Mission Statement:

AIT International School provides holistic elementary education (Nursery – Grade 6) in a stimulating and caring international environment that will help build a positive attitude towards learning. Our education is based on values that will support the growth of a reflective and responsible member of the society.

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FIELD TRIP TO SAFARI WORLD

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Dear Parents and Friends of AITIS;

AIT International School succeeds together!

AIT International School sincerely appreciates the AIT Malaysian Alumni Association for their generous donation towards the purchase of the new purpose-built classroom.

AIT International School also says a big “thank you” to the AITIS PTA for their support and major donation towards the purchase of the new purpose-built classroom.

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During the month of November our students enjoyed the Field Trip to Safari World where they visited with elephants, dolphins, lions, monkeys and numerous other species of wildlife.

The students were especially impressed with the dolphin show and continued to talk about it!

AITIS students visited NSTDA during the previous month. All elementary level classes went to view films about science and witness hands-on displays of various science experiments.

Thank you NSTDA for hosting our students!

The AITIS Choir and AITIS Traditional Dancers performed during the opening ceremonies of the IFERT Conference hosted by AIT on Monday, 13 November.

The dignitaries attending the conference were quite impressed with the outstanding performance of our students!

Well done!

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I am pleased to report that there was almost 100% attendance during the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences held on Friday, 24th November.

It is of paramount importance that our teachers and parents work together for the success of our students.

Parents are encouraged to check what their children are doing while online.

Also spending time discussing the proper usage of technology and how to avoid being bullied online would be an excellent pro-active step for all parents.

We look forward to having all parents join us for “Family Fitness Day”, Friday, 15 December 2017!

As always I sincerely thank you for your continuing support of AITIS.

Thank you,
Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed
Principal/Director
Greetings parents, teachers, and friends! Here in Thailand we celebrate many special occasions, and Loy Krathong is one of them. We recently celebrated Loy Krathong at AITIS on the 3rd of November.

Loy Krathong is a Thai celebration, which is celebrated on the 12th Lunar month in the Thai calendar. People celebrate Loy Krathong near rivers to pay respect to the goddess of water by releasing Krathongs into the water, which are made from banana trunks and banana leaves decorated with candles, incense and flowers.

The AITIS Loykratong program started at 9:45 am. The bell rang, and all the students gathered in the Pavilion area, starting from grade 6 to nursery. Ms. Ara, preK-1 teacher as well as emcee, started the program and Mr. Kevin, the school director, gave his opening remarks. Later in the program were speeches about the history of Loy Krathong given by Grade 6 students, Napasrapee and Mai Thao (myself). The first half of the program ended with wonderful performance of Thai dancers from Grade two class.

In the second half of the program all the classes were called up near their assigned pools (arranged near the pavilion) to show the Krathongs, and have pictures with their classes. Then the students floated their Krathongs starting from nursery to grade 6. At the end everyone went back to the classes.

Mai Thao, Grade 6 Explorers

**AITIS FIELD TRIP TO SAFARI WORLD**

In the morning of 17th November 2017, I woke up very early in the morning and couldn’t go back to sleep again. Even though I was still feeling sleepy, I didn’t want to sleep. I was so excited for field trip! And so, I went to school with big excitement in my head. My mother and I were talking about what I will encounter.

When we reached school, we saw the seven buses that we were to aboard. I knew that it would be a fun and great day. Not so long after, we were on the buses. We traveled for about more than an hour. This is because Safari world is located in Bangkok. And finally we reached the zoo. But we still had to stay in the buses because we were going to an open zoo. We were so very excited and thrilled.

We saw so many animals including tigers, giraffes, and pelicans. We were laughing at the pelicans so badly because the pelicans were wobbling their chins. Some of my friend were making a funny sound that seemed like the pelicans were talking. The zoo was divided into seven sections. Some for carnivores, some for herbivores, and some for omnivores. There was also recording of a lady inside the bus speaking and telling about the zoo animals. But there was a little calamity; our bus went slowly so that we could enjoy and look at the animals carefully. But the recording of the lady was playing too fast so when we were in zone three, the recording had already ended.

When we came out of the zoo, we went to watch orangutan boxing show. It was very funny. Some of my friends didn’t really find it funny but they still liked it. The show started off with an exciting and dramatic slide from the monkeys. The monkeys came down sliding from a rope over your heads. Then the monkeys started boxing.

When the show ended, we went to another show which was an elephant show. The elephants started the show by playing sports, they played basketball, then shot arrows, and even played football. They also painted pictures, the pictures were trees which were so nice. We even thought that the elephants were better artists than us. Last but not the least, the elephants were massaging people with their trunks and feet.

Finally, we watched the last show which was the dolphin show. The emcee said that the dolphins are the second smartest animal in the world after humans. But when we watched the show we concluded that the dolphins look even smarter than humans. The dolphins jumped through loops and played with balls. Some of the dolphins even carried swimmers.

The day ended with big smiles on everyone’s face. I think this year’s field trip was very fun, and exciting, and also very informative because it taught us about animals and their habitats.

Phakamon, Grade 6 Explorers
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HOLIDAY PRESENTS

“Things which matter most should never be at the mercy of things which matter least.” Goethe

Life balance is something I struggle with on a regular basis. Being a Learning Support Staff in school (SpEd/Counseling Teacher), raising three children and a cat, housework, groceries, appointments and extra-curricular activities mean plenty of long days and late nights for both my husband and me.

When you add all the errands that go along with preparing for the holidays, life can become a bit of a blur. Don’t get me wrong – I LOVE the December break and look forward each year to family gatherings, outings, movies, watching the kids’ faces light up in the morning and of course the food, that never seems to be in short supply. But I have found over the last few years, the hectic pace leading up to the holidays can often eclipse the peace and joy of the season.

So this year, through the usual hustle and bustle, I am going to focus on giving myself gifts that restore the harmony and enjoyment of the season. Perhaps some of these are on your list as well.

**Gratitude.** Every morning before I get out of bed, I will close my eyes and give thanks for all I have in my personal and professional life. Not just what I am grateful for, but why. Not just, ‘I am grateful for my daughter,’ but rather, ‘I am grateful for her smile and her zany sense of humor.’ Being specific in your gratitude really immerses a person in the practice and in that moment, it is impossible to worry or stress.

**Breath.** I am willing to slow down and even pause at any point during the day when life is running me instead of the other way around. More and more research is highlighting the ineffectiveness of excessive multi-tasking and the health hazards of stress. In these hectic moments I will take time to breathe.

**Mindfulness.** I will focus on being in the present moment instead of worrying about the future or lamenting about the past. When we become fully aware of what is happening in the here and now, we become wiser, more effective, and more focused in all we do. Being present is the best present you can give yourself and those around you.

**Movement.** Studies have shown the best way to improve your mood is to move (motion is directly connected to emotion) so when I get stressed or down over the holidays (and feel least like moving) I will get my bum up and move – a walk in nature, ride a bike, a yoga class or maybe just a jump on trampoline!

**Self-care.** This one needs to be non-negotiable in all our lives. Time to rest and rejuvenate should be high on our needs list, second perhaps only to oxygen. And when you feel like you can’t take time for yourself—this is when you need it most. For me this means a warm bath, curling up with a good book, watching a movie with some hot coffee or maybe even a massage.

While giving myself five gifts for this holiday might seem a little over-indulgent, I know the rewards extend beyond my own health and well-being, to my husband, children and those around me. Slowing down to enjoy the holiday season and all its blessings is actually the gift that keeps on giving, as those around you sense your joy cannot help but feel more of the same. So go ahead and indulge – what type of gifts can you give yourself to make this the best holiday yet?

“Holiday gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness; To an opponent, tolerance; To a friend, your heart; To a customer, service; To all, charity; To every child, a good example; To yourself, respect.” ~Oren Arnold

Reference: https://www.webmd.com/women/features/balance-life#1

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STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING

Social Studies Activity by Grade 1

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STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING AT AITIS

Science Activity by Grade 2

Math Activity by Grade 3

Social Studies Activity by Grade 5

Language Arts Activity by Grade 6

Science Activity by Grade 2

Math Activity by Grade 3

Social Studies Activity by Grade 5

Science Activity by Grade 6
Nursery
Nursery children learned about different types of weather and activities that they can do each weather. What can be more fun than flying a kite on a windy day!
They also had lot of outdoor fun activities. They enjoyed gardening. (See pictures 1-2)

Pre-K 1A
The Pre-kindergarten A children took pride trying out the paper vest the little ones successfully put together.
They also enjoyed a 'day out' in the cool breeze celebrating the color 'ORANGE Day!' (See picture 3-4)

Pre-K 1B
The Pre-kindergarten B children were learning about the concept of Colors and Clothes. As an enrichment exercise, they made a paper vest with shapes pasted around their laced vests and they wore various orange clothes for our Orange Day activity. They even did a wacky pose in connection to the Halloween festival which is related to our theme, Festivals and Celebration. (See picture 5-6)

KG A
The KG A children did arts and crafts about the skeletal system. They had fun doing it using cotton buds and construction paper. (See picture 7)

KG B
The KG B proudly presents their handcrafted bones made from cotton buds for their lesson in Science, Bones and Muscles. (See picture 8)
What I Want To Be When I Grow Up
By Grade 1 Lily

When I grow up, I want to do three things, first to be a vet, second to be a scientist, and third to be a diver. Vets take care of animals. They use an x-ray to see what’s inside an animal’s body. Scientists study about anything. They always carry a pad to write about the things they study. Divers study about animals in the sea. They also learn many things about the animals.

Inaya
I want to be a teacher. I want to teach children Math and Grammar. I will teach them plus, take away, and equals. I will be teaching every day. I love to be a teacher.

Esabel
When I grow up, I want to be a boxer. A boxer’s job is to box the other boxer. There are two boxers. One is the red boxer. The other one is the blue boxer. There is a guard to help the boxers. One boxer will win and the other will lose.

Aditya
I want to be a teacher because so I can teach many things to my students. It is fun to be a teacher. I will not be tired. I will come to school every day and be very beautiful. I will teach writing, drawing, and spelling of words.

Roba
I want to be an artist. Artists are smart. I will stay in an art room. I can print uniform and design t-shirts. I like art so much. I like to paint animals and fruits. I can also teach students. Artists can also draw dresses for dolls.

Rudrakshi
I want to be a scientist because scientist can make many things. Scientists have to follow instructions to build something like a robot, helicopter, computer, TV, car, statue, and diamond.

Boonrab
I want to be a soldier because I can wear a nice uniform. I want to work in an office. Sometimes, I can also fight bad people. When I become a soldier, I will be handsome and brave.

Warat
I want to be a teacher because I want to learn may things. I love to be a teacher because it is fun to be with students. I will not be tired working in school. I will teach my students to write and draw.

Boontemduang
I want to be a dentist. I will work in a clinic. My mom is also a dentist. A dentist helps people when they have toothache. At first, I don’t want to be a dentist but I want to be like my mom. Dentists work as a team. They also have many helpers. My mom has 100 patients. In my own clinic, there will be 5 dentists. Women and men can be dentists.

Proundpimfha
I want to be a chef because I want to cook many things. I want to import and export what I make. I know that many people will love what I will cook. They will be happy to eat them. I can get a lot of money too.

Akarat
I want to be an artist because I love drawing and painting. I like to draw people. I also want to draw the sea because I love the sea. I love to draw a shark, pony, cat, dog, and tiger.

Manussunan
When I grow up, I want to be a ballerina because I love to dance. I want to share food to other people. I want to cook for my family. I will open a restaurant. I want to cook to my friends and other people. I want lots of people coming to my restaurant. My aunt just opened a restaurant.

Marie
I want to be a ballerina because a ballerina is beautiful and famous. I will dance on the stage. I will wear beautiful dresses, nice hair, and put sparkle on them. I will look very very beautiful.

Pareeya
I want to be a singer because some songs can make people happy. A singer needs to practice a lot. I also like to listen to music. I can sing in different places. I will not be shy. A singer should not be shy or else he cannot sing.

Arithuch
I want to be a ballerina dancer because I love to dance. I like to teach children how to dance. I can dance with my Mom too. Ballerinas are good dancers. They are also good people.

Sirawasaya
I want to be a chef because a chef can cook for people. Chef can also bake a cake. I can live in a restaurant. I can wear a white dress and hat. I can make soup too. I can design food. I love to be a chef because I love to bake.

Shanya
I want to be a pilot. A pilot can drive an airplane. He should know when the gas runs out so the gas truck can come to refuel the plane. I will bring people to many places. They can also eat, read a book, and sleep in the airplane. I can carry 100 people in there.

Nyan Paing
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I want to be a football player. I play football with my friends every Friday. Some days, I play with my Dad. I started playing football when I was 3 years old. When I become a football player, I can get a lot of money. I can buy the books and clothes I like.

Lintang

I want to be a Marine Biologist. Why I want to be a Marine Biologist? I can help sea animals, study them and look at the beauty of sea life. Their movement, how they live, grow, and how their homes look like. Some sea animals are super fast like octopus, squid, sword fish, and cuttlefish. Marine Biologist understands sea animals.

Saiorse

I want to be a chef because I like to cook for people. I help my Dad and Mom cook breakfast. I love helping my aunt decorate the cakes she bakes. She makes yummy cakes. I will also cook healthy food. My favorite food is atta noodles. I like it because it is healthy and yummy. Mom prepares it. I eat at home. Sometimes, I eat it outside. It is made of carrots, spices, wheat, and peas.

Aishee

I want to be a painter. I like painting everybody. I will get money by painting.

Lala

What I want to be when I grow up

By Grade 1 Sunflower

When I grow up I want to be a policewoman because if there are thieves, I can catch them and put them in jail. I will work very hard so I can help the whole community!!! And soon I’m going to have 100,000 of dreams and I will make them come true.

Nysa

When I grow up I want to be a chef because I want to cook food for the neighborhood. The chef cooks food in a restaurant. I need to study hard. I will watch cooking video in youtube.

Burapol

When I grow up I want to be a vet. I want to be a vet because I want to help pets and other animals. I can help sick animals. I take the germs off from them. I will study hard and learn more about animals.

Wynn

When I grow up, I want to be a chef. I want to cook food for everyone to eat. A chef cooks food and I will learn how to cook food.

Terapa

When I grow up I want to be doctor. I want to be a doctor because doctors help people who are sick. Doctors help people. I will study hard to be the best doctor someday.

Yathida

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because I want to take Teacher to the Philippines. A pilot drives an airplane to different countries. I will study hard because I want to be a pilot. I must study and pass the test.

Palin

When I grow up I want to be a doctor. Doctors work hard. Doctors give medicine. Doctors help people and give tablet. Doctors help sick people. I will study hard to become a doctor someday.

Udhayasri

When I grow up I want to be a doctor. They are kind and good. Doctor helps sick people. I also like it because my two uncles are doctors. I will be better in the clinic, I will not be afraid and I will not cry because I am brave. Doctors are cute. Doctors give medicine to sick people because it’s good to do.

Safia

When I grow up I want to be a policeman because it is cool. They catch bad guys. I will work hard to become a policeman and help the community.

Chotiwat

When I grow up I want to be a gymnast. I want to be a gymnast because I like gymnastics. A gymnast studies hard to be good in gymnastics. I will bring pride to my family and country.

Achiraya

When I grow up I want to be a nurse because I want to help the sick people. I will study hard to become a nurse and help the community. I want to help people so they will not get sick.

Pishaporn

When I grow up I want to be a fireman because fireman helps people not to burn. When there’s fire in the city, the firemen come to put out the fire and rescue the people. The firemen go into the buildings to look for surviving people.

Abhishek

When I grow up I want to be a doctor because I want to help people who are sick and Teacher Yvette if she gets sick. A doctor helps sick people.

Aahana

When I grow up I want to be a soccer player because I like it. When I play soccer, it’s cool. I can do it better if I practice every day. I will be a soccer player and I will have plenty of money.

Witwisit

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When I grow up I want to be a piano player because piano players are best players. I play the piano with my own hands. I will become a piano player by practicing all day.

Sudchaya

When I grow up I want to be a PE teacher and best football player. It’s fun to teach the children and I the football field, we score in the goal. We do our job because we follow the rules. In the football field, we follow the rules all the time and in school, I teach the little kids and big kids. I will study hard to become a PE teacher and best football player.

Ba Khoi

When I grow up I want to be a nurse. I want to be a nurse because I will help the sick people. If there are no doctors or nurses, they will die forever. They help sick people. I will do it by giving medicine. I will study hard to be the best nurse in the world.

Su Yamin

When I grow up I want to be a doctor. I want to be a doctor because I can help people and they will get better and they will give me money. I will have a lot of money. I can buy anything I want. If there are no doctors, people will die that’s why we should have doctors around.

Sasikorn

When I grow up I want to be a lifeguard because every Saturday, I practice swimming and play. A lifeguard look over people when they are swimming. I will practice to be a goo swimmer.

Thanatul

When I grow up I want to be a vet. I want to be a vet because I love animals. I will help the animals to not get sick and hurt. I will study hard. And also I love pets. I love pets because they are soft and cute. And some can talk and some can swim and they are warm. If my family has a pet and they come to my hospital, I will help their pet. If my teacher comes, I can help her pet and also my friends.

Pitshamon

**Funny Mixing Boy**

There once lived a teenager with his mother, father and younger brother. His name was Tingre. One day, his mother made a list because the mother, father and the youngster one needed to go somewhere in the city. His mother said, “You must do what the list says” Then, he said “Ok”. So they drove away. He thought about making a surprise for them.

The first job he must do was to press the clothes but before he did that, he decided to give a surprise to the parents. So he baked a Pomelo cake. After that, he put the clothes in a big basket and put a big rock on them to press them together. He said, “Now what’s next?” The next job was to make the bed. “I am not a carpenter,” he said. “But that is what is on the list.” He made an order for wood from a factory to be delivered in the evening. “Now I can make the bed before bedtime,” he thought. Suddenly he remembered the cake in the oven. “Thank goodness, it came out nice.”

Next on the list was to set the table for lunch. “Oh, yes! I am good at that. I don’t need tools to unlock the screws. He went on straight to do his job. He took out the 4 legs of the table, put them straight down near the door. All set to be disposed. I have done a good job today. My mother will be proud of me, he thought.

At last, the parents came back, very tired, ready to eat. Alas! “Where is the dining table, shouted Semistre, the younger brother. Then, mother and father went in and saw that Tingre had done all chores mixed up. What a Day!

Umar, Grade 2, Eager Beavers

**The Silly Me in Harbor land**

I am a scary girl because when I climb up to a high place I would scream. One day my parents took me to Harbor Land.

“Oh Charisma, why don’t you climb up there on that slide?” said Cherry, my mom.

“I don’t want to climb,” I said.

“Look, I will climb,” said Thanakit.

“You won’t be able to climb dad because you are too fat,” I said.

“You need to try Charisma,” said Cherry.

“OK, Fine Mom, I’LL TRY,” I said. So I started climbing up and I did it.

“How about that orange slide Charisma?” said mom. “Noooooo, it’s too scary mom,” I said.

“You need to try,” said Cherry.

“Ok, but I have to find the way up to that orange slide,” I said. “Yay, I found the way,” I said. “But I’m too scared,” I said. Still I tried and then, “Ah………,” I screamed when I went down the slide. I went up the slide again and then I screamed again. I went up the third time, but this time not for myself. I gave my dad a boost; he was scared as he went down the slide. I went to that slide many times in order to overcome my fear.

Gracie, Grade 2 Eager Beavers
The Santa and the Horse
Oh, Santa’s sleigh has broken down. He cannot give out this year’s gifts. Now the kids will be sad and his reindeer is missing too. Then he thought he would fix the sleigh and find the reindeer next day. But the elf said, “The kids will be sad.” Santa said, “Don’t worry”. Santa became lazy and Santa slept. After many days when Santa woke up, all the gifts were gone. He got out of his house and he walked to the back of his house. He remembered that he washed his reindeer. When Santa walked to the front of his house, he found his sleigh was fixed. When he sat on his sleigh, it broke down again and Santa was very angry.

When he really woke up he discovered that it was only a dream. Santa just, laughed Santa jumped out of his bed, then he ran to the back of his house and he saw the reindeer. The reindeer was not wet. Santa again said “Ugh!” Then he ran to the front of the house and saw his sleigh was fixed. Again, he said, “Ugh!” Santa flew on his sleigh and gave out the gifts.

Amrit, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

The Fish and the Minion
“I am so happy that tomorrow I am going to get a puppy but I don’t know why.” said Lily “You don’t know!” asked Kattie. “Never mind,” said Isabella. “Let’s go out and play!” “Yea!” said Polly.

The next day it was Lily’s birthday, but she did not know whose birthday it was. “Guys, today is Lily’s birthday,” said Sunny. “But Lily doesn’t know today is her birthday,” said Ali. “So we are going to make a surprise for her,” said Sunny. “Are you sure?” asked Kattie. “Yeah I think she’s sure,” said Isabella. “Of course I’m sure.”

It is five O’ clock and they are making a surprise. “She’s coming,” said Kattie. “Happy Birthday Lily!” said everybody. Lily asked, “Whose birthday is it?”

“Yours,” said Ali. “My birthday? My birthday is Uhh… I don’t know” said Lily. Then later there was a minion who crashed in and a fish who said “Hi” Bee boo said, “UHH…hi.” There was an elephant who said, “I don’t know, who’s that?” asked Lily “I don’t know,” said Ali.

Everybody was shocked that Lily got a cute weird puppy! Everybody said, “So weird!” One person said, “Let me get out of here!” Lily said, “Worst birthday ever I think because I don’t know when is my birthday.” The elephant made a weird face.

“Ouch!” Said Ali “What was that?”

was what?” asked Polly. “It felt like something bit me,” said Ali

The puppy again said weird stuff like “UHH... okay”

“Sorry, I hit your but with my feet,” said Polly. “It’s okay,” said Ali. Bee boo and Lily became best friends and they played together. Bee boo thought that Lily was a monster. Even Polly thought the same. Bee boo tried to forget about it but no, she couldn’t stop thinking about it.

Karyenne, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

The Ice-cream Fell Down
Once, I bought an ice cream. They put for me six scoops. I ate two scoops and it fell down. I said to my mom, “Mommy, my ice-cream fell and she bought me one again. I told him I want two scoops, but he gave me ten scoops. And five scoops fell again. I said to my mom, “Mommy, never mind, I have another five scoops.” I ate two scoops and I let my mom and dad eat one scoop each. I gave to my mom and dad and then my friend came. Her name is Pun. She is my best friend. She also bought ice cream. She liked to play with me in the pool. I bought two scoops of ice cream. I gave her one scoop. She bought one scoop and the bee ate it and Pun said, “Never mind I will buy more.”

I went to her house and ate ice cream free but it fell down. Pun cried. I said to her “Don’t cry.” She said, “But I want to eat.” She said, “I think I will buy more.” She bought and she ate and finished and we jumped into the water and we splashed water. I think I will buy more tomorrow.

Iyaluck, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

Pre K 2 children are having fun with one of their favorite activity, “Role Play”. They enjoyed acting different characters in the story of Shepherd Boy. They also identified the main characters in the story and discussed its moral lesson.
**Best Friends**

There were two girls named Milly and Cherry. They were best friends.

One day, Cherry asked Milly, “Let’s go to the pet store and buy a cat.” “That’s a great idea!” Milly said, “Let’s go!” So they went to the pet store. There, they bought a sad and lonely cat.

Then, when they got home, they named the sad and lonely cat Kitten. Kitten looked so happy in their house.

The next day, Milly came downstairs quickly to play with Cherry and Kitten. When she came down stairs, Kitten couldn’t stop meowing! Cherry tried everything that Kitten liked, but it didn’t work. Kitten was still making that sound. At last, Milly shouted, “Stop!” “Everyone was quiet. (Even Kitten was quiet!) “Yippee!” cried Cherry, hugging Milly, “Kitten stopped crying! It is because of you, Milly!”

After a while, Milly said to Kitten “Kitten, don’t meow like that again. Okay?” The answer from Kitten was, “Meow.” Cherry came down stairs and played with all of them happily.

The next day, Milly asked Cherry, “Let’s go to the beach!” Cherry said, “Yes! Let’s go!” And Kitten, Milly and Cherry, went to the beach happily. They all lived happily together.

Moral: Problems can happen any time, but we can still be best friends.

Nuanploy, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

**Benny Denny**

“Oh, Benny Denny, I’m happy you are here. I can’t be home today, so I made a list for you. You do what the list says. But if something from the list is wrong. Try to correct it.” But Benny Denny did not listen carefully. He was playing. But Mrs. and Mr. Funny thought he was listening. So the funny family gave Benny Denny the upside down list, and went away. Benny Denny thought for a while. “Maybe I will bake a cake for them.” He went to the cooking corner. He put a little of this a little of that and the cake was ready to go into the oven. He waited for two and a half hours. Then the cake was ready. He looked at the upside down list.

Upside down task number one- ‘Clean all the cups. “What! Brake all the cups!” Anyway Crack! Bang! Boom! He broke all the cups. “Now what next, upside down task number two ‘Mop the windows’. ‘I don’t understand this. Maybe I will skip this one. Now let’s see upside down task number 3- ‘Bake a big cake.’ ‘What! I just baked a cake! Now they want me to burn it! What evil folks!’ “Wait, the folks said to do what the list says or I’m fired. I just need to do what the list says. So he burnt the cake.

Beep! Beep! The folks were back, Mr. Funny, Mrs. Funny, Steve’s Aunt Holly, and Grandpa Lolly. “Why you want me to do funny things?” Benny Denny asked. ”What do you mean?” Steve asked. “Oh my God the house, the cups, the cake! Oh no! Cried the whole family. “What do you mean?” asked Benny Denny. “You are fired! Don’t you ever come back!” cried the whole family. “But, but, but, but,” stuttered Benny Denny. “Did you hear what she said?” shouted Mr. Funny. “But look at the list!” said Benny Denny. “Umm. Oh I see. The list is upside down! I see. I see. It is not your fault. But did you listen to what I said? Asked Mr. Funny. “No, I was playing. I am sorry.” “It is okay. But you must clean the house.” “Okay!” And he cleaned the house.

Chayakorn, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

**My Very Best Friend**

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Karryna. She was my only friend. One day, Karryna told me, “I cannot play today.” “Why?” I asked her. “Because I will go somewhere.” she said. Later Karryna said, “Aliss, I can play with you. My mother told me.” Then, Karryna and I played all day. One day, Karryna was sick. She didn’t come to school. When it was lunch time I was lonely because I had only one friend to play with. Suddenly, I heard somebody, “Do you want to play with me?” I heard it again and again. “Who is that?” I said. And when I looked in front of me, it was Nauploy! Then she asked again “Do you want to play with me?” “Yes!” I said. We played together until the bell rang. Then an hour later, it was after school, Nauploy said I said goodbye to each other. The next day in in school, it was Nauploy’s birthday. She did not tell anybody, so the day pasted by without anybody knowing about it. The next morning, Karryna came to school. When the bell rang, it was lunch time, I played with both of them. We shared things together, we went to buy ice-cream together, and we went to each other’s homes.

Now Karryna, Nauploy, and I are best friends forever!

Alissarin, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

**Describing Fox**

This is a picture of a fox in the snow. The fox eats meat. It is playing in the snow. The fox loves to eat meat. The fox likes to run to get the food. The fox will get the food because it can run fast. This fox likes to run in the snow. It lives in the Polar Habitat.

Smith, Grade 2 Trail Blazers
The Crazy Babysitter

“I’m going to work Ploy, I may come back from work very late so I called a babysitter for you.” “No mom, I am too big for a babysitter.” “No Ploy, you have to have a babysitter. Bye! I am going to work”. “Ok bye mom!” Ploy said. She knew that she was going to have a weird day. The babysitter was there. Her name was Katherina. So Ploy said to Katharine, “Come on in.” And soon after Ploy realized that the babysitter was silly and crazy. Katharine made a mess and then Ploy said, “What a mess!” The babysitter was not fun to play with and she was not a nice babysitter.

Tanishka, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

My Baby Friend

One day Steven was born. He was a small boy. Mark said, "Hi Steven! How are you?” “I am fine,” Steven said. Mark and Steven were friends. "Let's play," Steven said. "Ok," Mark replied. "That was fun," Mark said. I asked, "Are you having fun?” Steven said, "No." I said, "Do you need me?” Steven said, "Yes!" I said, "I will count fast. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10!" “It is fun to have a baby friend like Steven," I said.

Jacob, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

My Best Ice-cream Man

Once upon a time there were three girls who wanted to buy an ice-cream. The ice-cream man made them three ice-creams. The three girls said, “Thank you”. Then they ran away. One girl, whose name was Pan Pan, said, “Tomorrow is my birthday.” The ice-cream man heard it. Pan Pan said, “I will buy ice-cream for everybody.” And the ice-cream man heard that again. She said, “Today is my birthday. I am happy today.” She bought ice-creams for everybody and for me. The ice-cream man made something special. When Pan Pan ate the ice-cream, it had a massage. It said, “I have a surprise for you.” She got a little gift from him. “Bye ice-cream man,” they all said. Then, they went to a toy shop and saw cute dolls is a small doll’s house. They bought a toy for the birthday girl.

Punyavee, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

What I Want to Do Once I Leave School

So, what do I want to do once I leave school? There are a lot of things but I will only mention some. Some of the people that inspire me are authors, scientists, and some are with me every day.

First of all, I want to study biochemistry in the university. I really like biology and I also like to explore chemistry. The person that inspires me is Ben Goldacre, a British physician, academic and science writer. He writes about how science really matters. He also mentions experiments about matter and the human body in one of his books called ‘Bad Science’. I read it every night and find out that we cannot just depend on teachers or the internet about facts, but we have to find it out ourselves.

Another field is pharmacy. I like to be a pharmacist because whenever I go to the hospital, I always see the pharmacists packing medicines and I notice that they are a little cheerful. But once again, that is not the only thing I want to be.

I also want to be a doctor. Whenever I talk about biology to senior grades or to my parents, they mostly talk about cutting frogs and doing stuff with living things. Most people think that it is disgusting but I think that it is cool and exciting.

Another thing I want to be is a comic author. My inspiration is Raina Telgemeier, an American cartoonist. In one of my previous posts, I mentioned that my interest is drawing comics. Right now, I am drawing a comic story called ‘Frank the Cat’. There are many comic books that not only give you happiness, but give knowledge as well. But this work is not something I want to do as a fixed job, I want to do it as a part time job. The reason behind this is because I won’t get so much profit. Also, it will be quite boring.

The last thing I want to be is a news reporter or writer. Many teachers have said that my background in writing is really good. And also I like reporting things to my mother. Not reporting as in telling my mother that this kid made me cry or so, but reporting on what I learn at school and what I discover when I do some fun fact researching. It is like doing two things together. Researching and telling.

Finally, I want to make a lifelong project such as starting a business or inventing something. I always feel excited when our teacher says that we are going to start a project. It makes me feel that I am about to start my own work. This is actually related to the last challenge about attribution and licenses. It makes me feel that I just made a masterpiece.

Phakamon, Grade 6 Explorers

Amelio Bedilio

Once, there lived a person called Amelio Bedilio. Amelio Bedilio was looking for a job. Amelio Bedilio found a house. Amelio Bedilio got a job after a day of knocking and knocking and knocking on doors. The next day Amelio Bedilio was working as a maid.

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Amelio Bedilio said, “I have to work here very hard, but I like their house. My owners are not going to be here for one whole month,” said Amelio Bedilio. His owners had given him a list to do. The first thing on the list said to fix the fridge.

So, Amelio Bedilio broke the fridge and then called a fixer.

He just sat down in a chair sipping lemonade while the fixer was working. When the fixer was done fixing the fridge the fixer said, “That will cost you 10,000 Bhat.” Amelio Bedilio asked, “Can I pay you five Bhat?” The fixer said, “Nooooo!” The fixer broke the fridge again and Amelio Bedilio needed to fix it. Now the fixer sat on a chair sipping his lemonade while Amelio Bedilio was fixing the fridge.

Second on the list was to make lemonade. Amelio Bedilio said, “These folks are so silly.” Amelio Bedilio took a lemon and took some first aid stuff and then mixed them up. Finally, it was done. Amelio Bedilio said, “This looks sooooo weird!” Then Amelio Bedilio put it in the fridge and said, “That’s done.” Third on the list was to make the beds. Amelio Bedilio called the workers to break the beds. And when they were done breaking the beds, Amelio Bedilio started fixing the beds. He was done with his list. But when the owners came the first words the owners said to Amelio Bedilio was, “You’re fired!”

Hirithik, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

Recurring Bad Dreams

Some of my bad dreams come repeatedly that’s why I usually remember them.

One bad dream is a zombie apocalypse, which started when I was in Grade 4. In this dream, there is always a person or two that I would be with (obviously not zombies), then they/he/she get/s infected and they/he/she become zombies and it ends when I get cornered by a group of zombies. I usually have this dream when I feel stressed, but instead, when I think of zombies at night before I sleep, my dreams isn’t really a zombie apocalypse but a weird dream instead.

My another dream is when some gnomes (maybe because I only remember them wearing pointy hats, so I think of them as gnomes but they’re really tall like human size) appear in front of my house (from my old hometown, Camotes Island). After that, they start talking to me and I talk with them. But then, something goes wrong and they randomly chase me down the road and I always see a nipa hut in the right and head to it to hide. And that’s when I usually wake up.

One more weird dream is where I see my house (from my old hometown, Camotes Island) which is small on the outside but extremely huge on the inside. After taking a walk outside, some problem starts and I run to my great grandparent’s house (my father’s side) which is just the same as my house, small on the outside but extremely huge on the inside. I try to hide there but soon I encounter some unusual item there that wakes me up.

I have so many weird dreams and I don’t know how to stop them.

Do you think you can give me any advice?

Farrah, Grade 6 Explorers
The Case of the Missing Lego Piece

Once there lived a princess named “Emma” who loved Lego. She loved Lego so much that she had a collection of precious and expensive Legos.

One fine day when the princess was with her Lego, she suddenly screamed! The King and Queen came running to see what had happened? The princess said, “I’ve lost one golden Lego piece from my collection”. The king replied, “We must call the investigator immediately to find the lego piece”.

The investigator arrived at the palace and started searching for clues. He could not find any clues so he started enquiring about the lego piece. “What is the size, color, structure, and shape of the lego piece?” The investigator asked, “Can you recall all the activities you did on that day?” The princess said, “I did go to my friend’s palace maybe it’s there?” So they went to her friend’s palace and checked every corner of the palace. “Princess Emma, your precious lego piece is not here. Where else did you go?” Inquired the investigator. “I also went to Galapongas Islands to see the turtles,” the princess replied. “Can we go there?” asked the investigator. “Papa, may I go to Galapongas Islands to search for my lego? Asked the princess. “Sure you can but be careful Emma,” replied the king. So they started their journey in a helicopter to Galapongas Islands. After two hours they reached Galapongas Islands. “Here we go again,” said the investigator. “Come on investigator let’s start searching for the lego,” said the princess. Again they couldn’t find it even though they used the metal detector and they travelled back to the palace.

It was an exhausting day so she sat down. Emma felt something unusual in her pocket so she checked and there it was in her pocket her most precious golden lego piece it was there the whole time Emma was feeling ashamed of herself.

Arya Krishna, Grade 4 Fantastic

Poems by Grade 3 Bright Sparks

Gold Spot
You always appear when someone’s lost
And help find the path
With your sparkling polka dots!
And once in the forest
I caught you by the river,
Under the sparkling moon,
You flew away at dawn
5 am before the sun dawned.
Now don’t go any further
To the edge of the volcano
Or you’ll get caught by a rhino.
Phyo Thiri Win

D.va
D.va drove her drone all day long,
She thought it was pink,
later found it was green,
D.va’s dad dyed it wrong
It doesn’t matter,
It dashed and dived all day long!
D.va hates dyed dashing donkeys
But she likes dark colored dancing monkeys,
She took pictures of many animals
And she found that-
The dirty dove likes playing with dogs,
But hedgehogs don’t like playing with logs!
Tham Laphasanoi

Suddenly the whole bread became alive. Mela shouted! Velen woke up. The bread jumped out of the house and jumped back. It kept going and coming back. The two sister didn’t know what to do or where to go. They finally decided to follow the bread.

The bread went to the Cineplex. They followed it and stayed there for a long time waiting for the bread to finish watching movie. “We need to find a way to get the bread,” said the sisters feeling sick. “We need help,” they cried. “Someone call a doctor please.” The doctor came. “I see! This symptom looks like a spell,” he said. “This is called Bread Spell, the only way to break the spell is to eat the bread,” said the doctor. It was so hard to catch the bread. Finally, they did catch it. The two sisters had a nice bread meal and headed back home.

Olivia, Grade 2 Eager Beaver
The World We Live In

Try to imagine a place in the world where no human being has ever walked. There are not many places left in the world people have not explored and changed. Still, think of the possibility of a place that nobody has ever been to. What it might be like? Perhaps you are thinking about a place in the Far North or Far South, such as Greenland and Antarctica. Yes, there are large parts of those ice-covered lands where people have never walked.

The lands of our world are of many elevations and shapes. Landform is a word that we use when we speak about a particular shape of the land.

Have you ever had a day off from school because of heavy rain? Snow, rain, wind, heat, and cold are all part of weather.

Weather is the way the air is at a certain period of time. Weather can change from day to day or even from hour to hour.

When certain kinds of weather repeat again and again in an area, they become a pattern. We call this pattern climate.

To understand the picture of climate we must learn about temperature and precipitation.

Temperature tells us how hot or cold the air is. According to www.eartheclipse.com, “Water that falls to the earth in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail is called precipitation.”

Christian, grade 4 Edelweiss

The Strange Machine

My uncle is an inventor. One day I was searching through the attic of my Uncle’s house. I found a very strange machine with many buttons, knobs, dials, and levers. I had never seen a machine like it before.

On one side, there was a button that said “on.” I really wanted to touch the button but I was scared if the machine will be broken. My brain was tempting me to touch the button. So I went closer and touched the button on.

“Oh!” I was shocked for it asked me what I want to make. It showed different buttons with different kinds of car. I chose Bugatti Veron car button but it was not working for twenty minutes.

Later the machine made a louder sound. It pulled everything! It pulled the walls, and pushed them to the middle. The color changed and it automatically formed into a Bugatti Veyron. I rode it for twenty minutes and it was a fantastic experience.

Christian, grade 4 Edelweiss

Letters by Grade 4 Edelweiss

Dear Editor,

Some people refuse to keep their dogs on leashes. They argue that all dogs should run free. Do you agree with that?

Last Sunday, a dog chased a little girl’s cat up on a tree. The cat got stuck, and rescuers had to climb up the trunk to rescue it. On Monday, a dog stole a bunch of fruit from a young family on a picnic! Then it ran over the child’s milk and other stuff! These stunts do not amuse me. It is every citizen’s duty to obey the leash law. I trust you will agree.

Thanop

Dear Editor,

I think it is true that dogs should be on leashes. A big dog chased me in real life! It chased me for about five minutes! Dogs only love their owners. That means they bark at others. They chase other cats, dogs, squirrels, and many more! I like dogs but sometimes they are naughty. Dogs are playful, but not in a good way. They roll over dirty areas and dead things and roll on us and to our belongings! Dogs should be on leashes also for their safety. They will be cleaner and they can’t fight with other dogs. I think people should take care of them in their own habitat. And even police dogs need to be leashed. Pet dogs without leashes can even disturb and spoil things. Like for example in a soccer match, a player crossed and then a Chihuahua came out and lifted its back and even scored a goal! That Chihuahua, so naughty, it just scored! That’s why dogs should be leashed up!

Alexander
A Period in Time

As the mysterious M. ran down the hallway, Greg tried to catch him and find out who he was. Then a girl went in front of him and suddenly time stopped.

It was a breezy morning in Plum Street when Summer woke up. She called her mom and when she went out of her room and into the kitchen, to her surprise her mom was frozen. She opened the window as wide as she could and every single thing was frozen and when she looked to her garden, a guy was there in a black cloak holding a stopwatch. When he pressed a button on the tip of the watch everything was suddenly back to normal.


After 10 minutes Lily, Greg and Max arrived. They all went up to their clubhouse and told each other that not only Summer everybody saw time stop. But the weird thing was that everybody was wondering why they didn’t stop. Summer told them about the Mysterious guy wearing a black cloak. They had to find out fast what was going on. Greg thought of a name for the Mysterious guy and named him the Mysterious M. After 3 seconds they all went.

They were so confused. Max looked at his arm and saw an orange star, Lily had a purple diamond, Greg had a green leaf and Summer had a pink heart. They wondered what it was for and thought if it was normal.

After 30 minutes, it was 9:00am, time to go to school. On their way, once again time stopped. In front of them was the Mysterious M. They tried to chase him but he was too fast. Summer sat on her bike thinking it wouldn’t move but luckily it moved. Greg, Lily, and Max followed Summer from behind. They then arrived at their school and still chasing the Mysterious M. He pressed the tip of the watch and things were back to normal. But he disappeared.

After school the four stayed in the class. Max looked at his watch and saw a hologram appear with a guy on it saying that they had time only till midnight to stop the Mysterious M. or else they would stop too! He also said that the marks on their arm would soon fade away because those marks are what keep them still moving. They all questioned each other for a minute. Then they all went outside and again time stopped.

This time it was harder because there were people walking around. They all went in a room where they saw the Mysterious M. go in. Greg was the last one to go in and when he looked around he saw the Mysterious M. running away. Greg was about to bump with a girl and again time stopped.

Summer, Max and Lily went out to see where Greg was and they found him standing, about to fall and frozen. Max thought they would freeze at five midnight but found out that they would freeze one by one. They were furious so they ran as fast as they could following the Mysterious M. into another room. They sneaked up on him and took off his hood.

Wait… What!! It’s their good friend Nathaniel. There was a black light covering him. But as they held him their assigned color glowed. The black light was still there. Greg was not frozen anymore and he ran into the room, touched Nathaniel and the black light disappeared. Nathaniel was asleep. They brought him back to his house and he woke up and said thank you. Now everyone was back to normal thanks to these four children.

Marcelin Sasha, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

Peter’s Bone Soup

“My dear Peter, I need to go to work,” said Mrs. Rose and Mr. Tom. “Okay mom, okay dad.” Peter said. But he thought to make a surprise for them. He thought of making banana soup. Oh, no! Then he thought of making chicken stew. “Oh, no! I know now, I will make bone soup!” So he went to his friends’ home.

First, he went to his friend Lauren the Seal. He asked, “Do you have any chicken? Oh, no! I mean bones?” So Lauren said, “No, my friend, I have only some delicious fish”. So he went to his friend Pussy the cat. He asked Pussy, “Do you have any bananas? Wait! I mean bones?” “No, I have only some milk”. So he went to Cluck the Rooster. He asked Cluck, “Do you have any bones?” So Cluck said, “You mean rice?” So, he went on to his friend Ben the Bear’s home. He asked Ben, “Do you have any bones?” “Yes”, said Ben. He thanked Ben so much. But he started to hear his mom and dad’s car driving near. Then he started to cook his bone soup.

When Peter’s mom and dad came back, they were surprised with his bone soup!

Moral: If you share, it means you care.

Punya, Grade 2 Trail Blazers
The Journey through Time

This book was really fun and exciting that was the reason why I chose this for my book report. It also teaches us about the past.

This story is about Geronimo Stilton and his family who went through time to discover how dinosaurs become extinct, how the Great Pyramid of Giza were built, and King Arthur's court. It happened in New Mouse City, America, in Egypt, and in King Arthur's court 65 million years ago. The characters in the story are Thea, Benjamin, Trap, and Professor Paws Von Volt.

The theme of the story is about the importance of friendship. Every time when Geronimo Stilton or his friend needed help, they gave a hand to each other most especially the time when the dinosaurs were trying to eat Geronimo Stilton, his friends came and helped him to escape.

When Geronimo Stilton was in New Mouse City, Professor Paws Von Volt showed him the time machine.

After that, everybody started the journey through time. When they reached the Jurassic period, the dinosaurs started to chase Geronimo. So his friend helped him. Then, they decided to go to Egypt. In Egypt, they went to see how the Great Pyramid of Giza was built but the Egyptian found them. Then after that, they went back to the present time.

I would recommend this book to my friends because this book will teach them many things. For my overall opinion, this book is a very interesting book that has a lot of lessons to be learned.

Tanawit, Grade 5 Voyagers

The King's Mystery

“Steeve...!” The king cried for his soldier. “Yes your majesty,” said soldier, opening the door. When he entered, there was completely no sight of the king. “Where are you your majesty?” he shouted hoping to find him. “I'm right in front of you Steeve,” the king said. “What was that?” Steeve asked. “Is it you your majesty?”

“Yes it is me,” the king replied. “Your majesty are you invisible?” Steeve asked. “I think so,” the king replied.

Rushing out of the room, Steve decided to take the king to the wizard. Once they arrived, the wizard looked at all his potions to see if he had one for curing invisibility but he had none. The wizard told the king and Steeve that there was an elf in the forest that could help. The wizard gave the map to the elf’s house in the forest.

Once at the edge of the forest they stopped. When they arrived at a small wooden door, they knocked at it. Before they could blink, a little elf with a red cap came out and said, “Hi my name is Willy, may I help you?” “Oh... Steeve is that you?” Willy asked. “Yes, it’s me! It has been a long time before we met. “Oh... your majesty why are you invisible?” Willy asked. “Can you see me?” the king asked. “Yes, elves have powers to see invisible things.” “Is that the reason you came here? If yes I have a great recipe for it,” Willy said. “Yes please, I really need to use it for if I will be invisible forever my people will be worried.” Before the king finished speaking, Willy rang a big blue bell calling all elves to bring the materials. Once the big cloud of fog disappeared, the potion was finished. Willy gave it to the king and told him to drink it. Finally, the king was visible and the king’s people were happy.

Nathania Santoso, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

Gold Watch That Stopped Time

One morning a boy named John was taking a bath, when suddenly, the water stopped! And after a while, the water was back to normal. He was so surprised to see the time stop. When it was 8 O’clock, John went to a park, he saw a girl named Lily. She was his classmate in grade 1, so they went talking, and suddenly time stopped. Again, after a while everything was back to normal. John was nervous. He thought that there is someone who can stop time, so he told Lily to wait for him in the park.

The wind smelled like perfume, so he walked to see where the perfume came from. When he was there, he saw a cat. It was holding a golden watch. It was so shiny. John ran after it. The cat was scared, so it stopped the time and John could not catch it as it ran so fast. Now John knew, who was the one that stopped the time.

Hours later, John got the watch and started playing with it.

John wanted to eat pizza, but the queue was long. He took out the watch and pressed stop so every person in the shop stopped. He took two pizzas and went home and pressed start so the time got back to normal.

In the morning, he was eating cookies and milk, suddenly the milk spilled, so he quickly stopped the time and drank milk from the air.

He kept using it as and when he needed.

Suddenly one day it stopped and he could not press the start button. It was broken. So he kept on trying to fix it as he was also scared but at last he could fix it and then time got back to normal again.

After that, he kept it in his box and never used it again.

Pemika, Grade 5 Ace Achievers
The Magical Golden Pocket Watch

It’s the beginning of seventh grade. Everyone is lazy except for one, his name is Robin. Snigdha and Yamel are talking about their project, while Sahaja and Sasha start arguing about who has a better project.

Snigdha goes to them and tells them that there is a party at her house. Then the smartest of the class, Tanawit, appears. Robin grins. Yamel asks Snigdha, “Is there really going to be a party?” “I am going to make one” Snigdha replies. Sasha says, “I am the funniest weirdo here.”

The next day everyone starts to plan about the party. Robin steals all of Tanawit’s books. Sahaja and Sasha are not talking to each other. Tanawit starts to panic because he lost his books.

Snigdha tries to make Sasha and Sahaja talk to each other while Yamel tries to get the books from Robin. Robin doesn’t budge so Yamel gives up. Sasha and Sahaja talk. As soon as the party is over, Robin bullies Sasha. Tanawit starts to cry.

Sasha is about to leave the town because of Robin. Snigdha and Yamel chase after her but Yamel trips over something, when Yamel goes to the clinic Snigdha finds a golden stopwatch. She finds out that it’s magical and can stop time and she uses it to fix the past.

Snigdha, Grade 5 Voyagers

Two Friends Who Started a Club

Phon and I always want to eat and play together. One day, we just thought of finding some other friends who could play with us every lunch time. I asked Phon, "Let's find some friends to play with us. What should we do to find some friends?" Phon answered, "Just ask them if they want to play with us."

Actually, we have to find friends who we really need for our game. Those friends who know how to play soccer. Phon asked, “Do we need three friends or more?” I replied, “Yes, and the playmates that we need should be kind, friendly, and helpful. We don't like lazy person to play with us, right?”

Just then we saw the first person that we wished for. His name was Anawil. He actually liked the sport that we were playing. We said, "Anawil, please help us find two or more persons who are kind, friendly, and helpful." Anawil replied, "Okay, I know one person who would like to play with us and his name is Tanawit. I am sure that he is the person that you want." Then we met Tanawit. He was really a good person. We told everything to him that we wanted him to play with us and help us find one more person.

Tanawit suggested the guy who was wearing eyeglass who was standing behind us. We looked back and we saw Robin.

“Now we can play soccer but we should get one more so it would be equal,” I told everyone. Robin said that he knows someone who is also good in playing soccer and that is Kitipoom. We invited Kitipoom to play with us and from that day on until now, we are still friends who are always playing soccer together.

Chawis, Grade 5 Voyagers

Poems by Grade 3 Bright Sparks

Who’s There?
The window slammed shut,  
And everyone’s out,  
But dongs don’t know  
What they’re shouting about!

Say the bugs on the ball,  
And the flame on the bowl,  
And the fog on the floor,  
And the bunny at the door,  
And the cats rolled up,  
And the spiders that gulp

Nobody knows, why  
Everyone shouts  
When, everyone’s out!

Pal Siyappan

What Can You Do With Paper?
You can cut it or rip it  
Fold it into a paper plane  
Draw on it and color it  
Make it into a book,  
Write questions and answers,  
Present your science and also  
Use it to do homework.

When all this is done,  
Make it into a snow ball and  
Throw into the trash can!

Kaweewat

Rat, Mat and Bat!
There were many rats,  
Sitting on a soft mat,  
But many more bats couldn’t sit  
Because all the bats wouldn’t fit!  
We need more mats they thought  
And more mats they brought  
And then they tried it again  
They were a perfect fit now!

Phakin Rodanat
My Dream Job

What do you want to be when you grow up? I’m sure someone in your life has asked you that question, whether it’s your parents, relatives or some strangers. Have you ever thought that one day you might need to find a job that you are good at and that pays you a good salary? Nobody really thinks about those kinds of things.

What do I want to be? Every time someone asks me that question my answer always changes, and I don’t really have a passion for something that could be a job. But recently I would like to be a lot of things, I’ve seen so many jobs out there. However, I’m not even sure which one I like the most! I have many dreams on what I want to be. Here are a few: Marine biologist, musician, and pilot. I’ll talk about the rest later.

I feel as if becoming a marine biologist is one of my great passion. I love to learn about sea creatures and I like to go underwater and explore new things. I’m not sure if I’ll do this job because for this job you need a lot of commitment and hard work, or may be that’s the reason I love it so much. I love challenging stuff! Being a marine biologist is my dream job.

I have other jobs I want to do, but I have comparatively less desire for them. I have already started to make my own music (kind of). I could be a future musician but I’m still not sure about it. Music is like in my own blood, every time I listen to something I always try to find the beat and the key of the song. Also when I hear it, I pretend to play it on piano because I can recognize the notes (for only some songs.)

My third dream job would be a pilot. I said this before but again, I love exploring new things and just travelling in general. I would like to be a professional pilot because then I can fly my family on a private jet! But I don’t think I would be fit for this job because I have the biggest fear of airplane flights.

There are some other jobs that I would also like to do. Here are a few.

-Doctor -Actor -Graphic Designer -Fashion Designer.

But my passion is and will always be a marine biologist and I want to tell everyone that you should follow you heart and dreams!

Mai Thao, Grade 6 Explorers

Teaching Older Generations

Let’s be the teachers and teach our parents, grandparents or anyone older than you.

What do you want to teach your older generations?

Probably technology right? How about something else.

What I want to teach my older generations:

Grandmother- I want to tell my grandmother about future foot/hover board. It’s very fun! And I am sure my grandmother will be impressed. She might not ride it because it needs a lot of balance and control.

Grandfather- I want to show up an I-phone or any android phone, show him all the applications we can download. So many things to do in google. Facebook, Gmail, Twitter, etc. although he knows some of the things. I also want to show him google and youtube tricks.

I would also tell my grand parents about water parks I've been to and how it's like.

I would also teach my grandparents online shopping, Its good for my grandparents, they can just order or shop from home. But they should also know how to do it, I will teach them that too.

My grandparent would love the massaging chair. You know in technology now a days there are a lot of different types of massaging chairs.

Other relatives- So much technology and fun things to teach them. I would also tell them about drones and other amazing robotic toys.

Well that’s it.

What would you like to teach your older generations?

Anusha, Grade 6 Explorers

The Lost Piece of Hay

Hi, I’m Liviana, a piece of hay. I got separated from my friends during the “Great Search” as I call it. Men from all over the land came and searched for a golden needle. It was in one of the haystacks. They came and unraveled us from our beautiful position. Now, enough with the past and back to the present.

I am currently lying on the ground with a large blue and white thing on my right. I am dirty and full of scars. Random men keep stepping on me. I hate it. They just can't look down and notice me. Another man just stepped on me. He was the third one this hour! Aarrgg! Another random man just stepped on me! Look down and notice the world beneath your feet! Hey, ants! Help me! Take me home! Selfish ants, they only think about themselves. It’s a good thing that I always keep a notebook with me. Now, where was I. Oh, yeah! Ants they were so selfish. I hate them. Two more days ‘til I die or wither. Also, I’m about to run out of paper. Girls, if you see this then, you can have my stuff. Clara, don't use my lipstick. You’re allergic to it. Annie, take care of Clara. Katie, don't kill my fish. Bye. Love you all.

Yamel, Grade 5 Voyagers
Filipino Folk Games

I’ve played a bunch of folk games in the Philippines. Have you? In Asia there are a lot of similarities to these folk games, kind of. Do you like folk games? To me playing folk games is always fun. I am going to show you three of the famous folk games in the Philippines that I always play with my friends as well as my classmates.

First is Dampa. Dampa is the act of producing air to come out from a hollow of dome-shaped palms when struck against the ground. This game involves your hands and rubber bands. The objective of the game is to move the rubber bands to the finish line with certain distance. The players take turns to move the rubber bands, the one who gets there first wins. The loser will give at least 1 rubber band to the winner. You can sometimes gamble but we don’t do that. Warning: You might hurt your hands from practice, so just deal with the pain. But you will get used to the pain more and more. I am moderately used to the pain. It’s best if you play in a really smooth surface when you just started playing it. Then you can work on rougher surfaces.

Next is, Bato-Lata. Bato-lata is a traditional game in the Philippines. The game is played by a group of kids, one watching over a tin can or lata at a designated spot, and the other kid, also at a distance and a designated spot, attempts to topple over the “lata” with a rubber slipper (the act of throwing the slipper over the tin can is called “bato”). Once the “lata” is toppled, the watcher will try to place it back to its original location as fast as he can, while the other kid will try to retrieve his rubber slipper, while running to get his slipper he has to avoid being caught by the watch-er. Once caught, he will be the one watching over the tin can and the other kid will get to try to topple the can.

And the last game is called Spider Fighting. If you have arachnophobia, don’t try this. Arachnophobia means fear of spiders. You might need adult supervision with this. In this game we find spiders and keep them in match boxes with a tiny bit of leaves in it. Then you can fight the spiders with a long stick. Put two of the spiders on both ends, then make them fight. The loser’s spider might get eaten by the winner’s spider for breakfast after the fight. This is a fun game, if you are brave enough to play. And be cautious, you might find poisonous spiders.

Jori, Grade 6 Explorers

Nigeria

I recently did a presentation about Nigeria in my Social Studies class. When I was doing my research, I learned that Nigeria is facing so many problems.

Nigeria is a very diverse country and actually a very rich country in terms of resources. It has a lot of natural gas, iron ore, tin etc. Nigeria is the also 6th leading oil exporter in the world but despite all that money, Nigeria stays as one of the “poor” countries.

Nigeria is the most populous country in all of Africa.

It is the most corrupt country in Africa today.

It has a very high unemployment rate.

Millions of people suffer from HIV/AIDS today.

Malaria together with many other diseases threaten several lives in Nigeria today.

Malnutrition is also one of the major problem of Nigeria and contributes to the death of about half a million children each year.

There are many environmental challenges also that Nigeria is facing today like; soil degradation, deforestation, air and water pollution, and rapid urbanization.

Together with political conflicts and religious tensions (between Christians and Muslims), deadly Boko Haram is also a big threat to lives and properties in Nigeria.

Mai Thao, Grade 6 Explorers

Hunger Limerick

The world is filled with hunger,
But this won’t stay forever,
If we lock this away,
And deep down, we will pray,
We can end this problem together.

Many children have died,
From the beginning they have tried,
To not catch the diseases,
And this problem never eases,
But in the end they are not alive.

We can stop this problem,
If we did it would be awesome,
Let’s not make an attribution,
We should first find a solution,
And bring this problem to the bottom.

Farrah, Grade 6 Explorers
**Benin - The Poorest Country in Africa**

We are learning about African countries and making class presentations. One of my recent class presentation was about Benin which is located in West Africa. I researched about its geography, economics, government, culture and history. While I was researching about these areas, I came across this information about many issues Benin is currently facing. Therefore I chose to write about major issues in Benin.

Although a small country, Benin is one of the most culturally rich countries in all of Africa with several ethnic and racial groups living together. This country is also blessed with abundance of natural resources like marble, timber, limestone, and oil deposits, still, despite all that, Benin remains one of the poorest countries in Africa facing many issues.

According to CIA Word Fact Book almost 65% of Benin’s population is under the age of 25 and due to lack of knowledge about family planning and lesser medical facilities, the population growth rate is high which also results in high rate of maternal mortality.

Poor health care is also one of the cause of diseases like HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Malaria etc. Drinking water and water for domestic purposes remain a major issue in Benin today. Most water bodies in Benin today are polluted and some communities across the country lack total access to clean drinking water.

Another issue is Beninese migration to neighboring countries due to poverty, unemployment, and increased living costs.

Poverty is also forcing Beninese families to send their children to work in wealthy households as domestic servants, mines, quarries, or neighboring countries, where they live and work under worst conditions.

You can also make the entries to sit above or below the timeline. Entries can be deleted easily or edited to add more information. When finished the timeline can be saved to Photos, and the project can be saved to return to it later.

If you want to create a timeline, use RWT Timeline. It is available as a web app, as an Android app, and as an iPad app.

**Should Schools Have Uniform or Not?**

It has been a topic of debate in schools everywhere. We also had a class debate on this topic a few days back. The points I presented in favor of the topic are listed below:

In my opinion I think schools should have uniform and there are lots of reasons for that.

- Uniforms help students get easily recognized.
- They keep students stay focused on their education not their clothes.
- They enhances school pride, unity and community spirit.
- They help you keep more disciplined.
- They help you get ready for school fast in the morning.
- They help you get spotted easily in outside school tours.
- And they also help you save money that you will be spending on buying clothes for school every other month.
- To those who say 'No' to uniforms, I would say that school uniforms reduce peer pressure and bullying and they also help parents save time and money. How?

You will be spending a lot of time on buying presentable (or expensive) clothes. Of course everybody wants to look nice, so you will be dressing yourself the best way you can. But for poor kids who can’t afford nice clothes, they will get bullied wearing the same outfit again and again. While uniforms look all the same. Also you won’t waste your time, energy, and money going for school clothes shopping. You just need to buy two-three pairs of uniforms and you’re good for the rest of the year. There are even some schools that give you free uniforms.

To those who say that it takes away students' right to free expression, I would say that you can express yourself through many other ways like your personality traits.

In conclusion I would say, I prefer uniform.

They are comfortable, inexpensive and easy to wear. You can just show off your wardrobe after school if you want. Please tell what do you guys think.

**RWT Timeline - An iPad Application**

RWT Timeline is one of the many applications we use in our school.

We can order events from history, sequence a scientific investigation, sequence events from a story, use it for biography writing, or planning frame for writing.

We can organize a timeline by time of day, date, or event, and the tool allows us to create a label with short or long descriptive text.

It is very easy to use this app. Once downloaded, open it up, create a user name and name the timeline. A new point on the line can then be added by tapping the line itself. You can add a label and some simple detail as well as an image.

Van Anh, Grade 6 Explorers
A Letter to Christopher Paolini
Author of Inheritance

Dear Christopher Paolini,

Hello and how are you? My name is Kait (kate). I am a big fan of your Inheritance Cycle. I’m currently reading the last book, Inheritance. I am almost halfway through your book. I’m only on page 388, and there are 849 pages in total. So it’s going to take me a while to finish.

I like how you always make it exciting. My favorite part so far was the part where Murtagh and Thorn gave a surprise attack in the middle of the night when everyone is asleep. I did not see that part coming at all.

I’m sad that Nasuada got captured. I feel bad for Arya; he has no clue on what to do. He also has no clue where the Rock of Kuthian is. I said that because he read a chapter in the Domia abr Wydra. I think he won’t have enough time to go there since the Rock of Kuthian is in Vroengard and he is somewhere near Urú’baen.

I felt thrilled and excited when Arya, Eragon, Wyrdan, Blödhgarm, and Angela found the secret passage. I wanted to know if there were going to be any traps. Apparently, I was able to guess that there would be traps.

My eyes bulged when I came to the part where Wyrdan was killed by a trap. Inside my head questions and sentences randomly spun - like “Why? What did he do wrong? Why him? He was so innocent! Curse the priests of Dras-Leona!”

Keep up the excellent work Mr. Christopher! Regards,

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

Terrorism

Terrorism, what is it? The unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians. At least that’s what Oxford Dictionary says.

Although it might have not happened to you but around the world thousands of people have their homes destroyed, lost their families and their lives, just because of terrorist attacks.

Terrorist attacks are not new though, there has been attacks that date back to the 1st century. People who are not affected don’t really care about it, but what if it was you facing these attacks? People do not understand how much stress the victims go through.

Let me name two examples, the November Paris 2015 attack, which may be surprising, but I was in Paris about five days before this happened. This attack killed at least 130 people and wounded many. The attackers, armed with assault rifles and explosives, targeted six locations across Paris. Blessed be the families of those who died in this attack and may the people who passed away rest in peace.

Another example is the New York 9/11 attack which is the most fatal attack. In the morning of September 11, attackers of the Islamic terrorist group Al-Qaeda bombed the twin towers. About 2,900 people died in this attack. Again I feel so sorry for all the people who lost their lives, may their families be blessed, and their souls rest in peace.

Robert Verkaik has written an article on ‘Why it’s becoming impossible to stop the terrorists?’, and I agree with that. I understand that it's almost impossible to change someone’s mind after they get it fixed on something, but still, I want to do something to stop terrorism, may be by spreading awareness about it.

But how should I do that?

If you care about it and want to help me spread awareness, please help me. And also share this with others because, the more the people understand, the more there will be to help.

Mai Thao, Grade 6 Explorers

Pussy and Mrs. Sunino

“Oh Pussy don’t mess up the place when I am not here, but If you do.... you will be teleported to a place where you’ll never get out.” Said Mrs. Sunino. Pussy just froze. Mom slipped into the car. Then he looked at the list- ‘put some water in the hot tub.’ “That’s next?” asked Pussy. He poured and poured water until it was evening. “This should do.” Said Pussy. He looked at the list again. Make a hover board for Abby. “One more task yes!” cried Pussy. He worked and worked and he finally finished building the hover board. Last task- ‘make wind.’ “Huh?” “At my house we check the wind, not make wind!” Well...ok.He got a bunch of dogs and got a thousand dollars and brought a gigantic mega hair dryer and woosh! Pussy pushed the button on the hair dryer and the wind came out so fast it formed a tornado! That’s when the family arrived, Mrs. Sunino was disappointed, Mr. Sunino, got choked, but Addy, the son, was excited, Bob was frozen. Addy said, “This is beautiful!” The hot tub was overflowing! Water burst out of the room!!!!! Addy jumped into the tornado and Mom cried, “No! And then the tornado exploded! Then, Pussy gave the hover board to Addy. Addy asked, “Can we keep him please? Mom said, “Okay.”

Phonphan, Grade 2 Trail Blazers
**Côte d’Ivoire**

Côte d’Ivoire (coat-deh-vwah) also known as Ivory Coast is a country in the western part of Africa. It is a very nice country with a lot of attractions, like relaxing in the beach, marvel at the lights of Abidjan, watch people dance with stilts on, walk to a waterfall, and taking a hike. They have a lot of natural resources, but according to Africaw they are still one of the poorest country with a 50% of the population under the poverty line.

Only 38.6% of women in Ivory Coast that are above the age of 15 can read or write. About 500,000 people are living with HIV or AIDS with about 400,000 deaths recorded each year.

It also remains the malaria- killing zone in Africa. The malaria continues to kill people there today. Typhoid fever, bacterial and protozoal diarrhoea and other diseases or severe sicknesses threaten to kill people in Ivory Coast today.

Ivory Coast’s forest was West Africa’s largest forest. But due to deforestation and overpopulation, most of the trees have been destroyed. Also, most water in Ivory Coast is polluted because of sewage, agricultural and industrial effluents.

Corruption levels remain high in Côte d’Ivoire. Poor governance, incompetent leadership, mismanagement of funds and much more continue to destroy Côte d’Ivoire.

Despite all the problems in Ivory Coast, I still believe and hope that not all places in Côte d’Ivoire are like this. I hope that there are still places in Côte d’Ivoire where tourists can relax and have fun. Why do I hope for this? Because I like Côte d’Ivoire.

What do you think? Do you know anyway on how to help Ivory Coast?

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

**Canva - An iPad Application**

Canva is one of many applications that we use in school.

Canva is an app and a website where you can design your own poster or anything you want.

How does it benefit us? Well, you can design your own poster when you're in need of a poster or you can learn designing and decorating.

Why do we use it in school? We use it to create a poster for school events as well as our class projects like our hobbies or bullying issues.

You can also make slideshows in Canva. I made slideshows of my classmates and parents for my blog posts.

Canva is not fully free. You can create an account or just log in with your google account or with Facebook. And if you want you can upgrade it because for some icons and pictures, they are not free, you have to buy them.

You can download Canva in IOS or android. You can also download it in iPhone, iPad, Tablet, and smart phones.

You can share it with anyone.

How? Well, make your work then click the public button above to make it public and you can share it with people. Click the share button on top. Type the email address of the person you want to share it with. You can also use link and embed. You can also download your work in your computer.

If you want to use Canva, this is the link: https://www.canva.com Go ahead and try Canva, it’s such a creative app. I am sure you will like it.

Anusha, Grade 6 Explorers

**Coggle - An iPad Application**

How do you make a perfect essay? Having good ideas of course but a pile of ideas jumbled together can’t make a great essay. That’s why you need a mind map.

We use to draw our mind map on paper which sometimes used to be really messy if you were to write essay almost every day like me. Then our teacher introduced to us Coggle.

What is Coggle? Well, Coggle is an online application that allows you to make mind maps and save them on cloud.

To sign up just fill in your email, name, birth date... simple right?

Then login and it is very easy to use after a few minutes of clicking randomly.

But here is how to use it if you don’t want to waste your time.

To create a new mind map click on the “Create Diagram” on the top left of the screen.

Then put in your title.

Drag your cursor on the title box and click on the plus sign. One branch will appear.

To change color, you click on the branch. You can even change the font, size and color of the text.

If you are using an iPad you can even put emoji in it.

This is the 21st century. Almost everything is done in computer now.

There are even applications to make a timeline or design your own avatar.

Check out the link below that will bring you straight to Coggle home page: https://coggle.it/

Van Anh, Grade 6 Explorers
My Dream

When I graduate from high school, I want to go to Julliard. What is Julliard? Julliard is college of music, and I like music a lot, so that’s why I want to go to Julliard!

Ever since my mom mentioned Julliard, I always wanted and dreamed of going there after I graduate high school. But I’m living in another country very far from Julliard, and Julliard is in the U.S. So maybe what I’ll do is go to college someplace else, then go to Julliard. I’m not sure really.

My mom and I even looked up Julliard on the Internet and looked at fees, subjects, and so on. I was actually surprised that for accommodation, single rooms are more expensive than the double rooms. Then my mom told me it makes sense and I thought it through and realized it did make sense. I think I was about 8 when I found out about Julliard. Yeah, I was 8. So I found out about Julliard 3 years ago.

Julliard School is located in the heart of Manhattan’s cultural capital, Lincoln Center for Performing Arts. In this school, there are three major subjects. You have dancing, drama, and music. I am mostly interested in music and dance. So, when I go to Julliard, I want to study both music and dance.

Julliard is all about arts. Well not arts as in painting on an art canvas. It’s about the art of dancing, singing, and drama!

If you would like to find out more about Julliard, go here: [https://www.juilliard.edu](https://www.juilliard.edu)

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

My Afterschool Schedule

RRRIIIINNNGGGG!!!!! School is over! I pick my bag up and head for home. (Sometimes I would have after school activities so I would go home late at 4:00 pm.)

Once I am home, I wash my hands and get something tasty to eat. While I am eating I watch youtube. If I don't want to watch youtube, I would chat with my friends or do something else.

After that I would go take a shower. Ahhh...I feel nice and totally fresh after I take a bath.

Next I would do my homework. If I think there is not much homework and I can do it at night then I would go play. When I come back from playing or when I am done with my homework, I would spend time with my sister, study or do other activities.

Then once dinner is ready I would wash my hands and have the yummy dinner. After, I would read or go outside in the fresh air with my family or who ever is free.

When I come back from outside, I drink a glass of milk and relax, just do something or I would play my piano. When it's too late I brush my teeth and GOOD NIGHT! I sleep....

Anusha, Grade 6 Explorers

Hunger

We learned in our Social Studies class that since the time of river valley civilizations we are capable of producing enough food for everyone to receive adequate nutrition. Then why they say that nearly 1 billion people suffer from hunger every day?

Is it because of

- wars and conflicts that decrease food supplies
- weather and climate change that leaves a dramatic impact on the production of arable land
- increase in deforestation, desertification, soil erosion, drought, and poor agricultural practices
- population growth rate that makes it way difficult to match with food production rate

No matter what the reason is, I think we can take smaller steps to bring a big change to stop world hunger by

- being thoughtful and careful when buying food
- not over serving family and friends when cooking meals
- saving and eating left overs or trying composting, but don't focus on it
- storing food in the right place for it to not stale
- avoiding cluttering food in fridge/freezer
- donating food to poor people

Phakamon, Grade 6 Explorers

Sioux Poem

The Sioux live in many places
They discover many buffalo traces.
They hunt and grow to get food
They are always in the mood.
Their climate is very hot
They like to eat a lot.
They like to eat buffalo meat
I wonder if in games they cheat.
Their house is a tepee or tent
With their horses off they went!

Lalana, Angy, and Robin

Grade 5 Voyagers