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Be a tree hugger like Nick Adams



## BE A TREE HUGGER!

By: Ella Kilbourne

Be a tree hugger and help preserve our environment! Here are some tips and tricks about how to take care and honor nature:

### Flowers:

- Make sure you water them every day so they will grow strong and healthy!
- Try your best not to pick the petals. They do look pretty, but if you would like to keep seeing them, leave them be.

-Make sure when you plant the flowers that you check how much sun, rain, and care they need.

-Do not hurt bees even if they freak you out! If there were no bees, there would be no fruits, vegetables, or flowers.

### Plants and Herbs:

-Treat them carefully like a flower, and they will thrive for quite a while.

-You can put herbs in food, but please note, some herbs may be too strong to eat or poisonous.

## DISNEY INTERESTING FACTS

By: Gavin Mitchell

Have you ever wanted to know more Disneyland behind the scenes facts? Here are some of the best!

- 1) Stand-up comedian Steve Martin used to work at Disneyland in the 60's making balloon animals.
- 2) The figures of Indiana Jones in the ride are all made of rubber.
- 3) The Mad Tea Party is the ride that makes people get sick the most.
- 4) The apple in Snow White is a hologram because it was the prop stolen by most park guests.
- 5) 311 million guests have been on Pirates of the Caribbean.
- 6) Opening day is known as Black Sunday. Temperatures were over 100 degrees, toilets clogged, there was a gas leak in Fantasyland, food ran out, and women's high heels sank into the asphalt on Main Street.
- 7) When Disneyland opened, Tomorrowland represented a city from 1986, the year Halley's Comet appeared.
- 8) The 10/6 in the Mad Hatter's Hat is a price tag. It means 10 schillings, sixpence.

## Automatic Driving Cars

By: Ryan Rokerya

Google is in the process of developing self-driving cars. It is a project Google so cars don't need drivers! How cool is that?! The project is currently led by Sebastian Thrun. Sebastian Thrun is a scientist who has invented cool things like Robotic mine mapping and automatic walkers! These cars are currently allowed in California, Nevada, Michigan, and Florida. The ten test cars were 6 Toyota Priuses, an Audi TT, and 3 Lexus RX450h. During testing, Google car stopped at a traffic light and a regular car bumped into the Google car. The Google car was slightly damaged. They need to ensure all are safe to drive and Google is currently working on perfecting the technology. Google's self-driving cars is really an exciting invention we may see on the roads in the near future!



# THE DANGERS OF TECHNOLOGY

By: Karina Patel

Technology is everywhere. It takes the form of older things like cars and microwaves, and newer, more advanced things such as phones, tablets, and fitness bands. But, technology can be dangerous. Phones, tablets, and computers come with their own dangers. Dangers like cyberbullying, viruses, scams, and even addiction. It is important to learn about and prevent these problems.

## Cyberbullying and Social Media

Many people love being on social media websites and apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram. People post things online, but sometimes don't realize the dangers that come with that. Sometimes, there are people who feel strongly about a post and say rude things. Some people choose to post bad things to brag, to humiliate others, or to gain attention. There is a simple rule to help you post well: this is called the "Grandma Rule". This states that you cannot post anything that you wouldn't want your Grandma to see. Unfortunately, some people choose not to do this. If they say rude things about others, this can easily become cyberbullying. Many kids are hurt by this. Some forms are threats, impersonations, and harassments. Ernie Allen, CEO of National Center for Missing and Exploited Children says, "Kids are going to post photos and personal information. At least they should be aware of the risks. And at least Moms and Dads should know what they are doing."

## Viruses and Scams

Some people create a copy of real websites in order to hack into people's email accounts. This is called phishing. If you fall for these and click on it, you will have to enter personal information. The person will then keep that information and use it to hack into your email and all of your accounts that use those same usernames and passwords. These websites can also infect your computer with a virus. You can get these viruses also from internet downloads, CD and file shares, and lots of other non-secure websites. You can prevent these by installing antivirus software.

## Addiction

When people get a handheld device like a tablet or a phone, they might become addicted to it. This may be dangerous because the addiction takes away from the person's focus on what is going on around them. These addictions can be bad for your eyes and it can take away from learning and other social activities when you may be wasting time on your device. Addiction to devices can also be very dangerous when driving. You've probably heard of texting while driving. This is bad for many reasons. You can increase the risk of having an accident like colliding with another car or driving over a person. Also, a device can be distracting in places like a busy city, or a store.

Some great tech websites for this topic:

[www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)

[www.digitalpassport.org](http://www.digitalpassport.org)

A great game:

[www.brainpop.com/sharejumper](http://www.brainpop.com/sharejumper)

## Your Fairytale Story

By: Madison Humphreys



What is your favorite flower?

- A. Orchid
- B. Lily
- C. Rose

What is your favorite metal?

- A. Bronze
- B. Silver
- C. Gold

What is your favorite fabric?

- A. Silk
- B. Cotton
- C. Velvet

Mostly A's –

Girls' story: You are a princess that was kidnapped and put to work by your fake sisters. A night in shining armor saved you and married you. You lived happily ever after!

Boys' story: You are a prince with no princess. One day you were in the forest and saw an orchard, your favorite flower. You picked it, turned around, and saw a beautiful princess dressed in shiny silk with bronze bracelets. You married her and lived happily ever after.

Mostly B's –

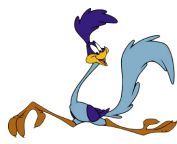
Girls' story: You're a natural Snow White! You love animals. To protect you from your evil homework, they hide you in a cottage with a bunch of tiny people.

Boys' story: You are a nature loving boy. You were one day outside admiring the flowers and plants when you heard some leaves rustle behind you. You turned around and looked under the leaves. You found a tiny squirrel that turned into a wizard. That wizard made you the most powerful man in the universe. You found a frog, turned it into a princess, married it, and lived happily ever after.

Mostly C's -

Girls' story: You are the most popular Queen in the world. You and your football jock boyfriend just got engaged.

Boys' story: You are a rich prince who lives alone. One day a poor princess comes to your house and begs you for money. You think about it but can't resist giving her at least a pouch of gold. You think she is so beautiful. Inside the pouch, you sneak in a wedding ring. She opens the bag right away and gasps when she sees the ring. You marry each other and live happily ever.



## A Rainy Day Adventure

By: Elli Guadalupe (Gr. 2)

Blissa was a girl who always loved going outside, picking flowers, and playing with her dogs. One day, it was raining outside, but Blissa loved the rain! She was just about to put on her raincoat when suddenly her mom yelled, "Blissa, time for homework!"

"But mom, I want to play in the rain."

"I'm sorry Blissa, but you haven't focused on homework for a long time."

"Oh all right," Blissa said. She sounded sad.

Because she didn't want to miss the rain, Blissa rushed doing homework.

After she finished a math problem, she hurried to the window to look outside. To her surprise, there was no rain. She was so upset! She never missed the rain. Especially not for math.

Blissa told her mom all about her feelings.

"I know," her mom said. "But you could play in the water puddles."

Blissa didn't want to play in the puddles. She wanted to play in the RAIN!

"No thanks," she told her mom.

After one hour, Blissa felt bored, so she put on her rain boots, then her jacket. She had decided to go outside after all. Hopefully, the puddles weren't all gone yet.

Blissa felt a squish under her boots.

"Hooray, the puddles were still there!"

Blissa happily splashed in the puddles all day long!

On the third puddle, something weird happened. When her boots hit the ground, the water splashed her like normal, but this time her clothes changed into her P.J.s. When she splashed twice, she noticed that she was wearing her party outfit. When she splashed ten times, she was wearing her Halloween outfit. When the puddles eventually dried up, as all puddles eventually do, she had magically changed back into her rain boots and jacket.

"Blissa, it's time for bed," her mom called from inside.

Blissa smiled.

After such a fun day, she didn't mind going to bed after all.



## A Shark Named Jaws

By Aaron Romero (Gr. 2)

Once upon a time, there was a blue shark named Jaws who always smelled like blood. Jaws' scales were rough, like tangled seaweed. But this story is not about seaweed. This story is about the ocean, a big and dangerous place.

Just like the ocean is big, Jaws is also big. He is the biggest shark on the Earth.

How did Jaws get so big?

He got so big because he ate all of his friends. He ate them because they tasted like fresh fish.

After eating all of his friends, Jaws was still hungry, so he began looking for something new to eat. Jaws looked throughout the whole ocean. He ate lots of fish and he drank lots of salt water. But he was still hungry. So he swam up to the top of the ocean and began to eat people on boats.

Jaws felt sad for eating so many people and fish, including his friends.

Jaws decided that he did not want to eat people anymore. And boats were too crunchy. The wood got stuck in his teeth!

Jaws learned to eat plants instead. Jaws learned that seaweed is a healthy meal for fish. Now whenever he made friends, he kept them.

"Oh Jaws," said his friends, "your scales are as smooth as seaweed."

"Thank you," said Jaws. And he was never hungry again.

## The Man that Ate Only Green

By Ty Mittelstaedt (Gr. 3)

There once was a man who ate only green. He ate green grass, green shirts, and even green cars!

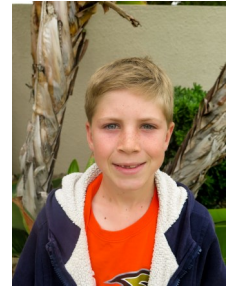
The man tried many times to stop eating only things that were green, but his problem eventually got worse. Instead of eating different colored things, he only ate more things that were green.

Maybe if he went on vacation, he could try a new diet.

The man decided to go someplace very far, Mars. But when he got there, he ate only green aliens and green rocks.

When he returned to Earth, he was sad. But he was also very full. He was so full that he burped a big green bubble, as big as a state. After that, the man felt fine. He even stopped eating for one whole week.

Not everyone was as happy as the man. The governor was so angry about the costs of cleaning up the man's slime that he had to kick him out of the state and make him promise never to eat only green.



## The Roadrunner (An Adaptation)

By Kairav Patel (Gr. 1)

Once upon a time, there was a roadrunner who lived in the west. There was also a coyote named Wile E. Coyote. Unfortunately, Wile E. Coyote liked to eat the roadrunner. Fortunately, he was not very successful.

Then one day it rained.

Wile E. Coyote was hit by a very big rock. Then the storm got very big. Suddenly, the rock flew into the air and landed on Wile E. Coyote! The roadrunner said "meep, meep!" Then the roadrunner ran off.

Wile E. Coyote got the rock off by wiggling free.

Then another rock landed on Wile E. Coyote. This time, he could not get it off!

Finally, it stopped raining, and so the rock slid off on its own.

Unfortunately, the wind began to blow. The wind blow a new rock right on top of Wile E. Coyote.

The roadrunner still did not want to be eaten, so he put some glue on the rock to make it stick.

But Wile E. Coyote is too smart for Roadrunner. He finds a cactus and rubs up against it to cut off the rock.

"Ouch!" he says. But then he's free.

Now Wile E. Coyote ran as fast as he could to catch Roadrunner.

But Roadrunner is smart too.

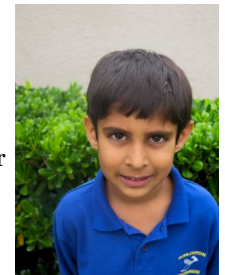
He sees another rock, but he has a better idea. Instead of throwing rocks, he throws a cooked chicken onto Wile E. Coyote.

Wile E. Coyote licks his lips.

"Mmm," he says.

A cooked chicken is much better tasting than a rock.

After that, coyote and Roadrunner decide to be friends.



## The Magic Lantern (An Adaptation)

Co-Authored By Jenna Metwally (Gr. 3) and Jonelle Strickland

This story is about a magic genie girl named Gigi. She is normal looking, except for her ears. They have large earrings with jewels, dragons, and lizards which help her to hear everything. Gigi likes to eat good cafeteria food, like macaroni and cheese and pizza. She prefers to drink chocolate milk. Gigi smells good, not like old milk. She lives in a castle made from ice and snow.

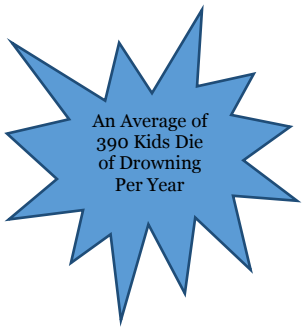
Gigi's best friend is Shadow, but Shadow is trying to get free. Once the genie grants her thirteen wishes, then the shadow has to go back into the lantern. Gigi does this because she is power hungry.

As a result, Shadow doesn't want to be around her all the time. The Shadow tries to convince people to make wishes to take away the genie's power. Eventually, the genie and Shadow have a fight. Gigi misses Shadow so she asks her, "what can I do to be your friend?"

"You can wish to share your power," says Shadow. So she does.

Now they are friends.





## *SHOULD KIDS IN THE USA BE TAUGHT HOW TO SWIM?*

By: Adam Rosales

Kids every year are not enjoying the fun of the water because they have the inability to swim. People don't think swimming is necessary for their fitness because it is too much work. Actually, swimming can be done daily to keep a person fit. Also, swimming can save lives. Most of all swimming can bring joy to many people. Swimming should be taught to all people as early as possible so they have their whole lives to enjoy it.

Swimming is an extremely good way to exercise. Swimming laps in pools is one way to strengthen muscles and lose weight. Even senior men and women try it. It is so good for exercising that some people even have pools installed in their gyms. Certain gyms like the Ultra Classed 24 hour fitness have pools installed.



Not being taught how to swim is extremely risky. Kids who are not taught swimming have a high drown rate! Kids without the ability to swim will not be able to go to a body of water of a pool without a lifejacket. A quote from Gavin Mitchell, a swimmer, "Swimming should be mandatory. If swimming was mandatory it would save more lives." This will deprive kids of the joy of playing in the pool without being held back by a lifejacket.

Pools can be lots of fun if you know how to swim. People in deep pools challenge each other to swim laps or touch the bottom. These are fun things to do if you know how to swim. Some people like to jump in or dive. You should only dive in the deep end of the pool because if you dive in the shallow side you could hit your head on the bottom. If you don't know how to swim it can be unsafe. It is important to know the rules of safety at the pool.

Is swimming a good thing for you to learn? Swimming is good for you. Swimming can save lives. There are many places to learn swimming. Orca, Splash, Nova, and Heat are all swimming groups. All kids should get a chance to enjoy the beauties of swimming in the water without having to wear a life jacket or struggling.

### Schools Pay Kids for Good Grades

By: Karina Patel

Kids in KEY Academy, a public charter school in Washington D.C., are getting paid fake money for getting good grades in school. The money is pretend, but it is to be used at the school store where the students can buy things such as pens, animal-shaped pencil cases, and colorful erasers. The school is giving the kids this fake money as a motivation to get good grades. They say this will help create good study habits and an interest in succeeding. Edward Deci, a psychology professor and an expert on motivation says, "Rewards can persuade kids to work harder to boost test scores. But, the effect probably would be short-lived."

People are debating whether or not this is a good idea, but most people believe it is a great motivator for kids.

What do you think?

## WHAT KIND OF ROBOT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU?

By: Ella Kilbourne

What do you love to do?

- A. I LOVE ELECTRONICS!!!!!!!!!!!!
- B. Food, Food, Food!
- C. I prefer going to school.
- D. I like to sleep.

What's your favorite food?

- A. Salad!
- B. EVERYTHING!!!!
- C. Whatever my parents pack me.
- D. Sleeping.

What is your favorite noise?

- A. Zing!
- B. Chew, Chew.
- C. Beep!
- D. ZZZZZZ.....

What do you see in an awesome robot?

- A. A robot who loves all things tech.
- B. One that loves food!
- C. A robot that is super smart because it loves school!
- D. One that would \*yawn\* sleep with me.

5. Random question, what's your favorite color?

- A. Gray!
- B. Brown!
- C. Green!
- D. Blue!



Mostly A's:

You were at Game Stop, looking for video games. You found one that interested you. It was called "Techy Robot." It was the last one! You grabbed it and headed towards the check-out stand but came back because you heard a beep. Where the last game was, there was a robot holding "Techy Robot." You stared in awe at him, then you shook your head and headed out the door. You got in the car and heard another beep. You turned around and saw the robot. You brought him home and kept him. The two of you played video games all the time.

Mostly B's:

You decided to go to your favorite restaurant, Chick-Fil-A. You go inside. You take a seat at an empty table after you order your food. Once you get your food and start eating, you hear a chewing sound that doesn't sound like you. You stop chewing and still hear the chewing sound. You look to the booth in front of you. You see a tiny robot with food scraps all over his robotic mouth. You look around to see if this robot is anyone's. You see no one near it or looking for it. You love the robot so you grab him and run out the door. You eat with him ALL DAY LONG and have fun eating together.

Mostly C's:

You are at school like any other ordinary day. You like playing around at the fence. One day, at recess, you were playing alone, as usual, and heard some leaves rustle. You thought it was a snake so you started to walk away. "Wait, please," a robotic sounding voice said. "I didn't mean to scare you." A robot about your size climbed over the fence. He put his hand out. "Hello. My name is Sco. Pronounced like show. Nice to meet you." You shook his hand and told him your name. He hid until school was over, then came home with you. He helped you with your homework and lived with you for as long as he could.

Mostly D's: One day you were sleeping, like always, and you awoke to the sound of a snore. It wasn't you. You got up and looked around. You saw a tiny robot sleeping you your bed. You were about to scream, but you were too tired. The robot came in your house every day and night to sleep with you and you slept happily ever after with your VERY sleepy robot.

## CURRENT EVENTS

By: Karina Patel

What's going on around school? Lots of things! Here are a few of the fundraisers, events, and tests happening:

### SBAC Testing

Here at school, SBAC testing is taking place. Our teachers are doing several things to help us prepare for it. Mrs. Sousa, fifth grade and GATE math teacher says, "Preparing for the SBAC and the future is a goal, but it also helps students become college ready while challenging students to persevere and think critically about math inside and outside of the classroom." We are all taking these using technology- some classes are going to the computer lab, and others are using Chrome books in Room 21. As you can see, Nohl Canyon is hard at work for a successful SBAC.

### Jump rope for Heart fundraiser

This fundraiser, created by The American Heart Association, helps kids stay fit and donate money at the same time. The American Heart Foundation helps people with all sorts of heart problems. This fundraiser gives money to people with heart problems. You have some people sponsor you to jump rope, then turn in the money to school. However, you can also get cool prizes such as balls, games, and cool rubber ducks. This ends May 1st, so get jumping!

### Middle school for sixth graders

We live near El Rancho Charter School, a school rated the best middle school in Orange County. However, not everyone is close enough to it for it to be their home school. So, they have something called Open Enrollment. For Open Enrollment, they pick names out of a hat for people to attend the school. This gives students who don't live close to the school a chance to still attend. Fortunately, this year everyone who signed up for Open Enrollment got in. Several of our sixth graders will be moving there this year. We wish them good luck!

## MIT APP INVENTOR: FIFTH GRADE GATE

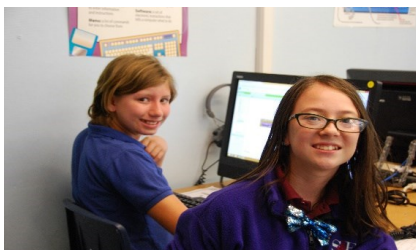
By: Adam Rosales

People in this school are learning to do code. Code is a program where people will have the ability to program little characters to do random actions. Fifth grade gate has been selected to do a program called MIT App Inventor. This program allows you to make an app. MIT App Inventor allows you to access a far more advanced program than normal code. MIT App Inventor has a variety of access points. You can access multiple things like camera, sound, and vibrations. With this you can make multiple things like talking apps, whack a mole, space invaders, etc. You can make many apps on this. You can test these apps on an Android Smart Phone. I am making an app called whack a buddy where you can take a photo, draw on it, and whack a mole on it. Many people have already formed teams like in the pictures below. We hope to bring new apps into the world.



Top Left: Lucas, Jack, Ohm, and Raul.

Top Right: Benjamin, Bradley, Dylan, Jackson, Owen, Cooper



Bottom Left: Callie and Kayla.

Bottom Right: Artyn, Sonha, Cooper, Dylan, Owen



## WHAT IN THE WORLD??

By: Karina Patel

This is a game to test your knowledge of the world. You have to figure out what landmark is in each country and write the letter on the line.

A. England B. China C. France D. Italy E. India F. Egypt



## SNOW WHITE AND FRIENDS

By: Madison Humphreys

Snow White and Friends is a silly comedy play. Ella Kilbourne [Gargoyle 6] says, "I'm excited to see how the play will turn out."

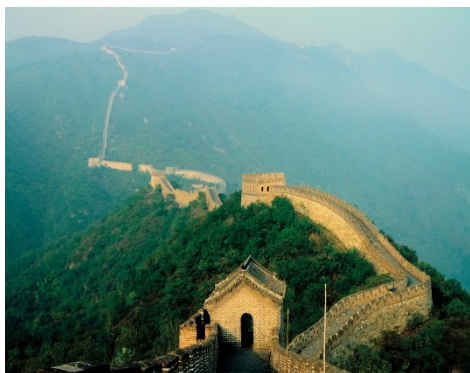
Gavin Mitchell [Prince Charming] said he is not excited to do some of the scenes. It was said that the play will be in May.

The play will include props, backgrounds, and costumes which are all student made. The cast is Miss Peach, Queen, Servant One, Servant Two, Mirror, Snow White, Gargoyle One, Gargoyle Two, Gargoyle Three, Gargoyle Four, Gargoyle Five, Gargoyle Six, Prince Charming, Huntsman, Animal One, Animal Two, Animal Three, Animal Four, Arnold, Rembrandt, Juliet, Einstein, Scrooge, Pythagoras, Wimpy, Old Hag, Paramedic, and Announcer.

Snow White and Friends is not the story that you are used to hearing. Hi Ho! It's off to fun we go with this modern version of the beloved fairytale, Snow White! Instead of an apple, the beautiful princess goes into the sleeping death caused by a candy bar. It just so happens the prince from Aboonistan is at the palace on a peace treaty mission and is a specialist in kissing. After a quick spray of breath freshener, he is able to awaken the beautiful princess! Many of the students scream for joy every time they practice!

## *TOP SPOTS TO VISIT IN ASIA*

By: Gavin Mitchell



China's biggest landmark is the Great Wall of China. This is the #1 place to visit in Asia.



Japan's biggest landmark is Itsukushima Torii, or the Superior Gate. This is the #2 place to visit in Asia.



India's biggest landmark is the Taj Mahal. It was a palace built between 1631-1648. This is the #3 place to visit in Asia.

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