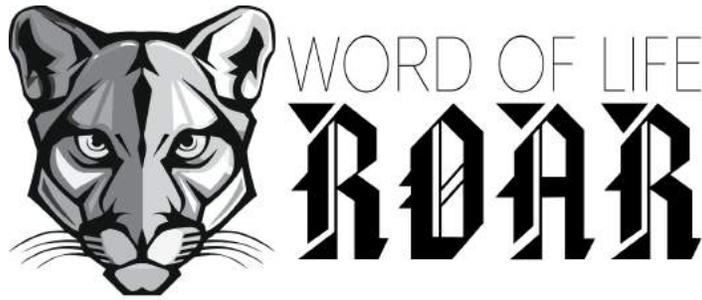


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## Class of the Month: 4th grade

By: Esther H.

Welcome back to school, Cougars! Happy January. This month's Class of the Month is the one and only, Mrs. Hanke's, fourth grade! Mrs. Hanke's role model in life is her father who taught her that laughter makes many things in life better. She said, "He is THE kindest and most generous person I've ever met." Her dad's love for her has helped shape her into the person she is today. Mrs. Hanke



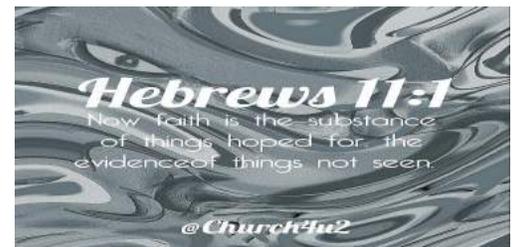
loves investing time in her children and building relationships with them. "My goal is that every student who leaves my classroom will know how much I care about them. I LOVE being a teacher!" says Mrs. Hanke. When she was in school, her teachers cared for her more than her grades. They saw *her*, and she wants to show her students that love, dedication, and care. Mrs. Hanke says, "Me gusta Espanol. Por favor ensename, profesora Thompson." She would love to learn Spanish. Let's give a special shoutout to 4th grade!



## Faith

By: Austin H.

Hello Cougars! I hope you have a good New Year. The theme of the month is faith. Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." This is a really enjoyable verse and has a lot of meaning. In summary, it is saying that you should have faith in God even though you can't physically see Him or hear Him. Even though we might not be able to see Him, we all know He's there watching over us and protecting us in every way. Now going into the month of February, always have faith in God and have a new refreshing month!



## A- team Boys' Basketball

By: Jonny T.



A-team basketball

It's been a tough month for the WOL Cougars. They started 2022 off with a narrow win over Immanuel Olivette. Then, they followed that with a rematch against the combined Salem and Abiding Savior team and lost by a slim margin of 3 points. They played in a home tournament, landing second place after a rally of 4 games in 2 days. They finished the regular season with a tough loss to Grace Chapel. Stay tuned though, because WOL is headed to the city playoffs!

### SCORES

WOL:42	IO:40	<b>W</b>
WOL:32	SALEM-AS:35	<b>L</b>
WOL:24	GC:45	<b>L</b>

### WOL Tournament

WOL:38	COGLS:30	<b>W</b>
WOL: 22	TRIN SPRINGFIELD: 37	<b>L</b>
WOL :42	ST. LOU PATRIOTS: 34	<b>W</b>
WOL: 34	TRIN SPRINGFIELD: 50	<b>L</b>

## Scholar Bowl

By: Zach S.

This year the WOL Scholar Bowl team record was 7-2. It was a great year for the team, but the season is now over. The Scholar Bowl took 1st place in the Consolation bracket in the tournament. We would like to honor the 8th graders who will not be here next year: Zach, Grant, Anna, and Jonny. We will miss them. The team worked well together. We give thanks to the coaches: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Jones, and Pastor Dinger.

### Consolation Championship Score

MWS: 250

WOL: 280

## A-team Girls' Basketball

By: Peighton G.

Hey Cougars! How has life been? The girls' basketball season is almost over. SADNESS. They have been working really hard in basketball. They had a game against Salem Black Jack. They lost 24-45. They have 8th grade recognition on January 25th, which will recognize Vivian and Jeanine. They have been real role models on our team and have been working super hard. We have City Playoffs starting soon and a game against Green Park. See you later, Cougars!

## Cougar Contest

By: Esther H. and Lilly W.

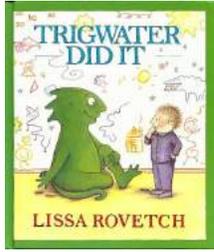


Hello, Cougars! Welcome back from break! Our winners from the December coloring contest were Matthew H. from 7th grade and Brooke from 3rd grade. Congratulations.

For this month, you have two options. You may turn in an entry for a book idea you have by writing a summary or you may draw a cover for your book with the summary. No matter what grade, you can participate. The two most *creative* and *detailed ideas* will win this contest. Have fun, Cougars. Remember to be creative to get the candy reward.

## Elementary Book Review

By: Tina N.



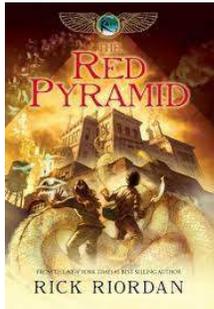
Welcome back from break Cougars! I hope you had a fun Christmas break! This month's elementary book review is *Trigwater Did It* by Lissa Rovetch. This book is about Trigwater causing mischief and getting Arnie in trouble.

The problem is only Arnie can see

Trigwater. Trigwater does mischievous things and Arnie has to take the blame. When the people around Arnie finally have enough of him causing trouble, he is forced to ask Trigwater to leave. Arnie doesn't want Trigwater to leave, so he starts training Trigwater to be a better person. Will Trigwater become a better person or will he be forced to leave? Find out in this book!

## Middle School Book Review

By: Grant M.



This month's book is *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan. This book is the adventure of Sadie and Carter Kane, two siblings whose reality of life and everything has just crashed. When their father unexpectedly disappears while messing with an Ancient Egyptian artifact, they don't know what to think. They seek help from their

Uncle Amos and other people who might know what happened. Read this interesting book to find out more.

## Movie Review

By: Zach S.



Disney's *Encanto* is all about the Family Madrigal, a family with magical gifts who got saved by a miracle. When it is Mirabel's turn to get a gift, she doesn't get one. Several years later, the Family Madrigal was thriving and then the Miracle candle starts to go out. Find

out what happens to Family Madrigal and their powers in Disney's *Encanto*.

## TV Show Review

By: Anna C. and Tina N.



This month's TV show review is on *The Ultimate Spider-Man*. In this animated TV series, Spider-Man is the leader of a S.H.I.E.L.D team consisting of teen heroes. This team includes: Power Man, Iron Fist, White Tiger, and Nova. They fight crime together while learning

important life lessons, such as working as a team.

Many people my (Anna's) age have watched this on Netflix when they were younger. You can now watch it on Disney+. Anna recommends you watch season 1 episode 20. Anyhow, that's it for this month's TV show review. Thanks for reading!

## Restaurant Review

By: John H.

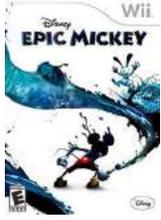
This month I am reviewing Cold Stone Creamery. If you read past articles, you'll know I did Oberweis. This is very similar. I really love the smell you get when you walk in. It's from the waffle cones, since they make their own. There are many unique flavors of ice cream, and many toppings. You can even sample a flavor that you think you may like. It's just like test driving a car before you buy it. My favorite thing to get is Cake Batter with chocolate syrup mixed in, chocolate shavings on top, coated in sprinkles. I give this place an 8/10 (which is pretty good).

This article was brought to you by John. H from the Restaurant Review Corporation.



## Video Game Review

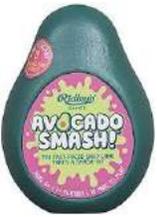
By: Zach S.



*Epic Mickey* is a game full of adventure. You go through films and forgotten places with Mickey Mouse. You must defeat the evil villain Blot and save forgotten people. You will meet forgotten characters of Disney including Oswald the lucky rabbit, Clarabelle the Cow, and Horace the Horse. This game is only available on the Nintendo Wii. Be sure to look for this game on your next Gamestop visit. That's all for this month "Gamers."

## Game of the Month

By: Lilly W.



Hello Word of Life! This month's game review is Avocado Smash. This game is for all ages. In this game, you have a stack of cards and you pass out all the cards to all the players. You go in a clockwise direction from the person who dealt the cards. When people place down the same numbered card you smash your hand on the stack of cards. Whoever is last to hit the deck of cards has to take the cards. There are also reverse, smash, and guacamole cards. This game is very fun and for all ages.

## St. Louis Attractions:

By: Lilly W.



This month's attraction is Steinberg. Steinberg is a place where you can go ice skating. The rink is located in Forest Park. They recently added bumper cars to ice on some days. Steinberg has been around for 95 years! You can rent skates there if you don't have your own for 7 dollars and the admission fee is 8 dollars. They have a concession stand that sells many different kinds of drinks and snacks. Steinberg is a great place to go in this cold winter weather.

## Animal of the Month

By: Anna C. and Anna C.



Hi everyone! The animal of the month is the axolotls. And they don't ask a lot. . . I. There's a pun in here somewhere, I just know it. They are really unique creatures. They come in many colors such as pink, black, brown, and albino. They live about 10-15 years. They are amphibians which means they can live on land and water. They are native to only one place in the world: Lake Xochimilco, southern Mexico City. They're about 6-8 inches and weigh about 2-8 ounces. They are carnivores. They are sadly endangered. Did you know that their top speed is 10mph? Also, they are 1000 times more resistant to cancer than mammals and they can regenerate body parts. Like I said, they are such cool animals. Well, that's it for this month's article. Thanks for reading! And remember to keep smiling like an axolotl.

## Endangered animal of the Month

By: Lily F.



Hello! This month's endangered animal is the Hawksbill Turtle. Sadly, for the past 52 years (since 1970) the Hawksbill Turtle has been on the endangered list and the population is still rapidly decreasing, causing them to be critically endangered. These turtles have been hunted for thousands of years either for food or to make jewelry or trinkets out of their shells. Out of the seven types of turtles, the Hawksbill turtle is considered to be the most endangered with only 8,000 nesting females left in the entire world. They are known as travelers and have been seen nesting on deserted islands in the West Atlantic and Indo-Pacific oceans but many of their habitats are being destroyed either naturally or by pollution. It is now illegal to hunt for the Hawksbill Turtle and many organizations are working to make sure people aren't fishing near their habitats or accidentally catching them in fishing nets.

# Preschool News

By: Grant M.

Hello Cougars, this month we will mainly be featuring Mrs. Bolling's class. This month they learned about winter-related topics, especially since we finally got some snow. They learned about how animals act in the winter and how bears hibernate. They also studied (you guessed it), Snow! They learned about how all snowflakes are made different and special, just like us! They used skills they learned throughout this year to make bears, penguins, and even snowmen!



Oliver and Owen decorating snowmen.

In Mrs. Pierce's class, they also learned about winter, snow, and all of the changes this time of year.



Ryder decorating a scene for his snowman.

Mrs. Maxfield's class also learned about winter, and learned about construction.



Junior and Liam learning about different construction tools

# Cougar Survey

By: Grant M. and Jonny T.

Hello, Cougars! This month we asked you the question, "What is your favorite season?" The overwhelming majority of you voted for Summer, making it the winner with 67. Second place goes to it's polar opposite, Winter, with 39 votes. Third place was given to Fall with 24 votes, and Spring lost with only 16. Stay tuned for next month, and stay faithful!

What is your favorite season?



# Fun Facts

By: John H. and Jonny T.

Three presidents, all Founding Fathers—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe—died on July 4.

The original name idea for Google, the search engine, was Backrub. It was changed to Google after the number googol, symbolizing the amount of results it had.



It is illegal to stand within 90 meters of the Queen without socks on.



Over 480 Million people have played the game "Monopoly".

An average yawn lasts about 6 seconds.

# Guess the Celebrity

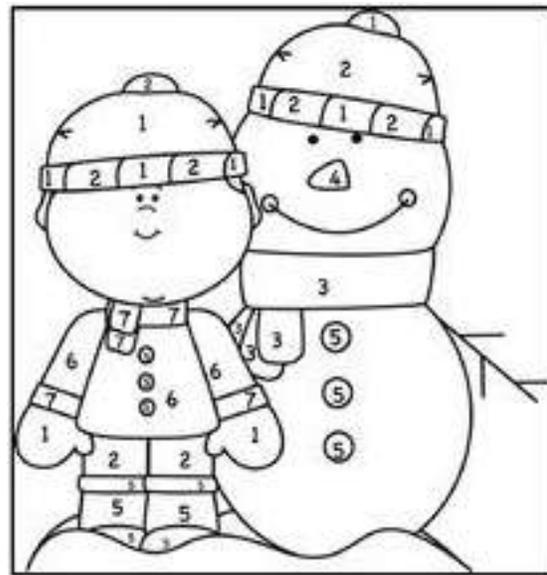
By: Peighton G. and Vivian K.

Last month's celebrity was Kevin Hart.



Some hints for this month's celebrity are:

- Some lyrics for one of her songs is, "This one is for the boys with the booming system Top down, AC with the cooler system."
- She is 39 years old.
- She has one son.

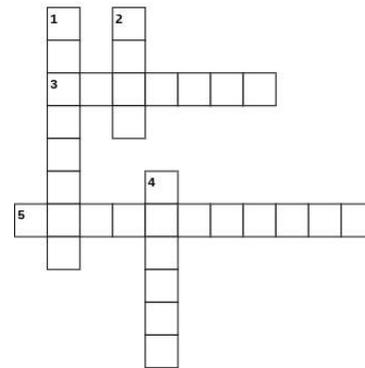
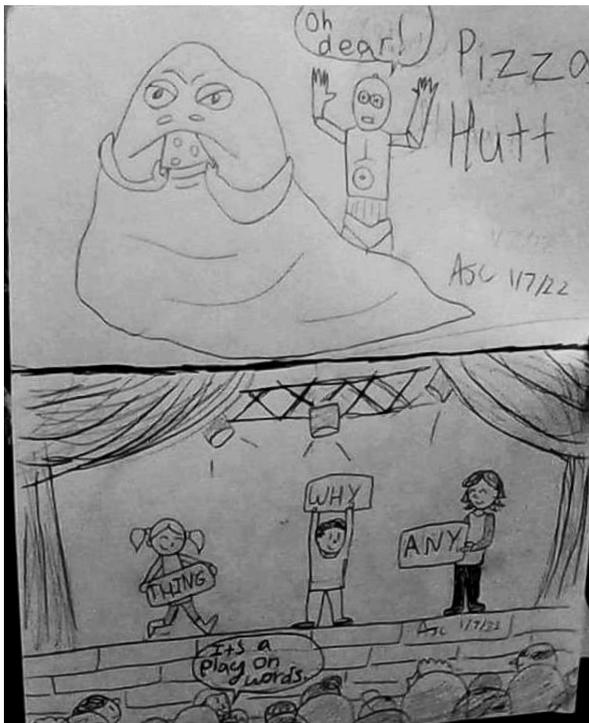


**Color by Code:**

1 - red	5 - black
2 - blue	6 - yellow
3 - purple	7 - green
4 - orange	

## Kids activities:

By: Anna C.



**Across**

3. When kids stay home from school due to the weather  
 5. This drops when it gets cold

**Down**

1. the 8th grade teacher  
 2. a type of precipitation commonly found in Winter  
 4. a writing utensil that sort of rhymes with utensil

Birthdays

- Chloe J. 1/2  
 Deepsyash G. 1/2  
 Grant M. 1/2  
 Blake P. 1/7  
 Andrew C. 1/9  
 Ethan R. 1/10  
 Ryan R. 1/10  
 Ava M. 1/13

- Samuel P. 1/28  
 Shyla S. 1/29  
 Kyan S. 1/29  
 Ezra M. 1/29  
 Esther H. 1/30

Baptism birthdays

- Desmond D. 1/1  
 Caylin S 1/2

- Kai D. 1/5  
 Anna C 1/13

**Betty bought  
 butter but the  
 butter was bitter,  
 so Betty bought  
 better butter to  
 make the bitter  
 butter better.**