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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.



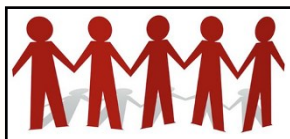
## **CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL CAMP**

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Dear Parents and Friends of *AITIS*;

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the 2017-2018 School Year! We hope all of our students have great success with their academic pursuits and individual development over the next six months!



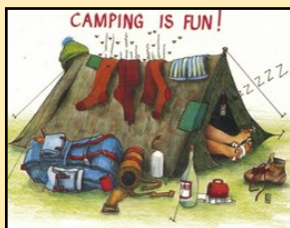
The new purpose-built classroom has been assigned to our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade seniors who are quickly making it into their “learning home”.

AITIS is very appreciative for the donation made by the AIT Malaysian Alumni Association for the purchase of our new classroom.



In January our students are scheduled to take part in our annual Camping Trip for Elementary Students.

This year we will be visiting a new site that promises to provide many opportunities to learn and grow in self-esteem and self-confidence!



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AIT International School will be implementing an across the board 7% tuition fee increase for the 2018-2019 School Year. The new fees will be effective August 2018. This minimal increase in fees is necessary in order to keep the school's finances healthy. (The last increase of fees was in 2015.)

**REVISED FEE RATES FOR AUGUST 2018 SEMESTER  
Nursery, Pre-K1, Pre-K2**

Status	Tuition Fee	SCDF	Snack Fees Morning	PTA Fee	Lunch Supervision	Day Care Fee	Snack Fees Day Care	Technology Fee
AIT Student	8,587.50	750	2,200	150	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,500
AIT Student Enrolled after September 2017	28,625	2,500	2,200	150	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,500
Staff, FAC	57,250	5,000	2,200	150	1,500	5,000	1,500	2,500
Seconded	57,250	5,000	2,200	150	1,500	5,000	1,500	2,500
Non-AIT	57,250	5,000	2,200	150	1,500	5,000	1,500	2,500

**KG, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6**

Status	Tuition Fee	SCDF / Semester	PTA Fund	Technology Fee
AIT Student	10,275	750	150	2,500
AIT Student – Enrolled after September 2017	34,250	2,500	150	2,500
Staff, FAC	68,500	5,000	150	2,500
Seconded	68,500	5,000	150	2,500
Non-AIT	68,500	5,000	150	2,500

**ESL fees for Elementary School only**

Level	Fee (Baht)
Beginner	5,000
Intermediate	3,000
Advanced	1,500

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In February *AITIS* will hold its annual ***Fun & Food Fair***.  
The date is: **Wednesday – 28 February 2018**

We know all parents and friends of *AITIS* will join us for this very important fund raising event. Your participation is appreciated!



In March *AITIS* will host 25 students and 3 teachers from Indonesia for two days.

This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about our diverse cultures and educational values.



Parents are encouraged to check what their children are doing while online.

Also spending time discussing the proper usage of technology and how to avoid being bullied online would be an excellent pro-active step for all parents.



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

Thank you,  
Kevin Mauritsen, M.Ed  
Principal/Director



## AITIS CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's day is celebrated on the second Saturday of January all over Thailand. AITIS celebrated this day on Friday 12 Jan 2017. The emcees were, Ms. Yvett and Mrs. Leila.

First, the entire school gathered in the AITIS Pavilion at 8:30 until 9:30 am where, Mr. Kevin, AITIS Principal gave a welcome address, followed by the teachers' presentation. Some teachers did best of 80's dance fusion and the other teachers danced on "Can't stop the Feeling." All the teacher sang "True Colors" which was the final song.

Then from 9:30 until 9:45 am everyone had snacks. All the AITIS children received a packet of cookies as a "TREAT" from the school.

After snacks, every grade played outdoor games from 10:00 until 11:30 am.

The Nursery played 'Customized Obstacle Race'.

PK1 played 'Jack and Jill Went to the Market'.

PK2 played 'Customized Relay'.

KG played 'Customized Relay'.

Grade 1 played 'Fish Fan, Popcorn Drop and Red Light & Green Light'.

Grade 2 played 'Relay Game'.

Grade 3 played 'Jillora and Boogalah'.

Grade 4 played 'Teamwork Race and Bowlegged Balloon Race'.

Grade 5 played 'Relay Game and Dodge Ball'.

Grade 6 played 'Kabaddi, Nhay Sap and Kho Kho'.

All the children enjoyed the games and the presentations. It was a fun filled celebration of Children's Day.

Shruti Thapa, Grade 5 Ace Achievers





# AITIS CHILDREN'S DAY



## AITIS SCHOOL CAMP 2018

School Camp 2018 was fun. First, we came to school at 7:45 a.m. and went to the assembly area. Mr. Kevin told us to take care of the teachers and make sure they follow the rules. Then after everyone came, we went to our busses.

In the bus we had a lot of fun. Well, we were not sure about others but we had a lot of fun in the backseat because there was a lot of food. In the bus, some people were sleeping while the others were singing or trying hard to fall asleep.

When we arrived in Pasak Camp, everyone woke up. When we got off the bus to get our luggage, we saw that the ground was rocky and a little bit dusty.

Once we had our luggage, we went immediately to the activity area where we knew our cabin mates. Sadly, there were only 4 cabins for around 71 campers, but it was okay as long as we had more than one toilet in our cabin. After Mrs. Jennifer told us the camp rules, once again, we were free to go to our cabin and freshen up.

Our cabin wasn't quite what we expected but it was okay. When we got to our cabin, everyone was pushing each other to get in the shower. The beds were very hard but we got used to it after a while.

After we freshened up we had to go to the assembly area. Then we had to find our group members by singing a nursery rhyme assigned to each one of us. Once we had all our groupmates, we went for lunch.

During lunch time, we found out that we weren't the only people in the camp, there were also some scouts from another school and they were a lot actually.

After lunch we had some activities. We had to hunt for our group animal. The hunt was fun when all the groups found an animal. We had to draw a flag featuring our animal and, from then on, it was going to be our group flag.

After dinner we had a campfire with marshmallows. We had to sing "The Power of the Dream" while lighting our candles. After the song finished, we had free time to play, everyone was running around.

The next day we had exercise early in the morning at 6:00 am. Then we went to the rope course area. There were 9 stations, sadly we could not do the zip line because it was on top of the pond but I think it was the best activity in the camp. After that, we came back to the canteen to have our lunch. Then we went back to our cabin to take a shower.

For dinner we cooked our own meal. It was very yummy. The job of cooking was divided to each member of the group, some chopped, some took care of the fire, and some mixed, etc.

Since everyone wanted a campfire again, the teachers made a campfire which was also very fun.

The next morning, we had exercise again. After the exercise, we went to our cabin to change and get ready for breakfast. After that, each group had to make a poster of a garden labeled "**We can make a beautiful garden if we work together.**" Finally, we went to our cabin to pack.

When we were done packing, we had lunch. After lunch we had to go to the bus. We had fun in the bus but everyone ran out of food because we finished it when we were going to the camp.

We did a lot of activities in the camp and had different learning experiences such as making new friends, being responsible and independent, working in a group, making paracord bracelet, cooking chicken basil, playing fun activities, dancing two songs, art making, taking care of small children, and, last but not the least, having fun!



Snigdha and Sahaja, Grade 5 Voyagers



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## THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE AITIS' 3RD YEAR EDITION

Being kind to others is something that everyone should be doing every day. But in our society where everything is often rushed and everyone is so busy, sometimes kindness gets forgotten! Don't get me wrong, there are lots of amazing acts of kindness happening every day but my point is that we all sometimes need a little reminder of how good it feels to do something nice for another person.

So who can better help focus on being kind to others than children!? In general, children want to have fun and do nice things and if you put those two things together, how could it not be successful!?

The Great Kindness Challenge is ON! We are thrilled to announce that over 10 million students in over 20,000 schools in 103 countries are participating in The Great Kindness Challenge. How amazing is that!!!

The Great Kindness Challenge is a fun and easy way to express empathy, altruism, and compassion. One way it inspires AITIS to serve others is the checklist item.

The Great Kindness Challenge is a positive and uplifting program that creates a culture of kindness in schools, communities, and the world. Using a 50 item checklist, schools and families are challenged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible. The School Edition is an annual one-week challenge during the last week of January. The Family Edition is year-round. Schools and families may get involved by signing up at no cost here: [www.greatkindnesschallenge.org](http://www.greatkindnesschallenge.org)

We usually start our week with kickoff kindness for Manners Monday, followed by Terrific Choice Tuesday, Warmhearted Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Friendship Friday. The students were given their own Challenge Checklist to complete throughout the week from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Their goal was to complete as many acts of kindness as they could.

At the end of the week, the Challenge Checklists were collected so we could see how many challenges were completed in total.

A Kindness Station was also set up in the Assembly Area. The students made cards for adults in the school (teachers, custodians, aids, etc). {very thankful to the StuCo, POLO and House Captains and Vice Captains who helped run them!}. They also created a "Kindness Tunnel" to greet students during Recess. There was also a Helping Chain. Each student contributed a link that shared a way they had helped someone out during the week. We had a blizzard so there were a lot of "I helped shovel" links! It was a great school-wide activity that was helped students realize that kind acts can be really simple, but go a long way!

This is a true grassroots movement, and we could not have reached this magnitude of impact without you. Thank you for leading the way with KINDNESS!

We hope your week is filled with an abundance of joy and connection! We are cheering you on!

With great big happy hearts,  
Team Kindness

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor



# THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE





## Pre-K Section Activities

### Nursery

In this semester, ten new students have joined in our Playful Pandas Nursery Class. All the children have settled well and started to be responsive in class and they are happily participating in different activities. They learned about basic shapes & numbers. They enjoyed counting forward 1 to 10. (See pictures 1-2)

#### Pre-K 1A

The Pre-kindergarten children are the "Young Community Helpers" in AITIS!

See our 'paper bag' puppets. We can be anything we want to be, to HELP our community. (See pictures 3-4)

#### Pre-K 1B

The little ones had a dress up day of the profession they wanted to be when they grew up. Part of our dramatic play was going to the canteen and visiting the cashier. They also made a community helper puppet to play with one another. (See pictures 5-6)

#### Pre-K 2 A & B

The Pre K2 Classes went out for a short walk to explore the fruit trees. They could see Papaya, Banana, Mango, and Tamarind tree. Children were excited to see a real banana, mango tamarind, and papaya growing on the tree. They also enjoyed eating the fruit salad. (See picture 7)

#### KG

Kindergarten Jolly Kittens drew pictures of what they want to be when they grow up. This is in connection with their lesson in Art class. (See picture 8)



### My Holiday

By Grade 1 Lily

I went to Pattaya beach. I swam with Rudrakshi. Aishee was there too but she was scared and so she played in the sand. It was fun. Near the hotel where we stayed was a park. I also played there with Rudrakshi and Aishee. I liked Pattaya.

Inaya

I went to Chiang Mai. I played in the garden. I ate strawberry in my house.

Warat

I went to the swimming pool with my family.

Elizabeth Liberty

I visited my Grandmother's house. I celebrated my birthday.

Sirawasaya

I went to an aquarium. I saw a lot of fishes. A big whale has a smart watch. I went up with my Dad and a diver. We went inside the aquarium.

Aditya

I went to Future Park. I skated with my Dad. My Mom watched us as we skated. I was happy to skate. I also went to Central World. I ate at KFC. I ate ice cream, burger, and chips. I bought clothes and played games.

Lala

My holiday was fun. I went to two places. The first place I went was Ayuthaya. We went to run around and warmed up. I also went to my Grandmother and a friend. I went to the swimming pool. I had so much fun.

Arithuch

I went to my Grandpa's house. The garden had chicken and fishes. I fed them. I went to eat waffles and ice cream. I saw rabbits there too.

Prounfimpha

My holiday, I went to Hong Kong Disneyland. I played space mountain and bought a Minnie mouse cap. I saw a parrot. I went to ocean park. I played a fast train. It was very scary. I also rode a cable car for 10 minutes. The name was Ngong Ping. It had been used for a long time in Asia. It was very high.

Manussanun

I went to Dreamworld with my Mom and brother. My family had a lot of fun.

Esabel Czarina

I went to Satahip. I saw a lot of fishes. I saw a clownfish, dory, small octopus, and lobster. I went diving. I ate sea foods. I went fishing. I saw a boat.

Boonrab

I went to waterfalls. We played in the water. Then, we went to Pattaya beach.

Rudrakshi

I went to the beach. I swam with my Dad and Mom. It was very fun. I played at the beach. I went home and watched TV. I want to go to the beach every day.

Artit

I visited Italy and Switzerland. When I went to Italy, I rode a boat. The boat was fast. The water splashed to the windows. Switzerland was beautiful!

Pareeya

I saw a cute fish and it ran fast and slow. I saw a crab walked. It went to the beach. I swam at the beach. Then, we went to another beach.

Lintang

I went to Rayong. I went to the beach. I swam in the water.

Shanya

My family visited Ranong. We stayed there for three days. We stayed at Nisha Ville.

Akarat

We went to Fashion Island. We went skating. It was so much fun. I liked playing with my brother.

Boontemduang

I went to the swimming pool. But I can't swim because that was the first time. Suddenly I could swim and my sister too. My Dad and Mom swam with us too. I asked my Mom to let the baby swim with us. Mom said that it was not safe for the baby.

Roba

I went to the beach and swam. I went to the black house. Later, we stopped at the Star Hill and went to eat at Chiang Rai.

Marie

I went to India. I met my cousin. I went to the fair. I rode a dragon roller coaster. It was very fun! I celebrated Christmas in India. I loved my holiday!

Aishee

I stayed in Dcondo. It has a big swimming pool. It has 11 floors. It has a big gate. Around it has many trees. It has a gym with a big TV.

Nyan Paing

### How I Spent My School Break

By Grade 1 Sunflower

Every school year there is always a break in between. Last December, my mother took me to Chiang Mai. I rode in a roller coaster and tried the zipline. I tried it 12 times. It was fun. My brother went with us and tried it too. My mother drove the car because we went there by car.

Wynn

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Last December, I went to Vietnam in Hanoi. I ate my favorite food. I played with my sister. I felt like a little bit happy. With me are my parents, brother, and baby brother. We met grandma and grandpa.

Ba Khoi

I went to Vietnam last December. I went to Sapa, Hanoi Halong Bay. At night, I went to the countdown with my Dad. When I went to Vietnam, I felt happy. I was with my family.

Burapol

Last semester break, I stayed at home. I played soccer with my brother. I played basketball, too. I felt tired. My Dad also played sometimes. My brother's friend also came to play.

Witwisit

Every school year there is always a break in between. I went to the beach last school break. I went there by car. I went snorkeling. I felt surprised because I found Nemo for the first time! I went with my family and we stayed in a hotel. I slept there.

Sudchaya

I went to China last December. I played there with my sister. We rode an airplane and taxi. I slept there for five days. We went shopping in the mall.

Yathida

Every school year, there is always a break in between. Last January, I went to FIY in Ayutthaya. I played with my brother and my younger sister. I felt happy. I had lots of fun. I played catch. My younger sister can never catch me. I also had new friends. I went there with my family. I also ate there. I played in the morning until evening. I went there by car. When it was in the evening, I went back home. My family was very tired. Then we slept.

Sasikorn

Last December, I went to L.A. I went with my Mom and Dad. We went to Marine Park. I saw some fishes like shark, jellyfish, and starfish. I had a lot of fun and so happy.

Thanya

Every school year, there is always a break in between. Last semester, I went to Myanmar. I met new friends. I went to my Auntie's house. Then I went to my cousin's house. I felt happy with my family. I was cheerful because I saw my dogs and cats. I went by car and airplane. Then I slept in my cousin's house. I woke up to go to the toilet.

Su Yamin

Last break, I went to Bangkok and swam in the beach. I was very happy. I went there by airplane.

Tathas

During the break, I went to Patthaya and I had swimming. We were happy together with my big sister and baby sister. My parents and I went there by car.

Pishaporn

Last school break, I went to a place called Light and Sound, Patthaya, and Khoi Kai. In the Light and Sound, I went there with my family and we watched a show. In Patthaya, we did not have a hotel then we get another hotel. In Khoi Kai, I went camping and we saw Flora! I had lots of fun! It was my best school break ever!

Nysa

I went to Japan last December. I stayed in a hotel. I felt very happy. I saw exciting things. The tree was white and the ice was black. Some trees were pink. Why was the tree which was green turn white?

Palin

I went to Nan last semester break. I went there to play. I went with my family. I felt happy. I rode the car. I saw the supermarket then went home.

Achiraya

I went to Dream World by taxi with my family last December. It was a Monday morning. I played there. I rode on a train. I had so much fun in Dream World.

Abhishek

Last December, I went to India and I had lots of fun with my family. I felt happy. I went there by plane. I had friends in India. I played with my friends in India. I visited some places.

Aahana

Last December, I went to the beach. I went there to play. I went with my grandma and grandpa. I felt happy. I rode the car in going there. I stayed there five days. I went to the beach and met friends.

Terapa

Last December I went to Bonlinc. I went there by car. I played there. It was so fun. I felt happy. Also my big sister came and my family, too. We took pictures.

Udhayasri

Last school break I ate with my mother and sister. I felt good when I went to Future Park. I played the whole day.

Chotiwat

I went to Chiang Mai last December. It has birds there. I like the pigeons. There were fish also in the water. I was happy in Chiang Mai.

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Every school year, there is always a break in between. I went to Pitsanuluk during the break. At Pitsanuluk I went to Phuru. It was very far. I ate there. I went to Chaing Rai. At Chaing Rai my mom, Grandpa and Grandma have a cat and I like to play with the cat. I went to Chiang Mai and slept in Lanna Palace hotel. In the hotel I saw fireworks. The snowflakes was the biggest one. Also at Chiang Mai, I went to Chiang Mai Zoo and it was so fun!

Pitchshamon

### **Visiting Korea**

When I was on my winter break, I went to Korea with my mom, sister and my mom's family. My uncle asked my mom if she wanted to come, so we said yes.

My father brought us to the airport and we said goodbye. We flew from Thailand to Korea. As soon as we landed we wore many layers of clothes so we can keep warm. When we went outside, the air was so cold but it was exciting for me. We went with a tour guide who took us to many places. We went skiing too!

We went to a temple and Everland (it's the Korean Disneyland). We went to a famous island in Korea called as Jejudo. I was so excited because the weather was so great and I could make snow balls. I saw a snow castle too! I ate some delicious corn that was so very soft. Best corn I've ever had!

After a delicious lunch, we went to a market and I bought some cheese sticks while my sister bought some nachos. The next two days were busy and exciting with more delicious food and places to see.

When we were packing to get back home, I thought I will miss Korea. It was a good experience, but I am coming BACK Thailand!

Melisa, Grade 3, Bright Sparks

### **Making Hot Porridge**

During the one-week long vacation, I asked my mom if I could make porridge. She said I could, but we needed to buy the ingredients. So I went with my mom to buy the ingredients from Makro. When we got home, I started to make the porridge.

Firstly, I poured a bowl of water into a sauce pan and boiled it. While it was boiling, I chopped the spring onions. Then I took out the dried fish from the box and fried some in cooking oil. Then I took the boiling water off the stove and added dried fish, porridge powder and the spring onions. After I put them in, I mixed them together until it was soft, white and goey. I left it there to cool

down.

I was so excited so I checked the porridge every five minutes until it was ready. My sister came to the kitchen and tasted it. She said it was delicious! I poured the porridge into four small bowl and served them to my mom, dad and my sister. My mom said that it was yummy and my dad said. "Great job!" I was very happy. My family enjoyed my porridge. It was a fun day!

Phyo Thiri Win Grade 3, Bright Sparks

### **Skiing**

During my Winter Break, I went to Japan. I went with my family and my Dad's friend's family. I was excited for the trip because my dad said he would take me to ski and it will be my first time to ski!

First we rented a pair of ski boots, poles and ski pads. Then I went to the edge of the mountain and wore my gear. My dad helped me with them. Later I practiced balancing and stopping for some time. Within a short time, I was able to learn a lot. After that I went to the top of the mountain and skied down the slope. After a few attempts, I was able to ski without falling!

I went up the hill many times and came down zipping without falling. I even went to the steepest part and came down safely. Looking at me, my dad said that I was now ready for my next level. So up I went for the next level. I slipped a few times but I didn't fall. I was proud of myself. I didn't want to stop!

Now I know what I want to do for my next winter break!

Pal Siyappan Grade 3, Bright Sparks

### **Playing Guitar**

Last Saturday when I went to Future Park, I bought a new guitar because I wanted to play music. My family was with me at the guitar store. After I bought it, I asked my father, "How much is it?" He said, "7000 Thai Bhat!" After I heard that I said to him that it is very expensive and I'll play it every day.

When I got home I started to play my guitar. It was a lot of fun. But soon after, my fingers started to ache. So I stopped playing and went to have a shower.

Later I heard a very loud THUD! When I looked downstairs, I saw my guitar on the ground! I screamed! And I cried to my mom. She said it was not my fault and I deserved the guitar! She was very kind and sweet!

So I went down and checked on my guitar. It didn't have even a tiny scratch! So I walked upstairs and slept peacefully.

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Next day when I was watching a cartoon, I saw someone playing, “Say You Won’t Let Go” and then I took out my guitar and started to practice the song.

Now, I can play all the chords on my guitar and I said to myself, “I’m going to be like Breanna Yde one day!”

Rungrujee, Grade 3, Bright Sparks  
**My Haunted House**

Through my whole life, many weird things happened in my house. Many things moved around me. Sometimes I saw a black shadow, but I always thought my eyes were playing tricks.

The first time it started at night. I saw a long haired girl in the mirror but when I turned back she was not there anymore! She was gone! Next I saw a doll moving and came to face me. I freaked out and ran to my mom. I told her what happened. She said that the long haired girl was my granny’s dress and the wind was making it move and sway.

The scariest was when I saw something move in my bedroom! I feel like my house is haunted and I don’t want to be alone in my house ever!

Chichaya Grade 3, Bright Sparks  
**I Am Your Evil Twin**

‘I Am Your Evil Twin’ is the sixth book in the Goosebumps Series 2000 book series by R. L. Stine. This story is about a teenager named Montgomery Adams who faces ‘Evil Twin’ problems and tries to solve them. The novel focuses on how Monty (Montgomery) figures out how to find his clones and destroy them.

Monty started his new school in California, and on the first day of his school, his homeroom teacher told him that she had assigned him a seat last week. That’s where he got confused because last week he was still in North Dakota with his mom. Monty had interest in piano and he was to learn it in the school’s music room. The music teacher also told him that he already signed up last week for the piano classes.

Monty slowly found tracks and clues of his clones and found out that he had a twin sister, Nan. He still didn’t understand how he found a person looking exactly like him.

One day, Monty wandered around his Uncle Leo’s lab and found a cloning machine and found the true horror of it. Uncle Leo entered the lab and told him about how he had cloned himself and how his evil twin created another lab, but he had no idea he was cooking really evil plans. When his evil twin stole his cloning machine, he was busy making evil twins of Monty. Monty realized when another exact looking Uncle Leo had

pricked his finger ‘accidentally’ while he meant to take a blood sample and create a twin of Monty.

When Uncle Leo’s evil twin captured Monty and Uncle Leo, Nan escaped and went to call Uncle Leo’s colleagues. When they arrived, Monty’s clones had fallen asleep with the real Monty tied up in a corner with Uncle Leo.

In the end, Nan ended up staying with a clone.

Chinmay Dash, Grade 6 Explorers  
**My Holiday in Khao Yai**

Before the night to go to Khao Yai, my dad and I went to watch a movie called ‘The Last Jedi’. which was quite fun.

About two and a half hours later, we finished the movie. We were so tired so we went back home.

In the morning, I packed my bags and got ready to go to Khao Yai. Three hours later, my family and I reached the hotel called Tascana. We checked in and slept.

After sleeping for about one hour, we showered and wore new clothes to get ready to do some activities. Ten minutes later we reached our first activity-Go Kart! It was the best activity ever! So we played for so many rounds. After that, we went to the restaurant called Midwinter and ate our dinner. When we were done eating dinner, we went back to the hotel and slept.

We woke up and got ready for our breakfast. The breakfast area was quite far because we stayed in a very big hotel. But, walking far distance for our first meal of the day was really worth it! Then, we went back to our room to get ready for golf. Ten minutes later, we played golf. I hit a really good shot but the monkey took my ball and ran back into the forest. After done playing, we went back to the hotel to shower and get ready for dinner. After having dinner at Ribs Mans, we went back to the hotel and slept.

We woke up and packed our bags then we checked out and got in the car to go home.

Kornpech Grade 5 Voyagers



Language Arts Activity by Grade 5 Voyagers

## **An Interview with Nathan, Kali, and Misty**

From Super Zombie Juice Mega Bomb

by M. J. A. Ware

Interviewer- Good evening and welcome to the Late Show with Steven Colbert! Tonight on the show we have three very special guests, or I should say master zombie slayers! Let us welcome Nathan, Kali, and Misty!

Nathan- First, we really thank you for inviting us to your awesome show and let's go on!

Interviewer- Okay, so Kali, you were a big help toward killing the zombies, right? So how did you know all this?

Kali- When younger, I was actually home-schooled and acquired a lot of information from my parents. Science is one of my favorite subjects.

Interviewer- That's interesting Kali. Moving on, Misty! What happened when three of you were in the government cells? What did they ask you?

Misty- Well, they kept us in the cell for 3 days and kept asking questions on how we defeated the zombies. But more of the government officials surrounded Kali and bombarded him with most of the questions. After roasting us, they sent us to our parents.

Interviewer- That is pretty cruel. Alright, Nathan I heard media reporters saying you saw this chaos and you tried to do something about it. What was it?

Nathan- Misty and I tried to escape into the woods and we camped out a night. The next morning we couldn't find any humans so we started making our way back home. On the way we saw our mayor heading towards and he looked monstrously green. He grabbed one of my boots and started munching on it. Misty and I started running. Oh yeah, I forgot! I broke my dad's most prized possession, his 1947 Mustang while fighting off the zombies. My dad still has no idea about it.

Interviewer- Well, let's end it here. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, please give a round of applause for these three! On behalf of my team and myself, we would like to gift you these unique special blasters!

Chinmay Dash, Grade 6 Explorers

### **My Trip to the Philippines**

"All passengers please prepare for takeoff", that was the captain. I'm Yamel and today, I will take you on a trip to my home, the Philippines.

I was on board the Philippine Airlines, or PAL

for short. The flight took three and a half hours. When we reached Ninoy Aquino International Airport, we had to wait another four hours for our next plane. I slept for 2 hours. When the plane finally arrived, we went to Gate 118 and boarded the plane (PAL all the way!).

When we finally arrived at Roxas Airport, we took our bags and we waited for our tricycle, which is like a tuk-tuk, to come. Then, we found out that our tricycle could not come because of a flood that separated the road to the airport. So my mom found us a tricycle to bring us to the bus station. The driver brought us there safely. After that, we immediately hopped on the bus which was going to Estancia – the place where my parents used to live.

After a while, we stopped. I wondered why. I looked outside and saw tricycles, vans, and, jeepneys (a kind of public transportation back home) waiting for passengers. Then I saw it, I saw the flood.

I learned that there were two typhoons that came to our place prior to our arrival and another one was coming so the flood was knee-deep and looked very dirty. I got out and looked out again. I saw rooftops popping out of the water like islands. The entire rice fields were covered in water.

A tricycle came and gave us a lift to the boats. When we got there, random men started shouting, "We are going to carry your luggage!" We got on the boat and waited for other passengers. While waiting, we saw someone fell off. Then, the other passengers started scolding the people in charge of the boats.

A few minutes later, even though it felt like hours, we landed on the other side. I did not want to get wet, so someone had to carry me and I did not like it. Then when I looked at my mom, I saw something hilarious. Two men were carrying her and calling her "Princess of the Flood" in our dialect.

Then we went to our tricycle and went to Capiz State University or CapSU for short. For the next few days, we went to Robinsons' Place and prepared for my grandmothers birthday.

So that is my trip to the Philippines, where everything is more fun, including floods.

Jan Riyamel Grade 5 Voyagers

**"There are no mistakes in life, only lessons. There is no such thing as a negative experience, only opportunities to grow, learn and advance along the road of self mastery."**

Robin Sharma



## Swan Lake and West Virginia hills A Tour Guide

Ladies and gentlemen! Welcome to the first ever tour of the infamous ‘*Summer of the Swans*’ story. I will be your tour guide for today. My name is Mai Thao Hoang, or you can call me Mai Thao. Today we will be visiting the swan lake and the West Virginia hills. The most famous parts of the story. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me at any time of this tour.

Right now, we are pulling up near the swan lake, we will arrive in about ten minutes. Most of you on this tour probably know ‘The Summer of the Swans’ story by Betsy Byars already but I will give a quick summary for those who are still new. A few decades ago, there was this family called the Godfrey family. There were 3 children in this family; Sara, Wanda and Charlie. Wanda was the oldest and Charlie was the youngest. They all lived with their aunt, aunt Willie. Sara was the stubborn girl and she always complained. Charlie had an illness when he was younger giving him the disability to not be able to speak.

One-day Sara and Charlie went to the lake, which is where we’re heading now, Charlie was amazed, and breath taken by the swans, the way they moved so gently and the way they glided across the water. Ever since this place has been nicknamed the Swan Lake. And now here we are, I will continue the story once we head to the hills.

This is the Swan lake as you can see, it’s still clear and beautiful as ever, today is very lucky because as you can see the swans coming, you can take photographs and videos and there is bread you can purchase to feed the swans.

Now, at our last stop, West Virginia hills! You must be very careful here not to get lost and you mustn’t touch anything unfamiliar. Let’s continue our story, shall we? Sara and Charlie went home, and that night Charlie couldn’t sleep very well. He saw something which was white. He couldn’t get his mind off the swans, he thought the white thing were swans and he went to check it out. It was just a cat though, he couldn’t get his mind off. He was convinced that it was a swan. He headed to the lake to check out the swans one more time, it was dark. Somehow everything seemed different, it looked very unfamiliar. He got lost and fell down these mountains, the stones felt rough, he couldn’t recognize anything he saw. He ran, and ran. And here we are! The hill that Charlie fell off.

As you can see the texture of these hills is very rough, imagine them in the dark! You can look at them for 20 minutes.

And that concludes our tour for the day! I hope you enjoyed it and will comeback next time. The full story of how Charlie was found can only be purchased at any book store or souvenir and gift shop. I am Mai Thao Hoang and thank you for your time!

Mai Thao, Grade 6 Explorers

### My Semester Break

I stayed home for my holidays. I spent most of the time studying so that in Grade 7, I can learn in Suwan Gulab. I studied about Math and Science.

In Math, I learned about angles, percentages, and converting decimals to percentages. After that, I learned Science elements, human body, and chemicals.

I drew many pictures too and most of the pictures were from anime cartoons. I also shaded the pictures so it would look realistic. I usually edit my pictures so it will look nice.

During dinner, I usually eat chicken and rice. But sometimes I also eat pork and rice during the semester break holidays.

This semester break, I slept during the night at about 9:00 p.m. I always had a great nap but sometimes I worried about the test for Grade 7 if I would pass or not.

Actually, I was really sad last 3rd of January because one of my cats died. The cat who died was Golden. He was one of the cats that I loved and was very dear to me and my family members. I won’t forget him

After all these things that happened to me, I prepared to learn and go back to my school AITIS.

Robin, Grade 5 Voyagers



Science Activity on waves  
by Grade 5 Ace Achievers

## The Twits

I read a book 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. It's a very interesting story which has two main characters Mr. and Mrs. Twit.

Both are old and tall as normal people. Mr. Twit is one of those hairy men who looks like Santa. But Mr. Twit's beard is very dirty; it is filled with crumbs of food and dirt. Mrs. Twit is the ugliest woman in the world. The thing is that she was born with a pretty face, but she had ugly thoughts. So as you think ugly, you get uglier every day, and that is what happened to Mrs. Twit. These people play disgusting tricks on each other. For example, Mrs. Twit placed an eyeball in Mr. Twit's beer cup. And Mr. Twit put a frog in Mrs. Twit's bed. This is just a brief story about the Twits.

Mr. and Mrs. Twit's house is like a prison! No windows or anything. Just a door. The house is surrounded by cacti and spiky plants. There is one dead tree next to the house. Every Wednesday, the Twits put very strong glue on it to catch birds for bird pie. One time, three school boys went to sit on the tree. When Mr. Twit came, he saw no birds but just the three boys. Mr. Twit thought about making a human pie. But then the children escaped Mr. Twit playing by taking off their pants and running away.

The Twits also have a monkey cage with a monkey family. Mr. and Mrs. Twit would force the monkeys to stay upside down as long as the Twits come back from shopping. One day, the Roly-Poly bird came to visit the monkeys. The monkeys told the Roly-Poly bird to tell the other birds not to sit on the tree, so instead, the birds sat on the monkeys' cage. The Twits came back and saw what happened. So the next day, the Twits painted glue on the monkeys' cage. The monkeys told the Roly-Poly bird again to warn the birds. So the birds sat on Mr. and Mrs. Twit's roof. Mr. Twit decided to buy guns.

When the Twits were gone, the monkeys told the Roly-Poly bird to get the key for the monkey cage. The monkeys and the birds made a plan to glue all the furniture on the ceiling to make the house look upside down.

When the Twits came back, they found out that the monkeys have disappeared. When they were walking towards the house, two birds dropped some glue on the Twits' heads. The Twits thought that it was bird poop so they walked into the house to wash it off. The moment they stepped into the house, they found out that everything had turned upside down. So the Twits turned their heads upside down too. The glue

made their heads attach to the floor. For some reason, the Twits started shrinking. And soon, they disappeared from the world.

Phakamon, Grade 6 Explorers

## My Holiday in South of Thailand

It was 27 December 2017 when my family and I decided to go to Phuket. We did not go there by plane but instead by our car. Phuket is 12 hours away from our house so we had to stop over at another hotel which took us 6 hours to reach the place.

The next day, I really enjoyed the hotel because it was fun to be there and the beach had big waves. But, we had to leave for Phuket as soon as possible because we still had to drive for another 6 hours. The moment we arrived in Phuket, we checked in a hotel which was like a house.

Another day had passed and I was really loving the place. The beach was fun and the pool too. We went to many fun beaches like Kamala, Karon, Banana, and Naiharn beach. We also went to Koh Phi Phi by boat and it took us 2 hours to go there. When we arrived there, I saw a lot of cats. Everywhere we went that time, there were cats. We checked in our hotel in Koh Phi Phi then we went swimming in the beach and pool afterwards.

The next day, we went kayaking and it was so much fun. We went to different islands and to Monkey Beach too. There were really a lot of monkeys.

Even though we liked to stay more in the island, we had to leave. We headed back home but before we reached home we went to another hotel once again. We reached home last 6 January 2018, and as soon as we arrived in our home sweet home, we immediately unpacked our things.

Angelina, Grade 5 Voyagers



Math Activity using manipulatives  
by Grade 2 Eager Beaver



## Heroes of Each Other

One day a boy named Clark went to a park with his friends. Clark was smart but sometimes careless. At the park, he went for a walk. As he walked down the path, he stepped on something weird. He picked it up...it was a dove. He secretly walked out of the group he was walking with and ran to a vet. Luckily, there was one nearby. He stepped in the vet and went to the counter. She looked at it and brought it to a doctor. He straightened its wing and put a bandage on it so it can heal. When the doctor came out, he gave the dove to Clark and said it will be all right. Clark took it home and put it in a cage. Then took a nap. When he woke up it woke up as well and it looked frightened. So Clark took it out of its cage and put on his finger. The dove said thank you and he was so shocked. He was about to drop it but it was a good thing he didn't. They talked for a longer while and got to know each other better. Clark and the dove became best friends. He never spent a moment without him except when he went to school. After few weeks, they went for a stroll downtown. While they were walking, a dog was running and accidentally scratched Clark's leg. The dove looked at him and flew to a clinic nearby. He saw a nurse and tried to tell her. She and the dove ran to Clark. The nurse took care of him and they went home. Clark thanked the bird and they both slept together. The end! And that's what friends are for.

Mareolin Sasha Grade 5, Ace Achievers

## The Boy with a Power

"You will have the power to....." Lance woke out of his dream; it was until early in the morning, still dark outside. "You will have the power to..... what does that mean?" lance wondered all morning till it was time to wake up. At 6:30 am lance brushed his teeth, got dressed and went downstairs. Downstairs was his mother making breakfast, "What was your dream last night?" his mom asked? "Well it was dark, it looked like the galaxy then a voice said, 'You will have the power to.....'" "To what!" his mom asked. "I don't know I woke up after that." Lance replied. "Well, you will find out today." Said his mom. "See you in the afternoon mom." Lance said before leaving the house.

After school Lance walked back home. On his way, he heard someone say. "Ooh treats!" he looked left and right, he saw a dog waiting for his owner to give him treats. Then he saw a dove saying. "Guys guys! Lunar is drowning he's drowning! He's drowning!" Soon as Lance heard it, he followed the doves to a lake. He saw a little dove

drowning. He dropped his backpack and dived into the water. A minute later, he came back up with a dove. "Thank you for your help Lance." "How do you know my name?" Lance asked curiously. "You have the power to talk and understand animals." "When I was drowning it was a test to see if you will use your power for good or bad."

When Lance arrived home, he told his mom all about what happened.

Nathania Santoso Grade 5, Ace Achievers

## Better Me in 2018

New Year is a year that we keep to the promises we make.

I will improve in my studies by making less mistakes and do my work nicely.

I will not write bad like before. I will check my work when I finish my work.

I will follow the class rules and school rules. The class rules are show respect, listen when someone speaks, raise your hand to speak, use soft voice in class, and always walk in class. The main school rule is show respect.

I have to get better grades because if I get less grades my mother will be mad at me. I will get better grades by doing my work better than before and it must have less mistakes. I will listen when teachers speak so I can do my work carefully and get better grades.

I will try to have good behavior by listening carefully, not playing in assembly, and not running around too.

I will try not to be absent for many days. I will always finish my work on time. When I am absent I will have lots of work to do. I will finish all the work that I miss or I will try not be absent.

I always play at school and do my homework the last. I will try to do my homework first and when I finish my homework then I will play.

I enjoyed writing this essay. It was fun. I took so long to do this work.

Alissarin, Grade 2 Trail Blazers



Language Arts Activity by Grade 5 Ace Achievers

## Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away...

Thunder started crackling down on a rocky, oceanic planet named "Titan". Lighting struck down a chunk of meteorite & made hundreds and thousands of tiny islands. All islands were small, except for one called "Xeniscorfan", which was bigger than Asia and America combined. It was rockier than Mount Everest, darker than the depths of an ocean, & scarier than Hell. Well, you get the idea. It was a huge island.

In space though, a ship zooming faster than the speed of light was flying over and saw the blue planet, but was not aware that a huge meteorite was about to crash. While Leonard and Baltimore screamed like chimpanzees, Tyson stood up and faced the danger like a boss. Tyson stood at the complicated controls for the pilot had fainted. Yet, he had the worst luck and was forced to land on the island "Xeniscorfan".

As Tyson stepped out of the smoking ship, the first thing he saw was acid. Then, he heard crackling sound like hatching out of a cocoon. A worm-like creature crawled out of a cocoon and morphed a dark creature. It had a long oval-shaped head, no eyes, had 3 sets of sharp teeth & a long spiked tail with knives at end. He ran out with his crew into another cave.

While Leonard and Baltimore settled down, Tyson saw "Xenomorph" carved on the wall alongside with a drawing of the dark creature he saw earlier. He then found another drawing on the dusty floor. It looked like the Xenomorph except it had 4 bony arms, 2 spiky tails, & a larger head. It said below "The queen". Tyson was creeped out. So, he called Leonard and Baltimore (you know what? I'll call them Leo and Balt from now on.) to come and take a look. But they're like "nah that's nothing important" and went to sleep even though it's evening.

Hiss! A wild Xenomorph appeared! Tyson tackled the black monstrosity & they wrestled for hours & hours. Leo & Balt took a run for it! While back in the cave, Tyson kicked a heavy stalactite and placed it on the Xenomorph's legs. The Xenomorph was now stuck! Tyson ran out of the cave, but he couldn't find Leo and Balt anywhere for they had fallen into the depths of hell and were not to be seen ever again.

Now Tyson was the only survivor. His only hope was to befriend the Queen. He sat there hopelessly hoping someone would come and rescue him. All of a sudden, a hand grabbed and pulled him into a cave with nails piercing him in the process and he was never seen again.

Boongyal Intharathat, Grade 5, Ace Achievers

## Letter to the Author

Dear Rick Riordan,

You may be wondering why I am writing to you Mr. Riordan. Well I would like to tell you, how wonderful I think your books are. You are one of the best authors I have ever heard of. Your books generate so many feelings and they inspire me in so many ways!

I just recently started reading the last book of your Heroes of Olympus series and I can't wait to finish it! I love it yet hate it whenever you make little cliffhangers. Especially when it's in a part where it gets really interesting.

I would've finished the last half in one night because I was so close to the end but I decided to save it for one more night.

I love it how you made the time fly past so fast. The tension rose a lot faster for me because the time went by so fast. I like tension; it makes the book a lot better.

The sarcasm in this book is great! I love it how Leo, Percy, Piper, Annabeth and all the others (mostly Leo and Percy) become sarcastic in times of danger. It makes me think, "This part is funny and tense at the same time".

Your books are the best books I have ever read! I hope you keep up the excellent work and make other books based on mythology! I love your books so much I even read **The Kane Chronicles & Magnus Chase**. They are both wonderful stories! I love them!

Keep up the great work!

Regards,

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers



## **My New Year Resolutions**

Each year, I made up my mind on what to do. My First resolution is to come to school every day, so I don't miss my studies. This will make my teacher and parents happy.

Secondly, I promise to be a good girl both at home and in the school. This will help me to go along with my friends and make my parents happy.

My Next resolution is to fix my toys by myself. Whenever I play at home, I sometimes do not fix my toys, but this year I promise to do it, so no one will get hurt.

In addition, I promise to respect people more. When I respect people, I feel good. When I don't respect people they don't feel good with me and I also feel sad. I also promise to do my best in my studies, help people especially the needy.

Lastly, I want to always think about others, care for them, ready to share with them and, help my mom at home by washing the plates.

In conclusions, I want to do things quickly both at home and in the school.

Vishayaporn, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

## **My New Year Resolutions**

I will clean my room every day.

I will keep the books on the shelf properly.

I will put the table back in its place whenever I use it.

I will put my pencil box on the shelf.

I will talk loudly in class.

I will finish my lunch.

I will try my best to finish my work.

I will try to be brave.

Mary, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

## **My New Year Resolutions**

Firstly, I promise I will play fair because if I cheat, my friends will not play with me. I will wait for my friends because they always wait for me whenever we are playing. This will make them happy and I will be happy too!

Secondly, I promise to help my mom to clean the rooms at home. This will make my parents happy, and I will be happy too.

Thirdly, I am going to listen more in class and do my work on time so as to improve my grades. When my friends read, I will respect the readers by listening and not laugh when they make mistakes.

Lastly, I will be good to everyone at home and in school.

Saranpat, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

## **My New Year Resolutions**

My first resolution is to listen to my parents, so that they will be proud of me. I will not shout

at anyone. If I do shout at people, they will feel bad. This New Year, I promise to spend less money on things that are "wants". Since I learned that I can do without things like TV, toys. I can save a lot of money. I also want to read more books so that I will be smarter, and also become an author.

I also promised to do my homework before I play. So that when I come back I don't need to do my homework when I'm already tired and sleepy. Next is to help keep my environment clean by picking up trash and telling people to use the trash bins around them. I will keep the things that I used so that no one will get hurt by stepping or tripping on them.

In addition, I want to be sportier so I can be healthy. I must eat more vegetables, so I can be strong. Secondly, I want to be good in Art so that My Art teacher will be happy with my masterpiece. Next, I want to take care of animals. So that they can also help us back. Lastly, I want to make new friends to be happy always.

Kavya, Grade 2 Eager Beavers

## **Inventions that changed the World**

We have invented lots of things like self-driving cars, medicines and rockets. But it all started thousands of years ago when some of the most basic things helped us build what we have now. In this essay I am going to list down some inventions that have changed the world.

The wheel - The wheel was invented by the Mesopotamians in 3500 BC. It was just made out of wood with a hole in the middle. Mesopotamians had built the wheel to put on chariots for war. From time to time, people thought of more uses for the wheel, like turning it to farming tools. Thanks to the wheel, humans can transport and trade goods easily. Just look around you, there are wheels everywhere, on cars, bikes, trucks...

The compass- Compass was invented by Chinese around 1050 BC. It was first made of lodestone and iron ore. You may think compasses are useless now because we have GPS but just think a few thousand years back. You would get lost in an instant in sea if you didn't use a compass.

Fire - Fire marked a revolution in the page of history. The earliest evidence of fire is about 1.9 million years ago. If someone did not accidentally create fire we would still be eating raw food. Fire is everything, it helped us stay warm, cook food and a lot more.

Some of the simplest things you use every day has helped human kind to grow over thousands of years.

Van Anh, Grade 6 Explorers

## My Best New Year Promise

New Year resolutions – is a year that we keep Promises.

I will improve in Mathematics, Spelling, Grammar, Music, Thai, PE, Art, Handwriting, Science, Reading, Creative Writing and Social Studies.

I will try to get A+. I will finish my work on time. I will do corrections too.

I will never bully anybody, but help others. I will follow the class and school rules.

I will listen to all the teachers who speak in front of the class room.

I will finish my work on time and do my corrections to get A or A+.

I will return my homework on time.

I will not forget to write my name and date on it and try not to leave any space. When the next day comes, I could give my homework up for checking.

I feel happy to write this essay.

I learnt more about myself and can help make a better me!

Chayakorn, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## My Promises for the New Year!

What are New Year Resolutions? New Year Resolutions is a year when you make and keep promises!

I must behave well by following the rules like not talking while the teacher is teaching, not to talk when work is not done, only talk after work is done, do not disturb others, no shouting in class, play at free time only, and listen to your teachers.

I must improve in my studies by doing nice handwriting, doing neat work, and getting better grades. That's my goal to get higher and better grades. I also need to help my friends in their work, get ten points and not minus points and be kind to everyone.

I must get better grades by improving in my studies. I'll just say that if I need to get better grades I need to get better. I need to be nice at assembly and work hard to get A plus. Trying and working hard is very good.

If you listen to your teachers, I think they will give you a prize. I must listen to teachers by respecting them, helping them and not talking with friend's while the teacher is teaching. I must try not to let them scold me. I must remember that when teachers are punishing us they are teaching us some good lessons.

I will try to finish my work and I do! So always try to finish your work on time. Classwork or homework, you still should finish you work on

time.

To follow the rules is easy. You just follow them, don't run in the class or do not shout in the class. The rules are do not run, respect everybody, do not bully, share, help, use a soft voice in the class, listen when someone speaks, and always walk in the class. This year I shall follow all of them.

Homework is something you do at home that's why it is called homework. You need to do it at home. So I do not know what else should I write about...WAIT! I know, you always finish your homework before playing with your friend's outside. You should remind yourself to do your homework before playing. This is another one of my New Year Resolutions.

I enjoyed writing this essay. I hope you had much fun reading it because loved writing it. I am happy because I love to write.

Karynne, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## A Better Tomorrow for Me

I will follow Class Rules like respect, raise your hand, and more.

I will finish work on time and have new friends.

I will get better at Spelling, Mathematics, Creative Writing, Science, Social Studies, etc.

I will listen to the teacher.

I will behave well in every class, especially in the Art, Library, Music, Computer, PE, and Mandarin classes.

I will be polite to everyone, Art Teacher, Computer Teacher, etc.?

I will be good in every class.

Amrit, Grade 2 Trail Blazers



Math Activity using manipulatives  
by Grade 2 Eager Beaver



## **A Better Me in this New year!**

There are rules in the class and in the school. The rules are important because if we don't have rules it will be bad.

I need to listen to the teacher so when I start writing I will understand well. This will help me get better and better!

I need to have more friends so I won't get lonely. I will be sad if I don't have any friends. I will try to get more friends.

I need to do my work on time because when I finish my work on time I will have free time to do other work.

I will try to get better grades every year. I will try to get A plus because my mom will give me a present. Last year I got brownies! Maybe this year I will have a sleepover! I may go to the beach with my best friend! I will try and try to get a A+ grades.

I will improve in my studies so I can understand more and more because I will get smarter and smarter. I want to improve in my studies. I want to improve in Creative Writing, Science, Social Studies, Hand Writing, Mathematics, Grammar, Reading, and in Spelling. My studies are improving now. I will improve more and more so I will be smarter and smarter! I will try to improve in my studies the most in 2018!

I will improve in my behavior so I will have good behavior. I am trying now to have good behavior every day in 2018. I will improve because I don't want to have bad behavior. It will spoil my studies. I may also lose some good friends.

These are my promises for the New Year.

Puntaline, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## **A Better Me in 2018!**

I follow rules at school always. I have to follow rules and everyone has to follow rules. This will help make me a better student.

I have to listen to the teacher always because if I don't listen to teacher, I cannot do my work. I will always listen to all my teachers.

I will improve myself to get good grades. I will not talk when doing work. I will not talk with anyone when working. I will not play when working because I will get less grade.

Getting better grades, I think, is hard for me to do, but I have to try. I shall work very hard to do all the right things. My family spends a lot of money to let me learn. So, I must not talk and disturb myself and others in the class. I will try to complete my work on time.

I promise to do all these things this year so that I can improve in my studies and make my parents proud.

Iyaluck, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## **My Resolutions for the New Year**

I will improve in my studies, like Grammar, Science, Social Studies, Spelling, Creative Writing, Mathematics, Hand Writing, and I will do my best.

I'll try to be a very good boy and a better person. I will try not to be rude and try to be helpful. I'll be better in my behavior.

I'll listen to every teacher like Mr. Kevin, Mr. Elvis and other teachers too. I'll try not to play or talk while learning.

I want to be better so I can get better grades like A, A plus, B, or B plus. I need to get better and better. I really do want to be a better students in the class.

I will work hard to try to finish my work on time in every class and also every time. That means, I need to work faster.

I'll try to follow all the class and school rules. I'll follow the teacher's instructions too. By doing this, I will be a better person and it will help me to be a better students.

My homework must be done neat and clean. Also I'll do it on time. This is what I plan to do in this year.

I feel very happy and very thankful to the teacher for asking me to write about my New Year Resolutions.

Pasu, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## **Behavior**

I have to behave well and follow the rules of the school. The rules help me improve my behavior.

I follow rules that are in the class. I follow the rules to get A+ or A. Rules can make us a better person too!

I will try to finish my work on time. This will help me to get better grades in grade 2B.

I will listen to the teacher and remember to proofread my work in the school.

I need to improve in my studies. I can improve if I improve in my writing skills.

Homework is a work that we do at home. As soon as I go home I will do the homework.

The New Year Resolutions are the ways that we can improve ourselves. We can be a better student and a better person.

I enjoyed writing this essay. It was fun!

Smith, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

**Success is the sum of small efforts,  
repeated day in and day out.**

Robert Collier

## My Trip to Showa Kinen Park Tachikawa, Japan

Have you ever been to Japan? I have been! Actually, I have lived in Japan for five years! Konichiwa(Hello)! Today I am going to talk about my trip to Tachikawa, a place in Japan. I went there in a subway train. When we got there we walked to Showa Kinen Park (Tachikawa is a city). As soon as we got there. Oh My God! It was so beautiful!

I can see trees everywhere, different flowers everywhere, animals and birds everywhere, and picnic spots everywhere. It was a huge park! First, we went to see the big water fountain and took a lot of pictures! It was semi-circle fountain. There were trees and flowers surrounding the fountain.

Then we went exploring the park where I saw a huge pudding like Trampoline. It was huge and very bouncy! Almost all the kids were there bouncing.

Next, we went to the tulips. The tulips are the main part of the park. The tulips are the ones that have made the park very famous. It was like heaven! There are thousands of colors and varieties of tulips! We took a lot of pictures and played around.

There were so many tulips but there were also a lot of other flowers everywhere! Yellow, Pink, Red, Purple and all kinds of beautiful flowers like hydrangea, pansy, lavenders, tulips (of course) and more!

Now next time you visit Japan be sure to visit Showa Kinen Park!

Anusha, Grade 6 Explorers

### Millana

Millana, my favorite original character; she was a human girl living an ordinary life. Her parents passed away when she was small. They died in a car accident. Her only relatives were her parents, so, she didn't have any relatives anymore. Her mom was an only child and her father had a brother who had died because of illness. Her grandparents had died, too. She was an outcast in school and she also used to get bullied. But, Millana had friends to support her and be by her side, a cat, Amethyst, and a dog, Ruby.

One day, everyone in town gathered to celebrate a special festival, except Millana. Millana wasn't interested in going. She stayed at home with Amethyst and Ruby. But that night...there was a big blast and everyone died except Millana, Amethyst, and Ruby. When they went outside everything had changed. It was like Wonderland

from 'Alice in Wonderland'. There were magical creatures around. Millana was shocked and couldn't believe her eyes. They explored and learned how to survive.

After two years of living in 'Wonderland', they got used to living there. One day, they saw something glowing. It was a shining rainbow orb. Millana went close to it. Amethyst and Ruby shivered in fear worrying about Millana. Millana touched it and.....BOOM!.....A vortex appeared and sucked Millana, Amethyst, and Ruby. They went in really fast and Millana got scarred on her face and got hurt a lot. Finally, they appeared in another world. It looked like an apocalyptic city. They were all unconscious. Amethyst and Ruby woke up first. They both were worried about Millana. When Millana woke up, Amethyst and Ruby felt relieved. Millana also realized her skin tone had changed to dark red and her one eye were hurting a lot.

Millana, Amethyst, and Ruby started exploring the place. "What happened here?" Millana thought. Suddenly she saw someone, which glowed and transformed into two girls. One red and the other violet. Millana didn't know whether to trust them or not. They both introduced themselves to her. The red one was Fire Kit and the violet one was Fun Pun. Millana asked them some questions about that world. "Where are we?" asked Millana. "We're in Andlalan," answered Fire Kit and Fun Pun together. Millana and her friends were sent to Fire Kit and Fun Pun's home. She was given a map of the world. She went on adventures and met more friends. There was no way out of 'Andlalan' but Millana wasn't sad, she was happy to meet new friends....who were loving and caring.....!

Farrah, Grade 6 Explorers



Math Activity using manipulatives  
by Grade 2 Eager Beaver



## Some Science With Jori

Everyone knows that Science is a systematic and logical approach to discovering how things in the universe work. But do you know what are different branches of Science? It is divided into three major groups;

Natural Sciences: the study of natural phenomena

Formal sciences: the study of mathematics and logic

Social sciences: the study of human behavior and societies

And each one of them is further divided into subgroups, most of which I don't know. However, I am very much interested in Biology especially Zoology which falls in Natural science category.

Zoology is the study of animals. Here is the reason why I love Zoology. People don't really respect animals that much, Like they harm endangered species. Therefore I want to learn what the animals need, how do they live, and what are their habitats. Learning every single thing about animals can save them and one of that information is knowing about classification of animals which tells if an animal is without back bone or with back bone and if with back bone, an animal is a reptile, amphibian, fish, bird, or a mammal. It is also split into different levels like Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Suborder, Family, Genus, and Species. These things classify an organism. For example if I look for Western Diamondback Rattlesnake or scientific name: *Crotalus Atrox*, its Kingdom is Animalia, Phylum is Chordata, Class is Reptilia, Order is Squamata, Suborder is Serpentes, Family is Viperidae, Genus is *Crotalus*, and Species is *C. Atrox*.

I also love to learn about anatomy and my favorite part of Anatomy is the Skeletal System. It is so fascinating for me to look at the bones' shape and sizes and how they work together to shape the organism.

What about you?

Are you interested in Science, if so, which branch and why?

Jori, Grade 6 Explorers

## Places I Want to Travel To

There are a lot of places I would like to go visit. But I'll only mention three, because I could go on and on.

Greece

The reason I want to go to Greece is because of their culture long ago. As in culture I mean their belief in gods like, Zeus, Hades, Poseidon, Ares and Hera. There is a bunch and I know most

of the major gods, but the minor gods? Not so much. Another thing I would like to visit there is the Athena Parthenos. It is located in the Parthenon in Athens (which is the capital of Greece). I mostly want to visit Greece because of the architecture.

Rome

Basically the same reason with Greece. I want to visit Rome because of its architecture. I just want to go out there and take a bunch of pictures of the architecture and stuff. Rome has the same gods I believe, just that the names are different and the gods have a little difference with personalities. Instead of Zeus you have Jupiter. Instead of Poseidon you have Neptune. Instead of Ares you have Mars. And instead of Hermes you have Mercury.

Paris

Ah, Paris! The city of lights! The reason I want to visit Paris is, of course, the Eifel Tower. I remember as a small kid, I would think Paris is the city of *love* not *lights*. Now I think they're both, or just the city of lights. I am interested in French language too. It's so...nice. I like how you pronounce the words. It's fun to try.

I hope you know where I want to go now! Any questions? Do you have any suggestions on places to go?

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

## My Promises for the New Year

What is New Year Resolutions?

New Year Resolutions are the promises we make to improve ourselves.

Home assignment is work you do at home.

As soon as I go home from school, I must do my homework.

Behavior is if you do something bad, it is not nice.

I need to behave nicely in class.

I have to listen to the teachers all the time.

If I don't listen, then, I will not understand what the teachers are teaching.

I have to listen to the teachers to improve in my studies and behavior.

I will try to finish my work on time.

If I don't finish my work on time, I will have incomplete work.

I need to do my work on time.

To get better grades is to try to get an A+ or A at least.

If I do very nice work, then I will have nice handwriting and better grades.

I will improve in my studies to get good grades in this New Year.

Jacob, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## Inventions

Thomas Edison, Leonardo Da Vinci, Alexander Graham Bell and Galileo Galilei. What do they all have in common? All of them are inventors but, what is an invention? An invention is a device that has not been created before. Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb and the phonograph, Leonardo Da Vinci invented the most famous flying machine, although it's not the same as the modern helicopter but there are sketches that he made that looked like a helicopter. Alexander Graham Bell invented telephone! And Galileo Galilei, one of the best astronomer invented his famous telescope and helped with the development of clocks. These inventions sparked many other inventions and helped make things easier. Aren't you glad they invented these things?

Some people don't even realize how big these inventions are. There are also many other inventions that changed humanity. The internet, GPS, the microscope and the telescope. These are some inventions that you would dread living without. What I will tell you today is some of my personal favorite inventions and one invention that I have made, well I did not exactly make it, I just thought of it, let's just say something I thought of that would make students' life easier.

### Paper

Paper would be one of my favorite inventions because, I use paper every day at school! To take notes, to draw, and much more. You use paper to make invitations, and to draw something. Yes, with the technology today you can do that with a computer, but paper is quick and easy to use. It's also portable. You might not realize it, but paper is one of the most important things in school.

### Glasses

I am farsighted myself, and I do both have glasses and contact lenses. I think glasses are good, it's cool that you can put on something to wear and that will be able to fix your eyesight. Some people have super bad eyesight, but glasses can fix everything, granted it won't technically fix your eyesight permanently but it can help.

### My Invention

I thought about making it because I was having trouble cutting a cardboard straight. I wanted that cardboard to be specifically 9.5 inches by 9.5 inches but I was having trouble because the cardboard was quite hard. I'm not sure what to call it, I think it should be named 'Rife Ruler Knife.' It is a long ruler that has many types of measurements like centimeters, inches etc. On one side of the ruler there is a sharp blade that can cut

through hard material. And on the other side, there is a strip of sandpaper to file down any mistakes. There are also rubber covers covering each side of the Rife.

Now how to use it? You measure your desired material and then use the blade side and press on it to cut through the material. You can also use the sandpaper side to file down rough edges.

Mai Thao, Grade 6 Explorers



Science Activity  
by Grade 3 Bright Sparks



Fun and learning goes hand in hand  
in Grade 6 Classroom



## A Brief History of Airplanes

Today, I will write about a topic I like the most - airplanes!

When I was 2 and 1/2 years old, my mom bought me the book "Wheels and Wings". Since then, I began to love airplanes and tried to read a lot about its development. Do you wonder how planes evolved from what they are today?

The first powered aircraft was invented by Wilbur and Orville Wright in 1903 in a bicycle shop in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. It was called the "Wright Flyer". This glider aircraft flew only 59 seconds and was difficult to control.

The next notable aircraft invented was the "Fokker Spin" in 1910. It was built by a Dutch engineer named Anthony Fokker. After his success, he founded an [aircraft factory](#) and began developing planes for the German Army. This started the development of war planes such as the Wright Model D of the US Army in 1912 and the Sopwith Strutter of the British RAF in 1914.

What about passenger airplanes? The world's first passenger airplane using a winged aircraft is the Airboat Line which began flying between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida in 1914. The sea plane was made of wood, fabric and wire and did not have wind shield. It flew not more than 50 feet above the water so passengers have to deal with strong wind and water spraying in their faces. Do you know that the first and only passenger of this aircraft on its first flight paid \$400 at that time which is equivalent to \$10,000 today? For the next flights, the airfare was only \$5 per person and tickets were immediately sold out 16 weeks before scheduled flight.

Between 1920 and 1930, big progress was made in the field of aviation. One of the most successful airplane designs in this period is the Douglas DC-3. It was the first airliner to be profitable carrying passengers and started the era of passenger airline service as we have today.

After World War II, there was great progress in airline service since many pilots and aircrafts were available from the military for passenger airlines. From mostly propeller aircrafts, the development of passenger jet planes started in 1952 with a jetliner called "de Havilland DH 106 Comet". It was the world's first commercial [jetliner](#).

Beginning in 1960, more efficient engines

have become available and Concorde started the first supersonic passenger service. Supersonic means the airplane is travelling faster than the speed of sound. In later years, the use of powerful computers, global positioning system and satellite communication have significantly improved airplane capabilities.

In June 21, 2004, "SpaceShipOne" became the first aircraft to make a spaceflight making it possible for very rich people to travel into space.

The development of airplanes have gone a long way since Wright brothers invented the first air craft in a bicycle shop. In the future, I expect that people can buy tickets to travel to the moon or Mars. The movies I have been watching are slowly becoming a reality!

Vince, Grade 6 Explorers

## A Better Me in 2018

Today I want to write about my New Year Resolutions for 2018. New Year resolutions are resolutions for the New Year.

My first resolution is to follow the rules.

Following the rules also improves studies. So, I want to follow the rules and get better grades too. Following the rules is a good resolution because following rules is a good thing to do.

The second resolution is finishing my work on time.

It's a very important thing to do because in 2017 I have incomplete work, but I already finished all my work that's why I want to finish my work on time.

The third resolution is to get better grades.

I want to get better grades because I want to develop in my studies and behavior. Also to change myself in my bad grades, I'm going to try to work harder.

The fourth resolution is having good behavior.

Good behavior is nice like listening to your teacher and helping your friends. I want to have good behavior because I want to be good to teachers and friends.

The last resolution is having more friends.

Friends are very good for me because when I am lonely I can go and play with my friends. I want good friend not bad friend because bad friends are sometimes bad to us.

I enjoyed writing this very much.

I'm happy I wrote about my resolutions and I promise to do these resolutions And I am very confident that I will be able to achieve the goals that I have set for this year.

Nuanpjoy, Grade 2 Trail Blazers