

BEAR BUSINESS



Look for our Back to School issue that will be available in August 2012.

HOW TO JOIN BEAR BUSINESS THIS FALL.

by Madi & Devina



Did you ever want to become a writer or a journalist? Why not think about joining Bear Business for next year. It is a fun and creative group! To join, you first have to be in 4th and 5th grade. You will have to fill out an application that asks you why you want to join, and it asks your parents why they encourage you to be in Bear Business.

There are going to be at least three teachers there to help you if you need some feedback. They are Mr. Coyner, Mrs. Paxman, and Mrs. Smead. Bear Business starts at 3:30 pm after school on Mondays until 4:30 p.m. Bear Business is all about learning how to be better at writing and sharing stories with the whole school. You get to learn a lot of things about computers, and grammar, and punctuation. You also get to research and learn a lot about things that you didn't know. The best part is that it's free!

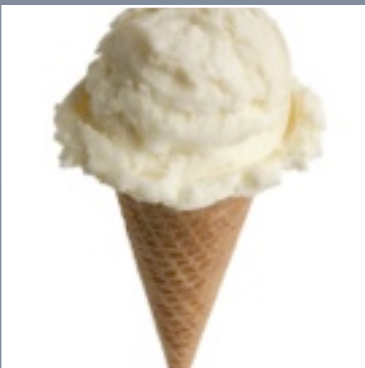
We interviewed Craig on why he likes Bear Business. He said that he likes Bear Business because he gets to write about things that he likes to think about. Craig also joined Bear Business because he thought it would be a great inspiration to write great articles! Lastly, he said that Bear Business is really fun, and sometimes the teachers give you ideas for articles to write about. This article, for example was an assignment given to us by the teachers.

You can download the student permission and application forms from the Treem website under the Student Work tab. Here is the link: http://schools.ccsd.net/treem/Student_Work/Student_Magazine

Bear Business is inspiring to many people at school. It's fun and you learn a lot. Maybe you can inspire someone else once you join Bear Business!



REALLY?!



Read Ingredient Labels!

Beaver Urine = Castoreum
 Crushed Boiled Red Insects = Carmine
 Gum = Lanolin
 Yogurt = Gelatin

DELICIOUS + DISGUSTING = ???

by Zahra, Caren, & Mia



Have you ever wondered what mysterious elements are in some types of food?

Well, there are some ridiculous and nasty ingredients that are in the food you eat almost everyday! Here are some of them. However, only some brands have these unappealing ingredients, so read the labels. Hopefully you will be familiar with some of these foods!

Raspberry Ice Cream

Mmm...Raspberry Ice Cream is so luscious! Unfortunately, one of the ingredients in some brands (not many) of raspberry ice cream used for flavoring is unbelievable! This specific ingredient is... beaver urine (a.k.a. pee)!!! I know it is disgusting, but don't worry, raspberry ice cream is still edible, and the bomb!

Peanut Butter

Now, all you kids those love PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY sandwiches. Here's something that will blow your mind! Peanut butter is obviously made with peanuts and can you guess what else? It also may have in it...rodent hair and other unpleasant things that rodents lay off! This is because peanuts grow on the ground in fields. There is no way to get off all the things dropped on it. Yes, we know it is very nasty, but peanut butter is still yummy!

Red Velvet Cupcakes

Not only are the following ingredients in red velvet cupcakes, but anything that contains

red food coloring. This useful ingredient to food coloring contains something crazy, which is...crushed boiled red insects! This fact may be disturbing, but face the truth. This is in most things that are artificially pink or red!

Yogurt

Before we say what is in yogurt, this ingredient is only in a few brands. This wondrous element is made from...pig skin, cattle bones, and horse hooves! YUCK!! But remember, these are not in all the yogurt brands!

Gum

There are a lot of brands of gum, but this substance is in most generic and many brand name flavored gum. This element is...a secretion from sheep found in its wool called lanolin. Lanolin is a yellow waxy substance secreted by sheep like sweat. It is used to soften the gum. Do not worry. It will not effect the flavors of the gum.

Now you know about some of the unappetizing ingredients in scrumptious foods that we eat everyday! We just wanted to inform you about them (nothing personal). Anyway, though the above facts may make you gag, these foods are still very flavorful and delectable!!! Lastly, all of these foods have been approved not only by the FDA (Food & Drug Administration) but also by the CJMZA (Caren, Jada, Mia, & Zahra Administration). Don't worry, the FDA has approved these ingredients to be put in the foods.



MINECRAFT FUN FACTS

by Alex

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Here are some tips from a one year Minecrafter.

● If you want to find dungeons quick, press F3 and it will give a thing that looks like a sonar but for dungeons.

● Here's a way to get string without killing spiders. Find cobwebs and use a sword of any kind (the higher rank of sword, the faster to collect) and start hitting it.

● If you put lava in a bucket (by right-clicking on lava with a bucket) and then put it in your furnace, you can cook or smelt it for at least one Minecraft day!

● If you put wooden planks on the bottom of your furnace and regular wood on the top, you can get charcoal (which can be used the same way as coal for smelting, cooking, and making torches).

● During the day spiders don't attack, but if you hit them in the day they will try to kill you for a short period of time.

Now with these short fun facts, I hope I answered some of your Minecraft questions.



5TH GRADE WORRIES

by Savannah & Yanavah

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Here's an article on why you shouldn't be scared of going to fifth grade. We asked some fourth graders what was their biggest fears about fifth grade.

One person said that they were scared of the teachers. Here's our advice on that fear: don't be scared of the teachers. They are actually pretty nice so don't worry about them. You'll have fun in their class.

Another fear was harder work. This one is easy because no matter what grade you're going into, the work will get just a little harder, like when you came to 4th grade. It got a little harder, right? You'll be fine.

There was also the fear of leaving elementary after fifth grade. Growing up is never easy to face. You have to learn that

everyone must grow up and learn to deal with leaving your kid-life behind to start to become a teenager. Change is good and don't be scared of it. Go with it.

The last fear was of being bullied. This is a common fear. This is our advice on it: No matter what you do there will always be someone trying to ruin it for you, so ignore them or say something like this, "Why are you making fun of me? What did I do to you?"

We hope that this article will help you and if you have any other fears here's our advice to you: You're going to be ok. It's all in your head in the end and it's just another milestone in your life so have fun and enjoy the ride. Good luck to all of the 4th graders moving on to 5th grade it's going to be a blast for you.

by Caren & Mia

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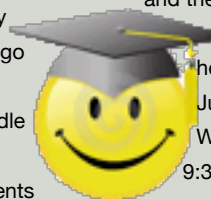
It's almost the end the end of the year, and the fifth graders are getting ready to go to middle school. This is very exciting for some, yet it may be a little worrisome to others. Fifth graders need to move on with their education, and also need to move on with their talent. Above education, middle school can teach fifth graders how to be more responsible and more mature. The fifth grade promotion is more than graduating elementary school, it is also a milestone and getting out of your comfort zone. Converting from elementary school to middle school is a big adjustment. People around you are going to change, and you are going to change. Enjoy elementary school while you have it. If you are not in fifth grade, you will understand.

Honestly, fifth grade is very tough! Big tests are going to come up, and they will determine what classes you will go to in middle school. Accelerated or regular, these are the classes in middle school.

There were some awesome events

that were only for you lucky fifth graders, such as the Pioneer Hoedown. There were also some events for achievements such as an ice cream party for knowing all your multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction facts. Some teachers even had their own parties for students that behaved well or attended big tests like the CRT's.

The fifth grade promotion is basically graduating elementary school moving on to Thurman White or Courtney Middle School. But it is also the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another in your life. It will be held on Wednesday, June 6 at Thurman White Middle School at 9:30 a.m.



5TH GRADE PROMOTION

by Sarahi



Have you ever seen a dog with three heads? Well, you might have seen it in the film *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* but, I am talking about real life. According to the ancient Greeks and Romans, there was a dog with three heads named Cerberus.

Cerberus guarded the entrance of the Underworld. Actually, Cerberus was a servant dog that belonged to Hades, the ruler of the Underworld. Cerberus had two brothers: Hydra, a dragon beast with lots of heads, and Chimera a lion with a goat's head on his back with a tail that is a snake. Cerberus was an awful creature. The saliva that came down from Cerberus' mouth was a deadly poison. You better not get bitten by Cerberus! You might die.

Cerberus was a terrifying creature born to Typhon (A fire breathing dragon) and a Echidna (A female monster that was half nymph, half snake). Great parents, huh!?

Even though Cerberus guarded Hades, he let the spirits in, but never let them escape from the dark king. He even did not let the living mortals enter the Underworld. Would you want to work with Hades!?

One of the best known mythological stories involving Cerberus was *The Twelve Labors of Hercules*. It all started when Hercules entered

the Underworld, but Hades was at the entrance with Cerberus. They just started fighting, and Hades fell to the ground when Hercules pushed him to the wall. Just then, Hades got up and ran back to the dark and scary Underworld. He left Cerberus in charge of killing Hercules. When Cerberus was about to bite Hercules, Hercules grabbed Cerberus by the collar and threw him right into the wall. The wall started cracking. Cerberus found his way back to the Underworld without getting touched by Hercules.

Another of the well know mythological story involves the Thracian singer, Orpheus and Eurydice, who were happily married. They got bit by Cerberus's snake tail and Orpheus did not sing or play music, not even Eurydice. They both died. After a few months Hades and his wife Persephone granted that Eurydice and Orpheus could go back to the living as mortals, but only for two months. They went back to the land of the living. Orpheus and Eurydice finally sang and danced. But, Eurydice turned into a ghost again and sank back to Hades' kingdom forever. Orpheus just faded away when Eurydice left.

Freaky, huh!? So next time you watch *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and see the creepy, three-headed dog, you will know a little more about it - the nasty, scary, spooky, drooly Cerberus.



Do you know the name of Hagrid's three-headed dog in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*? Find the answer on page 9.



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by Camille



Under the continent of Asia, there is a country made up of 7,107 islands. It is called the Philippines. The Philippines was named from King Philip II of Spain.

Did you know that the Philippines has a lot of rain forests? Some of the main rivers in the Philippines are named the Marikina river, the Pasig river, and the Taguig river. Above rivers, a lot of cool animals and funny looking mountains appear to your eyes! One animal is called a Tarsiers.

The money in the Philippines is called pesos. Some countries surrounding the Philippines are Vietnam, China, and Indonesia. The people of the Philippines are called Filipinos. The people commonly eat pansit, a kind of noodle, adobo with rice, and menudo. Many people are farmers, but they have many of the same jobs as we do, like doctors and teachers. People live in nice pretty houses, but the poor don't have very nice houses.

In the Philippines the people ride in jeepneys, tuk tuks and buses. Did you know that the explorer Magellan discovered the Philippines? Did you also

know that the Philippines was first ruled by the Spanish? The Philippines was a colony of Spain from 1521 to 1898. The national language is called Tagalog, but many people also speak English. Many words in Tagalog are similar to Spanish words.

Three main cities are Cebu City, Davao City, and Manila. Did you know that the capital of the Philippines is Manila? There are about 200 volcanoes in the Philippines. Did you know that the Philippines stretches 115,830 square miles, which makes it equal to the size of Italy? Did you also know that one of the Philippines special days is its Independence Day celebrated on June 12?

The national flag has a white triangle with a yellow sun and three yellow stars. Beside the triangle are stripes, a blue stripe on the top, and a red stripe on the bottom. The national song is named Bayang Magiliw, which means Beloved Nation.

The Philippines is a beautiful country. Many students at Treem have family that still live there today. Maybe you can visit.

COOL FACTS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

POPULATION

INDEPENDENCE

FAMOUS PEOPLE

EXPORTS



About 100 million people live in the Philippines according to the CIA Factbook.

Philippine Independence was originally July 4, 1946, but was changed to June 12

Manny Pacquiao is a world champion boxer and a member of the Philippines Congress.

They export electronics, clothing, minerals, chemicals, and furniture

WHY 3.2 BILLION PEOPLE CAN'T BE WRONG

America Football vs. World Football (Soccer)

by Yanavah

One of the most famous sports in history is soccer. Some people may think soccer is boring, too hard, or just not get the point of it. But most who say this are the ones who have usually never attempted to play or try soccer. Soccer is really fun, once you try it.

Most people in America prefer football to soccer, thinking it is the most popular sport. But is that really true? During the 2012 Superbowl 111.3 million people watched the Superbowl. But 3.2 billion people watched the last World Cup.

Soccer and football are somewhat similar yet they have their differences, such as, they both have offsides rules. However in football both the offense and defense can be called off-sides, but in soccer it is only the offense which can be off-sides. In both the offense moves forward up the field to potentially score a goal of touchdown. They have a defense to protect the goal and end zone.

However, unlike football, soccer is a nonstop action sport that requires physical skills, were as

football is a stop and go sport, that consists of hard hits between the offense and defense of both teams. Football requires strength every time a play is called, while in soccer endurance is necessary as the game is constantly being played.


One big complaint about soccer is that it is low scoring with games ending 3-2, 2-1 or worse in ties like 0-0. But think about how many times scores almost happen during a game. In the 2010 World Cup Final between Spain and the Netherlands, 31 shots on goal were attempted. Though only one goal was scored (26 minutes into extra time), can you imagine thirty times a score almost happening. Do football teams have that many almost touchdowns? Plus, if you only count touchdowns like a goal, the 2012 Superbowl would have been won by the Giants by a score of 3-2 (with one field goal). That sounds a lot like an average soccer game score.


I understand that there are many people that love football; I do too. But I also love soccer, because it is a competitive sport in which everyone can play. So if you have not tried soccer, get out there and try it, before saying something negative about it.


46.4 % of the world's population watched the World Cup Final in 2012



Quick Facts About Soccer

 A soccer match has two forty-five minute halves.

 Each side has eleven players.

 The clock never stops, but time may be added to the end of each half if injuries stop play.

BOWL OF CHERRIES



by Aiden

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You may have heard the saying life is just a bowl of cherries. That saying means that life is good like a cherry, but it can be terrible like a cherry's pit. So now that you know why, I will write the ups and downs of my life.

I'd first like to tell you about the good things in my life. I have a very nice family who cares for me. Also I am an intelligent child because few people can get into G.A.T.E. (Gifted and Talented Education).

As you see my life is pretty good, but sometimes my life feels like the pit of a cherry. One time when I was around 7, I was riding down my driveway on my scooter when I hit a big bump and I went flying onto the street. I was unconscious for about a hour. When I woke up my face was red, had pieces of the road in it, and a little blood on it. After I woke up, I went to the emergency room and luckily, I was okay.

Now that you know the ups and downs of my life think about how your life is when you hear the expression, Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries.

GREEN VALLEY MARCHING BAND COMES MARCHING TO TREEM

by Madison

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On Tuesday, April 10, 2012, the Green Valley High School marching band came to Treem Elementary to kick off CRT testing. As students came around the corner when the bell rang, they saw and heard the marching band. Students were excited. The students did not know Green Valley HS was going to be here. A lot of kids exclaimed, "Oh, my gosh!" and "Look!"

Green Valley played popular songs such as Firework, Dynamite, Poker Face, and others. They were lead by Ms. K, the band director. They also played their school fight song, which has a cheer in it. They changed the cheer to fit our school's name. The original cheer said, "G-V-H-S, GVHS! Go Gators!" But, they changed it to say "Go, Treem, go ,Treem, T-R-E-E-M, go Bears!"

My sister, Andrea, plays the flute in the GVHS band. It was very exciting to see her at my

school. "I really enjoyed seeing all the little elementary school students. They seemed so excited to see us as well," says Andrea, "I also went to Treem, so it was great to go back."

It was great to have Green Valley help Treem cheering us on to do our best for the important CRT tests. These tests are important because they help us see much we have grown as students. It is important for the school because it goes for Annual Yearly Progress for the school and towards the rating of our school and how many stars.

In addition to the marching band, cheerleaders, many former Treem Bears, from Thurman White Middle School also helped cheer us toward doing our best on the test. It was really cool to see that, and maybe we will be able to come back to Treem when we are older and cheer on other students.

THANKS, Gators and Challengers from the Bears!!!



by Jada



You may know who Zeus and Poseidon are, but do you really know the true background behind them? There were many more Gods and Goddesses of Olympia. Here is a little information on some of the more powerful.

The main God that everyone knows is Zeus, the God of lightning. After overthrowing his father, Cronos, he and his brothers, Poseidon and Hades, drew lots to see who was going to be god of Olympus and Zeus won. He was supreme leader and God of the sky- A.K.A. the Rain God. Being the God of Lightning, Zeus's weapon was the thunder bolt. He was married to Hera, but was known for many having many affairs.

Poseidon, probably the second most famous Greek God, was the King of the Seas. He was awarded Lord of the Sea when he drew lots with his brothers. His weapon was the trident which could shake the world and shatter any object. Poseidon married Amphitrite, the queen and goddess of the sea, but then started to desire Demeter, the Goddess of agriculture, grain, and bread. Demeter asked Poseidon to make the most beautiful animal in the world. By the time he made the horse for her, his feelings for Demeter had cooled.

Hades made the worst draw and became the Lord of the Underworld, ruling over the dead. He was the king of the dead, but not the god of death himself. He was known as a greedy God. He was also the God of wealth due to the precious medals mined from inside the earth. His human wife, Persephone, was abducted by Hades and forced to marry him. Hades had a three-headed guard dog called Cerberus. Fluffy from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* was based on Cerberus.

Hestia was the Goddess of Hearth. A hearth is a brick or stone lined fireplace that is usually used for cooking. Hestia's symbol was the fireplace, torch, and heart. Each city had a public hearth sacred to Hestia where the fire could never go out.

Another Goddess was Hera, Zeus's sister and wife. She formed a revolt and drugged Zeus, but he got some help from a friend and sprang from the bed. He hung Hera from the sky with gold chains. After she wept all night he agreed to let her go only if she would never again rebel against him.

Ares was God of War, as well as the son of Zeus and Hera. Ares was disliked by both of his parents. He was considered murderous and bloodstained, but also a coward. His symbol was the vulture and his animal was the dog.

Another famous Goddess was Athena, Zeus's daughter. She sprang from Zeus's forehead fully grown and covered in armor. She has no mother.

She was the goddess of the city, handicrafts, and agriculture. She invented the bridle, trumpet, flute, pot, rake, plow, yoke ship, and the chariot. She was Zeus's favorite child and he allowed her to use his weapons such as the thunderbolt. Her favorite city was Athens, her tree was the olive and her bird was the owl.

The next god was Apollo, god of music. He was the son of Zeus and Leto. Apollo was the twin brother of Artemis. He was the god of healing who taught man about medicine. He also was the god of light and the truth. He can never speak a lie. One of Apollo's daily tasks was to harness his chariot with four horses and drive the sun across the sky. His tree was the laurel, the crow was his bird, and the dolphin was his animal.

Aphrodite was the goddess of love, desire, and beauty. In addition to her magical gifts she had a magical girdle that made any one who she desired, desire her. She was the wife of Hephaestus. Her symbols were the myrtle tree, doves, swans, and sparrows.

Hermes was the son of Zeus and Maia. He was Zeus's messenger and was the fastest of the gods. He wore winged sandals, a winged hat, and carried a wand. Hermes was the god of thieves and commerce. He was the guide for the dead going to the underworld. He invented the lyre, pipes, the musical scale, astronomy, weights, measures, boxing, gymnastics, and the care of olive trees.

Artemis was the daughter of Zeus and Leto and was the twin sister of Apollo. She was the lady of the wild things. She was the huntsman of the gods.

The last one that I'll write about was Hephaestus. He was the only God to be physically ugly. He was also very lame. A lot of people say that Hera was upset because of having such an ugly child. Some say that Hera flung him off of Mount Olympus into the sea breaking both of his legs, but there are many other stories. He was the God of fire and forge. His wife was Aphrodite.

There are many tales of the Greek gods. They are great stories and the characters teach us how not to behave. Some say Zeus was the first bully. Read these great tales and decide for yourself.



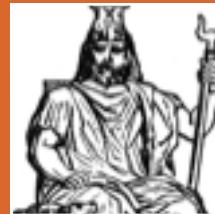
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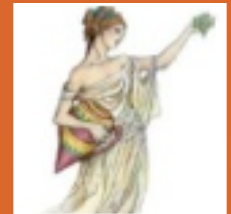
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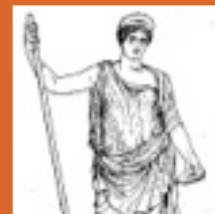
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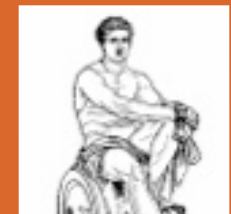
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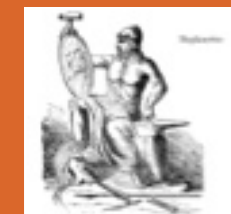
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FIELD DAY



by Sarahi

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Friday May 18, 2012 was the bomb! It was Field Day, and it all started when at 9:20 am. The entire school wore the same shirts with Field Day and the Treem Bear on it. The entire school participated in activities that Mr. Monaco set up. Field Day has sports like soccer and the rest station that were really cool. We also did activities like riding tiny mini bikes around cones and volunteers were spraying water with the hose, putting up and bringing down the parachute, soccer ball zigzagging around cones, and working together to get a hula hoop down a line of people while being sprayed. There was an outstanding game that you will never forget. It was the one that had itty-bitty holes on the bottom of the cup. The whole point of the game was that you had to put the cup over your head and let the other person get the cup and it keeps going on till the end of the line. We were soaked.

Once it was time to start, any of the kids' frowns turned upside down. The fun part was

when we got wet. However, this year, it was kind of cool, not too hot. The sun was out, but the wind blew hard. The cool weather did not affect how fun it was on Field Day.

The whole school had fun. Jackson, a fourth grader, said, "I think Field Day was fun because everyone got wet, and it was cool that parents got to go [to help out] with Field Day."

Francesca, also a fourth grader, expressed, "The reason I like Field Day is because..... EVERY GETS WET!!

That's what field day is all about. You play games, complete obstacles, and have fun. Every time we are in the middle of a game, a guy has a water gun on his hand, and he squirts water all over us! It's so fun!"

Aaron, a first grader added, "I like Field Day because of the games that get you wet are really fun!"

Field Day was an amazing time this year. There was lots of teamwork. Thanks, Mr. Monaco, for setting up the obstacles and making Field Day an astonishing time that was fun for all the kids.

Field Day was Friday, May 18, 2012



TREEM DISPLAYS ITS TECHNOLOGY

by Craig



Last year's National Digital District winner stepped up to a very difficult challenge! Clark County School District received a big visit from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) on Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27, 2012. They came to see what different schools in the district, Treem being one of them, are doing with technology. The best district in technology showed it's best! Treem showed some of its best use of technology, proving we are truly a 4-star school, regardless of our current rank. It was a crazy day! But, Treem got it done, and got it done right!

NSBA members from all over the nation visited classrooms and computer labs here in Clark County. They visited high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, the Springs Preserves and Vegas PBS. During their visits, members asked students about the technology that they use. They also took pictures and recorded what classrooms were doing so they could take it back to their states.

Here at Treem, NSBA members went to five different sessions. Each session included different uses of technology and showing how students and teachers combined handwritten type material with technology. As one member from Texas shared, "Pencil and paper has its advantages, but technology does too."

Why Treem? Mr. Esplin serves on the Technology Committee for Clark County. Treem

was chosen because Mr. Esplin had thought our school had many great achievements. Mr. Esplin shared at a staff meeting about the opportunity for teachers to be involved and asked for volunteers to share what they do in their classroom.

The five sessions here at Treem represented almost every grade level. Selected fifth graders acted as ambassadors to welcome guests to our school and move 10 small group tours to the sessions here at Treem Thursday morning. The session held in Mr. Sollechio's first grade room had students doing interactive games on the SmartBoard and using iTouches to take pictures of shapes that were later sorted and classified.

Mr. Harvey's second grade class had stations set up. They were using FlipVideo cameras to record plays that involved their vocabulary words to teach other classes. They were also using the Smartboard to work on math skills with the program Lemonade Stand.

In the small computer lab were some of Mrs. Paxman's and Mrs. Smead's fourth graders. Using a program called PhotoStory 3, Mrs. Paxman's students created a narrated slideshow based on their poems which were inspired by If I Were in Charge of the World by Judith Viorst. Mrs. Smead's were also using PhotoStory 3, but were creating their stories on Roman gods, goddess, and creatures that they had chosen and researched. There was also a group of Bear Business students working on the next edition. In between sessions, I interviewed some of the NSBA members and asked them some

questions. One question I asked one member was, "What made you become a NSBA member?" He replied, "I was elected from Arizona." I also asked if technology was better than paper and pencil. The answer was, "I think I have a reason to choose technology, but pencil and paper is very good also."

A mix of 3rd-5th graders were with Mrs. Kennedy's in the music room filming future episodes of the Morning Announcements. They were using videocameras, wireless microphones, and Power Points for script as teleprompter and backdrops.

On the stage were members of the Morning Announcements News Crew. The fifth graders and one third grader were editing feature broadcasts with Mr. Coyner's help. They were using iMovie 11 on Macintosh computers. They were working on transitions and layout and importing music.

Based on interviews with various members, reading their body language, and feedback, Treem did an excellent job! While working this article, an NSBA member from Minnesota commented to me after reading over my shoulder, "This is intelligent writing." It made me feel proud to know that my school was impressing people from other states like Texas, California, and New York. Da Bears pulled through. "The Home of Da Bears" is now The Home of Technology.



by Jordan



Are you looking for the perfect pet to adopt over summer or just anytime? You should learn about what pet you want before you adopt it. Maybe you want a dog, cat, or fish. You should know how to properly take care of your pet. For example when you get a dog you should know that a dog needs to be walked at least once a day. I have a dog and I need to know how much food to feed my dog and how many times to take her on a walk.

Did you know that the most popular animal in the world is a dog? Most dog owners need a big backyard for the dog to run and exercise. A perfect pet for you can be a not so perfect pet for someone else. A perfect pet for you is something that you like to learn about and that is able to fit into your family. Like if you want a

dog but you do not have the time to exercise with it. Maybe the pet for you is a mellow dog like a Pug, or a snake or just a plain gold fish. If you are a very energetic person you may want a Lab. Labs are very playful animals and love to run, so if you go on a daily run in the morning you may want a lab. If you do not have a backyard you may want what's called a toy dog, like a Yorkie or Chihuahua.

People may not be dog lovers, so maybe you can be a cat lover. There are many different types of cats. Funny ones, lazy ones, or even the happy playful ones. Whatever cat you get you should make sure you get one that can be your B.P.F., your best pet friend. You can end up with a couch potato pet. Like I said some people will like couch potato pets but if you are like me you would want a very happy energetic pet.

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ROMAN AND GREEK

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MYTHOLOGY

During the past couple of weeks, Mrs. Smead's and Mrs. Paxman's classes learned about Roman and Greek mythology. As part of our unit we completed some interesting activities. The first activity we did was pasting and glueing information about Pandora's Box and Jupiter (Zeus) into mini-books. What I learned about Pandora's Box was that if you ever open it, bad things could happen. What I learned about Jupiter is that he is the top god of Mount Olympus.

Then, we performed different reader's theater plays. My play was called, Athena and Arachne: How Spiders Came to Be. We presented our plays to different classes.

This interesting play is about how Arachne was arrogant and Athena turned her into the first spider ever. The second graders in Mr. Postelle's class really enjoyed the play.

Then, our class created a PhotoStory. A photo story is like a Powerpoint but you can import photos and set them to music and record our voice. The part I liked the most was recording my voice and getting to show my PhotoStory to the class. The



goddess I chose to research was Demeter. I chose Demeter because her name was interesting, and I learned that she was the goddess of harvest and grains.

The second activity was having a Festival of Dionysus like they celebrated in ancient times. We ate cucumbers, pita breads, hummus, olives, feta cheese and ate laying down like they did on tricliniums, the laying couches they used to use. Some people even dressed up in togas.

As part of our learning, we talked about how Greek and Roman times influence us today. When I asked other students what they have learned how Greek and Roman mythology influences our culture, Alan L. replied, "Roman and Greek mythology effects today because some things are named after the gods, like for an example Minerva she is smart just like Professor McGonagall. Harry Potter." Jackson Ts replied, "The Nike symbol like Hermes goes fast like the shoes." FTD FLOWERS uses him as their symbol.

Perfect Pet Con't

If you are getting your very first pet you should probably get a gold fish. Fish are very easy to take care of but you can not just forget about it. If you get a fish you still need to worry about whether it has a clean tank or are you feeding it to much. I have beta fish and you need to know what other fish can be put in a beta tanks or if boys and girls can be put in the same tank. Fish can sometimes be used as a decoration for your house, but people who have fish as decorations need to still feed and care for the fish.

Hamsters and gerbils have different health requirements. Hamsters and gerbils should have around 16% of protein in any food you

feed them. With good care these animals can live as long as 5 years. I used to have a hamster and I could only feed her a certain amount of carrots because just giving your pet the food we eat may not be good for them. Animals have different nutritional requirements than us. Hamsters need protein that carrots may not give them. Most pet owners think it is okay just to feed their hamsters and gerbils sunflower seeds. You should not do that. Just feeding sunflower seeds can cause hair to fall out and if they eat too many sunflower seeds there is an ingredient in sunflower seeds that takes the calcium out of their bones and teeth that can cause real harm. If you are a person who wants to play with your



Students narrating their story in PhotoStory 3.

Madison D. replied, "Well, Venus is kind of beauty product people use to shave their legs. Venus we learned is the goddess of beauty. Justin V. answered, "Mythology is pretty cool. I love my creature Cyclops because I am like a sloppy Cyclops. Jordan M. in Mrs. Paxman's class stated, "Greek and Roman mythology effects us today because Greeks and Romans used to look up in the sky and make up pictures that the stars lined up to look like. We learned constellations are named after Greek and Roman gods and goddess."

So, if you want to learn about Greek and Roman mythology, then I suggest you to visit the public library and find some books. Also, you can read the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan series and Harry Potter books and make connections to Greek and Roman times. You have the whole summer and I recommend you to visit the library.

animals I do not think they are the right animals for you. They are nocturnal animals which means that they are asleep in the day and are awake at night. I think hamsters and gerbils are more for a person who can take care of them, but does not want to play with them all the time.

You may want a creepy crawly snake or a adorable little puppy. People are different and so are animals. It is a big responsibility to adopt or buy an animal so you should know about your animal. A pet can be your best friend just like the quote "The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail and not his tongue." Pick wisely so you and your pet can be happy.