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SUNDAY STREETS

By Calder M., Grade 4

Sunday Streets is a time when the City closes neighborhood streets so people can visit new neighborhoods and be on the street without any vehicles. It was near my neighborhood and I saw a lot of my friends walking. They had one place where you could test ride specialized bikes. Some had handlebars that were low for racing and some were hand powered for people who were disabled. They had stands with food and some kids even had a lemonade stand. It was good.

There were different parks like Amazon, University and the old cemeter, and free Prince Puckler's ice cream. I got some at University Park that was chocolate with chocolate sprinkles. I saw my friends Ben, Robert and Luke (who are twins), Desmond and Alex. At the University Park, they also had a stand where they had a circus with juggling people. A game tent was set up and I played one game where you got three tries with two balls attached by a string. The lower the bar the more points you got. Rob and Luke got 6 points and I got 5 points. It was very fun. They also had bean bag toss game and card games, too.

(Images: eugenesundaystreets.org)

CATACOMBS

By Avery M. and Natalie H., Grade 5

We once heard that two girls got stuck in our school basement and died, but we don't believe that mumbo jumbo!! We decided to find out for ourselves. Visit our blog to see a video of us inside our school basement to see if the dead girls are in there.

Do you believe that two girls died in the catacombs?

Avery: Of course! Would I lie to you?

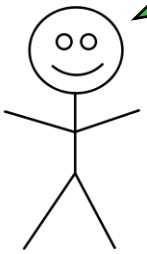
Natalie: No! we just needed a fun story.

Who do you believe? The choice is yours!

Fun Facts:

Catacombs are made out of bones. I know it sounds gross but, maybe it's respectful to them.

There is one huge catacomb in Paris.



To see Natalie and Avery in the school tunnels go to edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org

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Shimmer and the Bubble Adventure

By Ellie U., 3rd Grade

The yellow paint on the walls was old and peely. Ellie decides to go and get more paint to paint the walls with. While she is gone, the cats become bored. Shimmer has an idea. She huddles with the other cats. They decide to go digging in the closet for interesting stuff. Once they go in, they find a bunch of colorful paints and a barrel of bubbles. They exchange excited looks. When Ellie comes back, she finds a spilled barrel of bubbles and colorful paints everywhere. She slips and twists and turns and floats up on a bubble. The bubble pops and the strongest cat Sky catches her. Sky runs around and gives Ellie a piggyback ride. Pinky slips so much she flies in to the air and lands on her tippy paw.

Ellie decides to get ice-cream. On the way to the ice-cream shop, Dodo spies a small tunnel that only cats could fit into. The cats all agree to go in, and Shimmer honks her nose to make it glow. By the light of Shimmer's nose, they go into the tunnel one by one. When they are far deep into the tunnel, a tiny frog hops out from a secret passageway. The frog asks them if they were lost and they respond, "yes." The frog tells them that a ruby was close by and that the cats would be able to see it. He gave them a map to show them the way out. They bid farewell to the kind frog and went on towards the red ruby.

Dodo spots some shiny rubies along the ceiling, but they were only tiny. Soon they start seeing bigger and bigger rubies. Finally, they see a giant ruby that only Sky would be able to lift up. Then a giant red ox jumped out from a secret passageway and yelled "My ruby!" He breaks the cave as the cats run from him. As they go, the rubies on the ceiling begin to crack. The ox gets madder and madder as he sees his rubies being crushed, but he still romped on for his giant ruby. The cats soon make it out of the passageway and ran into their house.

Ellie was just entering and said, "Where have you been!?" but before the cats can answer the ox romps in and notices the floor is bubbly and quickly takes more balance. It was too late. The ox slid down and did the splits. "AIYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYE!!" and he runs out as fast as he can. As he ran out, he said "Wow. I never noticed that cats could be very dangerous. As for humans, I don't care about them," but he was wrong. As he ran to his hole people scream in terror. He notices his mistake and tried to balance on hind feet to calm them down.

And to his surprise, the ox did a cartwheel and crashed down into his cave. The cave became more slippery with broken parts of ruby on the ceiling. Finally, he crashes into a dead end of his cave and faints. Then rubies began to fall from the ceiling and bury him into his cave, but beware, he might just rise again!

Stay tuned for *Shimmer and the Bubble Adventure Part 2*. You can find it at **edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org**

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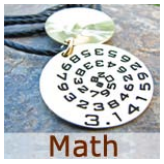

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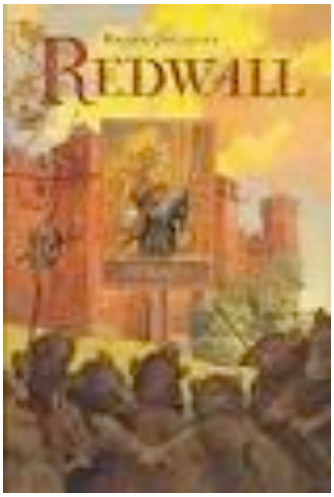
Redwall: Best Series Ever! (Part 1)



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By Kate V., 5th grade

Are you a fan of fantasy? Are your parents urging you to read "classics" that make you feel like falling asleep? Well, here's a series that will make you WANT to read.

Redwall is epic fantasy. The 15 (or more!) books in the series tell stories about mice, squirrels, hedgehogs, moles, and other various woodland creatures on perilous adventures to save their home, Redwall Abbey. Redwall was created by mice as (I took this quote from the book) "a safe haven where any creature can rest in peace."

The first book is called, well, **Redwall**. Redwall is about a young mouse named Matthias, who is always restless and feels like there is more to life than the peace at Redwall. An evil rat, Cluny, sets his sights on Redwall as the ultimate treasure. Matthias, with the guidance of Martin the Warrior, a spirit, works on an ingenious plan to save Redwall. Continue reading this article on our blog! (edisonlightbulb.edublogs.org)

Doctor Who

Image: wikipedia.com

By Katie W., 3rd grade

You are probably wondering what the heck **Doctor Who** is. It is a brilliant British T.V. show about a man who calls himself The Doctor from a planet called Gallifrey. He gets into all kinds of trouble in time and space. The Doctor travels in a time machine that looks like a blue Police Call Box called the T.A.R.D.I.S. which stands for Time And Relative Dimensions In Space. It has an infinite amount of space inside, but the outside is only about as big as a phone booth.

The Doctor does something called regeneration where his body and personality changes, but he keeps all his old memories. You never know who you'll get. No matter what he looks like The Doctor is always smart, funny, someone who cares for the Earth and who will treat his companions with respect. Beside the T.A.R.D.I.S., The Doctor has another important tool, the sonic screwdriver.

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The Doctor uses the sonic screwdriver to break through (and that sounds bad, but he needs to) doors, hack into something, track something down, or break something. It works on a lot of different things, but it does not work on wood. If you already know about **Doctor Who**, and you really like it, you are considered a Whovian. Of course I'm a Whovian. I love it!!! My favorite Doctor is the Tenth Doctor played by David Tennant. Now I'm curious what's your favorite doctor is so be sure to visit our blog to leave a comment about your favorite.

Image: screened.com

Plane Facts

Canadian C-130 flare testing
(Image from: www.c130 flares)

By James W., 5th Grade

There are hundreds of planes. Many are made for the Air Force, and they have special abilities.

The C-130 departs flares because if there's a heat-seeking missile, it will follow the hot flares instead of the plane, and then when the missile hits the flare, it just blows itself up and the plane is safe. And sometimes at an Airshow they show a c-130 departing flares.

Stealth plane
(Image: stealthplanes.com)

Stealth planes are basically invisible. You can't detect it on radar because it's so sleek and it's black. It usually bombs at night.

If you want to know more, leave a comment on the blog.

Geography: South Sudan and Kosovo

By Keefe I., Grade 5

I'm here to talk about the two new emerged countries, Kosovo and South Sudan.

Kosovo's capital is Pristina, and South Sudan's capital is Juba.

The reason South Sudan became a country is because Sudan was having a civil war and the government decided to just split Sudan up, so the civil war is over, but peace is fragile. Kosovo was having problems with Serbia, and Serbia broke up in to Kosovo. Like the former Yugoslavia, peace is fragile between Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, and Macedonia. But the government in Kosovo is building up, which makes an advantage for the citizens there. But in South Sudan, the government is slowly collapsing. That's because it's a poor country, and millions of citizens suffer. Kosovo is also poor, and citizens remain serious. Kosovo and South Sudan are very interesting. Be sure to read about them in atlases or the CIA World Fact Book

Maps: cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/

IPHONE 5 VS. SAMSUNG GALAXY S3

BY MASSIMO, GRADE 5

Image: ubergizmo.com

Samsung Galaxy S3

The Samsung Galaxy S3 is out!!!!!!! It comes with a huge screen and as many apps as the iPhone has on the app store. When you play music it sounds like one of those speakers that cost like a million dollars. When you play a game on the S3 it's like playing a xbox 360 fun. Its back is very smooth.

Image: forum.xda-developers.com

iPHONE 5

The iPhone 5 also has a bigger screen. It has super fast wireless speed that doesn't drain battery. The design is slim on the sides (7.6 millimeters) and the back is smooth so it is comfortable to hold in your hand. The chip is supposed to be very fast so that for example loading a game doesn't take a decade. It weighs only 1.12 grams; that means it is pretty light weight.

Image: forbes.com

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The winner!

I think the Samsung Galaxy S 3 is better than the iPhone for gaming and listening to music. So if you are a business geek, get the iPhone 5. If you are a hard core gamer or a Gangnam Style fan, get the S3.

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Write for My Blog

By Alex K., Grade 4

My blog is about Minecraft and skateboarding.

Do you have a story, movie or a review on Minecraft or skateboarding? Tell me about it and I might post it! I think you are going to do great, so try your best! Don't worry it's modorated by an adult so ask questions and email me at edisonpress@gmail.com.

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BIG maze

By Calder M., Grade 4

Try to make it to the end of my maze.

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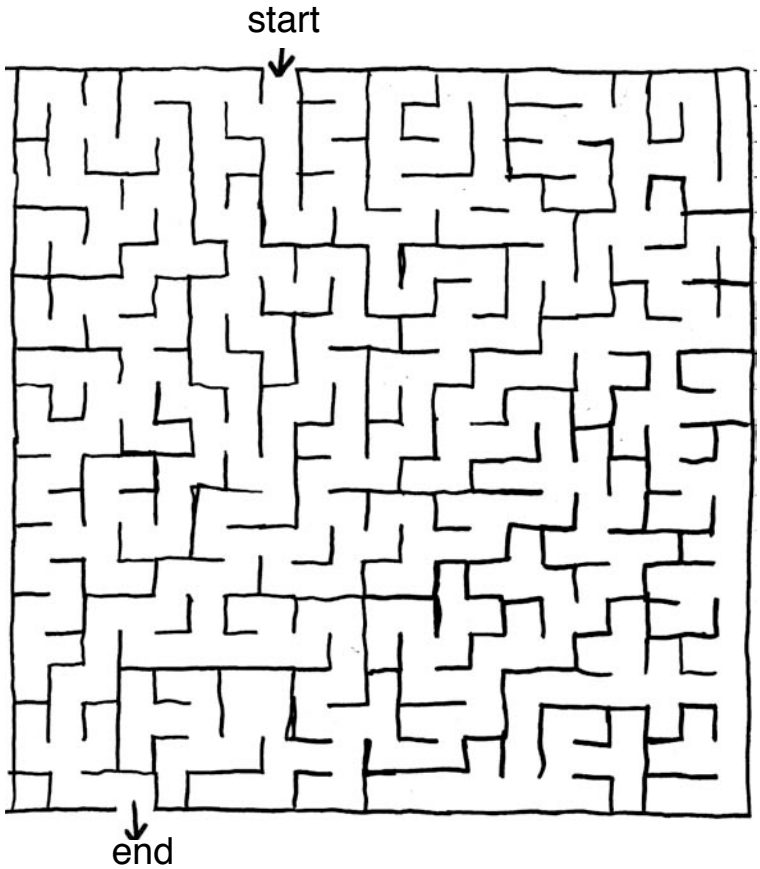

Thanksgiving WORD SEARCH

By Roscoe K., Grade 5

Find all the words in the puzzle.

- CORN
- CRANBERRY
- CREAM
- FRIENDS
- GRAVY
- HAM
- HOME
- ICE
- PIE
- PILGRIM
- POTATOES
- PUMPKIN
- THANKFUL
- THANKSGIVING
- TURKEY
- WHIPPED

G Y Z T D N Q Q B J T Q J U R S Y V N P
N U U R Q T K N J U P J Z Y M W C U Q K
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M I R G L I P U M P K I N C M X K E Y T
N G T P K M O L Z R P Y A Z M C L I W Z

Allyson Felix, Olympic Sprinter

By Sophia B.,4th grade

(image: tracking.si.com)

Allyson Felix is probably one of my favorite track & field athletes ever. London 2012 was her 3rd Olympics and from an interview I watched on TV, it looks like she's ready for Rio. Felix earned her first individual gold medal in the 200 meter (2012 London Summer Olympics) as quick as this: 21.88 seconds. She also ran the 2nd leg in the 4x100m., and 4x400m., helping the US team in the 4x100 set a world record and win gold. Their time was: 40.82 seconds. As I was saying just earlier, Allyson ran the second leg in the 4x400m. relay, and the US team won gold in 3 minutes, and 16.87 seconds. She became the 1st US woman since Florence Griffith-Joyner in Seol, Korea in 1988 to win three gold medals in the same Olympics.

ALL ABOUT LEBRON JAMES

By Zyan M., 4th grade

LeBron James
(image: streetball.com)

Do you know about LeBron James? I do because he is one of my favorite basketball players. If you want to know more read on. LeBron James was born on December 30, 1984, in Akron, Ohio. LeBron weighs 250 pounds and is 6 foot 8 inches tall.

I like LeBron James because he is a great basketball player. My brother got me interested in him by pointing him out when he played and saying what a great player he was the Cleveland Cavaliers. After that he went went on to play for Miami Heat and since then they have calling LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh "The Big Three". He averages about 29 points in three point shots per game.

When he in high school, he was the first non professional basketball player to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated. The New York Times called him "King James." I love watching LeBron James because he is good at defense and I love watching him shoot shots while the crowd goes crazy. When the Miami Heat won the Championship in 2012, LeBron was named MVP for the MBA Finals. Last year he got his first NBA ring, but LeBron t*he king needs a* crown.

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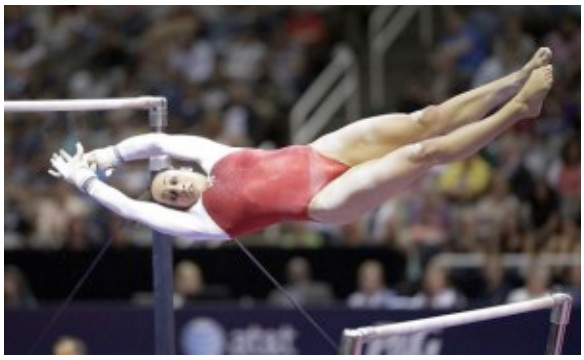

By Raisa B., Grade 2

I've always admired Jordyn Weiber because she is really awesome. Jordyn Weiber is an Olympian in women's gymnastics. Jordyn's favorite event is the balance beam. She was 2012 U.S. all-around champion and floor exercise silver medalist in the last Olympics. I always liked gymnastics and she is fun to watch and really good at it because she started when she was 4. I think that she is the coolest person in the world!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! She participated in the 2012 London Olympics, and in a lot of other competitions that I don't know about (summer Olympics).

(Image: sfgate.com)

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