

MONTHLY MUSTANG

Learning to Surf By Jack Bridges

An accomplishment I am proud of is that I learned to surf this summer in California.

My family and I moved to Houston in August, and, before that, we spent the summer in Laguna Beach, California. I had the whole summer to learn how to surf. That summer taught me that I can do things that I thought were impossible. I love surfing, and I'm going to tell you why.

Soon after arriving in California, my dad signed me up for surf camp. Surf camp was a week long, and it had students who had never surfed before all the way up to kids who had been surfing since they were little. Living in Oklahoma, I had never seen a surfboard in action! I quickly learned that, even though the weather was warm, the water was cold! One of my favorite parts about surf camp was walking to it. I sometimes saw my friends drive golf carts or walk to camp. Seeing them ride in the carts made me think of riding waves.

Before I started surf camp, I was very nervous and scared. My surf instructor, Professor Sly Dawg, showed me the ropes along with the other students. We first did some training on the beach before getting in the water with our surfboards. Next, we learned how to get out of the break, which is very hard in California. The waves are so much stronger than those in Galveston. I had to practice paddling and learn to relax before standing up on the board on a wave. I made some friends who had the same struggles I had. Standing up on the board on a wave was a big deal.

It took a lot of courage to surf. My dad taught me to take a deep breath, listen, and challenge myself. That made me feel good even though I only got up on my knees. I often forgot to breathe and balance, and I fell a lot. The



next week, I learned to breathe on the board and balance. I even got to ride a couple of waves into the beach standing up! My instructor told me that I did a good job. The remainder of the week, I got a little better with more practice. On our final day in California, I rode a wave with pride.

Learning to surf also relates to school and life. Surfing taught me to breathe, listen better, and challenge myself. It also taught me that I can do a lot of new things if I put some effort into it, show some courage, and follow through. When I have a new subject at school, I apply these lessons learned. That experience and process has made me a better student. I hope to carry it on to your school in everything from classes, sports, and clubs.

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Things to Do and See in Los Angeles

By: Willa Castle

My family and I traveled to Los Angeles over Christmas break to visit my aunt, uncle, and cousin! We hadn't been to L.A. in a long time, so everything was pretty much new. We had an awesome time there! This inspired me to write about fun things to do and see in L.A. so you could have just as much fun as me if you go there. Hope you enjoy it!

1. In Griffith Park, there are so many fun things to do like: hikes, horseback riding, and looking down on L.A. from the Griffith Park Observatory. You can even see the famous Hollywood sign from up there!

2. If you travel to L.A., definitely try out some of the delicious food there. When we were there, we ate at an amazing Chinese restaurant. At the restaurant, we ate some foods that we were familiar with and even some new ones like a special fried fish. It was salty, mouthwatering, crunchy, and absolutely delicious! Check the restaurant out here!: <http://www.jiangnanspring910.com/>



3. L.A. is especially known for its sunny and warm weather, but surprisingly, when we were there, it rained!

4. It is very common in L.A. to see a movie star really anywhere! When my family and I were walking around a reservoir there, we saw a star from one of

my family's favorite shows - The Office!

5. There are even a lot of interesting plants to look at! When we were climbing up to the Griffith Park Observatory, my sister and I saw bunches of sharp cacti!

I think this short list of things will help you plan your next trip to L.A. and have a ton of fun with your family!

Christmas in Hawaii

By: Alexander Kim

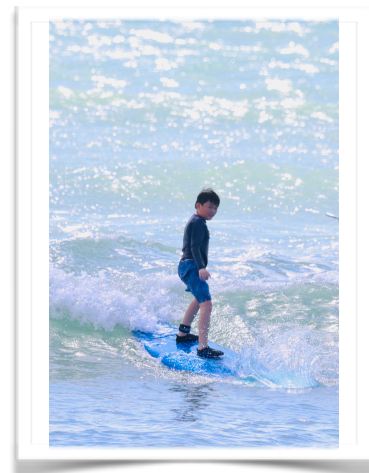
When you think of Christmas, what do you usually think of? I think of presents, Christmas trees, and cold weather. What I do not think of, however, is Hawaii. This year, my family and I went to Honolulu, Hawaii to spend the Christmas holidays at the Disney Aulani Resort. It was a different yet enjoyable experience.

But before the fun could start, we first had to get to Hawaii, in the middle of a pandemic. The pandemic led to some more complicated procedures on top of the normal hustle and bustle to go on

a long trip. First, we had to get tested for Covid to make sure we were all negative. If we were positive, then we would have to cancel the trip. Both the airline and the State of Hawaii are being very cautious and require negative tests. Hawaii even required us to wear government-issued wristbands to show we were negative and vaccinated. After we arrived at the resort, we had to show our vaccination cards, and everyone 12 years old and older had to get yet another wristband. After all that, we were finally allowed to relax and play.

We were on vacation for a whole week, and we did loads of activities. On the first day, we learned how to surf. It was our first time surfing, so none of us thought we would do well. But, to my surprise, I was able to get up on the board about seven times! My dad could stay on the board the longest and looked almost like a pro. On the second day, we met up with family friends from North Carolina and had a pool day at the resort. We also went snorkeling in the ocean and saw really cool fish.

The next day, we went to Pearl Harbor and Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. (Continues on page 3)





(Kim, cont. from page 3) At Pearl Harbor, we learned a lot of facts that none of us knew about the Pearl Harbor attack and visited some of the monuments. We also ate some amazing, fresh poké around Waikiki Beach and walked around the neighborhood. It was the busiest day during the vacation and, after everything was done, everyone was drained of their energy. On Thursday, we went to an area of the island called the North Shore where many people go to surf its humongous waves. I, however, just stood on the shore as waves crashed onto my legs. We also waited in a GIGANTIC line to get really good shrimp at Giovanni's, a famous shrimp truck. I didn't wait in line, but I ate most of the shrimp. On Friday, we had another pool day at the resort and enjoyed a luau at night. Then, on Saturday, we left Honolulu on a red-eye flight (a flight that goes through the night) to return to Houston. (Kim, continues on page 4)

Aside from all the fun, one thing I noticed is that if you spend Christmas in Hawaii, you will see a lot of different weather than in some other places like Texas or North Carolina. Instead of seeing snow or feeling cold, you would see sunshine and feel heat. And not the humid heat of Texas, just the nice heat of Hawaii. Also, you would see lots of rainbows. We even saw about three rainbows at a time.

Spending Christmas in Hawaii was a lot of fun, more fun than I expected. It was made even better since I got to spend the time with family and friends. I hope you had as much fun as I did during Winter Break.

McKinney Falls State Park

By: Naomi Fan

Would you believe that in Texas there is an extinct volcano that last erupted 80 million years ago? Pilot Knob, an extinct volcano whose

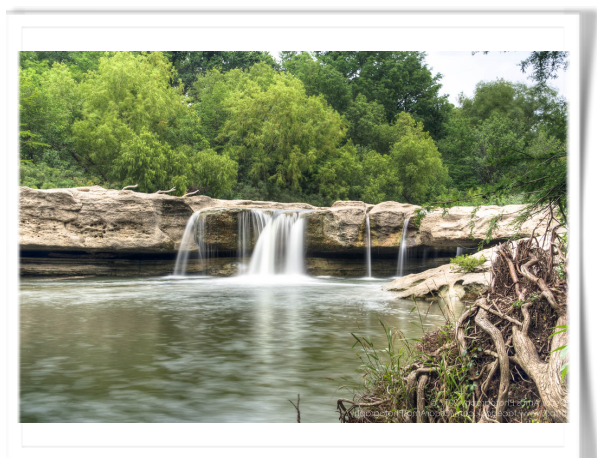


last eruption was 79-83 million years ago, formed McKinney Falls State Park. Over millions of years, the hard limestone got eroded by water. On December 31, my family went to McKinney Falls State Park in Austin, Texas. It is around 150 miles from Houston. There were many fun things to do at the state park. Let's go explore them!

One main attraction is Lower Falls. It's a large lake where you can swim with trees lining around it. Two small waterfalls are running through the middle. To get to the other side, you have to walk across some rocks that are surrounded by thin streams of water. The source of the waterfall is a river called Onion Creek that widens into a lake, which then flows into the crevices in the larger rocks. Once you're on the other side, you can keep walking or go down towards the shore. There are many large rocks with gaps between them that you can jump down from the top to the shore. (Continues on page 3)

(Fan, cont. from page 3) You may also fish here.

Another attraction is Upper Falls. You don't see any waterfalls. There is just a lake with large rocks in it here and there. In the main piece of rock, there are small ponds with kelp and other biotic organisms living in them. There are also many small holes in the rock. We could see small shells while walking on the rocks, which made me think that there could be living clams millions of years ago. It was very peaceful there.



Not only that, but there are many trails at the park. Most of them are beginner trails, but some are intermediate. The two longest ones are Homestead Trail at Lower Falls and Onion Creek Hike and Bike Trail at Upper Falls. Both are 2.8 miles long. They allow overnight camping here, too.

If your family needs a place to go for just a day, I would suggest going to McKinney Falls State Park in Austin.

Battle of the Month **By Sam Atha**

Hi, my name is Sam, and I like the history of battles. You have probably heard of the battles of Pearl Harbor and D-Day, but have you heard of The Battle of Chacabuco? Let me tell you about it.

On the morning of February 12, 1817, the Andes army, led by Jose De San Martin, crossed the Andes mountains, surprising the Spanish troops. The Spanish Empire had a

fort nearby, and the Chilean revolutionaries wanted independence.

While the Andes soldiers climbed the mountains, at least 2,000 men died and half of the horses were lost. However, they still outnumbered the Spanish. They also knew that reinforcements were nearby, so the Andeans decided to attack in the morning.

The initial attack by the Chileans was unsuccessful as the Spanish pushed them back with better horses. But Martin gathered his soldiers to fight back and recover. The Spanish were overwhelmed by the counterattack and were defeated quickly.

The Spanish set themselves up for defeat after having fought a long war against France's (Continues on page 6)

(Atha, cont. from page 5) Napoleon in the Peninsular War. Many soldiers had died, and it was difficult to defend the Spanish Empire in other parts of the world.

After the battle, Martin became a hero in Chile. The people elected him president, but he declined. He gave one of the other military commanders the position. Chile secured its independence. Shortly afterward, Peru gained its independence as well thanks to a defeated Spanish army.

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Places to Visit in the Texas Hill Country

By Brayden Lim



During winter vacation, our family visited Fredericksburg, Enchanted Rock State Preserve, and Kerrville. All are in the Hill Country. We drove about four hours to get to the Hill Country. Austin and San Antonio are on the way.



Fredericksburg has a population of 10,530. It is the county seat of Gillespie County. Fredericksburg is a German town named after Prince Frederick of Prussia. The city has a total area of 22.3 miles. Fredericksburg is known for its wineries and shops. You can visit the Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg. It shows the history of German immigrants who settled in the Texas Hill

Country community in the early 19th century. It is a nice place to visit and to shop. When we visited, we ate German pretzels. They were delicious.

Enchanted Rock State Preserve is a hike that ascends 425 feet, and the top is very beautiful. You can see a lot on the top. There are lots of vegetation areas when you hike, and there are lots of cool plants and animals. I learned about lichen, which eats the rocks away, when I was there. I also saw a lot of prickly pear cactuses which I tried to avoid, so I wouldn't get poked. We also saw some kind of big bird on our hike.

Kerrville is the county seat of Kerr County, Texas. The population is 23,136. Kerrville is named after James Kerr, a major in the Texas Revolution. Kerrville is known for its beautiful parks. Kerrville is known for the Kerrville Folk Festival. The festival is a music festival held for 18 days in late spring. It has run since 1972. The event draws 30,000 people per year.

How Jerry Became Rich: A Story By Gavin Terrazas

Jerry loved baseball. He woke up every day longing to play it. There was just one problem: he wasn't actually very good at it. Every season at tryouts, he was always one of the last picks. Whenever he played with his friends during recess, he could never catch or hit the ball. He always spent his games sitting on the bench and mostly bored, just thinking of ways to help the team. He figured a good way to help during the games would be serving Gatorade to his teammates. But after a while, his team started complaining that they were tired of always having the same sports drink and wanted a new one, so they tried to get Jerry to buy them one.

One day Jerry snapped. "I can't take it anymore!" he thought. "These kids are so annoying, and they keep asking me to buy a new drink. What's worse is that I keep saying that I don't have enough money, yet they keep asking me to buy a new drink for them. They may be good baseball players, (Terrazas, continues on page 8)

(Terrazas, cont. from page 7) but they don't know when to stop! Maybe I can make one and they will finally stop asking me!" Jerry thought.

That night, he got a lot of ingredients from his kitchen to make a fruity drink. When he tasted what he had made, he made a sour face. "This stuff is terrible," he said. Then, he got a very evil idea. "I'll give it to them tomorrow during the game," he thought.

When he got to the field, he started to fill up everyone's cups with the horrible drink he had invented the previous night. "Oh, this is going to be great!" Jerry said, talking to himself. "What's going to be great?" the coach asked. "Um... the game...the game is going to be great. We're going to crush these guys!" Jerry said out loud, and then he thought, "Whew, that was close".

Soon, his teammates began to arrive and tried the new drink. All of them told Jerry that his sports drink was the best they had tried. Jerry realized that the ingredients

must have blended overnight, making it taste better. His confusion soon changed into happiness as he realized that this could be a good thing. He told his teammates that the drink was called Boogie Kingz.

"Where did you buy this?" Marc asked. "I made it myself," Jerry said proudly.

"How much does it cost?" Jack called out. Jerry was amazed that his teammates wanted to

buy his drink, but he had to make up a price on the spot. "Ten dollars!" Jerry said suddenly, surprising himself, and then he added: "It's just ten dollars! Any other time, I'd say that's a rip-off, but Boogie Kingz is a really good drink! If you want to buy some, meet me at my house after the game and bring your money!" "You bet!" Mark replied.

That afternoon, they met at Jerry's house as planned, and all on his team bought some Boogie Kingz. When Jerry

went back to school the next day, everyone wanted to buy his drink and his business exploded.

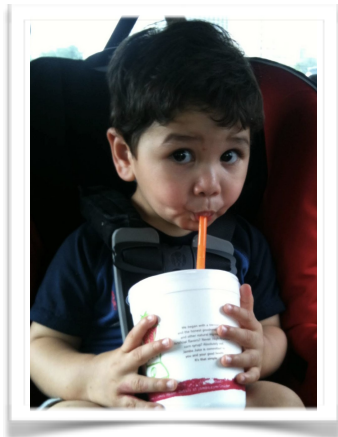
One day, Jerry heard a knock on the door. When he opened the door, a man in a suit was standing there. "Are you Jerry Carman?" the man asked. Jerry nodded. "My name is Wyatt, and I work for Sportzdrinks.pro. We've been looking for our big break, and, when we heard of your drink, we wanted to ask you for a partnership," Wyatt said. "If you agree, you will get 50% of the money your drink earns."

It took Jerry ten seconds and the approval of his parents to accept. Two months later, Jerry settled into his seat at Minute Maid Park and sipped from his drink. He had bought the seats with the money he earned, and the view was amazing! Thanks to his drink, he could enjoy baseball from his comfy seat and it no longer mattered if he was not the best player. "This is the life!" Jerry thought.

Trip to Costa Rica **By Yash Shivani**

This winter break was fun! We went to Costa Rica. We landed at Liberia airport, and we took a car to go to our hotel. On the first day, we took it easy and relaxed. On the second day, we had a lot of fun at the pool and at the beach. We got to roast marshmallows. On the third day, we did an adventure tour. We did a lot of stuff such as ziplining, water sliding, horseback riding, and bathing in the natural hot water springs. We went in a bus and saw a lot of volcanoes on the way. When we got there, they showed us a little about their culture. At first, the ziplining was scary because we were so high up, but it ended up being fun. After that, we went on a fun slide where the water was coming from the river. We had a good lunch of noodles. After lunch, we went horseback riding to one of the waterfalls. We finished the day with the hot water spring. It took about the whole day.

The next day was a rest day at the pool at our resort. The pool was very large and connected all the way to the beach. I also made some friends, and we went to the pool with them. My dad and I went on a walk at the beach. We found fish, a crab, and a hawk while walking on the beach. On the second last day of (continues on page 9)



(Shivani, cont. from page 8) the trip, we also went hiking in the forest. After that, we went sloth watching. We saw



four sloths, two asleep and two awake. We also saw a poison dart frog. On the last day, we spent time at the pool and the beach. Our flight was canceled, so we got a flight to Denver on Christmas Eve. We took our flight to Houston on the morning of Christmas and arrived at eight in the morning. It was an enjoyable trip.

♥Most Popular Valentine Candy♥ By CoCo Rahbar-Daniels

I researched what the most popular Valentine's Day candy was in the USA. Then, I compared it to the preferences of citizens of West U, kids and adults alike. I hope you agree with the votes and have a happy Valentine's Day!



USA:

1st place: Heart-shaped boxes of chocolate with 19 states claiming it the most popular!!!

2nd place: Conversation hearts with 13 states favoring it over all others (besides one)!!!

3rd place: M&Ms with 8 states loving the chocolatey goodness!!!

West U:

1st place: M&Ms with 15 citizens claiming it the most popular!!!

2nd place: Heart-shaped boxes of chocolate with 11 citizens favoring it over all others (besides one)!!!

3rd place: Hershey's kisses with 8 citizens loving the chocolatey goodness!!!

Now that you know the votes, would you like to see the options that states and citizens alike were asked to choose from? Here's the list:

Heart-shaped boxes of chocolate

Chocolate hearts

M&Ms

Hershey's kisses

Conversations hearts

Candy necklaces

Chocolate roses



I hope you agree with the scores, and have a fun-filled, candy-packed Valentine's Day!

By Alice Allison



BOOK REVIEW

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer
By Moussia Elyashkevich



(Warning: contains spoilers!)

Do you like romance novels? If so, the novel *Twilight* is the book for you! *Twilight* is about a vampire named Edward Cullen, who falls madly in love with a human girl named Bella Swan. Their relationship caused joy, pain, and chaos for the Swan and Cullen families. Reading this book made

me feel sad and frustrated.

The reason I felt frustrated is because Edward kept himself in the dark by not revealing his true identity to Bella. When she did finally figure out what he was, I felt super excited because I did not know what he was until she did. So, for me, it was a mystery solved. The way that Jessica Stanley's personality was presented: sassy, fake, and selfish made me really hate her as a person. I felt sad for Bella because she is very accident prone. However, Edward was strong, fast, and perfectly coordinated. I also felt bad for Jacob Black because he did not get the girl he loved, and he deserved to do so.

I highly recommend this book for people who love dramatic romance novels and who also like suspense. I rate this book 5/5 stars.

Interviews

Killen's Manager Interview
By Evelyn Watson

My dad and I went to Killen's at 101 Heights Blvd. Killen's is a southern cooking and family restaurant. Many people

know Killen's as a barbecue restaurant or a steakhouse in Pearland, but this new Killen's in the Heights is pure southern cooking. I went there for lunch, and I recommend that, if you're a kid, get chicken tenders and mashed potatoes with gravy. Now, if you don't like gravy and let me tell you I normally don't either, the gravy here is so good that it makes the potatoes so smooth and creamy. If you're an adult, I recommend getting the buttermilk-fried half chicken with mashed potatoes or a Texas burger with fries. The carrot cake is amazing, and they serve it warm with the icing cascading down the side.

While we were there, I interviewed the manager, Michelle.



Q: Why did you choose to work at Killen's?

A: I am a foodie! I love their food, and it seemed fun to work there. I work at Killen's Steakhouse full-time and here part-time.

Q: Did you have prior experience in the restaurant industry?

A: Yes, I have worked in restaurants for over fourteen years.

Q: Was Killen's your first job as a manager?

A: No, I have managed several restaurants before joining Killen's.

Q: What makes Killen's better than other restaurants?

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A: Everybody that works here really cares about the food and each other. We are like one big family. I worked in health care as a nurse but chose to work as a manager at Killen's over nursing. Plus, I have worked in restaurants since I was fourteen years old and that was a long time ago.

Q: How do you handle when a guest is upset?

A: I always try to stay calm and try to understand them and look at the problem through their eyes. We do our best, but sometimes things come out not as well as we would like them to or as well as our guests expect. It is my job to make sure that we fix it and keep them happy so they will come back.

An Interview With Sam Atha

By Isabella Chen

Do you want to join a club where your main task is to read a number of fun and interesting books and discuss them with your fellow club members? If so, welcome to Name That Book Club! Each spring, the club will participate in the district-wide Name That

Book contest, organized by

the HISD Department of Library Services.

Recently, I sat down with Sam Atha, a 4th grader and a multiple-year NTB club member, for a discussion about the club and the competition.

Q. How many years have you participated in the Name That Book (NTB) competition? Do you enjoy it?

A. I have done NTB for 4 years, and I really enjoy it. I started when I was in first grade.

Q. How many books do you need to read in order to participate in the NTB competition? What types of books are they?

A. There are always more than 20 books that you read to participate in the competition. The books are mostly on the Texas Bluebonnet list, but some are not. In the 3-6 level competition, there are a few picture books, but most of the books are chapter books. The genres range from humorous to serious. The books often have a historical setting or a political significance.

Q. I heard that the NTB club members meet bi-weekly in the fall semester and twice a week in the month before the NTB competition. What do you do in these meetings?

A. We talk about two or three books out of the 20 we read for each meeting. Then, we are given quotes and we must determine which book the quotes were from.

Q. Wow! You spent a lot of time reading the NTB books and attending the meetings. It sounds like a big

commitment! Why are you so motivated to participate in NTB?

A. I like how NTB works and really like competing against other schools' teams.

Q. The NTB team spends six months from September through February reviewing the same stack of books. The books have been read over and over, and they have been discussed

from meeting to meeting. Do you ever get bored of reading the same books repeatedly?

A. While it is true that I read the books over and over, the number of books and the variety of their content keep me from being bored.

Q. Is it possible for anything inside the books to become a potential quote in the competition? How about the pictures or appendices? Do you need to memorize the books?

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(Chen, cont. from page 9) A. Technically anything in the book can be used. However, pictures themselves are not used (although in the K-2 competition objects from the pictures are used). If possible, you should memorize the books.

Q. During the NTB meetings or even the competition, do all team members always agree upon the origin of the quotes? If not, how do you solve the disagreements?

A. Team members do not always agree on the book that a quote comes from. When a disagreement occurs, we try to explain where in the book the quote is from to see if that generates agreement, but if not, we take a vote between the books that people think it is.

Q. After so many years of NTB participation, what is the biggest benefit to you? What is the biggest challenge?

A. There are lots of benefits. I have made some good friends. I have learned how to read fast, but still know the book perfectly well. The biggest challenge with NTB is always the fact that I miss reading some other things I would like to read before the competition.

Comic By Gibson Allison

Q. As a NTB veteran, do you have any tips for the newbies?

A. My tip would be to try to look for things in books that might be quotes. Quotes won't have identifying names or places, and they are often ideas that are in more than one book. So, if you think about these things when you re-read, it is helpful.

Q. Thank you for sharing your NTB experience with us! Good luck with your competition next month!

A. Thank you.

Interview - Blake Hawkins, 3rd Grade By Ethan Duguid

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix.

Q: Has a movie been made of your favorite book? If so, what's your favorite part in the movie?

A: Yes, my favorite part is when Dolores is blasted by the Weasley brothers' fireworks!

Q: What's your favorite sport?

A: Swimming.

Q: What's your favorite television show?

A: Star Wars the Clone Wars.



Q: If there was one thing you could change/improve at our school, what would it be?

A: We'd have more time at recess!

GAMES

My Favorite New Family Game, SUSHI GO! By Kelsey Yip

My family has a new favorite family game called Sushi Go!, and I think your family would love playing it too. Here's how you play.

INTRO

Sushi Go! is a game where you pick and pass cards. This is a family game that is simple to learn. You can play with 2-5 players.

DEALING

The number of cards you deal to each player depends on how many people are playing. 2 people = 10 cards. 3 people = 9 cards. 4 people = 8 cards. 5 people = 7 cards.

HOW TO PLAY

Everybody picks one of their cards and puts it face down in front of them. On the count of three, everybody turns over their card for everybody to see. Then, you pass your deck of cards to the left. You want to choose cards that give you points. For example, if there are four people playing and you have a sashimi, you should put it down because if you get three sashimi cards, you receive 10 points. Some cards like the nigiris give you points immediately when you put them down.

CHOPSTICKS

Chopsticks is a very special card. If you choose this card, you get no points for that turn. BUT WAIT! The next turn, you get to choose two cards to put down. That is a good deal because you get to put down multiple cards. After the round where you choose two cards, you put the chopsticks card back in the deck and hand that off to the person on your left.

MAKI ROLLS

There are multiple maki roll cards. There are maki roll cards with one, two, or three maki rolls on the card. You should try to get these too because, at the end of the round, whoever has the most maki rolls gets six extra points. The person with the second most maki rolls gets three points. If you don't have the first or second most maki rolls, you get zero points for the maki rolls.

PUDDINGS

You should also collect puddings because, at the end of the game, whoever has the most puddings gets six points. However, if you have the least puddings, you lose six points. If there is a tie for the most or least puddings, split the points evenly.

WINNING

Everybody adds up the points they got from each round.

Whoever has the most points wins.

I love this game because it really shows strategy and skill. I highly recommend it, and I hope you and your family will love it too.

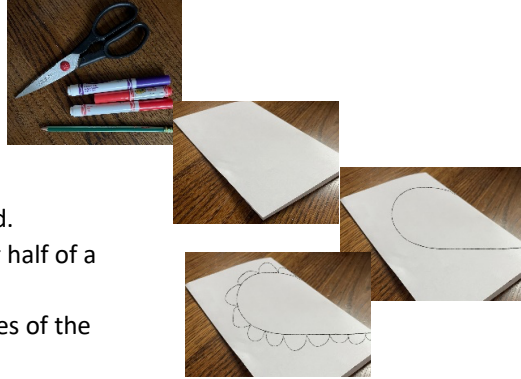


DIY Heart Pop Out Valentine's Card

By: Emma Goldstein

For Valentine's Day it is fun to make your loved ones homemade cards. Here is an easy one to make.

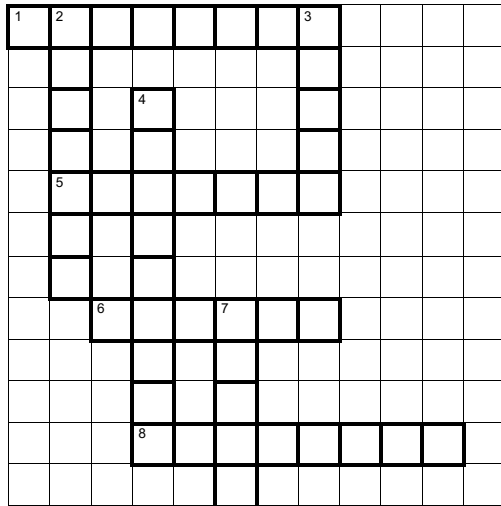
Supplies: Paper, colors, pencil and eraser, scissors



1. Fold the paper in half, hamburger style.
2. Draw half of a heart on the paper toward the fold.
3. Optional Step: Add details to the outside of your half of a heart.
4. Cut out what you drew (cutting through both sides of the paper).
5. Erase any pencil marks that you are still able to see on your cut out heart.
6. Open your folded piece of paper to see your heart.
7. For more detail, fold your heart back in half and draw a smaller heart in the middle of the page.
8. Cut the smaller heart half way out – DO NOT cut all the way through because you want the heart to stay attached.
9. Open Up your heart again
10. Fold the middle heart the opposite way so it stands up
11. Color and write a note to your loved one.
12. You are done... you have a sweet valentine! 😊



Teacher Appreciation Crossword By Keira T.



Across

Down

1 – Who do teachers teach?

2- What does Ms. Cobb teach?

5- The school is full of these.

3- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade exams.

6-You get these on you report card.

4-Where do you learn science.

8-Our school mascot

7-School principal

Valentine's Word Search

By Maggie Chen

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VALENTINES

How to Make a Fun Movie Snack

By Valentina Di Fiori

Some Friday nights, my family and I watch a movie together. I really like making fun snacks for them. My little brother's favorite is a mix of salty and sweet snacks. I think you might enjoy it, so I wanted to share the recipe with you. It's nut free, crunchy, and fun!



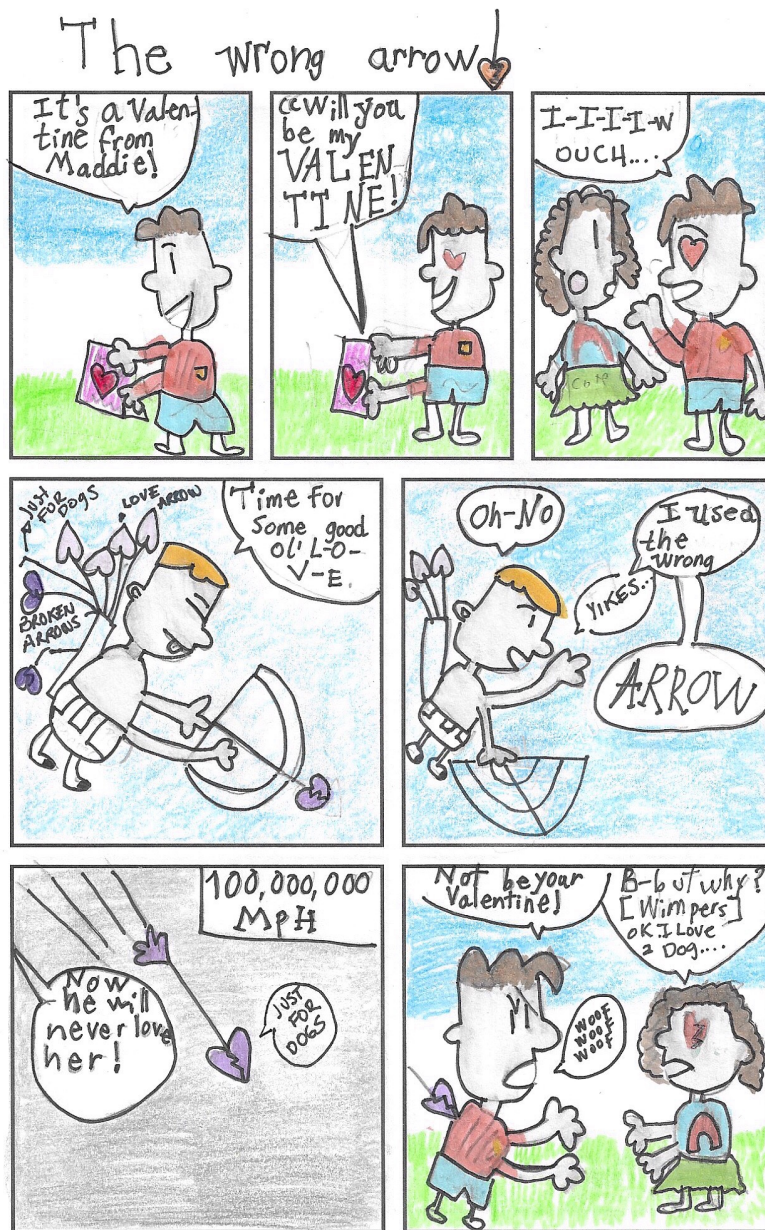
For this fun snack of four servings, you will need popcorn, chocolate chips, M&Ms, and four small plastic cups. I also recommend using a spoon and a large bowl.

Step 1: Put all the ingredients in a bowl. These include four handfuls of popcorn, four small spoonfuls of chocolate chips, and 24 M&Ms (choose the colors you like best).

Step 2: Make sure you mix well using the spoon for at least 30 seconds.

Step 3: Divide the snack into the four cups.

Step 4: Have fun sharing with your family and tasting it! My mother likes changing the popcorn for cheerios. You can make your own snack or modify this one! Have fun! Bye.



Cupid's Vanilla Berry Smoothie

By Juliet Kuban

You may have cake or some chocolates on Valentine's, but my family makes this smoothie. I hope you enjoy it!



The finished product!



By Milo Jenq

Ingredients

8 oz milk

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup yogurt

1 tsp of vanilla

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup frozen berries $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ice

Optional for garnish:

Raspberries

Sugar

Chocolate shavings

*Serves 2

1) Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.

2) Divide between two glasses.

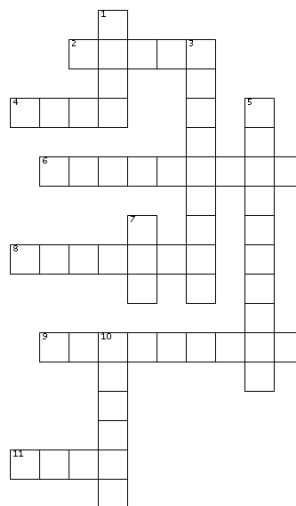
Optional:

3) Shave chocolate on top of the smoothies.

4) Roll raspberries in sugar and place on top of smoothie.

Enjoy!

West University Place Street Names



ACROSS

2. A person who makes bread, desserts, and others.

4. Husband of the Duchess.

6. A group of people living in the same area.

8. A heavily built wild ox.

9. Last name of a 4th grade science teacher at WUES.

11. A type of grain that goes great with beans.

DOWN

1. Quote from Paw Patrol: Chase is on the ____!

3. A heroic outlaw that steals from the rich to help the poor.

5. Robin Hood's enemy is the Sheriff of ____.

7. A set of rules for people to follow.

10. A daily event when the day becomes night.

VALENTINE'S GIFT

Ideas for your loved ones

By: Ana Choi

Cards:

Making cards by

Only using paper

And markers can

Mean a lot to a

Person. (Homemade!)

Treats:

These treats can either

Be homemade or store-

Bought. They don't

Need to be perfect.



(They still mean

A lot either way!)

Flowers:

Flowers can be bought in

different stores. They smell very nice and are very pretty! It would be a perfect gift!

Store bought items:

You can also just do store-bought items that they like. (jewelry, crafts, clothing, etc.)



Valentine's Sweetheart Rice Krispie Treat

By Ana Sofia Munoz



Hello Mustangs!

Valentine's Day is around the corner. This is a special day to celebrate love and friendship. A nice way to enjoy this day is by baking and sharing sweets with your friends. I have an easy recipe for you, and I hope you enjoy it.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups of mini marshmallows
- 8- ½ cups of Rice Krispie Cereal
- 1 -1/2 sticks of unsalted butter
- ¼ teaspoon of vanilla extract (optional)

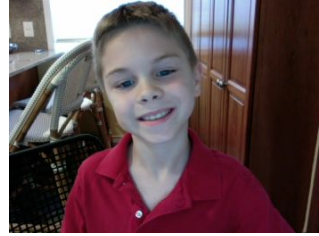
Instructions:

- Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat
- Add 2 cups of marshmallows and vanilla. Stir the mixture with a wooden spoon until the marshmallows are completely melted
- Remove the pan from the heat and add the rice krispie cereal. Stir until evenly combined
- Add the reserved cup of marshmallow and stir
- Transfer the mixture over to a foil-lined baking dish
- With a wax paper press into an even layer
- Let cool and rest for at least an hour
- Cut it with a heart shape cookie cutter

Enjoy and Happy Valentine's Day!



Cupid's Arrow Escape!



Created by:
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