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Play Outside in the Winter By, Benjamin Sherman

During the winter, many kids can spend most of their time indoors playing video games, watching youtube, or playing on their phone which can make you lazy. As fun as this may be, it sure can get boring after a while, especially if you are stuck at home in a snow storm. My suggestion would be to bundle up and go play outside. The thing I like to do best is to build snow tunnels out of big snow hills. Jumping off of a swing into a big snow pile can be lots of fun too. Snowball fights are awesome, especially if a bunch of kids come outside and join in. After the snowball fights, building a snowman is a great way to end the day. Other winter activities you can do outdoors is go ice skating, snowboarding, sledding or even shoveling. These will all keep your body active and give you a break from electronics. These activities are great fun, and a good way to get some exercise even when it's freezing cold outside.



Snowflakes & Snow

By: Gina Kim

Snowflakes aren't frozen water droplets like most people think. They are snow crystals, which are formed when water vapor freezes. Snowflakes form in clouds. There are six main types of them, plate (flat), column, stars, dendrite, lacy, needle, and capped column. It is actually a myth that you cannot find two snowflakes that are the same. It is very rare but it is possible. Snow is clear not white like how children believe. Snow is soft and powdery when it is extremely cold. It snows when the temperature is below 32 degrees. In the United States at least one septillion ice crystals (snowflakes) fall from the sky. One septillion is 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000! I hope you learned from this article.



Winter Indoor Soccer Leagues

By, Konstantin Gjeroski

When you're bored in the winter and there is nothing to do, there is a solution, indoor soccer! When I played my first indoor soccer match it was hard. I kept on getting pushed to the ground, had scrapes and cuts on my legs, but I still had fun!

When you start to play indoor soccer, it is tough. You must run a lot and do warmup exercises. You learn different soccer drills such as juggling, passing, and shooting. You get to play matches at the end of the session and that is competitive but exciting.

Indoor soccer is for all boys and girls of all ages. You can find winter indoor leagues across New Jersey. There are a lot of things to do in the winter like skiing and ice skating but if you want to play soccer and have fun join an Indoor soccer league.



Q&A with David Shmulyian

Any "burning" questions you might have, that you would like answered please send to Mrs. Doering and she will get the questions to me. I will pick one or two to answer in the next newspaper. An example of a question for me to research is, "Why does a giraffe have a neck that is so long?" I look forward to your questions!

Grade 4 Environment Through the Artist's Eyes Convocation Trip

By, Sharad Ray

On the first day of the Environment through the Artist's Eyes Convocation, we arrived at The Newark Museum. Our tour began on the third floor, where the teachers from the Meadowlands Environmental Center separated us into two groups. Then we went downstairs to start our museum tour.

We looked at a picture with three trees in the middle of the painting. The background had the Delaware River and a mountain. The sky had white, fluffy clouds and a light blue shade for everything else that wasn't clouds in the sky.

The title of the painting I chose to analyze was "Still Life of Roses". It showed some red roses, white roses, and a pink rose in a vase with no water. The artwork made me feel like I could take the vase out of painting. That is how realistic it felt to me.

On day two of the Environment through the Artist's Eyes Convocation we went to the Meadowlands Environmental Center, where we rejoined our groups. We entered a classroom and began doing brain warm ups. Next, we started using the sketching grip and wrote our names with it. The sketching grip was hard while writing our names on it.



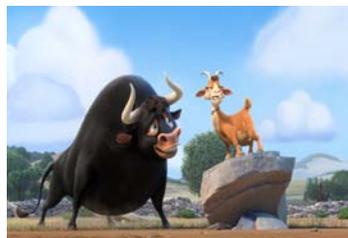
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After learning about the sketching and other aspects of art, we went on a nature hike. Up a hill, we followed a red stone trail. A little later, we walked along the cool water. While we were outdoors, we drew a sketch of a landscape that we liked. Then, we chose what medium we wanted to use for our portrait. The choices were, watercolor on paper, color pencils on paper, and both mixed. I chose watercolor on paper. Finally, we used all of the skills we learned to create our masterpieces

Ferdinand Movie Review

By, Doreen Liang

The movie Ferdinand is rated PG and is about a bull named Ferdinand, Ferdinand is a very "gentle" bull unlike the others he "won't fight and won't hurt a flower." He was a very young calf on a ranch with other calves. Once a year a man would come and choose the strongest, toughest bull for the bull fight. Ferdinand's dad was chosen to go to the bull fight, every bulls' dream was to go to the bull fight, but it wasn't Ferdinand's' dream. One night the trailer that carried Ferdinand's dad returns to the ranch and is found empty Ferdinand knew his dad died. That night he escapes from the ranch, and runs on a train, jumps off to his freedom, he gets caught in a rock the next day he is in a new place, a girl named Nina loved Ferdinand and cared for Ferdinand, Ferdinand gets into big trouble in the public and is taken back to the ranch he started from.



There he sneaks in the farmer's house and realizes no bull survives the bull fight! While two bulls are in the chop house ready to be meat Ferdinand is chosen to go to the bull fight Ferdinand wants to lead every bull to freedom including the two bulls in the chop house he is also determined to stay alive during the bull fight. Ferdinand gets caught while trying to escape and is taken to the bull fight. Finally willing to fight he beats the bull fighter but is still getting killed, but at that very moment the crowd cheers, "Let him go! Let him go!" and the bull fighter lets him go. The farmers then as a reward take Ferdinand and the other bulls to Nina! A lesson that I learned is that there is always a way through everything. I hope you watch the movie and enjoy it very much!

He had a dream....

By: Avalyn Torres

Martin Luther King Jr. addressed a crowd in Washington D.C. on August 28th, 1963, with a speech that forever changed America. He said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Martin Luther King Jr. words of peace and his will to make a difference shaped the America we live in today. It allowed all people, no matter what skin color, to have equal rights and make our world a diverse place. It let people see that it doesn't matter what skin color you have we all are the same on the inside. We all have feelings and our own personalities. I thank Martin Luther King Jr. for bringing our world together and making it a better and fair place to live.



Winter Sports

By, Nicholas Grossi

There are many winter sports. One winter sport is football which is played from September until January. In February one of the coldest months of the year there is a championship game played called the *Super Bowl*. There are two divisions in the NFL which stands for the National Football League, one is the *NFC* which stands for the National Football Conference and the other is the *AFC* which stands for the American Football conference. Whomever wins the playoffs from each division goes on to play at the *Super Bowl*. That is Football.

Another winter sport is Ice hockey and this is part of the winter olympics. Here are the basics, you play on an ice rink and the players use a puck instead of a ball and a hockey stick and one more thing is a goalie net . When you are playing you shoot the puck into the net with the stick while the other team tries to block you and steal the puck. The team who scores the most goals wins the game. You have to be a really good ice skater and have great balance to play this game. That is hockey.

Then I am choosing basketball. This sport technically starts in the fall but they continue to play during the winter and into spring. The NBA which stands for National Basketball Association has 30 teams. This league is for professional men who play basketball but there is also the WNBA for women. The men play 82 games until 2 teams make it to the *finals* and the winner is the champion. That is basketball

The next winter sport is bobsledding. Each team has 2 to 4 people on it and they have a timed race down a narrow ice path in sled. This was invented in Switzerland but is now very popular in the United States and is one of the sports played in the winter olympics.

Of the four sports I named, I played two of the four. I played football for the Secaucus leagues since I was 4 years old and I played basketball recreationally with my friends but not on any team leagues. One day I would like to try ice hockey but I think I will skip bobsledding and leave that to the Olympians.

Character Education Program

By, Mrs, Doering

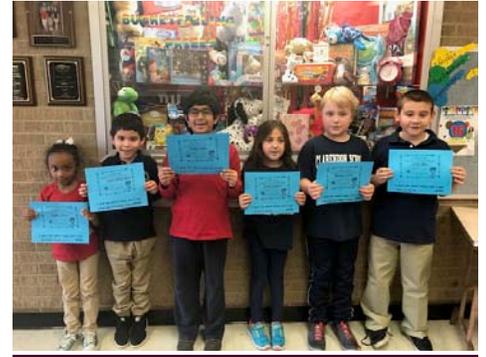
The Clarendon School’s Golden Ticket Bucketfilling Program is in full swing! Students are earning golden tickets for being a good citizen. Please always encourage your child to be the best that they can be and to always show good character! Once a month we hold our “Bucketfilling Event” in the cafeteria and we draw one winner per grade. Below are the lucky recipients from the first half of the school year.

October Bucketfilling Winners

- Kindergarten- Javier Vargas
- First Grade- Renee Valkov
- Second Grade- Paul Moser
- Second Grade- Jada Lyn Castillo
- Third Grade- Haley Gutierrez
- Fourth Grade- Nicholas Elissa
- Fifth Grade- Amanda Miedel

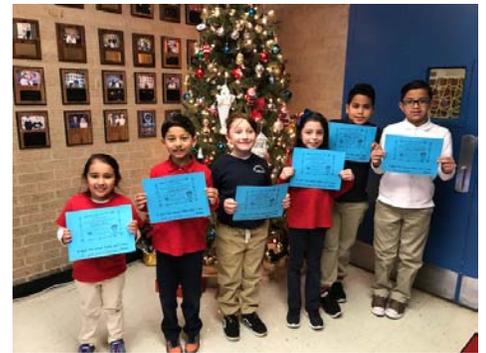
November Bucketfilling Winners

- Kindergarten-Raigan Francis
- First Grade- Yandel Medina-Aponte
- Second Grade- Brooke Baglino
- Third Grade- Nirmay Gupta
- Fourth Grade- Nate Shiffer
- Fifth Grade- Justin Vega



December Bucketfilling Winners

- Kindergarten-Tvisha Dhir
- First Grade-Kian Varshney
- Second Grade-Steven Peschetti
- Third Grade-Mariano Grullon
- Fourth Grade-Carmen Mateos
- Fifth Grade-Sean Panameno



How to Get Along With Your Sibling in the Winter Months

By: Addison Rubin

The winter months can seem long, especially when it's too cold to go outside and play. If you are an older sibling like me and you share a room with your younger sibling, then here are some tips on how to get along. I know all about this because this winter season I'm sharing a room with my little sister since my grandparents are staying at my house for a couple of weeks.

1. Work on a project together. If you have a science project, social studies project, or maybe even homework, then you should work on it with your sibling. When you work on a project with your little brother or sister then it could be stress relieving, fun, and it could even bring you closer to each other. Working on a project together can be a great bonding experience!

2. Give each other a decent amount of space. Sure it can be fun to share a room with your sibling but sometimes we all need our space. If your sister or brother is mad or sad then give them some space by going somewhere else in the house to give them some alone time. We all need some alone time and privacy and we should respect that.

3. Respect each other's interests. A lot of older and younger siblings have different interests, and it is fun to learn about it, but you also have to respect it. There might be some times when your little sister wants to go sledding when you want to build a snowman, so here's a solution to this: tell your little sister or brother that they can go sledding this week and you can build a snowman next week. This way you could each get what you want and you can learn more about each other's interests. With these tips you're going to have a great winter with your siblings and get along with them too!

Groundhog Day

By, Leon Merchel

On every February 2, a ceremony called Groundhog day is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. During the ceremony, the groundhog will forecast the upcoming weather. If the groundhog sees his shadow, and runs back into the burrow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, spring will come early. German settlers in the 1700's started this tradition, and the United States and Canada adopted this tradition as well. People look forward to this day and the predictions that the groundhog will make.



Valentine's Day

By, Meleena Garay

It is shown to think that Valentine's Day is all about love, chocolates, flowers, and gifts, but that is not all. There is a lot more behind all that and where Valentine's Day actually came from. The history about Valentine's is very interesting and fun to learn about! I have come across some facts about the history of Valentine's Day that have actually stood out to me.

Saint Valentine was a bishop who was lived in the third century in Rome. Emperor Claudius believed that marriage made soldiers weak, so he forbidden marriage to ensure the quality of the soldiers. Father Valentine still managed the secretly help those who came to him and united them in a holy matrimony. When Claudius found out about Valentine's actions he executed him and he was sentenced in jail.

While Valentine was in jail, someone came to him to help their daughter heal her blindness with Valentine's saintly power. After she was no longer blind they fell in love. When Valentine was issued a verdict he had to go to the Emperor and agree about the banned marriages but he did not. When he was finally released he asked for a pen and paper and wrote a letter to his love and signed off by saying, from Your Valentine. He was believed to be executed on February 14th 270 A.D. This is where people learned to sign off, "From Your Valentine." Valentine's Day is so much more than just showing love to those you love, it is about knowing the history of how marriage was finally a thing.

In conclusion, learning about the history of Valentine's Day was really interesting. I really had no idea about what Valentine's Day was about I thought it was just a day for couples. I did not know how the holiday became a thing but after doing research I was able to learn a lot from it.



How is Snow Made?

By, Nicholas De Hombre

Snow occurs when water vapors in the air freeze before they can turn into water. This happens when the temperature in the clouds is very cold (below 32°F or 0°C). Snowflakes are made up of crystals of ice that have formed around bits of dirt in the air. Snowflakes start out very small and grow. Each snowflake is different and might contain up to 200 crystals!

News Year's Eve: A Winter Celebration

By Dario Innocenzi

Every year on December 31st in Times Square in New York City, there's a countdown to midnight. A giant glowing ball decorated with lights and thousands of crystals descends a pole above the square while thousands of people count out loud, watch, and cheer. This is the start of a huge New Year's party. This is how people celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. December 31st is New Year's Eve. This means it is the evening before the first day of the new year, January 1st. It is one of the biggest celebrations of the wintertime. The ball is made of very expensive Waterford Crystals. There are more than 2,600 crystals on the ball and the ball weighs more than 12,000 pounds. That's six tons! When the ball descends, the crystal panels on the ball light up. There are 32,000 Phillips LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights behind each crystal panel on the ball. Now, that's what I call bright! The very first ball was dropped in 1907. It weighed 700 pounds and was covered by 100 lights. Boy, the ball has really come a long way! This all happens in Times Square. Times Square is a very famous place. It got its name from the newspaper, the New York Times, which has its headquarters close by. Lots of people wait in Times Square to watch this happen and to celebrate. Many times, they have to stand in the freezing cold or the pouring rain. But it doesn't seem to stop people from coming to watch the ball drop. People wear funny hats and blow on noise-makers. They think about the past and they think about the future. If you haven't done this then I think you should. It must be an amazing experience and I plan on doing it myself one day. This past

This past New Year's Eve, Times Square was packed with about 2 million people. It was cold! It was 11 degrees when the ball came down! And many people waited in the cold all day. The good feelings that they had must have kept their hearts warm, even if their noses and their toes were not. And so, this reporter would like to say to all of my readers, "A very Happy New Year, to you all"!



The History of Valentines Day By: Katerina Christopoulos

Valentine's Day - the popular holiday of love and romances traces its origin to the ancient Roman festival and not created by card companies as some people believe. Historians trace the origin of Valentine's Day to ancient Roman Empire. It is said that in Roman ancient times, people held a holiday on February 14th to honor Juno - the Queen of Roman Gods and Goddesses. February 15th began the festival called 'Feast of Lupercalia.



The Science of Snowflakes By David Shmulyian



Have you ever wondered where snowflakes come from? If you don't "s-know", I'm about to put that knowledge into your head. To understand how snowflakes form, you need to recall how the water cycle works. Water exists in three states: liquid, solid, and gas. The water cycle describes how water changes into its different forms. Water can freeze, melt, evaporate, and condense. In the case of snowflakes water vapor goes through the process of deposition to turn into ice crystals. These crystals grow and turn into snowflakes. When the crystals grow, they form different patterns depending on the temperature and humidity in the air. Humidity is the amount of water vapor in the atmosphere. When the humidity is high you get more branched crystals, and when its low you get more hexagonal crystals (this means they are shaped like stop signs). Now you know about how snowflakes form! I would say that it was "solid" evidence.

New Years Resolutions By, Kritika Jhamatt

Salutations! Resolutions can be a pretty powerful thing. I am writing this article to inform you on how to start your resolution. Before I tell you what you must need to know ,the hardest thing is to keep your resolution. First, find out what you can improve like stop chewing so much gum, eat healthier, and the most powerful thing is to always be kind! Then, start doing it. Finally, your done and you've got an resolution! Now you know how to start your resolution and turn out to be improved at the end of the year!

The Holidays of Winter

By Michael Bolognino

So it's Winter now, and when somebody says "Winter holidays" you probably think *Christmas* or *New Years*, but there is actually more. A lot more in fact, and in this article you are going to learn about them. Winter kicks off on December 21st with "Winter Solstice" It is the first day of Winter and the shortest day of the year. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December. Because its time is different every year, it may or may not fall during winter. It is celebrated because after a revolt to take back a Jewish temple, oil was needed for the menorah in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah.. Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. It is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of the Christian messiah, Jesus Christ, the son of God.

The celebration of "Kwanzaa" honors African heritage in African-American culture. It was created by Ron Karenga. It is 7 days long. It starts on December 26 and goes until January 1. December 31st is New Year's Eve and January 1st is New Year's Day, the first day of a new year. In New York and New Jersey, we celebrate by staying up to 12:00 AM on New Years Eve, when a big ball drops from the sky at Times Square NY. Epiphany (e, pi, fi, nee) or Three Kings Day is celebrated by Christians on Jan 6. It is celebrated because three kings visited baby Jesus. It is celebrated by Christians. It is also the last day of the Christian Christmas season. Martin Luther

season. Martin Luther King Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year. It is celebrated because Martin Luther King Jr. helped stop segregation.

It is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their background. Tu Bishvat is the new year of the trees. It comes on the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat. It begins at sunset on January 30 and ends at nightfall on January 31. Groundhog Day is the next holiday. If it sees its shadow he runs back into the hole and we have 6 more weeks of Winter, but if he doesn't see his shadow spring will be sooner. It is also my birthday. Maha Shivratri is an Indian festival to honor the Indian god Shiva. It is a major festival in Hinduism, but one that is solemn and marks a remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance" in life and the world. It usually celebrated in February or March. Mardi Gras (mar, dee, graws) or Fat Tuesday is the last day before the Christian season of Lent, which lasts 40 days. Christians usually fast during Lent so it is celebrated with lots of food and drinks. Next up is Valentines Day. Valentines Day celebrates Saint Valentine of Rome. It is celebrated by sending valentines to someone you love. It is on Feb 14. On Feb 16, it is the Chinese New Year. 2018 will be the year of the dog. Purim is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar. It commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination. Purim celebrates the Jews freedom from Haman. Haman was the 'adviser. He told a lie to the king to kill the Jews to get revenge on a Jew named Moderaci. Moderaci's cousin Queen Esther saved the Jews. Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of Adar, which is usually in March. St Patricks Day is on March 17th and is celebrated because a british man named Patrick was kidnapped by the Irish and he taught the Irish about his beliefs. who would pinch anyone they could see. They cannot see you if you were green

How to Build a Snowman

By, Jeshua Acuna

Are you excited for snow? If you are, you probably want to know how to build a snowman. First, you need to go where there is the most snow. The more snow you have, the bigger your snowman will be. Then you need to make a big circle for the bottom half. You need to make to sure that the snow sticks together. After that, you need to make another ball but this one should be a little smaller. Don't forget that your snowman needs a head so make one more smaller ball and put it on top! After your snowman is built, you can find buttons and sticks and other things like a hat. You need all these things to make his arms, buttons, eyes, and nose. I like to use a carrot to make his nose! You can even have a contest with your siblings or friends to see who can build the best snowman! I hope you have fun this winter building a snowman!



Winter Poetry

By, Kaylie Bartletta

Wonder what the weather will be,
In our frosty little town? Brand
New adventures await as we
Travel through
Everlasting snow mountains in our
Rustic little town that's covered in
snow!

By: Kaylie Bartletta

Freezing cold temperatures,
Roasting marshmallows by the fire.
Oh what an icy
Storm has come,
Time to stay warm!