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## Quote of the Week

"Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want"

-Ken Poiret



When you feel unmotivated, you can always think that you now have an opportunity to shape your tomorrow.

# Principal's Message

Hey Owlberts,

The second quarter is really moving along and we have just a few weeks left in this quarter. As we approach progress report time, make sure you are keeping up with your grades and talking to your teachers if you are struggling. We are all here to support you.

Mr. Maguire

Multicultural Night 11/10

In-Class Spelling Bee (MS) 11/17

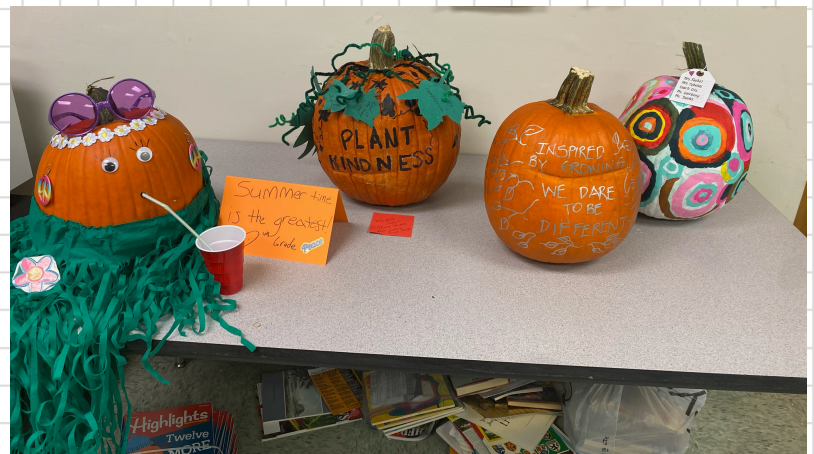
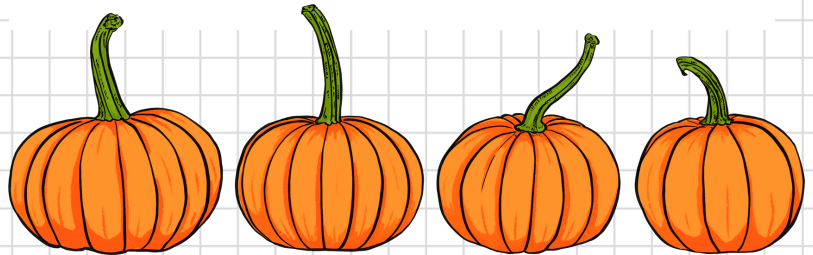
Fall Break 11/21-11/25

Middle School Chillin' With My Gnomies Dance 12/15



## Teacher Pumpkin Challenge '22

From November 2-4, OGA teachers competed to decorate the best pumpkin in any chosen theme. Winners had not been announced at the time of this writing, but which would you choose?







# Journalism Sibling Olympics

by: Caden M.

On October 25 our middle school Journalism class held a "Sibling Olympics. The little competition consisted of four pairs of siblings. The pairs were Sellers & Daniel Littles (yellow team), Ellie & Will Schwalb (purple team), Dmitriy & Kristina Komarov (blue team), and Tayden & Tayla Luu (orange team) whom all happened to be in our Journalism class. Thus, because of our strange abundance of siblings, we decided to initiate a competition to see who the best pair was.

The first event of the competition was an athletic event in which they did a wheelbarrow race. The yellow team came in 1st by a long shot, even after one of them lost his shoes and had to make a detour. The orange team came in 2nd, and although they weren't close to 1st, they were still very far ahead of 3rd. The blue team came in 3rd, with the purple team right behind them.

The second event involved the siblings' legs tied together. Once again the yellow team came in first by a massive margin. The blue team came in 2nd right in front of the purple team. In last place, contrary to their previous event; the orange team came in last by quite a bit after one began to nearly drag the other through the dirt. The third event took a turn away from the athletic side as they started "Do You Know Your Sibling?" They asked a series of questions such as, "What is their favorite movie?" and "Who is your sibling's best friend?" Yellow came in 1st, blue came in 2nd, purple got 3rd, and orange got 4th. The fourth event involved teamwork as they struggled to use dominoes to put together an image of a heart in the shortest time possible. The blue team came in 1st, the purple team came in 2nd, the yellow team came in 3rd, and the orange team came in last.

The fifth and final event was a puzzle race in which they were given a US map puzzle that they had to solve the fastest out of all the pairs. After 5 minutes of attempting the game, the yellow team won. Overall, purple got 4th, orange got 3rd, blue got 2nd, and yellow got 1st.



WINNER



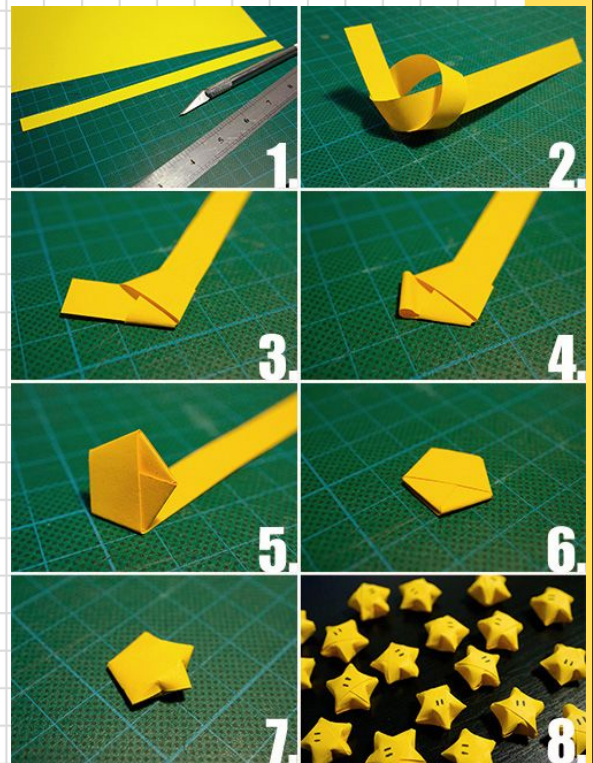
by: Emi

## How To Make Lucky Paper Stars!

1. Cut out a long thin strip of paper
2. Tie a small simple knot at one end of the paper
3. Flatten the knot out and leave some extra paper at the end.
4. Tuck the bit of paper into the knot
5. Rap the leftover strip around the knot
6. Tuck the last of the strip into the star, and you should have a pentagon! Please write a message inside the star before tucking it in for extra fun!
7. pinch the corners of the pentagon until it puffs up a bit.

You're done! Enjoy your star.

Wonderful DIY folded lucky paper star. (2015, January 23). WonderfulDIY.  
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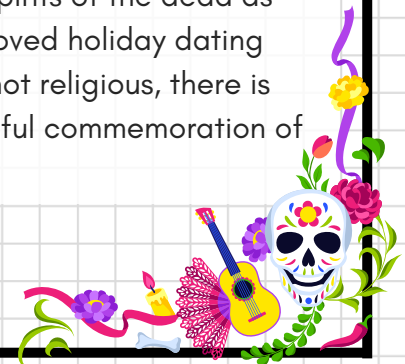
## Dia de los Muertos

by: Natalie V.



DIA DE LOS  
MUERTOS

Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday that originated in Mexico and is now celebrated across many Latin American countries. Each year, on November 1st and 2nd, families come together to honor and celebrate relatives that have passed away, believing that these are two days in which the dead can cross over into the land of the living. However, this is not a sad occasion, but instead a joyous celebration of life, with all kinds of festivities like eating, dancing, singing, and decorating an ofrenda, which is an altar of photos, favorite foods, and other such items that are believed to aid the spirits of the dead as they visit the living world. It is a beloved holiday dating back 3,000 years, and though it is not religious, there is something sacred about this beautiful commemoration of loved ones who have passed.



By: Kristina

## Is A Hotdog A Sandwich?



The question we've all been waiting for... Is a hotdog a sandwich? There have been many debates about this question. There are many factors to this question, for example, a hotdog has three sides and a taco does too. However, a sub also has three sides and it's a sandwich. I have done a survey where I questioned people about this question. The majority of people have answered no, with 33 people. 26 responded yes and the least amount of people answered, "A hotdog is a hotdog," with 5 people. According to Scout, a hotdog is a sandwich. They state that the definition of a sandwich is "two or more slices of bread or a split roll having a filling in between." However, people still debate whether a hotdog is a sandwich.

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## A Fishing Trip

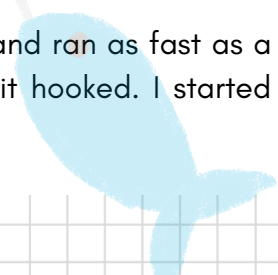
By Tayden L.

In the morning I drove out to the ocean with my dad. When we got there, my dad put the boat down in the water and turned it on quickly. In a dash, we made it to the island. I immediately jumped into this green slimy thick mud with a foul-smelling aroma to catch fiddler crabs to use for bait. In the meantime, my dad was anchoring the boat on the shore so it wouldn't float away. As I was going through the green slimy thick mud, I heard the cracking and, crackling of fireworks going off nearby. Out of nowhere, there were millions of crabs rushing all around as fast as a speeding bullet, and trying to hide in mud holes. I used this opportunity to collect as many fiddler crabs as possible for the bait to catch fish.

As I put the bucket of fiddler crab on the boat under a cabinet. One of them pinched my hand as hard as a truck driving over my finger so I tried to rip the crab off my finger, but instead, the crab detached the claw and left it on me. I went into the water, and the fiddle crab claw let go. My dad unanchored the boat and turned on the engine. He started backing away from the island and started driving toward a bridge to catch a big fish at night.

When we got there, I got my fishing rod, put a fiddler crab on the hook, and waited for a bite.

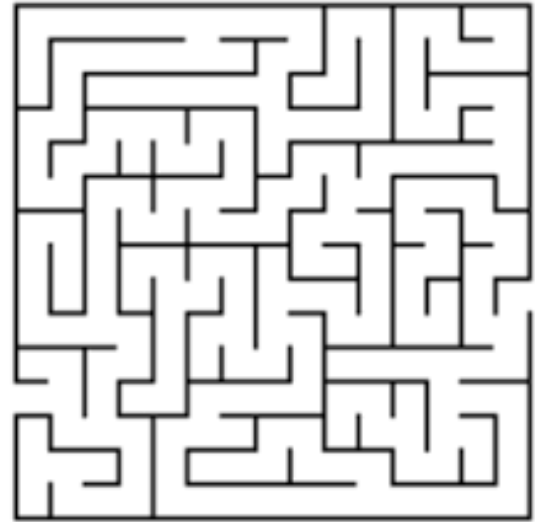
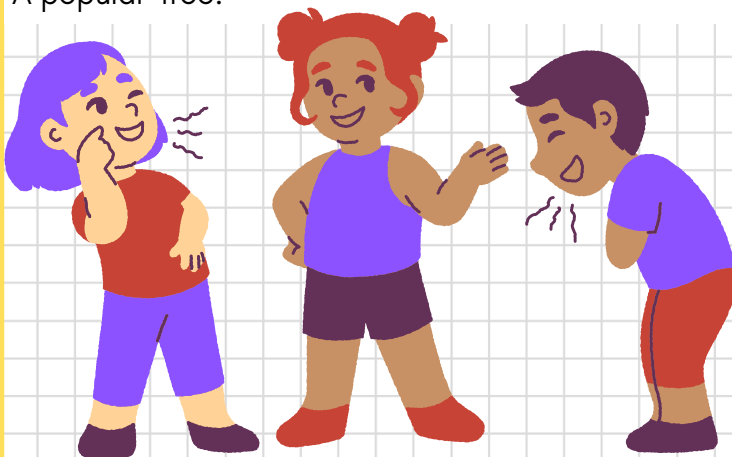
After waiting for thirty minutes a fish eventually bit one of the fiddler crabs and ran as fast as a torpedo. As soon as I felt the bite, I pulled my line up and, therefore, got it hooked. I started reeling as fast as I could, but instead of a fish, there was an alligator.



# 10 Thanksgiving Jokes To Tell Your Friends!

by: Saiah A.

1. Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?  
Because he hath drumsticks!
2. How Do You Fix a Broken Pumpkin pie?  
With a pumpkin patch!
3. What do you wear to a Thanksgiving dinner?  
A har-VEST
4. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
Pilgrims.
5. Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"?  
Because they never learned good table manners.
6. Why didn't the turkey eat dessert?  
He was already stuffed.
7. How are Thanksgiving and Halloween different?  
One has gobblers, the other has goblins.
8. Knock, knock! Who's there? Arthur. Arthur who?  
Arthur any Thanksgiving leftovers?
9. What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?  
Squash
10. Fruit comes from a fruit tree, so where does a turkey come from?  
A popular-tree.



"Maze Traversal Puzzle."  
[webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hayward/396/jem/maze.html](http://webdocs.cs.ualberta.ca/~hayward/396/jem/maze.html)

## Math Dad Jokes

1. Why wasn't the geometry teacher at school? Because she sprained her angle!!
2. Where do math teachers go on vacation? To Times Square!
3. How do you keep warm in a cold room? You go to the corner because it's always 90 degrees.
4. What did the calculator say to the student? You can always count on me.
5. What do you call a teapot of boiling water on top of mount Everest? A high-pot-in-use
6. What do you call friends who love math? Alge-BROS.
7. What do you call people who like tractors? Protractors
8. You should never start a conversation with Pi. It'll just go on forever.



## Student Interview: Natalie V

By Ellie S.

### Natalie Vincent

Natalie is an eighth-grade student at OGA and has been here for a while. Her favorite subject is Studio Art with Mrs. Faubel because it's something she's always loved. It also comes right before her lunch period, so it's a nice way to just relax and enjoy herself. Natalie's least favorite class is Science since she feels like it's something that won't help her much in the future. Her favorite thing about the school is the teachers; she feels that teachers generally don't care as much about students, or it at least doesn't show. Whereas, at OGA, Natalie finds that the teachers all have their own bright personalities and are super welcoming to the students - and that she has the opportunity to be herself.



## Class spotlight

By Ellie S.

For our class interview this week, Mrs. Cross's two Algebra periods are under the spotlight. There are around 38 students total, divided between the 4th and 5th periods. Mrs. Cross feels that the students show eagerness and passion since at this point they've chosen the class. Also, since it's a transcript grade, she believes that they work harder and strive more for success. These classes play a large role in representing OGA, because of their EOC scores. Since 95 percent of students pass the test, parents who are looking at the school can see first-hand the academic success of the students and classes. In this way, Mrs. Cross's Algebra classes enhance the overall appearance and learning experience of the school.



$$2x + 4y = 0$$

# The Tetris Effect

By: Lily S.S

I'm sure that you have heard of the game Tetris before but if you haven't, Tetris is a game that involves dropping different-shaped blocks onto other blocks, and when you make a row of them you get points, and since its video game it speeds up the further you get into it. Tetris was completed in June of 1984 and has been adored all around the globe since then. Since people love the game so much they tend to play it a lot but what could that do to you? Some people call it the Tetris effect, and yes Tetris effect is a game but it's also something that happens. As said by Wikipedia "The Tetris effect (also known as Tetris syndrome) occurs when people devote so much time and attention to an activity that it begins to pattern their thoughts, mental images, and dreams. It takes its name from the video game Tetris." But did you know that Tetris can help people with PTSD? A study was made for this. How the study worked as participants were shown a film then they had a choice either to play Tetris or sit in silence for 30 minutes. Then the participants had a diary that they would record in and the diary entries showed that the participants that chose to play Tetris had significantly lower scores than the people that sat in silence.



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# Fascism in Brazil

By: Caden M

As defined by Merriam-Webster, fascism is a "political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition." To sum it up is a dictatorship that strives for complete control over everything in the nation. This political system has been a long present issue in various nations throughout history. A major one of these such nations is Brazil which has an extensive history of fascism. Their first major, modern-ish example happened in 1964 after a coup d'état occurred and established a dictatorship that would run on for 21 years. This coup was sparked by the newly invented left-wing agenda provided by their new president. This agenda greatly upset the Brazilian military, and eventually, the conservative Catholic church was present there. These two major factions eventually led a coup d'état along with the United States and overthrew the leader. Their leadership continued for a while until 1985 when a civilian leader was put in charge. Fascism is still a large problem in the modern world despite the typical denials of the public. In 2018, Brazil elected fascist leader, Jair Bolsonaro, who declared "Let's shoot the left-wing supporters!" Directly after this dictator was elected, a wave of major political deaths occurred. Over the course of just a few months, a large variety of people had died, all of whom had one thing in common; they rejected Bolsonaro. This is not all he has done however, he has also engaged in attacks on the Brazilian education system, as well as, persecution against a multitude of artists and the press. Yet, finally, his reign of terror ended as he has been voted out during the 2022 Brazilian presidential election.

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# Neo-Soul: The Ever Rising Music Genre

By: Yoyo C.

In 1997, Erykah Badu, a singer, and songwriter released her debut album *Baduzium*. The tracks within it amazed the crowd with their aspects of many African-American started genres, such as jazz, R&B, funk, and soul. Badu's record company, Motown's Records' Kedar Massenburg, would come to market this splendid blend of tunes as **Neo-Soul**.

Neo-Soul sprouted in the 1990s along with a new generation of artists. Most African-Americans looked at their own culture of music and witnessed the clash of '70s soul with upcoming styles like hip-hop and R&B. People who contributed to Neo-Soul creation took inspiration from the generation before them's era of Black Power and soul music but still wanted to make music with what was trendy as of their times. While as mentioned earlier, Erykah Badu is thought to have been the first to market this genre, there were also songs published beforehand that are now considered Neo-Soul. Take D'angelo's *Brown Sugar*, for example.

Not only are sound and style considered in this genre, but topics within lyrics are affected too. With the strength of the powerful black movement still reminiscing, many cultural references are present within Neo-Soul tracks. Other present matters in these types of songs may be justice, injustice, sexism, and so much more on the struggles minorities faced and still face to this day. Neo-Soul was built by these minorities coming to power and creating something with their feelings, practically making the title "minority" a joke.

In the modern day, 2022, music, Neo-Soul is still present. Flourishing singer-songwriters like Steve Lacy, Tyler, the Creator, Thundercat, Daniel Caesar, WILLOW, and many more prove this. One thing for sure is that this genre is advancing as more elements from other styles of music are incorporated. Eventually, a new genre of music may emerge from Neo-Soul, as once enough things have been added, it will be something entirely new.

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# YoYo's Playlist

By: Yoyo C.

## ***Dark Red by Steve Lacy***

This darkly charming song can be described as Bedroom Pop and Neo-Soul. Its lyrics seem to have an undertone theme of oncoming heartbreak as his lover no longer wants to be in a relationship. My favorite part of the listening experience is that it gives me a nostalgic feeling that I'm not quite sure I should have as someone who's never had a heartbreak.

## ***Francis Forever by Mitski***

First off, Mitski is an amazing artist, and if you're allowed to listen to more mature songs be sure to look into her discography. Francis Forever is one of my favorite songs as Mitski captures the fragile emotions of not knowing what to do when you lose someone you highly depended on.

## ***I'm Just Your Problem by Adventure Time, Olivia Olson***

From the familiar show, many kids know and love, Marceline of adventure time is singing this song. In the show, she's specifically singing to Princess Bubblegum about not feeling good enough for her. I like that this can be applied to the real world when parents, friends, and others expect too much of you.

## ***Pretty by Fox Academy & Sipper***

When I listen to this song I feel like I'm immediately in the autumn season during a thunderstorm. It's almost like an alarm, screaming at me to put on my comfy sweater and look at the rain pelting on my bedroom window.

## ***Break It Off by Pinkpantheress***

Compared to the previous tracks, Break It Off is very upbeat. Similar to dark red, this song is about heartbreak. However, instead of just being left, the main storyline is about getting out of a toxic relationship, and later on still missing it, despite the adverse effects it had on you.

## ***ENA REMIX by Cótiles***

Ah yes, a scrambled song for my scrambled brain. This is a remix of voice clips from the youtube animation series, ENA, made by Joel G. I love the catchiness of this remix. It's the first song I go to when calming down from a manic episode.

## ***KMD And You are Ever So Dear.. by American Poetry Club***

With an amazingly long name, this song by American Poetry Club sounds lonely. With lines like "There's no one at home, no texts to be read," I feel like you can listen to this when you feel secluded and dull.

## ***Marceline by WILLOW***

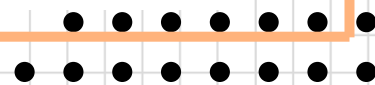
Another Adventure Time song, except this one, is more of a reference than an official. At first, this may seem to be a love song, but when you look deeper into the lyrics it's actually about escaping to a fictional world. This song feels almost personal, as I used to daydream about being in adventure time when I was in kindergarten.

## ***ARE WE STILL FRIENDS? by Tyler, The Creator***

Going just from the title, Tyler wrote this song following the awkwardness of not knowing what you are to someone. In school, this is incredibly relevant as the social system we use is so unclear that you never know if someone hates you or is your best friend.

## ***Can I Call You Tonight? by Dayglow***

Creating a longing tone, this track presents a situation of needing to talk to someone because you feel like you're about to fall apart. This would fit in a playlist with Francis Forever, as both have that emotion you feel when you just don't know what to do with yourself without someone.



# All About Milkshakes!!!!

By: Isaiah A.

Do you like milkshakes? They are enjoyed throughout the world, but what is there to know about them? Let's find out more about it!

So how was the Milkshake originally made? It originated in America. The first version was originally made as an alcoholic eggnog with whisky, eggs, and milk. In 1897, William Horlick made it non alcoholic; he called it "Horlicks." It contained evaporated milk, malted barley and wheat powder. Eventually, chocolate syrup would be more common in milkshakes for flavor. Although they were similar to today's, they were way harder to make. In 1911, Hamilton Beach made a drink mixer to make it easier, then in 1922, Stephen Poplawski made an automatic version, which is commonly used today.

What milkshakes are the most popular? Some of the most popular milkshake flavors are chocolate, cookies and cream which is my personal favorite, vanilla, strawberry, and caramel. Do you like milkshakes? Which milkshake flavor is your favorite?



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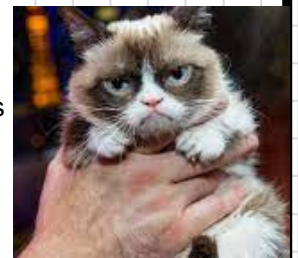
## Grumpy Cat: A Real-Life Icon

By Eleanor S.

A cat that became the face of a feeling. The face of the internet. The face of the entire meme world. An icon. These are just a few of the many titles grumpy cat has attained throughout her life. Even since she passed away in 2019, her fame has not faltered. Grumpy cat's face is plastered all over posters, mugs, shirts, and meme templates all around the globe. Why? Well, she isn't just any ordinary cat. Grumpy cat is such a unique specimen that the world couldn't help but celebrate her. And this is her story.

A small, disfigured cat was born in Arizona on April 4, 2012. A frown was spread across her face - not out of anger, but just an error of birth. Female dwarfism and a visible underbite, to be exact. Little did those around her know that her frown would go on to make millions smile. Her first name was actually "Tartar Sauce," most likely for the tart expression she carried with her. As soon as her first picture was uploaded to the internet, society went crazy. It seemed like only seconds later as "Grumpy Cat" emerged into the world. Her owner, Tabatha Bundesen, started making millions almost instantly, with tons of marketing deals heading her way. The cat appeared on news channels, shows, and cereal boxes, and even came out with her book. Of course, Tabatha helped out a bit. Grumpy cat gained an incredible amount of following on different platforms and walked on the red carpet multiple times.

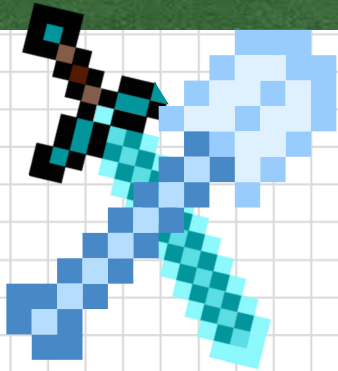
Unfortunately, her reign couldn't last forever. She passed away on May 17 of 2019, sparking grief in the hearts of everyone who had known her. Grumpy cats saw and experienced more than most humans ever did. And nobody could doubt that she made an extraordinary mark on the world - in the shape of a paw print.



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# Minecraft Education is the Best Mod

By Tayden L.



First, it's free to play in school and has items that require science it is also a good way to learn and have fun at the same time. you can also make things like Elements, Compound Creator, Element Constructor, Lab Table, Material Reducer, Hardened Glass, Pane Colored Torches, Underwater Torch, Lightsabers, Glow sticks, and Snowballs. You can only get in this mod. You can also make a light saber by mixing 20 Carbon, 3 Nitrogen, 30 Hydrogen, 1 Dye, and Oxygen. You can make a gun by adding 1 dispenser, 3 Redstone, 4 Redstone torches, a lever, and arrows. you also can go to the nether and the end you also have access to the elytra and ender pearls to make the eye of the ender. Plus you also have cheats that allow you to get to the end faster with better items it also has almost all the bosses. it also has all the same features which make it the best mod in the whole of Minecraft.

# Why Homework Needs To Be Toned Down

By Kristina K.

Homework is stress-inducing and counter-productive. Stress is one of the biggest problems that have to do with homework. The NEA (National Education Association) and NPTA (National Parent Teacher Association) say that it is better for students to only have 10 minutes of homework per grade. The effects of too much homework can be counterproductive too. The loss of sleep and stress means the students won't be prepared for the class. Homework takes up too much time, which means less free time.

Most students in high school and older have part-time jobs, and with homework, they don't get to make as much money. Not only does it affect their jobs, but it can affect their relationships, family, and mental health.

Due to not enough sleep because of homework, jobs, and chores, students get "headaches, exhaustion, sleep deprivation, weight loss, and stomach problems." Some of these symptoms are the same as stress symptoms.

A teacher named Pope conducted an experiment where she chose quality over quantity. Pope had helped with a study where students showed that most of their homework was "pointless or mindless." Pope then continued to cut down on homework until she had cut it in half. The quiz scores didn't change. That is why we need to tone down homework.

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# Genetic Engineering. Can it save endangered species?

By Dmitriy K.

Genetic engineering is a very complicated subject with many parts and many different complications. It is the practice of changing the characteristics of an organism by making changes in its genetic code. Genetic engineering is a very useful tool in many different fields and ways. There is one program in particular named CRISPR and there are some theories on how it can save endangered species.

There are multiple programs and technologies that are being made right now to help endangered species using genetic engineering. One such technology is known as CRISPR. CRISPR is a technology that helps scientists do almost a cut-and-paste with gene editing which is when they take one gene from an organism and insert it into another organism. That is a massive simplification of CRISPR so don't think that it is that easy.

CRISPR is not specified for endangered species but was made so that people could gene edit faster and more efficiently. CRISPR can be used to implant certain genetics from one organism into another organism. For example, let's say that a species is dying from a certain disease that another species has immunity to. The scientists could potentially take that gene from that species and implant it into the sick species' genetic code.

There are a few flaws with CRISPR. One is that there has been research into trying to edit genes that could potentially make cells lose their cancer-fighting ability. That sounds great at first a cure for cancer could be great but while scientists were researching it, they uncovered that CRISPR could potentially have an effect on cells that could make them lose their cancer-fighting ability which is a huge risk and could, instead of fighting cancer, make it more deadly.

With CRISPR scientists are planning to fight diseases in endangered species that are dying from disease but there is a risk that comes with it. Just like with the cancer-fighting ability while some of the animals may gain immunity there is a chance that their children could possibly be even more in danger from the disease. Overall CRISPR is a very new and exciting technology with much potential but it also has a lot of risks that come with it being a new tech. Genetic engineering is the technology of the future and could save many lives.

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# The History of ASL

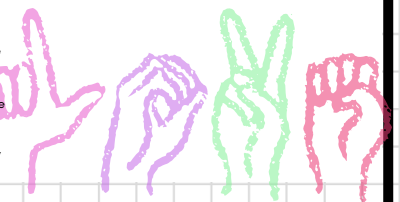
By: Emi

Do you know sign language? Maybe you or a friend is deaf or mute. Sign language is a language that consists of hand gestures and facial expressions. It is a beneficial language, especially if you know someone deaf. You may have been taught simple signs like more and thank you as a baby! As important as it is, most people don't know any. Even fewer people know the history! You don't have to be deaf to know it many hearing people, including myself, know sign language!

So what is ASL? ASL stands for American Sign Language. While sign language is entirely different from English, each region of the earth may have different versions of sign language. Such as LSF (French Sign Language) BSL (British Sign Language), and many more! There isn't one universal sign language. Though some words may be similar, no two languages are the same.

Nobody really knows the origin of sign language, most people believe it to be around 200 or more years ago. The exact origin is unknown, though some sources say hand gestures can be dated back to ancient Greece. ASL and LSF came from similar backgrounds, though they have now become very different and distinct languages. They can no longer be understood by each other. Pretty interesting! It is not talked about enough, you can help by learning how to sign though!

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## Check it Out



We had several students participate in the Orlando Math Circle: Girls Math Challenge on October 27. Participants from Orange, Osceola, and Seminole County were invited to join, and our mathematicians were terrific. Zoey S. and Hannah H. placed in 2nd for the 3rd/4th team round/ Velvizhi S. won 2nd for the 5th/6th individual round. Sloane H. also placed in 1st for the 5th/6th team round

Our robotics team, Lightning Legends, won the Robot Design Award during this weekend's competition.

Team members: Sienna J., Madeline G, Samuel P., Xavier A., and Jax G.



6th grader, Lucas M., and 7th grader, Nicole S., worked with Ms. Cybulski in Makerspace to create 3D models for their Advanced Academic Project, "Dolphin Tail Prosthetics". Great work!

In ELA Enrichment, our 2nd-5th graders are in their 2nd cycle of Mandarin, practicing the art of Chinese calligraphy! It was a great way to connect hands-on learning with cultural diversity!



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