

# Palos West Press

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## Read-A-Thon!

By: Amit

Thanks for participating in the Read-A-Thon!!! Congrats to everybody that participated in the school's READ-A-THON!!!

Thanks to the entire school district, we crossed over 250,000 minutes read!!!

Also, we are very thankful to you guys because you raised so much money for our school!!!

I hope lots of people had fun reading so many books and learning so many things! Also, you may have gotten raffle tickets, too. I know I have!!!

Thanks to everyone in the school district, and good luck in the raffle!!!



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## A Tangle of Knots Book Review

By: Nayan

A Tangle of Knots is about a girl who lives in a world where everyone has a special talent. In this world, a girl named Cady has a talent where she look at someone and knows their perfect cake. She is also very good at baking. In this place, she lives in fear of losing her talent. At the end of the book, Cady's talent splits into four with her friend and they all love baking.

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## What Happened Play

By: Nora

### Characters

Izzy

Ivy

Mom

Narrator



Mom: Hey! What happened to my vase?!

Mom: I know who to call! Girls I need help from *What Happened*!

Izzy: Yeah mom? Ivy: What happened?

Mom: My vase! It fell and is in a million pieces. Can I have you as my detectives?

Ivy: 1 sec. mom. Ivy: Hi we're What Happened, were twins, and 10 years old. We're neighborhood detectives.

Izzy: Yeah, we've been detectives for 3 ½ years now and we have made over 400 dollars. We are saving up to buy a dog!

Ivy: Yeah I really want a puppy

Ivy: Well we should get back to work.

Izzy: Yeah we have a case to crack!! Ivy: Ok mom, we'll solve your case.

Mom: Thank you! I know you can do it! Ivy: We won't let you down!

Izzy: Yeah we will solve the case! Ivy: Ok first things first, let's look for mud, fingerprints, and stuff like that.

Narrator : The girls looked for clues around the house then they found..

Izzy: Footprints there! Animal prints!

Ivy: It must have been...

Ivy & Izzy: Rolo! He must have knocked the table which made the vase fall. Lets' tell mom!

Ivy: Mom!!!! Rolo did it! Mom: Thank you for finding out. How would are sweet pup Rolo do it?

Izzy: He hit the table that knocked the vase! Mom: Thank you for all your help! Here's 20 dollars.

Narrator: So by the end, they got enough money for a puppy and all of the supplies.

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## Spring Activities

By: Savannah

Some activities you can do over spring break is when you are outside you can build a lemonade stand. Some of the supplies you need to make a lemonade stand are a table, table cloth, sign, lemons, sugar, water, cups, ice, money box, and a chair for you to sit on. Now you have a lemonade stand! You can also even make a craft like a clover and in sharpie you can write 1 thing in each clove about yourself.



## 11 Birthdays Book Review

By: Sarah

I love the 11 Birthdays because the plot is like nothing I've ever read before.

There's a girl named Amanda and she's turning 11. She and her ex-best friend, Leo, were born on the same day. They celebrated every birthday together. But on their tenth birthday, they got into a huge fight and hadn't spoken since then. So, on their eleventh birthday, they have their first separate parties. At the end of her party, Amanda is exhausted and is glad it was over. Except the next day, it's her birthday all over again! To make things worse, she and Leo are the only ones who realize it.

Here's what Evelyn said about 11 Birthdays. "11 Birthdays is my favorite book. I love it so far. It's very exciting."

I suggest reading this amazing book. I hope you too, find this book one of your favorites. If you do like it, make sure to read all 5 books of the series.

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# CHICK CHAT

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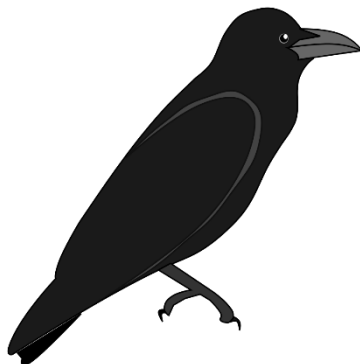
## DAISY AND VIOLET THE FLOWERS BY: LILY



Once upon a time there lived two flowers named Daisy and Violet. One day they decided to go on a walk. They stopped when they heard a strange noise and when they looked up they saw a crow. The crow asked to join them on the walk. The two flowers agreed he could. After the walk Violet asked the crow if he wanted to go home with them. He said yes, so they partied the rest of the night together.

During the party Daisy asked the crow his name. He answered with the name "Blacky". The next morning the flowers and the crow went to the crow's home. Blacky showed Daisy and Violet his parents and his siblings.

A few weeks after that they went on an adventure to a rainbow forest. They had a good time going on more adventures. The flowers and crow were so glad they all met. After all that the flowers and the crow lived happily ever after.





# CHICK CHAT

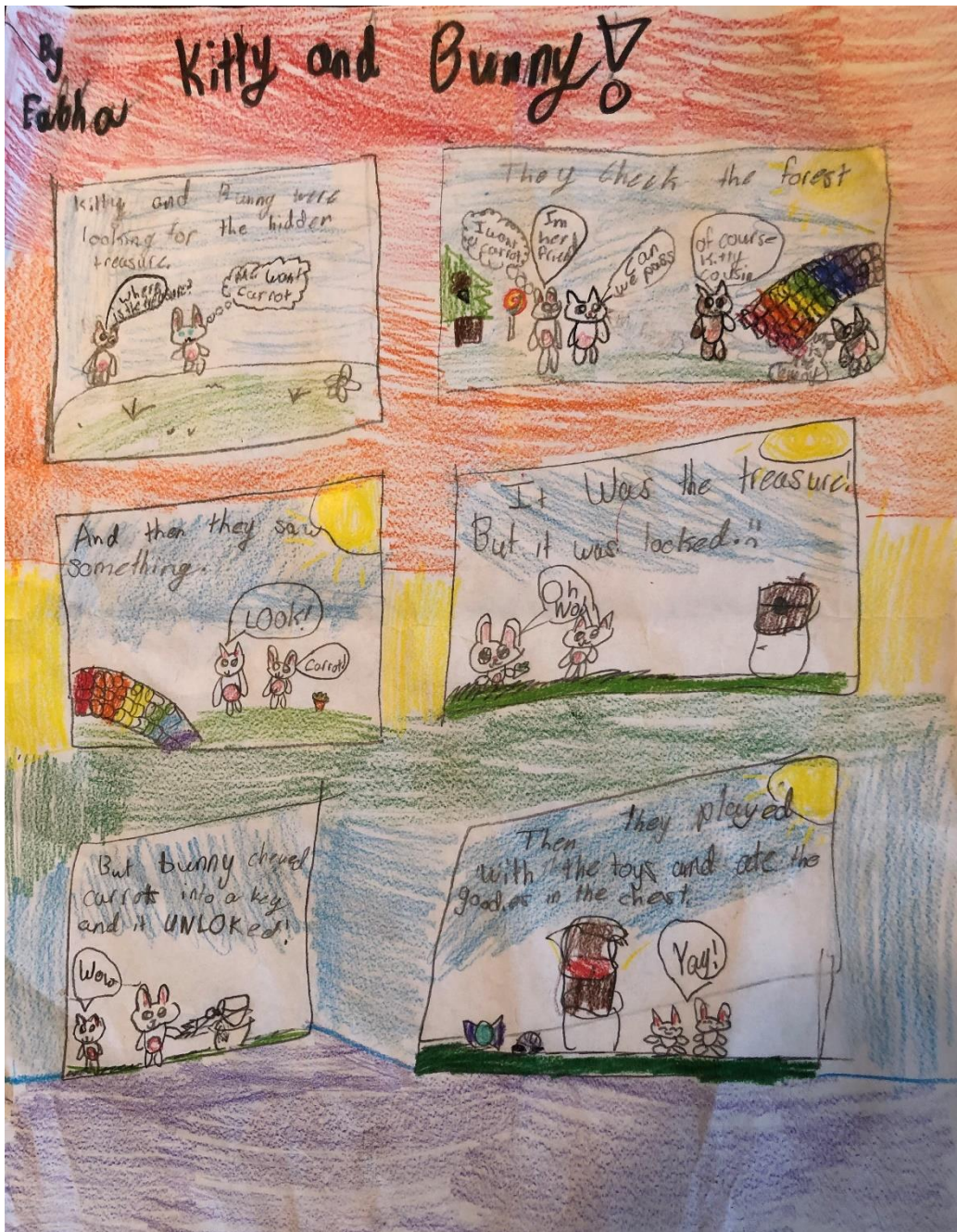
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## KITTY AND BUNNY

BY: EABHA



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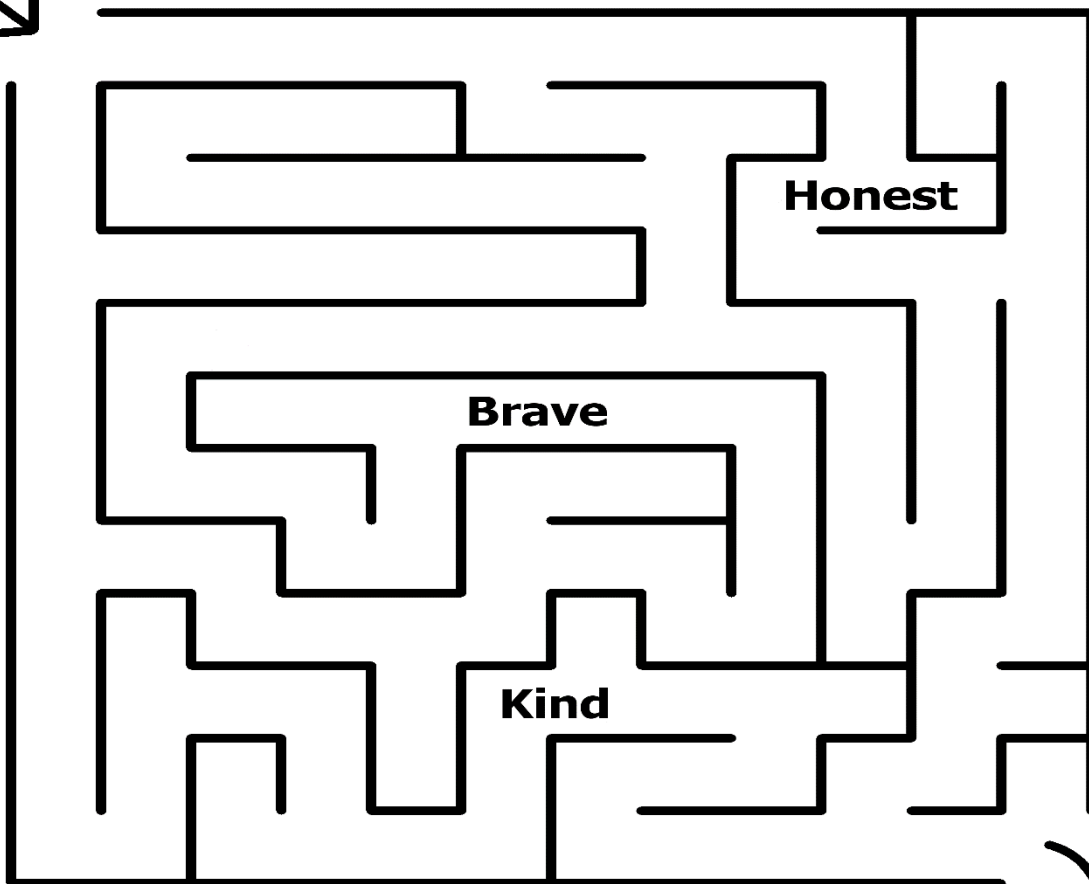
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## FOLLOW THE MAZE!

START AT THE BEGINNING ARROW AND WORK YOUR WAY TO  
THE END BECAUSE YOU ARE **AMAZINGLY AWESOME!**



Amazingly  
Awesome!



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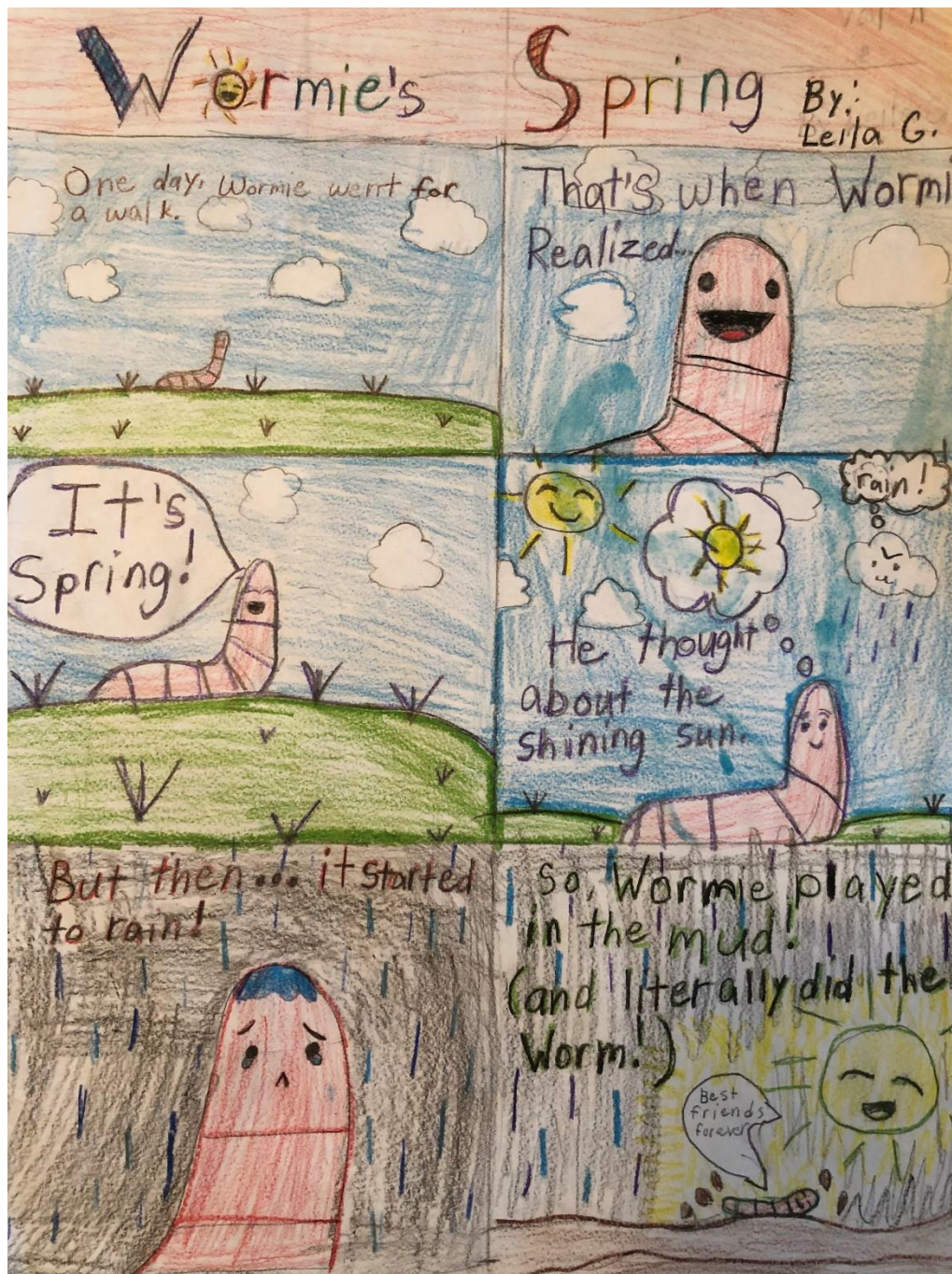
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## WORMIE'S SPRING

BY: LEILA



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## Over the Rainbow

By: Evelyn

*Get ready to jump into a world of leprechauns,  
rainbows, and gold...*



Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Charlotte. Tomorrow was Saint Patrick's Day, her favorite time of the year. The house was all decorated green! The next day, Charlotte jumped out of bed, got ready, ate breakfast (Lucky Charms of course), slipped on her 4 leaf clover socks that she wore only once a year. After, she hopped into her rain boots, and raincoat and ran out the door. At her sight, she saw a small man dressed in green. "Step right up to go across the rainbow to reach a pot of gold" said Peter the Leprechaun. Everyone ignored Peter, everyone except Charlotte. "Hi sir, can I have a go for the rainbow gold thingy" Charlotte asked politely. "Yes siry" exclaimed Peter, "and please call me Peter". "Ok then Peter, let's start our journey"; "After you madame"; "why thank you Peter, let's begin, lets get down to business". Peter said: "I can grant you three wishes along the way". "Alright than, Peter, lead the way. Any rules by chance I should be aware of?" "Nope, nothing other than regret coming or starting. Alright, hard decision, here you, Charlotte need to decide which color path to go across the rainbow. Ok I choose green since it is Saint Patrick's Day. Oh wow, that was quick. Now just hop on the green path and continue walking until you reach an obstacle. Some time later.... AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAh what is THAT?!? Oh just a goblin. Ok I wish for the goblin thing to disappear. On it, *wish woosh, zapp*. All done. "Thanks Peter," No problem it's what I'm here for literally. As she walks down the path... Oh my gosh, "breath Charlotte breath" and let me guess, that's a fire breathing tiger. Yes, and no, in general yes, but its name is a Fire-twig. Well then, what its weakness? Water, just like any other cat. Well then, make a pool of water under the Fire-twig; Yes ma'am. *Kaboom wak, slap*. A while later... "well Peter, was that all the obstacles? Nope, there is always three and the last one is the hardest. Well than, where is it? Ok, you are right, the hardest. Now I am seriously lost on what that is. Well Charlotte, that is a lying spell casting, ratadoodle. So what makes this thing angry? Just pigs. "Just pigs, said Charlotte, so can you make a pig appear?" No, can't do that. Think, think, think, Charlotte" said Charlotte," "YES" she exclaimed. Peter, make a really big toy pig. Got it. *Wham, whip, swish*. "Wow, Peter, we really did it, we got the pot of gold screamed Charlotte, "go ahead Charlotte get the gold, you deserve it," said Peter. "Thank you Peter, see you next year".



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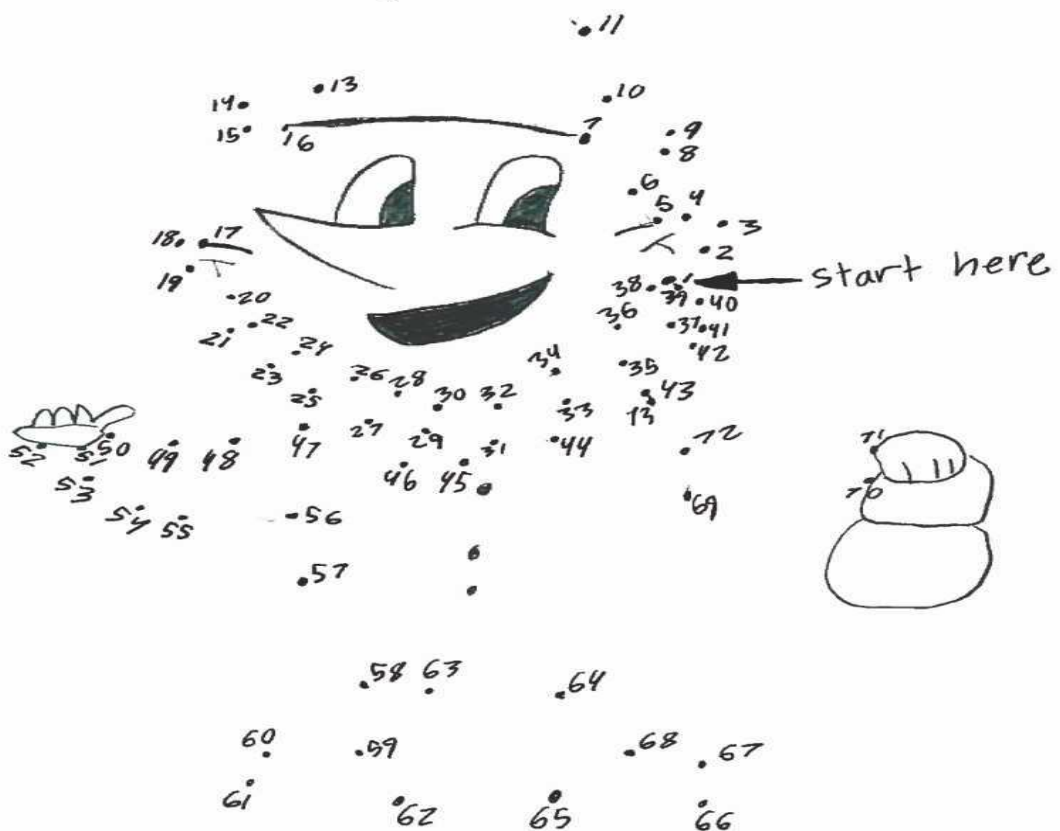
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## Dot to Dot!

By: Leo

Follow this guy to  
The Pot of gold



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## Cooper's Corner By: Cooper

ATTENTION ALL 4<sup>th</sup> GRADERS! You may not believe this, but in 5<sup>th</sup> grade you will get your own personal Dell laptop to use at school. Each student is assigned a laptop to use for the whole school year. You can't take it home with you, but you'll still love it.

There are many responsibilities with using the laptops though. First, never run with the laptop in your hands. Secondly, you need to make sure to never have a water bottle near the laptops. Lastly, you must make sure to charge your laptop at the end of the day. If you don't, it might run out of battery and you won't be able to use it the next day. You will use your laptops for many different things. You will use them to type projects like book talks. In math, you will use them for homework and Freckle. When there's indoor recess, you can also use your laptop to play fun games like: *Cat Ninja*, *Snake*, *Prodigy*, *Slope*, and *Paper.io*. Another responsibility of using the laptop is to never go on inappropriate websites. If you do, the screen will turn white with a message that says, "Attention please!"

Using these laptops has been one of my favorite parts of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I wasn't expecting to have the responsibility of using and taking care of my own laptop, but I'm glad I did. I think you will enjoy these cool laptops too!

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## Amit's TECH REVIEW!

By: Amit



Hello, and welcome to the third edition of Amit's Tech Review!!! In today's edition, we will be talking about...Tesla Autopilot!!! Tesla cars have a software that allows them to drive THEMSELVES. Although you cannot rely on this software yet, they are still pretty cool. I will answer a few common questions about Tesla Autopilot. Let's get to the topic on ATR!!! Watch more here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiOxUcDgsa8>

### **How does the car know whether it should stop or start?**

The Tesla Models can "sense" where things are. According to the Verge, "the feature works by using information that Tesla has accumulated in its mapping data to confirm the presence of a stoplight where it's expected to be, as well as the car's camera system, which has been trained to recognize stop lights and/or stop signs."

### **What if there's an emergency, and the car doesn't know where to go?**

Just so you know, a kid can't just get into a Tesla and put it on Autopilot, so hold off on those plans. You still have to be licensed with a driver's license. As per the autopilot rules, your hands HAVE TO be on the wheel at all times. You cannot rely on technology a lot, so be very careful. In the case of emergency, the Tesla will automatically pull over to the side. If the car doesn't know where to go, then it will automatically turn off autopilot.

### **Is there a chance that Tesla Autopilot can fail?**

Yes, there is a 20% chance that you can get in a crash with autopilot. Don't worry! Teslas are one of the most safest cars on planet Earth. Teslas have gotten a 5-Star review from all of the sections, including passenger safety, backseat safety, and driver safety.

### **How does a Tesla know to stay on the road?**

Tesla has searched up basically EVERY SINGLE road in the world. It doesn't matter whether you are in Palos Park, or Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The car will know what road you are on, and how to drive on it.

### **If a person is honking at you, will the Tesla go any faster?**

No, because the Tesla cannot translate sound. Sure, it might be able to see, but it can't hear. But, the Tesla WILL honk at someone if they are too slow, or not moving at all at a green light.

### **Will a Tesla track other vehicles to keep itself safe?**

Yes, a Tesla actually tracks other vehicles. It tracks other cars with it's proximity sensors all around the car. These sensors tell the car how close or far away a car is to itself. Once in 2016, a man recorded a video of his Tesla slowing down because it knew that 2 vehicles in front of it were about to crash. If it weren't for the Tesla, there could have been a big pileup there. Cool, right?

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## How to Make a Shamrock Shake at Home

By: Leah



### Ingredients:

2 cups vanilla ice cream

½ - ¾ cup milk

¼ - ½ teaspoon mint extract

4-8 drops green food coloring

Whipped cream (optional)

### How to make your shake:

Let your ice cream soften on the counter for about 10 minutes

Add the ice cream, milk, mint extract and food coloring to the blender

Blend until smooth and creamy

Pour the shake into a glass and top with whipped cream

Add more toppings like sprinkles, cherries, rainbow sour strips or M&M's (optional)

## How to Take Care of a Bearded Dragon

By: Sam



Taking care of bearded dragons is super simple!!

Bearded Dragons need a heat and UBB light to keep them warm and have sun because they are common in deserts.

They eat crickets, mealworms, and roaches. Let them roam around your house for 2 hours for exercise. Also when they are adults they sleep until 8:00. Baby's get until 7:00.

The most important thing is being clean. Every time you pick up a bearded dragon and put back wash your hands due to salmonella.

Enjoy your new pet bearded dragon!!

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## IAR Testing Strategies

By: Colleen

Come one, come all! It's that time of year again! For 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders (including yours truly), the IAR testing season has come around! I knew it as PARCC when I first started, and my math teacher said that they changed the name a lot when she was a kid. As an "experienced" tester myself, I can provide you with some good info on the IAR...

**3<sup>rd</sup> graders!** You have never done this before, so you might be overstressing it (like I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade). But it's actually not all that bad! If you hated MAP (like me) than don't worry, because IAR is SO much better. First, the IAR test has a set amount of questions. Unlike MAP, where you can't see the end, IAR only has, like, ten or so questions for you to answer. Second, the questions are all things that you have practiced in class, like RACE responses and multiple-choice questions. THIRD AND FINALLY, you can have GUM or MINTS (depending on what your teacher says)!!! This is my personal favorite part of IAR testing because, just, GUM and MINTS, people!!

**4<sup>th</sup> graders!** You have already done this one year before (assuming you were here for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), so you should have a pretty decent idea of the IAR test's gig. In case you don't, it's basically like those big reading test packets that teachers make you take—except online. It's basically like, you read a pretty short story, and then you answer a couple multiple-choice questions. You will also probably have to write a RACE response, but the prompts aren't unusually hard or anything, take my word for it. As long as you try your best and know how to write a RACE response and use the text to answer a question, you'll be fine. And GUM and MINTS!!!

**5<sup>th</sup> graders!** You most likely have already done this for at least a year, but if not, it might help to read paragraphs two and three. In addition to that, don't forget the basics, eating a good breakfast and getting a good night's sleep the day before the test.

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## Interviewing the Teachers

By: Kamile



Directions: Read the teachers' favorites and pick a teacher for each number. You can choose from Mrs. Lake, Ms. Nagy, Mrs. Plucinski, Mrs. Gibbons, and Mr. Mueller.

1. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Spring Holiday: Easter  
Brothers/Sisters: 1 Brother and 1 Sister  
Favorite Subject: Reading  
Favorite Sport: Hockey  
Favorite Color: Blue

2. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Spring Holiday: St. Patrick's Day  
Brothers/Sisters: 2 Brothers  
Favorite Subject: Reading  
Favorite Sport: Baseball  
Favorite Color: Blue

3. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Spring Holiday: St. Patrick's Day  
Brothers/Sisters: 1 Younger Sister  
Favorite Subject: Reading  
Favorite Sport: Cross Country (Running)  
Favorite Color: Blue

4. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Spring Holiday: St. Patrick's Day  
Brothers/Sisters: 2 Older Brothers  
Favorite Subject: Reading  
Favorite Sport (to watch): Football  
Favorite Color: Green

5. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favorite Spring Holiday: Easter  
Brothers/Sisters: 1 Brother and 2 Sisters  
Favorite Subject: Writing  
Favorite Sport: Football  
Favorite Color: Blue

Answers for the Guess Who:

1. Mrs. Lake
2. Mrs. Plucinski
3. Ms. Nagy
4. Mrs. Gibbons
5. Mr. Muller



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## Interviewing the Teachers

By: J.B.



I recently interviewed teachers. Here are the questions and answers.

What was your favorite field trip?

Ms. Holland said "my favorite one was Lake Katherine"

What is your favorite teaching website?

Ms. Holland answered "pebble go"

What clubs were you in as a kid?

Ms. Holland said "I was in choir and band"

What is your favorite part of teaching?

Ms. Hotzfield said "I LOVE that each day is a new adventure! You never know what the day will be like or where the discussions will take you! I am so lucky to spend my day learning with such great kids! It's always a great day in 4<sup>th</sup> grade!! What's even more fun is when previous students keep in touch about what they are doing when they are "all grown up"! Abby, for example, is following her dreams and it is just amazing to watch her perform!"

What subject is the most fun to teach?

Ms. Hotzfield said "I love teaching everything! My favorite part of the day is probably math. It is so amazing to see and hear the different ways that students problem solve. This is my most challenging part of the day; but it is the most fun! I also love teaching writing because it is a great way to use your voice about specific topics.. Sometimes to get this point across, I will change my voice to sound like I am from the south, England, a robot, or more. It is a lot of fun to bring your voice to life in writing."

How many grades have you taught?

Ms. Hotzfield said "I have taught Kindergarten, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. I student-taught second grade in college."

How many years have you taught for?

Ms. Hotzfield said "This is year 27 as I began my teaching career in 1992."

Did you always think you were going to be a teacher when you were a kid?

Ms. Hotzfield said "When I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we had an assignment to write a report of what we dreamed of being when we grew up. I wrote that I wanted to be a teacher! That has been my dream ever since I can remember!"

Thank you to all the teachers that answered questions for our newspaper this year!

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## Greek Easter

By: George

### What Is Greek Easter?

Greek Easter is a holiday that is not like American Easter at all although there are some things in common. First, you usually have a family party and celebrate by having a big feast with some foods such as lamb, chicken, squid, and octopus just to name a few foods. Greek Easter also doesn't have any relation with eggs or egg hunting. Instead, we just play anything we want to outside.

### Why Is Greek Easter On A Different Day And How Is It Determined?

Like in America, Greek Easter takes place on a Sunday, but the date is governed by a rather complex system that is determined by three primary conditions. One of the conditions are it must be based on the Julian Calendar.

## Freckle Review

By: Amit

Hey Tech-Enthusiasts!! You're reading a new edition of ATR!! Today I want to talk about Freckle. In case you don't know, Freckle is an online math/reading program that helps kids in the US.

Cool things:

Some cool things about Freckle are that...

There are cool characters, and things to buy.

There are awesome passages to read.

Bad things:

I dislike the grading system, and it lags. I believe the processors should be a tad bit faster.

Sometimes the system logs me out, and I don't like that either.

I hope you liked this Quick-Edition of ATR!!!

By the way, the reason I make these are to inform you, and I think you should know a lot about tech. I also make these Quick-Editions to save you time. Bye!!!

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## The History of St. Patrick's Day

By: Colleen



Have you ever wondered anything about St. Patrick's Day? Where it came from, or how it developed into the parades and parties we know today? Well lucky you, because I'm going to tell you about just that. (Like you already knew!)

St. Patrick's Day is the feast day for St. Patrick (hence the name). St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain roughly 1,700 years ago. When he was 16 he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland. He escaped but returned a bit later to move the Irish towards Christianity. Until his death on March 17, he worked to create monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends originated around his deeds; for example, that he drove all of the snakes out of Ireland and that he used a shamrock to explain the Trinity (Catholic belief of the Father- God- the Son- Jesus- and the Holy Spirit).

It was immigrants- especially to the U.S. – who reconstructed it to become a larger holiday.



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## St. Patrick's Day Word Search

By: Savannah

S	E	E	O	R	A	I	N	B	O	W	E	D	A
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LUCKY  
STPATRICKSDAY  
LEPRECHAUN  
BELT  
MARCH  
PARADE  
POTOFGOLD  
HAT  
RAINBOW  
GOLD  
CELEBRATE  
GREEN  
CLOVER  
IRISH

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## Coloring Contest

There will be a one winner for grades  
Preschool-2 and one winner for grades 3-5.

By: Miss Prudden

Directions:

1. Color the Picture
2. Fill out the entry form
3. Turn in your picture to your teacher when completed.

Cut-----Cut

### Entry Form

Name:-----

Grade:-----

Teacher:-----



I can learn

anything

I can do

anything

I can be

anything