



HMS Gazette



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Salma:
If you could be an object, which object would you be and why?

A: I would be a beach ball, so I can always be at my favorite place!

G: The first thing I thought of would be a car, so I would be able to go wherever I would want to go.



TEACHER INTERVIEW:

MS. ALMOWASWES

AND MRS. GABRIELE

***By: Razan Alhnaiti &
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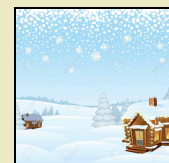
(A: for Ms. Almowaswes answers

G: for Mrs. Gabriele answers)

Do you enjoy the snow or would you rather have hot weather?

A: I am a hot weather person, through and through. I am the happiest when at the beach!

G: I love the snow. I love looking at the snow. I would take the winter over the summer.



Have you taught at another school other than HMS? If so, where?

A: I have taught at a private special education school before coming to HMS.

G: I taught at Memorial School for about 16 years and eight years at HMS.



How many years have you taught at HMS?

A: This is my third year teaching at HMS.

G: I have taught at HMS for eight years.

What was your first classroom's room number here at HMS?

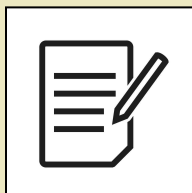
A: My room number, which is my current room, is room 135.

G: It was the resource room, room 153.

Do you prefer assigning assignments on computers or paper?

A: I like to do a good mix, but I believe I tend to do more on paper.

G: On paper. We don't do math on the computer, it doesn't work out.



Razan:

What made you decide to teach the subject you currently teach?

A: My mom is actually a science teacher, so she is my inspiration.

G: I enjoy math. It is my favorite subject and I enjoy teaching it.

What college/universities did you go to?

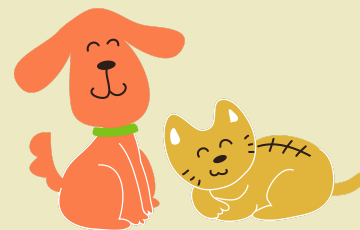
A: I went to school online at Western Governors University for my degree in elementary education and special education. Then, I received my certification in middle school science at William Paterson.

G: I went to the University of Hartford at Connecticut for my undergrad and I went to Montclair State for my Masters.

What animal do you think represents you?

A: I'd say a house cat.

G: I would say a dog because I have a lot of energy, I am pretty happy, and I like to help others.



What is your favorite book/movie?

A: My favorite movie is Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.

G: My favorite movie is the original Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. My favorite book would be The Mystery X series.

Did you teach any other subjects other than the subject you are teaching now?

A: Here, I did not. I have briefly taught math at my previous school.

G: I have taught 3rd grade and I was a special ed teacher. I also taught grades Pre K-7th.

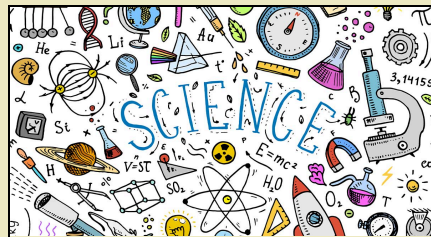
What were your least and most favorite subjects as a child?

A: My least favorite was probably social studies. My most favorite was probably language arts because I had a lot of good language art teachers.

G: My least favorite was reading. My favorite was math.



Ms. A and Mrs. Gabriele!



TEACHER INTERVIEW:

MISS PALLADINO

By: Dakotah Devroe & Sienna Spagnola, Gr. 6

Why did you choose to pursue teaching?

I chose to pursue teaching because I enjoy working with kids! I enjoy finding fun activities for my students to work on and I love hearing all the fun stories my students share.



How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for two years.



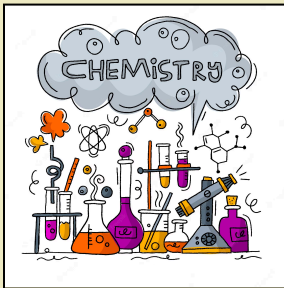
What is your favorite topic to teach in science?

My favorite topic to teach in science is about weather and the water cycle. I find it very interesting to see all of the wild

weather events that occur around the globe!

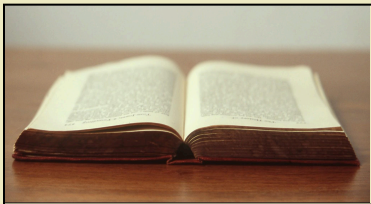
How did you get introduced to science?

I took many science classes in high school, including chemistry. I loved working in the lab and experimenting with different materials. In college, I got to take a biology class and dissect a frog!



What were your favorite subjects when you were in school?

My favorite subjects in school were science and language arts. I love to read books and I enjoyed high school science because we were able to work with a lot of different substances in the lab!



What is your biggest fear?

I hate the feeling of falling, so I never ride rollercoasters!



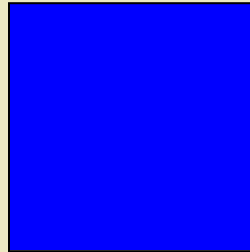
What is your favorite sport to play?

My favorite sport to play is volleyball. I always bring a volleyball to the beach.



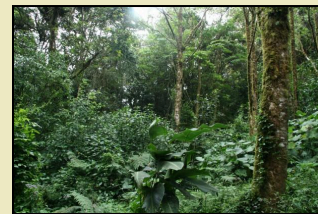
What is your favorite color?

My favorite color is blue.



Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the world without a budget?

If I could go anywhere in the world, I would travel around South America to explore the different beaches. I'd love to see the rainforest in Costa Rica!



Starbucks or Dunkin'?

Starbucks! I love to get tea and a cookie.



Do you have siblings?

I have two older brothers. They are ten and twelve years older than me!

What is your favorite animal and why?

My favorite animal is a panda because I think they are very silly animals.

Whenever I see videos of them they look like they are having a blast!



SCHOOL COUNSELOR

INTERVIEW:

MRS. TUERO

By: Xavier Molins, Gr. 8

If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

Nepal: To visit the Elephant Sanctuary. I have always been fascinated by elephants and almost went on a yoga retreat there before being accepted into graduate school. This dream is still alive.

What would your favorite meal be and why?

Spanish Tapas in Barcelona especially chorizo, papas fritas and Spanish octopus.

If you are in the forest, what five materials would you need to survive?

1. A cabin
2. A heated blanket
3. A bow and arrow
4. Matches
5. Pictures of my daughters

What is your spirit animal?

Owls symbolize wisdom, mystery, intelligence and protection. The Owl Totem provides intuition, knowledge and clairvoyance. With its ability to unmask deception, the Owl guides people who need to see beyond the obvious. It invites you to see clearly in the dark.

You have three million dollars. What would you do with the money and why?

I would share it with my parents; pay off my graduate loans, take my kids on an African Safari, buy a yacht and save the remainder for my daughters when they are older.

If you could go to an Italian restaurant, what would you order?

Shrimp diablo or branzino, but a thin crust well done white eggplant pizza is always the alternative.

“The GN-z11 galaxy.”

Upon the research, scientists would discover a high-redshift galaxy otherwise known as the GN-z11 galaxy. It is a galaxy that sits among the farthest galaxies known from earth. It was a discovery that was made in 2015 and was published one year later in a paper by Pascal Oesch and Gabriel Brammer, who came from the Cosmic Dawn Center. The GN-z11 galaxy is found in the constellation Ursa Major. GN-z11 was originally crowned as the oldest and farthest galaxy in the universe, all the way up to the discovery of the JADES-GS-z13-0 that was discovered in the year 2022 by the James Webb Space Telescope. It consists of a distance of approximately 32 billion light years.

Dwarf Planets

Dwarf planets are often mistaken for actual planets. Some people tend to believe that they are planets that are important in the ecosystem. The reason as to why these dwarf planets are not classified as real planets is simply due to the fact they are too small to be an entire planet. Therefore, scientists labeled them as dwarf planets because



they are so small. Currently, there are nine dwarf planets that have been discovered, this is in order of size; Pluto, Eris, Haumea, Gonggong, Quaoar, Sedna, Ceres, and Orcus. Despite this, few scientists have some doubts about Orcus. There is also a tenth, the Salacias dwarf planet, but William Grundy had quarreled that an object with the size range consisting of 400-1,000 Km with densities of 1.2 g/cm³ or less along with albedos less than ≈ 0.2 , are more less likely compressed into the form of fully solid bodies or have ever been resurfaced.



♡ SCIENCE FUN FACTS! ♡

- Usually, fictions make it seem like clouds are light and can easily poof. But clouds are actually heavy in reality.
- Your stomach can dissolve razor blades.
- Venus spins backwards.
- Babies have more bones than adults; Babies at birth, have around three hundred bones.



By: Carmelina Marino, Gr. 7

Taylor Swift is an amazing American singer who is 34 years old and lives in Rhode Island. She has produced 10 albums in 17 years of music. Her albums include: *Taylor Swift*, *Fearless*, *Speak Now*, *RED*, *1989*, *reputation*, *Lover*, *folklore*, *evermore*, and *Midnights*. Her fans are called 'Swifties'. She is currently on a tour called, "Taylor Swift, The Eras Tour". This tour commemorates all her albums with fun outfits, lights, and stage props. Her fans even dress up for their favorite era or song.



So... What is an era you may ask? When it comes to Taylor, it means the album that describes what place in your life you are. Like if I were to say I'm in

my 1989 era, it would obviously mean that I love the songs on the album, but also feel like breaking free and living life to the fullest. Taylor has written so many albums and there is one for every stage or phase in someone's life. She has impacted the world with her great songs and kind spirit. She gives people an outlet and something to relate to.

While people go all out with their looks for this concert, people also make friendship bracelets. One of her songs says, "...so make friendship bracelets, take the moment and taste it." Swifties of course had to make bracelets for her concert. They go around trading them with other fans so you can remember the moment and meet people who love her as much as you do.



Taylor Swift was born on December 13, 1989, and grew up on a Christmas Tree Farm in Reading, Pennsylvania. She has a brother named Austin, who is an actor. Taylor has always been ambitious and while she was at school, people were mean to her for having dreams of becoming a singer. She pushed through and got a record deal at the age of 16. Then her family moved out to Nashville to let her career take flight.

When she started her career, her record company wanted her to cover old songs before she wrote her own. She has a great talent for writing songs. She's not the best vocalist out there, but her words really reach people. Her writing skills on her albums *folklore* and *evermore* are actually not from her experiences. She wrote them from a magical perspective and they all tell a story. Three of her songs actually fit together. They are: "Betty", "Cardigan", and "August". They form a story about a girl and her boyfriend who cheated on her and all of their perspectives. The album *folklore* has many songs that would be considered sad, but really show experiences that many people go through and others singers do not want to sing about. Many people have actually shown great hate towards her newer albums mainly because she has spoken out on gender inequality, sad topics, and other events going on in the world, or events that have already gone on. Many people also believe that her songs all sound the same, which is not true. All singers have a certain style and when you have as many songs as Taylor Swift, some of them are going to sound similar.

Cats! Who in the world could ever guess that all of Taylor's cats have high net-worths. Olivia Benson, (Taylor's middle child cat) has a net-worth of \$97 million making her one of the richest pets on the planet. Taylor's oldest cat is named Meredith Grey (named after the *Grey's Anatomy* character) followed by

Olivia Benson (named after the *Law and Order : SVU Edition* character) and then the baby, Benjamin Button (from the movie, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*).



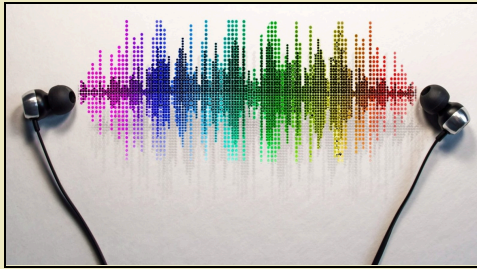
She truly is a mastermind. Taylor drops hints and clues for her fans to follow to figure out song titles, album drop dates, or whatever it is she's planning in the vault or out of it. For example, a few months before the Grammys, Taylor was wearing outfits hinting towards the re-recording of her album *reputation*. She's got a lot of tricks up her sleeve, because she had dropped clues about something being announced at the Grammys. (Taylor has to re-record her first six albums which she produced with Big Machine Records because she wasn't getting the rights of her own songs and her money wasn't being given to her, so she has to re-sing the songs and releases 'from the vault tracks' to her albums.) Did we get the rep announcement we were all hoping for? No, we got something better. The announcement of a brand new album called, *The Tortured Poets Department*. Wow! Unexpected, but wow! Another album to the Taylor family.

Many people want her to keep dropping albums, but others are worried there may not be many left since we are running out of colors. The theory on this is about what your mind thinks of when you hear an album name. Like *Midnights* is a navy blue, like the deep night sky, and when you think of *Lover*, you think of pink and sparkles. We have almost all the colors except orange and dark green. Here is the order they come in 🟢🟡🟣❤️. The white heart represents the color of *The Tortured Poets Department* which is now the baby in the family! Now including her re-recorded albums and *The Tortured Poets Department*, she is going to have 15 albums! This is not including the other two that need to be re-recorded. Now if I'm not mistaken, this is more albums than most artists produce. She has over 21 hours of music and over 240 songs not including the ones she re-recorded (so like doubled) which is crazy! As a Swiftie, and like many others out there, I remembered almost all of them by heart and what's funny is, you don't have to look up the lyrics, you just know, and they stay in your heart.



Since 2019, there hasn't been a full year without Taylor releasing an album! *Lover* came out August 23, 2019, and then 11 months later on July 24, 2020, *folklore* was dropped! Only four and a half months later Taylor surprise dropped *evermore* on December 11, 2020, five months later she released *Fearless (Taylor's version)* on April 9, 2021. After 7 months, she dropped *RED (Taylor's version)* on November 12, 2021. 11 months later, on October 21, 2022 she came out with *Midnights*. About 10 months later, on July 7, 2023, she released *Speak Now (Taylor's version)* and only 3 months later, on October 27, 2023, we got *1989 (Taylor's version)*. Now coming out on April 19, 2024 only 6 months after *1989*, we are going to get, *The Tortured Poets Department*. That is incredible! Not one year has passed without her making music. I didn't include the deluxe versions of any of her albums or the 3 am editions/till dawn editions.

Taylor gets way too much hate and people claiming she's overrated. I think that she's actually underrated, and doesn't get enough credit for being a remarkable woman with a great talent.



TOP TEN MUSIC ARTISTS

By: Carmelina Marino, Gr. 7

Music is a huge part of our daily lives. It helps us to feel things, relate to them, and help us through many different times.

Who are some of your favorite artists? Here's a list of the top ten most streamed and most popular artists for 2023-2024 (so far):

1. *Taylor Swift*
2. *Justin Bieber*
3. *The Weeknd*
4. *Drake*
5. *Ariana Grande*
6. *Rihanna*
7. *Beyoncé*
8. *Ed Sheeran*
9. *Bad Bunny*
10. *Eminem*



STUDENT COUNCIL: **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

INTERVIEW

By: Sienna Spagnola, Gr. 6

High Mountain School has a program called Student Council, a group of students whose peers are selected to represent student voices and concerns. Dakotah Devroe is one of the sixth-grade representatives. I decided to interview her to find out what is going on in the Student Council.

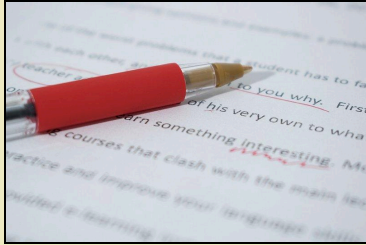
What has the Student Council been working on lately?

Student Council has been working on planning donations and events.



How did you get into Student Council?

I got into Student Council by writing an essay about why I am a good candidate for the council.



Does the Student Council have any school activities coming up?

We are planning on doing fun activities. We are still brainstorming and have to speak with Mr. Escalante before making anything definite though.

How do the elections for the Student Council work?

For the elections, you must write a speech about why you would be good for the job. You read it in front of the school and then students will vote.



What positions are there in the Student Council?

The positions in the Student Council are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms.

Which teachers are in charge of the Student Council?

Currently, Ms. Santos and Ms. Talarico are in charge of Student Council.



When are the meetings held before or after school?

Currently, the meetings are before school.

When is our next school dance?

The Student Council is trying to plan a dance for May but plans may change.



How many kids per grade level are allowed in the Student Council?

Six students per grade level are allowed in Student Council, if six people per grade are in it that would be twenty-four

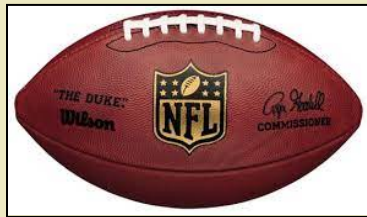
students. There are twenty-three this year.



STUDENT SURVEY:

NFL Survey Results

By: Dakotah Devroe & Sienna Spagnola, Gr. 6



HMS has spoken about Football! Here are the top three results from our NFL Survey!

Do you watch football?

1. Sometimes
2. No, never
3. Yes, all the time

On a scale of 1 (the least) to 10 (the most), how much of a football fan are you?

1. 1
2. 10
3. 3

What is your favorite NFL team?

1. New York Giants
2. Kansas City Chiefs
3. New York Jets

What is your least favorite NFL team?

1. Kansas City Chiefs
2. New York Jets
3. Dallas Cowboys

Is your favorite team in the NFC or AFC?

1. NFC
2. AFC

Who are your favorite football players?

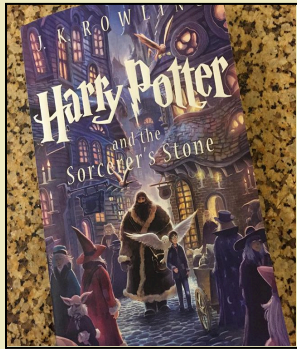
1. Patrick Mahomes
2. Brock Purdy
3. Travis Kelce





BOOK REVIEWS

By: Sade Joyner, Gr. 5



Harry Potter

In my opinion, I really enjoyed this book. If I am being honest though, it is not necessarily a surprise since the book is extremely popular and comes in all sizes and covers. I especially like the first book where it gives the background of Harry Potter. It was really interesting to me when I first read it, and it made me want to read more to find out how Harry's parents actually died.

Facts About

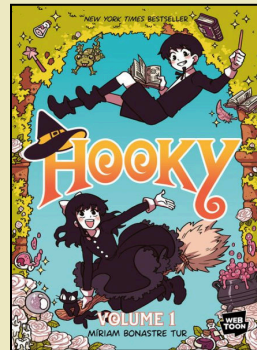
The Author of Harry Potter

Rowling had written her first book at the age of six.

J.K. Rowling has the exact same birthday as Harry Potter himself.

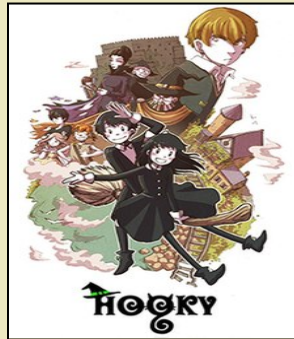
J.K. Rowling has sold 500 million copies of her *Harry Potter* books. To go along with that, there are three amusement parks as well as a film series of *Harry Potter*. As a surprising result, J.K. Rowling is shockingly richer than the queen of England herself.

The current richest writer is J.K. Rowling.



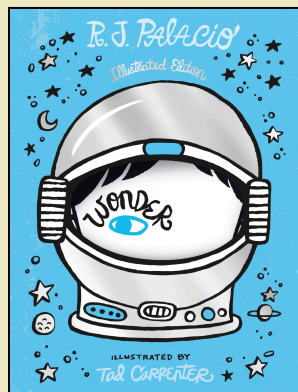
From my perspective, this book was very fun to read! It's not fun just because it is a graphic novel, but the plot is rather clear. Although, the first volume needs a little bit more detail in the beginning of it. Chapter one had gone too fast without much context as to what was going on. Additionally though, I really like the

length of the books and the lore. The art is spot on and goes in amazingly well with the genre and plot! I love the way they draw eyes and how it's in the middle of a lot of detail. But besides that, I think the three volumes of *Hooky* are all great and are probably my favorite graphic novels so far.



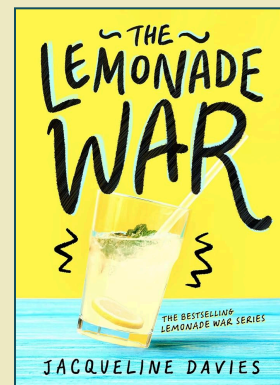
has an older sister named Olivia Pullman who has entered her first year of high school.

In my opinion, I think this book was very interesting and showcases the main character's emotions very well. To go along with this, the author did an excellent job on pinpointing how the life of a deformed child may be like, and what difficulties they may struggle with. The author had done an amazing job with making emotional and dramatic parts at some sections of the book. To add on, it also intrigues me how the author not only made a book from August's perspective, but also books from other character's perspectives.



Summary

The plot of this book is about a boy named August, but nicknamed Auggie who was born with a disfigured and deformed face. He had to go through a bunch of painful surgeries and was homeschooled throughout the telling of his life. Up until fifth grade, he started going to a private school that went by the name of, "Beecher Prep." Auggie

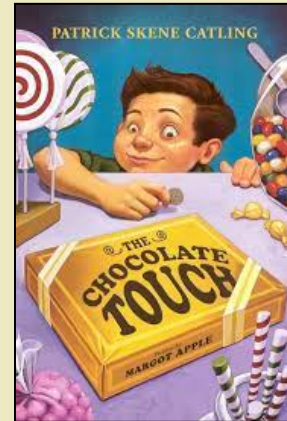


In my perspective, I feel like this book is a really intriguing book and you can relate to this book on a more personal level since it is made for children and actually talks about accurate problems students sometimes face. *The Lemonade War* is a book about two siblings, Evan and Jessie. Evan is a student in fourth grade and

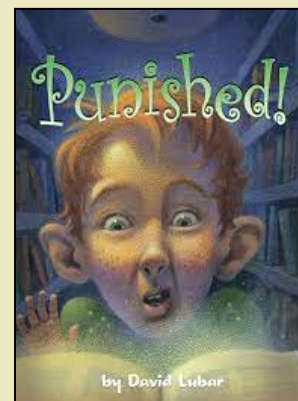
usually doesn't do well in school or any of his classes as a matter of fact. Jessie is a little girl in second grade, but she had skipped one grade and was put in fourth grade in the same class as Evan. Evan found this out over the last days of summer break. This made Evan really upset and angry, he was really embarrassed about his friends finding out his little sister was smarter than him. As a result, problems started to arise between the two siblings and they would later on start a lemonade war competition.

After reading this book, I can conclude it's a pretty relatable book for siblings and in general, children. This book also explains why schools often don't put siblings in the same class in fear of this scenario taking place. It also talks about emotions and personal feelings really well, it states how not everyone is perfect and has the same talent as someone else. For example, Jessie may be very intelligent and knowledgeable, but she cannot connect with others on a deeper level like Evan can. Evan is the best at telling how someone is feeling and if they are upset or not, unfortunately, that is a weakness for Jessie. In second grade, Jessie was bullied by her so-called friends who had made a club to hate Jessie. Jessie had thought this club was an appreciation club and did not understand her friends were bad. Fortunately, Evan was there to make her aware that her friends were not true friends and were just bullying her without

her knowing. One way or another, the siblings have to come to good terms with one another.



The *Chocolate Touch* is a book about a boy named John Midas who was in other words, a very greedy child who loved sweets, specifically chocolate. He was a rather self-centered and selfish child for his age. As a result, after going into a store, John Midas is cursed by the chocolate touch as a way to teach him a lesson and make him aware of the fact that he needs to change his ways.



The book *Punished* is a grade-three level reading book. This book is authored by

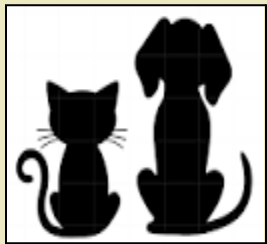
David Lubar who has written more than thirty books for both children and teenagers.

Summary

This book is about a boy named Logan who was caught running and causing ruckus in the library. He was then punished by having a curse placed upon him so he'd only speak in puns! From there, Logan is tasked with finding enough oxymorons, anagrams, and palindromes in order to release him from his curse that was casted by a mysterious Professor. . .

Review

In my opinion, I found this book pretty interesting to read. It sets off the "mysterious" vibes, and creates a particular atmosphere. I also love the fact that the setting takes place in an eerie library. I always thought libraries were the go-to place for a horror story, they can become very quiet and set in an uncomfortable feeling rather quickly.



Argumentative Writing

Cats vs. Dogs

***By: Razan Alhnaiti &
Salma Suleiman, Gr. 7***

Salma-

Pets have been a part of human history for centuries now. Both cats and dogs have been among the most popular pets within the United States, along with other major countries. Although both these animals make good house pets, there could be benefits why dogs would be a better type of house pet rather than cats. As known, dogs need attention and affection, as any human being, which brings me to my first reason. Dogs could be considered your family, and although they are a bit dependent on you, you may enjoy the company that dogs give you. Dogs are better for playing with, adapting to new environments, and are better protectors than cats. As known, most people would rather be protected by a dog than a cat due to the strength and intelligence a dog has. Along with that; many future owners would rather an animal that is both playful and active. Cats are known to enjoy being played with at times; but cats are much more nonchalant and antisocial. Cats enjoy sleeping and roaming freely, and are much less attracted to playing with their owner.

Additionally, as dogs are much more active and attracted to playing, it would make sense for children to play with a dog, instead of a cat. Dogs make an amazing companion and friend that children are able to play with and feel engaged while playing. You would manage to play fetch with a dog for over

an hour, and the dog would still enjoy it—as for a cat, they would get ` bored easily and it wouldn't be as fun. Dogs get you feeling active as they need daily exercise, which gives you exercise too! While for cats, they don't usually go on walks with their owners, but instead on their own which shows their intelligence but also how independent they are. In addition, dogs would make much better companion pets than cats.

Razan-

Many factors come in place when deciding if a cat or dog would be a better pet for you. Considering that, I truly do believe that cats are better. It's simple really, cats are more low maintenance and repel rodents and bugs from your home. They have a more peaceful mindset. As for dogs, they require a *different* and more difficult kind of care and attention. Dogs “protect” by attacking and starting chaos as for cats, they are alert with their razor-sharp hearing and smelling. Not only are cats this helpful, but they are also cheaper than dogs. And let's be honest, if you were to go to an animal shelter or a pet store you would want a cheaper choice.

Cats have a lot of perks and reasons why I prefer them over dogs. Cats are independent, low maintenance as I was saying earlier, quiet, a better size, and have great hunting skills. For their

independence, they are able to entertain themselves for a long period of time especially when you aren't able to have any free time and can't be available at the moment. As for the low maintenance, they are able to clean themselves and aren't necessary to keep looking after and taking on walks like dogs. And for the quietness, cats obviously don't bark and even when they do make noise it isn't as loud as dogs. Next for their size, cats take up less space and aren't small enough to lose or big enough to have a hard time carrying. Their hunting skills are helpful too. They can repel rodents and any insect from your house, which is good if you don't like those types of little critters.

Dogs are the exact opposite of all this. They are high maintenance. For example, you WILL have to constantly take them on walks, rain or snow or sunshine, and you will have to open the door for them any time of the day to let them use the bathroom outside. They also have difficult training needs. You have to pay to get them trained and if you don't, the people around the dog can be injured and so can you! It would make more sense for you to want to keep your children away from an untrained dog than a quiet cat. Overall, dogs wouldn't be the *best* choice when it comes to thinking about it. So yes, I openly think that cats are way better than dogs and will always be.



RECIPE:

MINI MERINGUE KISSES

***By: Razan Alhnaiti &
Salma Suleiman, Gr. 7***



Ingredients:

Basic Meringue

- Granulated sugar
- Large egg whites
- Cream of tatar
- Fine sea salt
- Vanilla extract
- Whip them up in a bowl
- Food coloring gels
- Nonpareils (Optional)

Steps:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°F with a rack in the lower third position. Spread about 1/8 teaspoon of the basic meringue into each corner of 2 unrimmed baking sheets. Line each baking sheet with parchment paper; press into meringue to hold parchment in place. Set aside.

2. Divide remaining basic meringue evenly into separate bowls, and stir different food coloring gels into each bowl. Transfer each dyed meringue mixture to a separate piping bag fitted with the desired tip (such as a 1/2-inch round, closed star, or French star), or swirl 2 dyed mixtures together in a bowl, and place in 1 bag. Pipe small (about 1-inch) kisses evenly spaced at least 1/2 inch apart onto prepared baking sheets. You should have about 160 meringues total. If desired, decorate with nonpareils.

3. Bake in a preheated oven until dry and no longer sticky, about 2 hours. Turn oven off; let meringues cool completely in the oven until crisp, at least 4 hours or up to 12 hours. Store in an airtight container at room temperature up to 1 week.

RECIPE:

HOMEMADE PIZZA

By: Dakotah Devroe, Gr. 6



This recipe is from: Fleischmann's Yeast.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Bake Time: 12-15 minutes

Ingredients:

Crust:

- 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 envelope Fleischmann's® Pizza Crust Yeast (or Fleischmann's® RapidRise® Instant Yeast)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup very warm water (120° to 130°F)*
- 3 tablespoons corn oil
- 1/2 to 1 cup pizza sauce
- Other toppings as desired
- 1 to 2 cups (4 to 8 ounces or 125 to 250g) shredded mozzarella cheese

Steps:

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F.
2. Combine 1 cup flour, undissolved yeast, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Add very warm water and oil; mix until well blended, about 1 minute. Gradually add enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. The dough should form a ball and will be slightly sticky.
3. Knead** on a floured surface, adding additional flour if necessary, until smooth and elastic, about 4 minutes. (If using

RapidRise Yeast, let the dough rest at this point for 10 minutes.)

4. Pat dough with floured hands to fill a greased pizza pan or baking sheet OR roll dough on a floured counter to a 12-inch circle; place in a greased pizza pan or baking sheet.
5. Form a rim by pinching the edge of the dough.
6. Spread with pizza sauce. Top with desired toppings and sprinkle with cheese.
7. Bake on the lowest oven rack for 12 to 15 minutes, until the cheese is bubbly and the crust is browned.

*If you don't have a thermometer, water should feel very warm to the touch.

**To knead the dough, add just enough flour to the dough and your hands to keep the dough from sticking. Flatten the dough and fold it toward you. Using the heels of your hands, push the dough away with a rolling motion. Rotate the dough a quarter turn and repeat the "fold, push, and turn" steps. Keep kneading the dough until it is smooth and elastic. Use a little more flour if the dough becomes too sticky, always working the flour into the ball of dough.

Recipe Note: Use dough to make one thick-crust 9-inch pizza. Increase baking time to 20 minutes.



VACATION SPOTS
AROUND
THE UNITED STATES

By: Dakotah Devroe, Gr. 6

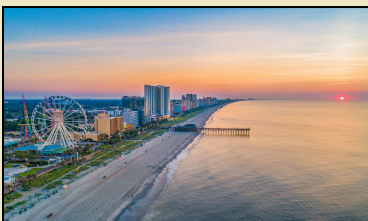
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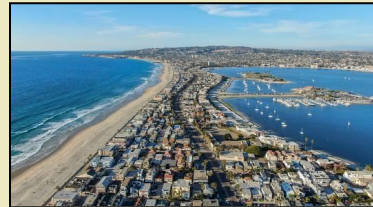
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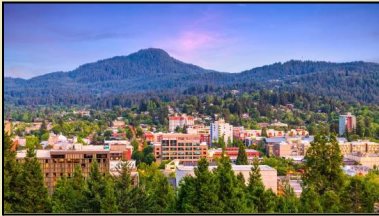
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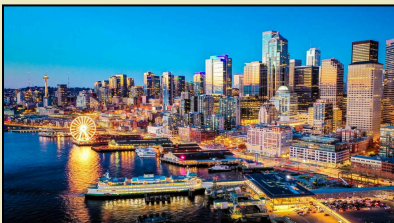
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11. Portland, Oregon



12. Seattle, Washington



13. Martha's Vineyard,
Massachusetts



RIDDLES

By: Razan Alhnaiti, Gr. 7

I shave everyday but my beard stays the same, what am I? *A barber*

The more of it there is, the less you see.
What is it? *Darkness*

What has many keys, but not a single lock? *A piano*

What is black when it's clean but white when it's dirty? *A chalkboard*

I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person in the world can't hold me for longer than five minutes. What am I?
Your breath.

JOKES

By: Xavier Molins, Gr. 8

“Doctor, I'm gonna die in 59 seconds!”

Doctor: “I'll be with you in a minute.”

Person 1: “I baked you a pie.”

Person 2: “oh boy what flavor?”

Person 1: “pie flavor.”

JOKES

By: Salma Suleiman, Gr. 7

Why did the bicycle fall over? *Because it was two tired.*

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer? *She kept running away from the ball!*

What do sprinters eat before they race? *Nothing. They fast.*

Why was the fish's grades bad? *They were below sea level.*

Why shouldn't you use a broken pencil? *Because it's pointless.*

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

By: Dakotah Devroe, Gr. 6

K	S	U	N	S	H	I	N	E	O	R	H	BEACH SUNSHINE SEA HORSE POOL SURFING SHARK SWIMMING HOT SEAWEED OCEAN SHELLS SAND CRABS VACATION FISH
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ALL ABOUT US

By: Dakotah Devroe & Sienna Spagnola, Gr. 6

We surveyed the newspaper club members, and the members are:

Razan Alhnati
Dakotah Devroe
Sade Joyner
Xavier Molins
Carmelina Marino
Sienna Spagnola
Salma Suleiman

These are their topic choices per question-

What is your favorite color?

Blue



What is your favorite number 1-10?

Seven



What is your favorite season?

Summer



What is your birth month?

June



What is your eye color?

Brown



What is your hair color?

Brown

