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It's Good to Give by Hunter Fortwendel and Noah Kurzendoerfer

We received some new furniture for our school building! A huge thanks to Mrs. O'Connor, Mark, Mrs. Bauer's dad, Mrs. Bauer, and Mrs. Giesler for picking up the furniture and delivering it to our school, and to Kimball, Best Chairs and National who donated it 100% FREE! Some furniture we got were couches, chairs, tables and cabinets. The furniture is in the office, classrooms, teachers' lounge, sensory room, and foyer areas. We would also like to talk about the sensory donations. We have put together some boxes with little trinkets so when kids are stressed out they can fidget with them to help calm them down. A lot of parents and grandparents donated items and money for the sensory bins and our new sensory room.

Our school is also doing the Borrowed Hearts Clothes donation for kids in foster care and parents fostering. Some items that we take are backpacks, shoes, clothes, and soap. Our school nurse is still taking donations. We take wet wipes, tissues, and cough drops, (make sure these items are unopened.) You could also help her by donating your old clothes that don't fit you anymore for other kids. Several businesses and families gave cash donations to the library to buy new books. Businesses also donated shirts for our Ireland fun run! Donations are important because they help our school and our students. We are very grateful for the donations. We are more grateful for such an amazing community and families that make Ireland so great. If you are interested in donating, please contact our school office to see what we might need!



Mrs. Mann and her daughter have the same birthday. They were also both born on a snowy Friday afternoon in January.

Planning a Get Away

by Allie Sermersheim, Amelia Zehr, and Audrey Schroeder

We are here to tell you the Top five vacation spots to go to on Spring Break! Even better, they are within 7-8 hours of driving!

Number one, Gulf Shores, Alabama. In Gulf Shores there is one hotel called Beachside Resort Hotel. It has an outdoor pool, free breakfast, free parking, and free Wifi. The Beachside Resort Hotel has a reasonable price for one night, but chances are you will want to stay longer! Also, you can go to the Alabama Gulf Shores Zoo while you are there.

Next we have Burlington, NC. One hotel there is the Drury Inn Hotel. It has 4.7 star rating, pet friendly, indoor and outdoor pools, free breakfast and Wifi, and free parking. The Drury Inn Hotel is one of the best hotels in Burlington! It's prices are also reasonable. You can go to the Children's Museum of Alamance County.

For number 3, we have the Great Wolf Lodge in Cincinnati. At Great Wolf Lodge they have an indoor and outdoor pools. They have an indoor waterpark. They have different area for the kids, free Wifi, free parking, and based on the reviews, the food is very good. If you want to leave the lodge, you can go to the Newport Aquarium.

Number Four is Adel, Georgia. There is one hotel called Hampton Inn Adel. It has free parking, WiFi, and breakfast, that is all for a reasonable price, Plus, with 4.2 stars. Another thing you could do is go to the Ships Of The Sea Maritime Museum.

For the final destination, Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach. (in Virginia). It has free WiFi, a hot tub, restaurants, it is wheelchair accessible. It has beach access, room service, indoor and outdoor pool, and pet friendly! Also, you can go to the Short Pump Park! Happy Spring Break!!



Second Graders Brayden Kluesner, Mia Hulsman, and Bree Vollmer enjoy relaxing on some of the new furniture that has been donated this year!

Spring is Here! - by Oliver Williams and Everett Hess

Spring is here
The leprechaun is here
Bring no fear
Catch his rear

He deserves it
He does it every year
This year he won't
Please leprechaun don't
No no no!

Gone Too Soon- by Tyler Emerson and Graham Collins

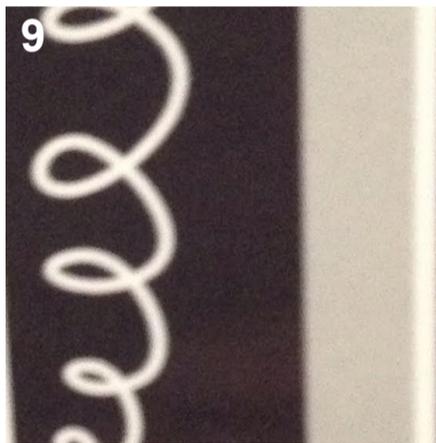
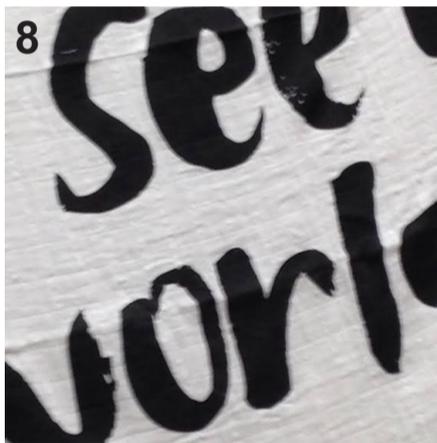
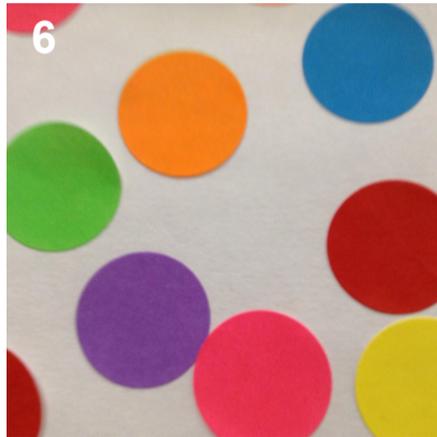
Kobe was born on August 23, 1978. He was an American professional basketball player. He was a shooting guard for the Los Angeles Lakers. He was drafted out of high school to play in the NBA. He played 20 seasons in the NBA. He won 5 NBA championships. He was an NBA all star 18 times. Kobe won the 2008 NBA MVP. He won the 1997 slam dunk contest. Kobe became the youngest player in league history to reach 30,000 career points. His nickname was Black Mamba. Kobe died at the age of 41, along with his daughter and 8 other people, in a helicopter crash. He will be greatly missed.



Mrs. O'Connor can talk like a chipmunk.

Where's it at? Where have you seen these in our school?

by Camryn Buechlein, Erin Verkamp, and Lila Hawkes



St. Patrick's Day

by Victoria Gunselman and Anna Ruhe

The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the U.S.A. was in Boston in 1737. When people would celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the main color was originally blue! If you were looking forward to finding a four leaf clover, well, good luck! Your odds are 1 in 10,000! Did you know, the shamrock was originally a teaching tool for churches?!

Now you will never believe this but... in 1962 Chicago dyed their river green for St. Patrick's Day! They continue to do this for a couple hours every St. Patrick's Day with help from the local plumbers! Also you probably knew this... but it is a tradition to pinch anyone who is not wearing green. Those are some fun facts about St. Patrick's Day!



Mrs. Ruckriegel was at the baseball game on Sept. 16, 1988 when Tom Browning, of the Cincinnati Reds, pitched a perfect game.

Here's the Scoop...



on Mrs. Gossett

by Jack Rumbach and Elena Kelly

We had the chance to interview Mrs. Gossett the school librarian. We would like to tell you some things about her. She can't pick a favorite book because she loves all of them! Her favorite parts of being a librarian are getting to know the kids, getting to be with them, and to teach kids to love reading.



Her favorite school lunch is anything that has caesar salad. She currently has 3 pets. They are a golden retriever named Gracee, and 2 cats named Willy and Evie. She was the librarian at 10th Street for 10 years and has been at Ireland for 6 years! She has 2 kids and they are Hannah and Hunter. Hannah is getting married in May! Hunter will be graduating from college in May. One of her favorite things to do is to travel with her husband. Something about her is that she absolutely hates Winter.





Sam Erny, Chlorissa Mehling, Dharmi Shah, Peyton Mullins, Ann Murphy and Bryson Small wore GREAT hats for Hat Day!

Student Spotlight

Kindergarten - Calvin Pfister and Walker Swan

Clara Baglan is a kindergartner in Mrs. Wagner's class. Her favorite all time color is purple. And her favorite food is spaghetti. At recess, she enjoys playing cops and robbers. Her favorite sport to play is T-ball. She loves to travel to Florida. Clara loves the book Bear Snores On. Charlotte is one of her very good friends. She has one sister.

1st Grade by Tyler Emerson and Graham Collins

Ben and Tate are twins in Mrs. Kilian's 1st grade class. Ben's favorite food is donuts, while Tate's favorite food is brownies. Ben loves football. Tate loves basketball. Ben's favorite color is red and Tate's favorite color is green. Ben likes religion, but Tate's favorite subject is math. Ben and Tate both love Christmas.

2nd Grade by Christian Thornburg and Parker Erny

We interviewed the 2nd grader Hadley Thornburg about her favorite things here at Ireland Elementary. One of her favorite subjects is reading. Her favorite food at school is hot dogs. Hadley's most loved special is art. She has many friends at Ireland and some of them are Leah, Gibson, and finally Olivia. Hadley's favorite thing to do at recess is "who can stay on the balance beam the longest." She has only one sibling here at Ireland, her brother Christian. Her most cherished book series is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. In her free chromebook time, Hadley likes to play ABCYA with her friends.

3th Grade by Erin Verkamp, Camryn Beuchlein, and Lila Hawkes

Levi Mehringer is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Kincer's class. His favorite school subject is math because he likes to do multiplication. His favorite school special is library because he likes to read. He has a sister Adalyn (11), a pet dog named Maggie, and a lizard named Stripes. He would like to go to Gulf Shores over spring break. His favorite book series is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. His favorite trait about Mrs. Kincer is that she is funny. Some of his friends are Tyler, Corde, and Samuel. His favorite food is spaghetti because he likes noodles and he likes the cafeteria's corn dogs. He does lots of after school activities such as swimming, soccer, and baseball.

4th Grade by Jack Rumbach and Elena Kelly

Madeline Bromm is a fourth grader in Mrs. Robert's room. Out of all of the subjects her favorite one is math. One of her favorite books she has ever read is A Night Divided. At recess she loves to play six corners with her friends. She loves to eat pizza in the cafeteria for lunch. She also likes to eat a tray at lunch instead of bringing a lunch. Of course everyone loves STEAM, and Madeline's favorite thing that she has done is trying to get candy into a boat. Her favorite subject is Library, so that means she loves to read!

5th Grade by Lily Wagner and Evie Hewitt

Cooper Hoffman is a 5th grader in Mrs. Mehringer's class. His favorite subject is math and he loves the color green. A couple of his friends are Calvin and Chase. He likes pizza more than any other food. He has one brother named Turner, who is in 2nd grade. His favorite movie is Jurassic World, but his favorite book is Harry Potter.

NFL Draft

by Calvin Pfister and Walker Swan

This year's draft will take place on April 23 - 25 at Las Vegas. The top pick goes to the Cincinnati Bengals, because they had the worst record in the NFL this year. They really need a quarterback. They may be looking at Joe Burrow, 2019 Heisman winning quarterback from LSU. The 2nd team to pick is the Washington Redskins. They could use a defense player. They could be looking at Chase Young, a defensive end from Ohio State. The 3rd pick will be the Detroit Lions. They may be looking at Jeff Okudah, a cornerback from Ohio State, because they also need a defensive player. The 4th pick is the New York Giants. They might be looking for someone like Mekhi Becton, an offensive tackle from Louisville. Finishing the top 5 picks will be the Miami Dolphins, picking 5th. They could use a new quarterback. They are maybe looking at Justin Herbert, the quarterback for the Oregon Ducks. We are looking forward to seeing if our predictions were correct.



How to...

by Mya Neighbors and Bella Henke

Make Hot Glue Magnets

Things You Need

- Colored hot glue gun sticks (You can get these at Jo-Ann Fabric or some other craft stores)
- Magnet pieces
- Wax paper/parchment paper
- Vaseline

Directions

* Adult Supervision Suggested*

Plug in your hot glue gun and put the colored glue stick in it. Whenever it gets hot lay down your wax paper or parchment paper and spread Vaseline on the part you're going to use. After that, put drops of hot glue on the area you got ready and let them dry for about five minutes.

Next, take them off of the paper and put the magnet pieces on the back of the drops. If your magnet pieces aren't sticky use super glue or any fast drying glue. Make sure you let the magnet pieces dry on the drops. Then, you have the best magnet in town!!



Mrs. Shield's has climbed the Great Wall of China.

4th QUARTER Life Skills!

PERSEVERANCE EFFORT

PERSONAL BEST



The Tesla Cybertruck

by Alex Potter and Tarun Parameswaran

We will be telling you about the brand new Tesla Cybertruck. It has a length of 19'4" and a width of 6'8". The Tesla Cybertruck is an all-electric, battery-powered, light commercial vehicle in development by Tesla Inc. Elon Musk is the inventor and CEO of Tesla Inc. It is rivaling another super truck, The Nikola Badger. The Cybertruck costs about \$39,000!! THAT'S A LOT!!! At the first launch, Everybody thought that the Cybertruck was unbreakable. When Elon Musk threw a metal ball to show that the Cybertruck was unbreakable, the window shattered! Even though there was a problem with the Cybertruck, Elon Musk didn't give up. Elon Musk and his team continued on to improve the Tesla Cybertruck. Today, The Tesla Cybertruck has been one of the most successful cars in the world.



Mrs. Brescher ran over a chicken while learning how to drive a car.

Mr. Vice President

by Corde Leinenbach and Lexi Elkins

Michael Richard Pence was born on June 7, 1959 to Edward J. Pence Jr. and Nancy Jane. He is currently 60 years old. His children are Charlotte, Audrey, and Michael Pence Jr. Mike Pence is married to Karen Pence. He married her in 1985. He is the Vice President of the U.S.A. He went to college at Hanover, Indiana. He studied history. Mike Pence lives in the Number One Observatory Circle, Washington, D.C. Mike grew up in Columbus, Indiana. Mike is one of six children. He has three brothers and two sisters. He was very close to his grandfather, Richard Michael Cawley. Mike graduated high school in 1977.

Mike's favorite ice cream is moose tracks. His favorite movie is Wizard of Oz. Mike Pence is the sixth vice president from Indiana.



Mrs. Fleck still holds a track record at her high school. She set the record in 1994.

The Pences have a bunny named Marlon Bundo. His daughter Charlotte wrote a children's book, Marlon Bundo's A Day in the Life of the Vice President. The book is an educational story explaining the job of the Vice President of the United States through the eyes of the Pence family's pet rabbit. Mike's wife, Karen, illustrated the book!

Mini Rhubarb and Strawberry Tarts

by Maggie Hannheman and Evie Gunselman

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp quick-cooking tapioca
- 4 c sliced strawberries
- 2 c sliced fresh rhubarb
- ¾ c sugar
- 1 tsp grated orange zest
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp of salt
- ¼ tsp of ground cinnamon
- 3 drops of red food coloring, optional
- Pastry for double-crust pie (9 inches)
- Sweetened whipped cream, optional

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place tapioca in a small food processor or spice grinder; process until finally ground.

2. In a large saucepan, combine strawberries rhubarb, sugar, orange, zest, vanilla, salt, cinnamon, Tapioca and, if desired, food coloring; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered. 15-20 mins. or until strawberries are tender, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a large bowl; cover and refrigerate overnight.

3. On a lightly floured surface, roll half to an 18-in. circle. Cut 12 circles with a 4-in. biscuit cutter, rerolling scraps as necessary; press crust onto bottom and up sides of ungreased muffin cups. Cut 6 more circles with remaining crust. Spoon strawberry mixture into muffin cups.

4. Bake 12-15 minutes or until filling is bubbly or until crust is golden brown.. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove wire racks to cool. If desired, serve with whipping cream.

Trouble at the Ball

by Christian Thornburg and Parker Earny



Favorite Authors by Lily Wagner and Evie Hewitt

Have you ever wondered what the number one favorite authors are? Here are some facts about two of children's favorite authors.

Mo Willems - The number one favorite book by Mo Willems is *Are You Ready to Play Outside?* Starring everyone's favorite Elephant and Piggy. The interest level is K-3. A few facts about Mo Willems are he started working on Sesame Street. He went to collage at Tisch School Of The Arts. He also went to New York University. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 11, 1968.



JK Rowling - The number one favorite book by Joanne Rowling is *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone / BOOK 1*. The level of interest is 5-8. Her birthday is July 31, the same day as Harry's birthday. Joanne's middle name does NOT start with K, in fact, she DOESN'T even have a middle name!! She used the name JK because she was afraid boys wouldn't read her book if they thought a woman wrote it. She wrote down ideas for Harry Potter on a napkin on a train to London. Harry Potter was rejected from 12 different publishers before Bloomsbury picked it up! She was awarded an Order of the British Empire in 2011. She filled up five notebook pages of Q words before she came up with "Quidditch".

Mrs. Ackerman broke her nose playing volleyball.

Honest Abe by Everett Hess and Oliver Williams

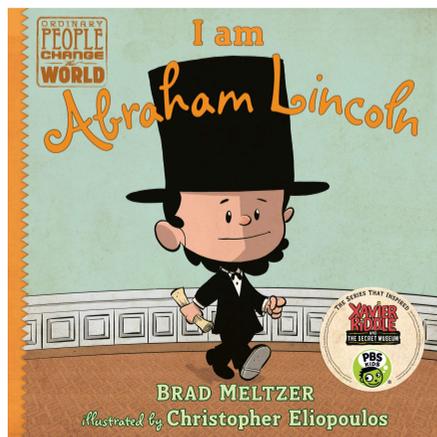
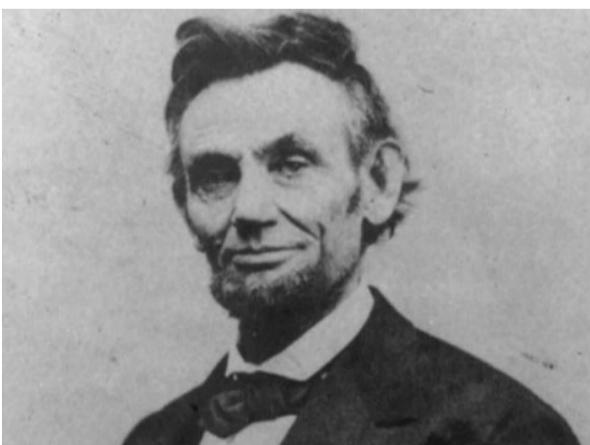
Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the U.S.A. He was born on February 12, 1809. He is remembered for many things but a couple of the most important were... He fought to stop slavery during the Civil War. He also made Thanksgiving a National Holiday in 1863.

He was 6'4", making him tied for the tallest with 36th president, Lyndon B. Johnson. Lincoln also had animals including turkeys, rabbits, cats, dogs, and even goats! Abe once rescued a dog that he later named Fido.

Abraham had a wife named Mary Todd Lincoln. She was 63 when she died. They had 4 children who were all born in Springfield, Illinois. Their names were Robert, William, Edward, and Tad. They were all boys.

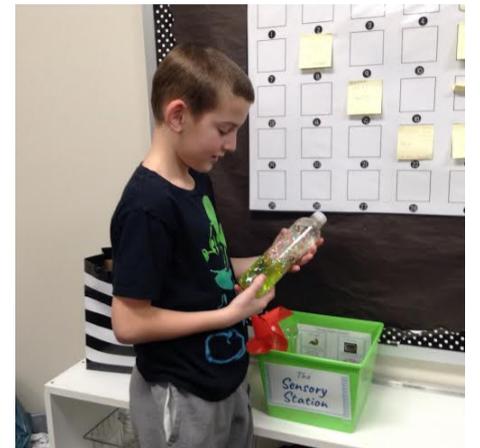
Lincoln was assassinated in a theater. It happened on April 15, 1865. He was 56 years old.

Gosh, Abraham Lincoln sure did have an interesting life!



Check out this book about Abe in our library!

Sensory Buckets



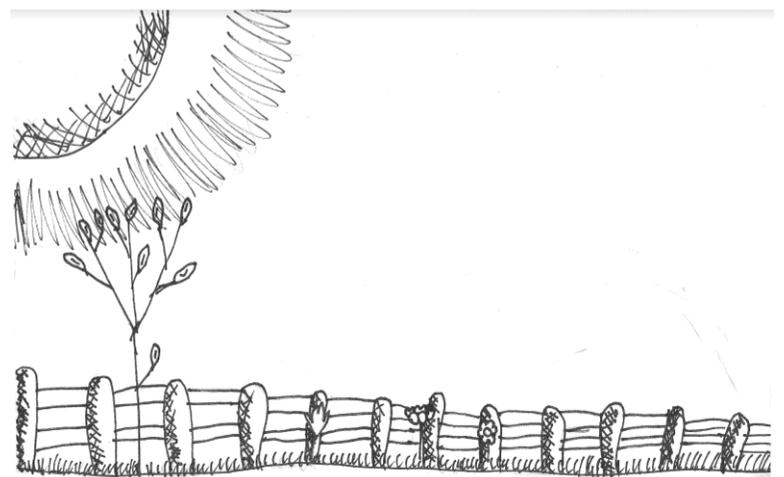
3rd Grader Marlee Kline and 5th Grader Noah Myers enjoy playing with things that were donated to our sensory buckets.

Mrs. Crawford won several trophies and ribbons for drawing and painting in elementary and high school.

Student Art



Eddie Day, Mrs. Weidenbenner's 2nd Grade class



Keegan Begle-Truelove, Mrs. Hoffman's 5th Grade

Guest Writer - Karmin Goepfner, GJCS Bus Driver

I've been driving a school bus for 15 years now. It is, hands down, the best job I have ever had, and the rewards far outweigh the difficulties. Anytime someone asks me about driving a bus, I always tell them one thing: I only have one job to do, and that is to transport the students to and from home to school safely. How I drive the bus, how I interact with other drivers, and the rules on the bus for the students to follow are all there to ensure their safety. Everything else we do is to ensure that that happens every day of the school year.

The challenges

When coming into contact with a school bus on the road, proceed as normal according to the law of the road. Of course, always use caution and be aware of what each signal means. The flashing yellow on the top means you should prepare to stop. Always remember that this bus has a routine that the students are familiar with, so we ask that you don't try to beat the red light. Now, if you see hazard lights on, this means we are going to be making a maneuver that most likely will include the bus backing up and turning around. It can also mean that we're going to make another type of change that doesn't include dropping off or picking up students. Something else to remember is that not all buses are the same. Buses are different sizes even though you may not be able to tell the difference. My bus does not turn as sharply as others. My bus is slightly longer in the wheelbase and, therefore, can't turn out of Ireland as sharply as the other buses. Having extra room to make that right hand turn is greatly appreciated and we always appreciate when the parents stop far enough to let us out and to help us out in those situations. These are the challenges that affect us the most. Always remember to be aware, be safe rather than sorry, and watch out for others.

The rewards

The most rewarding part of this job is arriving home at the end of the day and knowing in your heart you've made a difference in a child's life. I have the privilege of seeing these kids every morning. I try to start the day off on a positive note with a smile and a "Good morning!". There isn't much talking in the morning. They are still just waking up and getting ready to start their day at school. However, the afternoons are when the real fun begins. We talk, we laugh, and we finish the day the same way we started it--on a positive note. Some students get on the bus, and you can immediately just tell they've had a rough day, so I try to cheer them up a little bit. Some students get on the bus and you can just tell they've had a great day. So I listen, and let them tell me about all of it. On my bus, the music is low and just in the background. Conversation is kept to a mild level, with no yelling or screaming. Everybody stays in their seats and enjoys the calm. When I stop the bus, the next person to get off the bus will come to the front and sit in the front seat. This gives me an opportunity to have a little one-on-one time where I can ask them how their day was. Lately, I've been trying to mix it up. I had read that asking a student a more direct question with more thought involved is good. My new favorite question to ask is, "Tell me something that made you smile today."

I love the answers I get. It could be anything from a dog waking me up with kisses, to my friends and I laughed a lot at lunchtime, to getting an A on an algebra test. It ends the day with a smile for them and for me. It doesn't stop there, though. I've been called mom, grandma, by whatever their teachers name happens to be, that's all just fine with me. It usually happens when they are excited to tell me something that happened that day. I always say that once a student rides my bus, they are always one of my kids. I can't tell you how true that is.

There are some rewards that you don't think about until they happen. The student that rode your bus six years ago stops you in a store and wants to talk your ear off about what they've been doing and asks about what you've been doing. This will send you home crying because it warms your heart. That happened at Walmart about four years ago. A young man that used to give me a lot of grief and loved challenging me talked to me for over 30 minutes standing in the middle of an aisle.

On a funnier note, I should warn you, students will tell the bus driver just about anything that happens at home (wink wink)! I hear about mom's new car, someone's fender bender, and siblings getting in trouble. I've even heard strange comments that I'm sure make sense in the context of the whole story, but not just by themselves, like the time a student told me "Hey Karmin, my dad punched a hole in our ceiling last night." Now, this next story is by far the funniest thing that's happened. Mind you, I can't laugh while this is happening. I'm supposed to be the adult, right? Picture a bright, sunny day. My current route goes through a neighborhood. As I'm turning a corner, I check my mirror to make sure that I'm not going to run over the curb. I see a very tiny truck following me. I quickly look up in the mirror and check the students in the back. I ask, "What are you doing?" I didn't see the boys in the back looking as if they're pulling something in through the window and assuring me everything is fine. At this point, I see the little truck pop through the window. I tell the boys not to do it again, whatever "it" is. Turning another corner, I see the little truck behind me again. They somehow manage to get it to land on its wheels and start rolling. I later found out it was attached to a fishing string. This happened at least one more time before I confiscated the truck. I've had that truck sitting on my desk at home for at least five years. It was ingenious, very well thought out, and I couldn't believe they made it work. Of course, I couldn't let them continue to do it, as some poor little lady would pull up behind the bus, see this tiny truck following me, and absolutely freak out.

I could write a book with all of my stories, but these are just a small sample of how rewarding it can be driving a school bus. I hope you have enjoyed this little insight to my world. And if your child rides my bus, know that I love your child as if they were my own niece or nephew, and I will always protect them as if they were my own.

Listen Up, Peeps

by Haley Hallett and Leah Jerger



Bus Driver Karmin Goepfner and her Ireland kids.

Nuts for Donuts

by Madison Mauck, Reagan Hopf and Jack Gudorf

Donut you already know? There is another donut shop coming to town. We can hardly wait! There are about 10 billion donuts sold each year around the world. That is 31 donuts per person each year (I know we at least eat our fair share). They come for endless types. Here are some of the most popular ones: glazed, chocolate glazed, boston creme, chocolate long john, chocolate frosting with sprinkles, strawberry jelly, maple, powdered donuts, and donut holes. Donut holes were invented in the mid 19th century by a ship captain's mother. Crazy right!

The biggest donut ever made was called an American Style Jelly Donut. It weighed 1.7 tons which is 3,400 pounds, and it was created by the doughboys. The donut was 16 feet wide and 16 inches high. It was made in Utica, New York in the USA on January 21, 1993. We think the weirdest type of donut is the bacon and maple syrup donut! The donut was created by Carolyn Kellogg. That is the history of donuts.

Mrs. Roberts saw the Loch Ness Monster!?!?!?!?

The Last Laugh by Maggie Hanneman and Evie Gunselman

1. Does February like March?
 2. When do monkey's fall from the sky?
 3. What season is it best to go on a trampoline?
 4. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
 5. What goes up when rain comes down?
 6. What month of the year is the shortest?
 7. Name a bow that can't be tied.
 8. What's Irish and comes out in the spring?
1. No, but April Ma. 2. During APE-ril showers 3. Spring time
7. Rainbow 8. Paddy O'Furniture
4. Bugs Bunny 5. Umbrellas 6. May (only 3 letters)

Answers to Where's It At? from page 2

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| 1. Custodian cart | 6. Throw kindness poster |
| 2. Bobcat in library | 7. Rachel's Challenge poster |
| 3. Dog poster in music room | 8. Poster in Learning Lab |
| 4. Wreath on library door | 9. Guess the Book bulletin board |
| 5. Minds in Motion bead | |

