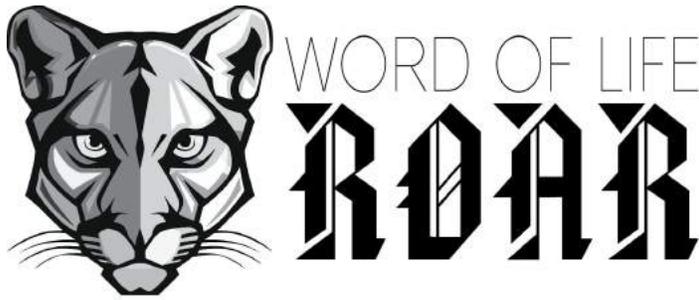


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Class of the Month: 3rd Grade

By: Jeanine D. and Sara D.

Hello Cougars! This month's class of the month is third grade! Now let me tell you some things about this class. Their favorite field trips they have gone on were the Butterfly House and Health Works. They also love their teacher, Mrs. Thompson, because she is funny and she is obsessed with the name "Bob". The third graders are looking forward to learning cursive, Faith in Action Day, and the Christmas Party! Their favorite things to do with their class are parties and American Girl Friendship Club at lunch.



3rd grade class on the playground



About their teacher: Mrs. Thompson

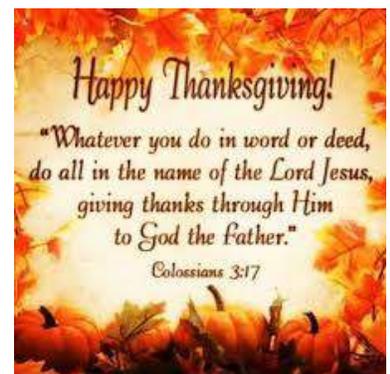
- ★ Her favorite color is blue.
- ★ Her favorite candy is dark chocolate.
- ★ Her favorite snack is fresh fruit.
- ★ Her hobbies are reading, acting, and playing the guitar.
- ★ She is from San Antonio, TX.

Stay tuned for next month's class of the month!

Happy Thanksgiving

By Naibishina F.

Our theme bible verse of the month is Colossians 3:17, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." This bible verse means to give thanks to the Lord no matter what you do. Be thankful for friends and family because they are always there for you. Be thankful to God for the sunshine, sky, and the earth. Always be thankful for what you have. What does this verse mean to you?



The History Behind Voting

By: Jeanine D. and Candace D.

From shouting candidates' names, to fighting for voting rights, the nature of voting has had a long, sometimes bumpy, history in the United States.

The history behind voting goes back centuries, starting in 1790. Unjust laws and environment sufferings made the Americans realize that they needed a leader. They established the Electoral College- a process by which the president of the United States was chosen by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress. As states joined the union, they created their own state constitutions, outlining who was allowed to vote. Eligible voters were mostly caucasian men who owned property. A small number of black men were allowed to vote, but no women either black or white were able to.

This seems unfair, right? Well soon, all this changed. The 15th Amendment that refers to the U.S. Constitution eliminated racial barriers to voting. However, many states continued practicing voter discrimination. This made lots of people angry and riots began. With all of this violence happening, people did not want to sit around and do nothing. The electors from all the cities came together and had a meeting to discuss who they would run for- the Democrats or the Republicans. After all the states had voted for who they thought should be the president, the government counted up all of the votes to see if one candidate had reached 270 votes. If they did, they would win the election and be our country's new leader. This is still how the election process is run.

Roos, Dave. "How Americans Have Voted Through History: From Voices to Screens." History.com, A&E Television Networks, 13 Apr. 2020,

www.history.com/news/voting-elections-ballots-electronic.

Preschool News

By: Grant M.

Hello cougars, for this month's article we are mainly featuring Mrs. Pierce's class! Her class did many things involving turkeys. They learned about the first Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. Just like the rest of us, they are going to have a harvest party before they leave for thanksgiving break and everyone will bring their favorite treat to eat during the party.



Mrs. Pierce's Wednesday group posing with their turkey hats.

Mrs. Maxfield's class learned about what it means to be an American citizen and about Thanksgiving.



Mrs. Maxfield's Monday group playing in leaves.

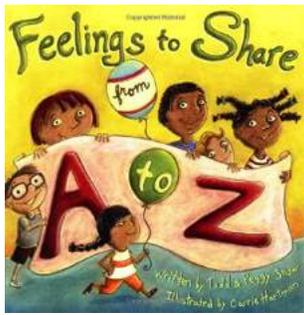
Mrs. Bolling's class did lots of cool turkey activities making them out of paper and cups.



Liam Wooden making a turkey out of paper.

Elementary Book Review

By: Sara D. and Tina N.

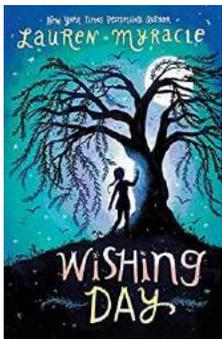


This month's elementary book review is *Feelings to Share from A to Z* by Todd and Peggy Snow and illustrated by Carrie Hartman. This book is about the feelings you might feel and how you might express them. You can learn 26 fantastic words to describe

your mood. There are colorful pictures to go along with the words. Read this book and share your feelings with us!

Middle School Book Review

By: Anna C.



If you could have three wishes granted, what would they be? Well, in the town of Willow Hill every girl on the third night of the third month of her thirteenth birthday makes three wishes. The first wish is an impossible wish, the second wish she can make possible herself, and the

third wish is the deepest wish of her secret heart. Nashta just turned thirteen and wished her three wishes, but she has no idea how they will come true. What she gets is totally unexpected. Read *Wishing Day* by Lauren Myrace to find out what happens next. You can find this book in Mrs. Maxfield's library.

Youtuber review

By: John H.

Educational Youtuber: Mark Rober

Mark Rober is a science youtuber who does crazy things related to science stuff. He sets world records and has a lot of fun. I would recommend it!

Movie Review

By: Tina N. and Zach S



Hey Cougars! This month's movie review is *Trolls: World Tour*. This movie is about Queen Barb, the queen of the hard rock trolls, who is trying to take over the other musical trolls including the Country Trolls, Techno Trolls, Classical Trolls, and more! Queen Barb is trying to get all of the other trolls to turn to hard rock.

Our beloved trolls from the last movie Queen Poppy and Branch are trying to stop Queen Barb before she takes over all of the trolls. Will Queen Poppy and the Trolls save the day? Watch the happiest movie ever to find out!

TV Show review

By: Tina N. and Anna C.



Hey Cougars! This month's TV show review is *Wild Kratts!* *Wild Kratts* is about two brothers, Chris and Martin Kratt, and their friends saving different animals from extinction. You may have heard of Chris and Martin before because they are real people in other shows like *Zoboomafoo* and *Kratts' Creatures*.

This is where I (Anna) learned that if a spider's web is as thick as a pencil it could stop a jet. You might also see a Kratt brother in the celebrity look alike! You can watch *Wild Kratts* on PBS, Pluto TV, Amazon Prime, and more. Have fun watching this educational show with your family, or by yourself so you don't have to share the snacks!

Cougar Contest

By: Sara D. and Nabi F.

For this month's coloring contest we are going to be coloring a turkey for Thanksgiving. To participate, all you have to do is color the sheet, write your name and grade, and turn it in to your teacher. If you win, you will earn a dress down pass and a sweet treat! You can find the coloring sheet on the last page. Please turn in your coloring sheet by December 4.

St Louis Attractions

By: Candace D.



How often do you go to the Library? Once a week? Once a month? Never? It's ok, I feel you, sometimes we don't have time. Do you know about some of the programs that the Saint Louis Public Library offers? Well you are in luck if you don't know because I'm going to tell you. They have tons of activities for adults and children, and even a program for Teens called Teen Lounge.

They added two more great things to their program that will help the online schoolers get their work done. They added Wifi for people who don't have it, and you can borrow a computer/tablet also. These two little things helped the community so much in this crisis. For adults, they have a book club that you can do online, or you can come in and read. For children, they have a VR reading experience or just a VR game, don't worry they clean it after you finish. The public libraries are not just for books, it's a new enchanting world of electronics, books, new programs you can explore, and even coding. The best thing about it, you can sign up for free! Visit Saint Louis Public libraries located around the city.



WoW World Records

By: Zach S. And Jon T.

The most expensive car sold is the 1963 Ferrari 250 GTO (4153 GT) racer, selling for \$70,000,000 (£52,730,800; €60,297,800), purchased by David MacNeil (US) in May 2018.



The longest plank ever recorded is 8 hours, 1 minute and 1 second



"Home." GuinnessWorldRecords, www.guinnessworldrecords.com/.

Restaurant Review

By: John H.

Panera is an American Bakery/Cafe that serves anything you can think of that is brunch related, for example they have pastries, soup, sandwiches, pizza, and salads. I would recommend the new flatbread pizza. It is really good.



Animal of the Month: The Peregrine Falcon

By: Jonathan T.



The *Falco perigus*, a.k.a the Peregrine falcon, is a bird of prey, meaning it eats meat. It generally feasts on birds such as pigeons, but will also eat small mammals and insects. The Peregrine falcon generally lays 2-5 eggs, and rarely 6. The mother incubates the eggs for 32-35 days, and the babies' first flight comes around 39-49 days after hatching.

They are generally quiet birds, but according to audubon.org, they have a "Rasping kack-kack-kack-kack, usually heard at nest." To hunt, they fly high and dive, knocking their prey out of the air (if hunting a bird).

The Peregrine's dive is pretty speedy. According to a Google search, the peregrine can reach 240 mph. Not only is the peregrine the fastest bird in the world, it is the fastest of any known animal in the world.

This bird's habitat can be found in a wide variety of places, such as the tundra or the desert. They also can be found in the cities when space runs out elsewhere.

For more information, go to <https://youtube/F0ZypEli0IM>.

Google Search, Google,
www.google.com/search?q=peregrine+falcon+speed.

"Peregrine Falcon." Audubon, 24 Dec. 2019,
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Celebrity Look-Alikes

By: Sara D., and Tina N.



Martin Kratt (Wild Kratts)



Zach S. (7th grader)

Our celebrity look alike is Zach S. and Martin Kratt from *Wild Kratts*. They have the same blue eyes and blond hair that makes them look almost identical. What do you guys think?



Robert Downey Jr.



Mr. Maichel

Our second celebrity look alike is our favorite music teacher, Mr. Maichel, and the beloved *Marvel* hero, Tony Stark. They both have brown hair and similar facial hair. They might as well be twins! We think they look pretty alike. What do you guys think?

Pro Sports News

By: Anna C.

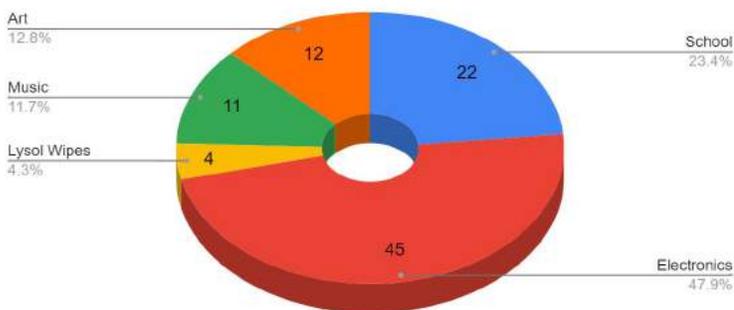
Many Chiefs fans will be happy to know that as of November 10th, the Kansas City Chiefs are first in the AFC West. They have **8 wins and 1 loss!!** In the AFC East, the Bills are leading with 7 wins and 2 losses. In the AFC North, the Pittsburgh Steelers also have 8 wins and 0 losses. In the AFC South the Indianapolis Colts are leading with 6 wins and 2 losses.

Cougar Survey

By: Sara D. and Grant M.

For this month's survey we asked you all what item you are most thankful for, since Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The choices were school, electronics, lysol wipes, art, and music. Electronics won unsurprisingly by 23 votes! Stay tuned for the next survey, and stay thankful!

What are you most thankful for?



Fun, interesting FACTS!

By: Jon T.

Banging your head against a wall for one hour burns 150 calories.



The oldest "your mom" joke was discovered on a 3,500 year old Babylonian tablet.



Alex Daniel March 15, 2018. "150 Facts That Will Make You Say Wow!" *Best Life*, 16 July 2019, bestlifeonline.com/wow-facts/.

"200 Fun Facts That'll Actually Make Your Life Better." *The Fact Site*, 30 Sept. 2020, www.thefactsite.com/top-100-random-funny-facts/.

Kids activities: Word Search

By: Zach S.

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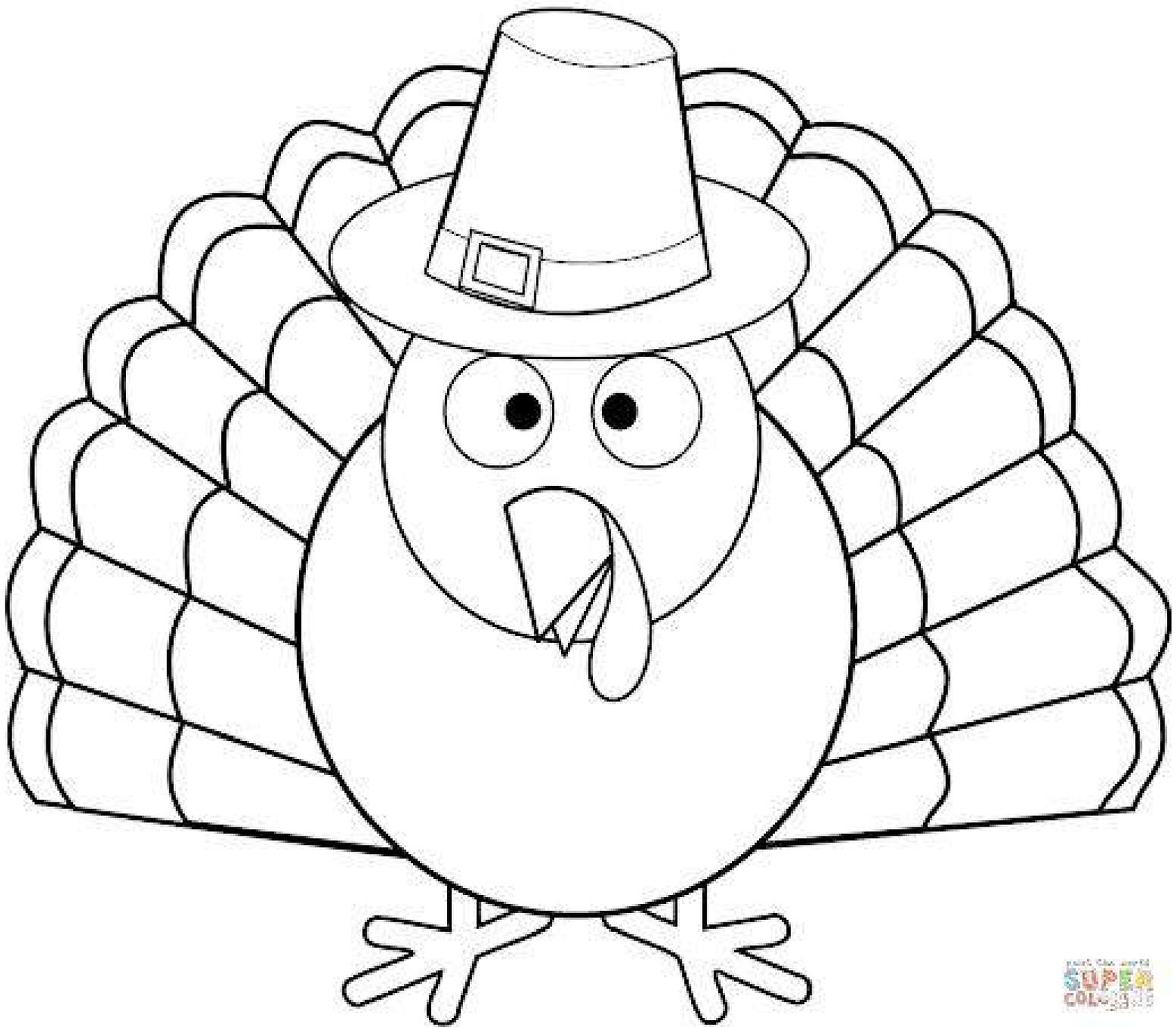
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Desmond D. 11/2
Samuel G. 11/6
Abigale B 11/13
Dehyor 11/19
Clara H. 11/20

Saylor L. 11/20
Austin H. 11/22
John H. 11/28
James M. 11/28
John B. 11/29

Baptismal birthdays

Robbie M. 11/2
Aden W. 11/5
Miyanda K. 11/17
Lincoln D. 11/20
Lincoln B. 11/27
Johanna R. 11/29



Name: _____

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