



Asian Institute of Technology International School

# BULLETIN

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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.



## **EARTH DAY SONGKRAN CELEBRATION**

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Dear Parents and friends of *AITIS*;

*AIT International School* has been experiencing strong academic growth, high student enrollment and healthy finances during this past school year.

*AITIS* has the largest enrollment ever with over 315 students Nursery Years through Sixth Grade.

Academically our students are experiencing great success with their studies.

In order to keep *AITIS* functioning at the highest level and to ensure budgetary responsibility it is necessary for *AITIS* to raise the tuition fees for the upcoming 2018-2019 School Year. This increase will be a modest 7% only. Please see the below tables.

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

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

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

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



During April there were two very significant events:  
HRH Visit to AIT  
*AITIS* Drama & Glee Club Performance

Both of these events were very successful and meaningful for our students, staff and parents.

The more we do here at *AITIS* the more readily apparent it becomes that nothing could be accomplished without ALL of US working together. Our motto: **TOGETHER WE CAN!** truly reflects the excellent attitude here at *AITIS*!



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May will be a busy month for our students and teachers as we prepare for the end of the 2017-2018 school year.  
We have final exams for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders.  
Preparation for our Kindergarten Graduation.  
Preparation for Elementary Annual Day and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation.  
Report Card preparation and distribution.  
Wow! So much to do in such a short time!



The following is an excerpt from an email Professor Worsak, AIT President, sent after the Royal Visit to AIT:

**“We especially thank the AITIS pupils and teachers, who highlighted the international character of our Institute during Her Royal Highness Princess’ visit. Donned in their national attires, they welcome HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and her motorcade’s entry to AIT. They also served as happy foregrounds at the AIT Main Gate and AIT Clock Tower when Her Royal Highness officially inaugurated the AIT Modernized Library, the Institute’s Gate and Clock Tower, which were installed as part of the rehabilitation process after the 2011 flood.”**

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

Sincerely,  
Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed  
Principal/Director

## AITIS SONGKRAN CELEBRATION

AITIS celebrated Songkran on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

At 9:45 am the students gathered at the assembly area for Mr. Kevin's opening speech. Two students, Phakamon and Teerapat gave a speech on the history of Songkran followed by a Thai dance from the dancers.

At 10:15 am the Pre-K section respected the teachers by pouring water on their hands. Then they played traditional Thai games. Later, the elementary students respected the teachers by pouring water on their hands, then they played traditional Thai games.

Nursery to 1<sup>st</sup> grade played Mon Son Pa, Ree Ree Khao Sarn, Banana Stem Horse, and Banana Voice. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade played Mon Son Pa, Ree Ree Khao Sarn, Ngoo Kin Hang, Hatch The Egg, Ving Piew, Banana Stem Horse, and Banana Voice

In our free time we also watched some videos on how to save water to help the earth.

Nathania Santoso, Grade 5 Ace Achievers



# AITIS SONGKRAN CELEBRATION



# AITIS EARTH DAY

On April 24, 2018, AITIS celebrated Earth Day. Earth Day is an event celebrated annually to promote awareness and appreciation for the earth's environment.

The first activity we did was learning the history of Earth Day. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970 in the U.S.A nationwide. Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson. Now, over 175 countries worldwide celebrate Earth Day.

As part of the celebration, we watched a video created by Team Marine. Team Marine is a group of students from Santa Monica High School. These students protest against the use of plastic because most plastic bags end up in the oceans and kill about a hundred thousand marine animals and close to a billion sea birds each year.

After watching the video, we made cloth bags out of old shirts. We should always use cloth bags instead of plastic bags because plastic bags have harmful chemicals which can be deadly for the environment. Millions of oil barrels are being used to produce plastic bags, in fact, the oil used to produce 14 plastic bags is enough oil to run a car one mile. Grade 5 Ace Achievers practiced how to make a paper bag by themselves while Grade 6 made posters to convince the community inside as well as outside school to stop using plastic bags.

During the first period in the afternoon, we, Grade 5 & 6 students, went to different classes from Grade 1 - 4; we showed them our finished products and convinced them to stop using plastic bags as well as other plastic items.

Grade 1 and 2 created slogans to help save the Earth while Pre-K section made very beautiful "I Love the Earth" Hat/ Head Bands.

All our products were showcased during assembly time on April 25. Mrs. Nanette, Grade 1 Teacher, and Ms. Marifel, Kindergarten teacher, were the PICs of the event. At the end of the event, Mr. Kevin, the school director, gave his wonderful speech.

After celebrating Earth Day, we realized that we should protect the Earth because it is our only home.

Sahaja and Yamel, Grade 5 Voyagers



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## Pre-K Section Activities

### Nursery

Nursery children learned about Transportation and they did lot of exciting, hands-on activities and pretend play related to the topic such as going on a bus or car on the road, going on a train on a train track and rowing the boat. When we asked the question, "Where are you going?" most of the children confidently answered, "Going to Bangkok", "Going to Chaing Mai" or "Going to Phuket". They learned about safety on the road and they enjoyed playing with toy cars and trucks. Also, they were so excited to play with paper boats in the rain puddles. (See pictures 1-2)

### Pre-K 1A

The 'Little Ones' in Pre-K 1 were indeed excited to capture nature's beauty while having their nature walk. They enjoyed a day in the early morning sun while watching AITIS Inter-School Football match.

(See picture 3-4)

### Pre-K 1B

One of the favorite topics children enjoy learning is about Transportation. The children made a car for land transport and sailboat for water transport. They were very eager to play with their artwork after they have dried. (See picture 5-6)

### Pre-K 2

Pre-K 2 children celebrated the "Earth Day" by learning the importance of keeping the earth clean. They made bands by coloring trees, animals, plants, houses, and many more things which can be part of the earth. (See picture 7-8)

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Pre-K 1A, 3



Pre-K 1A, 4



Pre-K 1B, 5



Pre-K 1B, 6



Pre-K 2A, 7



Pre-K 2B, 8



Nursery, 1



Nursery, 2

## **BULLY-PROOF YOUR CHILD WITH THESE 3 SKILLS**

Source: <http://www.creativechild.com/articles/view/bully-proof-your-child-with-these-3-skills>

If you've ever been the victim of a bully, you know too well how it feels to be humiliated and overpowered. While there is no way to 100% bully-proof anyone, there are important skills we can teach our children to minimize the impact a bully has, to turn them away, and to help our children get out of sticky situations.

### **Help your child build a positive social network.**

Connection with caring friends and supportive adults act as a shield of sorts, giving your child strength to overcome the challenge a bully presents. In fact, being socially connected is an important factor in overall happiness. How can you help your child build this network?

1. Keep the parent/child relationship a top priority. Maintaining a positive relationship with your child is essential. They need to know they can confide in you. Otherwise, you may never know they are being bullied. By practicing positive parenting, you can both guide your child while keeping your relationship strong. Teach and practice respectful, positive communication so that they have the skills and comfort level to talk to you about what's going on in their lives.

2. Foster as many positive connections as you can with relatives, friends, people at church or in other groups, etc. The bigger your child's village is, the bigger his shield.

3. Teach your child friendship-building social skills, such as how to introduce themselves, how to start a conversation, eye contact, showing interest, and joining a group activity.

### **Give Your Child the Gift of Emotional Intelligence**

Emotional intelligence plays an important role in our relationships, social status, success, and happiness. A child who is comfortable with her emotions and knows how to confidently handle them is less likely to be shaken by the words or actions of a bully. She is better able to move through emotions like anger, sadness, fear, and disappointment. Try these tips to increase your child's EI.

1. Talk about feelings. Start the discussions at an early age by helping your child verbalize what he is feeling. "You're sad that we have to leave Grandma's already." "You're upset that I won't buy you this toy." By naming emotions, we increase our children's emotional vocabulary and, at the same time, validate what they are feeling.

2. Teach regulation skills. The calm down area is a good tool for children to learn to get a grip on those big feelings. At first, you'll need to sit in the calm down area with your child and teach her how to self-regulate. Provide sensory and calming items such as a soft blanket or stuffed animal, a calming glitter jar, books, paper and pencil, or balloons filled with playdough. Figuring out how to soothe the mind and body so that logic and reason can come back online is a critical skill that will keep children (and adults) from reacting in a negative way or lashing out and regretting it later.

3. Teach conflict resolution and problem-solving skills. This requires a lot of time and patience while the child is young but has a big pay-off when they are older. Teach this by talking your child through a conflict, assisting with ideas when needed, and help her bring about a peaceful solution. For example, if two siblings are fighting over a toy, you might say, "It looks like there's a problem with this toy. You both want it. Can we come up with a solution? Jane, you first. Can you think of way to solve this problem?" Coach Jane as needed to come up with ideas like taking turns, finding a new toy to play with, or playing with it together. "Okay, so you have decided you want to take turns. Amy, Jane would like to take turns. Does this work for you? Okay, how about you hand over the toy to Amy as soon as you are finished? Thank you! Good problem-solving!" Then you'll just watch to make sure she follows through. This will take many repetitions, but eventually they'll start doing it on their own, and when they do, it's bliss! How does this help when faced with a bully? It gives them confidence to handle themselves when an adult isn't immediately present.

(<https://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/parenting/its-ok-not-to-share>)

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### Teach Your Child to Be Assertive

Bullies prey on victims who are isolated or who they can intimidate. Being assertive means your child can voice how she is feeling and stand up for her rights without being aggressive or passive. Assertive people can calmly state their feelings and needs in a respectful way. Here are some tips:

Talk about boundaries. Teach your child about physical and emotional boundaries. Let them know that it is their right to say “no,” to leave a friendship that feels bad, and to tell an adult when someone isn’t respecting their boundaries.

Let your child make decisions. This is an easy way to build the assertive muscles. “I’d rather wear the red shirt today” is good practice for “I’d prefer not to attend that party tonight.”

Role play various situations so that your child becomes comfortable with assertive responses. Teach him to say “Stop it. That’s not okay.” Play out scenarios where your child will need to tell an adult and what to do when no adults are around, and discuss that it is NOT tattling if someone is being hurt!

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher  
Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor

## FRIENDLY SOCCER GAME WITH KPIS

The last leg of the AITIS Friendly Soccer Games was held at Keerapat International School (KPIS) on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. There were a total of three games scheduled on that day; U9, U11 A and U11 B. We sincerely thank KPIS for their warm and friendly hospitality.

Below is the list of participants from AITIS:

Pannawit, Melissa, Chevan, Chanachai, Sasa-korn, Ilan, Maitreya, Phitchayut, Pal, Pasu, Napat, Samay, Kritamate, Chawis, Kimleng, Alexander, Panyakorn, Anawil, Vince, Robin, Kitipoom, Ilyas, Pornanan, Phon, Piryakorn, Atiwat

The success of the Friendly Soccer Games is measured not by points, nor wins and losses. It is measured by friendship that is gained, and by relationships that are strengthened between participating schools.

We look forward to share more friendly and meaningful programs with Keerapat International School, Sathit Bilingual School, and all the other schools that promote good character and friendship through sports.

Health and PE Teacher  
Anjelo Mungcal



# STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING AT AITIS



Social Studies Activity by Grade 2



Earth Day Activity by Grade 2



Social Studies Activity by Grade 2



Earth Day Activity by Grade 2



Earth Day Activity by Grade 3



Social Studies Activity by Grade 4



Social Studies Activity by Grade 5



Science Activity by Grade 5



Language Arts Activity by Grade 6



Debate Activity by Grade 6

### Being A Responsible Child

By Grade 1 Sunflower

#### Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



#### My Cute Cat

My cute cat's name was Rosie. She loved playing with me. Her fur was pink & white. She was so soft & cuddly. She loved new types of food. She loved pizza, noodles, fruits and pasta. Rosie & I both like unicorns & rainbows!

Aishee



#### Nice Girl

Once upon a time, there lived a nice girl, named Pinkie Tinkie. Her hair was blond, her skin was bright, her lips were light pink. Then she went running to get fit. In the evening, she spent her time in the garden making flower crowns for her friends. She is so so so kind and lovely and so she is famous in school. Then the next day she went to the field to feed the ducks. In the night there was a firework party. It was so beautiful!!!!!! Christmas was coming, so it was getting a little cold. So she drank some hot coco. Then it was bed time and she went to her room and slept in her fluffy little bed and dreamed about a nice Christmas holiday. The next day she spent her time playing.

Pareeyaj

Being responsible means respecting teachers and friends, taking care of our pet, and saying sorry when you make a mistake. At home, I will be responsible by cleaning the floor. I have to throw the trash in the trash bin. To be responsible, I should finish my homework so that my mom would be proud of me. In school, I will be responsible by behaving well. I have to keep my hands to myself. To be responsible, I should be nice to my friends. I can be a responsible child to the world by not throwing trash into the river and sea. I have to close the tap when it's not used. I will defend the earth. I will report to the policemen if I see people cut the trees.

Su Yamin

Being responsible means not lose anything. At home, I will be responsible by cleaning the dishes. I will also clean the house and follow the rules set by mom and dad. In school, I will be responsible by behaving well, listening to the teacher and always keeping my stuff. I can be a responsible child to the world by picking up the trash so that place would be clean all the time. I will close the tap if not in use to save water.

Aahana

I will be responsible by keeping my toys in their proper place after I play with them. I will be responsible by helping my mom do the work at home. In school, I will be responsible by sharing my things with my friends and by not shouting. I will be responsible to the world by not wasting water because if we waste water, there will be no more water for us. I will throw the trash in the proper place or else the world is dirty.

Thanatul

Being responsible means if you do something wrong, you should say sorry. At home, I will be responsible by washing the dishes so they will be clean. I will clean the house so it won't be dirty. I will eat fast and don't waste food. In school, I will be responsible by listening to the teacher because if I don't listen to the teacher, I won't know what to do. I will not run around because if I run around, I will fall down. I will not say bad words because if I say bad words to my friends, they will not make friends with me. I can be a responsible child to the world by watering the plants so they will not die. If they don't have enough water, they could die. I will not throw trash around. If I throw trash around, the world will be dirty. I will close the tap when somebody doesn't use the tap so water is not wasted.

Sasikorn

Being responsible means if you borrow your friend's pencil, make sure her pencil is not lost. At home, I will help my mom in washing the dishes. I will clean my room and do my homework by myself. In school, I will be responsible by following what the teacher says and listen to her. I will help friends if they fall down. I can be a responsible child to the world by going to the policemen if I saw somebody kill animals. I will close the tap and lights if I don't use them.

Terapa

## Being A Responsible Child

By Grade 1 Sunflower

I can be responsible at home by putting my things nicely in my room. I will be nice, too. I will always clean my bedroom. I will study hard at home and be good to my mom and dad. I will be nice to my friends, too. In school, I will do what teachers tells us to do and always write nicely. I will be nice in class. I can be a responsible child to the world by not throwing trash into the water or the fish will die. You know why do we have to save the Earth? It's because it is our home. I can save the Earth.

Udhayasri

Being responsible means do not tell a lie or else nobody will trust you. At home I will be responsible by washing the dishes, pick up the trash, and clean the floor. I do these to make my house keep clean. In school, I will be responsible by not teasing anyone. I will eat and finish my lunch. I will wash my hands before and after eating. I can be a responsible child to the world by planting more trees and have enough oxygen. I will close the tap so water is not wasted. I will pick up the trash so the Earth will not be dirty.

Sudchaya

Being responsible means keeping your things and not lose them. At home I will be responsible by doing my homework and I will wash the dishes as well. I will not complain when my mom says something. I will not tell a lie so people will believe me. In school, I will be responsible by helping friends to be friends. I will listen to teacher and take care of school things as well. I can be a responsible child to the world by not throwing trash anywhere so that the world will be clean. I will save water by closing the tap when not in use.

Palin

Being responsible means you are a good boy or girl. At home, I will be responsible by cleaning the house and help my mom and dad. In school, I will be responsible by making friends, not throwing trash anywhere and helping friends. I can be a responsible child to the world by planting more trees so that the world will have more trees. I will keep the trash so that the sea and the river will not have trash. I will support people who help the Earth.

Achiraya

Being responsible is being good. I will listen to my mom and do my homework. In school, I will do my work. I will be nice and friendly. I have to keep the classroom clean. I can be a responsible child to the world by closing the tap to save water. I will not kill animals and save water and air.

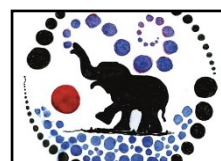
Yathida

Being responsible means not to forget anything. At home, I will be responsible by helping my mom clean the house. At home, I do my homework by myself. In school, I will be responsible by being a friend to others. I will listen to the teacher and I will play nicely with others. I will study hard. I can be a responsible child to the world by saving the water, the land, and the air.

Pishaporn

## Stories

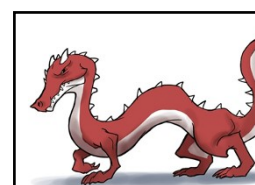
By Grade 1 Lily



### The Elephant

Once there was an elephant which was fond of playing with ball. One day he joined a circus. He played with the ball and lived happily.

Ghasqa



### Taffy - The Dragon

Once upon a time, there was a fire dragon living in the forest. His name was Taffy. He was very kind and

friendly. One day, Taffy found a little mouse, Timber. He was lost in the forest. Timber was very scared and

hungry. He cried out loud and he missed his family so much. The rattlesnake moved quietly to Timber. He

wanted to eat Timber for dinner. Taffy had a big fight with the rattlesnake. He wanted to save the little mouse

and finally the rattlesnake ran away. Then, he took Timber to meet Joey, the blue bird. Joey was the smart bird. He knew everything. Joey promised to bring Timber back home safely. Joey said "I knew who can bring Timber back home". It was our friend, Happy and he was a whale. Happy took Timber back home safely. Timber back

home safely and lived happily with his family.

Warat

## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### House Up Hill

There are lots of homes on the hill. They all looked nice but not one like this home. This is the clock home. The bear protected the clock home all the time. The clock home is up the hill.

Akarat



### The Fairy Tail

Once upon a time there were five little fairies holding their hands. One day, there was a little girl who loved to read a lot of books. She loved Science the best because she learns almost every day. The girl was playing piano. She made everyone love her song. The girl was making herb. She put the leaf and she was looking at her herb. She became a good witch at last.

Sirawasaya



### Jumping Rabbit

Rabbits are going to the forest to play. Then, they went to the beach. They met with a friend and played together in the water. They enjoyed sailing too. Then they went to play in the snow. They went back home and took shower. They went to sleep after a tiring long day they had.

Roba

## Being A Responsible Child

By Grade 1 Sunflower

Being responsible means making people happy. At home, I will be responsible by washing the dishes, cleaning the house and doing my homework. In school, I will be responsible by keeping the trash. I will close the tap when it is not used. I will not hit my friend. I will follow what teacher tells us to do. I can be a responsible child to the world by planting more trees so we have more oxygen.

Tathas

Being responsible means being a good person, not telling a lie and doing the things you need to do. At home, I will be responsible by doing my homework so that my mom and dad will be proud. I will listen to my mom if my mom tells me to do something. I will eat fast and not waste the food then I will sleep fast. In school, I will be responsible by being nice. I will listen to the teacher and do my work fast. I can be a responsible child to the world by watering the plants and plant more trees so that our Earth will be nice. I will close the tap properly when it is not used so that water is not wasted.

Burapol

Being responsible means be a good boy and girl. At home, I will be responsible by cleaning our house. I will help mom in washing the dishes. In school, I will be responsible by following the school rules and following what teacher says. I will help in cleaning the school and classroom. I can be a responsible child to the world by picking up trash and planting more trees to those that were cut.

Abhishek

Being responsible means helping others. I will be responsible by cleaning my house and listening to mother. In school, I will be responsible by playing with my friends and helping my friends in cleaning the classroom. I will read books, I will eat my food, I will always come to school, and listen to teacher. I can be a responsible child to the world by throwing the trash into the trash bin. I will not waste water and plant trees to save the earth.

Zara

Being responsible means doing the things I am told to do. At home, I will be responsible by eating my food fast. I will clean the dishes. I will fix the bed. In school, I will be responsible by doing what the teacher tells to do, doing my work, and following the teacher's direction. I will keep the classroom clean. I can be responsible child to the world by closing the tap. I will not throw trash around so the Earth will be clean.

Chotiwat

Being responsible mean being nice to someone. At home, I will be responsible by not telling a lie to someone and not saying bad words and keeping the floor clean. In school, I will put the books properly, I will not be slow and I will not shout all the time. I will not be a bully and not run in the assembly. I can be a responsible child to the world by closing the tap when not in use. I will tell someone to stop cutting trees so the world will be beautiful and we will have more oxygen.

Wynn



## Being A Responsible Child

By Grade 1 Sunflower

Being responsible means being kind. At home, I will be responsible by doing my homework. I will put the trash in the bin. I will help mother clean and dad in washing the car. In school, I will be responsible by being kind and good. I will do my work fast and be a friend to others. If I see a trash, I need to throw it in the bin. I can be a responsible child to the world by saving water so we will have more water in the future. I will plant more trees so we will have more oxygen.

Witwisit

Being responsible means not forgetting anything. At home, I will be responsible by cleaning the house and washing the dishes. In school, I will be responsible by listening to the teacher and doing my own work and not looking at other's work. I will play nicely with my friends. I can be a responsible child to the world by not throwing trash anywhere. I will close the tap when not in use.

Thanyaporn

Being responsible means if teachers or parents say something for you to do, I will do it. At home, I will be responsible by cleaning the house, washing the dishes, and listening to my mom and dad. My house is going to be cleaner if I do those things. In school, I will be responsible by doing my homework neatly, keeping my things neatly and always raising my hands when I want to talk. I can be a responsible child to the world by not cutting trees and if anyone does it then at the same place, plant more trees. We can save the world also by not killing the animals, saving water by closing the tap when nobody is using.

Nysa

Being responsible, means you behave well and do your job. We always listen to our parents because they are the ones who take care of us and also listen to us. When we eat, we always behave and listen to our parents so we can eat together. At home, I will be responsible by working with my family and also I fix the toys after my brother and I play. I always do homework at 3 or 4 o' clock. In school, I will be responsible by being good to my friends. Say sorry if I do bad things to my friends and not break the rules. When I am told to do, I listen to them. I can be a responsible child to the world by not letting anyone smoke because it will make our world dirty. Do not throw trash anywhere because if I do that the world will be stinky and not beautiful again. Do not cut trees because they give us oxygen and they are very important to human being. Do not kill animals, take animals' bodies and sell them for money. It is very bad to do that because we also need them for food and different materials. Do not battle with guns in the battle field because if I do that, all the natural resources will die. Do not mine on the mountains because if I do that it will cause landslide and destroy trees and flowers down the mountain. Be a good student so that I will have a good behavior. Do not spend money on toys. I will save money and when I have a business, I will spend money on buying garbage truck.

Ba Khoi

## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### Little Rose Fairy

My name is Rose. I am a fairy who is the smallest among fairies. I am always upset with other friends, who make a joke of me and call me Little Rose. I have one friend who always understands me. Her name is Glitter. Glitter always makes me laugh. When I am alone and sad, Glitter also visits me. I am happy to have a friend like Glitter.

Esabel



### The Secret Forest

Once upon a time, my mom and I lived in a big house. My mom told me not to enter the secret forest. She looked at the forest. One day, I went into the secret forest to see the most thing I liked. So, I escaped school to take a look inside the forest. I looked inside the water then I saw a king fish that looked old and tired. That time I was lost in the forest. My friend said that this fish knew everything so I asked, "Will you bring me back home?" the fish said that we go to meet the dragon. So I went to meet the big red dragon in the cave. "Why are you here?" asked the dragon. Can you fly to my house? I ask. Yes! said the dragon and he did. Now she grows like a parent.

Now she lives happy ever after.

Arithuch

## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### **Robby the Mouse**

Robby is scared of humans. He runs away when he sees humans. When Robby sees his friends, his friends pretend to be angry. Robby and his friends play with each other every day. He pretends to be angry with them too. Robby and his friend are scared of humans because humans are bigger than mice and humans might step on them. Humans want to say sorry then the mice say "Okay, I will forgive you." No one should harm others.

Boonrab



### **My Little Rabbit**

I found a little rabbit in my cup and I kept her. Her fur was pure white. Her eyes were red. Her ears were very long. She had a fluffy tail. She was very tiny. She slept all day and woke up at night. I played with her every day. She loved me very much. She was my best friend. She seemed very happy every time I came back from school. She ran very fast and jumped very high. I couldn't keep up with her. Even my dog couldn't run as fast as her. She loved to eat grass and grew so big. I fed her with carrots and a lot of vegetables. She loved them all. She liked to play with me when it's cold outside. Her fur got fluffier as it got colder.

Shanya R.

## Being A Responsible Child

By Grade 1 Sunflower

Being responsible means doing good always. At home, I will be responsible by eating my food and not wasting it. I will keep the toys after playing. I will fix my own bed. In school, I will be responsible by following the rules and not throwing trash anywhere. I will make the classroom. I can be a responsible child to the world by closing the tap so I will not be wasting water.

Sonarar

Being responsible means taking good care of the surrounding. At home, I will be responsible by always cleaning the house and doing my homework on my own so that my father and mother will be proud of me. I will eat food by myself also. In school, I will be responsible by saying sorry and let a friend join in the game. I will help my friends. I will follow what teachers tell me to do. I can be a responsible child to the world by not wasting water everywhere. I will tell the people not to kill the animals because they help us.

Pitchshamon

## Book Review

### **My Weird School: Ms. Hannah is Bananas**

The "My Weird School" series by Dan Gutman is about A.J.'s (the main character) thoughts about his school teachers. This book is about Ms. Hannah.

Ms. Hannah wears dresses made out of pot holders, which for A.J. is weird. She collects and keeps garbage since she thinks it's art, which makes A.J. think that their art teacher is crazy. She's making a big ball made of newspaper and stuff, everyone in class wanted to touch it except for A.J., he remembered that he blew his nose and wanted to prove to Ms. Hannah that everything isn't art, he obviously failed since Ms. Hannah put the tissue filled with A.J.'s boogers in the ball, gross! And also, A.J. did nothing in art class; he just convinced Ms. Hannah that his 'art' was art, and surprisingly it worked.

There was an art contest in Ella Mentry School. Everyone decided to join. Ms. Hannah chose the ones that are gonna be partners for the competition. And worst of all she made A.J. be partners with the one he hated the most, Andrea. And now he thinks that this was the worst art class ever. They obviously fought and were sent to the principal's office. Andrea was panicking, she had never been to the principal's office before, and so she thought that she'd be punished. But A.J. had been to the principal's office before and he knows that the principal is a fun guy and he won't punish children. Mr. Klutz, the principal, told the kids that if they won't fight for a whole day, then they get a free candy bar each. They made a deal.

A.J. and Andrea's friends wanted to help Ms. Hannah realize that everything isn't art. They kinda argued, which led A.J. to an accident. He messed up the whole entire art class. He looked like a mess. But, A.J. and Andrea thought of an idea. They said to the judge that it was performance art, a friendship performance art, a Connecticut friendship performance art. Ms. Hannah believed it and they won the competition. Not only did they get the chocolate bar from Mr., Klutz for achieving the goal, they also won a competition. Yay!

Farrar, Grade 6 Explorers

## Acrostic Poems

By Grade 2 Trail Blazers

### Books

Best friends are books.

Only books can help a student.

Often reading books can help you study more.

Keep reading books if you want knowledge.

Start now, before it is too late!

Phitakorn

### Screw

Screw helps make life easier.

Cars and other vehicles are made of simple machines.

Reading about simple machines like wheel and axle and other things, are amazing.

Everyone is happy using them.

We like to make our life easier with them.

Pasu

### Water

Water should be clean to drink.

Animals stay close to their food.

The water cycle makes the water for animals.

Everybody needs water.

Rivers supply the city with fresh water.

Smith

### Wolf & Bunnies

Wolves hunt in groups.

Over active at night.

Long tail for balancing.

Fast at running.

Bunnies are cuddly and cute!

Using a box and blanket  
is a good home for them.

Natural rabbits are called hare!

Nicely hold the bunnies.

It is active and silent.

Each bunny can be brown, black and white,  
black, white, and be of many other colors!

Stormy days can frighten them away!

Punya

### Puppy

Puppies make good pets.

Use them to help old people who are blind.

Pets are adorable.

Pat your pet at the back and it will be happy.

You will love young dogs when you play with  
them.

Puntalinec

## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### My Friends

First, I had a friend. He was a dog. His name was Otis. He liked to play and on valentine's day is Otis birthday. Second, I had a rat friend. His name was Pass. He liked to play ball. Third, I had a cat friend. Her name was Gop. She liked to run. Fourth, I had a bear friend. His name was Ok. He liked math. Fifth, I had pigs friends. Their names were 1, 2 and 3 and they liked cooking. Sixth, I had food friends. Their names were I, P, D, and K. They liked to eat. Seventh, I had horse friend. Her name was Ass. She liked to jump. I have twelve friends. I am so happy to have twelve friends.

Manussanun Sakuna



### Dul And His Dog Go To Outer Space

One night Dul and his dog looked outer space. They used telescope to do it. They wanted to go there someday.

He prepared all of the things to fly. He knew how to fly from the books that he read. He wanted to fly like

superman. But, he needs oxygen to breathe in outer space. So, he has to wear helmet. He asks an alien to help

him. Aliens know the way to reach the moon. Finally, he saw the moon. They were very happy.

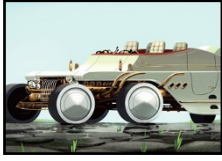
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**“Education is not the learning of facts,  
but the training of the mind to think.”**

Albert Einstein

## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### The Big Car

Once upon a time, there was a big car in the city. The car has 6 wheels, 4 seats and 3 exhaust.

One day the car went to the forest in the rain. The car stepped on a little nail and tires were flat. The car stopped beside the road. The driver fixed the wheels and put a spare tire. Then he put the old wheel at the back of the car. Then they drove to their home.

The rain stopped and the car was fixed. Finally, they made it home. They parked the car at the garage.

Nyan paing



### Didi the Rabbit

It was a long time ago. A rabbit named Didi had a dream to reach the moon.

One day, his father took him and his little brother to the mountain.

At night, Didi and his little brother saw a little light. Then they came near. They looked at a lamp flying in the sky. They tried to reach it but they couldn't. One time it rained, he walked slowly while thinking how to reach the moon. After a while, he became desperate and thought that it was impossible to reach the moon. Then, he decided to see the moon in the river when under moonlight.

Elizabeth Liberty

### The Rainy Day

In the morning, my big sister went to school on a rainy day. She didn't bring an umbrella. And when the rain stopped, the teacher told everyone to it was snack time. Everyone could eat snacks and played at the playground. In the afternoon, there was a time to learn how to water plants at the flower garden. After school, the heavy rain came again. Friends were surprised. And everyone ran away. They were scared. They returned home and happy to see their mother.

Boontemduang

## Acrostic (Name) Poems

By Grade 2 Eager Beavers

Umar learns skills from others then,  
Manages the skills and use them  
Armed with lots of intelligence  
Responsibility is my specialty  
**Umar**

Knowledge makes me smart, helpful  
And kind to other people  
Voicing out my likes and dislikes  
Years pass by, and I get better every year!!!  
Always try and never give up!  
**Kavya**

Vishayaporn  
Is my name  
Sees beauty in others  
Has a good heart  
And likes to eat  
Yummy fruits  
Adventure is what I like  
Playing with my friends is fun  
Once I'm tired I go to rest  
Rabbit is my favorite pet  
Named Robby  
**Vishayaporn**

Cute girl  
Happy child every day  
Art lover  
Nice person  
Young and sensitive  
A girl that likes to read books  
Thoughtful person  
Having lots of friends  
Active moves  
Deliciously sweet person  
And enthusiastic most of all  
**Chanyathada**

My favorite pet is rabbit.  
All my pets are in their cages.  
Rabbits do make me happy.  
You need to try to have your own pet  
**Mary**

## Acrostic Poems By Grade 2 Trail Blazers

### Pulleys

Pulleys make everyday life easier.  
Under, over, left, and right they can go.  
Life can be very easy if you use a pulley.  
Looking at pulleys roll is satisfying.  
You will love pulleys once you use them.

Hrithik

### Simple Machine

Screw is a kind of Simple Machine.  
Inclined plane helps us to move things easier.  
My mom uses levers every day.  
People may also use wedges every day.  
Levers help lift things up easier.  
Every day they make work easier.  
Machines make our work easier.  
And make us use less energy.  
Can be small, can be big.  
Help people with machines.  
Like to make work easier.  
Never hurt people with them.  
Egg slicers help us slice eggs.

Chayakorn

### Horse

Today is the **H**orse season.  
Every **O**ne loves this season.  
There will be a **R**ace for the animals outside.  
Because the **S**un is there,  
it will be bright and beautiful.  
It is **E**arly in the morning,  
so....GIDDY UP!!!

Karynne

### Manners

Mean is a bad thing for you!  
Always walk in the class!  
No running in the class room!  
Now, fighting in the classroom is bad for you!  
Everyone should not bully, but help each other!  
Respect everyone!  
Stop and talk nicely!

Jacob

## An Interview

### with Apollo and Margaret McCaffrey

**Interviewer:** Hello and welcome to Weekly Interviews! Today, our special guests are the one and only, Apollo! Greek god of the sun, music, plague, light, truth, health and a lot more that would make this short interview into a long one. Our other guest would be Margaret "Meg" McCaffrey. The demigod master of Apollo until Apollo becomes a god again. Please give a round of applause for our two guests!

**Apollo/Lester:** Hello. Please, you can call me Lester if you want. After all, I am trapped in Lester Papadopoulos' body...

**Meg:** Hi. Oh, cookies.

**Interviewer:** Uh, is she hungry? Or does she just like cookies?

**Apollo/Lester:** She just likes cookies...

**Interviewer:** Ok, well then. Let the questions be asked. Let's see, ah, first question! How does it feel like to be controlled by a twelve-year-old?

**Apollo/Lester:** Well, Meg may be my demigod master, but. It's all right. As long as she doesn't ask me to kill myself, it's ok.

**Meg:** I barely command you to do anything anyways. And if I do, it's to save you, because sometimes you just stand there as if frozen and just stare.

**Interviewer:** Ok, next question. How does it feel like to be human?

**Apollo/Lester:** At first, it was horrible. Because I have zits that just won't react to the zit cream!

**Meg:** Oh how horrible! I can't believe a god went through all that!

**Interviewer:** Ok...anyways. Last question! Do you think you'll ever get back to Mount Olympus?

**Meg:** Why am I here when all the questions are directed to Lester?

**Interviewer:** Because I've been told Apollo likes to exaggerate. So I thought you could correct him if he did exaggerate.

**Apollo/Lester:** Anyways, I believe I won't be going back to Mount Olympus any time soon. I mean, at the end of every quest there's another quest! It's like a infinite Russian doll! Doll = prophecy. Every time you open a doll/prophecy you get another doll/prophecy!

**Interviewer:** Huh, good luck isn't really on your side eh? Anyways, our time is up! Goodbye and thank you! See you next time on Weekly Interviews!

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers

## A Free Trip

One day, Chawis was walking in Future Park while he tripped a wire and slammed his face to the ground. "Ow," said Chawis. He stood up scratching his head. "Ow you stupid wire!" said Chawis. So Chawis continued walking. When he was walking, he saw two white papers, so he picked it up and looked at the paper. "OMG I GOT TWO FREE TICKETS TO ALASKA AH!!" Chawis said in excitement. He was so excited that he ran around Future Park screaming for 10 whole minutes.

Chawis is a lonely person, who is short, and likes sports. Chawis didn't know who he should invite to go to Alaska. Finally, he decided who to invite, so he called Kornpech. "Hello?" said Chawis. "Why did you interrupt me from watching K-pop?" said Kornpech. "Uh! I just would like to ask if you want to go to Alaska with me?" asked Chawis. "Uh, no!" said Kornpech. "C'mon! you are just always in bed watching K-pop," said Chawis. "Okay, fine," said Kornpech.

Five hours later. "Uh, is this Alaska?" asked Kornpech. "Just be quiet and walk," said Chawis. "It's so cold," complained Kornpech. "Uh the climate here is about 34 °C," said Chawis. "What is a midnight sun?" asked Kornpech. "Uh. I don't know," said Chawis. "What is that?" asked Kornpech "It's a kayak. C'mon let's go there!" said Chawis.

One minute later "AHHHH!!! WE'RE GOING TO SINK!!!" screamed Chawis. "Seriously, dude?" said Kornpech. "Oh, we're not!" said Chawis. "Dude we got kicked out for being noisy and we didn't even try it yet!" complained Kornpech.

Thirty minutes later. "I hate frigid winds," nagged Kornpech "OMG! Is that a caribou? That's so cute!" said Kornpech. "Just be quiet," complained Chawis. "Is there any whiteout in Alaska?" asked Kornpech "Well, I think Alaska has, I don't know," said Chawis. "Does Alaska have tundra?" asked Kornpech. "Well, yes," said Chawis. "Is there a permafrost in Alaska?" asked Chawis. "Well, of course yes I could tell you all about it," told Kornpech, "Uh! no thanks," said Chawis. "Can we go back to Thailand now?" asked Kornpech. "Okay," Chawis replied, "On the way to the airport don't ask me any more questions," said Chawis.

Kornpech and Chawis, Grade 5 Voyagers

## Acrostic (Name) Poems By Grade 2 Eager Beavers

Joke is not my favorite thing.  
I respect people  
And respect things.  
Xylophone is what I like to  
Use in the music room.  
Apple is my favorite fruit,  
Nice and juicy good to eat!

### Jia Xian

Incredibly  
Nice boy  
Ticklish always  
Oh! What a feeling to have  
Unfolding great ideas to  
Cheer friends up  
Helping in every way

### Intouch

Adorable and loved  
Dynamic and attractive  
Intelligent and active  
Talented and funny  
Young and enthusiastic  
Admirable and handsome

### Aditya

Kind of an actor  
Amazing boy  
Really thin and funny  
Nasty sometimes when eating pizza  
Karate is his favorite  
Also loves playing games  
Won a ton of games  
I'm such a nice person sometimes  
Napping is boring for me

### Karnkawin

Learning is fun  
Achievement is success  
Nobody knows what tomorrow holds  
Take every moment to appreciate life  
As if that is the last you have

### Lanta

## Acrostic Poems By Grade 2 Trail Blazers

### Screws

Simple machines are very interesting.

Cars have many screws.

Rows of wedges are seen everywhere.

Every day you see simple machines.

When you see levers,

Sometimes you don't recognize them.

Emma

### Rules

Rules are very important.

Use soft voice in class.

Listen when somebody speaks.

Everywhere we need rules!

Save yourself by following the rules.

Alissarin

### Mouse

Mouse is a tiny little animal.

On the mission to find some food.

Under and up it hides from people.

Sneaking into the kitchen in the dark and...

Ending up with some nice delicious food!

Nuanploj

### Pets

Pets are very soft and cute.

Everything they do is fun and good.

They give us love and hope.

Some are small and some are big.

Tanishka

### Lever

Lever is a bar that pivots, or turns, on a fixed point.

Every day I see levers in action.

VIP Mondays, my dad uses levers to fix things.

End of the lever we could see

a load, a fulcrum, or the effort.

Read more to see how useful they are.

Phunyavee

### Pulleys

Some Pulleys are good for pulling things.

Some are Used for lifting heavy loads.

Lots and Lots of people use this

Very Little pulleys carry very small things.

You need Energy to carry heavy things.

SAY Yeah, when you use it.

It's WONDERFUL!

Phonphan

## Kileken

"Why does no one want to adopt me," I sadly thought as I walked in the dry, barren land. I went to several homes and asked people who lived there if they wanted to adopt me. They all said, "No". Then I stumbled. I realized I was feeling thirsty, and the last watering spring I knew was maybe 2 or 3 miles away from me. "I won't make it," I thought. Then I saw a little hut in the distance. I could still make it.

When I got there, it was dark and the stars were shining. I saw a man outside the hut, sitting, and looking at the stars. "Hello," I said, "I am Kileken". "Well, hello there, Kileken," said the old man. "Where are your parents?" "I don't have parents," I said. "Oh, why don't you stay with me?" said the old man with bright eyes. "Okay," I replied. The old man quickly prepared me a bed next to his bed and because he treated me so nicely, I did him a favor, prepared him his favorite meal, and fed the cattle.

The next day, I woke up early, prepared the old man his favorite breakfast, and did all the chores. Then, I went to feed the cattle. I herded the cattle away from the hut and to a remote area a mile away from the hut. After that, I started using my magic. I raised my arms in the air and bright light covered the area. When it faded, there was waist high grass and rushing water.

When I returned to the hut, the old man was amazed. He asked how I did all the chores and fed the cattle in one morning. I told him I could not tell him my secret.

I kept amazing him every morning. Then, on the 6<sup>th</sup> morning, I did the chores and herded the cattle away from the hut. Just like the old routine. Suddenly, I heard some rustling in the bushes, but I chose to ignore it because it was probably a lizard or something. Then I got to the spot that was far away from the hut. I did my magic. Then just after I did my magic, I heard a loud gasp. It was the old man! I was filled with betrayal, anger and sadness. Then I disappeared and became a star once again.

Yamel, Grade 5 Voyagers

**"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.  
Learn as if you were to live forever."**

Mahatma Gandhi

## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### Christmas Day

The animals held a Christmas party yesterday. They decorated the Christmas tree. There were stars and balls on the tree. The Christmas tree was very beautiful. The animals loved it very much. The cat was black. The dog wore a hat. The squirrel was on the tree. The rabbit drank a cup of tea. The crocodile came to join the Christmas party. The crocodile was big and green. He had sharp teeth. The cat delivered the pizza for the party. He was a chef. The three little pigs came to join too. They danced for the party. The turtle watched the pigs show. And he said this was the best show ever.

Artit

### Ninja

Ninjas have to practice how to fight. They have to practice for 20 years. It is so difficult to do it. One morning the ninjas saw a news. It was written that at 5'clock the robbers will come. The ninjas fought with the robbers and saved the young people.

Lala

### Friends Forever

Once upon a time, there was a lovely bunny named Rosa. She was a small bunny. She liked to play on the grass and in the flowers. She also liked to exercise around the meadow every day. One day Rosa came out of her house to look for her friends. She wanted to play hide and seek in the park with them but she couldn't find them. Rosa found a tire and a friend on it. The friend on the tire was Lily. Rosa was very happy, because she found Lily. Mother of Rosa named Rolly taught them how to make Christmas cookies and they gave some to their neighbors. They were very happy to share cookies. Rosa and Lilly liked to play on the beach. They built a sand castle and played in the pool. There were so many bunnies on the beach. Someone was relaxed and was reading a book under an umbrella. The bunnies were very happy.

Pimfha

## Acrostic (Name) Poems

By Grade 2 Eager Beavers

My favorite thing to do is to  
Eat pizza and spaghetti.  
T-rex is my favorite dinosaur.  
Home is the best shelter.  
Anaconda is my favorite animal because it eats  
People almost every day.  
Orange is my best fruit.  
No one can be playful as me.

### Methapon

Need an ice-cream  
At an ice-cream shop  
The ice-cream is very bad  
The ice-cream is dirty  
Hey! Who is the owner of the ice-cream shop?  
I will tell him about the ice-cream  
Dad help me out here!  
A girl is giving me trouble  
Natthida

Speak politely to friends  
Always pay respect to parents  
Responsible to jobs at school  
Able to make a joke  
Not forgetting to do homework  
Pay attention in class  
Assist the needy  
Together we can  
Saranpat

Terrific and a tenderhearted girl  
Honest to everyone who is nice and mean  
Achieving the best in behavior  
Never say no to stuff and nature  
Younger than anyone in the family  
Absolutely improving  
in spelling and vocabulary skills.  
Controlling madness and anger.  
Happy all the time.  
Nervous sometimes.  
Organizing skills is all I want  
Keeping up on all my good job.  
Gracie



## Stories

By Grade 1 Lily



### Cake Eater Queen

Once there was a Queen who used to eat cake all the time. She loved eating cake a lot. And she had a pet cat.

Her name was Sweety. Queen never shared cake with Sweety also. Queen had a daughter and her name was

Princess Lily. She ordered everyone to bring lots of cake for Queen's birthday. But they brought music band for Queen's birthday. Queen became upset because she wanted a cake. But when Band played music, Queen became happy and started enjoying the music. And there was also a surprise cake for her. She was so excited

that she started eating the cake without blowing the candles. It was a great birthday for her.

Rudrakshi



### I Love Cats

I have a pet cat. Her name is Grain. She loves blue berries and she loves me. I have a pet lion that is a wild cat

and his name is Sun. He loves gold and he loves me. I have another pet cat. Her name is Sun Dile. She loves her kittens and she loves me. I have another cat. His name is Silver. He loves hotels and he loves me. I Love Cats!

Inaya

## Letter to the Author

Dear Rick Riordan,

I have read many books created by you. And I loved every one of 'em ever since I started reading your books. I would like to say, well done, on The Trials of Apollo: The Dark Prophecy.

I am very glad that you're bringing Grover Underwood back! How I missed reading about quests with Grover.

Grover just enlightens the mood sometimes (to me, it's funny when he panics or gets scared).

I love it that you chose to use Leo and Calypso, old characters, in this series. I also love that you brought back the Hunters of Artemis back too (mostly Leo because he's the funny one that relaxes me when it gets nerve racking).

Your books never seem to lose its thrilling, nerve racking, and hilarious touch! Never stop making your books with your special touch of excitement!

Regards,

Kait, Grade 6 Explorers



Dear Mr. Goscinny,

I recently read one your books, Asterix and Cleopatra and immensely enjoyed it. Even though it is a very old comic, it must be one of my favorites! The book is so funny and witty, and all the jokes are so clever, and I love the way this book was written. It has the old cartoon styles with problems the characters solve. I love that the book is about roman people and the Egyptians which is very clever.

There are so many details in the drawings and the writing! The way you used fake Egyptian hieroglyphics that were understandable and all the little tiny jokes you put in were incredible! I loved the part where the main characters stand on the sphinx's nose and it fell off and suddenly that's why the sphinx doesn't have a nose. It was very clever.

The drawings were also amazing how you put so much detail into everything, in the background if you look carefully you can see things that relate to the story. The characters also had amazing designs and I love the style of the drawings. This book was given to read by my German teacher who was about 60 years old, and he keeps reading this book to this day, that shows how no matter what age you are this book is always good.

Your fan,

Mai Thao Hoang, Grade 6 Explorers

## Investigative Report Writing Animals that Live the Longest and the Shortest

I wonder which animal/insect has the longest and the shortest life... It would be very interesting to know!

The insect with the longest life is the 'African Mound-Building termite Queen'. It can live/survive for more than 60+ years!

The animal that can live for only a few years are hamsters. It can only live for 5 or 6 years on earth.

The insect that has the shortest life is mayfly. It can only live for a day. It can die at any time. It's the insect that has the shortest life in the world.

Information resource: <https://themysteriousworld.com/top-10-shortest-living-animals-in-the-world/>

Junnarada, Grade 3 Bright Sparks  
**Mohenjo Daro**

I choose to investigate about Mohenjo Daro because it's really interesting and I wanted to learn about the ancient civilization. Am really curious to find out how they lived in the olden days.

Here are five really interesting facts I'd like to share.

First: The Indus Valley Civilization was entirely unknown until 1921.

Second: Mohenjo Daro was built in the 26<sup>th</sup> century BC.

Third: It was one of the largest cities of the ancient Indus Valley.

Fourth: It was known as the Harrappans' Civilization.

Fifth: The Harrappan's pioneered metallurgy, handicrafts and had knowledge of dentistry.

From my research I found that the Harrappans were good at structure and they were the most famous ancient city in the Indus Valley.

Information resource: [www.softschools.com/facts/ancientcivilizations/mahenjo-daro-facts/2940/](http://www.softschools.com/facts/ancientcivilizations/mahenjo-daro-facts/2940/) and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/mohenjo-daro>.

Teesta, Grade 3 Bright Sparks

### How was Grand Canyon formed?

I want to know how Grand Canyon was formed and the name of the river in the middle of Grand Canyon.

Grand Canyon is a giant gorge in the earth's surface and was made by a river. It was said that millions of years ago, the whole place was covered by the ocean. Later, because of the tectonic

plate movements the place split into two and the waters of the Colorado River cut out this narrow mountain in the course of thousands of years. So it's not manmade. The Grand Canyon is 277 miles (446 km) long. The width of the Colorado river is from 4 to 18 miles. It is in the middle of the Canyon. The river is 2334 km long.

Down in the bottom there are many crystalline rocks that's exposed they are around 2 million years old. There are many fossils of seaweed, sea shell, and fish when ocean water from the east and from the west flooded parts of a section.

It is all very interesting to me; I never knew that there were fossils of animals. For more information you can log on to the websites given below.

Information resource: <https://study.com.../lesson/now-was-the-grand-canyon-formed-lesson-for-kids.html/> and "Tell Me Why" by Arkady Leokum.

Saenrak, Grade 3 Bright Sparks

### Betrayed by My Best Friend

I trusted my friend,  
a very good and nice friend,  
To make sure that my secret  
never meets an end.  
But she never could keep  
a very deep secret,  
Yet, I told her to make sure  
that she is quiet.

Why did you promise something  
you couldn't keep?  
Why did you promise something  
that was purely cheap?  
Why did you make a promise  
you couldn't live to?  
You made me feel like  
I was just a toy to you!

So, this is how  
my heartbreaking story finishes,  
My secret starts to meet  
one of its many ends.  
I knew it was  
because of my kind of good friend  
Now you heard my sad story,  
it's time to reach its end.  
Snigdha, Grade 5 Voyagers

## Guanaco



What are guanacos? Well, Guanacos are animals that belong to the same family of camels but a little different in appearance. If you want to know more about guanacos, you can read this research report on guanacos.

Guanacos are different from camels because they have no humps and they have pointed ears with short tails. Guanacos live in South America. They live in the Andes Mountains. They are herbivores; the plants they eat can't be chewed or digested by other animals. They can run 35 miles per hour each day. How big are they? I have the answer for that. The height of guanacos is 100-120 centimeters. How long can they live for? Well, they can live for 20 to 25 years. They can eat for as long as they want. They are also lighter than a big piano. They weigh about 90 kg. Chulengos are the babies of guanacos.

So that's my information about guanacos.

You can also write your own research report on which animal you like.

Anushka, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

## Mosasaurus



My research report is about the Mosasaurus. Why you have to read my research report? It is because it will tell you the things you might not know about the Mosasaurus. The Mosasaurus lives in inland seas and not in the ocean, or caves. Shockingly the diet of the Mosasaurus is just everything it could find, like sharks, fish, sea turtles/soft shell turtles. The way the Mosasaurus hunts is very interesting, first it dives deep under-water, and when it senses prey it dashes to it and seizes the prey within its jaws. What did it evolve from? The Mosasaurus evolved from a very interesting land creature, which lived among the dinosaurs but, when it moved into the water, it evolved into the Mosasaurus. The Mosasaurus can grow as long as 50 feet. The Mosasaurus looks like a monitor lizard, but it's also snake like. This fierce hunter of the inland seas can grow up to 50 feet. The diet of the Mosasaurus is very interesting. I like this magnificent creature as it's a very fierce creature. It's interesting in a lot of ways. This fe-

rocious creature is awesome!

Kitipoom, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

## Mountain Lion



Do you know what a Mountain Lion is? Well, if you don't, I will tell you what it is.

A Mountain Lion is a mammal. It weighs about 64 lbs. to 265 lbs. It is about 3.25 ft. to 5.25 ft. tall.

A Mountain lion's lifespan is 9 to 12 years. A Mountain Lion has fur; its fur is Greyish-brown or brownish-orange. Mountain lions are born with spots that usually disappear by the time they are roughly 9 months old. Their eyes also change from blue to yellow by the time they reach 16 months old.

It can be found in mountains, grasslands, deserts or even forests. It is mostly found in the Western Hemisphere.

It is a carnivore. The Mountain Lion eats mainly deer, but they also eat mice, coyotes, raccoons, elk, deal hogs, porcupines, and even rabbits.

Did you know this big cat can jump as far as 12 to 13 meters. A Mountain Lion does not roar. It can leap 15 feet up a tree. It can also climb a 12-foot fence, so be careful!

If you live in a place with lots of wild mountain lions, don't go out during dusk and dawn, because that is the time where these wild cats go hunting.

I hope this information was helpful.

Shruti, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

## Sloth



My research report is about sloth. Why you should read it? You should read it because there is something you don't know about it.

I will tell you about its appearance. It has roundish head, sad looking eyes, tiny ears, and stubby tail. Sloths live in forest because they like to hang on tree branch. They are herbivores. Mostly they sleep, they sleep up to 20 hours and also hanging upside down. Its predators are hawks and cats. Sloth is cool right? It's cool because it's the slowest animal on earth. Now you know all about sloth.

Pemika, Grade 5 Ace Achievers

## Football

I am interested in football because when I was four years old, my dad used to wake me up to watch Copa America. I liked Lionel Messi. After that I started to become more interested in football. When I was six years old I tried to play football and I liked it a lot but then I played better in goalkeeping than in any other positions.

I play and train myself at school. I practice playing football for about 30 minutes at school. I am interested in football until now. Football gives me entertainment and also makes me healthy. In Thailand the most popular sport is also football. I am an FC Barcelona fan. Whenever Barcelona plays in a game, I always cheer for them. In the team, I like Lionel Messi the most. I like him the most because he plays well and he is handsome. The other player that I like is Luis Suarez, because he's good skills. My Idol in football is Paulo Dybala. Then I started to play Football games like FIFA MOBILE. It's fun and like real life matches. Someday I also want to watch a real football game at a stadium. I am not that good at football but I try to improve my skills. I hope I can be a good goalkeeper so that I can play for my school more in the future. I never give up when I lose and always learn more. I also learn how to cooperate and work with the team. I like football so much.

Kritamate, Grade 4 Fantastic

## My Camping Experience

I want to share the good experiences and the things I have learned during camp. I was really excited to go to the camp. Finally, the day came and everyone had to line up according to grade levels in the assembly area. We travelled by bus to get to the campsite which is called Pasak camp. When we reached the site, we went to the hall where all the campers sat down while Mrs. Jennifer explained the camp rules. We went to our assigned cabins, kept our luggage, and changed clothes from uniform to play clothes. Then we went back to the hall to be grouped. Each teacher gave us a nursery rhyme and then we sang the nursery rhyme to find our group members. For the next activity, we needed to find the clue for the animal that was assigned to our group. It was hidden somewhere around the camp. We needed to find out what animal was assigned to us by finding the clue which contained its description to make our group flag. It was somewhat like a treasure hunt. After eating lunch, we played a relay game and it was really fun! At night we had a campfire while we sang the camp song, lit the campfire, roasted marshmallows and danced till it

was time to go to bed. The next day, early morning, we did Zumba and then ate breakfast. Later we did fun rope courses. After freshening up, we had another relay game. Later we made paracord bracelets it has so many uses such as making fire, catching fish, and many more. After that it was time to cook our dinner which was basil leaves with chicken and egg. Then we ate dinner and we had to make a skit within 20 minutes using the theme "Together We Can". Again we had another campfire, had fun, and went to sleep. On the last day we did the Zumba and also went for a nature walk. The last activity we made a garden poster and wrote on it what we learned from the camp. We packed up and went back home. It was a worthwhile experience for me and I had a lot of fun!

Arya, Grade 4 Fantastic

## My Most Unforgettable Day

My most unforgettable day was when we went to Harbor Land with my friends. I was very excited to go there. We always use the family car of Napapat. Their car is very big and long. She also brings many toys. It was a great and exciting day! We all needed to wear socks to enter Harbor Land. The first thing that we did was play in a cave. It was very dark but it was still fun. We needed to go into a huge hole and try to get out from another hole. I needed to be the first person to be inside and I was very scared. There were arrows that told us where we had to go. When we really get scared we can press a button so that someone can help us to go out. We tried all the playing areas there. Harbor Land is the playground that is indoor and it is the biggest playground in Asia. When we finished trying all the playing areas, we went rollerblading. It was my dream. I was very excited. I fell down so many times and Napapat, Mew, Stella and Nacharee never fell because all of them knew how to use rollerblades except me. Everyone helped me to learn how to do it and I was so thankful to them. We needed to go home because it was already getting dark. I was very sad and I hope next time we can play together again. Bye friends. It was very fun, exciting, great and happy time!

Sarisa Kangwantanachot, Grade 4 Fantastic

## Cat

Cute little cats have soft fur.

All the kittens are cute.

They make wonderful pets!

Iyaluck, Grade 2 Trail Blazers

## Kindergarten Activities

The Kindergarten A & B are wearing the baker's hat. This is in connection with their lesson about the community helpers. They had fun doing it and pretended to be bakers baking cakes and bread.



## Our Trip to See the Midnight Sun

We wanted to see the midnight sun so we planned to go to Sweden in summer. We waited till it was summer, then we packed our bags and went to the airport. While we waited for the plane, we were thinking about how summer in Sweden would be like. Suddenly, the plane arrived! "YAY!" we followed the line of people who were walking to the airplane. When we got in the plane, we found our seats, kept our bags and sat down at seats B14 and B15. We heard a loud noise, we knew that the plane was about to take-off. Even though it took 10 hours to reach Sweden, we still enjoyed the TV shows and movies on the plane. When we reached Sweden Airport, we saw a herd of caribous walking down the streets. We went to get our bags, and called a taxi. We called many taxies but most of them were full so we decided to walk.

The next day, we paddled the kayak, went shopping and ate in famous restaurants. We thought the climate there would be frigid and

cold, but actually, it was the opposite of tundra. At first we were scared of permafrost and white-outs but not to worry because the weather was really nice and warm. At almost midnight, we went to our hotel rooms, opened the windows and waited in the corridors. After a while, when it started to get dark we saw the midnight sun.

Lalana and Rujirat, Grade 5 Voyagers

## I Was One of the Cattle

It was dawn when my friend and I were very hungry. Usually, the old man would take us to the green fields to eat fresh grass, but that special day was different because a weird looking boy walked towards us. I actually had a million questions. Who was that boy? What was his name? Was he the old man's son? What was really happening around us?

I stared at the boy with a suspicious look. Suddenly, the boy raised his hands up high, WHOOSH! I didn't see anything after that because the light was too bright that I could barely open my eyes. I looked down and I just exclaimed, "Wow!" A pile of green grass was there! Now I had more questions. What did the boy do? Was it a magic? Was he a wizard? Was he the God of Grass? Was this a dream? What was that?

Mooooo! Crrunchh! I could still remember when I actually munched on that crispy green grass. That day after I had finished eating the most delicious grass ever, I started to look around, and asked myself where the boy got those delicious grass. There was not even a single green grass around there before! There were only dried twigs and crispy brown leaves.

How would I forget those very tasty grasses that we had every morning? But, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the best of our lives, I saw the old man hiding behind a very thick bush. I knew at once what he was up to but I couldn't do anything! He was actually trying to know the boy's secret! I tried to communicate to my other friends that the old man should not know the secret or else the boy will... KABOOM! A very loud sound was heard all over the place and the boy burst. After that day, a new star was found in the sky.

Lalana, Grade 5 Voyagers

**"We are born not to be perfect,  
but to learn and reflect from imperfections."**

Princess Ramirez