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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 PAVILION DEDICATION SCHOOL CAMP 2017

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January was very significant for several reasons:

- 1) Progress Reports
- 2) Camp
- 3) Pavilion Dedication

Dear *AITIS* Parents & Friends;

Two significant events occurred in January that truly prove our “**TOGETHER WE CAN**” motto!

The first event was the annual Camp, which was held 25-27 January 2017. Our students enjoyed the activities created/supervised by our camp counselors. The camp counselors spent many hours preparing meaningful learning activities for our students. The camp counselors truly embraced the “**Together We Can**” ethic and created an excellent event for all students who attended the camp.

For the younger students a team of teachers from both Pre-K and Elementary organized a special “Day Camp”. Our little ones had an excellent adventure exploring the outdoors and playing in tents set up by our teachers. I was very impressed with the children’s reaction to this special event!

The second significant event was held on Tuesday, 31 January 2017, when we dedicated the new *Pavilion*.

AIT President Worsak and other *AIT* dignitaries joined us for this most anticipated event.

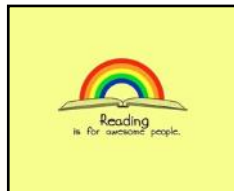
The Pavilion Dedication Team, led by Mr. Anjelo, prepared the *Pavilion* and children for an unforgettable event in *AITIS* history.

The *Pavilion* has been a goal of *AITIS* for quite some time. It took extensive planning and working with various departments of *AIT*. *AITIS* also worked closely with the *AITIS* PTA on this project.

I am very pleased with the outcome of this project and I am extremely proud of the way the entire *AITIS* community proved that “**TOGETHER WE CAN**”!

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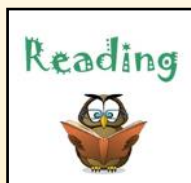
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On behalf of *AITIS* I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the recent donation to our school library by:

Ir. Tiger Leong King Ho
Ir. Koo Kean Siang
Ir. Dr Lai Yip Poon
Ir. Tan Chin Nyan
Ir. Tan Kim Foo
Ir. Tay Key Siang
Woon Yang Leng

Together these donors have provided over one hundred thousand Thai Baht for books and reference materials. Our sincere appreciation!



As always I strongly encourage our students to spend time **READING!** Reading is fundamental to learning vocabulary, spelling and proper syntax usage of the English language. As our students become more proficient in their reading and comprehension skills mastery of their studies will dramatically improve. I firmly believe that the greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to read and comprehend/understand printed materials.

Encourage your child to develop regular reading habits. Children learn by observing others – be sure to let your child witness you **reading** on a daily basis!

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

Sincerely,
Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed
Principal/Director

PAVILION DEDICATION CEREMONY

On 31st of January a dedication ceremony was organized for our very own newly constructed Pavilion.

In the morning, most of the teachers were getting ready for the ceremony. Some teacher were busy with their regular class teaching for the first two class periods while others were busy working on the preparations.

The ceremony started at 10:00 am. All students from nursery to grade 6 assembled at the new pavilion. Two tents were put up on both sides of the pavilion, one for parents and one for the VVIPs, our very special guests, Prof. Worsak (AIT President), Prof. Rajendra P. Shrestha (Dean SERD), Dr. Louis Hornyak (Director of Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology), Ms. Thitima Olarikabutr (Campus Infrastructure Consultant), Mr. Teerachart Jatninlapant (Infrastructure Facilities Management Manager), Mrs. Lucena Dante Talaid (Office of Advancement), and Ms. Sitahng Puttha (Office of Advancement).

The emcees for this ceremony were Mrs. Abbie (grade 3 teacher) and Mrs. Leila (pre-k 1A teacher). The program started off with the Royal Thai Anthem. Then Kun-Sarita's beautiful Thai Dancers performed a wonderful Thai dance. Not long after that the glee club performed a song called "You Have Made a Difference" to say thank you to all those who helped construct the pavilion. Our last but not the least performance was from none other than Mrs. Abbie and Mrs. Jennifer's Modern dancers! They lit up the place with the dance "Can't Stop the Feeling".

With all those performances the pavilion's ceremony wouldn't be complete without hearing the words from the President of AIT, Professor Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, who very kindly accepted the invitation to our Pavilion Dedication Ceremony as chief guest.

Professor Worsak told us that the AITIS Pavilion project began one year ago when our school Principal, Mr. Kevin Mauritson, came to see him with a proposal for a large covered outdoor space for Physical Education classes, school assemblies and events. The pavilion cost around 1.5 million baht, 60% of which came from the AIT Reserve, while the rest was donated by the AITIS Parent Teacher Association, and also from the fund raised from the Fun and Food Fair. He also said that this was truly a collective community effort under the great leadership of School Principal, Mr. Kevin Mauritson.

He told everyone that he heard so much about AITIS students' academic achievements but he did not know that we could perform so well in other areas like dance and singing, for which he thanked the teachers for preparing us to be all-rounders.

What was left now were the words of our principal, Mr. Kevin Mauritson. He thanked Professor Worsak and said that without his help and continuous support we would never be able to get this project done. He also thanked all the others who helped support the construction of our pavilion and among those were two very important people, Ms. Thitima Olarikabutr, who designed the pavilion and Mr. Teerachart Jatninlapant, who was the overall in charge of its construction.

The ceremony ended when our Student Council President Rit and our school's youngest student from Nursery class joined Mr. Kevin, Professor Worsak, AIT President, and the rest of the guests to cut the ribbon.

Marianne Ella, G-6 Explorers



Pavilion Dedication



GRADE 3-6 SCHOOL CAMP 2017

Well, I feel like it was just yesterday. Guess what I am talking about! The Camp of course!

It was 25th of January, the beginning of our three day camp. It was almost 8 o'clock in the morning. We all gathered in the assembly area, while dreaming about our adventurous journey without our parents. I really felt sad for the lower grades, since only Grade 3,4,5, and 6 were allowed to join the camp. But they will surely have a chance one day to experience the wonderful adventure.

Let me get back to the topic. Now where was I? Oh yes, I was telling about the morning that we started our camp. After the announcements from our principal Mr. Kevin and some of the teachers, we went to our respective vehicles. Since there were 87 students and 11 teachers, there were 2 buses and a van to bring us to the campsite. Grade 3A, Grade 3B, and Grade 4A were in bus number 1, while Grade 4B and us, Grade 6 students, were in bus number 2. Grade 5 students were assigned to be in the van along with their teacher, Mrs. Jennifer.

Luckily, we were able to reach our destination within 2 hours. Unlike all previous camp sites, this campsite was in a hotel like environment, surrounded by beautiful nature. After a while, we jumped outside our vehicles, kept our bags outside and stretched our legs and arms. Then, we had a little snack. It sure was yummy! I think it was a rice pudding or something. While we were having our snacks, teachers came to us, gave us some puzzle pieces, and told us not to show to anyone, while making us very curious.

Later on, we found out the mystery behind the puzzle pieces! First, we were called in to an enormous hall. Next, we went all around to find the students with matching puzzle pieces. After few minutes, 7 puzzles were completed. Around those puzzles were the students who had the pieces of each particular puzzle. Most surprisingly, those students were our new group mates for upcoming days! In each group, there were 12 to 13 students. And in each group there were 2 to 3 Grade 6 students. In my group, there were 12 members, and Harvey and I were the leaders of the group, since we were Grade 6 students. Even so, I think we all were leaders, because all my group members had great leadership skills. However, they will probably have a chance to become a leader one day.

After 10 to 15 minutes, we all gathered in the assembly area by our grade. Guess what happened next! We divided ourselves into our cabin groups! Usually, in one cabin, there is a combination of students from all grades. But this time it was totally different. Which is why, I got to stay with all my girl classmates, along with some grade 5 girls. Since we had an exhausting journey, teachers gave us a free time to freshen up ourselves.

There we were, standing in front of our cabin door with curiosity. The moment we entered our cabin, all we had to say was "wow!" It was huge and beautiful, with all the necessary things. Clean and tidy mattresses along with huge blankets were waiting for us to lay down. I am sure all the other cabins were very amazing too. So after freshening up, we were called back to the assembly area to start our activities.

Our first activity was a ball game, which made us very confused. First, we passed our ball to another person after saying his/her name. Then, our teachers gave us another ball, which reversed the normal pattern. Next, we had another ball, which was supposed to be passed to the person right side of us. Imagine all those three balls flying everywhere, while making us so confused! Even so, it sure was a lot of fun! Our next activity was choosing a name and making a flag for our group. My group mates agreed to call our group as "Mighty Eagles." Not only Mighty Eagles, there were also other cool names as Amazing Narwhals, Brave Phoenix, Timber Wolves, White Foxes, Killer Whales, and Intelligent Dolphins. I can still remember how our flags waved proudly in the air. It sure was a nice result of all our hard work!

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After all this fun, we had another activity called "Amazing Race." To me, I think it was the best activity of the day. Amazing Race consisted of 8 different stations. Our goal was to collect all our cooking ingredients by passing each level. Actually they were not real ingredients, but it was a card with the name of the ingredient. So that on the second day, we would get the ingredients which were mentioned in the cards.

When we heard the long whistle, we had to reach the next station as soon as possible in order to save our time. For our group, the first station was the water balloon station with Mrs. Abbie and Mr. James. We were told to make pairs. To win the cooking ingredient, we had to pass our water balloons safely from different distances. However, even though I was one of the oldest, I think I was a bit clumsy because of the pressure. Fine, to be honest, I was very clumsy and the worst. I popped each and every balloon I got! Even though it was very funny and silly, we were still able to get the first cooking ingredient, since others played well.

Suddenly, we heard a long whistle, which signaled us to move to the next station. So on, we solved some riddles with Mrs. Anushree, we solved hard brain games with Mrs. Hasmina, we did a question asking game with Ms. Megha, we did a team building game with Khun Sarita and Mrs. Nirja, we passed a ball by using our legs as Mr. AJ told us, and we also untangled a long yarn/ string with Mrs. Marichu. In all those games we won all our cooking ingredients, but except one! That was the most important item, our cooking pan! We lost the game which was with Mrs. Jennifer, the ball catching game. One of my group mates had to catch all the balls that bounced. And each time he caught the ball, he had to put that cup under the others. We were doing very well, but unfortunately, we heard the long whistle just when he was going to catch the last ball. But we all got so happy when Mrs. Abbie announced that we will have a second chance on the next day.

The day went on, and we all had a great time. It was almost 8.30 p.m. We did a lot of activities including our traditional activity called "Nature Orchestra." In that activity, we were supposed to sing any song along with the music made by the instruments found in the nature. Most people had rocks and sticks, while some others had bottles and other stuff.

Did I tell anything about candles? If not, let me tell you. In order to get ready for the campfire, we formed 7 lines according to our groups. The group leader was at the back of each line. Teachers called those leaders and helped them lit their candles. They came and passed it to the person in front of them in the line. So, one by one, all candles were shining brightly. As soon as we finished passing the light, we formed a huge circle around the campfire. Then we sang both of our camp songs, "Hall Of Fame" and "Light The Passion." It was a great moment of musical nature. Well, the warmth of the campfire lit our hearts with happiness.

Oh yes, how can I ever forget the stars that shone brightly! The sky was like a huge satin with shining crystals on top! Well, after our snacks, we went back to our cabins. Even though after taking a bath and all, no one wanted to sleep. Which means that pillow fights, discussions and all kept going. But since the teachers came and checked on us time to time, we finally fell asleep.

It was 26th of January, our second day of camp. We all woke up lazily at about 5.30 a.m. But some of the students refused to take away their blankets so soon, which is why, we had to pull their blankets away and tickle them! After we fixed our beds and got ready, we went for our morning exercises. We danced, jumped and did many other things. After that, we ate our breakfast and went to our buses. We all headed to a place called "Boy Scout Camp." We faced many scary challenges supervised by our teachers. To be honest, I am very scared of heights. So I gave up on most of them while others tried their best.

After all those tough challenges, we had our snacks and we collected some materials for nature arts and crafts. We also went inside some little houses with just one room. Our teachers told us to consider ourselves very lucky compared to others who live in those rooms.

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No sooner we arrived back at the camp site and had our lunch, we played a great game with the teachers. For this game, teachers played against the students. We were given 4 actions. They were, monkey, jelly, ninja, and our favorite action, dab. On the count of three, we were supposed to do one of those actions. Whoever had the same action with the teachers, had to join their team. The game repeated for about 4-5 rounds. The winners of each round had a grand finale with the teachers. Three of my group mates were also there! If one of our group members won this round, we would get our missing ingredient, the cooking pan! Mrs. Jennifer and I almost jumped in joy! So were my other group mates! All I said was, "Go Mighty Eagles!" But sadly, things didn't go as we hoped. The winner was Anisha, my best friend. So she got a special ingredient for her group, for Brave Phoenix. Next, we made our own nature crafts. We also helped to clean the area, since we created a big mess of stones, flowers, and sticks on the clean floor. Because of our good behavior, teachers gave us 3 special ingredients, salt, sugar, and pepper. Guess what! We also got our last item, the cooking pan! Well, it seems like we were finally going to cook after all!



So off we went, but this time, a new group was formed. The vegetarian group! There were only four of us, me, Krish, Nathisara, and Mrs. Nirja. First, we cut the onions and garlic. Then we went downstairs along with our ingredients. Even though we thought it was easy, the fire seemed to be hiding from us. But under the supervision of Mrs. Nirja, we were able to get it back. The trick was to put some oil where the fire was, and to keep on producing wind. Not only us, the other groups also seemed to be doing well with their spaghetti. After few more minutes, our dinner was ready in no time, since there were only four of us. Later on, all the spaghetti trays were aligned on the table. They all looked so delicious, that we couldn't wait to taste them.

Luckily, we didn't have to wait that longer. After a while, we all headed to the dining room with our spaghetti trays. All groups seemed to be enjoying their own spaghetti with happy faces. To be honest, if it wasn't our teachers' instructions, and our teamwork, I am sure that our spaghetti will never taste that awesome. It was even better than my aunt's very special spaghetti, who I thought the best spaghetti maker in the world. Maybe it tasted that great because we made it by ourselves.

After our dinner, we went to our cabins to take a little rest. But after that, we all gathered in the assembly area, with our marshmallow packets. We are going to roast marshmallows!!! But before that, we sang the camp song and watched a role play about camping. The role play was all about protecting the nature around us, instead of polluting it. It sure was very inspiring! Well, about the marshmallows, we all got two sticks of marshmallows and we roasted them for few minutes. Some students were very impatient that they even burned their tongues, while others burned the marshmallows too much. How can this get any better? Spaghetti, roasting marshmallows, and what else? Of course! My favorite part of the camp, disco night!

When there is a camp, there must be a disco night! So there we were, dancing in the huge hall! We danced and danced. My favorite part was the dancing train, where we dance and go in the line. Jumping, dancing, and all other things went very well, until we heard the words, "Well, goodbye Grade 6, since this is your last camp, here is a last song just for you!" Grade 6 made a special dancing train, and we gave a huge group hug. All 17 of us, together. No sooner all this happened, we all started crying. Well, I didn't mean like really crying. All I meant was like our eyes were filled with tears. Yes, it is true that we felt sad, but it was all for one another. After all those days that we spent together, we are going to get separated one day. It feels like we are one family, and we are all sisters and brothers. Teachers tried to cheer us up, but we couldn't. We sure felt very sad, but a goodnight sleep cheered us up. Which is why, we started thinking about our next days which are left. I am telling it now and I always will, we are friends who will never forget each other.

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It was 27th of January, our last day of camp. We started our day with our morning exercises. And we also took a photo for the great kindness challenge by forming ourselves into a heart shape. Then, we wore our uniforms, cleaned our cabins and went outside to have our breakfast. We didn't forget to show our gratitude to our cabins by saying "goodbye cabin". After our breakfast, we played few more games such as plastic cup stacking game. In that game we had to stand the cups on top of the other. We were given a rubber band with four strings on the four opposite sides. First, we made a pyramid of 6 cups, then 7 cups, and for the last round, 10 cups.

Finally, we drew our favorite part of the camp on paper puzzle pieces. It was a memorable moment, because we had a chance to memorize all the fun time we had. After we finished it and took the lunch, it was time for us to go home. But before we went, we didn't forget to thank the kind lady at the dinning area as well. We said thank you in Thai and waved our hand. After that, we went to our respective buses and waved our hand to the campsite. Oh I wish it wasn't my last camp! I hate to admit it, but sadly that is the truth. So all I said was "bye bye camp, it is so sad to leave you."

Well, after 2 hours, we arrived safely at AITIS. We all went to our houses with our parents. Even though we were sad to leave the campsite, we were very happy to see our parents and siblings. I am sure they were too!

Thanumi Abey, G-6 Explorers

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day is celebrated on every 2nd Saturday of January in Thailand!

Every year this special occasion is celebrated in Thailand with great enthusiasm and we at AIT International School also celebrate this day with a lot of fun activities.

It was January 12 and like every year, we were again surprised with a great performance by our beloved teachers.

After snack time, we all gathered in the assembly area. Everyone was excited to know what performances and fun activities were waiting for us for the day. The program started. Our principal, Mr. Kevin Mauritson, gave his opening remarks, which made us even more excited. And Yes, a superb performance by our teachers was waiting for us. We were amazed to see that all our teachers, who were in color-coded clothes, made a rainbow by lining up according to the rainbow colors. They sang a wonderful song for us titled "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". They also enriched their song with the musical bells they were holding in their hands.

After this wonderful performance by the teachers, the elementary section was brought to the big field to play games, while Pre-K section enjoyed their games in their classrooms. Since we at AITIS belong to many different nationalities, the games chosen by our teachers were from our home countries, which brought a lot of fun to this day.

After this enjoyable activity, the teachers brought us back to the classrooms and sent us to 11 different stations, two students per station from each class. The stations were Bead Work, Build A Maze, Build A Tower, Playdough Design, Cross Stitching, Bamboo Skewers, Paper Weaving, Finger Puppet, Lego, Fun With Wool, and Plastic Bottle Fun. Wow! Each and every child from each class learned a different thing this time and shared their work with their classmates after returning back to their classrooms. Everyone was showing off what they and how they made.

And last but not the least.... WE GOT COOKIES from the teachers just before we left for our lunch break.

Anisha Singh, G-6 Explorers



Children's Day



WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL 6 TIPS FOR PARENTS

Source: <https://www.empoweringparents.com/article/when-your-child-has-problems-at-school-6-tips-for-parents/>

Have you gotten "the call" from your child's school? Janet Lehman, MSW talks frankly about how she and her husband James dealt with it when their son had trouble at school.

In September of our son's third grade year, we got the phone call from his teacher. She said she was really concerned about our child's chances of passing that year. I was shocked, angry and anxious—and terribly embarrassed, both as a mother and a social worker who "should have known" what was going on. I immediately took the stance of viewing myself as the victim in the situation. In fact, very quickly it became all about me.

It's not about you. It's about your child, and what is best for him. As much as you can, put personal feelings aside and focus on your child.

I was upset at the school, the teacher and the administrators. My husband, James, intervened at that point and said, "It isn't about you. It's about our son and his odds of succeeding."

What could I say? I knew he was right. After I calmed down, we sat and talked about what we were going to do about our child's school problem. We also knew we needed to plan out how we were going to present ourselves at the meeting with his teachers. James and I decided that we wanted to be in partnership with the school as much as possible, because this would give our child the best chance of getting through the year and moving on to fourth grade. As hard as it was, I knew I needed to put all of my personal feelings aside and focus on what was best for our son.

This brings me to my first tip for parents when their child is having trouble at school:

Tip #1: It's not about you. It's about your child, and what is best for him. As much as you can, put personal feelings aside and focus on your child.

James reminded me again before we went into our meeting: "It's not about you. It's not about how you feel about the teacher. It's about our son." And then he said, "To be honest, our kid can be a bit of a pain in the neck sometimes and the teacher has 30 other students she needs to deal with. Let's really try to find a way to work with her."

We went to the meeting and presented ourselves as wanting to work with the school instead of against the school. We weren't blaming the school; we were trying to be realistic about our son—both his behavior and his needs.

And even though at first I was angry at the school for not noticing our son's issues sooner, I was grateful to his third grade teacher for noticing what was going on. Up until third grade, our son had been able to use charm to get by in school. But charming wasn't going to make it in the third grade, where they introduce more challenging content and a lot of new learning. Fortunately, his teacher saw through that act and realized it was a bit of a cover for some of his learning struggles.

This brings me to my second tip:

Tip #2: Generally speaking, blaming the school or your child's teacher won't do any good. As much as is possible, work with school administrators and teachers. Partner with them instead of making an adversary out of them.

In my opinion, the only way to create success is to partner with the school. If you're really struggling with your child's teacher, find somebody else who you can create that relationship with. Pinpoint someone in the school who you can work with—it could be a guidance counselor, school social worker, a coach, or even the principal. This person will be able to advocate for your child more effectively than you can in some instances, and might also be able to shoot you an email when they notice something or feel like your child needs some extra help.

Our whole family worked especially hard during third grade: we put in a lot of time sending notes back and forth to our son's teacher and keeping her abreast of his progress. James would also sit with our son and do homework every night. He never did the work for him—he was just there to answer questions and give him help if he needed it. I won't lie—at first, it was a bit of a struggle. But as our son did more homework, his classroom performance improved, which then encouraged him to do more homework. It became a positive circle or a "win-win" situation for him.

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So my third tip is:

Tip #3: Communicate regularly with the school. At home, sit with your child if possible and help him through his homework assignments.

I think one of the key things our son realized was that his teacher and his parents were going to hold him responsible for his own work. He couldn't get out of it, because everyone had joined together to make sure he succeeded and got through the year. We also attended an evaluation meeting for him where testing was recommended. He had some tests done and it was discovered that he had a mild learning disability. As a result, the teachers arranged for some accommodations so he could do certain things differently. So again, the school was taking some responsibility to help him, but even more importantly, our son was gradually taking responsibility for his learning.

Tip #4: Your child is responsible for his own work; it's vital that he knows that he's being held accountable by you and his teachers. If your child has an issue with the work he's doing, and you believe he is sincerely struggling with the work, talk to the teacher. If the struggle persists even with teacher help and parental support, have him tested professionally immediately to determine whether or not he has a learning disability.

For the most part, we found our son's teachers to be dedicated and receptive, but through the years, he did have some experiences with teachers he wasn't particularly crazy about. We thought that was an important life lesson for our son: he wasn't going to like everyone and not everyone was going to treat him as fairly as everybody should be treated. I think dealing with these teachers helped prepare him for the real world, where he'd have to work with folks who might not be as understanding of his needs as others. We made sure to never criticize his teachers when our son was complaining about one he didn't get along with. Openly complaining only encourages your child to blame the teacher for his problems, and to stop being accountable for his schoolwork.

Tip #5: When your child complains about school, don't join with him in criticizing his teacher. By being in that teacher's classroom, your child is learning an important lesson.

Don't badmouth the teacher along with your child. There's the potential that you could make the situation much worse by doing so. Remember, you're only going to hear the story from your child's perspective. If he doesn't like the teacher and you fuel that dislike, it's only going to make it worse for your child who is in that classroom so many hours every day. Again, the most important thing is to try to join with the teacher if possible so that your child becomes responsible and can't deflect that responsibility to a "bad" or a "mean" teacher.

Also, I believe it's important to recognize that teachers have a really hard job. They generally respect parents who are aiding them by helping their child learn. The fact that James and I would take the time to write notes to the teacher and sit with our son and do homework was time well spent, from the teacher's point of view. That's an investment, and teachers respect parental investments in their child's learning.

Teachers also want to feel support from parents for what happens in the classroom. I've seen parents immediately take their child's side and not take the time to get the full picture from the school staff or teachers. I believe it's important to see the full picture. You may not like it when you get it, but at least you've taken the time to get the other side of the story.

James used to say, "Sometimes it's easier to fight with the school than fight with your kid." After all, you can walk away from the school and go home. It's a lot harder to hold your child accountable and sit and do the work with him—especially if he is defiant or has other behavioral issues. But in the long run, holding him responsible is the best thing for his future.

Tip #6: Recognize that your child's teacher has a difficult job. Get the full picture when there is a situation at school—don't simply rely on your child's retelling of the story, because he will only see things from his point of view.

It's often really intimidating to get that initial call from your child's school. Sometimes it brings up feelings you had when you were a kid. Maybe you acted out a bit or had some struggles with learning yourself; perhaps you didn't feel smart enough or good enough. Often, a parent's first response, given their own experience, is to fight the system. And believe me, I had some of those feelings. Thank goodness for James. He was able to turn my thinking around and really take it off me and focus it on our son.

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It was a turning point for me as a parent and in the way I viewed myself as a social worker.

I believe that one of the keys to helping your child succeed in school is really a lot more parental involvement in general. They may never realize how helpful some of the school folks have been. They may never appreciate the fact that you've sat there every night and helped them do their homework. But if you can see their success, you know you've done the right thing.

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor

NO UNIFORM DAY

No uniform day happened on January 13, 2017 in AITIS. At the same time our school was celebrating Children's Day. We did lots of activities in no uniform day. There were game stations which children could choose to play. I joined tower station, and made my tower out of skewers, marshmallows and clay.

The Student Council initiated this Fund Raising Activity, so we can put up a Peace Corner in every class. We were able to collect 1,870 THB.

The Peace Corner can help students when they are angry, when they start a conflict or when they just need a quiet time.

How to use the Peace corner?

1. Retreat: Walk away and calm downing the peace corner.
2. Reflect: Think about what's upsetting you, and how the issue might be solved
3. Relate: Ask for help or try to work out the issue if you're ready
4. Return: Rejoin the group.

Student Council members have been preparing the needed materials like posters, calm down bottles, etc. to be set up in each class from grade 1-6.

Sasha, G-4 Fantastic
Student Council Secretary



ENFAGROW SHOW 30 JAN 2017



Pre-K Section Activities

Nursery

Nursery Playful Pandas Class learned five yoga poses Butterfly, Snake, Dog, and Tree & Triangle. They practiced them at the Thai Summer House during their Circle Time. They also learned new topic about "Vegetables and Fruits" and played at the school ground. (See pictures 1-2)

Pre-K 1A

Dressing up as a 'Community Helper' was a fun way to learn more about this topic. Making RED lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year was an exciting learning experience for our little ones. (See picture 3-4)

Pre-K 1B

The Pre-K1 children were excitedly dressed up as different community helpers. They also did an artwork in number 6. (See picture 5-6)

Pre-K 2A & B

Pre K 2 A & B classes learned about four groups of food. They were excited to explore different fruit trees around the school. They were curious to see Mango, Papaya, Tamarind, and Banana trees. Looking at ripe bananas on the tree was interesting! (See picture 7-8)

KG B

Kindergarten Jolly Kittens learned about the use of our eyes. They observed things around them and drew those that they like. (See picture 9)

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Pre-K 1B, 6



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Elem - Section Activities



Non-Mundane Monday Facts Activity
by Grade 2A



Non-Mundane Monday Facts Activity
by Grade 2A



Changing Environment to Meet Our Needs
by Grade 2B



Changing Environment to Meet Our Needs
by Grade 2B



Yeh Shen Drama Presentation
by Grade 3A



Math Project
by Grade 3A



Social Studies Project
by Grade 3A



Experiment on Gravity
by Grade 3B



Math Project
by Grade 5



Math Project
by Grade 5

Holiday by Grade 1 Eagles **My Holiday**

One day, we went to the mountain of Khaoyai. When night came, my dad couldn't find a place to stay. At last he found a nice place for us to sleep. We watched TV in the morning. I got sick. Then we went outside to eat something. I felt better and we went home.

Weechayut

Best Holiday Ever

My holiday started on December 10. I went to Water Fantasy Park for two days.

Phonphan

My Holiday

I went to Sea Life and it was closed. So we went to eat at KFC. We went back by taxi to AIT. I played with my friends. We watched movies. We played a game going up and down.

Sammam

My Holiday

My family went to the hotel. We slept for three days there. We swam in the swimming pool. We also went to the beach. I played the sand. I saw different kinds of birds.

Chanyathada

Best Holiday Ever

My friend and I went to South New Zealand. We attended a fair at Rainbow Ends. We played roller coaster and went inside Ghost Town. We also played the zip line and watched the circus. We went around New Zealand by train.

Puntalinee

My Holiday

We went to Huahin by taxi, van, and train. We had fun at the beach. My family swam and had lunch there. When I was playing with the sand, I saw a squid. We gave some food to the squid. Then we went back to AIT by bus.

Prasanna

My Holiday

I did not go anywhere for the few days during the holiday break. My dad and I read a lot of books. A friend of my dad came to visit us. He stayed in my house for a day. After that, we went to Future Park. First, we bought some clothes. Next we went to the ice skate place. Someone helped me skate. Then, we got ice cream. I bought at 10 baht. After that, we went to an accessories shop to check a bag. Then, we went back home.

Kavya

My Holiday Trip

My holiday trip was so fun. I went to Korea.

There were free food and bus ride around. I went to many shops. I ate cotton candy. We stayed in a hotel there. I also went to Future Park. Sometimes, I played with my friend, PJ.

Chanyakorn

My Holiday

I went to a party on a boat. We ate different yummy food. We played games. Mom and dad played games too. We danced and had so much fun. We also went to Dreamworld. We rode Speed Mouse.

Aditya

Dinosaur Planet

One day, I went to Dinosaur Planet. I went to Dinofarm and rode dinosaurs. We ran away from a raptor. It was so scary. We went to 4D Deep World. We saw T-rex. I colored dinosaur pictures. When I slept that night, I dreamed about dinosaur.

Punya

The Camp

My family got into the car and went to a mountain. We fixed our tent. Then, we ate dinner. I played and slept inside the tent.

Karnkawin

My Holiday

My family went to Chiang Mai by car. My dad drove the car. We went to a strawberry farm. We saw flowers there too. We also went to Chiang dao and Doitung. At night at the hotel, we saw a lot of stars. We ate a Gala Dinner Doitung Hotel. Our last stop was at Flower World.

Iyaluck

My Holiday

At 6:00 in the morning, we went up a hill. We fixed our tent. We saw birds and we watched the sunset. I ate a cupcake. I slept in the tent. Next day, we stayed in a hotel. We took shower. We ate lunch and I played a ball.

Methapon

My Holiday

We went to Sea Life. We saw so many fishes. We saw sea horses. We also saw a shark inside a glass. We went to see penguins too. We went around MBK. We ate halal food at Siam Paragon. I saw many TV and I bump my head on one of the glass doors.

Tristan

My Holiday

We played video games. I bought nurf gun. We stayed in the hotel. I played with my dad. We went around the place.

Changhyun

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My Holiday

My cousin and I played a ball. I enjoyed playing with them. We ate and drink together. My mom went to our car showroom. My cousins and I went with her. We played games in the computer. We watched movies together.

Natthida

My Holiday

We went to Bangkok, Pattaya, and India. We went on a boat trip.

Tanishka

My Best Holiday

I went to Chiangrai with my family. I saw people with long neck. My mom found a hotel for us to stay. We ate lunch there. We went to Chiangmai to visit a family friend.

Thanyachanok

Mystery Stories by Grade 1 Debra's Doves

My Mystery Story

I went shopping one day with my dad. I bought two red ropes then I went to sleep. In the morning, I saw the ropes was gone. I wondered where the ropes are. I looked everywhere and at last I found it.

It was in my sister's basket!

Jia Xuan

My Mystery Story The Lost Puppy

There was a puppy. One day she was lost. When I saw a man I asked him but he didn't know where it was. I looked everywhere but I couldn't find her. But I must have tried to get in the long castle. But it was dangerous. There was a witch. I didn't see any witch except my dog. But who or what took it here? I saw the man again. He didn't say anything but shouted at me. It's a mystery!

Lanta

My Mystery Story The Missing Cake

One day, I went to shopping with my mom for my dad's birthday. We brought a very nice cake for him. We put it in the fridge.

The next morning, I went down stairs to the fridge but, something was wrong...The cake was missing I tried to find the cake but I can't find it.?

Nuanploy

My Mystery Story

When I was watching TV, I went to get some snacks.

When I came back it changed to another channel.

I went to the bathroom for a while. When I came back the TV was off. I asked my Dad he didn't know anything about it. When I asked my mom she didn't know either. When I was asking my brother, he looked weird!

Hrithik

My Mystery Story

Last night there was a mystery. I put 3 donuts on the table. So could eat them later. Then, from my room I heard the front door open. I went to check who it was but did not see anybody. I was the only one in the house.

So who could have eaten my donuts?

Mary

My Mystery Story The Missing Crayfish

One day, I came back home. When I looked for my lovely crayfish, it wasn't there. I searched everywhere. It was missing. I asked my brother for it. He didn't know. He told me that he saw a big gecko around there last night!

Smith

My Mystery Story My New Toy

One day we went to the mall and bought a new toy. Later, once we reached home, I put my new toy in a basket. My mother asked me to take shower then play with the new toy. After I'm done changing, I went to get my toy .to my surprise. It was not there!

Who has taken it? I was so sad. I walked out of the room and asking everyone. Nobody knows!

I decided to make myself a sandwich. As I was walking to the kitchen, I saw the toy box on the floor. Yay!! But...it was EMPTY! "ABANG ILAN!! Come and look at my new toy, its nice right?" said my younger brother. It was my little brother who took it. Mystery solved!

Ilan

My Mystery Story

I bought a cake for snack. I was sitting in the kitchen. I went to clean my hands and then I came back. I was ready to eat. But the cake wasn't there. Mom went to work. My dad was sitting upstairs. I thought my big brother took it. And I have another little brother he was 3 years old. He played at my house every weekend. Who could it be?

Phitakorn

My Mystery Story The Work of Art

Once upon a time, in the museum, there were three famous pictures.

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One day, the three famous pictures were stolen and one person wanted to complete the mystery. He was thinking that it could be the man who works there.

He was sneaking behind the bushes. He was looking for the one who stole the picture. He saw a person going by the museum. He was sneaking by. Then, he saw him going inside the museum without making a sound and take the golden vase. He called the police, but the police could not catch him. Then, he catch the thief. He opened the mask and found who it was. It was the man who works here.

Karyanne

My Mystery Story

Today is my birthday. When I reached school, I opened the door it was dark inside. I saw some little eyes. When I opened the light there were nobody in the room. I checked every room in the school and it was empty. When I came back to the room I saw 4 eyes. And now there are 34 eyes. I remember something. It was Teacher's Day!

Pasu Srisuro

My Mystery Story The Bubbly Mirror

I walked in front of a mirror and see myself upside down. How is that possible? I went to the other and see myself with very big head. Is there something wrong with me? I am about to run but I see myself very tall like a giraffe in another mirror. What is happening?

Jacob

My Mystery Story

When I was wearing my school shirt, somebody threw a sock at me and I turned around but nobody was there. I was very scared and I wanted to cry. Luckily, I saw my dad smile at me. Then, I wanted to hug him but he walked away. I ran towards him.

He said, "It was my sister who threw the sock on my back. In my mind.

Phunyavee

My New Year Resolutions

I promised that if anybody plays a prank on me or whatever, I will still respect them.

I must pay more attention than I did in the first semester. I will listen to the teacher than talking to my friends.

I need to be very careful to check that I read the instructions before doing my work and does what they say all the time.

I will try to come early to school and not be

late. I need to finish my work on time so that I get better grades and not get any Ds'.

I have to improve my behavior. I must not walk around the room, talk, and write notes to someone.

I really need to finish my work on time by working faster. This will help me get As' and A+s. It will help me get lots of work done on time.

Kiragorn- G2 Trail Blazers

The Year 2017

I promised myself that I will work hard and so I am trying to work hard in all subjects. I do not talk anymore, but just work hard.

I will respect everyone, even those whom I do not like. I will try to be good when I respect others.

My behavior will be good in school and not bad. I will try my best to be good to everybody in school.

I promise that I will always be on time to school, work faster and try my best to finish all the work on time.

I will write neatly in every subjects. I promise to myself that I would improve my handwriting and write as neatly as possible.

Teesta- G2 Trail Blazers

My Incredible New Year Resolutions

New Year Resolutions are promises that we make for the New Year.

I promise to have very nice handwriting by writing neatly. I want to do this so that I can have a lot of very good grades in all my subjects. Good handwriting is also important because it is easier for people to read what you write.

I promise to study well and work harder. I want this so that I could get smarter.

I want to do my work properly and correctly so that I get very good all the time. It is really exciting to get excellent in your work!

I promise to work hard to get better grades than ever before get to see your grades. This will prove that I have learned a lot and that I am smarter than before. Getting good grades is really fun and exciting and it also makes you improve more than before after you see your grades.

I promised to finish my work on time so that I can get better grades all the time.

Ranasha- G2 Trail Blazers

My Incredible Subjects

Hi! My name is Hamna. My favorite subjects are Spelling, Science, Mathematics, Handwriting, Creative Writing, Social Studies, Reading, Music, and PE.

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I love to learn every day and I love to do Joy of Reading too. I always learn at home too.

I like Handwriting because it is fun to do. In Creative Writing, I really have interest to do. Thank you teacher for making it fun to do! In music I dance and sing. It is fun too!

Hamna- G2 Trail Blazers

My Promises for the New Year

I promise to work hard. I will work hard by concentrating in my work. I will not talk when I do my work.

I will do more work in school and in my home. I will try to finish all my work on time. In class, I will try to finish my work before the bell rings. I will do my work faster than the way I work now.

I will try to come to school by 8:00 O'clock and I will not be late to school.

I need to study hard.

Pannawit- G2 Trail Blazers

My Cleanup Day

I do all these things on My Cleanup Day.

I help my mum by giving her all the things when she is cooking. I also try to help my dad to wash the car. I help my mum and dad by feeding the cat. I clean the room and my mum has less work. Sometimes, I help my sister to do her homework at home. I also help my friend by helping his sister to her homework too.

Kritchayarn- G2 Trail Blazers

My 2017 New Year Resolutions

In 2017, I will respect more people at home and in school and take care of my things like my toys.

I will wake up early and go to school on time. In the second semester I will read instructions before doing my Math work because my teacher said I must read instructions before doing my work. I will study harder in class because I want to get A+ grades in studies. I will write neatly and work harder in this second semester.

Chevan- G2 Trail Blazers

My Settling Up Day

Sometimes I help my mum put away the dishes before going out to play. My mum washes the dishes and put them away in the kitchen.

I settle the bed before sleeping. I put I get things ready for sleeping. I put blankets, pillows, and body pillows for my dad.

I get the toys ready when my friend comes and after we finish playing, we put the toys away. I settle the toys and my room.

Pal- G2 Trail Blazers

My Settling Up Day

You should clean up your room or it will look messy like Harvey Moon's room!

These are the things I do to help at home.

I wash dishes everyday now, but before I didn't. I now know that my mum does a lot of work at home and I need to help her. So now on I will help everyone, my family and friends.

I refill water at home a lot. I have tricks of doing it fast. I will tell you one trick. First, you put the biggest jar and then you put the second biggest jar right next to it. Then, when the biggest jar is full, it will flow into the second biggest jar. Then get the smallest bottle and put it next to the second biggest bottle. They will all fill up. This is one of my tricks.

Every weekend I mop the floor, two rooms, with my dad. I love mopping the floor because it is easy. I mop two big rooms and my dad mops a small room and three toilets. I like mopping the floor more than any other cleanup things.

I help my parents to wash the car, but sometimes they do not let me help them because it's a bit dark and bugs can bite me. So I do what they tell me.

My family and I hang up clothes together as team work. My sister hangs up the clothes with me and my mom washes the clothes. My dad helps my sister and me a little. I love my family and we work together.

Melisa G2 Trail Blazers

The Ducko-tastic!

Garry Big and Cherry Swan were going to a bank with five ducklings. They tried shooting all bank working but all shots missed, they ran away with the money but Officer Duck-o-ling caught the ducklings! Garry and Cherry were tazed by a cop. They woke up by the pond and their ducklings were missing! They went home and made a gadget called the "Duck-Rader." They found Officer Duck-o-ling's base and sneaked and grab their ducklings but they were fake officers. Duck-o-ling said, "They're here!" Then the cops attacked! Garry dodged them and jumped over them meanwhile Cherry hid from Duck-o-ling! Cherry and Garry got away with their ducklings. They were on a picnic and Garry said "We will never rob again!"

Ayan, Grade 3 Bright Owls

*Children learn by observing others.
Be sure to let your child witness you
reading on a daily basis!
Kevin Mauritson*

The Grasshopper And the Car

There was a grasshopper named Donny and he always wanted to drive a car so he borrowed a car. But he didn't know how to drive it! He pressed all the buttons in front of him, then suddenly the car started up and he changed the gears and it zoomed very fast. "WWWOOOOWWW!" said Danny. "It's going very very fast! But how do I stop it now?!" Again he started to press all the buttons he could find and all of a sudden the car stopped and crashed on a building. CRASHHH. "I will not drive a car anymore", said Danny. The next day he saw the same kind of car but Danny said, "I will not drive this silly car". "Riding a bike is so much easier than driving a car". He liked motorcycles and bicycles so much more than the car. "Cars are very very silly and from now on I will not think about cars again," said Danny.

Sasakorn and Junnarada, Grade 2B

The Flying Tiger

There was a little tiger named Donut. He could fly up to the sky. One day he flew up to see the stars, space and the moon. Then donut got hungry and he ate the moon. Now the shape got the shape of a banana and Donut became so so fat! He became bigger and bigger and he dropped down to earth. He went down and crashed on his chair and it broke! He didn't know what to do, so he went to his friend's house to ask for help. His friend didn't know what to do too. So they started playing video games together. Then little by little, he became smaller, smaller and smaller. His friend said, "You better not eat the moon again!" Donut was happy now AND he could fly again!

Phitchayut and Virada, Grade 2B

The Very Silent Robin

There was a robin who was not like the other robins because he had giant wings and he could fly faster. One day when he tripped on a rock, he fell into mud. When everyone saw him, he got embarrassed and his face turned red and exploded into pieces. His head went into space and ate the moon. Then he went near the sun and burned into dust and then he fixed himself. He went to Neptune and became so fat with all the air and rocks, he went down like a meteor shower. He destroyed the whole world with a big explosion. The penguins were floating on chunks of ice in space. The robin did not want to show himself. It is said that he was seen floating on chunks of ice with the penguins.

Phyo Thiri and Ellis, Grade 2B

The Awesome Powers of the Good Swan

One morning, the good swan sat on her cycle and raced it to school, finished her activities and quickly rode her cycle home. Then she jumped on her motorbike and fast, she appeared to her friend's house door. She told her friend about the news of the stolen diamond. Her friend helped her get some fairy dust powers. Then one day, the good swan saw the police chasing the bad swan. She ran beside a tree so she could collect her burning fire powers, but she missed! The bad swan transformed into a Chita and ran away. The good swan went to her friend's home for help. Her friend said, "You just reached at the right time! I have something for you!" "What is it?" said the good swan. "This is a kind of power that can connect and find out where the bad swan is going," said her friend. "Thanks! Let me try this out," said the good swan. When she went home, she thought about some plan. The next morning, it was a holiday for the Chinese Festival. While the good swan was walking through the path, she saw the bad swan talking in her mobile phone. "Now your bad thoughts are over" the good swan thought in her mind. She quickly hid beside the grasses. Now let's see what you can do! Turn her powers, and BOOM!" the good swan shouted. The bad swan started to feel something, "Ow! Uh! Something is happening to me! Help!!! No!!! My-my powers!!!" And she started to cry while the good swan tiptoed to the Magic Mart. She wanted to turn those burning fire magic into fairy dust. The shopkeeper helped her. As soon as she reached home, she told her friends about the good news. The good swan tried the fairy dust. Wow! It turned the good swan and her friends into pretty princess swans! They were so happy about this. The good swan gave each of her friend some fairy dust. "And sorry! I forgot to tell you to come to the Chinese Festival," said one of her friends. In the night, the good swan came to the party with her best dress. She also met the bad swan. "I'm really sorry," said the bad swan. "Come on! Join the party. Always remember to be nice," said the good swan. "Thanks!" And they enjoyed the party whole night with fun and happiness.

Saura, Grade 3 Bright Owls

Reading is fundamental to learning vocabulary, spelling and proper syntax usage of the English language. As our students become more proficient in their reading and comprehension skills, mastery of their studies will dramatically improve.
Kevin Mauritson

The Goose Who Landed from MARS

BOOM!!! CRASH!!! “What was that? Where did it crash?” someone asked. “Over there at the plain! Let’s go and see it! What is that?” “I don’t know,” said the seller from the market. Peep peep peep! The police came and took a look around the scene.

“Look over there! Something is coming out from the machine! It’s a goose!” Wooohh! We were surprised. “Hello Earthlings! We are the Goosemars from planet Mars, and we come in peace.”

The people around were shocked to see an English speaking goose. “Who are you?” someone from the crowd asked. “Well I just did my introduction just now.”

“Oh yes, you are the Goosemars from planet Mars. But why are you here?” The goose started to tell his story. He is looking for a new home to live. He was outcasted by his own kind.

Just then, he started to walk around town. Suddenly, the cars started honking. The goose just crossed the road without waiting. The policeman quickly rushed to pick him up. The policeman decided to send him to the animal hospital. The mayor asked the vet to do a medical checkup. Once he was cleared from danger, he was allowed to stay at Mr. McDonald’s farm.

Ilyas, Grade 3 Unique Unicorns

The Goose Who Visited Grandmother

“Owwwww, what a nice day for visiting grandmother. Let’s take a shower!” SShhhhhhhh. Ten minutes later... “Mom what’s our breakfast?” “Kids it’s a surprise,” Mom replied. “Fine.” Then the goose babies went down. “Wow, it’s salmon!” After the goose babies finished breakfast, they started going.

“Dad how are we getting there?” asked goose babies. “Let me tell you how, kids. First we need to go to the Goose Park. When we pass it, we will see the road and we just cross it,” said dad. “Wow it is not that hard!” the kids said. The goose family passed the park and now they are on the road. “Kids be careful. You need to follow dad and mom,” said both dad and mom. Vevol vevol vevol! “Kids they are helping us,” dad said. “OK, dad.” The police man used his car to block the road to not let any car pass. “Let’s cross kids,” said dad. “Dad we finally crossed the road! Oh dad is that our grandmother’s home?” asked the kids. “Yes, it is!” said dad. Then they all had party at grandmother’s home. Happy ending... Maybe...

Pomanon, Grade 3 Unique Unicorns

An Amazing Adventure

The baby duck asked mom, “Mom, why do we have to move away?” Mom said, “Because your father got a job in Duck York” “When will we leave?” baby duck asked. “Right now.” Then they started walking to the airport. They got many farewell cards on their way to the airport. When they had more kilometer to walk, the family heard a noise. Weee, wooo, weee, wooo! But the family did not mind and they just continued walking. At last the police came in front of them. The Duck Police asked, “Did you steal the jewelry from the mayor?” “No” said the family. “We would never do such a thing like that.” Then the Duck Police said, “Stop telling lies you are going to jail!” The ducks gasped. The police took them to a magnificent place the family did not even know. Father duck asked himself, “Why would the police bring us here? Did he think we were thieves?” “You are right,” mother duck said. Later on the family’s friends came to the magnificent place and asked, “So are you staying?” “Yes!” the whole family said together. Baby duck said, “Why would the police bring use here?” Everyone said together, “It was a prank! So you would stay,” the family was really surprised.

Arya, Grade 3 Unique Unicorns

The Swans

“The street is that way!” said the smallest swan, Hereby. Freddy, Gill - the big swans, Hereby - the smallest swan, Ralph, Bob, Nicholas - the swans, and Tucker the swan, who is always reading text books for fun. Hereby wanted to see the street because he never saw one. The others were fine with letting Hereby see the street but not Tucker, who still has his nose buried in a book. Tucker wanted to visit the library. Before they got to the street, Tucker changed the traffic lights. Then there was a car crash. The police came and took Tucker away since the CCTV caught him doing it. Bet before the police could take Tucker away, Freddy snatched inside the car with the door open and hid under the seat. The car that Freddy was in was the one with Tucker. It was a long ride, then the car stopped. Then the police got out of the car and shut the doors. But the windows were open! Freddy and Tucker went out the window without the police and ran into the woods. Freddy thought they were lost but Tucker told Freddy their home is at the north. Tucker tied a string to a bar magnet and hide the string. They found their way home. Thanks to Tucker’s intelligence.

Khang, Grade 3 Bright Owls

The Emperor and the Nightingale

Have you ever went to the emperor's garden? Come, I'll take you there!

Emperor's garden is full of merry flowers, huge green trees, and charming birds. There in his garden is a bird with the sweetest voice you could ever hear. A bird with beautiful beak and warm wings. A bird that the world know as a nightingale. Did you know a secret about the nightingale? Ssshhh! don't tell anyone. If you help the nightingale it will show you heaven and hell in return.

It was a dark and stormy night. I was inside castle. I heard a sweet voice. I thought it was an angle. I went out to see but it was not any angle there. It was a nightingale there instead that was dying!

"Guards"! "Guards"! Cried the Emperor! "Yes Sir" asked the guards. "This nightingale is almost dead, get it to the royal vet," said the emperor". The guard took the bird to the royal vet. The vet told them that they brought the bird just in time otherwise it would have been hard for him to save him from dying. When the nightingale got better, it started talking in human languages. It turned the emperor into an elf then took the emperor to show what heaven and hell looked like.

Snigdha Mishra, Grade 4 Fantastics

My Lost Doll

One day I was in my house when I realized I lost my toy. I asked my mom, "Did you see my toy?" "No," she answered. I looked for my toy for an hour and a half but couldn't find it. I told my sister about the toy I lost and she said, "I will help you find it." "Thank you," I replied. First she asked me when I last played with it. Then she asked me if I played with the toy while I was with someone. "Yes," I answered. She asked, "Who?" I told her, "I was with my friend Katy." Then she suggested that we go to Katy's house to check if I left my toy there.

So we went to Katy's house and rang the doorbell. "Ding! Dong!"

Katy opened the door and said, "Hello." I replied, "Hi. I am with my sister. We are looking for my missing doll." She said, "Oh. Uhm, come in." So my sister and I went in. We went to the living room and were silently looking around. Then I found a box with lots of stickers. I asked Katy, "What is inside the box?" She replied suspiciously, "Nothing. I will just go to the toilet first."

When she was gone, my sister and I opened the box to check what was inside. To our surprise, my doll was inside! Then Katy came and my sis

ter asked her, "Did you see my sister's doll?" but Katy only replied, "No." I asked, "Are you sure?" Katy said, "I am sure."

I told her, "Katy, I am curious about what's inside that box. It has so many stickers on the box." She replied, "Oh, nothing special." So I decided to test her, "Alright. Since you and I are really good friends can you open the box and let's together see what it is?" "I am not so sure about that," she said. "Please, please," I begged. Katy made a funny face. Then with a sigh she said, "Alright. I'll open it."

She opened the box and out came my doll. I checked the foot of the doll if it contained my name. And yes, my name was there! I exclaimed, "Oh, it's my doll!" "Well, yes, you left it in my house the last time we played. I wanted to surprise you with it." "You are so nice Katy! I am indeed surprised." "You're welcome," Katy replied.

Phuntita, Grade 4 Edelweiss

Pre-K Section Activities

KG A

The KG- Dynamic Dolphins are exploring with their sense of taste in the pictures below. After tasting different snacks, they were able to group the snacks into salty, sweet, sour, bitter, and spicy tastes.



Find A Solution!

In some mixtures, it is easy to see the individual pieces that are mixed together. In other mixtures, small parts are very evenly mixed. What are these special mixtures?

Each bite of fruit salad contains different combinations of fruit. You can separately taste peaches and different kinds of berries. But what do you notice when you drink a glass of lemonade? Every sip tastes the same. This is because lemonade is a solution. A solution is a mixture that has the same composition throughout.

A solution forms when one substance dissolves in another (Science Fusion-Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). In our hands-on activity, we found out that when something dissolves, it breaks up into particles so tiny they cannot be seen even with a microscope. These particles then evenly mix with the other part of the solution. We concluded that not everything dissolves. If you put a rock and salt in water, the rock will not dissolve, but the salt will.

Solutions are commonly liquid, such as the mixture of the different liquids that make up gasoline. But not all solutions are liquids. Air is a solution of different gases. Tiny particles of nitrogen, oxygen and other gases are evenly mixed in the air. Brass is an example of a solid solution formed from solid copper and solid zinc (http://www.chem4kids.com/files/matter_solution.html).

Theo, Thanawit, Thip-bunga, Kimberly, Rujirat, G-4, Edelweiss

My PAP Tree

Last week, my friend gave me a weird seed. It was shaped like a pencil. When I got home, I planted the seed and voila, it was a pen tree! It grew well, and I was able to get 2 more pencil-shaped seeds from it. I planted one next to the apple tree, and one next to the pineapple tree.

They grew slowly, and they were ready to be harvested. But actually, the night before the harvest time, I heard a loud sound. I wanted to see what was going on so I went outside of our house. To my surprise, I saw a giant tree in my garden! The tree had an APPLE PEN! The apple tree and the pen tree mixed together and became an apple pen tree! Even though the apple pen seed was super weird, I planted it.

I wondered what will happen to the seed that I planted next to a pineapple tree. So, I slept near our window but after an hour of being asleep, I heard a loud sound similar to thunder. Again, the sound was caused by a tree. From our window, I saw a giant tree in my garden. The tree had a

PINEAPPLE PEN! I harvested it and planted it next to the apple pen tree.

After two nights after I planted a pineapple pen seed next to the apple tree, I heard frightening and mysterious noises that one can hear at night. I ran out of our house and there I saw a SUPER LARGE tree in my garden! Guess what the tree had? PEN PINEAPPLE APPLE PEN!

Takeru, G-5 Voyagers

My Weird Garden

In my garden, there are coconut tree, banana tree, rose apple tree, blueberry tree, and an animal tree. The banana tree has blue banana that when you peel it, there is a cotton candy inside. The coconut tree gives random kind of magic stuff and the tree is bigger than its normal size too. The apple tree looks normal but its fruit has golden color, and it gives you a random kind of power that lasts for an hour. The blueberry tree is better than the other plants in the garden because it lets you make its fruit into anything that you can think of but sadly it stays for only one day. The animal tree has a berry looking fruit that translates what animal is saying. You can talk to that tree too but a random animal will talk to you. The rose apple tree is too magical because it creates all other magic seeds. And last but not the least; pet tree is quite good and useful because it creates random eggs that hatch into cute animal that will follow all your commands.

Sakchaiwat, G-5 Voyagers



Science Projects by Grade 5

My Draconic Evolution Garden

My garden is so weird that you don't want to go near. You will burn into a crisp. They evolved with dragon elements! If you open melons, you can have draconic cores and wyvern cores where plant stems or bodies are made of draconium. The Venus Flytraps breath fire. I named the plants like melons into core melons, Venus Flytraps into Dragon Flytraps. Almost all of the plants have wings. All of these plants are almost impossible to tame. But if any of the plants have burned your house or other plants, just plant more.

Every plant has scales around it and sometimes, war happens to the plants. The plants also guard the house in case there are thieves or bad people. Some of the plants fly and can be scouts to fight the enemies. Some plants can summon weapons and breathe whatever the element it is. You can also have a ride but it depends on how far the plant can fly. It means that you can go wherever you want and your life would be pretty much safe. However, when draconic plants sometimes are having war with the other plants it may burn your house. So I sometimes wish these plants are real because they sometimes make life easier and a bit difficult.

Jori, G-5 Voyagers

My iPhone Tree

I know this sounds weird but I have a tree that can grow iPhones. I know you may not believe it but it's true. First, I was growing a tomato plant like normal. I watered it every day and it had access to sunlight but then one day it started to look very weird, the leaves started to turn white and black, I was so shocked! Then the day later it started to grow iPhones. I had so many thoughts on how and why it happened. When I touched the leaves of the tree, it felt like it was melting. The tree has a white trunk, and black and white leaves like I mentioned before.

It smells like a new building, and a smell like the smell when you walk into an Apple store. The iPhone tree works perfectly fine although there's nothing special. It mostly sprouts out iPhone 6s, but sometimes it grows iPhone 7s, too. Sometimes, it goes wacky and the iPhones become really small, sometimes really big! At first, it started as a tomato plant and now it turned into an iPhone tree!

Mai Thao, G-5 Voyagers

My Samurai Garden

Last 2010, I bought seeds from a farmer in his farm, which has lots of unusual looking farm machinery. When I got home, I immediately planted

them in my garden. After three nights and two days, the seeds grew into huge plants. When I woke up on the next day, the plants had borne an unusual looking fruit. There was a small helmet, which was made of gold, silver and iron. It looked like the farmer had given me samurai planting seeds!

On the next day, the plants had borne a small chest-plate, which was made from bamboo and other materials. On the following day, they bore a small group of boots and leggings. I was amazed that the plants grew bigger than my house! They were the color of gold, silver and bamboo green. The plants' armor could be sold for millions of dollars. They also bore knuckles, nun-chucks and katanas! You could get rich with these plants and become a millionaire. They also bore ninja weapons like short-swords, ninja stars and blow-darts, ninja suits and samurai inside wear. The materials bore by the plants can be sold to museums so people can learn about the history of samurai and ninja warriors of early Japan. That's my amazing garden!

Vince, G-5 Voyagers

My Omega Drive Tree

In the garden at 4:35AM, I planted a strange looking seed that was larger than an average seed. I planted it and waited overnight for it to bloom. When I woke up, I felt lazy to check my garden, but I still checked it anyway. I was looked for a seed I planted but when I checked it, it was really a bizarre thing! It was an Omega Drive Tree!

My Omega Drive can summon a tiny little U.F.O that can shoot lasers, that's really amazing! It is really an awesome thing because it has a shiny purple liquid thingy inside it. I actually like it because it can produce its own light and it doesn't have a person to drive it. I had a really great time yesterday because my little omega drive seems to have an infinite flight. I was surprised that thing seems to follow me where ever I go until I rebuff it or cancel or something. I also forgot to mention that it has a bit of offensive side because it tends to shoot lasers at some random mobs, I also realize that you can summon it anytime you want! When I touch it, it's mostly made out of titanium. When I research about it, it was from the Thorium planet. Oh! The website I research about it is the thorium wiki from the thorium forums.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go. Dr. Seuss

My Strange Garden

My garden is so weird, but so cool. When you will hear my story about my garden, you will be amazed.

Well, in my garden there are a lot of normal plants with leaves, flowers, and buds. There is only one tree in my garden, which is very awesome. I will narrate a story about an incident that happened with me in the garden.

When, I was going to a store, I stepped on something weird. I picked it up. It was a seed. It looked more like a box. I planned to sow it in my garden and I planted it that afternoon. You couldn't believe, the seed germinated in a night and grew like a tree. SO FAST....Really amazing.

In the morning, when I woke up and went to garden to see the tree, I was so surprised and amused. The tree was so big with icons and apps. There were icons of Google, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and an app store that are usually in iPads. It was so cool but so weird. How can an iPad grow on a tree? But anyway it was so amazing. I can play games, watch videos, and check e-mails. It is so fun. Hope you enjoyed my story. My tree is so amazing. I love my garden. BYE!!!

Anusha Verma, G-5 Voyagers

My Unusual, Weird, but Cool Garden

Well, my garden is very weird, so I'll tell you how it happened...

My family and I were planning on planting some plants. We had bought four seeds - coconut seeds, orchid seeds, banana seeds, and rose seeds. We planted the seeds in different places. After a few weeks, we saw that the plants were now fully grown. I was very surprised with what I saw.

The banana tree looked like a banana tree but instead of bananas, there was jewelry! Nice and shiny jewelry! The coconut tree may have looked like a coconut tree but when you open the coconuts, there are toys inside! Toys! Can you believe that? Because I can't.

The orchids are very strange indeed, for instead of pretty flowers, there were leaves that can tell you your future. The leaves would move about to make pictures of your future! Cool right? The coolest one are the roses, instead of the good smelling rose you have MacBook Air, MacBook Pro, iPhone7plus, iPhone7, iPhone6s, iPhone6plus, and iPhone6. So you guys can come over and buy some coconut toys, laptops and iPhones, and jewelry if you want to! I like my garden. I'm going back now, see you around!

Kait, G-5 Voyagers

The Garden on Mars

It is the year of 2020, the earth is so crowded even the moon is full of people. Now people are already living on Mars. Mars atmosphere is very strange, plants there are special. Now I'm going to give you a tour of my garden on Mars.

First at the gate, there two big banana trees - their leaves are short and the bananas are colorful. The fruit tastes like normal bananas but a bit sour. If you eat too much you will get a light headache.

Inside my garden is an upside down tree. First, it will start as a dead tree then will turn into a flower then to a seed then it will immediately disappear.

Walk a few minutes away from my upside down tree and you will find The Veggie of Strange Tree. You will find shrieking carrots, which are very annoying. There are also Sleeping pumpkins which are boring to watch but very yummy. There are also crazy potatoes in which I need to dig a very deep hole to put the seeds in or the potatoes will climb up the ground before it is time to be harvested.

Next to my vegetable garden is my favorite tree which is The Dream Catcher Tree. People may think it is just a normal coconut tree, but it is not. Every night the coconut leaves turn into wings and fly around the world letting down the magical coconut on the people roof, then the coconuts turn into dream dust and flies to the people heads.

That's just half of my garden, but I need to go now because our Martian President will make an important speech in less than five Martian minutes. Well, bye!

Van Anh, G-5 Voyagers



Science Projects by Grade 5

The Wishing Well

There was a mysterious forest near a small town. No one ever dared to go inside the forest, because there was a rumor that you will get lost and never find a way out. Mary, a curious girl always wondered if the rumors around town were true. Her parents told her to stay away from the forest every single day, which made her even more curious.

One day she decided to go stealthily to the forest. After walking for 10 minutes, she saw something from far. The canopies of the trees were blocking the sunlight so the forest seemed dark. Mary walked near the object to see it properly. It was not an object; instead, it was an ordinary well. Mary turned around and walked back a few steps. Suddenly she heard a sound of someone talking. It was coming from the well. The well told her that she can get one wish every day. Mary wished to get more toys to play. She went back home and saw new toys lying in her bedroom floor. She got excited and started going to the forest every day to make more wishes.

One day, Mary's mother caught her while she was going to the forest. Mary lied and made excuses to her mother. The next day, Mary's father caught her going to the forest. She did the same thing what she did to her mother the day before. She lied and made excuses. The next day, she went to the forest to make a wish. Mary tried to make a wish, but the well refused to do it. The well explained that she lied and made too many excuses to her parents. People who are liars do not deserve to wish from the wishing well. Mary was shocked, because of what the well said. The well suddenly disappeared. Mary walked out of the forest disappointed and mad at herself for lying to her parents. Her parents asked her what happened but she didn't answer. She walked up the stairs to her bedroom and saw that all the things she wished for were gone.

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Always Tell the Truth

A long time ago, when animals and farmers lived together, there was a town called Ivda Town. The occupants of the town all lived peacefully. Although, often, there were quarrels. All of these quarrels were about a mythical creature called 'The Ivdanian Marten'. Legends also say that it only comes out once a year. A few people who claimed that they saw it described it as a color-shifting creature. Its fur changes every second to colors nobody could imagine. The townsfolk quarreled if the creature exists or it's just a

folktale.

Prongs the chimpanzee lived in the town. He was the type of animal that liked to get all the attention to himself. So he was annoyed at the attention the mythical creature was getting. Before he got all the attention in the town. For months, his name would appear on the front page at the local newspaper for his circus acts. So for days, Prongs stayed at his house thinking of a plan to attract the attention back to himself.

Suddenly there was a big rumor that Prongs captured the mythical creature for the next few days. Gamblers and townfolks all made their way to Prongs' house just to see if he had it and the rumor was true. Whenever they came, Prongs just said mysteriously: "Why don't you all come to my house next Saturday?". And just like that, all the people and animals left muttering among themselves if they think the rumor was true or not. Only Prongs knew that it wasn't true at all since he made it up. He enjoyed the attention he was getting. When Prongs spread the rumor, he overlooked the fact of what would happen to him after he showed his audience that he had nothing and he was lying.

As days passed, the people of the town made bets on if the rumor was true. So Saturday came. By afternoon, all the townfolks came to Prongs' house. They all gathered in his backyard and settled down. In the backyard, there was a podium and a cage with a piece of cloth covering it. Before telling, Prongs raised the suspense as much as he could. Finally, Prongs took away the cloth that was covering the cage swiftly and said "Ta-da!!!". All the townfolks wore a confused expression as they saw the empty cage. Suddenly Prongs burst out laughing and said "Haha! I got you people fooled! It was all a joke!". As soon as the townfolks got out of their confusion, they bellowed in rage and started to chase Prongs. Prongs got chased out of the village with the townfolks at his heels.

After then, nothing was heard about Prongs again. His house was turned into a museum for evidence of findings of 'The Ivdanian Marten'. Apparently The Ivdanian Marten was a huge thing for Ivda Town.

Pyae Phyo, G-6 Explorers

I firmly believe that the greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to read and comprehend/understand printed materials.
Kevin Mauritsen

The Crusters

Hi, I'm Daren, and this is my story. It started many years ago, I was having a happy time with my family, I had 2 sisters and 1 brother, they were my best friends. But out of nowhere monsters or "Crusters" destroyed our village and I was left alone. My family and my friends were gone. I ran towards the forest to hide from the Crusters and camp there for the night.

In the morning, I went back and searched for survivors and helpful things that I could find. I searched everywhere and I suddenly reached the blacksmith's shop. I found many weapons to fight the Crusters and to survive by my own in the forest. I went back to the forest finding a place to camp.

While I was searching, I heard something in the bushes so I took my sword and walked towards the bush. I thought I was going to die but I still went towards it when suddenly it jumped out and it was a baby wolf. I knew he was lost so I kept him and named him Trian. Trian helped me find a cave that wasn't big which was perfect! And I started building our home. I found a bunch of wood, rocks, and leaves to cover the front and used the leaves for our bed.

The next day I went outside and searched for food. I found a big river and hunted for fish and got about 4 fishes. I went back home and made a fire to cook it, I kept 2 for Trian and 2 for me. After eating I trained myself using my sword. I made targets to practice hitting and trained Trian too. I also practiced some moves and techniques if I come across a Cruster.

Sometimes I can hear Crusters when I sleep, and it drives me crazy just to think about when they attacked my village and killed everyone. I trained hard every day and grew stronger and stronger so that I can get revenge at those Crusters! One day I was looking around in the forest and heard footsteps. I was happy but still scared so I hid. I saw other humans and thought, "I wasn't the only survivor?!" Yes, they were humans and so I went up to them and they were surprised that I was here. They asked me questions and I told them my whole story and introduced them to Trian. Surprisingly their village was attacked too. But they called Crusters, Kremins.

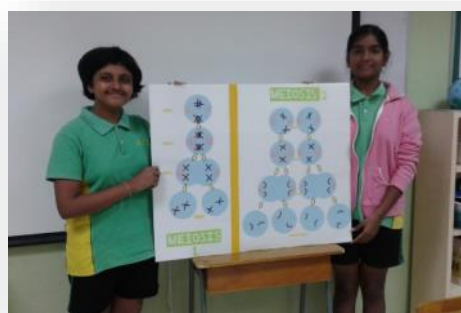
They called themselves the "Zlaiyers" I packed my things for our adventure to search for the Crusters and even brought Trian with us. We left our house and started our search. It took so long searching that I thought Crusters were all gone but we still searched for them.

Out of nowhere we suddenly heard loud noises

that kept on getting louder, we thought we were close, suddenly we were so shocked. It was a massive building that looked like it was the Crusters territory and we knew that's where we should attack. We sneaked in and first killed the guards and then attacked.

It was hard since we had less people attacking the Crusters. It was about time when the queen Cruster came and she was kind of impossible to kill because she was huge. But we also knew if we kill her, all the other Crusters will die, so we tried our hardest to kill the Queen. She and the Crusters started getting weaker. I was getting too excited to kill the Queen when suddenly Trian got hit and was injured. I went to him to help him but it was too late, I was so mad that I started beating up the Queen hard. We finally did it. The Queen and the Crusters were all dead. I cried over Trian and tried so hard to recover him but Trian sadly died, I hated myself on dragging Trian into this mess.

Harvey, G-6 Explorers



Science Projects by Grade 6

Guilty Conscience

Melon was an amazing student with many different abilities. She excelled in mathematics, science, social studies, language arts, music, art, sports and all kinds of different subjects. She loved reading books, and making her classmates laugh by changing her voice. Not like other brilliant students who worked so hard with tired faces, Melon always had a bright smile. She was always there to help her friends in any need. In this semester, her goal was to work hard and win the heart of their new class teacher, Mrs. Windy, just like most other students.

On the other side, Lemon, Melon's bad classmate, was planning a cruel plan on destroying Melon's dream. She was always jealous with Melon because of her bad grades. Lemon's face was always angry and sad, as if she swallowed a sour lemon. She always wanted to know the reason for others to not to talk or smile with her, just as they laughed, smiled, and talked with Melon. But she never thought it was her fault, who was very mean and mad at other people. But Melon always smiled at her and tried to make her happy, which made Lemon think that she is showing off her kindness to make herself great in front of others.

After few days, the day came! It was the day for the big exam from Mrs. Windy, the 7th grade class teacher!!! Melon was excited than ever! She studied very hard for the big exam, and she was very confident and happy. But on the other hand, Lemon hadn't even touched a book for the whole vacation!!! And now, she was planning to start her evil plan, destroying Melon's dream!

"Good morning everyone! Today, I, Mrs. Windy, welcomes you all to a brand new school year! So, why don't we all start with a simple test? Just remember, no cheating is allowed!!! If you cheat, or get marks below 50, I will fail you to the lower class, Grade 6!" Mrs. Windy said as soon as the school bell rang.

All students were shivering with fear, but except one, Melon. All she said was, "don't worry friends, if you studied well, nothing could go wrong! Besides, this is just a simple test!" "Alright Melon, if you say so," others said. "Hahaha!!! This is my time to shine Melon! Just wait and see, your dreams are going to be ruined!" Lemon told herself. "Since my handwriting is just as good as Melon's, it will be a lot easier! Muhahaha!!!"

Thirty minutes passed, Melon quickly finished her paper. She reviewed each question very carefully, and raised her hand. "Mrs. Windy, I am

done," she said as she raised her hand. "Are you sure?" asked Mrs. Windy. She looked at the clock. "Just in thirty minutes? How can this possibly be? Are you sure that you answered every single question Melon? Well, in this case, this is really amazing! I never thought anyone could do such a thing. But I think it is better if you review a bit more. You know, time is very valuable!" Mrs. Windy said with an astonishing look on her face.

Melon reviewed her paper very carefully even more than ten times. No sooner she had reviewed, she got very bored. So she decided to give her paper to Mrs. Windy. "Here you go Mrs. Windy, I reviewed it very well," said Melon. After few minutes, the bell rang. Even though some students were not finished, they had to give out the paper, according to Mrs. Windy's strict rules.

How was the test? Which answer did you write for that question? Those were the words that echoed everywhere. Some students were so happy, while others were whining for their scores. But one student was neither whining nor happy. It was Lemon, who was waiting for Mrs. Windy to go out of the classroom. She waited for a long time. Finally, Mrs. Windy went outside to talk with Mrs. Welma. It was Lemon's chance. She sneaked inside the classroom, and searched for Mrs. Windy's blue color folder, where she kept the papers after the test. Suddenly, she heard some footsteps. "Oh no! If it is Mrs. Windy, I will be caught and punished!" Lemon thought. But for her luck, it was the security guard, who always goes around the school to check. Even though he came near the classroom, he was not able to see Lemon, since she was under the huge table.

As soon as he left, Lemon started researching for the blue folder. It was almost hard as finding a needle in a haystack, because all the folders were blue colored, with lots of papers inside. After few minutes, she was able to find the test papers. She took out Melon's and her test papers, and exchanged the names and the index numbers. "Let us see Melon, now you are going to go back to grade 6! Hahahaha!! Now who is the most intelligent student? Me of course!" Lemon told herself. She smiled wickedly as she went out of the classroom. But our innocent Melon, was going to get in to a huge trouble!

It was the day of the results. Mrs. Windy announced the scores of each student one by one. But Melon was getting disappointed as her results were not getting announced.

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Just then, she heard her name. And now, Melon's score! Do you all want to know what it is? I have never seen such a paper in my life. Her score is, 45 out of 100!" Mrs. Windy announced.

"What! How can that be? Then who got the top score?" Everyone was wondering. "And the top score is, 100 out of 100, from Lemon!" Mrs. Windy shouted. "Lemon? No way! There must be something behind this!" Everyone was murmuring.

"Mrs. Windy, that cannot happen! I really faced the test so well! There must be a mistake! How can I ever get 45? Please check them again! I really beg you!" requested Melon. "No Melon, I really checked them many times. Since you got 45, you are not suitable to be in Grade 7. You must really go back to Grade 6 and learn. From tomorrow, you will be in Grade 6," said Mrs. Windy. "But then..." Melon started whining again. No more excuses! If you tell anything now, I will immediately send you to Grade 6 at once! So if you want to be in Grade 7 for at least one day, you must be quiet," shouted Mrs. Windy.

Melon was heartbroken. She couldn't believe herself. Starting from tomorrow, she must go to Grade 6 again. What an embarrassment! She felt like crying, but she couldn't. "Who can do such a mean thing to me?" she thought. Just then, she heard someone calling her. "Hello Melon! Too bad, so sad! Someone has to go to Grade 6 again!" Lemon teased her. "Of course! It must be Lemon! Who else will do such a thing? But what did I do to her?" Melon thought. She really wanted to speak back, but she controlled herself.

Next day, there she was, sitting in the middle of the younger Grade 6 students. Everyone was secretly laughing at her, and telling rumors about her. She felt lonely for the first time of her life. She also felt very sad about herself. Every time she saw Lemon, all she asked was just two questions. "Why did you do this to me? What did I do wrong to you?" But Lemon never replied to her. She always ignored Melon and headed to Grade 7.

Even though she ignored Melon, Lemon was still stressed by one thing. She felt like someone was hunting after her always, as if that person is chasing her to catch and punish her. In her dreams, she saw Melon crying everywhere asking her why did you do such a thing. She always thought what will happen to her if someone gets to know the truth. One week passed. Lemon hadn't slept properly any day. She always felt scared and guilty each time when she saw Melon. She

knew she did something wrong, but she didn't know how to fix her mistake. She was very scared to tell anyone, because she was not ready for upcoming challenges that will come to her. She was not that brave, even though she felt sorry for Melon.

On one bright day, Lemon made her final decision. She understood her mistake, and thought that it was very useless to live with guilt. She wanted to be free from her own guilt, and she knew it was hard. She understood that even though we escape from others, it is very hard to escape from your own guilt. So, she got all her courage and told the whole truth in front of the class. Mrs. Windy got very upset and mad from the story and she immediately sent a student to call Melon.

"Melon, I am very sorry, even I learned a lesson now. I should have listened to you at the first place. But instead, I sent you back to Grade 6. So now, the choice is yours. You must choose the punishment for Lemon," said Mrs. Windy.

"I am very sorry Melon, I was just so jealous with you and wanted to hurt you. You were very smart, happy and friendly all the time. So, instead of improving myself by looking at you, I did a very bad thing and sent you to Grade 6. I deserve whatever punishment you give me," Lemon said. Melon could give her any type of punishment she liked, but instead, she did something totally different.

"Lemon, thank you so much for being honest. I can understand how hard it is to tell the truth when you know something very bad is going to happen to you. Honestly, I am very proud to be one of your classmates. You did it because you were jealous with me right? So I can help you! That is your punishment! Well, I do not have a best friend yet. So how do you like being my best friend? We can learn so many things from each other! Soon, you will become a smart student! So no need to get jealous with anyone!" Melon said.

Lemon really liked Melon's idea so much. No sooner, they became best friends! Can you believe it? From enemies to best friends? Not only that, Lemon became smarter just like Melon, which made Mrs. Windy so happy.

And since then, every afternoon, Melon and Lemon can be seen playing happily outside.

Thanumi, G-6 Explorers

If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." – Roald Dahl

Always Listen to Elders!

Once in a faraway kingdom there was a little boy whose name was John, he was a very innocent, honest, kind, intelligent, and caring child ever! But the only thing was that his family was poor. Beside his house there stood a very big luxury house. He's name was Harry, and he was a very naughty, mischief maker, and weak in studies. Harry's parents keep on reminding him to study hard and well but then he always use to enjoy his life without listening to his parents. But the other side John study very hard and well, always helped his parents, and use to play physical games outside. Harry never cared about his parents, and so he was so rich, every day he use to play video games or watch TV.

He always use to think himself as the smartest in the class but the truth was something else. His parents use to remind him every hour about his 10th exam. But he always thinks I will study later, later and this continued until a time. The night before exams Harry saw John studying very well and trying his best to do whatever he can. Harry thought these things are useless and you should always enjoy your life and never stop having fun! But then in the other hand John was fully concentrating on his work and thinking back and forth of each one thing. By looking at John, Harry was very annoyed that he is studying so, then he planned something.

His main plan was to distract John from his studying so that he could fail this year. Near John's house Harry was making some weird sounds which could distract him. After few minutes John came and discovered that behind all this it was Harry's hand. He did not get angry but instead he explained Harry that if he doesn't learn than what are the possibilities that can take place in his life and ruin it. But then Harry seemed to be not caring about that.

When he reached home his dad asked him some questions about his exam topics but then he could not an answer a single question! This made Harry's dad so much offensive and angry that he started to scold Harry!

Finally the day arrived for Harry to learn his lesson. Every time he use to pass his class by cheating and this year also he thought he could. While he is way to his school he heard some of the children taking about this year's exam. Harry listened to their voice very closely without letting them know! The tallest boy said "This year's exam is going to be so tough"! "Yes, you are right!" said one of them. "This year there are going to be a lot of questions for us to answer. And

there are going to be very restrict rules, we might be separated from each other too!" said another one.

After hearing these shocking words Harry got thrilled. The whole way he was thinking "what I should do now because the whole school year I did not study that much well and plus I did not even review! What if I fail and my friends go to college and I stay here forever and people calling me baby"! In Harry's mind only negative things popped out! While the other side John was going to school so happily as if he knows everything!

When the exam started Harry was in a very big trouble! He couldn't get an answer for any of the questions. Finally the time flew by and now it was time to give the papers to their class teacher! Harry was very stressed while giving his paper to his teacher. But John gave his paper with full confident!

Days went by after the exams and finally now the teachers were ready to tell them their scores. The first place goes to John for this year's exam for getting 100 out of 100! Hearing these humorous words Harry felt very jealous and sad!

After the awarding function was over Harry asked John that how did he get perfect? John answered "well, you see, my parents always use to say that John work hard and become a good and big person to have a good life in future! And this dream lead me too what my parents said! And today if I hadn't listened to my parents I won't get this perfect score! And remember one thing you should always listen to your parents, help them, and take a good care of them!"

Anisha, G-6 Explorers



Science Projects by Grade 6