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Meet the Smartest Kid in the History of the World



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Do you have any idea what it is like to grow up to be the smartest kid in the history of the world?

Introducing Kautilya Pandit:

He is not like other 12-year-olds. Some even call him a genius in real life! Kautilya Pandit is from India, and by the age of 5 years, he could identify every country, its capital and even complex realities like population and currency. (By the way, need I remind you — while the rest of us were still learning how to spell “Mississippi,” or sound it out, Kautilya was busy memorizing multiplication tables. He’s terrific in geography, science, history, and



elsewhere.

Kautilya doesn’t even use a calculator when he does math — because his brain computes faster. People were so astounded that he was asked onto TV shows and to speak at big universities. They call him the “Google Boy,” so-called because he knows so much it’s as though you are speaking to Adam, otherwise known as the search engine.

But don’t worry — Kautilya is still a typical kid as well. He enjoys playing and laughing and having fun, just as much as anyone else. He just happens to have an extremely remarkable memory.

If you ever end up thinking that learning is boring, just think about Kautilya Pandit! Maybe you could end up being the next smartest kid!

Caleb Williams is the Final Piece for ‘Da Bears’



By Cole Dolan
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As the 2025 NFL season approaches, the Chicago Bears are poised for a breakout year, with second-year quarterback Caleb Williams in the driver’s seat. After a rookie season that showcased his potential, the Bears’ front office made some strategic moves this offseason to build a team around him.

To protect Williams, the Bears bolstered their offensive line by acquiring All-Pro guard Joe Thuney from the Chiefs for just a 4th round pick and trading for versatile guard Jonah Jackson from the Rams. They also signed center Drew Dalman, ensuring a solid interior line.



In the draft, Chicago selected a versatile tight end—Colston Loveland—with the 10th overall pick and a speedy wide receiver, Luther Burden, in the second round, adding dynamic weapons to their offensive arsenal.

Defensively, the Bears spent the big bucks in their pass rush by signing defensive end Dayo Odeyingbo to a three-year, \$40 million-plus deal and bringing in veteran defensive tackle Grady Jarrett.

These additions aim to strengthen a defense that will complement the evolving offense. With these strategic additions and Caleb Williams’ continued development, the Bears believe they have assembled all the necessary pieces. As the 2025 season starts, Chicago is ready to transition from rebuilding to contending as a playoff team, with Williams being the final piece of their hopes.

Tomorrow is National Doll Day!



By Olivia Pelhank
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Every year on the second Saturday of June (which is June 14th this year) it is National Doll Day! Dolls have been popular for what seems like forever, and archaeological evidence even proves dolls are the oldest known toys!

Obviously, dolls were different when they were first made. People would make them out of clay, leather, wax, bone, wood, and stone! What’s even crazier is that just like us as children, Ro-



man, Greek, and Egyptian children had dolls and would dress them up in jewelry and clothes!

The most popular doll is, as you guessed, Barbie dolls! It is believed to be one of the best children toys and was created in 1959. But to conclude, dolls will continue to be one of the best toys ever to exist, which says something considering it has been centuries since they were first created. One doll even went to space in 2015! So, make sure to mark your calendars because June 14th is National Doll Day!

Celebrate Dad and Other Father Figures This Sunday



**By Olivia Pelhank
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Father's Day is coming up this Sunday! It is celebrated to honor fathers and all they do for us!

The first Father's Day dates back to June 19th, 1910, in Washington, D.C.! President Andrew Jackson first officially made Father's Day the third Sunday of June, and President Nixon made it an official national holiday in 1972!

Last year, it was celebrated on June 16th, and next year it will be June 21!



Grace Clinton also played a huge part in making this holiday so big by having a church service for fathers who passed away in the Monongah, West Virginia mining disaster of 1907.

You can celebrate Father's Day by enjoying outdoor activities as a family, sharing meals with your relatives, and giving gifts, no matter how small they are! So, on Father's Day, make sure to show appreciation for all your father does for you and create memorable creations because it is a day to say

thank you for all the important things they do for us!

The Power of the Spinner Bait



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Ask any bass angler about what there go-to lures are and I bet they will say the spinnerbait.

The spinnerbait is one of the coolest lures in bass fishing. It has shiny blades that spin when you reel it in, making it look like a small group of fish. That's why it's great for attracting big bass! The spinning blades flash in the water and make vibrations that fish can feel, even in dark or murky water.

Spinnerbaits work well in many places: lakes, ponds, or rivers. You can throw them near



weeds, rocks, or stumps, and bass will often come out of hiding to gobble them up. They're great for covering a lot of water fast, which makes them perfect when you're trying to find where the fish are hiding under cover.

There are many different types of spinnerbaits, with different blade shapes and sizes and even colors. Some have double blades for more flash, while others use one blade to keep it simple. You can also add a soft plastic trailer for extra action.

Overall, spinnerbaits are easy to use and fun to fish with. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, they're a smart choice to have in your tackle box. Try one out you might catch your personal best bass!

Get Ready for Quassy!



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Our school trip to Quassy Amusement Park is coming up soon!

For 7th grade, it's Monday, June 16! Quassy is an amusement park and a water park! There are tons of fun rides and activities to enjoy at Quassy!

Some amusement park rides include helicopters, bouncing buggies, the Quassy express train, Skippers' Clippers, and my personal favorite, Up, Up & Away!

Even though these rides are amazing, it's almost



summer and its getting hot, which is why the water park is my favorite feature of Quassy! Some water park rides I love include Crazy Cups, Big Flush Water Coaster, Tilt a Whirl, and my personal favorite again, Little Dipper!

Quassy is also known for its amazing food and menu, with tons of options! Despite the rain that may or may not happen, I am looking forward to this amazing school trip and all the fun it's going to bring! It's such a perfect trip right before summer!

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