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"Mirror, Mirror, on the wall..."

By Molly Martineau

For our Young Authors Festival this year we had a great author, Nathan Levy. Nathan Levy shared his *Intriguing Questions and Stories with Holes* with all of us and many were baffled at the answers. We had a special play performed by the Story Lunch Bunch- *Hen Lake*, about some hens who are eager to prove how much better they are than that snotty peacock Percival. Our little kindergarteners performed a special play. The book it was from was the *Giving Tree*, about a tree, who loved a little boy, and gave everything for him, from her apples, to her branches, to her beautiful trunk. This was run by Ms. Michal Ureli, our Hebrew 1 teacher. Then we had our closing night on Wednesday. The closing ceremony was started off by our Elementary School Chorus. They sang two songs, one was "Wind Beneath My Wings" and the other was "Children Of The New Dawn" with a special solo by Molly Martineau. Then our fourth grade ESOL class performed the play, *Arthur's Missing Glasses*, and they did a fantastic job! We had time to buy Nathan Levy's books and he had time to sign them. We had a special feature this year- Café 5! Run by Ms. Hill and the students of 5B we had a great night reading and performing their plays, stories, and poems. Across the hall, in Miss Bonnie's room you could decorate your own journal, and in Mr. Vans' room you could decorate a bookmark. In the library we had scrapbooks on display that Ms. Hill's Novel Group made based on the book, *The Glory Field* by Walter Dean Myers.



This event was covered by two of the idea writers.

Young Author's Festival 2005

By Sasha Kerez

Who was that man with the holey shirt?

As usual teachers made a play for Opening Ceremony and then Nathan Levy went to every class from elementary school and shared his *Stories with Holes*. There are 20 volumes of *Stories with Holes*. The story that he shared with was:

The man entering the plane at the airport was detained and arrested simply for greeting his friend six seats away.

Students asked questions to which he could answer only "yes" or "no".

The solution of this story was that his friend's name was Jack. When the man said, "Hi, Jack," the pilot quickly grabbed him and called the airport police. (Hijack means to seize control.)

During the Closing Ceremony, kindergarten and the story lunch bunch both performed plays. On the Parent/Child Evening everybody was enjoying a grand display of student's writing. All of the guests were enjoying buying Nathan's Levy's books. Before parents and their children went to make puppets, create bookmarks, design and decorate personal journals, go to café 5 in

room 26, and enjoy story time in the library, everybody listened to Nathan's Levy's speech. "Thank you I enjoyed this week really much," Nathan Levy had started his speech like this. "Between my books you may find *Intriguing Questions and Stories with Holes*. These are books that involved thinking activities and creativity. They are not meant to be easy they are meant to challenge." He said. Nathan Levy also said that *Who's*

Clues and *Not Just School Work* would help children to be creative also. "To be a better student kids need to learn how to summarize descriptive writing because kids do not write descriptively all the time." Nathan Levy told parents. A book called *Time Management* and *Bright Kids* who can't Learn would help children to learn how to use their time. "How important is Grammar Usage and Mechanics in children's writing?" One of the parents would ask. "It's not so important but it's better to know how to spell words correctly so that people won't think that you are not as smart as you are" Nathan Levy replied. "Before I close I want to share three more things with you," said Nathan Levy. *Creativity Day by Day* is one of his newest books. "I have two quotes that I want to share with you. First one is "Those who loose today may win tomorrow" and the second one is "We all live under the same sky, but we all have different horizons." Why do cows wear bells? Because their horns won't work. It was the joke which was the last thing Nathan Levy shared before he closed and thanked everybody once again.



This Newspaper is written by 100% kids, so there is a chance that there will be spelling and grammatical errors. We have tried our best to correct it. Thank you for understanding.

Need to Read? Try *Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson

By Tamar Hoffman

Ships Ahoy! Take an adventure to a ship named "Hispaniola". Meet Jim Hawkins and treacherous Captain Silver. You might think pirates, treasures and other ghastly things are make-believe for babies and toddlers, but trust me you won't after reading this adventurous story. And when you hear the word "story" you might be thinking about bedtime, but Jim Hawkins was far away from sleeping in this bed in a comfortable place. Actually, if he was sleeping, he would probably having horrific nightmares thinking about what he did that day.

I know many girls think "Treasure Island? That's for boys!", but don't if you are one. Well, actually it is for boys, but is also for girls. I am a girl, so I can definitely recommend it.



You obviously won't have any intension of picking this book of the shelf without any excitement for reading it, but it is easy to get. How? Know a little about it in advance. A boy Jim Hawkins finds a map of a small island marked with a red cross. From that moment on, he knows a fortune of gold is lying on a lost forgotten island just waiting for him to uncover it. At least he thinks so....

In the "Hispaniola" Jim sails to the island of his fortune. The voyage goes well until he overhears a conversation that would surly change the rest of his trip. The one-legged-man that signed as the ship's cook was in fact the most feared man of all time—Pirate Long John Silver. And worse yet, the crew is teamed up with him to steal the treasure. Can Jim save the treasure along with himself?

For this edition's interviews, Zoya Kozakova interviewed Dr. Sills (Superintendent), Mr. Levinson (ES principal), Ms. Aaronson (MS principal) and Mr. Jacover (HS principal). We hope you enjoy learning about them for they are quite interesting people.

Mrs. Aaronson

Mrs. Aaronson's first day of school was in 1959, precisely 46 years ago. Zoya, had a few questions for her that not everybody may know. To exemplify: Why did you call WBAIS, WBAIS? Mrs. Aaronson claimed that there a man named Wal-

worth Barbour, and he founded the school. Therefore, the school is named to honour Barbour. Mrs. Aaronson has worked in four different countries, in 9 different schools. Now that's got to be interesting. She served as principal of a high school as well as middle school and was school counselor. Zoya was interested in the new school and had some questions to ask about that. "When are we moving?", Zoya asked excited. "In August of 2006", Mrs. Aaronson replied. Zoya continued to question eagerly, "Will there be a swimming pool?" "Yes there will be and swimming lessons." And the interview ended and Zoya was glad to learn so much about Ms. Aaronson.

The Third Grade Times

Nicolas Carillo

Kid's take time to relax at break and lunch. Kids find interesting things like golden coins, gizmos and other cool stuff. In class we do spelling, math, Hebrew, P.E and art, and it is very fun!

Every student is nice and expects *Homework!*

They think homework is fun.

With all the sports like Dodge Frisbee, tag, catch, soccer, air tag, and other fun games. You should try them, they're really fun. Come on! Try it! You'll, like it!

The Band and Keyboard Concert

By Molly Kaufman

On March 2nd, the 5th graders keyboards and band did a performance for the fourth and third graders and their parents. First the keyboards showed us their skills by playing scales. Then they played some songs. Then after they did that the band was getting ready to play. Then they started playing some songs. Mr. Gifford explained what each instrument. The audience thought it was interesting. Then they played more songs. The finale was excellent. I hope everyone liked it. It was a success.



Interviews with the Administrators

By Zoya Kozakova

Mr. Jacover

Mr. Jacover first came to AIS in 1991. Before this, he worked as a teacher, a basketball coach, and a counselor. He likes this school very much, he says. Mr. Jacover's hobbies include spending time with his daughter, sports, and traveling. Zoya was also interested in other categories such as favourite animal, and colour. The answers she got were for favourite color, rust, and for favorite animal, dog.

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I'm bored. Any place to go?

By Yael Guinor

Israel is a small country, but if you are a newcomer it might look big to you. You probably wouldn't know where everything is. Am I right about all that? Well, that's why I'm here to help. A full Israeli that has been living here all her life is just what you need. This article is especially for you so keep reading. In Israel, everything is fabulous! Though Israel is small it has a large variety of beautiful landscapes, shores, mountains, deserts and, believe it or not, Israel has got the lowest place in the world. Most of the year Israel has a pleasant climate and in winter it's sometimes warm as well. I would like to tell you about some attractions along the Yarkon River that originates near Afek Park and pours to the Mediterranean Sea in the northern part of Tel Aviv.

(Look at point number 2 on the attached map)

Bike Trail- There are lots of trails in the park, but I would truly recommend the one along the Yarkon River. This trail goes long the northern bank of the river and you can enter it in the sportek.

(Look at point number 3 on the attached map)

Miniature golf Miniature golf is a great way to hang out with your family and friends. It is also very fun and active; you can do it in any time of the year.

(Look at point number 4 on the attached map)

Boat Rental- If you don't get seasick I would truly recommend it! There are three kinds of boats: row boats, paddle boats and motor boats. The price is expensive, but the experience is worthwhile.

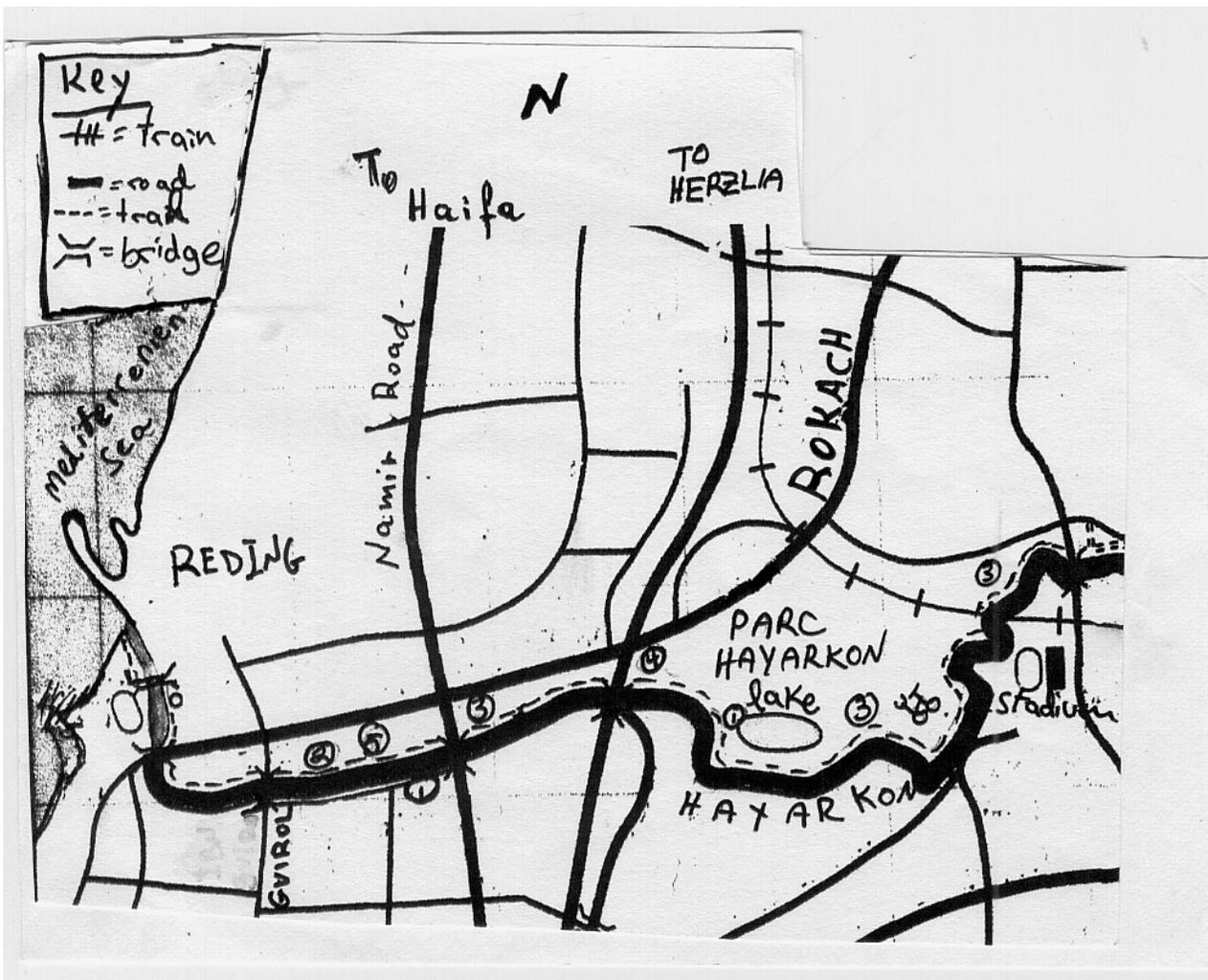
(Look at point number 1 on the attached map)

Wall climbing- Wall climbing is very fun and is a great way to experience rock climbing. If you are new to the sport then you can always start from the easier walls or just not climb to the top.

(Look at point number 5 on the attached map)

Skates & Rollers- If you are into skating and rollerblading then what are you waiting for?!?! There is a concrete ring and lots of people can skate together.

HAVE FUN! I recommend you go on Sunday when it's not that full.



HELLLLLLP! *the idea's* advice column

By Dayae Jeomg

My mom makes me go to sleep at 7:30 every night. How can I get her to let me stay up later?

Well, that is a very tough problem that you have. I would recommend you to not whine about your bedtime or even say anything about it. When she tells you to go to sleep, just go and don't start an argument. After a week of this, ask your mother if your bedtime can be increased to 8:00. She will probably say yes, but if she doesn't don't complain. After you have done this, don't bring up the subject again until your mother does. Eventually, as you grow older, you'll be able to stay up longer and longer. But don't be sad if your mother doesn't increase your

bedtime for about one year. Most mothers don't allow children to stay up late because sleep gives you strength and you need strength for the next day. So next time you want to argue with your mother, think about it first. She won't let you stay up longer if you keep on whining. What she wants from you is responsibility.



Interviews Continued

Dr. Sills

As you all know, Dr. Sills is the superintendent of our school. But wait! He's far more than that! Dr. Sills is quite an interesting person. He has worked at AIS for 7 years, and thinks that it is the best school. He is really impressed with the work the student council has done, and likes the way they work. He has formerly worked in Morocco at

the Rabat American School as the director. He also previously worked at Bangkok, at the Thailand American International School as well as in Kinshasa, Congo. What interesting places! Next year, he will be working in the Philippines. We will all definitely miss him.

Mr. Levinson

Mr. Levinson, the principal of the Elementary School also is interesting. For example, if he were to have a different job, he would be a Marine biologist! Before coming to AIS, he worked in the Tunisia American Corporate School.

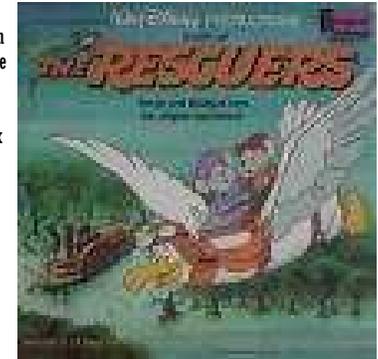
Slavery Today

Slavery Today

Slavery---Boy, that was long ago. There are hundreds of text books that schools use every where about Slavery in the colonies up to the end of the American Civil War. And then there is that famous year 1863 that all slaves in the south became free and then by 1864 basically all slaves were free. Still, that doesn't mean internationally.

In 1948, the United Nations (UN) declared an international law that slavery and any act like slavery was and still is prohibited by law (Universal Declaration of the Human Rights). Actually, in the U.S. it was prohibited long before; since the Constitution (1788). And even before that, The Declaration of Independence stated that all men are created equal. Actually, the thing Thomas Jefferson felt the worst for was that he had stated that all men are created equal, but didn't free all his slaves until a couple years later. This is an extremely

important law, and it has a significant role in the lives we live today. However, there are slaves all over the world that you've actually known of all your life, but called it different names. Many people do this so they can keep slaves and nobody will know. In fact, there is an extremely good chance that your favorite tee-shirt or baseball cap was made by a slave. You might think of child labour as child labour, but many don't realize that it is a form of slavery. In countries like India and Pakistan, there is no law making kids



You just need your children to read the book called *The Rescuers*. It's an amazing book full of adventures. Children can learn very many things from this book. In the story two mice called Bernard and Bianca were sent to look for a young girl named Penny. She was kidnapped and forced to look for the most famous jewel called Devil's Eye. Three other mice decided to help Bernard and Bianca. It may sound strange but in *The Rescuers* everything is possible.

Charity Kemama

"I can not go to school today said little Peggy Ann McKay..."

Read the rest of this fabulous poem in *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, by Shel Silverstein.

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Where the Sidewalk Ends

the poems and drawings of Shel Silverstein

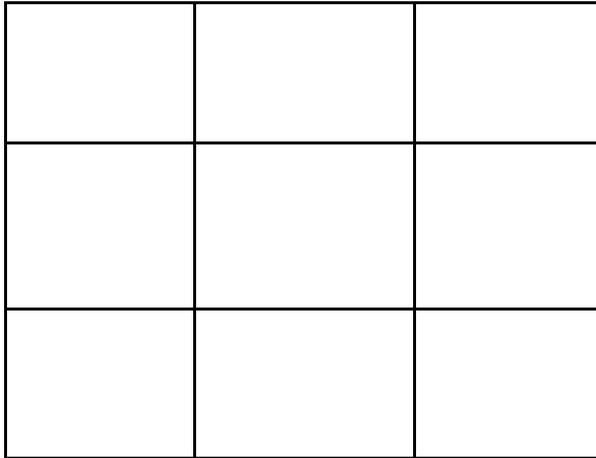


Child Labour

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Games Page

Tic Tac Toe



Hmmm.... A Tricky Puzzle



When John goes hiking, he always takes his 2 dogs and cat along. He came across a river and needed to carry his pets across one at a time. None of the dogs can stay alone with the cat. Can he get across the river safely? If so, how? See page 8 for the solution.

To make your own puzzles and games, go to www.discoveryzone.com

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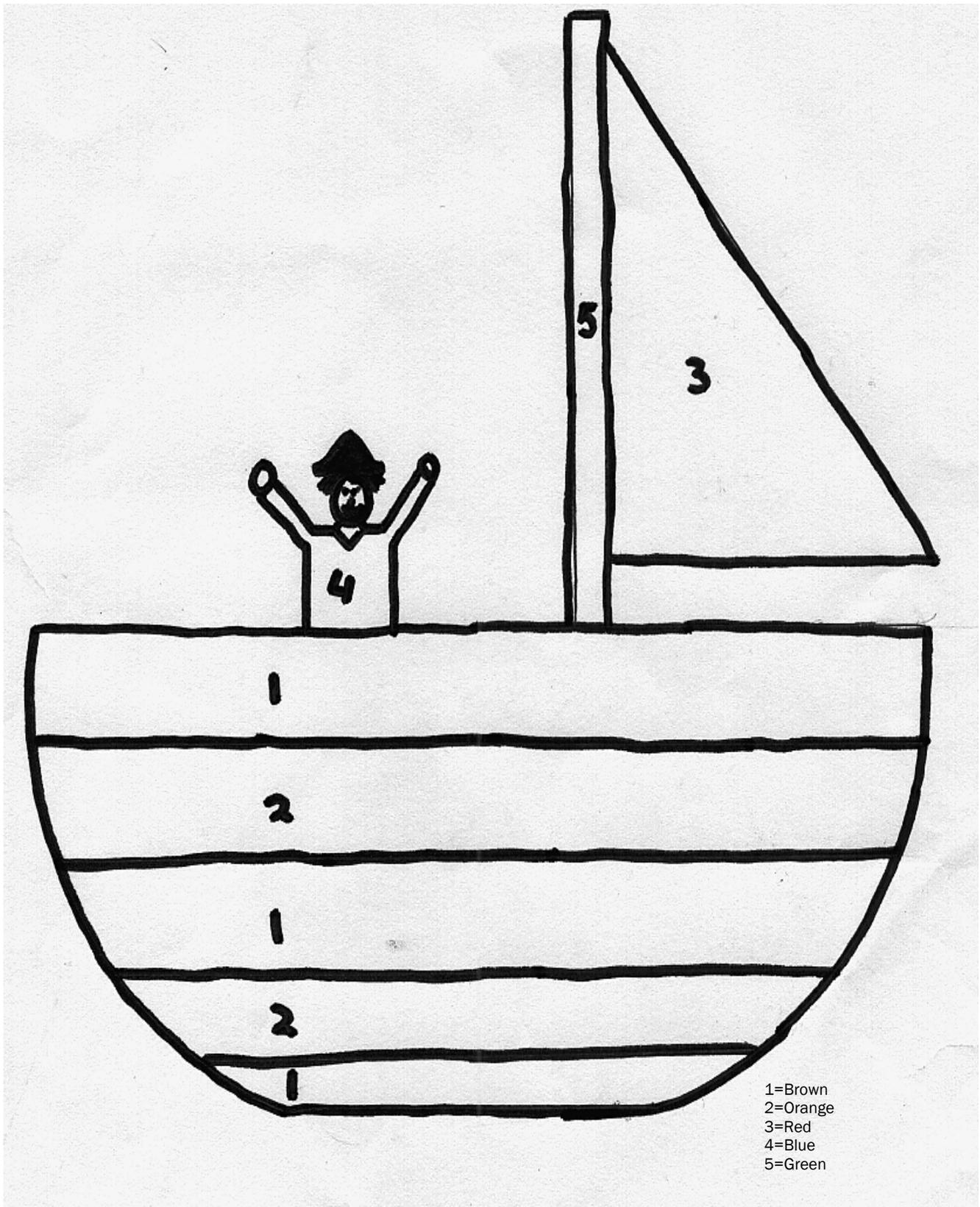
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Illustrated by Eungang Lee



Fourth Grade Explores Ancient Egypt

The 4th Graders have been working on studying Ancient Egypt. They had a project to pretend they were actually Ancient Egyptians. They were supposed to keep a diary about their job, did they like it, their favorite part of the day, least favorite part and the age that they died. On each page you were supposed to write two facts and complete an illustration. Did you know that most Ancient Egyptians worked as field hands, farmers, craftsman, and scribes? Or that daily life in ancient Egypt revolved around the Nile and the fertile land along its banks? The students worked hard and the project took about one and a half weeks. There had to be at least six-nine pages written. Now the 4th Graders are busy studying Ancient Greece.



Zoya holds up her Daily Life booklet



Art Show

Throughout the school year art students have discovered how beautiful they work so they decided to have an art show to display all their work. The first grade painted their traced fingers. Some turned themselves into ballerinas, others into athletes or sport stars. The second grade made hand puppets of lions, cats

and birds. They also made clay birds and they made kites out of bamboo sticks and tissue paper. The third grade learned about Africa. They made paper maché sculptures of African animals and characters from African stories. They know how to identify the African art by its style. The fourth grades studied art history of the

ancient civilizations and now are able to identify the style of art work for that time period. They also learned about the life of the artists in the ancient world. They made a caveman painting too. The fifth grade learned about Native American art and they made buffalo robes, shields and thunderbirds.

By Nangamso Gqiba (So So)



Swim Team

As you may know there is an after school activity, swimming. There is also another kind of swimming that the school does not run. That swim team is called the Bena Herzliya Country Club. The swim team practices 6 days a week and three hours each day. The season has just ended and it will start back up again in about a week. The swim team practices in an indoor fifty meter pool so that they can swim all year round. When you join the team they give you a team bag, a team suit, and team shirt. So now you know that there



are other activities to do then the ones that you do at school.

-Andrew Nyce

The AIS swim team each year starts some time in October and ends in March. The swim team is coached by Idit Shneider and the assistant coach Shannon McDonald. The swim team is never that big and can always use good swimmers. The team meets every Monday and Thursday to swim. This semester the swim team went to one swim meet at the same pool where they usually swim.

By Andrew Nyce and Jordan Brandt

The elementary swimmers did very well at the swim meet and most of them got a gold medal. The judges were very surprised with their timing and technique. Even though the AIS swim team did very well in their last swim meet they intend to do even better on the next. Most of the swimmers on the AIS swim team were in the team last year when they were coached by someone who is an assistant coach to the Israeli international team.

-Jordan Brandt

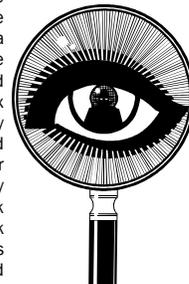
Lucky's Disappearance

By Anna Moritz

Daisy and Max were getting out of the car. They were visiting their grandpa Jack for the summer. Max was soooooo exited. Daisy wasn't that exited, because all they ever did was boy stuff. But this time Jack let Daisy and Max go to watch Lucky in the SPEEDHORSES racetrack and ride Lucky at home too. Daisy and Max had some fun for a couple days. The 4th day when Jack went to feed Lucky she was gone! Jack also told them if they did solve it would have to be in four days. Daisy and Max didn't know how to start so they started to look for clues then Rob Mitchell said hi to Daisy and Max. They were too busy to say hi back Rob had realized that. So he walked off. Then Jane Dil asked what they were doing so Daisy told her "we are looking for clues to a mystery". Then Jane walked off because she wanted them not to be bothered. The next day when Jack went to watch people practice Max and Daisy got bored and went to do something else when Max had saw some horse footprints! They went home, inside the stable took a picture of the foot prints, went back and these prints and they looked exactly the same. They followed them and saw 20 or 30 were boomed off in the middle. So they ran home found 2 notebooks and wrote down what and where they found them to show Jack. Max and Daisy told Jack. He went with them. Daisy and Max told Jack not to call the police they reminded him they were solving the mystery. So Max and

Daisy went back to the footprints and Max and Daisy split up. After about 5 minutes Daisy called Max. Max came really fast and Daisy showed Max the footprints she found. Then they followed the footprints and ended up at Rob Mitchell's house! They couldn't believe their eyes! Rob was so kind. They went straight home and found some pencils and footprints. They were really suspicious now. The next day they went to Rob's house and saw something they didn't see last night it was Lucky's purple saddle at Rob's door! They grabbed it and ran to Jack then gave it to him. (The saddle gave him good luck.) Max and Daisy knew how much Jack loved that saddle. They started investigating the saddle so they would know Lucky's fur color and everything. Jack reminded them they had 2 days left. So they went to SPEEDHORSES race track to watch people practice. They were sad because they thought they wouldn't solve the mystery in time. The next day Daisy and Max walked around the town to look for more clues they had 1 day left! They couldn't find any clues so they went to the racetrack, that didn't do any good then Max thought of something "why don't we go to Rob Mitchell's house". Daisy thought it was a great idea. They trotted down to Rob's house and looked around his stable and only saw Rob's horse, so they walked down to the racetrack to watch more people practice. Then Daisy and Max realized something

odd every time the horses went on this 1 spot of the track it sounded metal. They ran into the gift shop across the street went inside found a sign that said caution wet stairs but it had been there for months. So they went in and went all the way down the stairs. (They thought they would find a clue.) Then they were amazed. There was a tunnel with horse footprints everywhere! Max and Daisy followed them for about 5 minutes. Then they heard some horse neighing they ran as fast as they could, then they were amazed Lucky was standing under a stable under the gift shop the whole time! Then Max saw a trapped door right above them. They opened it and Rob was climbing in. Max jumped on Rob then Daisy ran up through the door and called the police. Afterwards when Jack got Lucky back Daisy and Max took their seats at the race track and watched, when it was over Lucky had won and they all celebrated.



Newspaper Exchange

The Idea is part of an international exchange of schools that actually share news articles online. They are sent via email for schools to use and then after a paper is published it is mailed out to all the schools that are involved in the program. This time schools from all over the world (New Zealand, Canada, France and the US) are involved. The following are articles that other schools sent us:

Did You Know These Random Facts?

By: Cameron and Andrew
Roosevelt Intermediate School, New Jersey, USA

*It would take 11 Empire State Buildings, stacked one on top of the other, to measure the deepest point in the Gulf of Mexico.

*Americans consume 18 acres of pizza a day.

*A humming bird weighs less than a penny.

*The Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

*There are over 61,000 pizzerias in the US

*Hawaii is the only US state never to report a temperature below zero

*Happy Birthday is the most often sung song in the US

*No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times

The Incredibles- A Movie Review

By: Steven
Tennille Elementary School (TES)

The Incredibles is an action packed comedy film. It's about a family of superheroes trying to fit in with the rest of the world, because Mr. Incredible saved a man who didn't want to be saved. When Mr. Incredible loses his

job a marvelous opportunity was given to him. Now he could do superhero work. The job was given to him by a company that makes weapons. One of their machines supposable escapes because it had the ability to think, and thought why it should take orders from the company. Afterwards, Mr. Incredibles gets another assignment and he is captured by Syndrome! Now it's up to Mrs. Incredible (a.k.a. Elastigirl) to save him. I would give this movie a 10 being the best and I hope you do too.

How to Avoid Brothers and Sisters and Turning Your Life into a Disaster

CSI School, France

A lot of times your little brothers and sisters try to get you in trouble and it ends up just as they planned: you get grounded. To stop them getting into trouble give them what they want. For example: chocolate! Usually kids like that but if they don't give them some other kind of sweet.

Kindergarten Art



How Jack Prelutsky "Really" Gets his ideas! (Or at least what Dayae thinks)

By Dayae Jeong

Is there a class that doesn't like arts and crafts? The answer is simple no. Kindergarten class enjoys art very much. Actually every class from K-12 does. Usually they read a small book and then do an art project about it; sometimes they even learn about an author and later do a work in the author's style. They cut, paste, work with clay, draw and have so much fun with their teacher. Of course they are still small but there are lots of kindergarteners that are talented artists and are drawing very well .They have art every other day on day two. Lucky them!



"A stanza from My dog, he is an ugly dog"

My dog, he is an ugly dog,
He's put together wrong,
His legs are much too short for him,
His ears are much too long.
My dog, he is an scruffy dog,
He's missing clumps of hair
His face is quite ridiculous,
His tail is scarcely there.

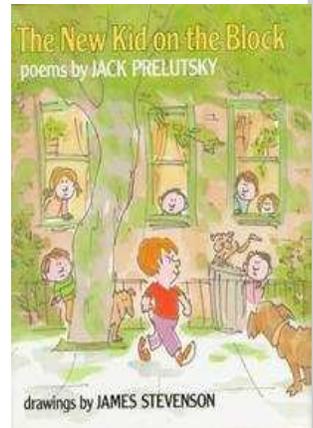
"The New Kid on the Block", one of Prelutsky's greatest hits Check it out at the library!

Athena Link:

www.wbais.org/~aislibrary

A dog like that does not exist! But this is a description of Jack's dog! And that is only one stanza. The others are too ridiculous to tell anyone. Jack's dog is very fat and his legs are much too short for him, and his ears drag the ground, and there are precisely 78 spots on this dog missing hair. And Jack once measured his tail and it was only two centimeters long! That's merely a stub!

In the other stanzas, it says that the dog is full of fleas, and smells like cheese. This poem is too outrageous to read on but I will elaborate some facts. When the dog is full of fleas, everyone gets contaminated with germs. People begin itching their skin like crazy and also begin growing stiff; these are the first signs of FLEAU. When the dog smells cheese, the whole house stinks and everyone across the street can smell it. It is really a horrible nightmare.



This is the "point of view" of Dayae Jeong, and does not reflect on the point of view of the idea. Yet remember this, it's her favourite poet!

Stories at Lunch

By Eungang Lee

Story lunch is where a teacher or student reads while everybody else listens. It takes place on Tuesday during lunch. Story lunch started 6 years ago (1999). For the past two years, Ms. Leslie has been and is in charge of it. She enjoys reading to kids and loves story lunch, and thinks it's a great idea. Her favorite book is *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg. On Wednesday, there are activities having to do with the story that was read. They also perform their favorites; so far the ones performed have been *Piggy Pie* by Palatini Margie and *Hen Lake* Mary Jane Auch. These books are in the Library

Math Olympiad

By Tamar Hoffman

Math Olympiad is an international program that about 5,000 schools participate in. There are 5 competitions, each containing 5 problems. In this school, 4th and 5th grade are allowed to participate although only kids from the 5th grade do it this year. The problems that we solve are not about knowing how to multiply, divide, add and subtract well, but about problem solving. Calculators are not allowed. "Read the problem carefully," Mr. Levinson repeats. This is very important while solving the problems because they always have tricks to them. This program was created by Dr. George Lenchner in 1977 and became public in 1979. Although you are probably thinking that taking your Monday or Tuesday lunch to do math is not fun, but the 5th graders who do it have a lot of fun. For more information go to www.moems.org. An example of a problem is below.

Time: 6 minutes

A firefighter stood on the middle rung of a ladder, went up 3 rungs, was forced down 5 rungs, and then went up 7 rungs to extinguish the fire. Then the firefighter climbed the remaining 6 rungs to the top of the ladder. How many rungs are there on the entire ladder?

Go to http://www.moems.org/sample_files/SampleE.pdf for the answer.



Illustration by Eungang Lee

Nature

By Dayae Jeong

*Nature leaves fall to the floor.
Red orange, yellow, brown.
The colors of a shining fire.
With nothing,
To be ashamed of.
Especially it's beauty . . .*

*Nature flowers,
Give off their scent,
Showing off to one another,
And to get plucked,
To be put in wonderful vases.
To be smelled,
And be looked at.
With wonder and thoughts,
All beautiful just to fit the flower . . .*

*Nature can roar,
Nature can be calm.
It can be anything, when it wants to
be . . .*

*It listens to it's children,
The bugs and the plants,
The sea and the ocean,
The sky and the ground.
It looks so beautiful,
Yet you cannot see it.
A wonderful thing,
Nature is . . .
Just like beauty, only more pure . . .*

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go to school or saying that they can't work, so it happens often. Millions of men, women and children are still in the same position as Lizzy and Muhammad were world-wide.

Types of Slavery Today:

Bonded Labor: People get tricked into taking a loan as little as the cost for medicine for a sick child. To repay the debt, many are forced to work long hours 7 days a week and usually for a time span of a year. They receive basic food and shelter as 'payment' but never can pay of the debt that can be passed down for generations.

Early Marriage or Forced

Marriage: When women or girls are forced in to marriage and for the rest of their lives often live a life of servitude and are severely physically hurt.

Forced Labor: People are forced by individuals, governments, or political parties to work under threat of violence.

Slavery by Descent.

People are born into a slave class or are from a group that the society considers as suited for slave labor.

Trafficking: Involves the transport or trade

of peoples forcing them into slavery conditions.

Although there is still slavery, there is one thing better about it; organizations and people by themselves are trying to help. The only thing is that not enough people are aware of it, so less people are helping. Surprising enough, slaves today are cheaper than what they were in 1850 in America's South; Then they were equal to \$40,000 in today's dollars and now they are only an average of \$90. Since they are so cheap, then if they are not behaving, ill, or are not useful then they simply kill them. That's much worse than the Civil War Era! Women in Eastern Europe and are forced into prostitution, children are trafficked between traditional West African countries, people in Nepal are forced to work for farms, children in the Philippines as domestic workers and men are forced to work as slaves on agricul-



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tural estates. It's really hard to imagine, but believe-it-or-not, it happens all the time.

When slavery in the British colonies first started, they were captured from Africa their descendents were born slave. Today, because slavery is illegal, the way peoples get put into it is that people get tricked into doing jobs by being lied to that it is a great high-paying job. Some companies such as *Gap* and *Old Navy* use child labor. Many products that are labeled "*Made in China*" are actually made by slave labor in India. It is not a good idea to boycott slavery because it will just make the situation worse. This is because it could hurt the employers as well as the slaves by putting them in more poverty than they are at the moment considering that they live in poor countries. Poverty is one of the main things that began modern day slavery, so it would really only be doing harm to increase it. Because many employers cannot pay for employees, they use labor. This is unlike the beginning of slavery in the British colonies, because their root reason was also that it was free, but it wasn't based on poverty; it was based on pure greediness. Basically, it is a much better idea to just support freedom.

To conclude, even though many peoples are not aware of it, there is slavery all around us. If you look at the pictures above, you will notice how harsh the conditions are and how slaves are forced to work in the bright sun. I am sure you wouldn't want to be in their shoes. That is, if they are lucky to have them; even if they are torn. Imagine about 150 years from now when hopefully everybody will be free and will be thinking about the difference everybody who is fighting for freedom have made.

High School Hockey Marathon

By Molly Kaufman

On the 28th of January two high school teams, Country hicks and City slicks played a little game of hockey. The opening ceremony started with high school's from the different teams fighting against each other, then someone said lets do this the old fashion way: Hockey! Then after that act they did all sorts of entertainment. First they had the fifth graders doing square dancing for the country hicks and then the fourth graders did funky dancing for the city slicks. We had some jazz dancers then we had a little break dancing. Then Terry the PE teacher did a little power point about the tsunami and told us that the hockey marathon for this year was for the victims to get them food, water and things to help rebuild their society. Then the game began. The game proceeded through the night and until Saturday. Guess who won, the blue. Many people were happy that blue won but the Country hicks were not to happy about it. The hockey Marathon was a success and we also got money for the tsunami victims.



The Second Grade Corner

By Dayae Jeong

The second graders have previously been studying weather and been participating in an international Weather Watchers project. This has been going on for quite a few weeks. The second graders measure the temperature here, at AIS, Israeli every day and then put it on a graph that is sent out to be pasted onto a website. They have been recording what they have ebon wearing, if it was sunny or cloudy and what they do at break as well as the temperature on the graph. Two fifth graders, Tamar and Dayae help the second graders with the graphing, but the kids do all the measuring on their own. Pretty amazing, isn't it?

Here is a writing by Students:

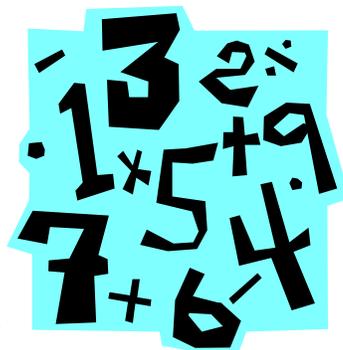
Today we made an anemometer. It measures wind speed. It is sunny and is moderate breeze. Moderate breeze means high speed like wind. And it is 18 degrees Celsius.

By Etse-Hiwot Negash.

Frank's Quiz

By Jonathan Walker

Today Frank had a quiz, on multiplication and division. Frank was saying in his head, "What a piece of cake!" I can do this test, no problem. When the teacher gave the test Frank panicked a tiny bit. When he got the test he went straight to work. Two times two, that's easy so he wrote the answer on the quiz 4. Next one, 3,567 multiply by 1,937. Frank said in his head, oh nooooo! What shall I do? Okay calm down all you have to do is run for your life, Frank said in his head.



Suddenly the problem shouted, "Hey all you have to do is easy. Times that one with that one and then add us. It is so easy. Come on! It is easy, come on just times me and add me! It is easy!" "Okay, why are you shouting at me?" Frank said to the multiplication problem. The multiplication problem said to Frank, "I am so lonely no one likes me." The multiplication sobbed at Frank. Frank expressed his feelings and said, "Well I hate you to, but if you tell me the answer I will like you." The multiplication problem sobbed and said, "See I am always bullied around!" "Don't worry I will be your friend" said Frank. And suddenly he woke up realized that it was all a dream and he went to math class in school and the teacher said, "we are going to have a quiz today." and then Frank said, "nooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!"

Fourth Grade Field Trip

4th graders were studying all about water. So they went on a field trip. The field trip took place in Netanya on February. The 4h graders went to the winter pond. There they saw snakes, turtles, ducks tadpoles and foxes. They also went to the Iris reserve . They saw flowers called Irises which were almost extinct. Then they went on the sand dunes which were gigantic. Some of the people slid on them. After they went on a playground. They had a lot of fun. On the playground there was a giant moving wheel. This is how it worked: some people went inside the wheel and the other people turned the wheel. Sometimes the people got hurt. But then everything was ok. Then they went to the buses and left to school.

By Katya Babaeva and Linda Bojko

The Student Council

By Molly Martineau

Signed, The Chorus

By Dayae Jeong and Jessica Fretwell

The chorus has just recorded a song on a video that is going to be produced and sold! They sang a song that represents the school because the video was about the school, showing how wonderful it is. The song that they sang is called 'The Wind Beneath my Wings' and they also sang it at the Parent Child night at the Young Authors Festival. They also made a CD this year at a famous CD producing company, along with the middle and high school choir.



After a quick rehearsal, the elementary chorus went to the David Intercontinental Hotel in Tel-Aviv. After climbing lots of stairs we arrived in the HUGE area that we were going to sing in. There were more than 100 people watching us. It made a lot of people nervous but we did a good job of singing the Israeli National Anthem and the Latvian National Anthem. Thankfully everyone enjoyed it. As we left we got a box of chocolates and we got to eat cake. It was good!

Solution to Puzzle

Yes, it is possible. John first needs to carry his cat across. Then, he comes back and takes one of his dogs, and immediately picks up his cat to carry him back. As soon as the cat is back at the starting point, he immediately picks up the dog and carries him to the other side. Finally, he comes back to



In the Grade One/Two reading class students compiled a book of chocolate recipes. Here is one that you can make this summer. Yummy!

Chocolate Peanut Butter No-bake Cookies

Combine:

- 2 cups of sugar
- 3 Tbsp of cocoa
- ½ cup of whole milk
- ½ cup of margarine

Boil for 1 and ½ minutes.

Stir in:

- 1 tsp of vanilla
- ½ a cup of peanut butter (smooth or crunchy)
- Add 3 cups of cooking oats.

Spread in pan and cut into squares or spoon it onto waxed paper until it is hard.



Henry Waterman, of New York, invented the elevator in 1850. He intended it to transport barrels of flour.

John Greenwood, also of New York invented the dental drill in 1790.

The corkscrew was invented by M.L. Bryn, **also** of New York, in 1860.

Electrical hearing aids were invented in 1901 by Miller R. Hutchinson, who was (you guessed it) from New York.

Dr. Jonas Salk developed the vaccine for polio in 1952, in *New York* (aaah!).

Four wheel roller skates were invented by James L. Plimpton in 1863. Can you guess **where?**

The first words that Thomas A. Edison spoke into the phonograph were, "Mary had a little lamb."

In 1843, a mathematician, Ada Byron, published the first computer programs. She based them on Jacquard's punch-card idea. Her programs were for the first general-purpose mechanical digital computer, which was just invented by Charles Babbage.

As an advertising gimmick, Carl Meyer, nephew of lunch meat mogul Oscar Meyer, invented the company's "Wienermobile". On July 18, 1936, the first Oscar Mayer "Wienermobile" rolled out of General Body Company's factory in Chicago. The Wienermobile still tours the U.S. today.

Gutenberg invented the printing press in the 1450's, and the first book to ever be printed was the Bible. It was, however, in Latin rather than English.



Jeanne Pierre Francois Blanchard built the first parachute and tested it using a dog. He put the dog in a basket equipped with his invention and then dropped it from a hot air balloon. It was a giant step forward for aviation history, but a giant step backwards in establishing the dog as man's best friend.

The toothbrush was invented in 1498.

The waffle iron was invented August 24, 1869.

The same man who led the attack on the Alamo, Mexican Military General, Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, is also credited with the invention of chewing gum.

Scissors were invented by Leonardo da Vinci in 1515.

Lazy Susans are named after Thomas Edison's daughter. He invented it to impress a gathering of industrialists and inventors.

Cyano-acrylate glues (super glue) were invented by accident. The researcher was trying to make optical materials, and would test their properties by putting them between two prisms and shining light through them. When he tried the cyano-acrylate, he couldn't get the prisms apart.

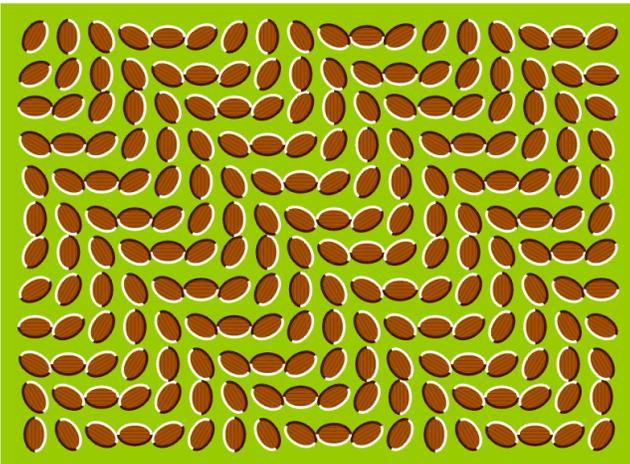
At the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, Richard Blechyden, and Englishman, had a tea concession. On a very hot day, none of the fairgoers were interested in hot tea. Blechyden served the tea cold—and invented iced tea.

Interesting Facts About...Inventors

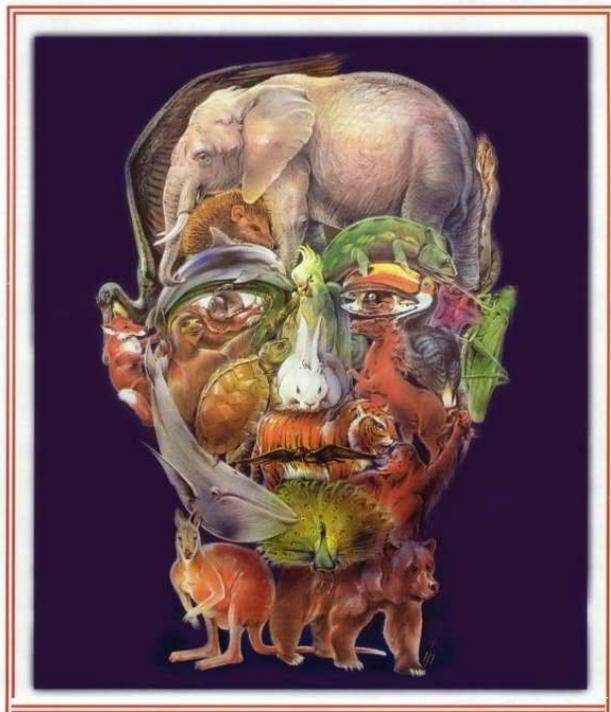
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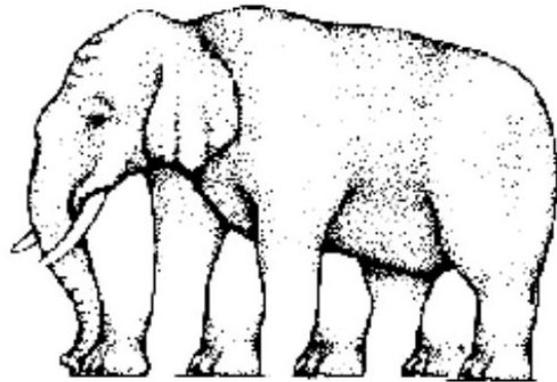
What is that? Optical Illusions



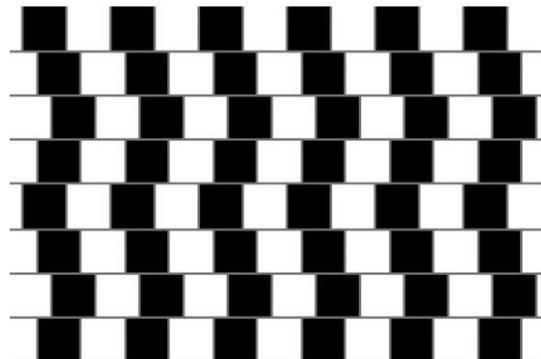
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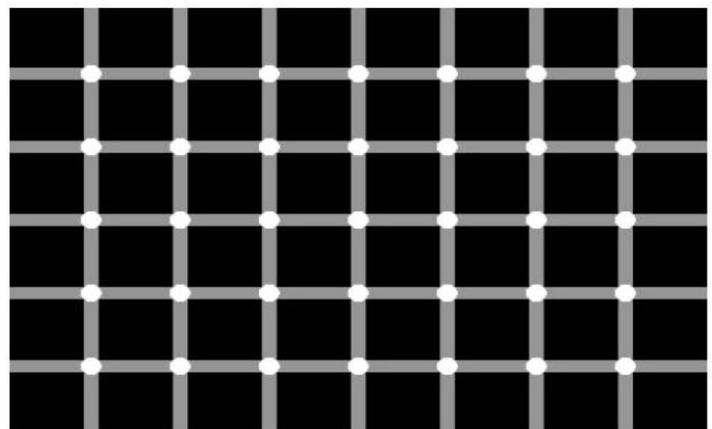
Can you find all 12 animals?



How many legs does the elephant have?



Are the lines parallel or do they slope? (Don't use a ruler)



Black or white dots?