



-News-

New Elements?!

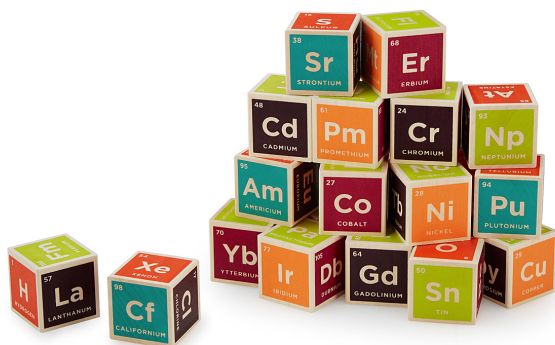
by Taylor B, 8th gr.

What is the periodic table of elements? The periodic table of elements is a table that shows all the elements synthetically made and found on Earth. These elements are arranged in the table by number of protons, number of electrons in the valence shell, and the chemical properties. Recently, there were four new elements added to the table named Nihonium, Moscovian, Tennessine, and Oganesson. The four elements are numbers 113,115,117, and 118. So let's learn about the elements.

The first element on the list, Niobium, was named after Japan and is one of the two ways to say Japan. The element's symbol is Nh and means land of the rising sun. Element 113, Niobium, was discovered by a linear accelerator in Japan named the Center for Accelerator-Based Science. This element has a half-life of 70 milliseconds. This element goes into the Boron group and is very important. The next element, Moscovian, was proposed by its discoverers to be named after Moscow. It was discovered by a joint team of Russian and American scientists. This element is a super radioactive and only has a half life of only 220 milliseconds, so it was very hard to find. Moscovian is very hard to find, which in turn makes it very hard to discover. This element is a great improvement because it was hard to discover. Moscovian is predicted to be the third member of the seventh period and the heaviest of the

15th group. If you do not now, periods go across and groups go up and down. This element will be important to the discoveries in the scientific field in the future.

The next element is Tennessine which has the number 117 and is the second heaviest known element in the 7th period. Tennessine has a half-life of less than 30 hours.



Tennessee has 294 protons and is a Halogen. This element is not only radioactive, but is also man made. This element was named after the state Tennessee. This shows the contributions to the discovery and the scientists of Tennessee are happy to be on the Periodic Table. The final element that was added to the table was Oganesson. Oganesson has the highest atomic mass of all the elements on the periodic table. It is a very radioactive element and is unstable. Furthermore, Oganesson is also super reactive. That's all the elements there are.

In conclusion these elements are a big contribution to the science world because they helped us complete part the table. They make the 7th row of table complete! This is very important for scientific development to build upon. Especially because these elements are very hard to find.

-Editorial-

Teens and Social Media

by Cate P, & Zoë P, grade 6

Teens use social media way too much. We believe that teens should not be allowed to have social media until they are 13. And they have to get permission online from their parents. If kids have access to social media to early then they might make a bad decision of posting something that shouldn't be out there. That then can then lead to identity's getting stolen and cyber bullying. Many teens are addicted to social media. Now, some kids may think, well, my friends would never do that to me! But you're wrong! Your friend could share something that you posted to someone who you don't know who. Then that person could share it with

another. And then another, and then on and on. Soon, it could get to someone that could harm you and your family. Many young kids don't understand the dangers of social media. Social Media is not a good app to have at such a young age! Although there are many downsides to social media there are positives about it too.

We believe that kids and teenagers should not be allowed to have social media until they are 13. One negative fact of social media is that teens lose sleep when they are on social media



too much. For example, let's say it is late at night and you are not tired. Well, so you think. Soon, you have been on your phone for almost an hour and it is 12:00 pm. Finally, you go to sleep. But you have to wake up at 6:15 tomorrow morning. You had only got

about 6 hours of sleep that night. It may only be one night, but not getting enough sleep can negatively affect your brain. You also might have a test the next day, and since you didn't get enough sleep, you won't be able to ace that test as easily as you would have thought.

Another negative factor of social media is that kids may see something inappropriate or scary that they aren't supposed to see at a young age. Once that kid is exposed to that type of material, they may start acting that way, or get severely scared of the thing that they saw. One last negative fact on social media, although there are many more, is that kids may get cyber bullied. Many people don't know exactly what cyberbullying is. It is similar to bullying - except it is online. When a kid meets someone new on social media they may think that they are nice and kind and honest. They could be wrong. The person that they met might say something mean in a comment or share a private picture with the rest of the world. Cyber bullying discourages teens and if the bullying is severe, it might make them not want to attend school.

Although many people think social media is a bad influence on teenagers, there might be a positive side of the story. One pro of social media is that it boosts teen's confidence if somebody likes or comments on their pictures. If you normally hear a comment from someone saying that they like your hair or shoes, then you feel really happy. On social media, if a whole bunch of people comment on your pictures, it really inspires you to do more.. Then, you want to try new things and not be as afraid of posting a picture. You will also want to be who you are. Another positive factor of having social media is it also lets teens develop social skills. Teens become more social and get to know more people in different parts of the world. Plus kids write long subtitles or comments on pictures which develops good writing skills.

We believe that teens should not be allowed to have social media until they are 13 for many reasons. Many teens lose sleep because of too much social media usage, kids may see something inappropriate or scary that they aren't supposed to see at a young age, and lastly, kids may get cyber bullied. If kids get exposed to social media too early, it might severely affect their life that is yet to come. Kids SHOULD NOT be aloud to have social media until they are 13. Here, these kids/teens are all on their phones at the same time. They aren't being productive, and they are not getting any work done.

Crazy Jokes

by A'mari B, 6th gr.



1. Knock Knock. Who's there.
Interrupting cow. Interr. MOO!!!!!!!!!!!!
2. Why do fish live in salt water? Because pepper makes him sneeze.
3. Why did the chicken cross the road? Because he saw chicks on the other side.
4. What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.
5. Why is 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, "8", 9.
6. Why did tigger put his head in the toilet? Because he was looking for poo.
7. Why did the orange lose the race? Because he was out of juice.

-Entertainment-

Favorite Christmas Movies

by Taylor B, 8th gr, Chloe RS, 7th gr,
& Julia H, 7th gr.

We went around the school asking kids their favorite Christmas movies for the season. The movies of choice were *Home Alone*, *Elf*, *The Grinch*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Santa Paws*. And the winner is? Drum Roll please! *Home Alone* won by just 2 votes over *Elf*.

Vote Counts:

Home Alone: 16

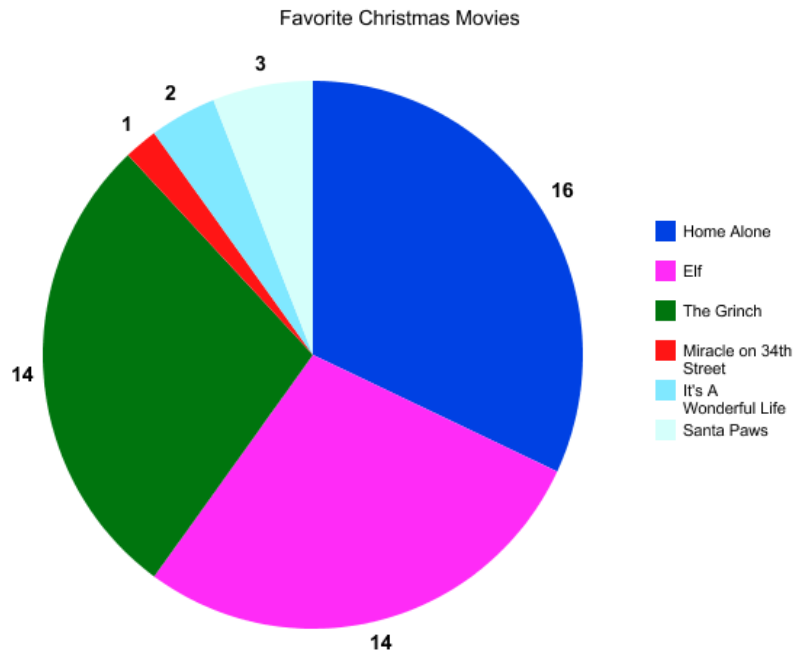
Elf: 14

The Grinch: 14

Miracle on 34th Street: 1

It's a Wonderful Life: 2

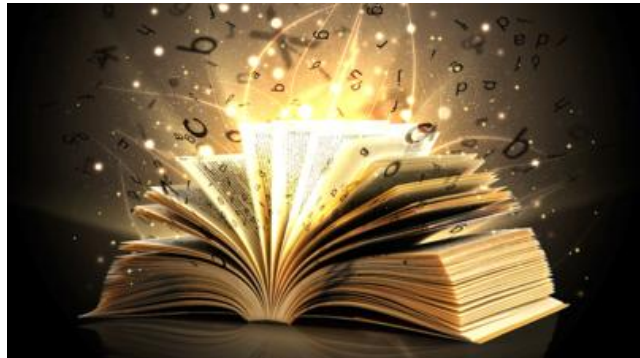
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Middle School Favorite First Lines

By Zoe P, 6th gr, & Cate P, 6th gr.

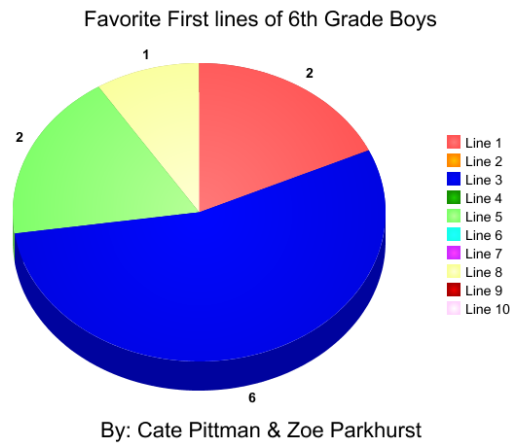
For this survey we walked around elective classes and asked people to survey them. The purpose of this survey was to see which first line of books middle schoolers liked best. A first line is the very first line of a book that an author writes to hook a reader. Here are the first lines people could choose from:



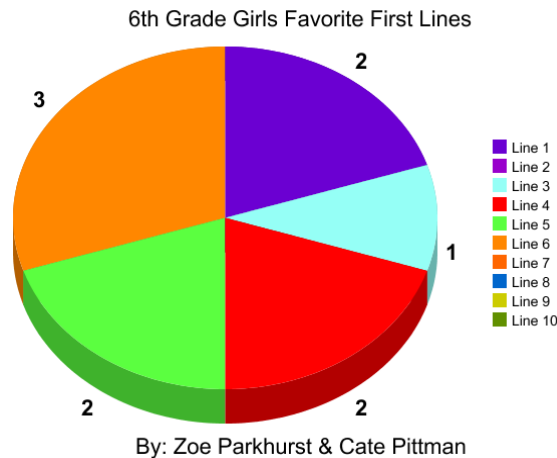
- 1) Charlotte's Web - E.B. White "Where's Papa going with that axe?' said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast."
- 2) Each Little Bird That Sings - Deborah Wiles "I come from a family with a lot of dead people."
- 3) Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz "When the doorbell rings at three in the morning, it's never good news."
- 4) Feed - M.T. Anderson "We went to the moon to have fun, but the moon turned out to completely suck."
- 5) The Teacher's Funeral - Richard Peck "If your teacher has to die, August isn't a bad time of year for it."
- 6) The True Confessions Of Charlotte Doyle - Avi "Not every 13-year-old girl is accused of murder, brought to trial, and found guilty."
- 7) The Bad Beginning - Lemony Snicket "If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book."
- 8) The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman "There was a hand in the darkness, and it held a knife."
- 9) Johnny and the Dead - Terry Pratchett "Johnny never knew for certain why he started seeing the dead."
- 10) The Thief - Megan Whalen Turner "I didn't know how long I had been in the king's prison."

Middle School Favorite First Lines SURVEY RESULTS

This graph shows a comparison of 6th Grade Boys and what their favorite first line is. The overall favorite first line of the 6th Grade Boys was line 3. Line 3 got 6 votes. Line 1 and 5 had 2 votes each. And line 8 got 1 vote.

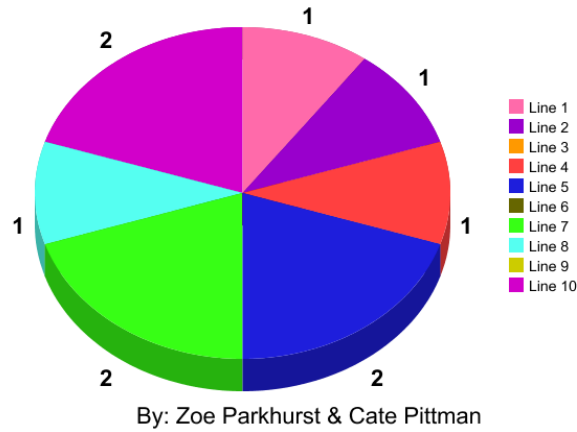


This graph shows a comparison of 6th grade Girls and what their favorite lines were. The overall favorite first line of the 6th grade girls was line 6. Line 6 got 3 votes. Line 4 got 2 votes. And line 5 and 1 both got 2 votes. And Lastly, line 3 got 1 vote.



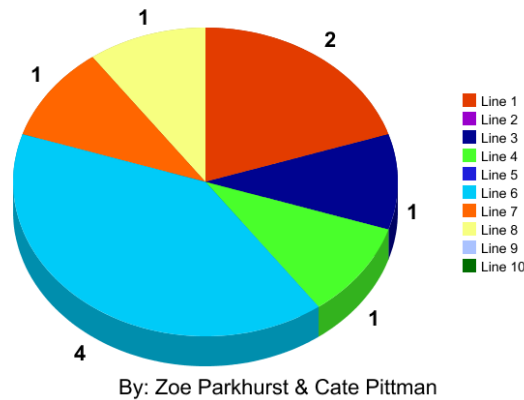
This graph shows a comparison of 7th grade Boys and what their favorite lines were. The overall favorite first lines of the 7th grade Boys were line 10, line 5, and line 7. Line 10, 5, and 7 got 2 votes. And lastly, line 1, 2, 4, and 8 got 1 vote.

7th Grade Boys Favorite First Lines

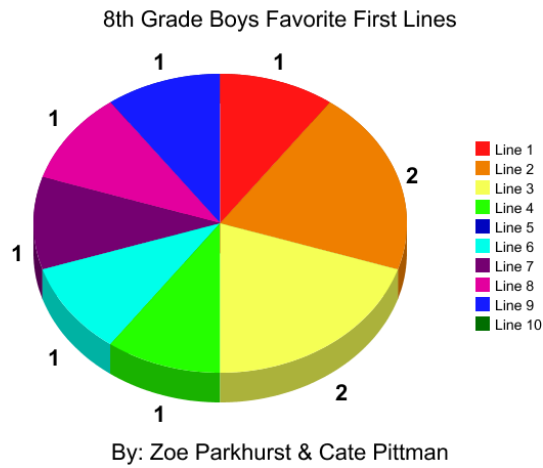


This graph shows a comparison of 7th grade girls and what their lines were. The overall favorite first line was line 6. Line 1 got 2 votes. And lastly line 3, 4, 7, and line 8 all had 1 vote.

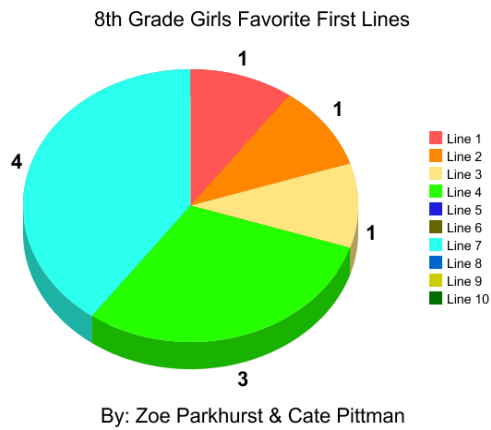
7th Grade Girls Favorite First Lines



This graph shows a comparison of 8th grade Boys and what their favorite lines were. The overall favorite first lines of the 8th grade Boys were lines 3, and line 2. Line 3 and 2 got 2 votes. And lastly, line 1, 9, 8, 7, 6, and 4 got 1 vote.



This graph shows a comparison of 8th grade girls and what their favorite lines were. The overall favorite first line was line 7 got 4 votes. Line 4 got 3 votes. And lastly line 1, 2, and 3 all had 1 vote.



6th Grade Goes to Marin Headlands!

by Daniel T, 6th gr.

The 6th graders were finally waiting for the field trip they wanted and they finally got it. In November 30 through December 2 the 6th graders went on a 2 night trip to Marin Headlands under the direction of Mrs Parker, Ms. Edelman, Mrs Hoss, Ms Munike, and Mr Frank. On the first day at Marin Headlands after we arrived we went to the beach and played some games including the Art of Observation, Peanut Butter, and Steal Sarah. After all of the games we played, we all went for a night hike and saw cool bioluminescence!



On the second day we went to the batteries and saw huge guns point at the ocean that were used during WWII, and we sat ate turkey sandwiches for lunch while walking around the Battery area. Later that day we all went back



to our cabins and hung out with our friends. When we all finished playing we went to get dinner. It was taco night! Finally on the last night we went to the campfire and sang some silly songs. On the last day we all hung out in the

bunker and packed up and went to the bus and said are goodbyes. What a fantastic time we all had!

Battery Townsley at Marin Headlands

A fascinating part about Marin Headlands is the Battery Townsley. This is two 16-inch caliber guns mounted on a battery each capable of shooting a 2,100 pound projectile 25 miles out to sea.



According to the National Park Service website, the battery was completed in 1940 by the armed services with the guns, ammunition magazines, power rooms, and crew quarters covered by concrete and earth to protect them from air and naval attack.

Battery Townsley was a top secret operation that many San Franciscans knew about but they did not know about the exact locations of the batteries.

The battery was active throughout World War II and operated by upwards of 150 soldiers. Fired many times in target practice, the battery never saw battle. Its guns were cut up for scrap in 1948, victims of the dawning nuclear age. Battery Townsley is now open to the public the 1st Sunday of the month, from 12 noon to 4 PM. It is located one ½ mile up from the Fort Cronkhite parking lot, following the Coastal Trail; the walk up to the battery is strenuous so please allow at least 45 minutes.



[//www.nps.gov/goga/learn/historyculture/battery-townsley.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/learn/historyculture/battery-townsley.htm)

-Puzzles-

Woodside Elementary School

Woodside School

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Leprechauns Meet Christmas

by Liam G, 6th gr.

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SNOW

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GINGERBREAD
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RAINBOW
SLEDDING

Springtime Fun!

by Taylor B, 8th gr.

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 KITES LOVE LOVELY LUSH OUTSIDE PICNICS PLAY PRANKS RACES RAIN RAINBOWS SCIENCE SPRING
 SUNNY SUNSHINE SWEET TREES YOGA

Did You Know?

by Taylor B, 8th gr.

1. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
2. Celery has negative calories. It takes more energy to eat a piece of celery than you gain when eating it. Same with apples.
3. Octopuses have 3 hearts.
4. Ripe cranberries can bounce like rubber balls.
5. Chewing gum while peeling onions will make you not cry.
6. Wild dolphins can call each other by name.
7. Consuming dairy may cause acne.
8. Elephants have an alarm call for when they see humans.
9. Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
10. The most spoken languages are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, and English.
11. Squirrels can burp and vomit.
12. 8% of people have an extra rib.
13. Owls don't have eyeballs, they have eye tubes.
14. Male gentoo and Adelie penguins propose to each other with a pebble.
15. Polar bears have black skin under their white fur.
16. Reindeer eyeballs turn blue in the winter to see at lower light levels.
17. A single strand silk of a spider is as thick as a human hair, but is five times stronger than than steel. A rope of spider silk, just 2 inches thick, can supposedly stop a Boeing 747.
18. Hippopotamus' milk is actually pink.
19. Butterflies can taste with their feet.
20. Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.
21. Honey is the only natural food that never spoils.
22. M&M's stands for Mars and Murrie.
23. Toilets use 35% of indoor water use.
24. The croissant was originally invented in Australia.
25. All insects have 6 legs.
26. A giraffe has a 21 inch long tongue.
27. Your foot has 26 bones.
28. All of the blinking in one day is equal to having your eyes shut for 30 minutes.
29. The first letters of the months July through November spell JASON.
30. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
31. Sponges hold more cold water than hot water.
32. Frogs can't swallow with their eyes open.
33. You burn more calories sleeping than watching tv.
34. There is 22 stars in the Paramount studio logo.

-Favorite Recipes-

Baklava

by Katie E, 6th gr.

Do you love pastries? Well if you do then this is dish for you. Baklava is an amazing pastry and it originated in Egypt. If you ever have nothing to do on a day then I think you should try making this amazing pastry.

To make one 9-by-13 inch pastry

- 1 package filo dough (follow thawing instruction on package)
- 1 stick melted butter (melt the butter in the microwave for 1 minute)

<p>Walnut Mixture Filling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Cups walnut bits • ¼ Cup Sugar • 1 teaspoon cinnamon • Combine sugar and cinnamon. Mix together with the walnut bits. 	<p>Syrup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 ½ Cups Sugar • ¾ Cup Water • 1 Tablespoon lemon
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Preheat oven to 350°. Using a pastry brush coat the bottom and sides of a 13-by-9 pyrex baking dish with melted butter. Gently lay down your first sheet of filo. Brush the entire surface of the filo sheet with butter using a pastry brush. Continue until you have used half the sheets of filo in the package. Sprinkle the entire walnut, sugar, cinnamon mixture on the filo. Continue carefully with the next sheet of filo on top of the walnut mixture, gently buttering. Continue buttering each sheet of filo until you have used all the sheets in the package.



With a small, sharp knife score the top of the pastry with parallel diagonal lines about ½ inch deep and 2 inches apart. Cut the other diagonal so the baklava forms diamond shapes.

Bake on 350° for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 300° and bake for another 30 minutes or until crisp and delicately browned. It is important to lower the heat so the pastry does not burn.

Meanwhile, make the syrup. Combine the water, sugar, and lemon juice in a small saucepan and, stirring constantly, cook over moderate heat until the sugar dissolves. Increase the heat to high and, timing it from the moment the syrup boils, cook briskly, uncovered for 5 minutes, or until 220° on a candy thermometer.

I typically use only half the syrup. You can save the other have in a mason jar for a few days.

When the baklava is done, remove it from the oven and pour half the syrup over it. Cool to room temperature, and just before serving, cut the baklava into diamond-shaped serving pieces

Stracciatella Recipe

by: Liam G

Stracciatella, is kind of like American chocolate chip but has egg and is most of the time used without preservatives. is very easy to make if you have the right materials. One of the biggest differences between stracciatella and chocolate chip is that stracciatella has egg yolks. 2 cups whole milk, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise, 4 egg yolks, 1 cup heavy cream, 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped.

First, stir the milk and sugar together in a pan over medium heat and add the vanilla bean. Heat until bubbles form around the edges. Remove the pan from the heat and rest for 15 minutes. Second, In a bowl, whisk the egg yolks together. Slowly whisk the warm milk mixture into the egg yolks and transfer the mixture back to the pan. Cook over medium heat constantly stirring with a wooden spoon until mixture thickens and coats the back of the spoon, 8 – 10 minutes and remove custard from heat. Third, pour the cream into a large bowl and place a mesh



strainer on top. Pour the custard through the strainer, discarding the vanilla bean, and stir it into the cream. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Fourth remove custard from refrigerator and process in ice cream maker according to manufacturer's instructions. While ice cream is churning melt chocolate in a sauté pan over low heat or in the microwave. Drizzle a very thin stream of the chocolate into the gelato during the last few minutes of churning.

-Reviews-

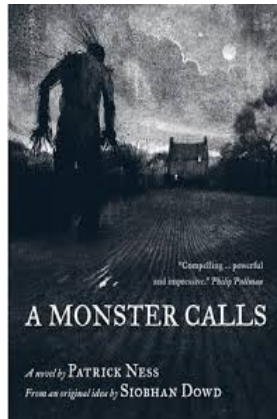
Movie Reviews

by Chloe RS, 7th gr, & Taylor B, 8th gr.



Hidden Figures By Chloe R.S.

Hidden Figures is an amazing story about the rise of the African-American women in NASA. 3 women whose names are Dorothy, Katherine, and Mary make a huge difference in launching an astronaut, John Glenn into orbit. Mary, the hopeful engineer, Dorothy, the leader, and Katherine, the mathematician, all go on a inspiring journey that changed our lives. This is a motivational story about hope, acceptance, and perseverance. I definitely recommend this movie if you like an inspiring story.



A Monster Calls By Taylor B.

A Monster Calls is an intense story of a boy who is dealing with a loss. The main character's name is Connor, and his mom, who is played by Felicity Jones, has cancer and Connor is trying to deal with loving someone who is ill. He has little in common with the boys his age, so he finds an unusual ally. One night a monster comes in and bursts in through his window and tells him 3 stories on 3 nights. These stories guide Connor through his long journey with his mother, being bullied, and his relationship with grandmother. This is a good movie that has a good theme, but I would not suggest for a fun, relaxed time at the movie theater.



Fantastic beasts and Where to Find Them By Chloe R.S.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them is a prequel to the Harry Potter series. This movie is about an English guy named Newt. Newt has a suitcase full of different beasts and mythical creatures, that is until they go missing. At the same time there are daily protests against wizardry led by a women named named Mary Lou Barebone because of a dark wizard named Gellert Grindelwald and the accidents, calamities, and disasters that keep happening. I definitely recommend this movie if you are Harry Potter fan and like a good fantasy adventure movie.



Sing:

Sing is a great story about a man whose theater is going downhill. Buster Moon, the main character, then recruits people with a contest and whoever wins gets a lot of money. Two pigs, an elephant, a mouse, and a gorilla want to raise money for Buster's falling theater. His theater soon falls to ashes and you have no hope of a happy ending. Then they perform in the ruins of the theater and perform an awesome show. Although a little slow, each character learns a great message and has a great story. This movie makes for a fun time at the movie theater with your family. It is a little long and slow though. It takes about 2 hours to watch, but has a great theme and is a good movie.

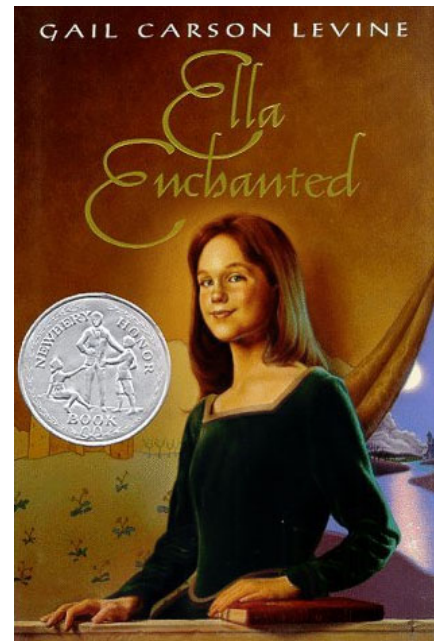
Book Review

Ella Enchanted

by A'mari B, 6th gr.

I will review *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine published by HarperCollins Publishing in 1997. The genre or type of book is a fantasy type of book. This plot of the book is about a prince, a princess and ogres, and elves. In this book a princess, Ella, got cursed when she was born to be obedient, even when she doesn't want to, and she wants to break the curse. On her eighth birthday her Nanny Fairy said she she eat up and she ended eating up her entire cake!!! She tried to go back to the fairy that had cursed her but the fairy keeps on saying that she can't break the curse. In additional Ella has 2 very mean step sisters like Cinderella. Ella finally meets a prince and they have a crush on each other. She figures out how to break the curse but you will have to read the book too find out!

My reaction to the book was surprise because I've never have read this kind of book. I never expected the book too have a character that got cursed. But I knew that Ella and the prince will get married because most books have two characters that don't like each other at first then, they start to get along then and last, they get married. I will recommend this book for those who like interesting and adventurous types of books!



Nintendo Switch

by Daniel Triveno

Nintendo is very great company and so far it has been getting 1,000,000 dollars because there are so many fans in the world this made Nintendo have great idea and that was the Nintendo Switch. When the Nintendo Switch came out it was already sold all over the world and the reasons for this are the video games that are coming with the Nintendo Switch. These five games are the games you should buy with the Nintendo Switch.

The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild



Legend of Zelda first came out in 1986 in Japan and became bigger and passed on to America. When most people played Legend of Zelda, Nintendo started to make Zelda a series. Zelda became more popular and it became one of the best-selling games ever. Eventually, Nintendo Switch came out a new game that made everyone shocked. This game was called "The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild." So far Nintendo sold 100,000 dollars and the reason for this was what was inside the game. This game had one of the greatest art works and provides the player with many tasks/objectives. This game also lets you wander around the whole world.

Splatoon 2

Splatoon has been a great game, and although many people didn't buy it Splatoon was getting more popular over the years. Now Nintendo is coming back with Splatoon 2. Splatoon 2 are bring new features such as weapons they are now



adding New dual-wielding Splat Dualies join the action, complete with a new Dodge Roll move. Mainstays like the Splat. Splatoon is also adding In a first for the series, compete in local multiplayer Turf War battles, whether in TV mode or on-the-go in handheld or tabletop modes. Online battles also make a return. Many people already have good reviews from only seeing the trailer but they will soon get better reviews in summer 2017

Super Mario Odyssey

Super mario is one of the best series nintendo has made and it is still one of the best series. It all started when mario was in donkey kong in 1981 a arcade game it was one of the best games but when mario came out with its own game which was super mario bros 1985 which sold 40.24 million dollars. Now that nintendo switch came up nintendo has been making a lot of them and this one is one of them.

Super Mario Odyssey is a game where you jump, run, and discover worlds. This game is a real big deal saying to be one of the best games because of the artistic drawings and 3D.



What Made us Have so Much Rain?

By Daniel Triveno

As you have noticed California has been getting a lot of rain lately and this went from a drought to dangerous rain and snow storms. California is known for its sunny days and beaches but as soon as 2017 came California isn't so sunny now this is because of atmospheric river weather system that draws precipitation from the Pacific Ocean. The system, also known as the "Pineapple Express," poses catastrophic risks for areas hit by the heaviest rain. Now that California has been getting rain again, California might have been getting too much rain. Because of this rain hundreds of people have fled their homes in Northern California due to the weather causing floods, landslides, strong wind, lightning and massive snow levels!

This weather has caused big things such as the dam in California Oroville this dam has made hundreds and thousands to move away from their homes. The reason why people left their homes in Oroville is the dam overflowed and flooded the area. This year was probably the year that had the most rain in many the years. We need the rain to feed our trees, but I am ready for some sunshine! How about you?!

Seven Vacation Spots You Have to Visit Before You Die

by Julia H, 7th gr, & Katie E, 6th gr.



Chocolate Hills Philippines

Chocolate Hills is a popular tourist attraction in the Philippines. There are at least 1,168 hills, but there might be many more. There are unusual shaped hills located in the middle of the island of Bohol. The highest hill reaches barely 120 meters. They got the name Chocolate Hills because they are chocolate shaped. Mystery still surrounds the Chocolate Hills. A popular legend is that two giants fought for days, throwing earth and stones at one another, until they fell exhausted, friends once more, into each other's arms. The

rocks that the giants threw were chocolate colored. Overall this is an amazing place everyone should get to see one day.



The Blue Holes Belize

Like its name this is a big blue hole located on the coast of Belize. The great blue hole is an amazing place for scuba divers and for snorkelers. This is an amazing phenomenon. It is the biggest ocean hole in the world. In it there are angel fish, butterfly fish, sharks, and various other sea creatures. You can take a boat out and dive in or stay above looking at the beautiful blue hole. Overall I think everyone should be lucky enough to get to see this.



Antelope Canyon Arizona

Antelope canyon is a water eroded rock canyon located near the city of Page in Arizona. It is a popular tourist attraction known for its sandy soft walls. To visit this beautiful attraction you can go on a tour and take photos and see how the sunlight reflects on the majestic walls. Overall this is a place everyone should be lucky enough to see with their own eyes.

Bora Bora French Polynesia

Bora Bora is a destination that everyone should be lucky enough to see. Known for its crystal clear



waters and being able to stay on the water in bungalows, this place is truly amazing. This breathtaking place is located on the French polynesia. In bora bora you can snorkle, go on sunset cruises, swim in the crystal clear water, hike, and even stay on the water. This place is purely beautiful and I don't think anyone wouldn't fall in love with its

incredible features. Everyone should get to see this place for themselves.



The Great Barrier Reef Australia

The Great Barrier Reef is "God's gift to Australia". It is a truly wondrous natural phenomenon. It is the world's largest coral reef system with 2900 individual reefs and 900 islands located off the coast of Queensland in the Coral Sea. People can stay in the amazing islands on the barrier reef, go snorkeling, and see the amazing sea creatures the great barrier reef is home to. The Great barrier reef is huge it stretches 2600 kilometres/1600 miles and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms. Everyone should get to see this for themselves.



Iceland

Iceland is one of the prettiest places on earth. When visiting this beauty you can see the Aurora borealis (The northern lights) at its finest. In iceland you can visit it's amazing glaciers and waterfalls, you can even go hiking on it's wonderful mountains and see the beautiful volcanoes located their. No one should miss out on seeing this amazing creation made by Mother Nature.

Venice

Venice is a very unique city located in italy. Instead of roads everything is located on the water you can canoe to each place you go. The city truly captures Italy's history. In Venice you can go on tours and visit museums. They have amazing food, beautiful architecture, amazing music. And lastly In Venice you can just stroll around the city and go to all of its amazing restaurants.



- DIY: Do It Yourself! -

DIY eos Eraser

by Cate P, 6th gr.

What you will need:

- Eos (lip balm)
- Eraser clay
- Freezer
- Oven
- Strong glue

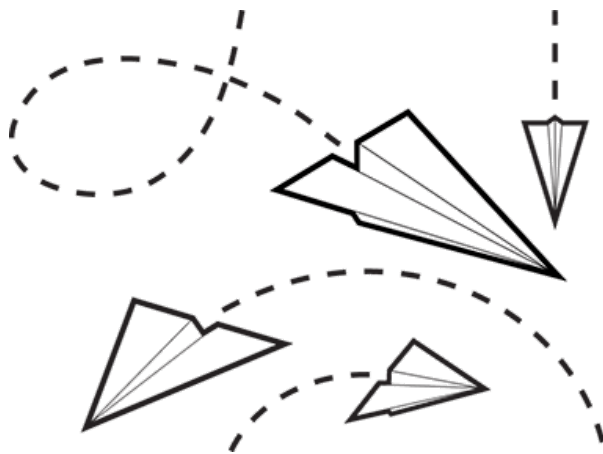
1. Remove the lip balm from the container and clean thoroughly the container.
2. Use a flat tipped screwdriver or a small knife to remove the grate from the bottom half of
3. Open your eraser clay and mix together two colors to create a marble design.
4. Roll the clay into a ball that fits into the top of the eos container.
5. Place the ball into the top half of the container and screw on the grate to the top. Make sure that some of the clay is coming out through the slots in the grate.
6. Place the eos in the freezer for approximately 30 minutes.
7. Preheat the oven to 220 degrees fahrenheit.
8. Remove the eos from the freezer, before twisting off the grate from the eos use a tool from the kit to scrape off all of the clay below the mold. Use the same tool to gently push the molded eraser clay out of the grate.
9. Place the eraser clay onto cookie sheet and bake it in the oven for 20 minutes at 220 degrees fahrenheit.
10. Carefully remove the cookie sheet from the oven and let the clay cool.
11. Snap the grate into the bottom of the eos container and place your glue along the grate.
12. Take your hardened clay and align the bottom with the grate. Push it down firmly and let the glue dry.
13. Put on the cap and there you have it your very own eos eraser.

I tried this DIY because I thought that it would be cool if it worked. It would be cool, but it doesn't work at all! When I tried the eraser on paper instead of erasing the pencil marks it spread it. If you pressed down harder it smeared more. Once I was done erasing I couldn't read the writing. The paper had a big gray splotch on it. If you were going to do this DIY I wouldn't recommend it, so if you want to make a cool eraser this diy isn't right for you.

DIY Paper Airplanes

by Liam G, 6th gr.

There are three basic steps of building a good paper airplane - weight distribution, aerodynamics, and looks. I will teach you how to build 2 basic planes: one



a pointy tip and the other a dull tip. For every fold make sure to crease it very well. To make this airplane you will need an 8 by 11 piece of paper. I have found that the pointy tip flies straighter and further. Though this may differ depending on your folding skills. If you don't fold carefully it may crash down or not go as far. The dull tip flies fast and not as straight. It is vital to have good creases.

Pointy Nose tip Plane

First, fold the paper in half then open it back up to find the center line. Second, take the right top corner and pull it down to the center (do the same for the left side). Third, take the bottom right corner of the right triangle and pull it down to the center. Fourth, fold it in half so you don't see the folds you made. Then fold down the wings of the plane. Fifth, do whatever you want with it.

Dull Pointed Plane

First, fold the paper in half, then open it back up to find the center line. Second, take the right top corner and pull it down to the center (do the same for the left side). Third, take the bottom right corner of the right triangle and pull it down to the center. Fourth pull the tip of the plane down any length you want. Fifth, fold it in half so you don't see the folds you made. Then, fold down the wings of the plane. Fifth, do whatever you want with it.

Glow in the Dark Bouncy Balls

by Taylor B, 8th gr.

Things that You Will Need:

- 3 Tsp of Borax
- 24 Tbsp of Cornstarch
- 24 Tbsp of warm water
- 6 Tbsp of glue
- 6 Tsp of glow in the dark paint or fluorescent

What to do:

1. Combine Borax, Cornstarch, and the warm water in one bowl,
2. mixing it until it dissolves. Also combine the glue and fluorescent or glow and dark paint in another bowl, until it is blended.
3. Combine the two bowls and once they are combined let them react one their own for a minute before mixing. A sticky, hard material with form.
4. Take the material in your hand and shape them into balls.
5. As you roll the material should be it will be lose and lose it sliminess.
6. Next break the separate balls of color and combine them will other colors from other balls. Make them into rainbow balls. Now you are done!!!



How to Make a Friendship Bracelet

Katie E, 6th gr.

This friendship bracelet is very easy and very fun once you get the hang of making the knots. Another reason this bracelet is awesome is it is a very fun gift for friend or family. Also the process of making these pretty friendship bracelets is very relaxing and calming. When you give a friend a friendship bracelet it shows that you really care and it puts a smile on your friends face.



Materials

1. 4 different types of strings
2. 1 pair of scissors
3. tape

Procedure

1. Cut 4 pieces of string to the full length of your arm.
2. tie a knot at the end to keep all 4 of the strings together.
3. use tape or something sticky the end of the strings tape it to a flat surface.
4. rap the first string to the right one time around the second string to make a 4 shape then push the rest of the string through pull to tighten.
5. repeat this step to the rest of the strings till you get to the 4th string.
6. than start from the left and repeat this procedure except this time making a backwards
7. do this till the bracelet fits your wrist then tie the 2 ends together around your wrist.

Make A Calming Jar

by Zoe P, 6th gr.

Have you ever felt stressed? Angry? Mad? Frustrated? Don't Worry! This calming Jar will change your attitude in a jiffy! Just follow these few simple steps. It will take a maximum of 5 minutes. And there is no need for it to rest! Enjoy!



Materials:

- Jar/Glass Jar/Mason Jar
- Glitter Glue
- Glitter

This is a visual photo of the DIY calming jar.

- Warm Water

Instructions:

1. Get your jar ready and take the cap off.
2. Squeeze about half a tube of glitter glue into the jar.
3. Select another glitter glue color and squeeze half a tube into the jar.
4. Pour very warm water (almost hot, so the glitter glue doesn't clump up) into the jar. A small 8-ounce measuring cup will do. (Note: If your water is not hot enough, it may take a day for the glitter glue clumps to disappear.)
5. Pour (or shake) glitter into the jar.
6. Twist on the cap so that it is very hard to take off.
7. And Lastly, shake as needed. The calming Jar is said to calm you down if you are mad. It is said in the name.

I did not do this on my own. But I have one at home that my mom made me. It is VERY useful. It calms me down whenever I am stressed or angry. I suggest that you do this DIY.

How to Make Crayon Art

by Chloe RS, 7th gr.



You will need:

- A white canvas
- Crayons
- Cup (that you don't care about)
- Black paper
- Newspaper or other paper to keep crayon wax from getting on the floor
- Blow drier
- Glue gun

Step 1: Get a canvas (preferably white because black doesn't show up as well)

Step 2:: Put newspaper on the floor so it doesn't get waxy

Step 3: Glue crayon colors of your choice to the top of the canvas

Step 4: Glue a black picture of a human or animal doing something & holding an umbrella

Step 5: Put a cup over the umbrella to keep it protected from the color

Step 6: Once the glue on the crayons is dry get a blow dryer and melt the crayons until they melt down looking like rain

How To Make a Chalkboard

by Julia H, 7th gr.

Chalkboards are one of the most decorative and fun things to have in your room or anywhere else in your house. You can make it out of wood, an empty picture frame, or even a window, but today I am gonna show you how to make a new chalkboard out of a picture frame.

Materials

- Chalkboard spray paint
- Blank glass frame
- Newspapers (for protection for surface you will be spraypainting on)
- A chalkboard marker (white shows up the best but colorfull is cool too)

Procedure

1. Open your glass frame and separate the glass from the frame.
2. Wipe down your frame just to make sure there is no dust or anything on your frame in the case that you might be using an old frame.
3. Find a place outside and coat the ground where you will be working with newspapers, so that you don't stain the place where you are spraying.
4. Shake the bottle and spray two coats of spray paint on the glass frame.
5. Make sure that it isn't raining because if water gets on the frame then when drying it will mess up.
6. Let it dry for at least 4 hours. (more time the better)
7. Get a chalkboard marker which is a form of paint marker that can be easily wiped off with a lysol or a baby wipe.
8. Then finally put the chalkboard stained glass back into the frame. (if you want your frame to be extra cool then you can spray paint it a different color).



-Sports-

Super Bowl 51: New England Patriots vs. Atlanta Falcons

by Zoe P, Cate P, & Liam G, 6th gr.

Super Bowl 51, Patriots vs. Falcons, who will win!? As the Falcons went into the Super Bowl feeling confident they were utterly disappointed. The Falcons lost in overtime! The final Score was 34 to 28, in favor of the Patriots. But, as for the Patriots they had won their 5th Super Bowl. Here's a look at what really happened in the game.



First Quarter: In the first quarter, the score was 0 to 0. Obviously both of the team's defences were doing very well because they haven't let any touchdowns in. Both teams made it into the red zone but they didn't make it into the endzone. Well, I wonder what will happen in the next quarter? Read on to find out!

Second Quarter: In the first quarter no one scored. But now..... the Falcons were leading 21 to 3. Devonta Freeman made the first touchdown of the game bringing the falcons up 6 to 0, then Matt Bryant the kicker for the atlanta falcons kicked it into the uprights. Austin Hooper then scored the next touchdown. That then brought them to 13 to 0, again Matt Bryant got the extra point. Then, Martellus Bennett scored the first field goal for the patriots. The score was now 14 to 3. But how did the third touch down get scored? Robert Alford the Center back for the Atlanta Falcons scored the final points in the first half by reading the eyes of Tom Brady and picking the ball of and returning it for 6 points. The score at the end of the second quarter was 21 to 3.

The patriot fans were losing hope, but is there still a chance for the patriots to clutch this win?

Third Quarter: The falcons went into the second half of the game feeling confident. But what happened next? At the start of the third quarter the Falcons scored another touchdown, bringing the score to 28 to 3. After this touchdown, the Patriots didn't let the falcons score any other points. The Patriots made their first touchdown bringing the score to 28 to 12. Tom Brady passed to Danny Amendola bringing the final score for the third quarter 28 to 18 in favor of the Falcons. But then things got heated, the Patriots made the decision to go for 2. They made it. It was now an 8 point game. 28 to 20.

Fourth Quarter: At the Beginning of the Fourth Quarter, the Patriots made another astonishing touchdown. There was only a two point conversion needed to level the game. THE PATRIOTS DID IT!!! THEY HAD LEVELED THE GAME!!! THE SCORE WAS NOW 28 TO 28!!! Somehow the Falcons defence was getting demolished by the Patriots offense. Both teams wanted to be crowned the champions of SuperBowl 51. But for the falcons to win they would have to play a better defence and improve their offense. The overtime clock was counting down and the patriots then ran it into the endzone. It WAS NOW 34 TO 28! It was the end of the superbowl and the patriots had won!!!!



Who would have ever guessed that? The patriots had now won the superbowl! And maybe even counting on! Can you say unbelievable?! At the end of the day, it was a good effort for the Falcons! But the patriots slipped in. This was clearly a super bowl to remember!



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