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Mission Statement:

AIT International School provides holistic elementary education (Nursery – Grade 6) in a stimulating and caring international environment that will help build a positive attitude towards learning. Our education is based on values that will support the growth of a reflective and responsible member of the society.

## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION AITIS HOUSE DAY



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## From the Principal

Dear *AITIS* Parents & Friends;

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We are excited to begin the new school year and get back to studying and learning.

As we begin the new school year I believe it would be a good time to remind everyone that *AITIS* is committed to providing a safe, inquisitive and holistic educational experience for all of its students. We request that all parents join us in supporting the students in all ways possible. This includes insuring that your child comes to school on time every morning wearing the proper school uniform; helping your child complete all homework assignments in a timely manner; providing healthy and nutritious snacks and lunch; and picking your child up on time at the end of the school day.

We are pleased to introduce two new teachers to the *AITIS* family:  
Mrs. Jennifer – our new 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher;  
Ms. Rhea – our new 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher,

I am pleased to inform you that *AITIS* has placed an order for new textbooks (first time in several years *AITIS* has had the budget to do so). The new textbooks should be arriving soon and will enhance our student's learning as well as offer new resources for our teachers.

The PE/Assembly Pavilion project is on-going. As one can see when you visit the *AITIS* campus the concrete flooring has been poured over the summer break. Recent work saw the installation of pilings to support the roof beams. We are hoping that work will continue uninterrupted and that our pavilion will be ready in the very near future.

On behalf of *AIT International School* I sincerely thank LTC Kemmachart Boonyachan, father of Yaimai (Pre-K2) for the generous donation of three (3) sets of outdoor tables and benches. We appreciate your kindness very much!

*AITIS* is seeking interested parents to serve on the **AITIS PTA Council**. If you are ready to volunteer to serve on this most important council please submit your name to the *AITIS* office as soon as possible.

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AITIS is concerned about the prevalence of mobile/hand phones in the possession of our students.

AITIS policy forbids the use of mobile/hand phones at school. There is absolutely no reason for a student to be carrying a mobile/hand phone while at school.

If a child needs to contact a parent during the school day then they can do so by using the school office phone. Conversely, if a parent needs to get in contact with a student the acceptable way to do so is by phoning the school office and leaving a message for the student.

Students do not need mobile/hand phones during classes, breaks or after school.

Parents are requested to fully cooperate with AITIS policy and not send any mobile/hand phone or similar electronic device to school with their children. This prohibition includes the so-called "smart watch" capable of making calls and receiving text messages.

Effective Monday, 12 September 2016, AITIS will require that any student who brings a mobile electronic device to school must store it in the school office (placing the device in a pocket, backpack or school bag will not be acceptable).

Children may collect their device when they are ready to leave campus.

At the time of this writing the new school year here at *AITIS* is just about one (1) month old. The students, teachers and staff are still greatly enthused about their new classes and opportunities to learn with their classmates.

Unfortunately, we have already encountered several severe instances of **BULLYING**. These incidents have occurred in lower elementary classes and in the more senior elementary classes.

The Principal, Coordinators, and the School Counselor have taken steps to ensure that the **BULLYING** does not continue. However, *AITIS* needs each and every parent to support our efforts to eradicate all **BULLYING**.

Parents can help *AITIS* by discussing with their student that **BULLYING** cannot be allowed as it severely negatively affects the well being of students.

*AITIS* strives to ensure that all students understand that even though we come from many diverse cultures WE ARE ONE while here at *AITIS*.

Please parents; help *AITIS* stop all instances of **BULLYING** immediately.

As always I sincerely thank you for your continued support of AITIS.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed  
Principal/Head



## AITIS STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

It was August 30, Campaign Day. All of the candidates for Student Council were nervous. For me, I felt like there were thousands of butterflies in my stomach. The speeches of the candidates were so inspiring. I could say it was hard for every student to vote.

Who were nominated for Class Representatives?

Grade 3 Bright Owls: Devan, Martin, and Tanakrit

Grade 3 Unique Unicorns: Ilyas, Alexandar, and Kritamate

Grade 4 Edelweiss: Phanita and Phunthita

Grade 4 Fantastic: Snighdha and Boongyal

Grade 5 Voyagers: Maitao and Natesara

They had their campaign in their respective classrooms on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Nominees for the major positions were the following:

Reporter: Rujirat, Robin, Sasha and Krish

Secretary: Sahaja and Ritesh

Treasurer: Van Ahn and Tul

Vice President: Pinky and Wipanee

Presidents: Harvey, Rit, and Karah

**31<sup>st</sup> August** was the big day– It's Election Day. And the results were announced in the School Assembly, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, which were as follows:

Grade 3 Bright Owls: Tanakrit

Grade 3 Unique Unicorns: Ilyas

Grade 4 Edelweiss: Phanita

Grade 4 Fantastic: Boongyal

Grade 5 Voyagers: Maitao

Grade 6 Explorers: Karah

Reporter: Sasha

Secretary: Sahaja

Treasurer: Tul

Vice President: Pinky

President: Rit

Congratulations AITIS Student Council!

Karah, G-6

## AITIS HOUSE DAY

Our school house day started on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August and all the four colors (red, yellow, purple, and blue) have accomplished objectives on that day. The objectives which have been accomplished are the House names, House Mascot, House Identifier, House captain, and the House vice-captain.

Below are the final outcomes of the houses.

	Blue House	Yellow House	Red House	Purple House
<b>Name of the House</b>	Blue Diamond	Yellow Adventurers	Red Maple	Purple Royals
<b>Mascot</b>	Blue Diamond	Yellow Young Adventurers	Red Maple	Purple Crown
<b>House Identifier</b>	Sweat bands	Sweat bands	Red paracords	Sweat bands
<b>Captain</b>	Radchapak (G6)	Pyae Phyto (G6)	Ali (G6)	Siddharth (G6)
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	Wipanee (G5)	Kait (G5)	Nattapol (G5)	(still deciding)

On that day the houses also discussed about what activities or games they would like in their houses. Some of the houses have already listed down the fun activities which they are interested in. There will be a zero period every last Monday of the month. The next house meeting will be on September 26, 2016.

Marianne Ella, G-6

# WHY SLEEP DEPRIVATION CAN AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL

**Source:** <http://scrubbing.in/why-sleep-deprivation-can-affect-your-childs-performance-in-school/>

The new school year is upon us, and children are forced to go back to their regular school sleep schedules. This may mean that they're getting less sleep than in the summer months, and for many parents, sleep deprivation is a real concern.

Sleep deprivation affects every aspect of the child's life, from friends and family relationships to school performance to their daily behavior. Studies have shown that sleep deprived children have more difficulty focusing and staying on task. However, they may also have more impulsive or defiant behavior.

Lack of sleep can affect your child's school performance in two major ways.

First, when children are in class, they can have trouble paying attention because of their difficulty focusing. They can miss important verbal lessons due to inattention or they may be unable to complete tasks in the classroom.

Second, children form their memories best during sleep. Children who sleep well at night will remember the previous day's lessons better than children who are sleep deprived.

When adults become sleepy, they will typically slow down. If they stop moving and are in a comfortable place without stimulation, they may fall asleep. However, sleep deprivation can have the opposite effect on children, causing them to become more energetic and even hyperactive.

It is recommended that adults get an average of eight hours of sleep per night, but kids need more. Young children need more than 12 hours per night. For example, a 5-year-old needs about 12 hours per night, a 10-year-old needs about 10 hours per night, and by the time children are in their teenage years, they need nine hours per night.

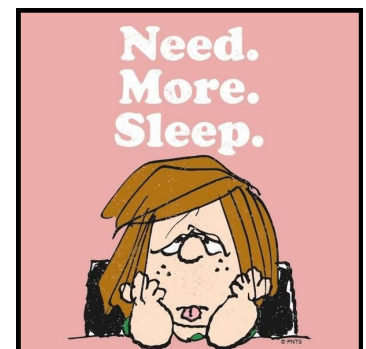
Your child can probably handle missing one hour of sleep one night. However, if they miss one hour of sleep for multiple nights, it is as if they missed two hours of sleep on the second night. By the third night, it is as if they missed three hours, and so on. This creates a sleep debt. By the end of the week, the sleep debt can be so great that the child cannot make it up on the weekends and can become chronically sleep deprived.

In addition to getting plenty of sleep, it is important that children get quality sleep as well. Multiple medical conditions, such as obstructive sleep apnea, periodic limb movement disorder, nocturnal seizures or parasomnias can affect the quality of sleep.

Children who have symptoms of these conditions may require an overnight sleep study to diagnose them. An overnight polysomnogram, or sleep study, is the gold standard for diagnosing obstructive sleep apnea or other nocturnal sleeping conditions.

In summary, it is important for children to get a good quality and quantity of sleep each night. Once they have achieved this, parents can be confident that their children can fill their potential.

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## Pre-K Section Activities

### Nursery

Playful Pandas Nursery class enjoyed learning circle shape and they made a circle shape panda art work. They also had fun counting one to five and learning letter 'B' at the Thai Summer House. (See pictures 1-3)

### Pre-K 1A

The little ones of teacher Leila had FUN working together as a team while painting a paper in order to make a 'swamp' to put their paper stuffed 'alligators' for the letter sound 'A'. (See picture 4 & 5)

### Pre-K 1B

Play and artwork activities are a few of the best ways to spark up learning. Sorting out the same colors using building blocks and making a butterfly artwork were some meaningful experiences in familiarizing objects starting with the letter B. (See picture 6 & 7)

### Pre-K 2A

Pre K 2 Ducklings learned the concept " Long and Short " by using scarfs in the class. (See picture 8)

### Pre-K 2B

The Pre K 2-Bees had so much fun in exploring the Sense of Smelling. They were able to know how important it is in daily life activities and they enjoyed recognizing the things that smell and don't smell. (See picture 9)



# Elem - Section Activities



Science Activity  
by Grade 1 Eagles



Science Activity  
by Grade 1 Eagles



Science Activity  
by Grade 3 Unique Unicorns



Science Activity  
by Grade 3 Bright Owls



Math Activity  
by Grade 5 Voyagers



Math Activity  
by Grade 5 Voyagers



Grade 2 'Trail Blazers'  
Creative Hands at Work"



Science Activity  
by Grade 1 Debra's Doves



Science Activity  
by Grade 6 Explorers



Science Activity  
by Grade 6 Explorers



### Words That Describe Me

By Grade 1 Debra's Doves

**Punyavee:** I am ... funny, friendly, caring, smart and helpful. I am also hard-working, brave and pretty.

**Vishayaporn:** I am ... strong, friendly, pretty, helpful, kind, funny and clever.

**Mary:** I am ... cool, sweet, smart, pretty, helpful, kind, and friendly.

**Alissarin:** I am ... good, kind, clever, positive, happy, pretty, friendly and helpful.

**Lanta Trine:** I am ... nice, respectful, helpful, pretty, clever, and friendly.

**Pasu:** I am ... playful, respectful, clever, kind and handsome.

**Smith:** I am ... confident, handsome, friendly, kind, helpful, and a good listener.

**Saranpat:** I am ... nice, thin, short, handsome, kind, smart, friendly and helpful.

**Amrith:** I am ... loyal, friendly, brave, handsome, clever, and helpful.

**Ilan:** I am ... sporty, kind, handsome, clever, helpful, friendly, playful, and funny.

**Hrithik:** I am ... grateful, helpful, respectful, kind, smart, handsome, and friendly.

**Phitakorn:** I am ... happy, smart strong, friendly, handsome, kind, and helpful.

**Jacob:** I am ... jolly, active, funny, tall, kind, happy, and friendly.

**Umar Abdul:** I am ... talented, smart, respectful, nice, handsome, friendly and kind.

**Nuanploy:** I am ... active, funny, pretty, friendly, helpful, happy, and clever.

**Karynne Lois:** I am ... happy, funny, playful, friendly, kind, smart, helpful and pretty.

**Prithivel:** I am ... loveable, pleasing, clever, kind, handsome, friendly, and helpful.

**Jia Xuan:** I am ... cute, cheerful, nice, friendly, pretty, helpful, and clever.

### My Family

By Grade 1 Eagles

**Punya:** My family is small. We like to eat at MK. We like to go to the zoo. We like to swim at the beach and go shopping. We like to make pancakes together. We like to go to Disneyworld.

**Puntalinee:** My family likes to eat. My family likes to travel. My family is small and we live in a small house.

**Chanyathada:** We like to go to the beach and swim. We like to play football together. We also like watching movies.

**Phonphan:** We like Music. We like to go to the hospital. On holiday, we like to visit the aquarium.

**Methapon:** My family is small. We like to eat pizza. We like to play together. We like to go to the zoo.

**Iyaluck:** My family is small. We like to eat at Fuji. We like to go to Disneyworld.

**Karnkawin:** We like to watch TV. My family is small. We also like to play and run together.

**Weechayut:** We help each other. We eat lunch together. We kiss each other too. My family is small and I like my family.

**Thanchanok Grace:** We help each other. We love each other. We take care of each other. We like to go to the beach. We like Pattaya, Huahin, and Nakhon Pathom.

**Natthida:** We go to the sea together. We love each other. We help each other. We like to go to Pattaya and Huahin. We like to go to the zoo. We eat ice cream together.

**Sammam:** We are a family. My family is small. We love each other. We like to swim and eat.

**Chayakorn:** We are a family. My family is small. We love each other. We eat ice cream together. We swim together. We like each other. Sometimes, we play together.

**Tanishka:** We help each other. My family likes to go to the beach together.

**Kavya:** My family is small. We like to play badminton together. We like to travel together too. We like to watch movies. We like to read.

**Changhyun:** My family likes to eat pizza. We like to play together but we don't like the sun. We like to go to the beach.

**Prassana:** My family is small. We like to play with a ball. We like to eat ice cream. We love each other. We love to watch movies at night. We like to walk around.

**Bibhuti:** We like going to the beach. We like playing cards. We like to eat ice cream. We are a happy family. We like to sleep together in our bed.

**Tristan:** My family likes to swim and play in our home. My family is small. My family likes to go somewhere and go to the beach and splash water.

**Aditya:** My family is small. We like to go to Lego World. We like to play football. We like to eat ice cream. We like to walk around our place, which we call Colony. We like to watch movies. We like to go to Disneyworld. We like to go to an aquarium.

### **The Adventurous Mouse**

I went on a journey to New Mouse city and lived there for seven years. I also have a sister named Thea Stilton. Oh! I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Geronimo Stilton. I have a cousin named Trap Stilton. My favorite boy is Benjamin. I keep previewing everything in the book and write it perfectly. It is mouse language. So humans cannot understand it. It is like this ~`~&\$#@!(#\$~. The first seven hours I stay alone and then Trap and Benjamin came with me all the time. It was an exciting adventure.

Tham, G-2 Kestrels

### **I Will Always Remember**

I'll always remember the time I went to Chaiyapum. It was fun there when I went for Songkran. I played for the first time. I splashed water so much and then went to take a bath. Then I took my water gun and splashed water again and again. It was the best time that I remember. I will never forget it! When I went back the second time, it was more fun. I played football with my grandfather. We kicked the ball and played for a long time. This is my favorite memory ever!

Sasakorn, G-2 Kestrels

### **The Haunted House**

One night I went to a haunted house party. Inside, I saw monsters, zombies, ghosts, vampires and skeletons dancing. The food was disgusting because it was eyeball soup, rotten human skin. Then something happened, werewolves were playing tag and biting each other. I knocked on the secret door of riddles. It was difficult for me at first. Then little by little I improved and I beat it. I was glad to be out. It was a spooky adventure!!!

Phyo Thiri, G-2 Kestrels

### **Blinkky**

I will always remember my friend Blinkky! She was 7 years old like me. I always played with her. It was so much fun! One day I had to move to another school called AITIS. On the last day my teacher gave a party since I was going to another school. My friends came to say bye-bye! I love all of my friends. Teacher came to take a picture of me and my friends. Some of my friends were crying. I also love my teacher very much. I will always remember that day!

Junnarada, G-2 Kestrels

### **The Pink Dolphin**

On a holiday we went camping. When we reached there, my mom and dad began to put up the tent. I looked at the picture and the tent and I said, "It's perfect!" When I had my lunch, I went

for a swim. And then, I saw the pink dolphin! I stopped swimming and I knocked the door of the tent. But my parents were sleeping. So I went back to the beach because my parents were sleeping. The dolphin came and played with me. We played together and it was so much fun!

At first when we came to camp I was lonely but now I was very happy! When I went there again the next time, my dolphin and I had a happy reunion!

Chichaya, G-2 Kestrels

### **My First Colorful and Sparkling Painting**

One day I was bored with nothing to do. I could only name animals. 'What else can I do?' I said to myself. After a while my mom came in and told me to do a painting. I love to paint. Why didn't I think of that? I took a sheet of paper and started drawing. I drew a big garden and a small house. Then I drew a butterfly and a pretty pond near the garden. Next, I started to paint. I used green, blue, orange, purple, yellow and pink. After I had painted, I called my mom to come see the painting. My mom told me that it would be nicer with glitter. So I put some glitter and my mom said it was perfect! I was happy and I hugged my mom. Just then my dad came in and saw my painting. But he said that it would be better if I drew a sun and painted it and then put glitter on it. After eight minutes, I was done. Both my parents loved it and I was proud of it. I hugged both of my parents at the same time and had a big party to show my painting. Many friends came to the party and said that it was wonderful.

I kept my painting near me and I kept both eyes stuck on it!

This was my first colorful, sparkling painting.

Ranisha De Silva, G-2 Trail Blazers

### **My First Trip to Kho Chang**

It was midnight. I was still sleeping. My mom and dad were awake. They woke me up at 2 A.M. I wanted to sleep a little more. They didn't let me because there was not much time left. I brushed my teeth at 2:30 A.M. Then I had my breakfast. The van came and we picked up somebody too.

It was a long day to Kho Chang. We swam and played there. We enjoyed. There were fireworks too. We got a map and we had to follow it. We hunted for a chest. Finally I found the chest. It had gold and gemstones.

We had a happy new year 2014. I stayed up till 12:30 A.M.

Teesta Dutta, G-2 Trail Blazers

### **My Wonderful Birthday**

Hello! We meet each other again. I will talk to you about my birthday. My birthday is on June 28. I love having birthdays. During my birthday, I played games with my friends. The games are Slither.io and Agar.io. I enjoyed my birthday very much. Not only that, my father brought me to eat dinner. On my birthday I also received gifts. Sometimes I get Transformers, Hot Wheels, Vanguard and Dino Master. At the party, I drank a lot of punch and a lot of Kokakaloka. My dad bought me toys. The toys were Legos. During the party, my friend BanBam came. We danced, sang songs and played. We enjoyed the dancing and the music What Do You Mean, Let It Go and Rolling in the Deep. We also did some cartwheels. When we were full, we sat and watched TV. That is how I enjoyed my birthday!

Bavinee, G-3 Bright Owls

### **A Fun Birthday**

I am Raan. I am going to tell you about my birthday. I was born in October 18, 2007 in Bangkok. I am Thai. I like birthday parties. I want to receive a phone as a present for my birthday because I can play games and use Line to chat with my friends. Wiss is my best friend. His birthday is on December 4, 2007. He came to my birthday party but I didn't go during his birthday. I also love the chocolate Royce but it is so expensive. One box has 12 pieces and it costs 500 baht. I want it as a present also. On my last birthday, my Mom gave me a Lego Set. I also want my birthday cake to be vanilla flavor. I want my birthday party to be at Central World. I always enjoy birthday parties!

Raan, G-3 Unique Unicorns

### **My Exciting Party**

My favorite day is my birthday because I get many presents and my best friends who are now in another school come for my party. I also invite my classmates like Avishi, Sarisa, Aticha and Kanyatorn. We have ice cream cake. My favorite flavors are vanilla and chocolate. After that, we have games like statue dance, musical chairs and pinyata. The bigger kids would play crosswords or snakes and ladders. For the smaller children, they play with my dolls. After playing, we will eat pizza or spaghetti. For drinks, we have Coke, Fanta, Sprite or Mountain Dew. For my gifts, I want to have dresses, bags and books about history. And after everyone went home, I felt very happy that all my best friends came. On my next birthday, I want to have the best party in the world!

Arya, G-3 Unique Unicorns

### **The Best Birthday Ever!**

Birthdays are really fun. There are gifts, movies, games and food. Okey now, let us start with gifts. Gifts are really cool. You could get toys like books, clothes, shoes, barbies, soft toys and so much more. Now let's go to movies. You could watch movies like Horried Hennry, Sleeping Beauty, Pets Secret Life and so one. Now let's go to games. Games are cool too, like musical chairs, hide and seek, catch and catch, donkey tails and so on. Last but not the least, food. Food is yummy like chips, pizza, burger, noodles, hotdogs, mango juice and others. There's no more left so let's talk. Stella, Devan, Piriyakorn, Saura, Wiss and Punn are my friends. What about yours? My favorite food is hotdog. They are yummy. What about yours? Is it chips? Yes it is! Bye now!

Bavinee, G-3 Bright Owls

### **My First Trip to Chaing Mai**

I went to Chaing Mai by car. It was a wonderful road trip. When we got to Chaing Mai, we first went to a night safari. There were many animals. I got to feed the Giraffes. I visited many places in Chaing Mai. One of the places that I have visited is Doi Intanon. Doi Intanon is a place where you go up and up the mountain. We went so high up that the temperature there was 13 degrees Celsius. When we were done we slept at a hotel. The next morning, I had a big breakfast. It was wonderful. After breakfast, I went to ride a horse. It was so much fun. I had one hour to ride the horse. Then I went to the hotel. I had lunch and after lunch, I went to the kids' room with my sister. We played with little balls.

This was my first trip to Chaing Mai by car.

Melisa Chatpunnarangsec, G-2 Trail Blazers

### **My First Trip to Germany**

I went to the airport in the morning with my mom and dad. I was very excited that I was going to Germany. Then I went on a plane. It landed in Germany. My mom and I went to rent a car. Then we went to a hotel. The next morning, I had a big German breakfast. At lunch time we went to Edikas'nter. I bought a German lunch. It was very yummy. I had bread and ham. Then we went to a park. I saw ducks and many big birds. Then a few days later, we went to another place and the hotel that we stayed in was called The Park Hotel. I played soccer a lot because there was a big area to play soccer. The weather was nice and cool. I liked it there because I could watch Euro Cup match. Portugal won France in the finals.

This was my first trip to Germany.

Chevan, G-2 Trail Blazers

## Voices

I have voices in my head, they talk to me, they understand.

They talk to me. They talk to me, I have voices overdue.

They shout to me, I acknowledge you.

They talk to me.

I got bruises on the picture, I am designed to keep you safe.

But when rules start getting broken, you start questioning your fate.

I have a voice and it's my savior, hates to love and loves to hate.

I have voices in my head, they talk to me they understand.

They talk to me, they talk to me! Woot

I have voices overdue, they talk to me.

I acknowledge you, they talk to me, they talk to me.

Now, I see heroes dying, I taste blood that is straying.

I hear voices crying. I have voices in my head

They talk to me, they talk to me

I have voices overdue

They shout to me, I acknowledge you.

They talk to me ohhhh!

Boongyal Intharathat, G-4 Fantastic

## Super Time

Once upon a time there was a boy named Blaze. When Blaze woke up he heard something in his closet, when he opened it he saw something. It was a strange rock, when he touched it he felt weird. As he came outside he suddenly flew but he didn't even know how to fly till then. After he learned to fly he heard someone. A man was trapped in the building. Blaze hurriedly went to help him. After saving the man he went back home and went straight to his bed and slept. As he went to sleep his power slowly went away and got lost forever.

Earl Edward Gonzales, G-4 Fantastic

## The Cat and the Ladybug

On February 14, 2007, a little ladybug was born and she was called Valentina, for she was born on valentine. After school if she had any spare time she would help others in need. One day a mean selfish cat came and started terrorizing the town. Valentina was mad, a cat just coming in like nothing ever happened! So she started to bite the cat. The cat growled and chased her. Valentina flew as fast as she could. She would not die yet. Many people depended on her. So she thought, what could kill the cat? Water! So she flew to the nearest lake she could find. She flew

over the lake and cat pounced. They fell in and drowned. R.I.P cat

Jan Riyamel Diopenes, G-4 Fantastic

## Little Brave Owl

Once upon a time there lived an owl with his family. His father planned to adventure around the world.

One day his father said, "I will go only for 3 months." Then the little owl said, "No I will miss you. I will follow you."

"No! You cannot," father said. After that day when he was gone for a month, little owl said, "I miss my father." Mommy said, "In 2 months you will see him."

At night time he planned to follow his father. He went out of the front door and told to himself, "I will find my father."

As he was searching for his father he saw the wolf and asked him, "Where is my father?" Then the wolf gave a short cut map. He flew and sought for his dad for 10 days.

Then he decided to go back home. All the way home he saw an owl flying then he called "Dad!" . Then that owl turned his back and it was his father. His father said, "Why are you out here?" Then the little owl said, "I'm sorry. I was looking for you." Father said, "Next time don't do it again. It's dangerous for you." The little owl responded, "I'm sorry Dad."

Father smiled and said, "Anyway, don't worry lets go back home."

Chawis Jitkawinkul, G-4 Fantastic

## Turtle Finally Won

The race was there but where was the hare,

The hare was at bears eating with no care,

The turtle was on the run with a dare,

to win the peach and the pear.

The hare was mad but he didn't care

cause he'll race him again,

To see who will have a dare

to win the peach and the pear.

Nathania Santoso, G-4 Fantastic

## My First Thai Friend

My first Thai friend's name was Tham. Tham is in the other class now. He comes to my house almost every holiday. Tham's house is in the same village as mine. Sometimes he comes and has lunch with me. When he comes, I do not play with anyone else, but Tham. He also helps me prepare lunch. He stays with me from 9 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the evening. We play with almost all the toys in my house, including swords, dinosaurs, and dragons.

Pal Siyapan, G-2 Trail Blazers

## The Haunted Journey

There were three friends and their names were Sara, Anna, and Katy. They loved to discover things. One day they went outside for a walk. Suddenly, the rain started. Katy looked around and commented, “We need something to cover us, or else we will get wet”. So, Sara saw a big tree and said, “That’s our shelter, let’s go there.” They ran to the tree, sat down, and crouched. The wind was really hard and it was shaking the tree. All of a sudden, the tree got a little bit uprooted and it was about to fall down when they heard a loud sound.

BOOM! The tree already fell down.

They started to walk again with their eyes closed because they were afraid that something bad might happen to them. Suddenly, they felt something that was really hot. Anna suddenly opened her eyes and she was wondering what was happening around? She screamed so loud that everybody had to open their eyes. “What happened?” Sara cried. “Look! It’s raining hot water!” They ran so fast until they found a castle.

The castle looked a bit old and spooky because it was already night. Katy said worriedly, “It’s ok, let’s just go there, else we will get burned”. They hurriedly went over there and quickly went in. All they saw were old paintings, old furniture, hard beds, and sofas. They thought, they were all safe because nobody lived there so they decided to stay that night.

But through the walls, it seemed as though someone was watching them. “Who’s that?” asked Sara. “Huh, no one! Maybe, it was only your imagination,” Anna said, though she was also terrified.

It was really a quiet place, that’s why Sara, Anna and Katy were scared. They were walking silently, no talking, just looking around. The sound of their shoes filled the air. A bat came towards them. They freaked out so badly and Sara screamed so loud. Hearing Sara’s loud scream, it reminded Anna about the world’s scariest haunted castle. She told the girls to get out of the house and to find another shelter. But she didn’t hear any response from them. The girls were quiet. Then suddenly she got worried so she looked back. No one was there! Anna was all alone – frightened and worried about her friends. She muttered to herself that since it was still raining outside, then where they would possibly go? She had to be brave and she must find her friends so she went all around the castle just to find Sara and Katy.

She went upstairs, but nobody was there either

She looked out of a window and saw Sara and Katy near a tree outside the castle. “You guys will get burned, get out of there!” said Anna. They really did not want to go inside the castle so instead she went out to go to the tree where her friends were standing. It was a good thing that the rain finally stopped. However, when she was about to get nearer to the tree, there were a lot of bats that came out. The girls were afraid that any time the bats would attack them.

A colony of bats was heading towards Anna. Anna closed her eyes and covered herself with her arms. Katy grabbed Anna and they started to run so fast. They were screaming so loud because they were really horrified. Anna tripped. Her arms were wounded. She couldn’t run anymore. The two girls tried to help her, but the colony of bats already attacked her.

But when the bats attacked Anna, the three girls were stunned. Nothing happened to her! She was too heavy and it was hard for the bats to carry her off. Suddenly, they remembered that they were in a new place and gravity in that place was a bit different. Katy said “That’s why the bats fell down and broke!” and that was when they knew that the bats were only robots.

The girls hugged one another and they tried to close their eyes once again to rest for a while because of too much exhaustion. Until, Anna heard someone said, “Wake up now, Anna! You’re already late for your school.” Anna opened her eyes. She found out that she was in her bed and the sun was already shining bright. “Good thing it was just a dream,” Anna murmured.

Anusha Verma and Van Anh Nguyen, G-5



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## How to Make English Breakfast Tea at Home

Do you know the tea bags you get in a supermarket that you pour in hot water? Have you ever wondered the ingredients they put in those tea bags? Well, I am here to tell you how to make your do-it-yourself (DIY) English breakfast tea bags.

So, the ingredients you will need are:

- ¾ cup of coffee beans
- 1 tablespoon of almonds
- 2 cups of water
- ½ cup of ginger ale
- 3 teaspoons of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon of honey
- 1 tablespoon of cocoa powder

You also need to prepare the following:

- A cupcake liner
- A food processor
- Whisk
- Spoon
- Mixing bowls

So, are you ready? Let's get started!

First, you put the coffee beans, almonds, brown sugar, and cocoa powder in your food processor and blend it until it becomes a brownish-black soft powder. Put the powdered ingredients in a mixing bowl and set aside. Next, get another bowl and mix water, ginger ale, and honey. Use a whisk to mix the ingredients well. After that, combine your dry mixture and wet mixture together. Mix it with a spoon and not with your whisk so that the mixture will not stick on your whisk. Keep mixing the ingredient until everything turns into a sticky paste. Now, line a baking tray with parchment paper and spread the paste all around the tray. Put it in the freezer overnight. Next morning, take it out and break it into small pieces, then process it into fine powder.

Are you still wondering how we can make tea? Well, here it is: You put some powder into the cupcake liner and twist it tight so it looks like an octopus. Get a cup and fill it with some hot water. Put the tea octopus in the water and wait for about 2 minutes and stir it gently. You don't need to add honey or sugar because it's already sweet and tasty but if you don't like sweet tea, just don't put a lot of brown sugar or honey in your mixture. Also, if your tea mixture is a little bit dry, just add ¼ teaspoon of coconut oil. It will give you the right texture that you want and it will also give a good aroma to your tea! Actually, adding 3-5 drops of flavoring or 1-3 drops of scent can turn your tea into a one of a kind homemade custom

tea.

So, that concludes your DIY homemade English breakfast tea! If you think that our homemade tea doesn't taste good then maybe you can try our second recipe which I will publish in my next article. If you have a lot of time and really want to do some cooking experiments, I suggest that you make your own tea bags at home because it is really cheaper by 20 bucks.

Mai Thao, G-5

## My First Double Fact Math Game

Today Mr. Elvis showed us how to play a Double Fact Game. In the game we have to tap T-Rex's head. Then the mouth will open. We will see two numbers for example 9+8. Inside the mouth there will be 9 teeth up and 9 teeth down. Next, you need to tap the rotten tooth. The tooth will drop down. Then three answers will pop out. We need to pick the correct answer. If we pick the correct answer, the T-Rex will dance.

It was fun!

Kiragorn, G-2 Trail Blazers



KG- Jolly Kittens had their nature walk. They collected living things and discussed difference between living and non-living things.



KG- Dynamic Dolphins had Math activity on 'Sorting by Colors'. The children sorted out the beads cups by colors and then made bracelets using the sorted beads.

## A Trip to Cornwall

In the second week of our holiday in the UK, we went to Cornwall in the south-west of England. Cornwall is a very old English county (province). It is one of the few counties in Britain that the Romans didn't go to because it was too hilly and too far. Cornwall has its own language, but not many people speak it, and its own flag. In my opinion, Cornwall is very peaceful, beautiful, and romantic - not at all like London. We were there in the summer so the weather was really lovely - not too hot, not too cold, just right.

The journey to Cornwall was very long and traffic and the weather was very misty. We left early in the morning and finally reached our home-stay in Truro that my dad booked on Airbnb, in the early evening. Airbnb is an app where you can rent rooms and houses to stay in for the holidays. It was house number 2 and the front garden was very pretty. It was full of fox-gloves (a type of wild flower) and lots of big daisies. Our host was a musician who composes music for Truro Cathedral choir. He has never been to Thailand, but said he would like to go one day to visit the temples.

After we unpacked our things and got settled in our room, we walked into the city to look around. The shops had closed, but we bought some food, then went back to our home-stay and cooked dinner. We didn't do much in the evening because we travelled for about six or seven hours that day and were all very tired. We slept early that night.

It was another mild day. We went into town again, but this time we went to Truro Cathedral. In the cathedral, I saw a very large pile of scrunched-up paper that was a piece of art. It was meant to represent waste in our modern lives. We also bought some souvenirs, took some photos of the stained-glass windows and tall spires, and sat down for a performance by a soprano singer. Truro Cathedral is one of the most modern Gothic-style cathedrals built in England. It was built only 150 years ago out of granite stone (most cathedrals are 400-600 years old). After the cathedral, we went shopping, looked for clothes, had tea and cake at a museum tea shop, and walked around the old city. On our way home in the late afternoon, we stopped off at a Chinese restaurant and ordered some takeaway food. It was very delicious.

On the third day, we went to Lands End, the furthest westernmost place in Great Britain. We parked the car in the big car park and walked miles and miles over the hills and down the cliff

steps to a beach called White Sands where we visited a lifeboat museum and saw surfers surfing.

It started getting cloudy and we thought it would rain so we decided to walk back. On our way, I saw an old shipwreck and asked one of the tour guides about it. She said it crashed in 2003 and the rescuers couldn't move it, that's why it's still there. I took some notes about it later. We carried on towards our car, had some snacks, then drove back home.

The rest of the week, we went to other beaches and coastal towns. On Sunday, we said goodbye to our host and drove back to Brighton. But on the way, we stayed one night at a farm. We stayed in an 18<sup>th</sup> century barn. It was very romantic and I talked a lot to the farmers.

Phakamon Suphaveerapat, G-5

## What a Headache?

It was summer holiday. Larry decided to play football with his friends. Larry and his friends had so much fun playing football, they played football every Sunday afternoon. One day when the sun was setting, Larry said goodbye to his friends and went home straight away. He didn't want to be late for dinner.

Larry was home and sweating all over his body. "I think I should take bath, the sweat is making me smelly," said Larry. Then he took a bath. After taking a bath, Larry wore his clothes and started running to the dining room as fast as lightning. When he reached the dining room, he sat down and ate his food very quickly. "Don't eat too fast, Larry!" said his mom. "I'll be okay mom," Larry replied. After eating dinner, Larry got a sudden headache and decided to go to sleep. After just lying on the bed for about 30 seconds, he found himself in a place where there were lots of volcanoes erupting near a village. Everyone in the village was panicking and some were packing their stuff to go somewhere else, but the lava was too fast and it almost reached the village.

"Where am I? I have to get out of here!" said Larry, panicking. Then he ran as fast as he could to escape the flowing lava from the erupting volcanoes, but while running, he fell into a hole. Soon he realized it wasn't an ordinary hole, but it had a lot of pathways which was like a maze.

Larry hated puzzles and mazes. At first he thought that he should stay there and scream out loud so someone outside the hole can hear him. After thinking twice, he realized that he was too far down, and no one could possibly hear him, so he decided to attempt the maze.

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"This maze is hurting my brain, I hope I am going to the right way..." said Larry. After minutes of walking through the maze, Larry shouted in excitement, "Light! The exit must be near!" After he exited the hole, he found himself in an Olympic game.

He was pulled right into the stadium from the hole. When he was being pulled by a person, he shouted "What are you doing to me?" But the person didn't listen and instead threw him into the football field and said that Larry was volunteering to be in the blue team. Larry was confused, but he liked football and the only way to get out of this stadium was to win the game. Larry tried his best to beat the opponent team which was red, but his team still hadn't scored a single point. "I think I will never win this and stay here forever..." thought Larry, but he got a little hope when he saw that the goalkeeper of the red team wasn't paying attention, so Larry tried to take this advantage. And he made a goal for his team and won the game. When Larry and his team were celebrating their victory, the referee pulled Larry out of the football field and threw him off a cliff.

Larry felt dizzy, and soon he found that he was in a forest. "I think I'm safe here, no danger, no trouble and nothing can ruin me!" said Larry. Then he decided to explore the forest. After about 50 minutes of exploring, Larry heard a roaring sound. "What was that? Surely there's no lion in this forest... or maybe there are!" thought Larry. Right after he said that, a lion came to his sight. Larry got scared and ran away from the lion, the lion was running behind him, chasing. When Larry was running, he decided to climb up a tree and the lion went away. "Phew that was a close call!" said Larry. Since he was very tired and had a bad headache again, he closed his eyes.

When Larry opened his eyes he found himself on his bed. "What!" Was it a nightmare?" "It's 10:00 am and I am late. Larry jumped out of the bed and ran to the bathroom. After finishing up his chores there he ran to the dining room and started eating his breakfast. "Not fast again," said Larry to himself. He started eating his breakfast slowly so he won't get that painful headache again. After eating breakfast he wore his jogging clothes and went for his daily jogging. While jogging, he promised himself not to eat quickly again, or it will cause something bad to him.

Fauzan, G-6

### **Mystery of the Two Flower Symbols**

Once upon a time, in a faraway village, there was a poor family. They were Lily, Daisy, and

their parents.

Even though they were not rich, they had their own treasures, which were truth, kindness and honesty. Their dad was a farmer who worked very hard to fill the empty stomachs of the family, but the money he earned was never enough, which is why 7 years old Lily had to take care of her little sister and all chores at the hut while mom made pairs of sandals out of hay. But Lily was still very upset because of their very low income.

One day, when only Lily and Daisy were at home, they heard a loud knock at the door. "Tock! Tock! Tock! Is there anybody in this dusty old hut?" A man shouted outside.

"Be brave Lily, maybe somebody brought a good news for our family. If no one goes out, he might go away," Lily told to herself.

"Yes I do Sir," she said as she went front. Just then, her parents came shouting "Lily! How many times do we have to say don't open the door when we are not here."

"It's me," the man standing at the door turned back and shouted again. "Oh! Sir, please forgive us, we didn't know it was you." They brought him in and offered a seat.

"I will just stand, I don't have a lot of time to spend in this dusty place," the stranger replied unkindly. After the conversation ended, Lily realized that the stranger was the owner of their little farm and he came to inform his parents that since they were unable to produce the required amount of crop, he was going to give the farm to another person! Lily got worried as that farm was their only source of livelihood!

After the farm owner left, dad looked sad and mom looked shocked. As Lily looked at them, she swam deep into her thoughts.

All of a sudden her grandma's mysterious poem came to her mind, which she sang when she gave two symbols of flowers to Lily last year before she died.

The poem said.....

"As you grow up, you may face problems,

Get the help from two symbols,

They will show you the way,

You two little girls will find the way.....

She was sure she hid two symbols under an oak tree far from their hut.

"But, if one girl is me, who could be the second?" she wondered.

Suddenly, Daisy broke the silence.

"Sister, I neath thou go out and play! (Sister, I need to go out and play)."

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“Of course! Daisy is the second girl! One symbol represents a lily flower, while the other represents a daisy flower! I got it!” she thought happily.

“Sister! Sister! I want to play! (Sister! sister! I want to play)” Daisy started again.

“Ok Daisy, let’s go!” Lily said as she disappeared into the garden with Daisy. Lily taught the poem to Daisy. They excavated near the oak tree as they sang the poem. “Sister there is something!” Daisy shouted with joy as she found two symbols along with a secret coded letter.

Lily understood the pattern of the codes, and she read it with Daisy. Suddenly, *blash!!!* Two little pixies appeared.

“We waited for you for so many years, and we are always at your service,” the pixies said nicely.

“Thank you! But who are you? How do you know us?” Lily asked curiously.

“When your grandma was at your age, she helped pixies a lot. She was our princess. So, when you two were growing up, we thought of making you two as our new princesses. We saw how good you were, by your kindness, patience, honesty and other good qualities. Your granny said whenever you discover her secret poem, you two will be suitable to be crowned. Congratulations! Now you are our new leaders!”

“But what about our parents?” Lily asked.

“Don’t worry about your family. Flower symbols will always fulfill your wishes,” pixies said.

At the end, they went home and made wishes of whatever they needed. Their parents were really astonished at first, but they got very happy at the end.

And that was the end of their sad life and the beginning of their happy life. Thanumi, G-6

### **Scarlett Twins**

Long time ago, in a very faraway kingdom of Arin where everything was in balance, there lived two twin girls called the Scarlett twins. Their names were Scar Scarlett and Rose Scarlett. They kept their kingdom very safe. These two girls were very talented. The girls were not princesses but royal guardians of the royal family.

Scar Scarlett was a very brave guardian. She was a very tough and a brave person. The reason why she was called Scar is because she had scar mark on her face ever since she was a child. On the other hand Rose Scarlett was kind and a gentle person. The reason she was called Rose was that she had red hair like a rose. Even though they had different personalities they were never apart from each other.

One day there was an announcement! “Once a child guardian of the royal family grows up and has the skill of a great guardian, she will be able to rule the kingdom.”

Rose Scarlett was excited but she had one problem, her sister Scar Scarlett. She knew she had no chance of being in the throne. She had no skill of a perfect guardian. So that night, Rose Scarlett sneaked out of the kingdom. She met the enemies of her kingdom, the Ever Blazers. She went to the leader and told lies about her sister. She said, “If you help me become the great guardian then you shall rule with me”. They eagerly agreed. She now became an Ever Blazer. She felt sad that she had to do this to her sister Scar Scarlett. But it was the only way to get the throne, she thought.

The next day everyone was worried about Rose, especially Scar Scarlett. She then realized that Rose knew that she would not be the great guardian. She was lost in her thoughts about Rose, when suddenly, she heard the sound of loud trumpets. She looked out from the terrace and saw her sister with their enemies. Scar said in her mind, “What have you done!” Then they shouted out loud, “We will fight and take the kingdom from you! Charge Ever Blazers!” A fierce war began.

While Scar was fighting she saw her sister too. Face to face the Scarlett twins fought with each other with clashes of swords and with all the power they could muster. Scar kept yelling at Rose, warning her to stop this war. She even got injured during this fight which made Rose realize what she was doing and how foolish she was. So together they fought the ever blazers.

The enemies got confused. They could not fight properly and got defeated and went back where they came from. Rose told Scar that she was jealous that she won’t be the great guardian of Arin and she would not do it again. Rose apologized what she had done and Scar forgave her. They were so happy that they were together again.

Now everything was back to normal.

Renaya, G-6

### **The Rainbow Road**

Long ago a boy named Jack lived on a farm with his dad. He always helped his father feed the horses on the farm. One day when he was going to feed the horse he found a new horse, ready with a saddle and with a golden sword and it had a letter on it, which said if you are brave enough go to the top of the rainbow road and get treasures.

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The letter came with a map telling where the rainbow road was. But there was a twist. It said be careful of monsters that can eat you!

He was really a scaredy cat and a shy boy so he denied the quest of course. But then Jack revised his decision and thought if he gets the treasure his family will not be poor. So he started his journey.

At first he was going to get killed by the monsters. He had scars and he was bleeding everywhere but then he said, "Wait monster! If we get the treasure together we can share it together." So the monster agreed and they climbed the rainbow road together.

But suddenly a real dangerous monster came with sharp teeth, holding a hammer. The kind monster and Jack nodded their heads and defeated the bad monster. Then they found the treasure. Inside were 2 wallets that were money maker that kept making money every 5 minutes. So their family became rich and got a new house in a new rich city.

Rit, G-6

### **The Disappearance of the Aurora Lights**

Many centuries ago, there was a mythical land called Evergreen where dwarfs, elves, and witches lived. The land was filled with peace and harmony and was protected by the aurora lights throughout the land. Until the tragedy which made the aurora lights disappear and the land turned into ruins.

A witch named Lux made a decision that she will find out why the aurora lights disappeared and started her journey. She packed her supplies and went straight to the forests with her cat Cinnamon. The forest was now the most dangerous place in Evergreen which used to be filled with fairies and many kinds of flowers and magical plants, but it didn't stop her from going there.

As she walked inside the forest with cinnamon, she heard a mysterious sound. It sounded like a growl from wolves. Seconds later there were shadows of glowing eyes around her. Lux got nervous since she was surrounded by mysterious creatures. Cinnamon jumped on her shoulder and touched her face with her paw softly and meowed, telling Lux to run. Lux ran as fast as she could. Trying to exit from the forest. Then, Lux slipped and fell into an underground cave along with cinnamon.

Lux's vision became blurred then she collapsed while Cinnamon was waiting for her to wake up.

Many hours passed, Lux heard a voice of a person telling her to wake up. Lux opened her eyes and jumped. The mysterious person was an elf. Her voice was really soft and sweet. She introduced herself and told that her name is Sonia. Sonia's mission was to find out why the aurora lights disappeared and how to get them back too. They teamed up and helped each other day by day.

One day, they stumbled upon a tree. The tree was different from other trees in the forest because that tree was the only tree that was green and tall while others were dry and thin. They looked closer to investigate the tree and found a note carved on the tree. It said 'LOOK UP.' Lux and Sonia looked at each other and shrugged. They both looked up and what they saw was a sparkling red dragon, flying towards them both. The dragon landed on the grass and sat down. It looked like friendly dragon since it didn't do any harm. Cinnamon went near the dragon and it didn't do any harm. Sonia suggested that they can ride the dragon and find more clues. They hopped onto the dragon and headed straight to the ice mountain in the north.

On their way to the ice mountain, they were trying to figure out what should they name the dragon. They ended up naming it Ruby since the dragon was a sparkling red dragon. It's a very rare kind of dragon. When they landed on the ice mountain, they started to investigate everywhere. The only place they didn't investigate was the cave where according to people, a mythical creature hid with the stolen treasure from Evergreen which caused the aurora lights disappear. They decided to investigate further without any hesitation. Inside the cave was dark and hollow. And absolutely quiet. There was no sign of the mythical creature in the cave which made them relax.

They explored the cave for about an hour. They were about to give up when Cinnamon ran deeper inside the cave. Lux ran after Cinnamon and Sonia followed. They found Cinnamon sitting near a rock that was clear like a mirror. Lux touched the rock gently but it suddenly broke. The rock that was once clear and shiny turned into a normal rock.

All of a sudden, the cave began to collapse. Lux picked up Cinnamon and ran to the exit along with Sonia. They had to run as fast as they could or else they would not complete their mission. The exit was really near now. They could see the light from the outside. Lux decided to cast a spell on them to make them run faster.

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They almost ran out of time but they made it. Lux and Sonia were panting and were both tired but when they looked up, the sky was filled with light from the aurora lights. They were smiling and looking at each other.

Their mission was now complete. They looked around and everything was now back to normal. The forest was filled with green giant trees. The water in the ocean was now clear. The animals were living happily in their habitat.

Evergreen was now filled with peace and harmony again.

Thunyamas, G-6

### **The Lake O' Wisdom**

City Meso was the most festive place, but yet had the most sorrow, however no one ever left that city because it was surrounded by a dark forest and there were creepy things out there. They called the forest 'The Forbidden Woods'. Till one day a stranger came from beyond the Forbidden Woods.

The stranger was Charles who was trying to find the Lake O' Wisdom. It's called the Lake O' Wisdom because it granted people wishes. Everyone got curious about The Lake O' Wisdom especially the naughty kids. There were 4 naughty kids; John, Felix, Gidget and Roxy, who called themselves the Rule Breakers. While Charles was telling stories of his quest, the Rule Breakers packed food and water for their quest to search for the Lake O' Wisdom. "I can't wait to find this Lake O' Wisdom. I'd wish for freedom. My parents hate me." said Roxy. "Yup, I know how that feels." Gidget replied.

While they were strolling, they lost sight of Charles. "Guys, where's that stranger, Charles" Felix asked. "I don't know" John answered. *Grrrrr....* "What was that?" Roxy asked. *Roar...* Out came a herd of bears. *AHHHHH...* While they were running they got scratched by the bears. They knew running was useless so they started climbing the trees. Luckily the bears couldn't climb. They were safe so far till they felt something sticky. "Do you guys feel sticky?" Roxy asked. They looked around and saw giant spiders. *AHHHHH...* The spiders tried wrapping them in, but they escaped.

They ran and ran till they found the lake. But it was a grand hotel named Lake O' Wisdom Hotel. Luckily they found Charles there and asked him. "Hey Charles, is this Lake O' Wisdom you talked about?" Asked Roxy. "Yup" Charles Answered. "This is a wish come true. Look around!" They looked around and everything got destroyed. Who

knew how naughty those kids were. Soon, when the hotel manager noticed how messy his grand hotel was, he got so furious that he had no choice but to ban those kids from the hotel. "BYE" said Charles. "See ya soon."

The kids went back into the woods in search of the Lake O' Wisdom even though they didn't believe in Charles that it grants wishes. But as they stepped in the woods they started running, hoping the creatures will lead them to the Lake O' Wisdom. After running for hours they lost their breath and decided to hide in the bushes. Luckily the bears and the spiders didn't see them, but in those bushes were bunnies. Gidget went to touch one but as soon she touched the head, all the bunnies' eyes turned red. They had no time to eat or drink water. They had to run. Then the bears and spiders started chasing them again. "Why is the world so cruel?" asked Felix. "We are cruel to it too," replied John. At last they found the Lake O' Wisdom. They only had one chance before getting eaten alive. "We wish to be back home safely," said all four.

Gidget woke up and found herself on her bed. "What? Was it all dream?"

Karah, G-6

### **Ian**

People in Altansar never feared the beasts which roamed the plains or the deadly species which were found deep within the woods, they had the courage to stand in front of anything they saw. The only thing they actually feared was the one who possessed a dragon's blood. Everyone believed that a person who possesses a dragon's blood has the power to tear down anything which it desires. It is a power which cannot be taken away.

Belle was a young girl, who was also scared of the beasts and the deadly species but was always curious to know about the dragon child. She most often used to stare at a faraway mountain which people believed the dragon child lived in. So one day she decided to find if the dragon child really existed.

As she was walking up to the mountain she heard people talking about him, saying his eyes could turn you into stone if you see him. Belle knew that those words could never be true, because no one had ever seen him. The only thing she knew was that you'll never know if you'll never try.

On her way up she could hear deadly species coming her way. She ran as fast as she could but before she could reach the mountain, she had to cross a river.

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It was a river where the sea spirits take the souls of any human being who dares to go across it. Belle was scared, scared that her life may end just because she believed in the dragon child. Her mouth was shut closed, but her heart screamed in fear.

Right before she knew it, she was taken by someone who was wearing a mask and could jump high into the sky as if he was flying, she then felt safe and her heart was then calm. After they had landed on the other side of the river the cloak of the mysterious being ripped apart with a bush and he got a deep scratch on his arm. Belle kindly asked him who he was, but he refused to answer.

Belle felt sorry for him and wanted to help him. So she tore a little of her sleeve and wrapped it around the scratch. It was hard at first to wrap the sleeve around his arm because he didn't want her to touch him, but even if he didn't want her to touch him Belle never wanted to give up. She chased him everywhere he went, and they both had fun. They talked, laughed, and played together. The only thing Belle was curious of was his identity.

After running around in the woods Belle stood still. Bravely she went close to him and asked, "Who are you?" The boy took one step back and laid his hand on his heart. Seeing Belle look sad and worried displeased the young boy. Belle couldn't wait any longer, so she took the mask off him. His eye were beautiful as if you could see right through them, Belle then realized the scales on his hands, and got shocked. He was the one, the child who possessed the dragon's blood. Belle was speechless but the boy smiled. He took her hand and said "Thank you for not running away". Belle was right, he wasn't scary, and he doesn't turn people into stone. The only thing she realized was that he was scared of seeing people getting scared of him. The dragon child brought Belle home, and was happy to have a friend. As the Boy was about to leave, Belle grabbed his hand and said, "What is your name?" The boy turned back hugged her once more and said, "My name is Ian," and left Belle with a smile.

Belle now knows the truth about the dragon child and also everyone else in Altansar knows.

Ella, G-6

### **The Mystery Thief**

In Sunshine colony you can find people living together like a family even though they are from different states, have different languages, different cultures, and different religions, but still they

share their love and happiness together as family members!

But there was only one problem that no one cared about saving water in that colony. They used it carelessly. Sometimes they kept the taps open and the water used to keep flowing. The children usually played with water and threw to other people for fun.

But, one night, when everyone was sleeping, a man entered the colony. He was searching for something. He went all around checking for something here and there.

Anne who was the smartest and the most daring girl in the colony, woke up with some noise outside. As it was her daily routine to wake up early and study, she didn't suspect anything.

When she was going to the bathroom to wash her face she heard footsteps near the window. You could only see outside from inside but you couldn't see inside of the house from outside of the window. So Anne took a look and saw a man walking outside. Soon she realized that the man was a thief because he was looking all around searching for something.

Anne got scared but she was smart. She didn't scream or shout otherwise the thief would run away. What she did was to wake her big brother "Ronny" and tell him about the situation. Together they planned that Ronny will follow the thief so that it is easy to catch him and Anne would call the whole colony on phone.

To catch the thief everyone took chili powder and itching powder to put on him, and rope to tie him. With their weapons they all started following him but then they saw that the man was going to the big water tank. They all got confused because the thieves usually steal something.

Scared, they all started using their weapons, throwing the chili powder and the itching powder. But then he stopped everyone and explained why he came.

He said that he was from water management department and he wanted to close the main supply of water for one day without giving them any official warning to see if the people learn a lesson and realize their mistake of wasting water.

He told them that some people in the world get dirty water to drink, and some people have to walk many kilometers just for water. He also told them that if they don't follow the instructions, the consequences will not be good.

After he explained this to them he left. And so from that day on the people of that colony started saving water.

Anisha, G-6

## Robbery of the Painite

Our family and my friend's family were going on a road trip to South Dakota from Kansas to see Mount Rushmore before this happened.

It was the first day of our summer holidays and also the day of our first road trip. We had also invited my friend (Kev) and his family to come along. It was around 9:00 A.M; the time we planned to meet each other at the nearest gas station. So we packed our essentials in our bags and checked twice if we left anything and left the house. We revved up the engine of our car and started down the road to the gas station we planned to meet at. We planned to meet at the gas station because there was also car rental there and we needed to rent a big caravan for all of us. When we arrived there Kev and his family were already waiting for us. We just hopped in the caravan and started our way to South Dakota.

Our parents told us to look out of the window but Kev and I kept talking. This continued for the rest of the day. At night we just camped in our caravan. The next day we were near Nebraska already. When we just entered Nebraska and drove for a while, the sky started to darken quickly and there was lightning from the storm clouds. Suddenly the caravan went over a rock which made one of the tire burst. So that means we should find a place to stay for the night. There was only a mansion nearby with a sign "Free Rooms." The building was pretty much worn out. I was hesitant to go in but it was pretty much the only option we had at the moment so we had to go in. As we got near the mansion, we heard a scream from inside the mansion which was from a herd of crows which, before we realized, flew away. The door opened automatically which surprised us. Although what we saw behind the door amazed us.

The inside was grand compared to the outside. The front room had a magnificent staircase to a second floor. There were many portraits along the wall. There was also a long table in the middle, where many warm dishes of food were set; roast turkey, pumpkin pie, Caesar salad, etc. The table was enough to fit each of us. It looked like the mansion was prepared for a group of people but the mansion showed no sign of people. As all of us entered, the door shut behind us with a loud "BANG". We got startled and tried to open the door but it won't open. My parents told us to try and make ourselves feel like we are at home. I was pretty much hungry by that time so I just went up to the table and sat on one of the chairs. The others took my example and started eating.

While I was eating I noticed a big portrait which looked like the main one of them all. The portrait depicted a clown with a clown outfit; bow tie, clown wig, clown nose, etc. Somehow I kept thinking that the portrait's eyes were moving or maybe my eyes were playing tricks on me. Then suddenly I saw something round glittering in the color of red in the plate of grapes. But what could it be?

As I removed the grapes I saw it was a "Painite", the rarest of the gems on Earth. If I remember correctly from what I have read, one "Painite" is \$60,000 per carat. Kev asked me what I was doing so I held up the Painite, and out of the corner of my eye, I saw that the portrait's eye kind of moved. We discussed what we should do with it. I said we should sell it and split the price between us to be fair. Everyone agreed with the plan. Kev's father said to find some bedrooms to sleep in and continue our journey tomorrow. So I put the gem in my pocket and we went to find bedrooms in the mansion. On our way to bedrooms the portrait's eyes again bothered me. I was going to go near it but that's when my father called me. We found two similar bedrooms so my family took one and Kev's family took the other. I put the gem in the first drawer near my bed and kept thinking if it would be safe while I am asleep.

I was woken by a shake. I rubbed my eyes and opened them to see my mom telling me it's time to get back on the road to South Dakota. So I just reluctantly woke up and washed my face. When I was done with that, first thing I did was open the drawer to see the Painite.

To my surprise there was nothing there. I thought my parents took it so I just went down. What we ate last night was still on the tables. I found my parents and asked them about the gem but they said they didn't and they didn't know where it was since I was the one to keep it. That made me panic. Just then Kev and his family came down. I asked them too if they have it or know where it is. Their answer also wasn't any more helpful than my parents. I thought someone probably stole it. My parents started suspecting Kev and his parents. But I said it wasn't them since I trusted Kev and I know him since Nursery. I told them about the mysterious portrait. They followed me to investigate. When we got closer to the portrait, we could hear a voice. Someone was laughing to himself, and murmuring something quietly which we couldn't hear but I managed to get the words "got", "Painite" and "rich".

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We concluded that whoever is in there stole the Painite. My father suddenly reached for his phone to call for the police but we had to remind him that the entrance door of the mansion was locked so the police couldn't come in. We thought of a way to go inside the room. Then I saw that in the portrait there was one camouflaged button, the clown's nose was actually a button. I told the group but they said we can't go in as we do not know if there is some danger inside or not. So we thought of a distraction to get him out or somehow to get inside safely. We finally thought of a plan and we hurried to put it in action. Keg and I grabbed a banana peel from the buffet and set it by the front of the portrait while our parents fetched a bucket. They put the bucket on the portrait frame. Our plan was in action so I pressed the clown's nose and quickly ran to the corner where my family and Keg and his parents were. Just as we expected when I pressed the nose a sound came out just like a door bell. We waited for a moment. A crashing sound came and "BANG". We looked around the corner; a man was lying on the floor with a bucket on his head and a rifle by his side, YES, our plan worked. What happened was that when he opened the portrait he stuck his head out of the portrait and the bucket fell on his head, which blocked his view, so he stepped forward and slipped on the banana peel and fell down which immobilized him for a while. We quickly ran over to him and pulled off the bucket. Then we turned our attention from him to the room that was hidden behind the portrait. Inside was just a normal bedroom but on the table was the Painite. I carefully went and took it. Others also entered and searched the room for key so we could unlock the front door and get out of the mansion. We finally found it. In the most unexpected place in the room; between the pages of a book he was reading. We lifted the man into the bedroom and closed the portrait door. We unlocked the front door and got out.

My father called the police and told them about the mansion and the situation and our caravan. Police came and arrested the man. The police told us that he was Frank Godfrey, a famous thief who had escaped from the prison. Frank later confessed that he had escaped from the prison with the help of his friends and hid in this mansion along with them. He also confessed that since he was the one who found Painite in the mansion, his friends made him in charge of it while they were out for some reason and asked him to wait for them till they come back and sell

the Painite and divide money among them. Also they were the ones who were robbing stores for food. Luckily the gang was off when we got shelter in the mansion. When Frank saw that it wasn't his gang who was back but us, he hid behind the portrait, but forgot to collect Painite from the plate. Also he was the one who had set the food for his gang last night and later collected the Painite from the drawer beside my bed and hid it in the room behind the portrait. The mystery was pretty solved.

Police and a tow truck came after a while. We decided to give the Painite to the police as it was stolen by Frank. For us we just stayed in the caravan and just waited while the tow truck towed us away. The rest of the journey went out perfectly and we returned to Kansas. At least Keg and I got something interesting to write for our summer essay back at school.

Pyae Phyoe, G-6

## Myself

By Grade 1 Eagles

I am **Thanyachanok Grace**. My nickname is Gracie. My birthday is September 21. I come from America. My favorite color is pink. My favorite food is soup and rice. I am 6 years old.

I am **Sammam**. I am in Grade 1. I like to play on the grass. I play with Chanyathada. I like to be Flash and Pure Rajar. My favorite color is red. I like to play 100200. I come from Bangladesh.

My name is **Prassana**. I love to eat ice cream. I love to play with ball. I love to watch Rat. I am seven years old. My birthday is on May 30. I love Thailand and I love to eat banana.

I am **Puntalinee**. My nickname is Wiki. My favorite color is pink. I want to be a doctor. I live in Thailand. My birthday is October 6. I am 6 years old. I like to eat rice.

My name is **Punya** and my birthday is in November. I like to play Hide and Seek. I want to be a baker. I love to play with my pets. I am from Thailand.

I am **Natthida**. I am in Grade 1. I like to play. I like to eat. My nickname is Kam. My favorite food is soup. I am 6 years old. I am from Thailand. I like flowers.

I like myself. I have a big head. My name is **Phonphan**. My last name is Ketsuwan and my nickname is Petch. I am 7 years old. I come from Thailand.

My name is **Weechayut** and my nickname is Chapter. I am 6 years old. I like to play. My favorite food is orange. My birthday is in December. I like to play football. I like to kiss my Mom and Dad.

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I come from Indonesia. My name is **Tristan**. I am 7 years old. I like to come to school. I like to read books. I like to play with my younger brother.

I am **Kamkawin**. I like to run. I like to watch YouTube. I like to play games on the iPad. I am from Thailand.

My name is **Iyaluck**. My nickname is Ivy. My birthday is April 2. I like to go to Pattaya. I like to play games on the iPad. I am from Thailand. My favorite color is blue. I like to eat oranges.

I am **Chayakorn**. I am in Grade 1. I am 6 years old. I like to eat ice cream. I like to come to school. I have a small family. I have a baby brother. I like to play with my friends and family too. I am from Thailand.

I am **Aditya**. I am from India. My birthday is in November. I like to play football. I like to eat biscuits. I like to draw pictures. I like to eat apples. I like to read books.

My name is **Kavya**. I want to be a doctor. I go to AITIS. My favorite color is red. My birthday is on September 11.

My name is **Changhyun**. My nickname is Luke. I like to play. I like to be a king. I am from Korea. I like to go to school. I like to run.

I am **Bibhuti**. I like to play. My favorite colors are gold and silver. My favorite food is cucumber. My birthday is on June 23. I like to eat ice cream.

My name is **Tanishka** and my nickname is Tani. I am from India. My birthday is on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. When I grow up, I want to be a ballerina.

I am **Methapon**. I love to eat ice cream. I love to go to the zoo. I like to play. I like to eat an egg.

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