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Big Snow at American Dream

By Maleah Ocasio Grade 4

Now that winter is finally here, what better time to go skiing or snowboarding, inside! Yes, that's right! Big Snow, the first and only indoor ski park in North America, it opened its doors on December 5th at the new American Dream Mall in East Rutherford. Big snow is open year round, has real snow, and offers something for everyone. If you've never skied or snowboarded, Big Snow offers lessons to help you learn. Whether you are a beginner or Olympic gold medalist like Lindsey Vaughn, there's a trail for you. There are three trails: a beginner trail called "Lil Dipper," a medium trail called "Switch Back," and advanced trail called "Northern Lights." If you don't like skiing and just wants to cool off on hot summer days, you can do that ! There's a nice gift shop outside the ski hill and and benched outside Joe C's hot chocolate shop. But regardless of what you decide to do at Big Snow, make sure you say hi and take a picture with "Big," Big Snow's Yeti friend!

Winter animals

By Alexis Rich

There are some winter animals like Arctic foxes, Snowshoe hares, snowy owls, and North American river otters. An Arctic fox has fluffy white skin, an interesting fact about their white skin is that they have the warmest fur in the world. A fun fact about snowshoe hares are that they are found in Canada, and the alpine regions of North America. Snowy owls have a very nice camouflage color for the winter. They blend in with the snow on trees. If you didn't know Snowy Owls have a wingspan of around 49-59 inches. Finally, we have our North America river otters. An interesting/ fun fact about a North American river otter is that they can hold their breath underwater for 8 whole minutes, don't get too close to them or they will attack humans to protect themselves, and its tail is about one third of its body length. As you can see, winter animals can be very interesting. They have a lot of cool facts about them.





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Hibernation

By, Nalani Proenza Trueblood

Everyone knows that bears hibernate in the winter, but what is the true meaning of hibernation? Some people think that hibernation means that all animals go into a deep slumber but in fact, some do not. Hibernation for some animals means that they are less active and energetic so they tend to stay in their cave during the winter season but come out on warmer days. However, other animals go into a deep sleep till springtime. In the fall hibernating animals eat a lot and store their body fat so in the winter they do not lose any muscle. There are some risks for hibernating animals. Predators might attack them because they are vulnerable and not ready to protect themselves. The cold weather during the winter might harm them as well. Aside from bears there are also many different animals that hibernate such as bats, skunks, snakes, and even bees. The next time you come across a sleeping bear in a cave watch out, it might wake up and give you a big hungry smile!

Quotes

By Benjamin La

When given the choice between Right or Kind Choose **KIND**- Dr. Wayne Dyer
Shoot For the Moon.

Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars- Les Brown

The Beautiful Days of Fall

By: Maleah Ocasio

Fall is such a beautiful time of year. The weather is cool, the trees change bright red, orange, and yellow colors, and it's the first hint that the holidays are right around the corner. It's the perfect season to sleep with your windows open, spend time outdoors and do things like apple picking and play sports, or just sit back and listen to birds singing and squirrels gathering their nuts for the winter. Fall is the season to be surrounded by the people you love. It's the perfect time to start decorating for the holidays and add some holiday cheer to your home. Whether it's just relaxing at home watching football or helping your mom prepare Thanksgiving dinner, Fall is the happiest time of the year to be surrounded by your friends and family.

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Valentine's Day

By, Leila Sabovic



Have you ever wondered where, when, and how Valentine's Day started? Well, I will tell you about it. There was a festival called Lupercalia. The Romans had that festival in February of the year 496. The first official celebration was at a Catholic Church and there were two men whose names were Valentine and they were executed. Some people spend Valentine's Day with their significant other, parents, children, and friends. People write cards, send chocolates, and buy other items for their Valentine. Aww, isn't that just so sweet! I spend Valentine's Day with my mom, who is your Valentine?

Winter activities

By, Kseniia Khliupina

Winter is a month full of giving and spreading joy. You can spread joy with winter activities. Winter activities can include roasting marshmallows and building snowmen. In the winter we also set up a big pine tree that we call a Christmas tree, we decorate it with unique and different Christmas ornaments. But if you think the fun ends there, you're wrong! Because if it happens to be a snowy day then you're in luck because you can go outside and have a snowball fight with your friends or build a snow fort with snow bricks! When you come back into the house after having fun outside, you can wrap yourself in a blanket in front of the TV with hot Cocoa and a gingerbread cookie. But that's not it there are even more activities you can enjoy. All these activities will make winter even more joyful and fun!

Cooking Healthy Recipes

By, Prathem Mulani

Cooking healthy recipes is an important thing to do. The more junk you eat, the more unhealthy your body is. If you eat healthy foods your body will get the energy it needs and you will stay fit. Diabetes can also occur if you are not aware of how much sugar you are eating. Eating healthy can make you stronger and you would have a lot of energy to play, run, jump and more activities. Eating meat gives you protein but deep fried meat is not healthy. Eating junk food is ok sometimes but just remember not to eat too much.

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The New Year

By:Kseniia Khliupina

New Year is a special holiday for people because it is the day people celebrate the new upcoming year! Each person welcomes the upcoming year in their own way. In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long, this tradition dates back to medieval times. In many countries New Year is the most important holiday but in America it is fourth place of top rated holidays, less than half of America celebrates it (43%). People start the preparations for the New Year celebration many days earlier. People buy new clothes, gifts and many new things from the store. Shops are full of crowds during those days. On the midnight of the 31st December you welcome the 1st of January by counting down and screaming happy New Year after.



Travel Corner-The District of Columbia

By, Benjamin La

Did you know that Washington D.C is a U.S territory? Well i'm going to take you along, so pack your bags and we're off! You may know that the US Government works here but there are also many other interesting things.What if I tell you that half of DC is named for George Washington and the other for Christopher Columbus! DC is also missing 1 street! J street because in the 18th century people thought that they would mix up J and I street! One last fact. The Library of Congress is the biggest library in the world with more than 5,000,000 items and books! Well, thanks for visiting DC with me today.

Christmas Facts

By, Nirmay Gupta

Hi! Hope you all had a Merry Christmas! I did. I'm going to give you some facts about Christmas. 1. Christmas Trees have been sold in the U.S since 1850. 2. Jingle Bells was written for Thanksgiving, Not Christmas. 3. Christmas trees were banned in the White House. Hope you guys are on the nice list.

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Winter Poetry

By, Anjali Patel

Does February like March? No, but April May
When do monkeys fall from the sky? During April showers
What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny
Name a bow that can't be tied. A rainbow
What goes up when the rain goes down? Umbrellas

4th Grade favorite sports survey

By, Ava Illuzzi

I interviewed some kids from Mrs Backiel's class and a few from Mrs Harrsch's class so here's some results.

Football- 3

Soccer-7

Basketball-9

Baseball-1

Softball-2

Volleyball-1

Dance- 4

Gymnastics- 3

Tennis-1

Swim- 1

Overall Basketball was the most successful sport!!!!!!

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Favorite Holiday Foods

Adison Meyer

I interviewed some people from Mrs. Harrsch's and Mrs. Backiel's class to see what their favorite food was.

Cookies 4....

Pizza 4.....

Ham 3.....

Turkey 1...

Mashed Potatoes 3....

Cakes 2...

Pies 0....

Chicken 2...

Pasta 5....

Over all pasta is the most favorite holiday food in Mrs.Backiel's and Mrs.Harrsch's class.



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