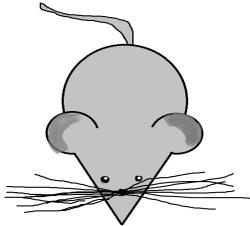


# The Daly News

By and For the Students of John J. Daly Elementary School

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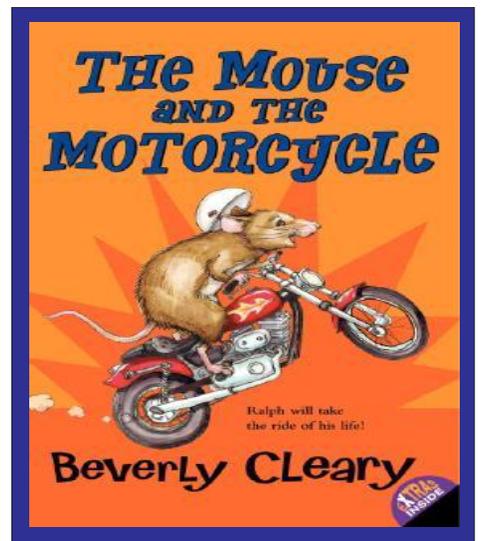


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## One School / One Book

by Sarah

Exciting news! This is Daly's third year doing the "One School / One Book" program. This year our school is reading The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary. Daly decided to do this program with the help of Mrs. Pinto and Dr. Suzzan, who wanted to encourage families to read. If you are wondering how this program works, keep reading. There is a kickoff assembly that announces the title of the book. Before the assembly, there are clues posted around the school and a lot of kids try to guess the book. Every family gets a copy of the book and reads a chapter a night. The books are purchased by our HSA, the home school association, but families could make an optional donation if they wanted to. Every day before dismissal there is a trivia question about the chapter that was read the night before. The next day the answer is revealed, and 3 names are randomly picked; one from kindergarten and first grade, one from second and third grade, and one from fourth and fifth grade. There are also activities that kids can do at home, like building a maze or creating their own "mouse". This year, since our school is reading The Mouse and the Motorcycle, we got a pet mouse! Daly is having such a great time reading this book!



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK, BEVERLY CLEARY, IS 101 YEARS OLD!

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by Tessa, Dylan and James

WE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT DALY'S FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVORS ARE. SO WE SURVEYED K-5 TO FIND OUT! WE COUNTED ALL THE VOTES.... AND HERE ARE THE RESULTS!

**1ST PLACE... COOKIE DOUGH!**

**2ND PLACE... MINT CHIP!**

**3RD PLACE... VANILLA!**

**4TH PLACE... CHOCOLATE!**

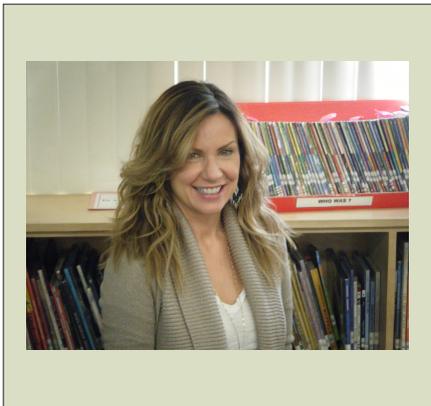
**5TH PLACE... STRAWBERRY!**



## MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANTS

by Robert & Sarah

This year, Daly welcomed 5 new assistants to our school. You may have seen them in your classrooms or helping out in other areas of the school. The new assistants are Mrs. Moss (who helps out in Pre-K), Mrs. Demorzo (who helps out with PreK classes, as well as the cafeteria and playground), Mrs. Tsoumporitias (who helps out in Mrs. Walker's room), Mrs. David (who helps out in the nurse's office), and Mrs. DeLuca (who helps out in Mrs. Flynn's room). The Daly News caught up with two of them to get to know them better (please see below). We are so happy to have all of our assistants, those who have been here a long time to those who are new, who help to make Daly a special school.



### Meet Mrs. DeLuca

Mrs. DeLuca lives right here in Port Washington. She has two sons, ages 7 and 9 who attend South Salem Elementary School. Her husband, Phil, coaches PYA & CYO sports, right here in town. Before coming to Daly, she worked in the fashion industry as a fashion designer. She loves art, drawing, designing and working with all of the amazing & creative students at Daly! When she came to our school, she started as an assistant helping out in Mrs. Cheffo's class this year. She now works in Mrs. Flynn's room as a teaching assistant. Her favorite part is working with a super supportive staff & awesome kids. We are very lucky to have Mrs. DeLuca at our school!



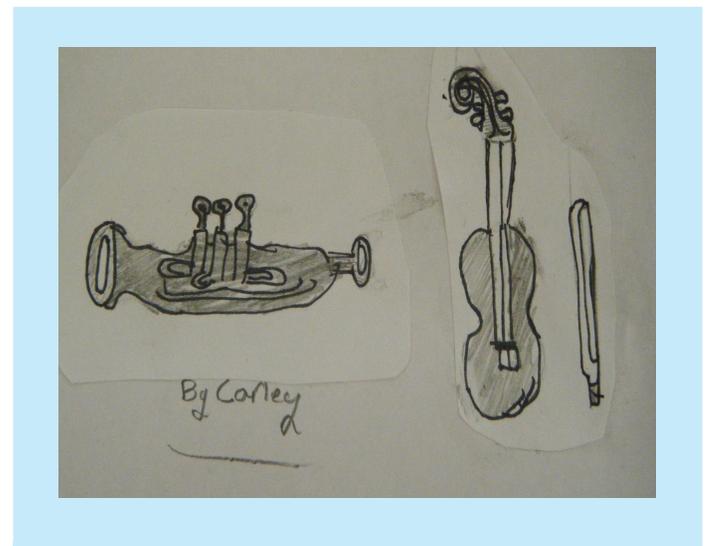
### Meet Mrs. David

Mrs. David is one of the new assistant teachers here at Daly. She helps out at recess, in the nurse's office and she also helps with dismissal. She lives in Port Washington and has 3 children. Before she worked at Daly, she was a substitute teacher in Manhasset for 1 year. She says she loves being with kids because she likes to work with them and provide help. At home she likes to cook, bake, garden, exercise, read, and write. We are happy that Mrs. David came to Daly School!

## The Winter Concert

By Carley

The winter concert was a big success! It took place in the Daly Gym on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The orchestra performed first. The band played second. Next, the 4th grade chorus sang, and last but not least, the 5th grade chorus sang! The 4th and 5th graders performed for the whole school at the assembly, which allowed them to practice for the next performance. On Thursday, January 11, 2018, the 4th and 5th grade performed for their parents. Some of the parents thought it was the best concert they had ever seen. According to Dr. Addeo, "The Winter Concert was superlative\* in every way: the stage presence, the gorgeous singing, beautiful harmonies, and terrific instrument playing! In addition, the audience was SO well behaved, both students and parents!" This made the performers feel appreciated and proud.



\* A "superlative" performance means one of the highest quality!

## A Day in the Life of a Teacher by Jackson

Do you ever wonder what it is like to be a teacher? For this topic I interviewed my teacher, Mr. Elcock. I asked him simple questions, like what his morning routine is like. He said he usually tries to get up at 4:00 a.m., and then go to the gym. Then, he comes home and makes a protein shake at 7:00 a.m. When he gets to the school, he gets the room ready for his students. When they come inside, everyone says the pledge of allegiance. For morning work, he usually gives the students a math sheet. Next, he would go right to a math or an ELA lesson. Then it would be snack time. Mr. Elcock says that his students like to come up to him and ask him questions. He says, "When they come to talk to me, I really like to learn things about them." Next, he would do a social studies or science lesson with the class and then drop them off at lunch. "If there is no work to do during lunch, I like to watch YouTube videos about how to make computers." Sometimes his students are rewarded plastic coins that he gives out on Fridays, which then allows them to play a board game called "Dungeons and Dragons." After lunch, Mr. Elcock does writing lessons with his students and sometimes they come up to him and tell him their interests. Next, he drops the class off at their special. At the end,

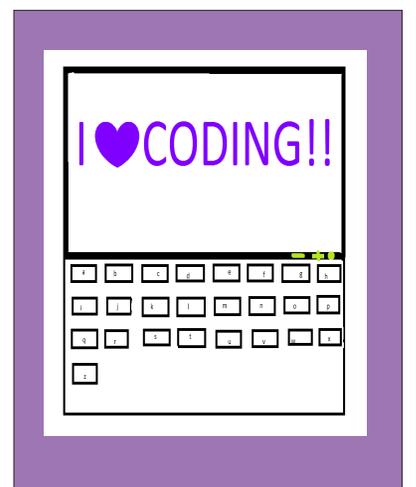
he picks them up and everyone packs up. Mr. Elcock takes the "bussers" to the gym and Ms. Faust, the assistant teacher, brings the walkers to the cafeteria. After school, when all the students are gone, that is really when he gets to clean and learn new techniques and ways to teach. I also asked him what he does when he doesn't have any distractions (a.k.a. us). He answered that he likes to play video games and hang out with his family and friends. That is what Mr. Elcock's typical day is like. If you are a fourth grader, you will be lucky to be in his class next year.



## What is Coding? By Daryn & Devyn

Coding is computer science. You're probably thinking, "What is computer science?" Computer science is technology used to control a device. Coding is really easy to learn, no matter what age you are! You don't have to be genius to learn how to code.

Some famous people that use computer programming all the time are Bill Gates (creator of Microsoft), Mark Zuckerberg (creator of Facebook), Steve Jobs (who was the creator of Apple), Jack Dorsey (creator of Twitter), and many more. These people set out to create apps that changed our world. They started just by doing it for fun. Today, almost anything powered by electricity was created with coding! Schools all over the world are trying to get kids to code more often and get used to it, because it can help with things later in life. Ninety percent of schools worldwide don't teach students how to code. Many famous people started coding when they were in high school or college. In fact, NBA player Chris Bosh was made fun of in high school because he thought that coding was fun and liked it. History says that Ada Lovelace was the first computer programmer. She was born on December 10,



Art by Daryn & Devyn



Ada Lovelace  
Photo from Biography.com

1815, and died on November 27, 1852. Although she had some help throughout her life, she was considered a genius. Coding is so popular today! Markus Persson was the person who went on to release one of world's most popular games, Minecraft. By 2014, Minecraft had over 100 million users! It was then sold to Microsoft for \$2.5 billion. Big computer companies are always looking for people who are talented in computer science.

Coding is a global movement that is reaching millions of kids in over 180 countries. Our school library website lists some great places and websites to start coding. If you want to start coding, a good place to start is [code.org](http://code.org). We hope that you get interested in coding!

Source: [Code.org](http://Code.org)

# PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

by Justin

Every February, Daly participates in The Pennies for Patients program for Leukemia & Lymphoma. (Leukemia is a cancer of blood-forming tissues, hindering (or stopping) the body's ability to fight infection. Lymphoma is a cancer of the lymphatic system.) February's main theme is love and compassion. Giving to charity, in this case the Pennies for Patients, is a demonstration of this. This program changes the lives of blood cancer patients and their families by raising funds and donating money for instrumental research. Daly had participated in this program in the past, and will be doing it again this year, along with other schools on Long Island.

This year, we will have a collection box in each classroom. Students can hand in spare change from jackets, pant pockets, etc. The mission of this fundraiser is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma. You do not have to donate, but every donation - even small ones, can make a difference. Spare change is not the only option for donations. Your parents can send a check payable to Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society, no later than Wednesday, February 28.

Mrs. Horowitz said that the most Daly ever raised was \$2,000. Daly first started this program in 2013. Remember that this campaign is ONLY from February 1 to February 28. If you can, please donate to help this excellent cause!



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## ADVICE:

### What To Do When You Lose Part of Your Family

By Kaitlyn

Losing a pet or a member of your family is hard to go through, so I'm here to help you think of the happy memories with that person or pet. First of all, looking at pictures of your loved ones can be hard because it will remind you of them. But always make sure to think of their passing as something you can look back on in a happy way. Also, people tend to think about who they lost at night, when it's quiet. One thing that you can do when this occurs, is to think of happy things like talking with your friends the next day. Sometimes, you may cry at random or feel sad at school. If you feel that way, I

suggest you tell a teacher and go take a walk, and get a drink of water to cool off. Also, doing things you like to get your mind off of your loved one is a good idea, but it's always good to think of the fun times with them. I know it's hard, but always remember them and you will get through the hard times. Remember the things you love and eat a lot of Carvel ice cream!



## Wrestling Team Clean-Up

By Nico

The Port Washington wrestling team participated in a great community service. We all helped clean up Main Street! It is good to clean up the sidewalks of Main Street because the trash can clog the street drains. At the wrestling team clean-up the group split into groups of four. One person would grab a shovel to scoop trash. One would grab a broom to sweep up small garbage and two would grab a garbage bag to hold all of it. Since it was not the most exciting thing to do, everyone made it fun by telling each other jokes

and good stories. The wrestling team members got to know each other better as they told stories. Mr. Coccarelli who is one of the coaches, and also happens to be my dad, led one of the groups. I had so much fun! I can't wait to do it again next year!



## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

By Justin

### Meet Mrs. Roberts

Do you know Mrs. Roberts? She is one of our speech therapists at Daly School and she lives in Melville. She had a great idea for a newspaper article on twins. Mrs. Roberts has twin boys at home. Their names are Quinn and Sean, and they are 2 ½ years old. Their similarities are that they are nearly the same height and have the same hair color. However, their personalities are very different. One of them is a very cautious person, while the other is a "complete daredevil!" What she likes most about having twins is that they always have a friend to play and talk with. What she dislikes most about having twins is that they are always being compared to one another. One more surprising thing is that twins run in her family!

This gave the newspaper club a great idea to find out more about twins at Daly. Mrs. Roberts told the newspaper about Daly's twins, both teachers and assistants. Our teacher twins are Mrs. Manoff, a fourth grade teacher (twin sister). Mrs. Greenfield, third grade assistant, (twin sister), Ms. Cassio, second grade assistant, (twin sister), and Dr. McAndrew-Lyons, reading specialist, (twin brother). Four teachers have children that are twins. Mrs. Roberts, Dr. McAndrew-Lyons, Mrs. Weiss, fifth grade assistant teacher and Mrs. Trazoff,

first grade teacher (currently on child-care leave).

At Daly, there are 18 student twin pairs. In fifth grade alone, there are six! They are Eva & Helena, Gavin & Rigel, Anthony & Nico, Noah & Hannah, Declan & Emmett (who goes to a different school), and Mia & Zoe. In fourth grade there is Everett & Kathryn, and Ava & Christian. Third grade has Layla & Ryder, while second grade has Ben & Alex, Griffin & Braydon, and Evan & Jed-Michael. First grade has Jordan & Harper, and Abby & Eliza, and kindergarten has Sofia & Sydney, Dylan & Evan, Marcos & Lorenzo (who goes to a different school). Finally, Pre-K has Lilia and Lucas.

The newspaper is giving out lots of thanks to all the teachers who helped with this article. Also, one very special thank you to the one and only Mrs. Roberts!



## Introducing Marshmallow...



Many Daly students created a cool **MAZES** for Marshmallow to try out!  
We can't wait to see the results!

Recently, Daly has welcomed a new fluffy friend for the "One school, One book" program! The book we are reading is The Mouse and the Motorcycle. If you want to know more about our mouse, you're about to find out! Our new pet is very small and he has white fur, red eyes, and a very long light pink tail. He is also really cute! He loves to play. He spends hours spinning in his wheel. He also loves to go through a cardboard tube. He is really active at night! This mouse was only three weeks old when he was purchased at Petland, in Port Washington.

One really exciting thing about our new mouse is that everyone in every grade, as well as the Daly staff got to vote on a name. First, the classes all nominated possible names, and then Mrs. Pinto created a ballot with the top ten suggestions. The choices were Snowball, Fluffy, Snowflake, Marshmallow, Mr. Nibbles, Cheddar, Whiskers, Cutie, Squeaky and Scooter. The students just found out the winning name at our closing assembly on Thursday! So far, he has been loving his home in the school library next to the Smartboard. At the end of the year, our furry friend will be adopted by a lucky Daly family!

# Roll, Tide, Roll

By Cody

The 2018 College Football Playoff started on January 1st, 2018. The playoff consisted of two semifinal games, the Rose Bowl and the Sugar Bowl, leading to the National Championship. In the 104th Rose Bowl, the Oklahoma Sooners played the Georgia Bulldogs in California. In that game, the Bulldogs would win in a thrilling overtime classic against the Sooners. At halftime, though, the Sooners were up 31-17 thanks to some big plays by Baker Mayfield and Rodney Anderson. In the third quarter, the Bulldogs tied it up by a 50 yard touchdown by Nick Chubb and a 38 yard TD by Sony Michel. In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs scored a touchdown, but the Sooners responded with two of their own. Late in the quarter, Jake Fromm and the Bulldogs' offense got the ball at their own 41 yard line. Fromm led his team down the field. With less than a minute left, Georgia lined up on the two yard line. Nick Chubb got the football and ran right into the end zone. One extra point later, the game was tied 45-45. Oklahoma made a valiant effort, but they couldn't score. The game went to overtime. Neither team could score a touchdown, but both teams scored field goals, so the second overtime began. Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield got into position for kicker Austin Seibert to attempt a field



goal, but it was blocked by Lorenzo Carter. Now it was Bulldogs turn. After a two yard loss, Sony Michel took it in for a 27 yard TD. In one of the best Rose Bowl games ever, the Bulldogs advanced to the national championship in Atlanta.

In the 84th Allstate Sugar Bowl, it was a rematch of last year's championship game, the

Alabama Crimson Tide against the reigning national champions Clemson Tigers. In this game, the Crimson Tide shut down the Tigers. The Tide opened the first quarter with ten points, and they didn't look back. Tigers quarterback Kelly Bryant couldn't get it done. It was still hopeful for the Tigers entering the third quarter, but fourteen unanswered points put them away in the fifth annual College Football Playoff National Championship, the Alabama Crimson Tide would take home yet another College Football Championship. The game did not start well for the

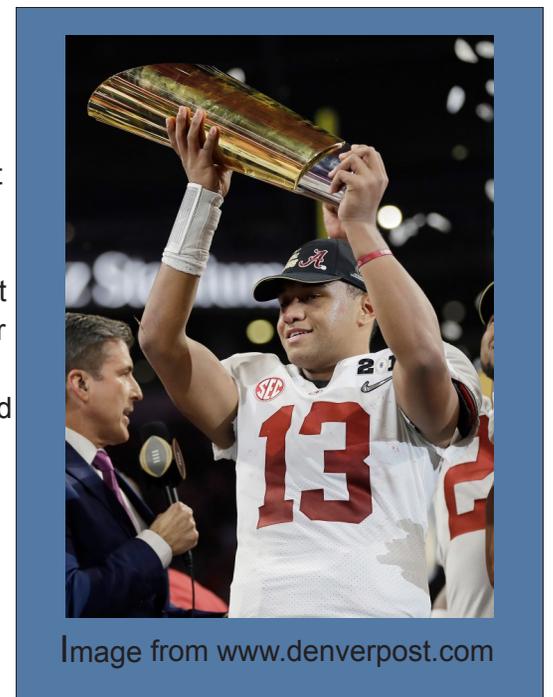


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Tide, and at halftime, head coach Nick Saban put in freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa rather than keeping sophomore quarterback Jalen Hurts, and it payed off. Alabama's decent defense kept them in the game, and the Georgia Bulldogs were now only leading by ten points at the end of the third quarter, 20-10. In the fourth quarter, a sack by Alabama's defense and a field goal meant that the Tide were only trailing by seven points. A seven yard touchdown pass meant the Tide was back in it! But Alabama kicker Andy Pappanastos missed a field goal, and overtime was next. Georgia kicker Rodrigo Blankenship nailed a 51 yard field goal, but the Tide responded emphatically. After a first down sack, Tagovailoa made a perfect pass to De'Vonta Smith. Again, the Alabama Crimson Tide took home a national championship win. The final score was 26-23, and Nick Saban tied the record for most national title wins as a head coach. This left college football analysts from ESPN with one thing to say: Roll Tide, Roll!

## A Look at Both Sides of an Issue:

# SNOW - Yay, or snow way!

By Gavin

Should kids at Daly be able to play in the snow at recess?

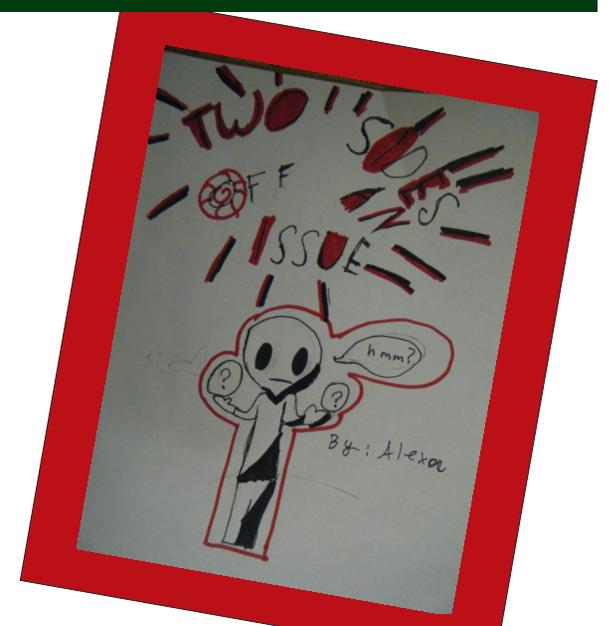
There are two sides to the issue. Let's take a look at what two Daly students think.

**YES:** Stella in 5th Grade

I think Daly students should be allowed to play in the snow because kids can enjoy the snow. If they can't go outside at home they can here. If the kids have no snow clothing, they could stay inside.

**NO:** Alexa in 5th Grade

I don't think kids should be allowed to play in the snow because it is dangerous. People could slip and get hurt. Someone could throw a snowball and injure someone else.



# Fashion 101 with Chad Kessler

By: Ellie



Hello! Ellie here once again. Today I'm here talking about...drum roll please...denim! I had the amazing opportunity to interview the Global Brand President at American Eagle Outfitters, Chad Kessler. Chad has been working at American Eagle for four years now. American Eagle Outfitters was founded in 1977 and today is one of the biggest denim global brands. Now let's get into the interview. First I asked, "What is the latest denim trend?" Chad answered, "The latest trends are high waisted styles and some of the vintage fits like the Mom jean (a high waisted jean that's slightly baggy.)" I bet you have seen people wearing head to toe denim. When I asked Chad if that was in style he responded, "We love jeans at American Eagle, so we definitely endorse the trend of wearing head to toe denim." Should people tuck their shirt in or let it hang out? Chad responded, "We believe in celebrating personal style, so either is fine. A lot of customers like to wear a long top with our jeggings (a tight-fitting stretchy

pant that resemble a pair of denim jeans) but some like to tuck in or even wear a bodysuit with the new higher waisted silhouettes." Another fun question for Chad was to belt or not to belt? He thinks that it is totally up to you! He says that there are a lot of fun belts out there that add a personal twist to your outfit. These days everybody is shopping online! About 79% of the world's customers in 2017 shopped online. Knowing this I decided to ask Chad, "How do you see the company changing in 5 years with online shopping growing?" Chad responded "We hope that business will continue to shift to the website. However, we also believe that stores are a very important part of the customer experience, so we will continue to evolve in the stores channel." Seeing that the environment is very important for our future, I asked Chad "What's the future plan with environmentally friendly denim?" He and his company thinks it is important to be more sustainable in how they source our jeans. Growing cotton, the indigo dye process, and the final washing of jeans requires a lot of water. They are working to reduce their water consumption and to make their product more sustainable. The last and final question I asked him was "What innovations (a new method, idea, product, etc.) have you started?" Chad responded, "We are always looking for new fabric, fit, and wash innovations. We also want to make the shopping experience as seamless as possible regardless of whether the customer shops in store or online." I had so much fun interviewing Chad Kessler and would like to thank him for taking the time out of his busy schedule to work with me. I hope that you enjoy these denim tips!



## Learning Tip

By Justin

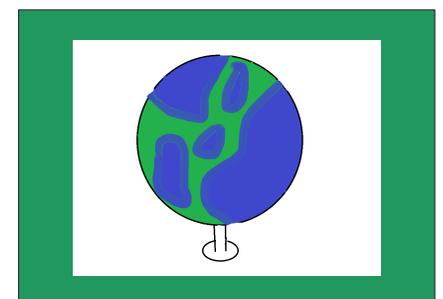
Have you ever been troubled by the spelling of hard words or trying to remember lists of specific items? Your questions and worries will soon be diminished! Using these learning tips will surely help you learn a lot more. Enjoy your newly found knowledge!

To properly spell **GEOGRAPHY**, take the first letter of each word in this sentence:

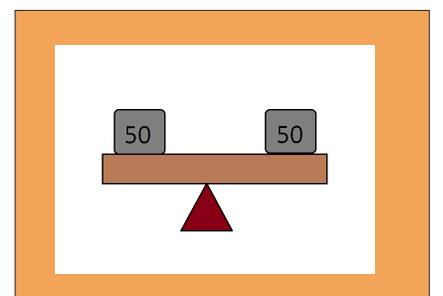
"**G**eorge **E**liot's **O**ld **G**ranny **R**ode **A** Pony **H**ome **Y**esterday."

To help learn the names of **SIMPLE MACHINES**, Look at the first letter of each word in this sentence: **I** Like **P**laying **S**occer **W**ith **W**illiam.

Inclined plane    Lever    Pulley    Screw    Wedge    Wheel and axle



Art by Tessa



# Editorial - Homework Hustle

By Justin

Homework is a topic that many people disagree about. Some educators fight for the right to give homework. But some parents and students attempt to lessen the stress of homework by decreasing it. Why do those students (and parents) hate homework, and why do some educators believe in homework? There are good arguments for both sides.

Homework is definitely an essential part of a child's education. It helps students comprehend the things that they learned in class that day. Homework also serves as a review just in case they forgot their lessons. It helps students absorb information better. Homework also assists in developing independence. When students do their homework alone, it encourages them to do other things alone. When students are given homework, they are expected to complete it. This supports increased responsibility.

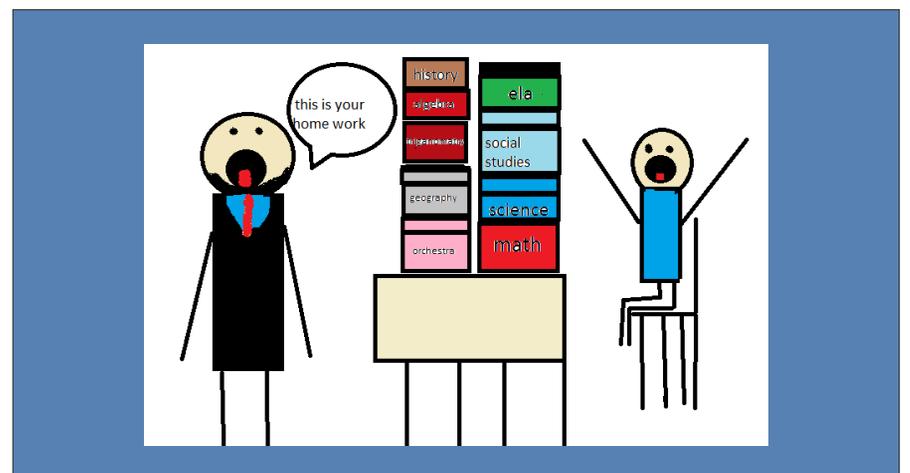
On the other hand, overloading a pupil with homework is absolutely unnecessary. Students must always have the right amount of homework suited for them. Too much homework is a big issue for some families. It eats away at family time, temporarily isolating family members from one another. Extra homework also can interfere with their activities, which is a problem, not just because of less time outside, but because a student's extracurricular activities are important for a good college record / application.

TIME decided to see how one sixth-grader named Molly Benedict and her family managed with homework. After about 2 hours she was done, and then she needed to practice her piano for an hour. Molly's mother was even more burdened than Molly about the exhaustion of homework. "I didn't feel [stressed] until I was in my 30s," says Libby (Molly's mother), 43. "It hurts my feelings that my daughter feels that way at 11." It used to be that homework was nice and easy. But then came the Cold War starting with the Sputnik launch of 1957, making teachers load up with math and science for competition.

A compromise can always be reached. Teachers should still give homework to students, but only a reasonable amount. It is fair and simple.

Sources: TIME, NEWSOLA

Art by Nico



## BTW - CHECK THIS OUT!

by Brynn

An acronym is when you take the first letters of each word in a common phrase and combine them to make a new word, like OMG. (Oh My God- Or Gosh) Many people use them in text messages, e-mail, and other forms of online communication. Here are some that you may know.....

TTYL - Talk to you later

TMI - Too much information

LOL - Laugh out loud

BFF - Best friends forever

N/A - Not available/applicable

FYI - For your information

RSVP - Respondez s'il vous plait

(French for Please reply)

JK - Just kidding

B/C - Because

IDK - I don't know

BRB - Be right back

BTW - By the way

ILY - I love you

THX - Thanks

EOD - End of discussion

ASAP - As soon as possible

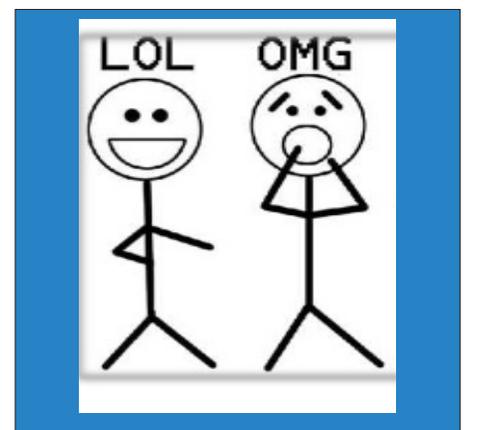


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Thank you for reading!

Next time you type a text or an email, have fun using acronyms! TTYL!

## Movie Review By Daryn

On December 25, 2018, the movie called "The Greatest Showman" came out. This is a great movie to see with your family! The movie is about a man named P.T Barnum. He dreamed of creating something that people in his neighborhood would enjoy. At first he came up with a wax museum, but he knew he could do better. Then, he suddenly thought about a circus! He looked for people around his town that had lots of talent. Even though many of them looked funny, he accepted them for their differences and knew they were talented. Finally they started selling tickets and welcoming people to come and see the show. He even had a famous person named Phillip Carlyle to help him with the show! After a couple of performances, people did not like the idea. They started to lose money and even their homes. People protested for

them to end the show. When they did not listen to them, some people got really mad and set the building on fire. Nobody died, but one of them was hurt. He soon got better and P.T Barnum felt that he could not put on a show like he thought he could. However, his performers convinced him to put up a tent and re-make the show! From then on, people loved the show and came to see it often. P.T Barnum realized that if you don't give up, you will succeed!



## Restaurant Review: **BENIHANA** by Carly

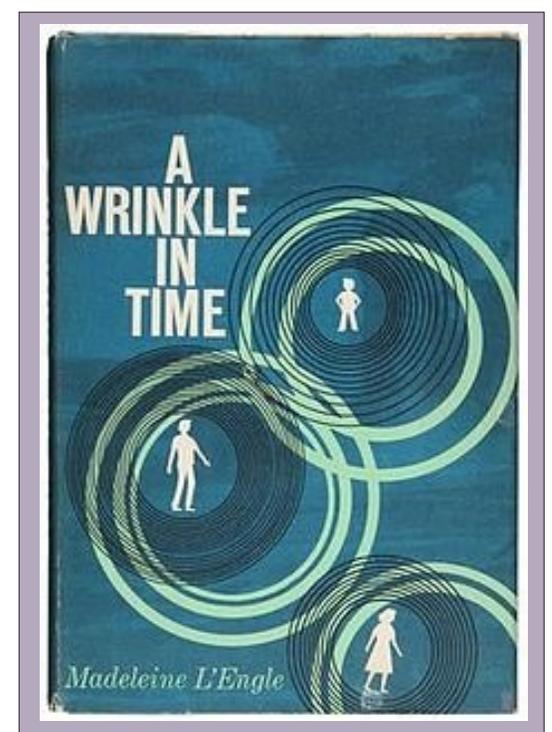


If you want to try a great restaurant, go to Benihana! It's located on Northern Blvd. in Manhasset. Benihana is my absolute favorite restaurant, and they have the best food there! I like to order adult shrimp, white rice, zucchini, and corn. The really interesting thing about Benihana is that they cook the food right in front of you, which is so cool! They create a volcano made of onion rings and fire. If you go there for your birthday, they will give you ice cream with a candle, sing happy birthday to you, and take a picture of you and your family. My entire family likes to go for birthdays! They have a lot on their menu, such as steak, lobster, chicken, fried rice, white rice, shrimp and whole lot more. If you have never gone to Benihana, you are missing out on a lot. You might need a reservation because they get really busy. I hope you and your family get a chance to try out Benihana!

## Book Review: **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle

*By Justin*

A Wrinkle in Time is a modern science fiction/ fantasy classic first published in 1962 and was the winner of the prestigious Newbery Medal in 1963. After Meg Murry's father disappeared while experimenting with fifth dimension time travel, Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and her mother, Dr. Murry, are in their home on a dark stormy night. With them is Mrs. Whatsit, a celestial creature in disguise. Meg, her friend Calvin, and Charles learn that now is the time to save her father. Later in the book, Meg, a high-school aged girl, Charles, and Calvin, who is a popular boy at Meg's school, are at Mrs. Whatsit's cabin. Mrs. Whatsit and her friends -Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which, tell them that the great evil, the Dark Thing, threatens the universe's existence. The three W's then transfer them to Camazotz, where Dr. Murry, their father, is imprisoned. However, trouble awaits for the trio. The adventure continues when you read this book. The book is inspirational and was influential in the advancement of science fiction. All of the characters have compelling characteristics and personalities. Inside the book, surprises are woven throughout the plot. Everyone of all ages can enjoy this book, and fans will be delighted to know that soon, Disney will be releasing the live action movie of this story!! Look for it at your local movie theater on March 9th!



# 10 Things You (probably) Didn't Know About Crows!

By Alexa

The crow is one of the many sacred animals of \*drumroll\* APOLLO. (He's one of the Gods we talked about in our last issue!) Here are 10 cool facts...

A group of crows is called a murder!

If you are mean to or hurt a crow it will remember and if the same one sees you again it will avoid you.

Crows will hold funerals for other crows that have passed away finding out who harmed them and band together to chase enemies off. This is called mobbing.

Crows are omnivores meaning they eat stuff including: insects, eggs, meat, fruit, and nuts!

Another mythology fact is that the raven and crow are the sacred animals for Odin the Norse god of knowledge! Crows are in a family called corvids which also includes ravens, rooks, magpies, and jackdaws.

Crows can learn to talk in captivity! (Some people do keep

crows and ravens as pets)

In some myths crows are seen as dark omens and this could be why they are seen as creepy.

Although they may seem boring crows are very interesting and intelligent!

Sources: "Facts About Crows" [www.livescience.com](http://www.livescience.com) and "Crows Show Off Their Social Skills [www.scientificamerican.com](http://www.scientificamerican.com)"



## SLIME

By Brynn

Have you ever made or played with slime? This article is all about it. Here are some facts about the trend that's sweeping the nation.

The most common colors of slime are blue, green, and red. Slime was first created by Mattel toys in 1976. Slime is considered to be a Non-Newtonian fluid, which means that it behaves like a solid and a liquid at the same time. There are some reports of Borax and Tide causing chemical burns on people's hands, so don't use them to make slime. If you get slime in your hair, mayonnaise can help get it out. You can make magnetic slime by adding around 2 tablespoons of iron oxide powder to regular slime and mixing it well. A regular magnet usually doesn't have enough power to lift the slime, so try using a neodymium magnet. Be careful, though. A neodymium magnet is really strong, and can chip and spark if not handled carefully.

One of our Daly students, Mazzy in 5th grade, makes and sells slime on social media. Mazzy first heard about slime at a friend's house. Now, she sells slime for about \$3 - \$4. The slime business is pretty big right now. Her advice for kids who are having trouble making slime: "If it's too droopy, add more shaving cream. If that doesn't work, use a tutorial online." Mazzy's favorite slime is butter slime, and she thinks that the hardest slime to make is clear slime. Some downsides to slime are that it can get stuck to your clothes and carpet, your pets could eat it (It's toxic to animals), and it could dye your hands. Don't worry. Just remember to wear a smock, keep it in a place where your pets can't get it, and don't add too much food coloring. Mazzy thinks that so many people love slime because it feels so satisfying and looks so cool. Here is a recipe to make slime! (From [sugarspiceandglitter.com](http://sugarspiceandglitter.com))

You need .....White School Glue, Shaving cream (less than a full canister), Contact lens (saline) solution (The contact solution must contain boric acid), and food dye (optional).

Empty your glue into a large bowl. Add as much food coloring and glitter as you want (but not TOO much) and stir it in. Start adding in the shaving cream. Keep adding until you feel like all the glue and shaving cream are combined. It will continue to get thicker and puffier. Next, add in your contact solution. Pour it in slowly at first, (A ½ cup at a time would be fine at first, but at the end, pour smaller amounts in.) This serves as your "slime activator." Keep stirring and change or fix as needed. Once the slime is no longer sticky or seems to have any liquid in it, start \*manipulating it. (kneading and working the slime) Keep kneading and manipulating the slime for at least 3 minutes before adding any more ingredients to help your slime. Once the slime has been fully kneaded and fixed, start playing and enjoy!

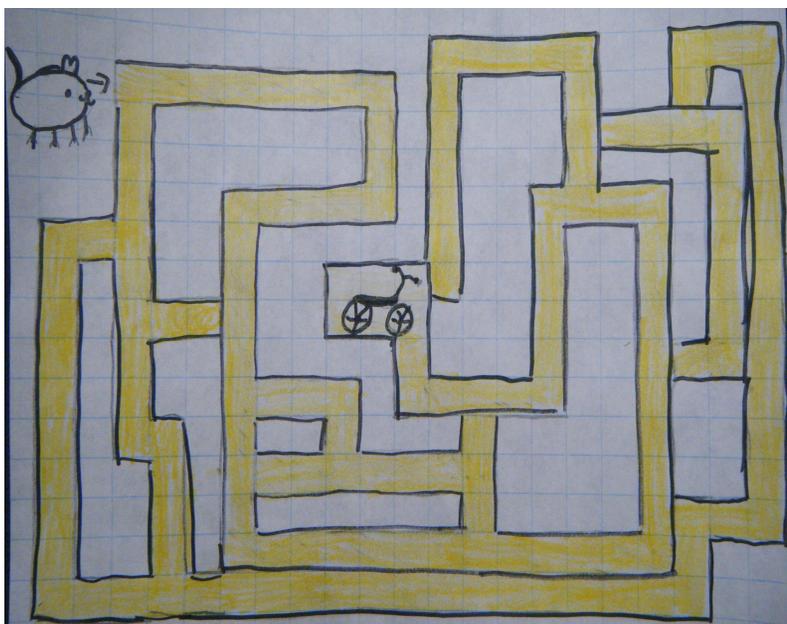
Make sure to wash your hands after playing with it, just to be safe. Have a great time playing with your newly made slime!

SOURCES: [Wiki.kidz.com](http://Wiki.kidz.com) & [Encyclopedia.com](http://Encyclopedia.com)



# Mouse Maze By Tessa

See if you can help the mouse get to his motorcycle!  
Good Luck!



# Valentines Day Word Scramble! By Brynn

eb nime \_\_\_\_\_  
piduc \_\_\_\_\_  
sero \_\_\_\_\_  
brueryfa \_\_\_\_\_  
radc \_\_\_\_\_  
ovel \_\_\_\_\_  
shreipfnd \_\_\_\_\_  
lenvalinte \_\_\_\_\_



Answers:  
1. be mine 2. cupid 3. rose  
4. February 5. card 6. love  
7. friendship 8. valentine

# Winter WORD SEARCH by Cody

B	A	H	W	I	N	T	E	R	B	N	C	F	V	A
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WINTER  
ICICLE  
FROSTY

HOT COCOA  
LONG JOHNS  
HOCKEY

SCARF  
MITTENS  
SNOWFLAKE

SLEDDING  
HOLIDAYS  
BLIZZARD

# The Joke Corner

By Jackson

1. What do you call two birds in love?
2. What did the rabbit say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?
3. What did the boy cat say to the girl cat on Valentine's Day?
4. What did the elephant say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?
5. What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?
6. What did Frankenstein say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

### Answers

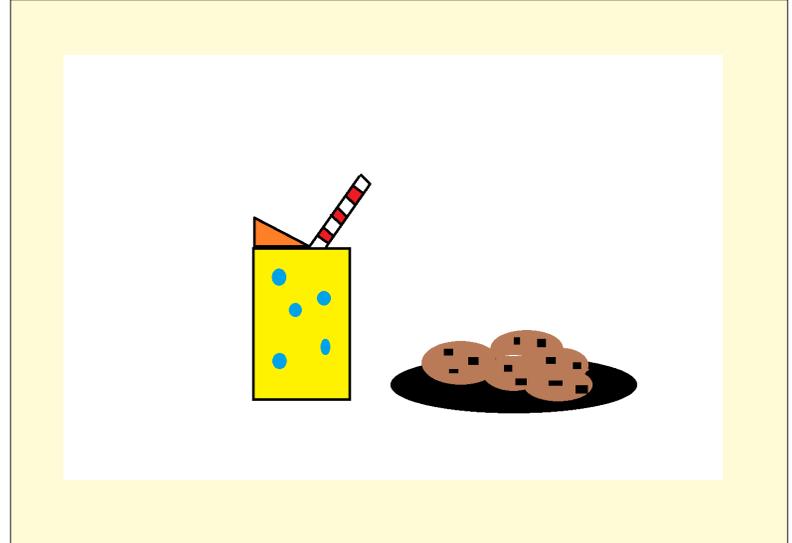
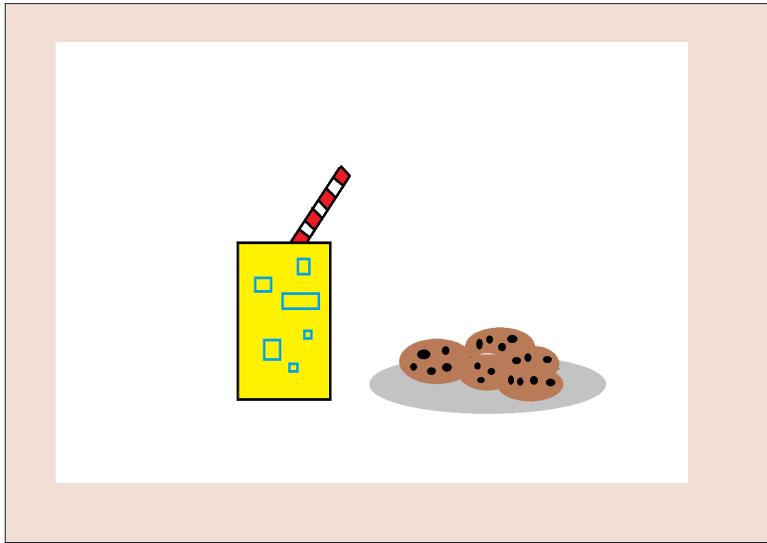
1. Tweethearts
2. Somebunny loves you!
3. Your purr-fect for me!
4. I love you a ton!
5. I'm stuck on you!
6. Be my valenstein!

### Bonus Riddle:

Knock, knock!  
Who's there?  
Jamaica.  
Jamaica who?  
Jamaica Valentine for me yet?

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCES By Kaitlyn

These two pictures may look alike, but if you look closely, you will see 5 things that are different. See if you can find them all. (Answers are on the bottom of this page - upside down!) Good Luck!



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## Spot The Differences Answer Key

1. Different color plates
2. Different color pattern on the straw
3. Different design on the juice box
4. Different shape chocolate chips
5. Orange Triangle on left juice box