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Dr. Seuss By, Kritika Jhamatt

Salutations! Hello, my name is Kritika Jhamatt and today I will be informing you on the most amazing author in all of history..... Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss was born on March ,2 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was German. As all of you probably know, his full name is Theodore Seuss Geisel and that he was not a doctor, but wrote children books. His dad wanted Geisel to become a doctor though he did not turn out to be a doctor so in honor of his dad he took the name Dr. Seuss. During his late 20's he began to write books. Theodore sold more than 600 million children books. Such as "Cat in the Hat", "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", and many other books. One of his last books were "What Pet Should I Get?". Dr. Seuss sadly died on September 24, 1991 (age 87). We all still celebrate the day of his birthday because he was an amazing writer.



Get Springy!

By: Janani Sridhar

Alright it is Spring now! Have fun! Wait, are you bored? Come on, bored in Spring!?! No Way! There are so many activities you can do! Like gardening, riding your bike or playing in parks! But let's focus on gardening first. First, to make a table garden you need to buy or save many seeds. Then take many wood or plastic frames and make them into a square to separate the veggies. Next, you will have to nail them together. Then start planting the seeds. Make sure to always water them. Soon you realize there are sprouts that turn into life sized plants! There you grow a veggie garden! Now that is an amazing, delicious veggie garden!



Super Bowl

By, Benjamin Sherman

The Super Bowl comes once a year and is a celebration for many Americans. You really don't have to be a fan of football or even know anything about the game to be a guest at a great Super Bowl party. What makes a Super Bowl party so great is the delicious food, being with family and friends, and of course the game of football. The Super Bowl really brings people together, even if you aren't rooting for the same team. Actually, that makes it even more fun. For most football fans having your favorite team make it to the Super Bowl is a dream, but winning is MAGICAL! This year the Philadelphia Eagles made magic happen for their fans. The game was so exciting because not many people believed they could win, especially against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots. I was really happy for them and watching the game with so many people was awesome. It really was some great football. I am personally a New York Giants fan so I will keep my fingers crossed that next year they'll make it to the Super Bowl.



3rd and 4th Grade Lady Patriot Basketball

**By, Avalyn Torres & Kaylie
Bartletta**

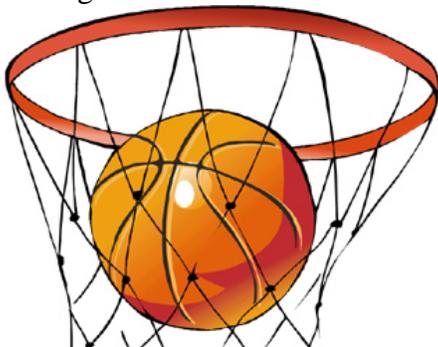
Being a team player is a very important life lesson that you learn from playing sports. Building friendships and working together is an important part of being a solid team. This has proven true this basketball season for the 3rd and 4th grade girls travel basketball team! The team is dedicated to learn the game of basketball, and with the guidance of their three knowledgeable and caring coaches they are. We asked one of the coaches, Guy Pascarello, what he thinks of our hard work this year and he said, "The girls are really coming together as a team and it's been very fun to watch. They still have much more to learn but I'm very excited for their futures." The Lady Patriots have been on fire this season! They are currently 6-0 and have played as a team to defeat every team they have encountered. We have a few Home games left so feel free to come cheer us on! Below is a schedule of our last three home games:

Monday 2/26- 7:00 pm at the Koelle Blvd Rec Center

Tuesday 2/27- 7:00pm at the Koelle Blvd Rec Center

Monday 3 / 5- 7:00pm at Koelle Blvd Rec Center

Let's go Patriots!!!



St. Jude

**By, Avalyn Torres & Kaylie
Bartletta**

Danny Thomas officially opened St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on February 4, 1962, with the unveiling of the statue of St. Jude Thaddeus. The hospital opened in Memphis, Tennessee, before a crowd of 9,000 people. By the end of the hospital's first year of operation, more than 30 research projects had been started and four have been completed. In 1970, St. Jude issued a statement that would have been impossible a decade before: "Leukemia can no longer be considered an incurable disease." In 1983, a St. Jude patient with sickle cell disease was the first to be cured with a bone marrow transplant. In 1991, the survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) reached 73% and in 2004, the acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) survival rate reached 85%. In 2006, St. Jude reported a 94% survival rate for patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), using therapy that does not include radiation. "The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric diseases through research and treatment." The founder of St. Jude's Research Hospital, Danny Thomas, said, "no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay." Our school district has come together again this year to raise money in order to help children in need of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Last year Secaucus School District raised \$63,000. We were ranked #1 in New Jersey and #2 in the United States.

We raised \$63,000. We were ranked #1 in New Jersey and #2 in the United States. This was a tremendous accomplishment thanks to all students and families that participated in our many events throughout the year. At Clarendon School, there are three coordinators, Mrs. Ortiz, Mrs. Falco and Mrs. Bartletta, who plan the fundraising events. They have worked together for the past 7 years, helping raise money for the children of St. Jude. "The philanthropic work we do for St. Jude is heartwarming because we know we are helping sick children with cancer. All the money we send goes to the patients and their families", reported Mrs. Ortiz. "There have been many enjoyable events throughout the year such as, jeans day, PJ day, Jersey day, Bingo Night, and Ice Skating at Buchmueller Park", stated Mrs. Bartletta. "Upcoming events include, wear Green Day, Muffin Madness, an adult Comedy Night and of course Math-a-thon that begins on February 15, 2018", reported Mrs. Falco. Thank you Clarendon School for your endless support in raising awareness and money for the Children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Mother's Day Card Ideas

By: Doreen Liang

Mother's day is a very special holiday because on that day it is time to honor and show appreciation for what your mother does for you every single day of your life. Giving your mother a gift that you know she will like is very important. Here are a few suggested gifts you could buy for your mother: a card, a plant, a poster, a mirror, a notebook, an organizer, a bracelet, a pair of earrings, a necklace, a balloon, or hand lotion. However keep in mind, the best gift to her is a present that is made by yourself. Now it is time that I should show you how to make your own gifts for your mother.

How to make your own card:

Materials: Colored paper, Crayons, Markers, Colored pencils, Scissors (optional)

Step 1: Fold the colored paper in half sideways.

Step 2: Draw a picture on the front of the card with your crayons, markers, or colored pencils.

Step 3: Open up the card and write a cheerful message to your mother. (Dear Mom, I appreciate what you do for me, I love you! You are the best mother ever! Happy Mother's Day! Love, (your name).)

Step 4: On the page next to your message you could draw a picture of you and your mother doing something together.

Step 5: Using your scissors you can then cut patterns into the card and around the pencil but not on the sharpened part.



If you have any questions about how to make these crafts please write your question on a piece of paper with your grade and homeroom teacher on the bottom and give it to Ms. Doering. Then she will give them to me to answer it. Thank You! Please don't forget to wish your mother a Happy Mother's Day!

St. Patrick's Day **By, Maleena Garay**

St. Patrick's Day is a religious and cultural holiday celebrated on March 17. The reason St. Patrick's is celebrated is to honor the patron saint and the day is named after him. It is represented by a leprechaun, shamrock and pot-of-gold. This holiday has become very popular in the United States and mostly everyone wears green to celebrate. One tradition is to pinch those who are not wearing green. Blue was the original color everyone wore to celebrate but it was changed to green in the 17th century. There are many traditions and celebrations such as going for dinner, going to the St. Patrick's Parade in New York City which was first held in 1766. Not only is St. Patrick's celebrated in the U.S. but also in Canada and Australia. A festival takes place in Dubin, Ireland where many people attend, celebrate, and eat their famous corned beef and cabbage. Til this day, St. Patricks Day is widely celebrated around the world.



Spring Training **By, Michael Bolognino**

Do you watch baseball in the spring? If you do, you are watching "Spring Training." This article will teach you about how spring training was invented and how it is played. Spring Training is almost as old as baseball itself. Some people believe it started in 1870 when the Cincinnati Red Stockings and the Chicago White Stockings hosted spring camps in New Orleans, Louisiana. Others believe the Washington Capitals started it by hosting a spring camp in Jacksonville, Florida in 1888. Spring training usually lasts about months, starting in mid-February and lasting until just before opening day. In spring training, there are 2 leagues. The Cactus League, and the Grapefruit League. The Cactus League plays in Arizona and the Grapefruit League plays in Florida. The Arizona Diamondbacks, the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago White Sox, the Cincinnati Reds, the Cleveland Indians the Colorado Rockies, the Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Milwaukee Brewers, the Oakland Athletics, the San Diego Padres, the San Francisco Giants, the Seattle Mariners, and the Texas Rangers are on the Cactus League. The Grapefruit League consists of the Atlanta Braves, the Miami Marlins, the Baltimore Orioles, the Boston Red Socks, the New York Yankees, the New York Mets, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Detroit Tigers, the Houston Astros, the Philadelphia Phillies, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Tampa Bay Rays, the Toronto Blue Jays, and the Washington Nationals.

Spring into Soccer!!**By, Konstantin Gjeroski**

Are you sick and tired of playing indoors? Well, guess what, spring is coming soon! Indoor soccer is not as much fun because you are stuck inside all day. When you play outdoors you have so much more space to play. It is finally time to play with a hard ball and be out in the fresh air and open field. Outdoor soccer allows you to play with your friends, continue training and play just for fun. When you play soccer outside with your friends the time goes by fast. Spring into soccer is a great opportunity to play outside and to play with your friends.

The Latest in Lego: A Report**By Dario Innocenzi**

Lego is an amazing toy company. They make a product that is great for people who like to build things. Lego is also great for people who enjoy "mini figs". This means miniature figures. And, speaking of Lego, I just heard that Lego is making a bunch of new sets featuring Han Solo from Star Wars. Here's a promotional picture for one of the new sets. Lego has a history of making sets that have to do with a movie that is about to come out and is expected to be very, very successful. The Lego Company has been around since 1949. It was in that year in Denmark that Lego began making the colored plastic interlocking bricks that have become so well known around the world. Putting legos together can be hard work, but worth it!

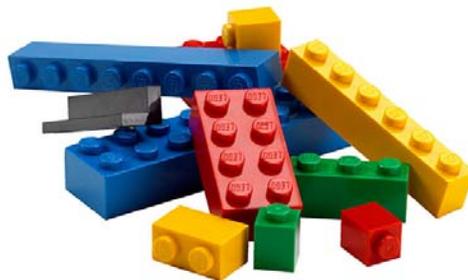
Spring Acrostic Poem**By, Adwita Sharma**

Spring
Pollination time
Rain falls
Invigorating
New born baby birds come
Grass grows
Is
Sprouting and sunny
Beautiful
Enjoyable
Agricultural
Unbelievably
Teaming with wildlife and flowers
Incredible nature
Flawless weather
Unbelievable outdoor fun
Lively

Easter**By, Sanay Sridhar**

Easter is a very nice holiday. There are many ways to celebrate. You can have Easter egg hunts, and get a lot of treats! You may see what loot you have uncovered; coins, candy, toys and more! You can also have a party. You may also go to church and pray, and do church services. Festive family meals are another way of celebrating.

Easter has a fascinating history. It is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "Holy Week."

**Peter Rabbit Movie Review****By, Leon Merchel**

Recently I watched the movie Peter Rabbit. This movie was definitely one to remember. It was about a rabbit named Peter and his family. Their burrow is next to a beautiful garden which is guarded by a strict neighbor. There is also a beautiful woman named Bea who cares about the rabbits and believes that rabbits should be everywhere and allowed to do as they please. Bea and Mr. McGregor fall in love, which causes many problems because Bea likes that rabbits as much as Mr. McGregor thinks they are evil a threat to his garden. Many parts were just comedy. All the animals by the countryside wanted to eat from the best garden in the in the area. At first when I watched the movie, I didn't think that the movie would be so funny and realistic. This movie will get everyone's attention. There are also many popular songs included in this movie. There is many humorous and entertaining scenes in this movie, which combined with many different types of good music makes it a very entertaining movie.



Easter Candy By, Gina Kim

Easter isn't always about rabbits and candy. There is more to it than the Easter Bunny. Easter is a Christian holiday. Now let's talk about the candy! 76 percent of people actually bite the chocolate bunny's ears off first. An average child in the UK receives 8.8 Easter eggs every year. Peeps, the popular Easter candy, used to take 30 hours to make! Chocolate bunnies are actually hollow so you won't hurt your teeth. The largest chocolate bunny ever made was 9,000 pounds. I hope you learned a bit from this article!

Did you know?

By, Nicholas De Hombre

Did you know? In space, the nearest galaxy is over 2.375 million light years away!! Did you know that scientists have used 3D printing to create new organs? Did you know that there have been sightings of UFOS all over the world? Do you believe in UFOS? Do you know what the word UFO stands for? It stands for unidentified flying object. Did you know that a shrimp's heart is in its head? Did you know that about 1 million Earths could fit inside the sun? Did you know that a human can survive more than three weeks without food, but only 100 hours without water? Did you know an inch of rain water is equivalent to 15 inches of dry, powdery snow?



Moon Landing: How It Happened Written by David Shmulyian

Do you like to have space? Well, Neil Armstrong did when he first stepped on the Moon. On July 20th, 1969 he climbed aboard the Saturn V (a spaceship) along with Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins at the Kennedy Space Center. At 9:32 these three took off. It was a perilous journey that took three days, but after it was all over they arrived at the Moon's orbit and landed. The door of the ship opened, Neil Armstrong stepped on the Moon and famously said: "That's one small step for man, and one giant leap for mankind". He walked and jumped on the moon, and proudly placed our flag on its surface. On July 24th Neil, Buzz, and Michael landed safely on Earth. So, that's basically it, three men willing to risk their lives to explore space, and a planet that we can say our country discovered first.



Four-Leaf Clover Written by David Shmulyian

Leprechaun at the end of the rainbow is a myth, but a four-leaf clover is not! It is actually not that rare at all. Each of us has a 1 in 10,000 chance to find a four-leaf clover and some good luck with it. Some scientists say it can even be 1 in 5,000. Four leaves are just caused by a genetic mutation of a regular three-leaf clover. There also could be five-leaf clovers and extremely rare six-leaf ones - mega luck!

There are people who are collecting four-leaf clovers. The largest collection was 160,000 four-leaf clovers in a lifetime. The word record is 72 clovers found in one day.

A Story with no Title By: Mohamed Hamdani

Okay this is how it started (well... technically). It was a normal but awkward day. I was laying on my bed thinking, "I'm bored what should i do." An hour later Mohamed was super bored. "Hmm... Maybe I should play on my iPad." More than two hours later... "NOOO IT SHUT OFF!!!!. NOW I AM GONNA LOSE MY MONEY!" Mohamed finally decided to go on the (computer). "OH NO...*I forgot the pc is slow.... NOO!*" *The awkward moment passed about three seconds later.* "I'm just going to charge up my iPad." Finally a half hour later Mohamed just lost his patience.. So Mohamed just played like normally his ipad shut off."

ipad shut off,
“NOOOOOOO!!” Anyways we all
know Mohamed will always stay
bored. “HEY NOT REALLY.”
Well That’s The Story!

Reading to Your Dog
By: Addison Rubin

When I think of Spring I like to think about all animals including dogs. Dogs are my favorite animals, and one of my favorite things to do is read to them. You might think reading to a dog is a silly idea, but it’s actually pretty cool. Reading to your dog can be fun and stress relieving, and it can also bring you and your dog closer to each other. If you get home from school and had a long frustrating day, the first thing you should do is grab a book and read to your dog. When you are reading to your dog it can take away all of your troubles and worries and make it a fun and enjoyable experience. Also, if you mispronounce a word, it doesn’t matter because dogs don’t really care. If you don’t have a dog then you can simply read to one of your family member’s dogs or a friend’s dog. Whatever chance I get I always read to my Grandmother’s dog, CeeCee. It’s always so much fun to see her so interested in the book! Reading to CeeCee relaxes the both of us, because sometimes, she even falls asleep! So grab a nice book, get comfortable and read to your dog.



Groundhog Day: An Old Tradition
By Dario Innocenzi

February second is celebrated in the United States and in Canada as “Groundhog Day”. This is a very old holiday, in fact, it goes back to the 1840s. Groundhog Day was first celebrated by the Pennsylvania Dutch. These people are descended from Germans who came to America long ago. My dad said that in Germany, the people used to look for a badger on February second to see if it could see its shadow, but here in the USA, it’s always been a groundhog.

A groundhog is actually an animal called the marmot. It is big and furry. It is sometimes called by other names like, woodchuck, wood shock, ground pig, and monax. It’s a mammal and it hibernates in winter.

The belief is that if the groundhog comes out of its burrow on February second and sees its shadow, then that mean there will be six more weeks of winter. If it is a cloudy day on February second and there is no shadow, then spring will come early.

There are some very well-known groundhogs and people have celebrations on February second to see if the groundhogs come out and see their shadows. There is Punxsutawney Phil, Staten Island Chuck, and Dunkirk Dave! I love groundhogs. In my opinion they are very cute. What do you think about groundhogs? Thanks for reading my article.

Steps to grow a garden
By, Nicholas DeHombre

Follow these steps to grow a delicious and bountiful garden:

1. Pick vegetables that can grow in your climate.
2. Plant at the right time of year. For example, if you plant your tomatoes too early in the spring, you risk frost.
3. Use the right soil. Some people make their own compost to use as soil.
4. Plant seeds properly. Make sure you give the seeds enough space to grow.
5. Water! Water! WATER! One of the “magic” ingredients to growing yummy vegetables. Water consistently but do not over-water.
6. Eliminate weeds. Weeds compete for nutrients and water that should be going to your vegetables. Eliminate weeds often.
7. Harvest often. Make sure to harvest once the vegetable is ready for picking.
8. Enjoy!

