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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 DRAMA PERFORMANCE SONGKRAN CELEBRATION



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Dear Parents and Friends of *AITIS*;

May has been a busy and productive month for everyone at *AITIS*.

Together we:

- Celebrated **Songkran**
- Took a break from school
- Had a “**Fire Drill**”
- Observed “**Earth Day**”
- Enjoyed “**Hansel & Gretel**” by the *AITIS* Drama Club



I am extremely proud of our 6th Grade students participating in the World Student Blogging Challenge. Several of our students have been featured for their blogs with their work being featured on flipboard.com.

Some links:

<http://anisha6.weebly.com/home/week-4-lets-conserve-water>

<http://fluffywhiskers.weebly.com/home/week-6-what-to-write-about>

<http://thanumiabey.weebly.com/home/week-6-activity-1-about-my-family>

I highly recommend you take a few moments to read the blogs by our tech savvy 6th graders!



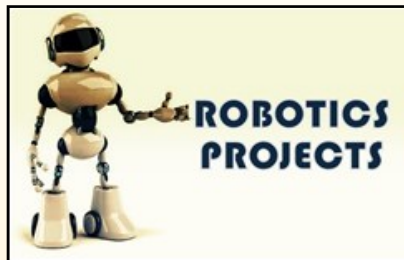
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The first batch of “Robotics” has arrived at *AITIS*! We are very excited to have these new tools to help teach our children.

During the upcoming “Summer Camp” program “Robotics” will be introduced by a team of teachers led by Mrs. Vinita, *AITIS* ICT teacher.

I firmly believe the “Robotics” will be an excellent learning experience for our students!



The 2016-2017 school year is drawing towards its end. Within a month our students in Grade 5 and 6 will take their semester exams while the whole school begins preparations for “Annual Day”.

“Annual Day” is a special day for us to celebrate all of our student’s numerous successes throughout the school year. It is also the day that marks the “graduation” of our Kindergarten students and our sixth grade students. As always we hope that you will be able to attend the “Annual Day” celebration.

Due to the increased enrollment at *AITIS* seating will be more in demand at the venue. *AITIS* will provide parents with a seating arrangement plan within the month to help ease the overcrowding of the venue.

“Summer Camp” is scheduled to begin on 14 June 2017. It will run for ten (10) days providing exciting and new learning experiences for our students. Further information will be sent home to parents by the end of May.

We look forward to having your child join us!

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

Sincerely,
Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed
Principal/Director

AITIS EARTH DAY PROGRAM 2017

Although Earth day was celebrated on the 22nd of April, AITIS celebrated it on the 27th.

We all know that, amongst all the planets in the Milky Way Earth turned out to be the luckiest. It is the only planet which is able to provide everything we need. It is the only planet which developed life, and what makes this planet even more unique, is the presence of a superb form of intelligent life called "The Human Race". While centuries passed somewhere on the way, the human race lost humanity, forgot to recognize the planet which gave it life, and used its resources without pity or compassion. This is why Earth Day is being celebrated. The whole world now marks the Earth Day as a day to once again realize the importance of our Mother Earth.

Even if we realize the importance of our Mother Earth, there must be a way in returning the favor right? For years we've polluted the Earth and for years we've been using its resources in a greedy way. The way we act, has harmed the Earth's environment. So to change that, Earth Day is also a day to show our Mother Earth how much we care, and to show that we are thankful. Now this is where AITIS comes in...

To show how much we care about the Earth, AITIS came up with different activities and ways to return the favor. In the morning, Nursery to Kindergarten students watched a six-part sequel titled 'Planet Earth II', the first television series produced by the BBC. At around 9:45 am, the elementary students from Grade 1 to 6 started the program. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hasmina were the emcees while Wiphanee and Napasarapee from Grade 5 were the student speakers. A wonderful feature of this program was the Bulletin Board prepared by the Earth Day Committee.

Our school also invited two people from AITSC (Asian Institute of Technology Sustainability Club) who taught us little tips to take care of our Mother Earth. After that, the entire school gathered in the pavilion to sing the Theme Song 'I've Got the Whole World in My Hands.' Later on, all elementary students from Grade 1 to 6 were divided by their Houses, and for each House there was a different activity, Yellow House made Planter Hangers, Blue House made Bird Feeders, Red House made Bird Nests, and Purple House made Fish Ponds. The Houses also watched BBC Videos at the same time.

The program ended with this message from Cheng Yen (a Taiwanese Buddhist Nun) echoing in everyone's mind

"As inhabitants of the Earth, we are nourished and sustained by Mother Earth who provides us our food and all the resources for life. If she is healthy and well, we will be healthy and well. Our fates are intertwined."

Marianne Ella, G-6 Explorers



Earth Day



HANSEL & GRETEL DRAMA PERFORMANCE

It was our final practice before the play. No one was even feeling a bit nervous. The rehearsal went well but still had a few bumps, but we didn't have any time, because we had yet to put our makeup.

The first to put makeup was Ella, the evil witch, her makeup was so, so WITCH-LIKE... The best makeup on was Boongyal, Head Elf, with his moustache, and his elf-like makeup, which made everyone laugh a lot.

The time was about 2:45 pm, and the students outside Korea House were waiting. Once the door opened, lots of people entered and the drama club started to get super nervous.

The play titled "Hansel and Gretel" started exactly at 3:15 pm as planned. I was feeling so nervous that I forgot most of my lines. I panicked... Once Ella was done with her introduction, it was time for Natesara and me to start. Wow, luckily I remembered every single line once we started.

After we were done with our introduction, it was the villagers' turn, and they started with a festival dance, which was so fun! Later, Hansel and Gretel appeared from their beauty sleep but with hungry stomachs. They spilled milk for which their mother got mad and told them to go to the woods where they got lost.

When they were deep in the woods, the elves entered the scene. Their job was to protect people, especially children, therefore, with their dance they put these children to sleep. When they woke up next morning, they were starving again, but with Hansel's sniffing nose, they found a cottage made of candies! Suddenly, an evil witch named Rowena noticed little "delicious" thieves eating her delicious house. She cast a spell to freeze both of them. Hansel kept eating while Gretel was forced to get some fire wood.

Gretel went to the woods alone and worried, when suddenly elves, came to save her and beat Rowena, the Evil Witch. The elves had a plan, set and ready to go. Once they reached the cottage, Alabaster Snowball, the Head Elf, cast magic on the evil witch to freeze her, then the rest of the elves cast another spell:

"Zippity, Zippity, Zoo,
Let all the flowers bloom,
Make the wicked witch switch,
And become a better Witch"
"BLAST!!!"

The witch went down, and suddenly she switched and was kind enough to let the children and the whole village eat! "Hurray for Hansel and Gretel, hurray for the elves, hurray for everyone!"

And this was the end of our drama presentation. Everyone thanked Ms. Megha, the coordinator and lead teacher Drama Club Committee for putting up a wonderful drama presentation this semester and the performers received a huge round of applause from Mr. Kevin director AITIS and the audience for their wonderful performance.

Karah, G-6 Explorers



Drama Performance



AITIS SONGKRAN CELEBRATION 2017

Songkran, the water festival is Thailand's most famous festival! It is an important event in the Buddhist calendar, which marks the beginning of Traditional Thai New Year! They celebrate their New Year by splashing water with the buckets or water guns on each other. It is celebrated all around Thailand.

This special festival was celebrated in our school on 7th of April! Few days before the event, we made some beautiful lanterns to hang in our houses! We made some designs on a square paper and our teacher "Khun Khroo Apron" cut the paper to make the shape of a lantern! Our Thai teachers also prepared some paper flower garland, and gave one to each teacher in our school!

Finally, the day arrived which our school was looking forward to, 7th of April! Each one of us was excited, even though we were not going to play with water. Why? Because our school was supporting the theme of saving water by not wasting it! This decision of the school made us feel proud! I know this event must have been boring for some but most of us loved it.

In the morning, the whole school gathered in the assembly area with our two hosts for the celebration, Kate and Mai Thao, students from Grade 5. They gave us speech on Songkran festival and then they called our principal, Mr. Kevin Mauritsen, for an opening remark.

After his speech, there were six Thai dancers from different grades, who performed on a Thai song! It was really fun to watch them with smiles on their faces! Guess what happened next? All AITIS teachers joined them to dance, and then slowly, the whole school started to dance! All of them were very happy to be there!

Next, we headed back to our classes, and watched some videos about water issues all over the world. It was really heart breaking to watch how people are suffering from water problems.

Finally, it was time for the ceremony of pouring water on our teacher's hands and getting their blessings. We came to the assembly area and waited for our turn. We all were excited for this part of the program!

After this ceremony, we played some Thai traditional games, such as 'Mon Hides a Cloth' and 'Tail Eating Snake.' In 'Mon Hides a Cloth' or "Ngoo Kin Hang" a group of children sits down in a circle facing each other while one of the player goes around and drops the given cloth behind the back of anyone of them. The player who gets the cloth has to chase the player while that player's mission is to go back to the player's seat trying not to be caught.

The game "Tail Eating Snake" or "Ngu Kin Hang" is a chasing and protection game. One player is the mother snake, and another player is the father snake. The mother snake has the duty of protecting all the baby snakes, who are behind her. The baby snakes, all in a line, sway from side to side, and finally the father snake tries to catch any of the babies he can to eat them.

After having fun with all the activities, we all went back to our respective classrooms. It was genuinely a fun day.

Anisha, G-6 Explorers



Songkran Celebration



8 TIPS TO HELP KIDS COPE WITH CLIQUES

Smart Ways to Lessen the Sting of Exclusion

Whether Your Child Runs With the "In Crowd" or Not.

Source: <https://www.highlights.com/parents/articles/8-tips-help-kids-cope-cliques>

For parents, few school-related things are as painful as seeing your child excluded. You worry that being left out could lead to emotional problems and other consequences down the road. While you can't outlaw cliques, there are moves to make to help your child cope.

Maybe you've been there: Yours is the odd kid on the playground—always picked last, marginalized on the sidelines. Or maybe you have an "it" kid. She runs with the in crowd and plays only with those who share the same interest in clothes, looks, popularity, sports, or money. As any kid will tell you, exclusion hurts. Elementary and middle school kids spend enormous amounts of time and emotional energy trying to fit in. But life inside a clique can be stressful also. Friends who let you into the group in the first place also can throw you out.



How to Help Your Child Cope with Cliques

Respect your child's need to feel accepted. Remember: it's natural and developmentally appropriate for kids to want to be part of a group. Don't ridicule your child or discount what may seem to be an exaggerated desire to be included and liked.

Encourage more than one peer group. Showing all one's social currency in one bucket is risky. Help your child develop several groups of friends: schoolyard buddies, neighborhood playmates, and pals from after-school activities. Belonging to several groups will help your child see himself in more than one light.

Help your child develop social skills. Urge your son or daughter to form friendships by listening to, and empathizing with, all his buddies—and to be kind, open, and honest with friends.

Support individuality. Encourage your youngster to value herself as a unique and worthwhile person. Remind her that appearance, personality, and interests bring something special to the world that nobody else can duplicate.

Don't buy into in-crowd values. Resist becoming so invested in your child's social life that you actually believe having the "right" toys, shoes, or fancy birthday party will buy acceptance. That usually doesn't work.

Help your child look beyond the moment. Let your youngster know that the values, abilities, and strengths that other kids may not appreciate now are likely to be valued by peers in high school or college.

Encourage your child to be inclusive. Urge her to make other kids in her class feel valued, call the new kid in class, or get to know the child who often sits alone.

Seek advice from professionals. A teacher may be able to identify a child or group whose friendship your son or daughter can cultivate. If your child has trouble forming friendships or fitting into a variety of groups over time, talk to a professional who can help your child develop social skills.

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor

Pre-K Section Activities

Nursery

Nursery children learned about "Air Transportation" and made a Hot Air Balloon. They enjoyed with their hot air balloon at the Thai summer House and the School Pavilion. (See pictures 1-2)

Pre-K 1A

Making this Barn and coloring the animals reinforces our topic about Farm Animals. Bringing toys or books related to the said topic for 'Show and Tell' added to the FUN of our PK1's learning experience. (See picture 3-4)

Pre-K 1B

Most children are naturally drawn to animals and bringing animal toys for "Show and Tell" made it one of the most dynamic lessons in class. It was also quite easy for them to recognize different "Farm Animals" through their barn artwork. (See picture 5-6)

Pre-K 2A

Pre K 2A children are getting ready for their favorite activity, "Show and Tell"! This activity provides conceptual and story telling skills that will then develop into effective communication. It also gives an opportunity to learn sharing with others. (See picture 7)

Pre-K 2B

Pre K-2 class enjoyed learning the short "o" sound using their phonics activity book. (See picture 8)

KG B

Kindergarten Jolly Kittens made garlands and head dress for Songkran Celebration. (See picture 9)

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Pre-K 1A, 4



Pre-K 1B, 5



Pre-K 1B 6



Nursery, 1



Pre-K 2A, 7



Nursery, 2



Pre-K 2B, 8



Pre-K 1A, 3



KG B, 9

How to Make Friends By Grade 1 Eagles

Lena is new in the school. Her Mom thinks that she will be fine in the new place. Lena doesn't know anyone. I talk to her. She talks to me with a soft voice. I send her a letter about myself. I did not put my name on it. She reads my letter. She walks around the school. Then, she sees me. Then, we play together. Now we are friends.

Chanyathada Buttarobon

Once upon a time Punya was at home. She asked her mother how she will have friends because she doesn't have one. One day, her family went to a hotel. Her Mom was reading a story. It was about making friends. Her Mom told Punya about the story. The boy in the story didn't have friends because he was a bully. He likes to kick, punch, and hit his friends. And so all his friends went away from him. Punya thought that being a bully was not good. The next morning, Punya went to the playground. While playing, she fell down. A boy came to help her. Punya said thank you to her new friend, Al. The two children played together. Punya was so happy to have a new friend.

Punya Werarak

I can be a friend by sharing. It is good and one of the best things to do.

I can be a friend by smiling. If you smile to friends they will be happy too.

I can be a friend by being nice. Saying good things will make you to have more friends.

Chayakorn Lersaktanakorn

The first step is to be kind because many people will start liking you. Helping old people walk on the streets. I think we should be friends to them too.

The second step is to be brave. Friends like it when you are brave. You take care of them when they are scared.

The third step is to be smart. If friends don't know the answer, you can help them.

Kavya Shree Guragain

Once upon a time there was a girl name Anna. She was walking when a tree fell on her. She shouted, "Help, help, help".

A boy helped her. He picked the tree and Anna was ok.

Aditya Raghavendra Tantri

Once upon a time, I was in the house. I saw a little girl moving in the town. So I quickly wrote a letter and put in her mailbox. The girl saw it and opened. She also saw an unfamiliar street. Next

day, I made a beautiful lantern. I knocked the door, put it on the floor, and ran away. The little girl opened the door and saw the lantern. The following day, I gave her flowers and saw me. She asked me if I was the one who gave the letter and lantern. I said, "Yes". Then she asked me if I want to play with her. We went outside and we played together.

Puntalinee Chaiyasang

Acrostic Poems Robots

Robots are just metal cans without electricity!

Odd gadgets and machines are needed to make it.

But you must study hard, mostly

On science topics, but to pass, you must work equally hard in every subject!

These robotic parts (arms, legs and hands) can make glass bottles, pianos and more.

Some of them explore dangerous places to find survivors or planets that humans cannot reach and also under the sea.

Kiragorn, G-2 Trail Blazers

Planets

Planets are in space far away.

Long ago, they started to form, billions of years ago.

All these are easy to be found.

Not many living things are found on planets.

Earth may have the most living things than any planet in the universe.

True, living things are very lucky to be on planet Earth.

Some other planets are not lucky like ours.

Pal Siyapan, G-2 Trail Blazers

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How to Make Friends

By Grade 1 Eagles

We can share toys and play together. We can give something like a flower and book. For friends who are far, we can send letters to them.

Tristan Rozzaq Wiradyatmika

When I was a baby until one year, I didn't have friends. At two years old, I started to have friends. My friends are Changhyun, Wiki, Karnkawin, and Methapon. I stay with Changhyun all the time. He is honest and smart. I want to be like him.

Phonphan Ketsuwan

I can make a card and share it to a friend. I can give a rose too. I can draw pictures. I can give a hug. We can read together and help each other.

Iyaluck Phinainitisart

I play, read, and help them. I send letters. I share food, toy and be nice to them. I walk, sleep, and give flowers and toys.

Prasanna Parajuli

I can make friends by giving something like flower and doll, playing together, and sharing toys. Loving, helping and saying nice things to friends.

Weechayut Maneetapho

I can make friends by playing together, sharing toys, and doing work together. Being happy makes friends happy too. I will be kind and smile to friends.

Tanishka Hazarika

I make friends by giving a toy and playing chess. I will be kind to make friends. In our class, we have a new friend from North Korea. He is kind. I talk to him and tell him that he is my friend. His name is Steven. His first best friends are Phonphan and me. We play very nicely. Steven makes many friends too. We are kind to him and he is kind to us.

Changhyun Kim

Step one is to be kind so your friend will like you. Step two is to share our toys and play together. We can give flowers or books. Friends like them.

Natthida Thaiprayoon

Suan Mok

During the Songkran break we went to Suan Mok. We helped clean the tables and the leaves. We put our toes in the hot pool. We also went to Huahin. We went to blue port. I saw a rainbow. The colors were orange, red, yellow, green, purple, and pink.

Thanyachanok Grace Saengsudham



To: Zhang Qing Qing
From: Siwakorn, G-3 Bright Owls
Date: 20 April 2017
Subject: My New Friend

Dear Zhang Qing Qing,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I know you because Lenda, our friend, told me about you. My name is Siwakorn. I live in Thailand and study in AITIS.

Lenda told me that you can play piano and table tennis. I heard that you are a tennis champion. How many hours do you play tennis a day?

I like to play tennis but am not so good at playing. Can you guide me about tennis rules? Lenda told me that you go to many countries to play tennis.

When you get a chance to come to Thailand to play tennis please let me know so I can meet you with my parents.

Your new friend,
Siwakorn, G-3 Bright Owls

My Long Holiday

We watched a movie. We ate popcorn. Then, we went to KFC. We also went swimming.

Methapon Asavatesanupap

Dinosaur Plants X-trem

We rode a jeep the raptor. We saw T-rex. It was fast. We also went to the Dino shop. We bought toys. I liked it but it was long and scary.

Sammam Riyasat

The Songkran

During the holiday, my Dad and I went to Dinosaur Planet. I splash and shoot water. We joined a team. It was really fun. Before we went home, my Dad bought a cotton candy.

Karnkawin Rutchatapisarn



To: Tristan Christiansen
From: Raan, G-3 Unique Unicorns
Date: 20 April 2017
Subject: Greetings from Raan

Hi Tristan,

My name is Raan. I'm 9 years old. I found your details on the internet. Can you be my pen pal? If you will be my pen pal, I will be so happy. I will let you visit my house and we can have snacks and play games.

I am in Grade 3. My favorite subjects are ICT and Art. I like swimming and football. What sport do you like to play? What subjects you like? My school is in Bangkok, Thailand. My teacher is very kind. I like my teacher. How about your teacher, is she kind? After school, I go to 7-eleven with Kritchanut, Ananya and Mahasamut. We have fun together.

I live in Ayutthaya, Thailand with my parents and my brother, Wynn. Which part do you live in Perth, Australia? Wynn is 6 years old but he is playing piano now. Do you have brothers or sisters? Who do you stay with?

Please tell me about yourself. I hope to hear from you soon.

Your new friend,
Raan, G-3 Unique Unicorns

Funny Stories

**By Grade 1 Debra's Doves
One Plus One**

One day, there was a girl named Marie. She went to school. Her teacher asked her, "What is 1+1?" She didn't know so she went home. She asked her mother what is 1+1 and her mother who was distracted counting money said, "8 Baht, 9 Baht, 10 Baht, and 11 Baht." After that, she

went to her father and asked him, "What is 1+1?" Her dad was so distracted inviting people that he said, "Welcome, come in, welcome, come in". Then she went to her brother and asked him, "What is 1+1? He was busy watching Godzilla and he said, "GODZILLA, GODZILLA, GODZILLA". The next day, she went to school. Her teacher asked, "What 1+1 is? Marie answered, "8 Baht, 9 Baht, 10 Baht, welcome, come in, welcome come in... Before Marie could finish the teacher asked, "Who do you think I am?" Marie continued ... "GODZILLA, GODZILLA, GODZILLA!"

Karynne

Funny Cat

I saw a cat, but the cat looked funny. It had big wings, a tail like a bunny and feet like an elephant.

It said, "I am a cat. Do I look funny?" I answered, "Yes." I liked that funny cat. I said, "I think you don't quite know what I said." The cat said, "I think so." I drank some water and I heard a sound. It said, "Meow!" I said, "I like to have you as a pet but I am too busy. But you look funny!"

Lanta

Funny Bath

One day, my mother let me go to take a bath.

My mother said, "When you are going to take a bath you should wear your house slippers."

But I thought my mother said, "Wear your house clothes in the toilet.

I did and it all got wet!"

Phunyavee

Funny Ice Cream Machine

One day, my family went out to have ice cream. It was a very different system. You had to order and it would come. So I ordered chocolate ice cream. The machine gave me fruity ice cream but luckily, my family got their orders correct. I wondered why it was like that. Why didn't I get my chocolate ice cream when I really wanted one?

Hrithik

Bread or Bed

One day a mother asked his son to buy bread from the grocery. So the boy went to the grocery. In order not to forget, he kept on saying,

"Bread, bread, bread".

But he was not walking carefully so he stumbled and fell. Now he forgot what he was going to buy. He kept on thinking.

"Now I remember," he said, "I will buy a bed."
"Bed, bed, bed!"

Jacob



To: Zhang Qing Qing
From: Saura, G-3 Bright Owls
Date: 20 April 2017
Subject: Making a New Pen Pal

Hello Zhang,

My name is Saura and I live in Thailand. I found your name with the help of my teacher. Could we be pen pals?

Oh! You know, I love doing origami like you! I know how to make swans, tulips, hearts, and bows. What do you know in origami? If you know a lot, can you teach me?

I study in a school called AITIS or Asian Institute of Technology International School. We have sports, ICT, library and more. And do you know, we also have Fun and Food Fair and Talent Show each year!

My favorite subject is Social Studies. This week, we had a research project about a country. I got the country France, my favorite! What country do you like?

Ok! Bye! Don't forget to send me a letter back right away after you read this letter!

Your new pen pal,
Saura, G-3 Bright Owls

Gugu and Gaga

Gugu and Gaga were best friends. Everyone in the village knew that they were quite silly. Gugu liked to find treasure and Gaga liked to steal.

After many months of finding treasure in the village, Gugu finally found a bar of gold hidden under the neighbor's toilet. He was happy but he was worried if Gaga would steal it.

He decided to hide it in the playground. He dug a deep hole and left it there. After covering it, he felt satisfied but still worried.

So he made a sign.

"There is no treasure hidden under here. Signed by Gugu".

The next day, Gaga was walking around and saw the sign. He went to take a look and found the hidden gold. He took it and covered the hole. He didn't want people to think that he took it so he wrote a note.

"Gaga didn't steal it!"

Hahahahahaha!

That's the tale of 2 silly friends.

Ilan, G-1, Doves

Why Should We Save Wildlife?

Did you know that animals are very important? For example, the population of bees affects our food supply. That is why we should not spray pesticides in our garden, or else our plants, vegetables, and fruits might not grow.

Bees may pollinate crops that humans eat, but they also pollinate crops which animals eat like for example cows that are our source of beef. Bees pollinate cow's food, so if bees go extinct cows will die of starvation, and we might too. So bees are very important to human kind. They pollinate our food and animals' food too.

For my second example, frogs are very important too. Frogs are like bio- indicators – meaning they indicate the health of our ecosystem. Frog's skin allows substances present in the environment to be absorbed into their fatty tissues. They are terrestrial as well as aquatic, so they can indicate contamination dilemmas for both habitats.

Now for the third example, you might think bats are creepy and dangerous creatures. Well, they help us too by consuming millions, of pest insects each year. Bats save billions of dollars of crops each year, reducing the need for chemical pesticides. A single brown bat can eat a thousand mosquitos in one hour. That means that there is a lesser chance of getting malaria or dengue fever wherever there is a brown bat or more.

Although I only mentioned three helpful animals, all animals are very useful and important. Even if you think they are dangerous, they all have a role in helping us have a brighter future! So it would be excellent if we all start to help animals, after all they help us a lot of times. And that, my good friends, is a fact. It all started with animals. We started with animals, too. So basically, we are killing ourselves. So let us start conserving wildlife! Right here and right now!

Kait, G-5 Voyagers

Report writing My Trip to Kidzania

Last weekend I went to “Kidzania” with my family. My brother and I went to the fire station. I played with water and it was very cold. Then I didn’t know what to play next. So I went to the second floor and saw an elevator. I was very excited. I played in the elevator going up and down! Then a woman came to me and said, “It’s not for playing. It’s for handicapped people.” I went to make sushi in the sushi bar. First I thought it’d be small, but it was so long and too big. Then the teacher cut it for me. I tried to put it in my mouth. But it was still too big for me. Then I cut it again into another half. Now I could eat it well. It was very delicious. I was happy that I’d made a delicious sushi. Now I can make sushi for my whole family. It was a great fun filled day!

Saenrak, G-2 Kestrels

Fun and Food Fair

Two weeks ago I went to Fun and Food Fair at AIT international school. All my friends were there. I was very excited to play all the games together with them. The one that I wanted to play the most was the bouncing castle. We jumped up and down and played on the slider. My heart was also jumping up and down! I wanted to stay with Saenrak and Junnarada for a longer time, but my mom said that I could only play two more games. So we played only two more games. We played on the trampoline and Junk in the Trunk. As for the trampoline, we touched each other’s hand and jumped higher and higher. Then we went to play Junk in the Trunk. I played with Seanrak first and I won! I won a glitter. Then I played with Junnarada and this time she won! She won the same prize as me! It was a day to remember.

Chichaya, G-2 Kestrels

Art Box

Last month my family and I went to Art Box. I was very excited because it moves away to another place every day. This time, it was in Rangsit and very near my house. So I could go! There were many food and drink stands.

The stand I wanted to eat the most was the Dragon Breath Snack but my elder sister said, “It’s very dangerous because it’s made with liquid nitrogen and a lot of artificial flavors. “ So I changed my mind and went to the soda stand. I was very nervous to try it. But when I tried it, it was actually delicious! Then I went to eat hamburgers for dinner. The stand keeper asked, “Is my hamburger yummy?” I replied, “Yes! It’s delicious!” Then he said, “Tomorrow if you come

again, I’ll give you an offer!” I said I’ll try. Soon it was time to go home. I wondered when I’ll get a second chance to go back to The Art Box!

Aemplee, G-2 Kestrels

Fun and Food Fair at School

On March 4, 2017 I went to Fun and Food Fair at AIT international school. I met all my friends. I played together with them on the trampoline. When I was playing, I fell many times. It felt like I was jumping in space. Later when I came away from the trampoline I was hungry. So I went to eat ice cream and drank a bottle of juice. I went around looking at all the other stalls. I saw everyone was having fun and playing many games. The fair closed at 11:00 am and it was time to pack up and go home. I helped my teacher to pack up the games and load it in the truck. It was a very exciting day for all of us.

Chanachai, G-2 Kestrels

Acrostic Poems Earth Day

Earth is nice and clean.
And please stop air pollution.
Read books before doing the re-
search work.
Tell your family members to keep
the house clean.
Help keep the Earth clean.
Dance with your friends and be
happy.
An Earth Day is the day that peo-
ple help all over the world.
You need to clean Earth.

Kaweewat, G-2 Trail Blazers

Earth Day

Earth is home to plants and ani-
mals.
All plants and animals live here.
Recycle to save our world.
Tell your family to save the land.
Help your home to be clean and
green.

Krityhayarn, G-2 Trail Blazers

A visit to Barcelona

Last year I went to Barcelona to improve my soccer skills. I liked that country. Spain is located on the Iberian Peninsula.

The capital and the largest city is Madrid. There are so many attractive cities in Spain such as Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Granada, Cordoba, and Malaga. Each city has its own soccer team. Real Madrid, Barcelona and At.

Madrid are the famous soccer team. When they have a match, most people in the world keep their eyes on it.

Barcelona is located beside Mediterranean Sea. It's a beautiful harbor city and has a beach. If you visit Barcelona you can't miss Sagrada familia, Camp nou. Before visiting Spain you have to exchange currency of your money into Euros. The people use Spanish, English, and Catalan languages there.

It was fun and memorable being there in Barcelona!

Chawis, G-4 Fantastic

Visit the Hawaii Beach

You can visit the world's best beach. It is far from lands and close to the sun! You can swim underwater or tour the museum. You can learn how to dive, make sand castles and make masks. There is too much fun there. It takes 30 min to reach there from LA airport. Summer is the perfect time to visit. Once you go there you would not want to leave. Make a trip online, now!

www.Hawaii Beach Trip.com

Krish, G-4 Fantastic

Japan

I know a beautiful country that's called Japan. It feels very clean, happy, relaxing and also sometimes hot and cold. In Japan I can eat delicious foods, some of the foods there are known as Ramen, sushi, cake, and Takoyaki. Being there in Japan I can see many people, clean roads and beautiful flowers growing by the streets. While being in Japan I can hear lots of people talking, laughing and also the sound of a long train passing by. Japan is a clean and a beautiful country, but what does it smell like? Japan smells just the normal cool fresh air, and to me it's the most beautiful country I've ever seen and been to.

Mareolin Sasha, G-4 Fantastic

Dubai

Dubai is a place where you can go and have a lot of fun. The place is perfect for summer and it is very neat and clean. I recently had been to Abu Dabi. It is a place that I'll remember forever. The tallest building in the world is Burj Khalifa. Not

only this but Dubai Mall also is the biggest mall in the whole wide world. I met with my new friends Senum and Sefar and we drove in a car that is called four wheels. We drove on the desserts. I would really recommend to all of you to visit Dubai and you will be very happy to go there.

Isaree, G-4 Fantastic

My Grandmother's Dog

My grandmother's dog is brown and soft. I hear him snore really loud and his sneeze is so cute. He feels really fluffy and soft at the same time.

Sometimes he smells as good as the shampoo he uses and sometimes as bad as mud.

His food might taste bad for me but good for him because it might taste sweet and salty.

Nathania Santoso, G-4 Fantastic

Sharks

Under the large unexplored body of sea water there roams a wild, fast & ferocious predator known as the Bull shark. It lives around 30 meters deep in the dark ocean.

Weight

It usually weighs about 156.3KG, but it can weigh up to maximum 198.5KG.

Weapon

This slippery & slimy shark is terrifying, especially with its teeth!!! All sharks are known for their teeth.

The Bull shark's teeth are 10 centimeters long. Which is 2 times longer than a humans tooth!

This is not the only weapon feature though, the head is also used as a weapon as well, it uses it like a head butter!

Birth

A bull shark can give birth to maximum 5 baby sharks! But usually they give birth to 1, 2 or 3 which is normal. The ones that give birth to 4 or 5 are rare.

Location

They can be found in the Pacific Ocean & the Atlantic Ocean and rivers.

Bull sharks are hard to find. There are 2 reasons:

First because less Bull sharks live in the deep, as I said earlier they live around 30 meters deep.

Second because most of them are living in rivers & people are hunting a lot of them which means bull sharks are endangered!

Food

Bull sharks like to eat parrot fish, blue angel-fish, red headed sea bass & gold bell fish.

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The reason why the bull shark likes to eat these fish is because they are weak & easy to spot.

At the end I would like to say, “Stop killing bull sharks, there is no reason to kill them! (except to eat the meat)”

SAVE ANIMALS; SAVE EARTH; SAVE LIFE!

Boongyal, G-4 Fantastic

Funny Stories

By Grade 1 Debra’s Doves

My Sister’s Drinking Water

Dad came home. He was very tired and sat on the sofa. My little sister brought a glass of water to him. Dad was so happy and proud of her.

The next day, she brought a glass of water to dad again. Dad was so glad and asked her, “Where did you get the water?” Dad was wondering because my little sister is too young to open the refrigerator. She ran to the toilet and pointed to the water closets!!!

Smith

I am not Afraid of Anything

One day, my friend Dan said, “I am not afraid of anything or anybody at any time. I am even not afraid of the darkness!”

I heard this and planned to do something. I had a rubber snake with me. I put it in my pocket. I came slowly closer to my friend. I took the snake from my pocket and threw it at him.

He shouted and got very afraid of it. All my friends were laughing and enjoyed the day.

Vishayaporn

Where is the Fish?

Once upon a time, a mother asked her son to help her. She was busy every day. The boy wanted to help his mother. So his mother said, “How about you going to the market and buying some fish? ”He got one big fish and he was thinking how to get it back home. Then he got an idea. He put the fish on a hook and brought it back but he heard some dogs behind him. He thought the dog never followed him and he didn’t look back.

When he got home, his mother asked, “Where is the fish?” When he got the string and showed to his mother the fish was gone. He told his mother that maybe the dog ate it up. And the mother said why did you bring it on a hook? The mother said, “You must put it in the basket – you funny boy!”

Saranpat

My Funniest Answer to My Sister



To: Zhang Qing Qing
From: Arya, G-3 Unique Unicorns
Date: 20 April 2017
Subject: A New Pen Pal from India

Hi Zhang Qing Qing,

My name is Arya and I live in India. I found your name through Line. Would you be my pen pal?

I am 9 years old and I am in Grade 3. I study in AIT International School. My favorite subjects are ICT and Reading.

I like origami, drawing, coloring and reading. What do you do during your free time?

I stay in a community called Asian Institute of Technology with my parents. In this community, I have a lot of international friends. We celebrate different festivals and cultures. Do you in a community like me? In which part of Shanghai do you live?

My father often travels to China. If I get a chance to come, I will definitely meet you. Till then we’ll keep in touch through email.

I would like to know more about you in detail. When you’re free, please write an email to me.

Your new pen pal,
Arya , G-3 Unique Unicorns

When I was teaching my sister at my home, I asked her, “What is 3+7?” She was distracted and said, “9”. It’s almost correct. Then she asked my father and he said, “10”.

It’s correct but she was confused she asked me, “What’s the meaning of addition” I answered “IDK”! It means “I don’t know.”

Umar

Light Travels

The purpose of our experiment was to discover how light travels and learn about the physics of light. Light behaves like a wave and a particle. We used 3 index cards, small piece of modeling clay, flash light, puncher, and ruler.

For each index card, we used a ruler to draw lines connecting opposite corners of the card. At the intersection of the two lines, we used a hole puncher to punch a hole in the center of the index cards. Then with a small piece of modeling clay we placed the card into the clay to create a "stand" for the card. Some members of our group placed the cards so that they stand vertically and at an equal distance from each other. We put the flashlight at one end of the row of index cards and turned off the light in the room. Lastly we arranged the index cards so that light can be seen through all the holes.

We found out that the holes were in alignment and the light travelled in a straight line. Our experiment proved the path light travels. Light travels in a straight line. If the holes were smaller, the light would continue to travel in a straight line but in a more restricted path.

Pemika, Rujirat, Thip-bhu-nga & Kittipoom,
G-4 Edelweiss

Making Room for Uncle Joe

One day Dan's mother received a letter from Uncle Joe's social worker. The letter said that his social worker was looking for an apartment but it was hard to find. Dan's mom and dad thought that while they were finding apartment Uncle Joe will just stay with them. But Dan's family didn't want Uncle Joe to stay with them because he had a down syndrome. After that his dad and mom prepared a room for Uncle Joe.

The next day, mom and dad drove to the state's school to bring Uncle Joe home. When Uncle Joe arrived they started eating. But Uncle Joe said, "I don't want to eat lunch without my friend Alice." So Amy said, "I'll be your friend, Uncle Joe." Then she pulled her to the table. It was a terrible meal. Uncle Joe dribbled catsup on the tablecloth and forgot to use his napkin.

One day their dad asked Uncle Joe to weed the garden but he pulled the flowers. Amy told Uncle Joe what he did and he got mad of himself and he went to his room. They did not know what to do. Finally their mom got the idea that Dan should take him to bowling. Dan didn't want to go as he was afraid to be bullied by his friends but before anything else Uncle Joe had come out of his room wearing his bowling jacket and carrying his blue bag. All the way to Bowl-a- Rama Dan said to

himself, "I hope none of my friends would see us." Uncle Joe was a good bowler. Uncle Joe kept saying in his slow way. "I ... uh... know you can do it. You'll get a strike. On the very last frame, all the pins went down- whack, whack, whack last like that! Then they went home happily.

Then another letter came from Uncle Joe's social worker. Mom read the letter to them. It said that Uncle Joe would be leaving. Everything had finally been arranged. Uncle Joe would share apartment with two other men in the city. He would work at the sheltered workshop close to where he lived and he would be paid for doing it. They were all sad as they had enjoyed already the presence of Uncle Joe. Later they were settled because they asked Uncle Joe if he likes to stay with them and Uncle Joe answered, "YES!"

Tanawait, Robin, Phon, Kimberly, Punita &
Phuntita, G-4 Edelweiss

The Magna Carta

After the death of Henry II, the rule of England fell to his son, Richard I, and later to another of his sons, John. These leaders were not effective. John lost territory to the French, which upset many. He also increased taxes and oppressed many of his people, arresting them without trials.

In 1215 A.D., many of the nobles in England, who were tired of losing their power, and who were concerned by the tyrant-like behavior of John, came together and wrote a document called the Magna Carta. <http://www.kidspast.com>

The Magna Carta is one of the most important documents in history. It guaranteed the people certain rights, and bound the king to certain laws.

After writing the document, these nobles forced King John to sign it on the threat of civil war. Their intention was only to protect the rights of nobles. They did not care so much about the poor peasants. Nevertheless, in time, the rights established by the Magna Carta were also extended to commoners.

Ritesh, Kitipoom and Timothy,
G-4 Edelweiss

My Garden

When I look into my garden, I feel relaxed.

The trees sway as the humming birds
sing and dance with the wind.

The air is so sweet that honey bees
Come in swarming just to smell the air.

The leaves are squishy
And soft, while the papayas are smooth
And they smell

Like the morning breeze.

Jan Riyamel Diopenes, G-4 Fantastic

I am Pinky (A Song to the Tune of “Tangled - I’ve Got a Dream!”)

I’m the shyest, short and crazy. My ears can just go bright red. And shyness wise my height is not the tallest. But despite my shorty look, and my body and my books, I’ve always yearned to be a song composer!

Can’t you see me in my house just writing crazy? Writing with my pen until paper tears! Yep, I’d rather be called shorty for my killer tune is lovely. Thank you! Cause way down deep, inside I’ve got a dream!

She’s got a dream! She’s got a dream! See, I ain’t as shy and crazy as I seem! Though I do like hiding there, you can count me with the dreamers. Like everybody else, I’ve got a dream!

I’ve got marks and hairs and birthmarks plus something here that itches and let’s not even mention my long fingers! But despite my fat belly, and my black eyes and my mouth, I really wanna make a friend connection!

Can’t you see me with a special lovely good friend rowing in a rowboat down the stream? Though I’m one hairy little kid, I am friendly, not a wizard. Cause way down deep inside, I’ve got a dream! I’ve got a dream! She’s got a dream! I’ve got a dream! She’s got a dream!

And I know one day kindness will reign supreme! Though my height leaves people laughing. There’s a child behind it dreaming like everybody else. I’ve got a dream.

Kait would like to dance and be a singer. Van Anh does interior design. Tul is into mime.

Wiphanee’s cupcakes are sublime! Maithao knits, Jori sews, Kim does little puppet shows. And Sakchaiwat collects ceramic unicorns...

I have dreams like you no really! Just much less touchy-feely. They mainly happen in somewhere nice and sunny, in a palace that I own, big and coolest and so wide! Surrounded by lots and lots of ball rooms!

I’ve got a dream! She’s got a dream! I’ve got a dream! She’s got a dream!

I just wanna see the White House! And with every passing hour, I’m so glad I’ve seen the White house! Like all you lovely folks, I’ve got a dream!

She’s got a dream! She’s got a dream! They’ve got a dream! We’ve got a dream! So our differences ain’t really that extreme! We’re one big team...! Call us playful, gay, beautiful, and grotesquely optimistic.

Cause way down deep inside. We’ve got a dream! I’ve got a dream! I’ve got a dream! I’ve

got a dream! I’ve got a dream! I’ve got a dream!
Yes way down deep inside, I’ve got a dream!
Yeahhh!

Phakamon, G-5 Voyagers

Acrostic Poems Earth Day

Earth is beautiful.
A lot of plants live here.
Recycling helps.
Tell a friend to help clean.
Help the Earth.
Don’t do something bad to our Earth.
Attractive Earth is the only planet that has living things.
You try to make the Earth a better place than before.

Rungrujee, G-2 Trail Blazers

Disaster

Disaster can be made by nature or man.
I think erosion is a natural disaster, which can be controlled.
Start an Earth Club to help living things who lost their homes.
A lot of plants can help stop it.
Strips of dark clouds have been moving around.
Tsunami is a disaster that starts in the ocean.
Ever heard of tornadoes which destroy homes and other properties?
Rescuers have to work really hard and their lives are at risk.

Napat, G-2 Trail Blazers

Teacher

Teaching is teacher’s job.
Enjoys the work.
A better teacher,
Counts on good things.
How about my job?
Enjoy learning.
Right or wrong I am supposed to know.

Teesta, G-2 Trail Blazers

Should Schools Ban the Use of Cell Phones

Did you know that schools that ban the use of cellphones in class have students that have a good grade? According to a study conducted by researchers at the University of Texas and Louisiana, when schools ban students from bringing their smartphones into the classroom, their grades quickly improve because students were more attentive in class. Their test scores increased by 6 percent. Although I would like to have my phone in class, I think that schools should ban the use of cell phones in class, for example.

Students will work harder because they cannot goof around with their phone, Students will be too busy on their phone to do any classwork. In addition, this gives students more time to socialize with one another. Nowadays, everything is digital. Kids do not spend much time with each other, leading to kids not having friends. It can also reduce cyberbullying. Teens can be vicious with their online messages, but at least some of that behavior can be reduced by preventing kids from using Twitter or Facebook during the school day. Kids should feel safe at school and not have to continually check their social media accounts to ensure that somebody is not posting cruel messages.

Another advantage is that it cuts down on screen time, scientist says that kids should only be allowed six hours of screen time a day. At home, kids can use their smart devices, so bringing a cellphone to class means you are just adding more screen time in your day. But there are also some down sides to not having your phone in class. If students did not understand the classwork and teacher is having a hard time explaining, students can search it in the internet, but teachers have computers in the class so they could use the computers instead. So the phones are quite useless.

And that's why I think schools should ban the use of cell phones during school hours. I hope some of you agree with me.

Mai Thao, G-5 Voyagers

What is the Most Important Subject Taught in School?

Math is fun. Math is important in life because it is used to perform many different daily tasks. Math is in Physics, Math is in Chemistry, and Math is in Biology. Therefore, Science is also Math. Math is everywhere.

Everybody should know how to do basic math because math is so important in our daily life. If

you know how to do math very well you will have a bright future. Math is a subject that requires skill to do it.

Did you know that Isaac Newton's Principia Mathematica contained a simple calculation error that went unnoticed for 300 years? Did you also know that the largest prime number ever found is more than 22 million digits long? Did you ever know that zero is considered as even because 1 is odd? There are a lot of beautiful things in math that are really fascinating.

Math also gives you an unexplainable satisfaction. For example in problem solving, you really have to think because some equations or hard calculations in math could be tricky too but when you answer a very hard question in math all by yourself, the feeling is really rewarding, that is why it is so fun.

Well, for me, math is everywhere and we need it every time in your daily life. So that's it for the facts, and remember math is always fun!

Anusha, G-5 Voyagers

Kindergarten Dynamic Dolphins' Activities

KG-Dynamic Dolphins wore Nurses' Hats as they were learning about Community Helpers in their Social Studies lesson for this month. They made the nurse hat to round up their discussion on the topic. They also made garland for Songkran festival in their Thai Language class.



Is it Important to Teach Children Good Manners and Etiquettes?

Yes, it is, because children will learn how to treat other people the way they want others to treat them. Children will also learn to respect others. Children will behave properly while they're waiting, while someone is talking, while they're visiting somewhere, and while playing with their friends.

Well-mannered children are also well disciplined; this trait can be very useful to their lives and their future. When children learn table etiquettes and learn to behave while there is a party, special event and other gatherings, they are very well behaved and they will not embarrass themselves.

Children who will learn good manners will have more friends and can also keep old friends and new friends because children will be more friendly and nice to their friends.

Did you know that talking when your mouth is full is impolite and rude? Aside from having difficulty while speaking, you might be spitting food from your mouth and it is very rude and impolite to others.

Learning etiquettes and good manners makes you smarter, you will not get teased by other children or people.

I want children to learn good manners and etiquettes because I want them to be polite and show respect for others. I also want children to behave and learn etiquettes so that they won't get embarrassed in front of others. Also, it is very fun to learn good manners like saying 'Thank You' every time you're grateful for something, like saying 'Sorry' if you ever hurt someone or make them cry, even in an accident, and lots of more kind words. I hope some of you will agree with me that it is very important to teach manners and etiquettes to children.

Farrah Shanesz Gonzales, G-5 Voyagers

Who Contributes More to the World: Doctors or Teachers?

Have you ever asked someone this question "Who contribute more to the world, doctors or teachers?" I think that doctors count a bit more than teachers do and here are my reasons.

First, doctors in the USA need to give about ten years of their life to go to medical school (starting high school) and most of them need to work night shift. In addition to that, some doctors cannot even go back home for their holiday break because they have duty at the hospital. What if someone has an accident then a doctor needs to

be there for the surgery, but for teachers, they can take a holiday break because no student will be at school. There is no exact work time for doctors. Sometimes they work during lunch or dinner while most teachers just follow their schedule.

Second, the doctors interact with very sick patients and they can get sick too. For example, the outbreak of a virus called Ebola, it happened in West Africa, early 2014. Lots of doctors came to Africa and helped the people there, even though they knew they could catch the virus too. In fact, eleven doctors got the disease and only nine recovered, according to Wikipedia.

Third, health is very important to us, more important than studying. If you are not strong, you will not study well. In addition, you will not have a bright future. You also cannot do some things others can do like hiking, gymnastics, or going to space. If you want to be healthy, go to a doctor.

Finally, most doctors do not have high salary like in China and Hungary... they work very hard. One day a doctor can examine hundreds of patients and think what medicine he should use for every person. People may say that teacher teaches people to become doctors. Well, you can learn it by yourself. If we do not have doctors and someone gets sick it will be the end of their life. Therefore, that is my opinion about how doctors contribute more than teachers do.

Van Anh, G-5 Voyagers

An Acrostic Poem Tsunami

Tsunami can destroy houses and properties.

So many homes get destroyed.

Until the ...

Next tsunami happens, if we are aware, we can get out from our homes.

A lot of plants and animals will die.

Many people lose their lives and some survive.

I never saw a real tsunami.

Pannawit, G-2 Trail Blazers

Are There Any Academic Benefits of Video Games?

Are video games going to give anyone academic benefits? Well, the answer is yes. They do give academic benefits. Here are some reasons why.

First, video games help students socialize and talk to each other because 70 percent of gamers talk to their friends and only 20 percent don't. So it means most children are helped to make more friends and socialize more.

Some children are having reading and thinking problems. Playing video games help children in improving critical thinking skills and reading comprehension like online reading and mathematical games.

Video games can help in individual learning. Most students have different learning styles. Some student's parents and friends are not always there to help them in their studies so video games can help them by allowing them to talk to their friends online and ask them for help or learn something from the game that he/she is playing.

Playing video games helps children strategize and find a way to complete the level then afterwards complete their work. It challenges children in levels in the game. This helps children accept the challenge of their studies and homework. Challenges help the child's brain work and think harder and harder which help a lot in their studies.

Another benefit of playing video games is that it helps children learn about teamwork. In some games, they are supposed to work as a team and find a way to complete what they do. In school, most teachers give team or group work, so playing games can help a child work well with a group.

Video games can teach new technical skills. Children get interested in technology from an early age, which helps them learn basic technical skills that will make them earn rewards in the future.

These are the reasons games give us academic benefits and help us in school. Of course, there should be balance in the activities of the children like playing outside with friends, talking with you parents and devoting sufficient time for his/her studies. There should be no abuse of playing too many games. The kind of games to play has to be appropriate for the children too. There should be no violent games.

I hope you are all persuaded that games can actually have academic benefits.

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Vince Arthur Roa, G-5 Voyagers



Social Studies Activity by G-5 Voyagers



Social Studies Activity by G-5 Voyagers



Math Activity by G-3 Bright Owls



Science Activity by G-3 Unique Unicorns

Acrylic vs Watercolor

Acrylic and watercolor are both paints but did you know that they are both similar and different in many ways? People who are new with painting might not know but I can help you understand!

They both have many things in common. Both of them are water based and the brushes can be cleaned with water and soap. Their consistency is very alike. Both are used to paint wet on wet. If you never heard of wet on wet, it's a technique where you apply wet paint on a layer of wet paint that you applied previously. You can use masking fluid on both watercolor and acrylic on paper and canvas.

And now the differences. You can use acrylic to paint on different types of surfaces such as canvas, cardboard, etc., while you can use watercolor only on paper. Acrylic gives off a brighter color than watercolor. Acrylic is water-proof and dust-proof while watercolor isn't. So if you're doing a DIY using plastic, I recommend you use acrylic because the color will shine and won't fade like what watercolor does. When you paint using acrylic paints, you can put on lighter or darker shade first, whatever you prefer, but for watercolor you need to add a lighter shade then moving on to a darker shade later. Acrylic is made out of a pigment suspended in acrylic polymer emulsion, while watercolor is made out of natural gum or synthetic glycol.

So now that you know the differences and similarities of acrylic and watercolor, this might help you when you paint using these paints in the future.

Thunyas, G-6 Explorers

Windows PC vs Mac

Have you ever encountered a situation where you can not decide if you should buy a Windows PC or a Mac? Since I use both Windows PC and Mac, I am here to tell you the differences and similarities of both of them.

Let's start off with the similarities.

Both Windows PC and Mac can share the same printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, etc. Both can share files and can be on the same wired or wireless network. Computer viruses, worms, and trojan horses can infect both Mac and Windows PC. Both have input and output systems. In some versions of Windows PC and Mac, there is an inbuilt screen recorder.

These similarities are very common with other PCs too, but there are also many differences between windows and mac. These are some of the differences:

Windows support and can open exe files, while Macs support and can open dmg files. Macs are more expensive than Windows PCs. Windows PC is a better choice for people who like gaming. Macs are safer against malware and viruses.

Both Windows PC and Mac are very good, but I prefer Mac because it's more comfortable and is resistant against most viruses.

Fauzan, G-6 Explorers

Acrostic Poems Global Warming

Going past the years.
Long time ago and now.
Only some countries are getting colder and some hotter.
By the passing time and days, a lot of accidents happen.
Lightning that falls can turn into fire.
We should be careful.
As days pass by fires occur every day.
Running for health is sweaty and difficult.
Many other places get too hot to live.
It's like desert!
Now places that are getting colder, maybe
Going to freeze!

Melisa, G-2 Trail Blazers

Global Warming

Global warming means heat.
Large fires become bigger.
Only hotter days make them happen.
Be aware...
Life can be hard for the people living there.
Warm places become warmer.
A lot of fires destroy property.
Rocks get hot.
Mud turns dry.
I sweat a lot.
New things happen.
Good and bad things are part of life.

Chevan, G-2 Trail Blazers

Tiger vs Lion

What are the differences and similarities between the two biggest cat species? Maybe not a question everybody asks once in a while, but the question is now stuck in your head. I can tell you the answer to this question because I have researched a bit about the topic. I'll just say there are many similarities, but a lot of differences also separate these two big cats from being the same animal.

Of course those two cats have a lot in common, both being in the same genus, and the same family. Also they are like brothers when hunting; they would tend to kill their prey by grasping it around the neck until it dies of strangulation. Speaking of prey, tigers and lions both prefer to hunt medium sized mammals such as zebras, and buffalos. And the only way these animals can hunt zebras and buffalos is if they're really powerful, and that is exactly the word to describe the top two biggest cats. Tigers and Lions have a large and muscular body making them very powerful. Last but not the least, both of them give birth to about two to four cubs per litter, which will eventually turn into a majestic beast.

Of course these animals have differences, and let me say there are many differences between the two big cats. The most obvious difference is their appearance, tigers have black stripes across their bodies, but lions don't. Tigers don't have a mane, but male lions have a large mane around their faces. They also differ in physical structure, tigers are longer than lions, more muscular, and heavier in weight, but lions are taller than tigers. Next lions live in groups called "prides", where the male relies on the female for their meals. Tigers on the other hand live and hunt on their own, they catch prey on their own, let's just say lions are more sociable than tigers. Lions also live longer in the wild than a tiger does, lions live 12-18 years in the wild, while tigers live 10-12 years in the wild. Last tigers live in jungles but lions live in grasslands.

You learned from this essay that the two of the biggest cat species are similar as well as different in many ways, therefore, it will be hard to choose which animal is better.

Natacha, G-6 Explorers

Biteable vs Powtoon & Animaker

What is the best application to make an animated video? Is it Animaker, or Powtoon? This is a question where each and every video maker gets stuck. I have the experience of using both applications, which is why I can give you some advice to help you choose the best.

There are many similarities as well as differences between the two.

They both have great animated characters, objects, and other background effects. But unfortunately, some of their characters, objects etc. are not available in the free version, which is why you have to upgrade the account. You can add your own images, or your own music! You have to manage time, in order to make different things appear and disappear. (It also takes a long time to manage it.) If you are a fast learner, both applications are very easy to get used to. (They are not very complex like other video makers, once you get used to them you can make videos in minutes!) Both of the applications are constantly adding cool new features. You can export your video to anywhere, including youtube, email etc.

Well, those were some similarities of Powtoon and Animaker. But there are also many differences between them.

For free version, users can only create a video of 2 minutes in Animaker, and a 5 minutes video in Powtoon. The maximum duration time for one slide in Animaker is 15 seconds, while maximum in Powtoon is 10 seconds. Powtoon has more free characters compared to Animaker, but in Animaker, there are a lot of actions and expressions. Animaker has more props compared to Powtoon. In Animaker, we can make 2D, infographic, or a handcraft video, while Powtoon has a lot of layouts instead of modes. Until now, Animaker has 8 tutorials, and Powtoon has 6.

Now you know something about both video makers. Both Animaker and Powtoon have many similarities as well as differences which makes it hard to choose one of these applications. That's why I recommend you use Biteable.

Biteable is a timesaving and a fun application. It has many cute animations, which have a limited time and text option. (All you have to do is choose the suitable animation for your text.) You can type more than 50 letters in one slide. But since you don't have to manage time, it saves a lot of time. Even though there are many images, music and different effects available, it still allows you add your own images and music. Not only it is simple and fast, but it is also fun!

Just because I like Biteable doesn't mean that I don't like Powtoon and Animaker. You can actually use all three for different purposes.

What do you think? Which is better, Powtoon, Animaker, or Biteable? Do you have any other suggestions?

Thanumi, G-6 Explorers

Movie vs Book

Ever read the books like *Twilight* written by Stephenie Meyer, *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien, or *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton? Maybe you haven't read them, but I'm pretty sure you've watched them right? People say reading a book is better, others say it isn't because they understand things easily visually. But, what are the differences and similarities between a Movie and a Book?

For similarities, both Movies and Books relate to art. They both project reality as well as fiction. They both offer and encourage creativity. They can both provide good information about history and culture, and they can both provide enjoyment.

But for differences, movies are in electronic format while books can be printed or can be in electronic format as well. Movies give us visual as well as mental pleasure while books provide us mental pleasure. Movies provide us real life scenes while books can only describe them. Movies have a greater number of audiences while books have limited readers. Movies become the collective output of different artists and technicians while books are output of knowledge and creativity of one or maximum two persons.

In my opinion, watching movies may seem to help you visually understand the story, but reading the book of that story first is what I would suggest. In a book, every detail of a character/scene is included and not a single information is left out while in a movie, directors have difficulty managing the movie time, since the book is too long, so the only option they really have is to cut out chapters/scenes. Don't worry the necessary information will still be included in the movie. For people out there in the world who do not enjoy reading... I suggest you start now. Although watching a movie compared to reading a book may seem easier, reading helps grow your vocabulary.

And if you don't like reading just remember:

"Everyone is a reader... some just haven't found their favorite book yet." (Stephen King)

And if you say you don't have time, also remember:

"If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time or the tools to write. Simple as that." (Stephen King)

Ella, G-6 Explorers

Canine vs Feline

Some of you might be wondering "What is a Canine or Feline?" Well, to answer your question they are basically the most common pets you can

have, dogs and cats. Well, I have done a little research about dogs and cats and I can tell you there are lots of similarities as well as differences between these two creatures.

Let's start with similarities. Both are domesticated animals, in other words "pets". They both have similar body shape, with four legs, a long tail, and a horizontal body posture. Well, both have hair, give birth to young, and feed milk to their babies. They both have claws which they use to scratch when they are angry, yet they are cute and playful animals. They both return love and affection that their owners give to them. If you like to pet your pet, your place will certainly won't be clean, as pet owners know, they shed.

Now to my favorite part, the differences. When doing my research about differences between the two, I found lots of facts that I didn't know. When you are buying a pet, the cost of each differs, from the general one you want to the specific breed. Dogs are more expensive than cats. Unless you get a stray, they are obviously for free. Cats are usually individual, they enjoy being by themselves, while dogs stay in packs playing and chasing. Dogs can be trained very quickly, some in a matter of minutes to simple commands like "sit" and "roll", while cats are very difficult, maybe even impossible because they don't listen to directions. Cats have memory that can last up to 16 hours, while a dog's memory lasts up to 5 minutes. Dogs in the wild are distant runners to catch prey, while cats creep up and pounce, they are what some people call sprinters. In addition, dogs have 42 teeth, while cats have 30.

With this information you should be able to decide the "PURRFECT" pet for you and maybe having a pet later. But if these two pets aren't interesting enough for you I suggest having a hamster...

Karah, G-6 Explorers

Hungry Caterpillar

One Morning, a caterpillar was born. The egg was rolling and bouncing, until it cracked. Then, a cute caterpillar came out with a big smile. He was hungry. He ate one banana on Sunday. He ate two strawberries on Monday. He ate three apples on Tuesday. He ate four mangoes on Wednesday. He ate five melons on Thursday. He ate six kiwis on Friday. He ate seven papayas on Saturday. He was still hungry so he ate cupcake and a delicious leaf. He grew bigger and bigger. He slept in the cocoon for fourteen days. When he woke up, he looked at the mirror and saw a pretty butterfly.

Mary, G-1 Doves

Wooden Pencil VS Mechanical Pencil

So, you want to buy a pencil for school but don't know which pencil to buy? And you want it to be durable and last long? Well, let's compare an ordinary wooden pencil with a mechanical pencil.

If I would pick one I would go for the mechanical pencil, because if you use a wooden pencil you would have to sharpen the pencil over and over again and once it gets short you can't use it anymore and you will have to buy another pencil. But if you buy the mechanical pencil you would just need led and you wouldn't need to buy another pencil that's why I'll go for the mechanical pencil.

Even though the mechanical pencil is good there are still disadvantages to it. Such as, if you use it too much the led might get stuck inside the mechanical pencil and you will have to take it apart and try to take the led out but if you can't, you will need to buy a new one. If you buy the mechanical pencil you will need to buy led too, which will cost you an additional money. Wooden pencils, on the other hand, are easy to use and way cheaper than mechanical pencils and its led also never gets stuck except for sharpening it every time it gets blunt.

Harvey, G-6 Explorers

Mammals vs Reptiles

Did you know that there are around 8,240 species of reptiles while there are about 5,400 species of mammals? Can you identify if an animal is a reptile or a mammal? In this essay, I will tell you the major differences and similarities between reptiles and mammals.

So far as similarities are concerned, both mammals and reptiles are vertebrates meaning that they have backbones. Both have the same organ components such as brain, heart, stomach, lungs etc. Both have 4-legs, so they are classified as tetrapod. Both have good survival skills and both can live in similar places.

However, both mammals and reptiles have many differences. Mammals give birth to live offspring while most reptiles lay eggs to produce offspring. Although some reptiles give birth to live young. Reptiles have scales for skin while mammals have either fur or hair. Mammals also have sweat glands. Young mammals rely on their parents for protection and nourishment while young reptiles can take care of themselves. Mammals can produce body heat to receive heat while reptiles need to receive heat from a heat source such as the Sun. Reptiles' teeth have the same shape though they vary in sizes, while mammals'

teeth vary in size and shape for different purposes. Such as canines to tear food and molars to grind food.

As animals are all around you in your environment, it is important to know if an animal is a mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, or an insect. So, in this essay, you learned how to identify an animal if it is either a mammal or a reptile. Plus, if you want to be a biologist, knowing these things are helpful!

Pyae Phy, G-6 Explorers

Japanese Zero vs American Wildcat

How do Japanese and American planes look like? That is a question many WW II maniacs will ask. After researching about both Zero and the Wildcat I can tell you some differences and similarities of both the planes.

The Zero and the Wildcat have many similarities. Both planes are WW II planes. Since they are fighter planes for Dog Fighting and shooting at each other they both have mounted machine guns. Both of the planes are used for Navy. They both fly at low altitudes and both of them have a retractable landing gear.

There are also big differences between these two planes. The Wildcat was first flown 2 years before the Zero had its first flight, so the technology of the Wildcat was way worse than the Zero. The Zero has its wings mounted on the bottom of the plane while the Wildcat's wings are placed in middle. That's why the Zero is more unstable than the Wildcat but gives the zero better manoeuvrability. The Zero's top speed is faster than the Wildcat that makes the Zero easily outrun the Wildcat. The Zero has a better main gun with 20 mm cannons while the Wildcat has only machine guns that gives the Zero better opportunity to damage the Wildcat. The Wildcat has better armour protection and sacrifices its manoeuvrability while the Zero has less armour protection but that makes it way more manoeuvrable than the Wildcat.

Both planes fought each other on the Pacific Ocean. However, the Japanese Zero had a great success. That led the Americans build a new plane. But the good thing for the Americans was that they found an untouched Zero in an island and took it to their base and made their new plane called Hellcat that countered the Zero.

Rit, G-6 Explorers

Soccer vs Futsal

Do you know differences between soccer and futsal? Usually people get confused when they play soccer then futsal and then again soccer.

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I will compare and contrast soccer and futsal.

There are many similarities in these two games for example; the main body part used in these two sport is your feet. They are both part of same federation called "FIFA"(Federation International of football). Both use almost the same skills. Both need two goalposts and both need two goalkeepers.

However, there are many differences also in these two games. Futsal needs only five players (including the goalkeeper) in one team. While soccer needs eleven players (including the goalkeeper) in one team. Futsal is played in a court, but soccer is played in a field. Soccer field is bigger than a futsal court. Futsal is played in total forty minutes in two halves, but every time there's a foul or the ball goes out, the time stops. Soccer is played in total ninety minutes in two halves, but in soccer referee usually adds some minutes more in the end of each half. In soccer when there's a foul or the ball goes out the time doesn't stop. Futsal shoes don't have spikes while soccer shoes have. In futsal when the ball goes out you do not do a throw in like soccer but you kick in instead.

These are some of the similarities and differences between futsal and soccer. "If" you need more information you can do a research on the internet. Hopefully my essay helps you understand more about these two sports.

Terapat, G-6 Explorers

Digital Footprints and Digital Dossiers

What are digital footprints and digital dossiers? Well, if you look at the words, you might tell that they are related to a person's identity, and that's right! But do you know anything else about them? If you don't know, don't worry! Because I am Thanumi, the great detective, and I am going to help you find out! So below are the clues that I found during my deep examination.

What is digital footprint?

The traces of a particular person's identity which is left by his/her online activities.

Examples : When you...

Log in

Search

Comment

Submit

How to have a positive digital footprint

Think before posting, or sending

Use the right settings

Be safety-conscious

What is a digital dossier?

Online Information of a person's identity which

is collected and continued by others and him/her before the birth and even after death. So basically, digital footprint is just a tiny part of digital dossier.

Examples :

Sonogram image

Growth (first time to sit, talk, walk)

Habits and interests

Talents

So now you know something about these two things. Both things are a bit dangerous because anybody can see them! Hopefully, you will be careful from now on. Internet is really good, but if you have a bad digital footprint or a bad digital dossier, you are in a huge risk. Well, I hope you got your answer by now.

Thanumi, G-6 Explorers.

Let me tell you this

Let me tell you this,

We are all equal,

Let me tell you this,

whether male or female,

black or white,

We all deserve an opportunity,

We all deserve a chance.

Let me tell you this,

You can't start judging others,

about their looks

You can't start separating

the girls and the boys

Let me tell you this,

It is unfair to give the opportunity to learn
only to the boys

When you know a girl too, can be smart

Let me tell you this,

You can't start a war from your own temper

to bring down another nation

and make it your territory

Let me tell you this,

You cannot just destroy a home

which didn't belong to you in the first place.

Let me tell you this,

You've just got to share what's necessary in life,

Whether Rich or poor

Ella, G-6 Explorers