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the Cougar Contest
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Class of the Month: 7th grade

By: Jeanine D. and Sara D.



Hello Cougars! This month's Class of the Month is the 7th grade. Their favorite trip they've gone on in previous years is 6th grade camp. Two things they like about their teacher is that she hands out candy during independent work time and that she tells them stories. Some things they look forward to is summer break and their Constitution party. Eating in class is their favorite thing to do together. What do you like to do as a class?



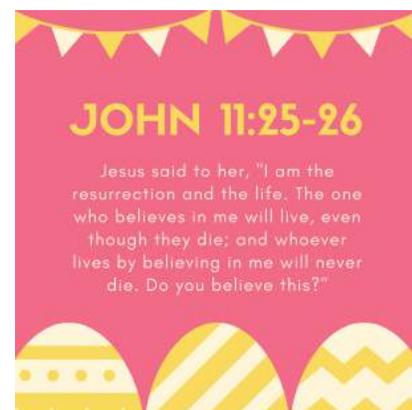
About the teacher: **Mrs. Jones**

- ❖ Her favorite color is green.
- ❖ Her favorite snack is Lays potato chips.
- ❖ She likes to hike and read.
- ❖ She is from Wildwood, Missouri.
- ❖ Her favorite song is the "Mrs. Jones Song".

Don't Worry

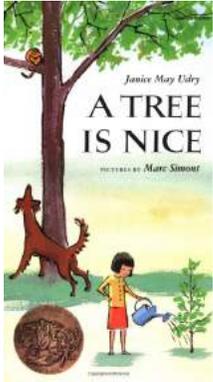
By: Candace D. and Naibishina F.

This month's bible verse comes from John 11:25-26 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'" This is saying that if you believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life you will be saved. Believe that He died on the cross for you. What does this verse mean to you?



Elementary Book Review

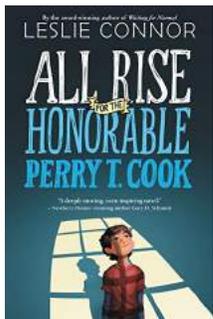
By: Sara D. and Tina N.



This month's elementary book is *A Tree is Nice* by Janice May Udry and illustrated by Marc Simont. This book is about the beauty of trees and how trees are super nice! It tells you about all the things you can do with trees. This book has amazing illustrations that help you picture all of the exciting things about trees. It will make you appreciate trees even more than you did before. Also, the book encourages us to plant more and help our environment. Not only do trees give you oxygen, they give you many more things like shade and happiness. Overall, this is a great book that can teach you so many things and celebrates Earth Day, which is on April 22!

Middle School Book Review

By: Anna C.



The book, *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*, by Leslie Connor, is about a boy named Perry whose mom raised him in prison. The prisoners, or residents, become family to him, but some people assume it is an awful place and a terrifying place to raise a child. When the district attorney assumes this, it spells trouble for Perry and his mom. Read *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* to find out what happens next.

Movie Review

By: Tina N.



Hey Cougars! This month's movie review is *Hannah Montana: The Movie*. This movie is about Miley Stewart who is also secretly Hannah Montana! At the beginning of the movie, Miley is struggling to juggle her life as Hannah and Miley. After a Hannah Montana concert, a reporter sneaks into Hannah's tent and finds out that Hannah has a secret. The reporter sneaks into Miley's best friend Lily's birthday party and finds out where Hannah is from. Miley's dad, Robby, is upset with Miley since she prioritizes her life as Hannah over her friends and family. Robby allows Miley's manager to get her a private plane to an awards show, but Robby takes Miley back to where they are from, Crowley Corners, Tennessee. She goes there so that they can celebrate her grandma's birthday. This movie has magical songs that will make you get out of your seat and dance! I suggest watching this movie after season 3 episode 13 of [Hannah Montana](#) (the series).

Restaurant Review

By: John H. and Zach S.

[Noodles & Company](#)

Hello again, and welcome back to restaurant review! This month, we will be doing Noodles & Company. Noodles has, you guessed it, Noodles! They have a variety of choices from Mac n' Cheese to Zoodles (zucchini noodles). My favorite (John) is the classic Mac n' Cheese. That's it for this month, bye!

Preschool News

By: Grant M.

For this month, we are mainly featuring one class, Mrs. Bolling's class! One main thing that all of the classes focused on was Easter and Spring. They used different things to tell the Easter story like using jelly beans and watercolors. Then they learned about rain and different things that happen around this time of year. They spoke of the water cycle and made their own water cycles to help them remember.



Timmy Marshal graphing with jelly beans.

In Mrs. Maxfield's class, they also did many Easter related activities.



Pierce and Michael connecting Easter eggs.

In Mrs. Pierce's class, they painted butterflies and also did Easter activities.



Jasmine showing off her butterfly.

TV Show review

By: Anna C. and Tina N.



This month's TV show is *The Falcon and The Winter Soldier*. This brand new miniseries is about Bucky Barnes (The Winter Soldier) and Sam Wilson (The Falcon). Ever since the Blip, things in the world have gone away. Sam and Bucky team up to

stop a terrorist organization called the Flag Smashers. They join together because they can trust each other. The two are eager to complete the mission because they have a frenemy type of relationship. Both have their own problems. Bucky is still haunted by his past as a Hydra experiment and the people he has killed. Sam is having trouble living up to Captain America's legacy, and trying to help his sister's business. There is some violence, so this show is probably best for middle schoolers. There are five episodes currently, but by the time you read this all of the episodes will be out and ready to watch on Disney+. So pop your popcorn and get ready to binge, but not before asking your parents' permission to watch this!

Game Review

By: Zach S.



Welcome "Gamers". This month's game review we will be combining two of your favourite articles, Youtuber review by John H. and Game Review by Zach. S! We hope you enjoy it! Rated at E10+, Roblox is a free multiplayer

gaming hub with millions of games and developers (including myself, John) and players! There are also many Roblox Youtubers, including myself (John)! You can also join other people's groups. That is all for this month "Gamers".

Cougar Contest

By: Sara D. and Nabi F.

This month's coloring contest is a bunny and egg! Color this creatively. Turn this into your teacher by May 6th. Winners will receive a sweet treat and a dress down pass. Have fun!

Animal of the Month: Fairy Penguin

By: Jonathan T.



The Fairy Penguin, also known as the Little Penguin, Blue Penguin, Little Blue Penguin, and more, is the smallest known species of penguin in the world! These little birds are 13 - 15 inches tall and weigh 3.2 - 3.4 pounds. With a wingspan of 11 - 14 inches, they live 5 - 7 years.

Male Fairies are larger and heavier than the females. Both males and females however, have blue or gray on their back and the outside of their wings and white on their bellies. They have a black bill with a hook downwards at the tip and the bill is generally shorter. Little Penguins may be the smallest penguin, but their voice is just the opposite. They can be very loud and can use multiple different sounds. According to TheSpruce.com, "The smallest of the penguin species has the loudest voice and biggest vocabulary, with a variety of brays, barks, croons, grunts, and beeps in their repertoire."

Surprisingly, these are nocturnal birds, meaning they are awake at night and sleep during the day. As almost all penguins do, they live and dive in groups. As smaller penguins, their dives are 60 feet. However, they have been seen diving 100 feet. If you ever get the chance to go to their habitat in Antarctica, see if you can witness one of their "nightly parades". If you can't, you can find them in various zoos around the world.

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Celebrity Look-Alikes

By: Sara D. and Tina N.



Rapunzel (Mandy Moore)



Bellamy L. (WOL 4th grader)

This month's celebrity look alike is Bellamy L. and Rapunzel! They both have short brown hair and big eyes. We think they look alike, what about you?

St. Louis Attraction: Myseum

By: Candace D.



The Myseum is a place to go let yourself be free! They have tons of exhibits like; Zoo Vet Clinic, a Glow shape room, Dino Dig, and a Seaweed Swamp. Don't worry, it's not an actual swamp with water. It's actually a play place with pool noodles hanging on the ceiling and multiple obstacles to get through. The admission for 2-17 year olds is \$10.95, 18-59 is \$5.95 plus tax. Don't forget your socks! Have fun!

The History Behind April Fool's Day

By: Candace D. and Jeanine D.



If you celebrate April Fool's Day, you probably have a lot of tricks up your sleeve. But do you know the *real* history behind April Fool's Day? If you don't, then hop into this article!

April Fool's Day is celebrated on the 1st of April every single year, although some people celebrate it all April. Most people have a list of pranks to do that day, but some don't celebrate it. On April 1st, 1700, a English prankster analyzed this day to play practical jokes on each other. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In conclusion, April Fool's Day is a day to go around and be crazy. Whenever you decide to play a prank on someone, remember what we just talked about okay? You can do pranks, but make sure it's safe and fun also! What tricks do you have up your sleeve?

Fun Facts

By: Jon T.

GEOGRAPHY GOOF UPS!

These are common mistakes most people get wrong about the borders, sizes, distances, and more about the world's geography.

What do you think is the easternmost state of the US? Most people would say Maine, but that is wrong! Technically, part of Alaska is in the Eastern hemisphere making it farther east than Maine.



What Country is London in? Some would say England, the UK, the United Kingdom, or Great Britain. You would probably accept any of these answers. However, three of these are correct while the other is incorrect. While London is in all 4, the United Kingdom, UK, or England are terms for the country. Great Britain is simply the island it's located on.



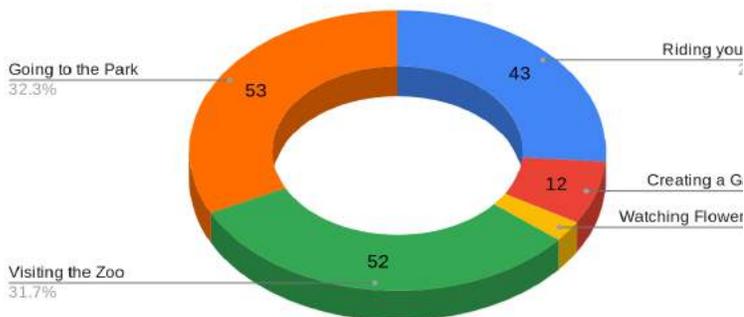
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Cougar Survey

By: Sara D. and Grant M.

Hello Cougars! This month's survey question was, "What is your favorite Springtime Activity?" Your choices were riding your bike, creating a garden, watching flowers grow, going to the zoo, and going to the park. The winner was going to the park with a total of 53 points. In second place was going to the zoo with 52 votes. In last place was watching the flowers grow and yes Grant voted for that, it had 4 votes.

What is Your Favorite Springtime activity?



Birthdays

- Emery O. 4/1
- Michael S. 4/2
- Lincoln H. 4/7
- Lilly W. 4/8
- Malidaya J. 4/9
- Grady D. 4/9
- Kidus C. 4/12
- Alaya G. 4/14
- Wesley E. 4/15
- Ivan A. 4/16
- Tina N. 4/22
- Naibishina F. 4/27
- Edward P. 4/29
- Ramsey G. 4/29
- Olivia P. 4/29

Baptismal birthdays

- Annette C. 4/5
- James Mo. 4/7
- Liam L. 4/8
- Noah M. 4/11

World Records

By: Zach S. And Jon T.

Richard Petty's Records

Richard Petty, a former NASCAR driver, holds multiple NASCAR records. He has won the most races (200), had the most pole starts (123), most wins in a season (27), most consecutive wins (10), most starts (1185) and most championships (7).



Fastest Jet Powered Fire Truck

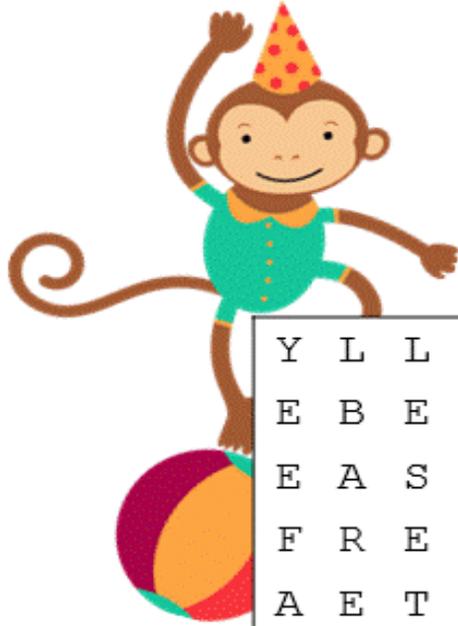
This record was broken by Shannen Seydel. The fire truck went about 407 mph.



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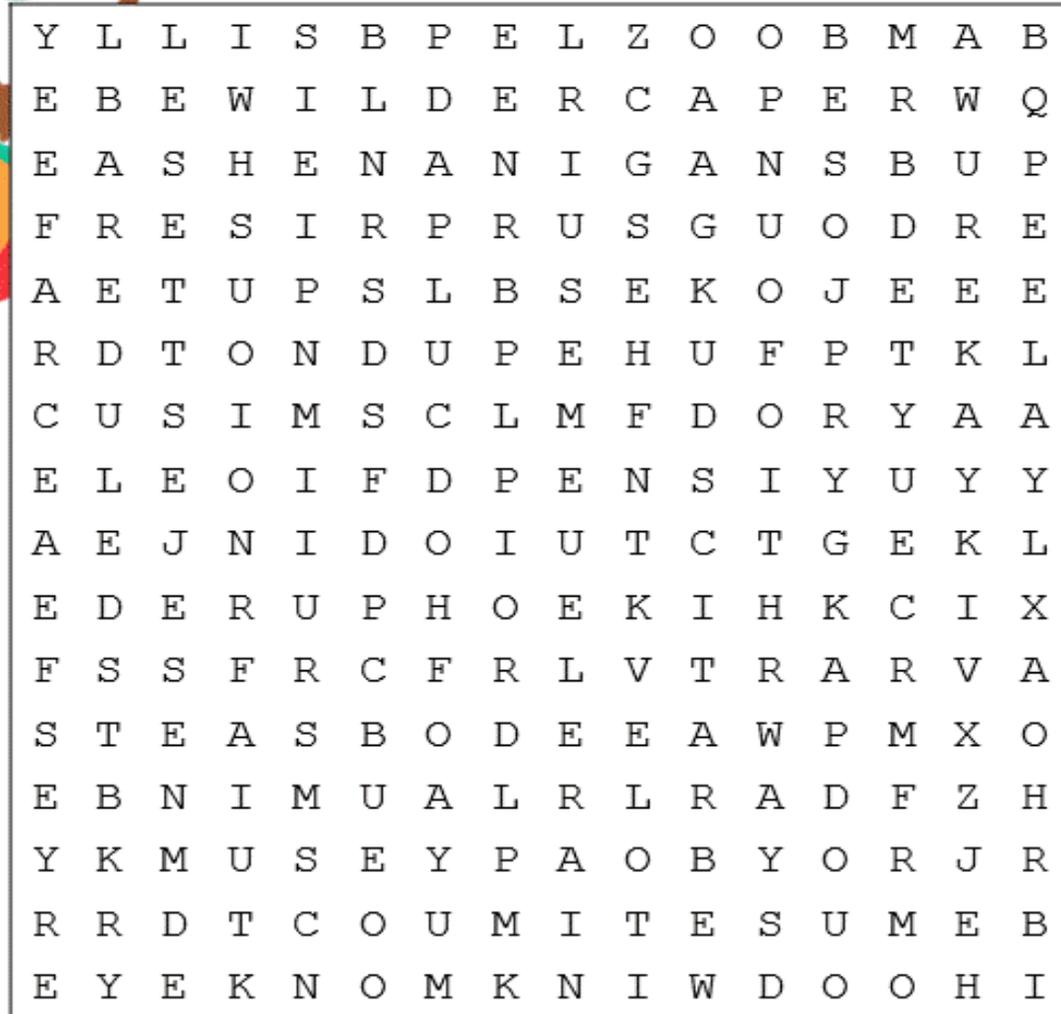
Kids activities: Word Search

By: Zach S.



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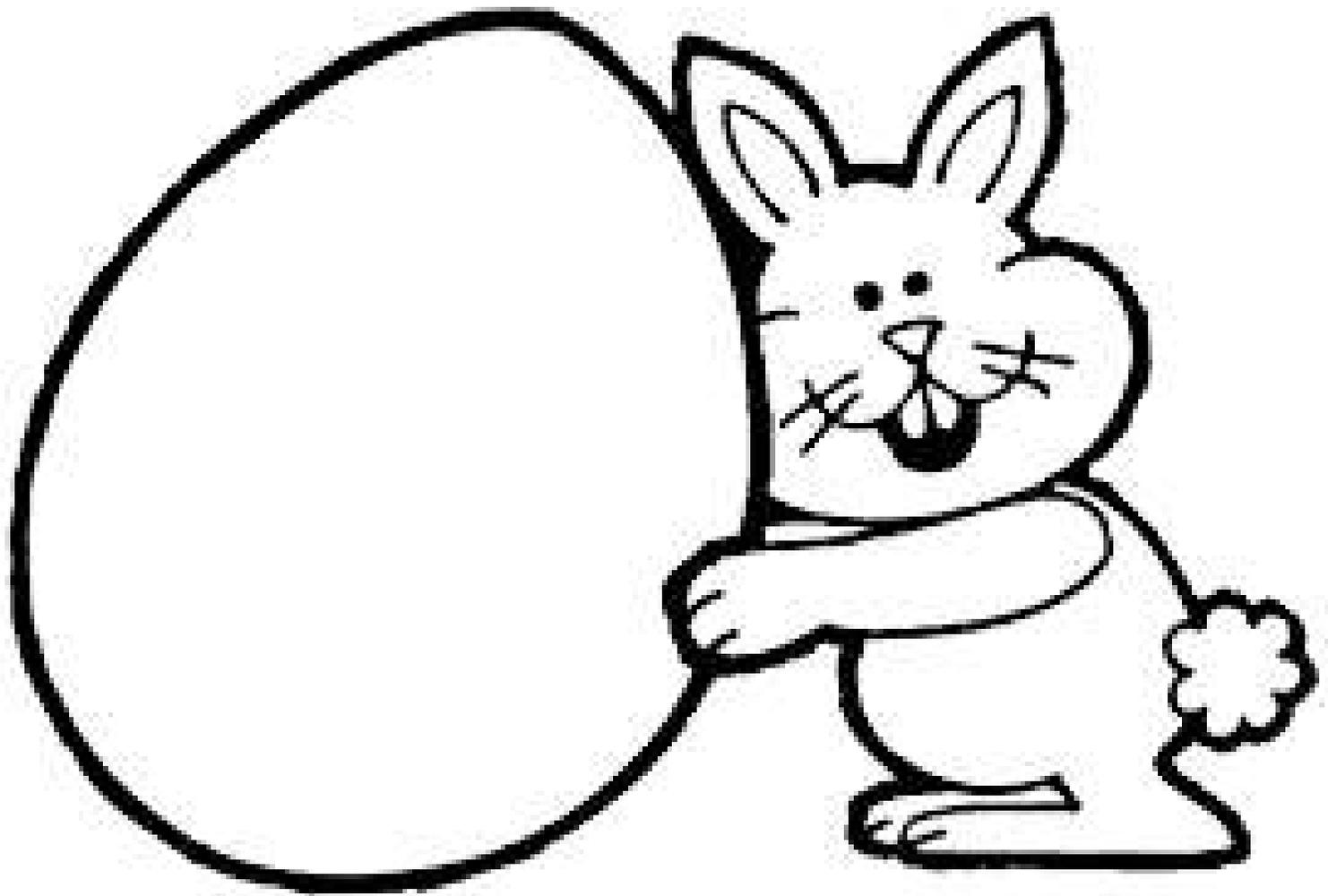
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SILLY
SURPRISE
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TRICK
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April Coloring Contest

Name: _____

Grade: _____