their dog behind.

Clifford and his family moved to a small neighborhood in Seattle called Valley View Es-

tates. His name changed to Rocky. There was another kid named Alex in the neighborhood.

The book is good because it is interesting and descriptive. It's enjoyable because it encourages people to read more.

I recommend for you to read this book, *The Stranger Next Door*. I

think it's a good book because of the action and suspense in the story. This book is a different from other children's books, because a fire and a criminal are involved in the story.

I think the story was descriptive and I hope that you try to read this book.

By Chelcie L.

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CATALINA ISLAND

I think that families would like visiting Catalina Island. The best time to go there is when it is sunny because there are beaches there. A cool place to stay is at a hotel. A good place to eat is a place called Fish & Chips. They have fish, fries, fish sandwiches and much more.

Some fun things to do there is go to the glass bottom boat and to a submarine.

It is expensive to get there, and you have to travel on a boat. I would like to go back there because there are lots of fun things to do there and places to go. You can also go on tours, watch movies, and go to church there.

My trip to Catalina Island was fun.

By Ariana W.

MY BABY COUSIN

During the summer, I went to my aunt and uncle's house to see my baby cousin CJ who was just born. He was a small but a heavy baby.

We helped feed him and talk to him.

"Hello CJ!" my mom said as she held him.

Meanwhile, his sister wanted to play with me, so I went to her room and played family with her. It was boring, but luckily my mom called me to talk and hold the baby. He was kind of heavy, and his hair was soft. After awhile, I didn't want to hold him anymore because I was afraid that I could drop him.

We put him in his crib, gave him milk, and he eventually fell asleep.

"He's very handsome," Dad said, and Mom agreed.

We went to the room where there were gifts from other people for CJ and we put our gift of baby wash and baby shampoo in the room.

We ate dinner there and talked about baby CJ until the sun was about to set. We said goodbye to him, his parents, and my aunt and uncle. I hope he grows up to be a healthy boy.

By Chelcie L.

HOT KAWAII SUMMER

"What a beautiful sunset on the breezy beach on my vacation!"

As soon as I said that, there was this wonderful moment. All these colors of magenta (which is my

favorite color) and yellow and orange. It was just beautiful, so awesome. The day I left the magnificent beach of Kawaii, I felt really bad for my brother and myself because we all wanted to stay for at least one year. What I learned from Kawaii was that Americans say, "Hawaii" but the people on Hawaii say or pronounce it as "Kawaii".

All righty now.

There was this fabulous store where you can make accessories then put like pearls and like diamonds in the necklaces, bracelets, or any other accessories. When I first went there, it was amazing. That place was all with magic, hope, and life. Just like my favorite Kachina doll, the Butterfly Maiden.

After we left the store, we went on a family dinner. It was soooooo breathtaking. The food was delicious, the sunset was colorful, and I had a great time with my family.

The next day, I went scuba diving and snorkeling. When I was scuba diving I saw many creatures and clams with pearls. It was wonderful.

The day I left I wanted to stay but bad luck for me, it was the end of summer vacation. At least I had a great time.

By Elysha S.



HOLLYWOOD

Nearly the end of summer, Francisco Jr. decided to take his mother and nephew on a road trip to Hollywood, about 50 Miles away.

"Yes! I'm Going to Hollywood!" said the nephew before he went to Hollywood. The trip was six hours long in total but I saw one-third of Hollywood on foot.

First, we walked around by a mask shop, restaurants and many clothing shops. We passed an Italian/Mexican restaurant and decided to get a pizza.

After we ate, we decided to go on the star walk and look for George Lukas, creator of the Star War franchise.

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After we gave up trying to find it, we went into a mall and went into a HUGE candy store with almost EVERY CANDY IN THE WORLD! After that, we went to a Chinese theater then and went home.

By Christian G.

LAS VEGAS

One day my family went to Las Vegas and rented a house. It had a pool and a TV. My brother, three dogs, mom and dad, a bunch of other family members, and I went for three or four days.

Sometimes we would all jump into the pool and swim together while the dogs just watched. Afterwards, we would eat and drive around Vegas.

It was pretty hot, and we saw some shows and went to a wax museum. Later on, dad took the kids to a slot car racing place.

We then went to a toy store and got some Mario plushies. Then, we all drove home. It was a good trip.

By Matthew C.

LEGOLAND

When it was the last day of my 4th grade year, I was so sad that the year was almost finished. I was thinking about what to do once the year finished. Once I was done thinking, the day was over.

I said, "Wow, that was fast...". I saw that I had to go where the line was going, so I went.

Once I left school campus, I was starting to think again.

"Should I go to the Carnival? Should I go to the park?" Then I got the right Idea!!

Once I got home, I told my mother and father that we should go to Legoland. Then, my mother and father thought for a long time. They said, "OK," to me. I was so excited that my family and I were going to Legoland!

Once I heard the news of going to Legoland, I went up to my room to get my swimming clothes. Then, when I went back, no one was ready to go, so I waited and waited for everyone to get ready.

Once we were all ready to go and got in the car, my father drove all the way to Legoland. It

was super fun at the Legoland! I hope You can go to Lego Land too!!

By Ryan A.



LONDON

One day my granddad and I were going to London, so we got off the flight and our friends were there to pick us up. We arrived at their house, ate fish and chips with gravy, and then I drank a cup of tea.

A few days later we went to London where I saw Big Ben went to a famous Lego store. Then, we went to Lamborghini London where I saw a SV hurricane and another Lamborghini that I don't know. Then, I went on the London Eye on the last day I was there. It was the best trip I ever had.

By Preston F.

A LAND CALLED MEXICO

This summer I went to a place called Mexico.

When I got to New Mexico I went to my uncle's house. When we got there, my uncle said that we have to go to the airport to pick up my grandma.

A day after picking up my grandma we went to the water park. The water park had different areas. After having a fun time at the water park, we had to leave. When we got to my uncle's house, we got ready and my uncle took us to the airport.

When we got to the airport I felt excited. My mom gave our plane tickets to the lady that collects them. "Have an nice trip!" said the lady. We got on the plane and had to wait 10 minutes.

My family and I heard the speaker say that we had to put our seat belts on and turn off all devices because we where going to head to the air. It felt kind of scary when we were taking off because it had been a long time since I have flown on a plane. When we started to fly normally they told us that we could start turning on our electronics.

When we got to Mexico, it was night. My aunts and uncles and cousins went to pick us

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up. They helped us carry our suitcases. We got inside the car and we drove to where my dad's house is. My aunt takes care of the house.

One day, we had a sleep over with all my cousins. We made slime that day. We used white glue and powered Tide. First, we put powdered tide into water. After mixing it, we put the white glue in the bowl and put the tide inside we started mixing. For some reason it turned into fluffy slime. That was my favorite memory of my trip to Mexico.

By Maria B.

MEXICO

During my summer vacation, my mom, my brother and I went to Mexico and stayed at my grandma's house. My cousin came over and we went to my other cousin house. We went the wrong way and there was lots of mud, so all of our shoes got filled with mud, and we had to put our shoes in the river.

I was with two of my cousins and two of them were wearing sandals, so they also got their feet so muddy that it looked like they stepped in dog poop. They had to

put their whole feet in the river.

We were at the river for a while then we went back to pick up something that I forgot from my grandma's house. On our way back, we took the same path, so we had muddy feet and we had to put our feet in the river again. When we finally got back to my grandma's house, we told everyone what happened and they laughed.

by Ailyn D.

SUMMER IN CANCUN

This past summer, my family went to Cancun. We took two planes to get there. The first went to Mexico City; the other to Cancun. When we got out of the airport, there was a man there waiting there with our family's last name on a sign. We went up to him and he had a partner who was going to drive us to the hotel called the Grand Palladium. This hotel wasn't your ordinary hotel like the Marriott. Like its name suggests, it is very grand. It has very tall buildings and a gi-

normous aqua green pool. They also have an underwater bar!

We went up to the front desk and my mom, dad, and aunt were checking us in. The hotel receptionist gave us exclusive wristbands and towel cards for when we go to the pool.

When we met our manager Iliza, my mom and aunt set up activities to do while we're there. Some of them were Coba and Rio Secreto. Coba is the activity when you see all of the Mayan ruins.

You can kayak across a lake, and then you can walk, bike, or ride on a tricycle where someone drives you in a cart. Then, you can go to the ruins, climb them, or take pictures, go zip lining, rappel down into a cave, drive up, and eat!

When I was climbing the pyramid, I had a lot of energy-even when I reached the top of the pyramid! I saw the green

canopy of the very tall trees. My family (except my mom) took pictures of being King, Queen, and Princesses of the WORLD! IT. WAS. AMAZING!!!

I've never gone zip lining before, but I LOVED IT!!! When I was zip lining, I shouted, "I love watermelons and potatoes!" (Trust me it's true). I love that activity, and I would recommend it to ANYONE!!!!

The days went by fast, but I had the experience of a lifetime. We made friends with one of the golf cart drivers and one of the bartenders. I loved this trip and can't wait for our next trip- The Dominican Republic!

By Micah N.

MEETING MY COUSINS

We just crossed the boarder of Mexico and the surroundings looked way different than California. The houses were bright colors. I saw some that were mint, yellow, and light pink .

There were little stands of food on the side of the road, selling tacos, ice cream, and other tasty treats.

We went to Mexico to help my dad's older



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brother. We drove to where my dad used to live in Mexico.

I was so excited to meet my cousins for the first time. I was nervous because most of them speak Spanish, and I only know a little bit and wasn't sure how to communicate with them. We were driving to their house. They were all waiting outside of their home. My family came out of our truck. I saw smiles on their face. I had only met two of my cousins before when I was younger, who are now adults.

"Say hello to your cousins," my dad said.

I went to go say hi to them. I said, "Hola," to my cousins that speak only Spanish.

I saw little tears on my dad's face. He hadn't seen his brother in a long time. We brought them lots of stuff because they just moved in. We brought them food, old shoes that doesn't fit us any more, me and my brother's old clothing, stuff that my dad's mom sent us, and bicycles because they don't have a car. We brought all the stuff into their house, and the adults were talking. My

cousin and I played outside on the floor.

After about 30 minutes, we all squished up into our truck and drove to a taco restaurant. Then, we headed to the beach. I had worn my bathing suit under my clothes. I ran and took off my clothes and went in. My cousin and I talked a little bit, and I played with the sand. My older cousins went to a store and bought chips and snacks.

I got out from the water and it was really cold.

"Brrrrr," I said.

I got a towel and wrapped it around me.

When I was dry, I put my clothes back on. It was then about 6:00 p.m. and time to leave.

We took pictures in front of the beautiful sunset. There was lots of sand where we parked our truck. When we tried to exit, our truck wouldn't back up. We all got out because there were 14 people, so we thought that our truck was carrying to much weight. My dad stayed in because he was driving our truck. We contacted some peo-

ple that were near us to see if they can help. It was getting really chilly.

Soon, a stranger let us borrow some big shovels to dig out the sand that was surrounding the tires.

After about 10 minutes, most of the sand was out.

"Yay," I said as my dad was backing up. "It worked!"

We all got in and drove my cousins and their parents to their house. After we dropped them off, we drove to our hotel that we were staying in for 3 days.

By Mylene

almost every single year. During the road trip, we went to many places. We started in New York, made our way to Maine and Canada a few days after left New York.

Our big family included ten people. One of us didn't have a passport. My uncle didn't have a passport, so he couldn't go to Canada with us. He had to take a bus or train back to New York. Then we had 9 people until we arrived at New York from the trip.

I had an awesome time. My favorite part was going to lobster places and eating fish & chips. I think that will be my favorite food for a while. The place that we went to that had the best fish & chips I've ever tasted was probably in

Maine or Massachusetts.

I would really want to go on another family road-trip with my family this coming summer. Maybe you should ask your parents if you could go on a road-trip sometime on a break too!

By Jordan B.



NEW YORK ROAD TRIP

During summer vacation, I flew to New York and had a road trip with my family all the way back from New York to California. We went through the whole United States from California, Kentucky, New York—lots of places really.

We travel together

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MY TRIP TO ORLANDO

My family and I went to Orlando for the summer. We went for my birthday to Disney World and stayed at the Disney Sports Hall of Fame Hotel.

I was super excited when we got there. Mostly, everyone was asleep except for my dad and I. We were the only ones that checked-in and got these special bracelets that were the key to our room. They were gray and had the shape of Mickey Mouse's head on it.

"This is our room," dad said. "386" read the sign on the wall.

"This place is cool Dad!" I said excitedly.

Then, we went back downstairs to get my Mom and my sister, Metzli.

"Wake up Mom, we are here," I told her. Then, Metzli woke up and wanted to get out of the car.

We went to the room and unpacked. I noticed it was 1:00 am.

"It's late you should go to bed," mom said.

"Ok fine, but could I stay up longer please?"

My mom explained why I had to go to sleep

since it was late, so I went to sleep.

When I woke up, I saw my parents rushing really fast like the Flash. I turned to my right and saw my sister, who was still sleeping on the other bed.

"Hey what are you doing and why are you rushing?" I asked.

They didn't answer me and continued to rush. I jumped out of bed and noticed that they were getting ready to go to The Magic Kingdom. There was water there too, and I guess they knew that it was going to be hot.

I went to go change then, Metzli woke up and my mom changed her.

I was still waiting, but then my parents got slower since my sister got up. I was hungry but still fine about waiting and wondering how hot it was going to be.

We got ready and packed up. When we got there, we were already tired and it was super hot! Most of my trip was at the Magic Kingdom but I didn't really do anything exiting but it was fun. To be honest, it was boring because I didn't get on many rides, but still exciting because I

got to go to Disney World. The trip made it a fun summer.

By Malice

PALM SPRINGS

Palm Springs really describes summer! It is hot day to night.

When we arrived, I got out the car and went to go check the temperature. It increased insanely.

We stayed in a hotel with a swimming pool and a lazy river. I hadn't gone swimming in 6 years, and I was just trying to pull myself up to the surface. I forgot to swim, so for the rest of my time in the swimming pool, I tried to learn how to swim again. My parents are great at swimming, and I'm below average, so I at least tried to have some fun by moving to the lazy river. It didn't require any swimming skills.

I grabbed a floating



ring, placed it in the water, and got on it. I went about 40 rounds on the lazy river. I added some more fun by going to the arcade!

At the arcade, me, my two brothers, dad, and mom played pool, motorcycle games, claw machines, and table tennis.

I will never forget this fun trip to Palm Springs. This trip made the most of my summer!

By Aden S.

POKEMON BRICK BRONZE

Last summer, I was very sad that I was not going to school for a while. Also, I was sad at the fact that I wouldn't be seeing my friends for a while, so I started playing Pokémon Brick Bronze to cheer myself up. I had just started a new game so I was a very weak trainer. The game had very nice animation and controls.

As I was playing through the summer, I realized I was beating all the Pokémon gyms! Soon, I had beat all seven Pokémon gyms which has NEVER happened to me! It was a miracle! I was so excited and proud of myself. This was amaz-

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ing and awesome!!

During the summer, I got the novice trainer badge for recording ONE HUNDRED FIFTY Pokémon in the Pokédex! That also never happened to me! This was a GIANT accomplishment—although there are over eight hundred fifty-five Pokémon known for now.

By Nathan B.

SPLASH!

This summer I had a real big pool party. Setting up in the morning the party people came over and dropped off all the supplies at our house.

Then, Ding Dong the door bell rang. I ran to the door because I knew just what it was—the air pump we got for the inflatable water slide that we rented for the pool party. We set the slide up next to the pool and attached the hose to the top of the slide.

“It is turning out so good,” I said with excitement.

By Anjali G.

BIG SPLASH

“It’s so hot in here. Hey, Dad, can we go to the pool, please,” I said.

“Fine, we can go to

the YMCA today,” my dad said.

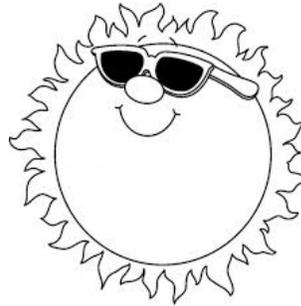
“YEAH,” I exclaimed happily. I packed all my stuff for the pool: goggles, towels, sandals, lock, cards, and my dad’s bathing suit.

My dad drove my little sister Sarah and I to the YMCA in Torrance. When we were getting out of the car, my dad said, “Get out slowly and watch out for the cars”. “Vroom” a car roared as it passed by my sister and me.

“Ahhhhh,” I said as the car passed by. Once we got out of the car, we headed straight to the entrance of the YMCA. We changed and went to the pool.

“GULP,” I said as I looked at the pool. Standing at the end of the pool with my palms sweaty and my heart beating faster than usual, I felt like fainting. I kept thinking “I can’t do it” or “I am going to drown.” Slowly nodding my head, I held out my hand for my dad to grab it and he helped me jump.

The pool was 6 feet deep. I was so scared but I jumped in with my dad holding my hand. I quickly touched the bottom of the pool with my feet and



jumped back up to the surface, breathing really hard.

I jumped and it was not that scary. Instead, it was the best part of my summer.

By Allison L.

POOL DAY WITH ALLYN

During my summer vacation, my friend invited me to her pool. First, I asked my parents, and they said “yes.”

When I got there, I was a little shy but then I got used to it. Then, I saw Ailyn in the hot tub and I got in, but it was too hot. As I went in and out and in and out, I finally got in fully and then chilled in the hot tub and ate chips.

We jumped out to go to the pool. We held each other’s hands and jumped right in and the water splashed everywhere.

Then, we found cups and started playing with them. We were facing

forward and threw the cups backwards, so we didn’t see where they went. We waited a few seconds and then looked for them. My friend Ailyn finally found them.

I was so excited for another round because I wanted to win, but I only won two times on the sixth round. I was so upset because Ailyn won most of the rounds.

Then it started to get dark. At last, we all said our goodbyes and went home. I would love to go back and have more fun.

By Giselle

PART OF THE FAMILY

It was an afternoon in my house. My parents were out of town. I was with my grandma and my two sisters. We were doing the regular things including playing piano, watching T.V and playing on the computer. All of a sudden, a call came from the phone. It was mom and dad! They said that there was a surprise for us and to go to the garage.

So scared and nervous, I carefully walked to the garage. In front of my eyes a puppy was there. It was a German Shepherd. It was so cute! I

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rushed to the house telling everyone that there's a puppy in our garage!

My sister went to the garage and picked up the dog and went in the house. Our other dog Greco was smelling the puppy. Then they started playing. Quickly, we went to Petco.

We brought the dog with us. We wondered if it was hungry. At Petco, we bought food, four bowls and a lot of pads for the dog.

On the way home, we were wondering what's the name is going to be? We named him Max then Maximus then Willow then we finally named him Popo. We hoped our parents would like the name.

Later that day my parents came home from their vacation. We all surprised them with the puppy. We were all very curious because my parents knew about the puppy. They said that our cousin dropped it off at our garage. They had hidden the puppy in the garage.

We were so happy that we had a new member of the family.

By Topanga C.



SAN FRANCISCO— AN AMAZING CITY

Ah! San Francisco, California, home of the Golden Gate Bridge, Coit Tower, Alcatraz, and the Palace of Fine Arts, which are all tourist attractions there.

There are slanted roads, fortune-cookie factories (in Chinatown), and cable cars. The Golden Gate Bridge was the biggest bridge at that time that it was built and is 80 years old right now. Many construction workers had to work in highly dangerous conditions. For example, they could suddenly fall into the depths of the San Francisco Bay down below.

The Golden Gate Bridge is a major tourist attraction that proudly stands over the San Francisco Bay, where you and your family can take a cruise.

Be sure to visit San Francisco or any other fun places like the beach, park, or the movie theater during next summer vaca-

tion, weekend, or any other vacation break.

Thank you for reading the *Lomita Leopard's Roar*, proudly provided by the Press Friends.

Have a nice, fun day Lomita Leopards!

By Jeremiah P.

PARADISE (OR NOT)

Where do you want to go on your next summer vacation? Fun locations you may be interested in are San Francisco and your local beach. Some claim these places are great based on their own experiences. Why spend weeks at home doing whatever you do when you could be out there finding new places?

In San Francisco, you can cross the famous Golden Gate Bridge or explore Alcatraz! Alcatraz was a prison on an island right by the Golden Gate Bridge. Now, you can tour Alcatraz with a perfect view of the bridge everywhere! Inside or outside the car and on a tour boat!

What would you like best about the beach? Could that be the waves, sand castles, sports, or seafood? Whatever it is, you can always go there, especially in the summer.

Now, consider these places for your summer!

By Joshua P.

FUN IN THE SUN

Where do you want to go on your summer vacation? I went to San Francisco, Raging Waters, Sacramento, Universal Studios, and my local beach.

Raging Waters is a great place to go in the summer. My favorite is the wave pool. The wave pool is a large pool that has some small waves inside it.

San Francisco is a really fun place to go to. There are many places to go to, enjoy and see. For example, Alcatraz, the coast, and the very famous Golden Gate Bridge are some very bright ideas to go to in San Francisco. There are also a bunch of super cool stores too and restaurants.

Universal Studios is also a really cool place to go in the summer because they have really cool shows

by Mariana H.

SUMMER SCIENCE

The Griffith Observatory is an amazing place to

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go, especially during summer. It is on an edge of a cliff in Hollywood, which has the breathtaking view of the City of Los Angeles close by. At night, all the lights in the city create a spectacular view.

In the Griffith Observatory, you can see and learn about science in a fun and interesting way. Inside, you can see many halls just like a chapel's. In one of the halls, it has an exhibit about the seasons, phases of the moon, constellations, and eclipses.

The hall on the opposite end is also very interesting. It talks mostly about the stars and the first ways and instruments to see them.

On the day that I went to the Griffith Observatory, there was a presentation that was called "Water is Life". It talked about where water is and how important it is.

By Sophia T.

SUMMER IN THE SKY

Summer vacation is the best time of year. During my summer vacation, I went many places such as Universal Studios, the Marine Mammal Care

Center, Skyzone, and many more. I went with my friends and family. The place I mostly liked was Skyzone.

Skyzone is a place family and friends go to have fun by jumping on trampolines. It is a good place for birthday parties. Unfortunately, I was only going there with four friends and my brother- Nevaeh, Ati, Waverly, Izzy, and Seth.

We started off waiting in the line, and when we got to the front, we were told we had to go check in and fill some forms out before we could get back in the line. We did and eventually started jumping. We started off jumping on the regular trampolines. Those are usually the best to start off and to get a little warmed up.

Me and Nevaeh got bored off it once we were a little tired, so we went to go jump in the foam pit. There was a ladder where you climb up it and try to touch the buzzer. It's very



SKY ZONE
TRAMPOLINE PARK

hard, and I wasn't able to reach it.

We went to all the areas that we were allowed in. There were ramps that you run up and they are so fun! Those were my favorite. One was high and one was lower. I kept doing the lower one because the higher one was a little hard. I would definitely go there again some time.

By Sophie G.

RAGING WATERS

"Whoa! The view is amazing... Even though I think this is too high for me, and I might want to go down now..." I said with fright.

"It's okay Sam! Trust me, I've been on this ride before. It's not that scary when you ride it," my friend said to give me courage.

"You're just saying that," I say.

"No, I really mean it," she replies.

As the line moves up, I have to carry this big, fat float, and there we are, at the top of the line. The raging water rushes inside the hollow tube, carrying frightened people. When it was our turn, I feel tingling inside

my body and butterflies in my stomach. I sigh, knowing all those quick turns inside the tube will push me further from where I am now. I do not want to end up with broken bones and legs by falling off the ride.

Finally, it is our turn next. The lady with the bright colored outfit signals us to put down our float and hop right in! The same tingling feeling in my body gives me fright once again. As we put down our float, the lady shows us how to position the way we sit. We jump in and start to paddle into the hollow tunnel.

"AHHHHHH!" I yell. Suddenly, we fall in without any warning.

"WOOOOOOSH," the water sucks us in. As we rode, we got swooshed to the side.

"I never should have gotten on this ride!" I screamed.

Then, after all the long turns, the ride finally came to an end. All of us got out of the float and passed it to another group of kids. My heart was beating so fast! I never want to go on that ride ever again, but it was really fun!

By Samantha V.

MEET OUR REPORTERS

TOPANGA

Topanga is 10 years old and she's in 5th grade. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Abrebt because she gives candy and she's nice.

Topanga's favorite subject in school is history because she likes looking back at what happened long ago.

Charlotte's Web is her favorite book because the main character Wilbur is positive and optimistic. Her other favorite book is *New Moon* because the book is very descriptive.

Her favorite thing to do outside of school is play on her XBOX because she gets to play many games.

Vampire Night is her favorite movie because it is animated and enjoyable.

Topanga's favorite food is tacos because they are yummy and delicious.

The last day of school is her favorite day because her class gets to have a party and have fun.

In the future, Topanga wants to be a lawyer and a mayor, so she could build her way up with experience to be



Chelcie and Topanga

president. She wants to be a president because she wants to make positive changes for the people.

By Chelcie L.

CHELICIE

Chelcie is in 5th grade and is ten years old. Her favorite teacher is her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Acosta because she is really nice and she lets us in on fun activities like Terminator. Terminator is a game where 6 people are chosen to tag people but there is a border. The people who get tagged are now part of the team of the person who tagged them, but there's a catch, you can't move.

Chelcie's favorite subject in school is art because she likes to draw and she likes to make her own creations.

Her favorite T.V show is *Steven Universe* be-

cause the show is very funny. Her favorite book is *Matilda* because overall it teaches you a lesson.

I'm always hungry, so speaking of food let's talk about it. Chelcie's favorite food is Chicken Alfredo because it's good and it you can taste the chicken but it's better than plain chicken.

Chelcie's favorite subject in school is art because she likes to draw. She draws because you get to be creative.

By Topanga C.

ADN

Adn is 11 years old, and she is in Mrs. Wong's 5th grade class.

When Adn came to Lomita Magnet, her favorite teacher was Mrs. Rodriguez who taught 3rd grade. Adn loves her because Mrs. Rodriguez helped her with reading even though it was hard for Adn.

Adn's favorite subject is reading. She loves reading because it helps her understand how other people feel based on their situations in the book. Her favorite book is the *Dork Diaries* series because she loves the drama and the stories that the main characters get involved in.

By Micah N.

ADEN

Aden is ten years old and a fifth grader attending



Adn and Micah

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Jeremiah and Aden

Lomita Magnet Elementary School.

Aden's favorite teacher is Ms. Thayer because she doesn't give a lot of homework...

Aden's favorite subject is Physical Education, because it gives us a chance to play sports.

His favorite book is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* because it is funny, and his favorite movie is *Jurassic World* because he is interested in dinosaurs."

Aden said his favorite food is pizza because it's the most common food he eats.

Playing baseball
Aden's favorite thing to do outside school because it's his passion since he was four.

The best day of Aden's life was going to the Philippines because he did lots of stuff there.

When Aden grows up, he wants to become a baseball player because

he could get paid lots of money and playing baseball is his favorite hobby.

By Jeremiah P.

JEREMIAH

Jeremiah is 10 years old and is in 5th grade. His favorite teacher in this school is Ms. Breland because she is nice and funny. His favorite school subject would be all of them because they can help you learn.

Jeremiah's favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series and the *39 Clues* series. His favorite movie is *Captain Underpants* because there was a lot of humor.

Jeremiah's favorite food is rice and soup because he has it for dinner.

His favorite thing to do outside the school is practice the guitar because he wants to learn how to play.

The best day in his life was going to a fiesta with rides in May.

When Jeremiah grows up, he wants to be a parent with children to keep him company. This is all about Jeremiah!

By Aden S.

ALLISON

Allison is a 10 year old girl and is in 5th grade. Her favorite teacher is Miss Pettitt because she is nice, smart, pretty, and amazing.

Allison's favorite subject in school is Social Studies because it is easy and it teaches history.

most of her spare time at her house because she likes to watch television. She did go to the movies to watch *Despicable Me 3*.

Allison likes to eat hamburgers because they are tasty and juicy.

She would like to be a doctor when she grows up because she wants to heal people.

By Maria B.

SAMANTHA

Samantha is 10 years old. She loves to write. One day, she wishes to become an author and an illustrator.

Her favorite teacher



Maria and Allison

Her favorite movie is *Mulan* because it is an adventure movie and it teaches a lesson.

Allison's favorite book is *Amulet* because it's a comic book and it is about adventures.

Allison likes to spend

so far is her second grade teacher Mrs. Albrecht, but sadly, Mrs. Albrecht retired. The reason why Samantha likes Mrs. Albrecht is that Mrs. Albrecht told Samantha to work hard whenever and wherever you are.

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Samantha's favorite book is *Olympus-The Last Hero*. She likes the book because it is a chapter book and she says it teaches her stuff.

Her most favorite movie is the new version *Beauty And The Beast* because it is filled with adventure.

Samantha's favorite food is sushi. We both made up a name that rhymes with a food name, and Samantha's name is Sammy Sushi!!!

She explains that her best day ever when

student of the month in her class. Mrs. Palma was a second-grade teacher who is now retired.

Elysha's favorite subject in school is art because she likes to draw and be creative.

Her favorite book is *Fifth Grade Nothing* because it is very funny to her. She loves chapter books and likes to read a lot.

She also likes the movie *Kickin' It* because it's funny and also teaches you martial arts.

Elysha's favorite food



Elysha and Samantha

she got her Maltese puppy, Fluffy.

By Elysha S.

ELYSHA

Elysha is 9 years old and in the fifth grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Palma because she made Elysha the first

is bibimbap because it's very spicy, and it's popular in Korea.

The best day in her life was when she went to Maui, Hawaii with her family.

Elysha would like to be a nurse when she grows up so that she can make a lot of money and



Ryan and Dami

because her mom is a nurse.

By Samantha V.

BLAKE

Blake is 9 years old and is in 5th grade. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Ursich because she is nice and helpful. His favorite subject is reading because it is easy, and favorite book is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* because it is funny.

Blake's favorite movie is *Spider Man: Homecoming* because it is interesting and has action.

His favorite food is Orange Chicken because of flavor.

His favorite thing to do outside of school is watch movies because there are so many movies to watch.

By Anjali G.

DAMI

Dami is 10 years old and

is in 5th grade. He likes Mrs. Boyer because Dami said that she is nice and funny. He likes art because it he says that it is fun.

Dami loves reading *Middle School: My Rotten Luck* because he says it's great. This book is about a kid surviving from middle school life.

Dami likes the movie *Spider Man Homecoming* because it's fun and because he likes Spider Man.

He likes watching TV when he isn't in school because there are a lot of things to watch.

His favorite food is rice because it tastes good.

Dami's best day in his life was his birth date; because if it wasn't for that day, then he wouldn't exist!

When he grows up, Dami wants to be a professional soccer player (a

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striker), because he likes playing soccer.

By Ryan A.

JORDAN

Jordan is age 10 and is in the 5th grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Hunt because being her “teacher’s pet” and basically her assistant felt wonderful.

Writing is her favorite subject because she can enjoy expressing herself in writing without being judged.

Jordan’s favorite book is *Misty Copeland* because her life was hard but she ends up being a great ballerina. She also likes *Love Aubrey* because it has great details.

Jordan doesn’t really have a favorite movie but if she did, it would be *Suicide Squad*.

Her favorite food is pizza with juicy pepperoni as a topping because it is very delicious.

She enjoys writing nice notes, watching YouTube, and texting because it’s entertaining when she’s bored.

The best day in her life was when she was born but, of course, she

doesn’t remember that. But she said that was when she was “actually factually” born.

Jordan’s dream job is to be a teacher because she wants to be the best she can and help others. She is a very intelligent person and I’m sure all of her dreams will come true.

By Sophia G.



Jordan and Sophia G.

SOPHIA G.

Sophia G. is a girl from California, and she is now in the amazing 5th grade.

Sophia says that she doesn’t have a favorite teacher because she’s been a very good student in all her classes, and she has liked all of her teachers.

Her favorite subject is art, where you can draw and express whatever your feelings are on

paper. Sophie said that she likes art because she has enough self-confidence to know she has wonderful drawings. Once she is done, people eventually pass by to talk to her and some people see the art she has on her desk and compliment her on her drawing and tell her how good it is.

per good. Everything goes good with it.

She has many hobbies. Her favorite is sports. She is in a basketball league and a softball league. She also likes watching YouTube & draws. She really has no favorite day because all her days are good and bad. Live your day to the fullest.

Sophia G. wants to be a photographer or a fourth-grade teacher when she grows up, because she thinks she takes good photographs and she could make a profit from both jobs.

By Jordan B.

MARIANA

Mariana is a 10-year-old 5th grader who likes to play chess because she likes challenges.

Her favorite teacher is Mr. Johnson because he is very creative, funny, and smart.

Mariana likes to watch *The Flash* since she likes action, and every moment in it is unexpected. She loves to read *Harry Potter* because it is spontaneous and always a mystery.

Mariana’s favorite subject is art.

By Sophia T.

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Sophia T and Mariana

SOPHIA T.

Sophia T.'s favorite teacher was Mr. Johnson because he taught her all kinds of subjects in a funny way.

Sophia's favorite subject in school is math because it can sometimes be complex and is fun for her.

The Land of Stories is her favorite book because they go into another dimension and learn a lot in an adventurous way.

By Mariana H.

JOSHUA

Joshua is in 5th grade and is 10 years old. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Vlnkova because every year she gets better and better.

Joshua's favorite book is *Manic Magee*

because it's action-packed.

Joshua's favorite subject is mathematics because he says it's both easy and hard from time to time.

His favorite food is ramen soup because he says it's tasty. His favorite flavor of ice cream is mango because he likes mangos.

The Minions is his favorite movie because he says it's funny.

By Christian G.



Christian and Joshua

MALICE

Malice is 10 years old and is in 5th grade. Her favorite teacher in the past was Ms. Williams because she said that Malice was her favorite student.

Her favorite subject in school is science because you don't have to be in the classroom all the time.

fun to read. Her favorite movie is *The Goosebumps Movie* because it's funny and it's not scary.

Malice's favorite thing to do outside of school is sleep and play on her tablet because it relaxes her.

The best day in her life was when she went to Orlando because it was so fun.



Malice and Mylene

Malice's favorite book is *Goosebumps* because it is scary and

Her favorite food is pizza because she loves mushrooms on it.

When Malice grows up, she wants to be a soccer player because she has been playing since she was 3.

By Mylene

LAYLA

Layla is 10 years old and is in fifth grade. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Wong because she is funny and

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Ariana and Layla

she loves education.

Layla's favorite subject in school is math because she says it is fun to work out the problems.

Layla says her favorite book is *Sisters* because it is funny and much like a comic.

Layla's favorite TV show is *Riverdale*, and Layla's favorite food is pizza.

When Layla is outside of school, she says she likes to play Roblox.

Layla says the best day in her life was when she became friends with Ariana because they had a lot of things in common.

When Layla grows up, she says she would like to be a plastic surgeon.

By Ariana W.

MATTHEW

Matthew is 10 years old and is in the fifth grade at Lomita Magnet.

Matthew's favorite teacher is Mr. Stenzel because he is funny.

Matthew's favorite subject is science because you can do crazy experiments, and his favorite book is *Legends of Zelda* because it is an adventure and he loves adventure books.

Matthew's favorite movie is *Lion* because it's sad and he loves sad movies. His favorite food is pizza because he loves cheese and meat, and a combination of both.

Matthew's favorite thing to do outside of school is play the video game *Sonic Mania* because it is his favorite game on the Nintendo Switch.

Matthew's best day in his life was when he got his Nintendo Switch because it was the hottest item on the market and every kid wanted one— and a lot of adults wanted it to.

Matthew wants to be a chemist when grows up because he loves doing tests and experiments.

By Preston F.

PRESTON

Preston is ten and in fifth grade. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Breland be-

His favorite movie is *Capitan Underpants* because it is funny and he likes watching comedy movies.

His favorite food is fish 'n chips because one of his favorite foods is fries (chips) and it is also something commonly eaten in Ireland and London.

Preston's favorite thing to do outside of school is play video games.

Preston's best day in his whole life was when he went on a trip to London.



Matthew and Preston

cause she is funny.

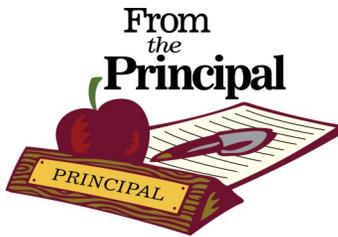
Preston's favorite subject in school is art because you can draw whatever you want.

Preston's favorite book is *Storm Runners* because you never know what happens next.

When Preston grows up he wants to become a YouTuber because making videos are fun, and he wants to make videos that are satisfying to his viewers.

By Matthew C.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Lomita Journalists,
I am so proud of your articles! Your insightful opinions, your thoughtful reporting and your high quality editing have impressed me so much! I hope you keep up your writing during the upcoming winter holidays. Remember, the secret to

continuing to improve your writing, other than writing a lot, is to READ a lot. The more you read the better reader you become, and the more fun you will have in other worlds you visit through books. I have shared with you at morning assembly that I am an avid

reader and a really good writer, just don't stay up reading too late on school nights, like I do, since it's really hard to get up early the next day.

Happy Holidays,
Ms. Friedman



NOTE FROM OUR FACULTY ADVISOR

Happy holidays Leopards! It has been a wonderful start to the year! It has been such a blessing to work with our fifth grade Press Friends on our

school newspaper. We hope you enjoy it!

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy your time with family and read some

good books! We are so blessed to be at such an amazing school. Can't wait to see you all in 2018!

Ms. Breland

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