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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program was on December 17. If you weren't there, you missed a lot of cute singing. First, Miss Allen's class sang "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth," "Chipmunk Christmas," and "Must Be Santa." They were so cute! Then Mrs. Willis's class sang "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" with cardboard saxophones. Next there was Mrs. Pincus' second and third grade class singing "Is Zat You Santa Claus?" and "What Will Santa Say (When He Finds Everybody Swingin')" which included some excellent dancing by

8th graders—Maegen Redman and Azariah Ryan. Mrs. McGrew's third and fourth grade class sang "Run, Run, Rudolph" and "Holly Jolly Christmas" as done by Lady Antebellum. Last, but not least, was Mrs. Naumcheff's fourth and fifth grade class singing "Polar Express," "When Christmas Comes to Town" and "Believe." The performance was incredible. In the song "Polar Express" Conor Kelly was the conductor. For the grand finale, all of the classes performed "Wonderful Christmas Time." All of the hard work of decorating and organizing the program was done



by Mrs. McGrew and Mrs. Naumcheff. They did a wonderful job of making our school look like a winter wonderland. Next year will be even better; I guarantee it!

—Article by Grace Noonkester

U.S.S. HORNET FIELD TRIP

December 3rd and 4th, the Spring Valley middle school went to San Francisco to stay overnight on a ship! But this wasn't any ordinary ship. It was the *U.S.S. Hornet*, the biggest ship/museum I've ever seen!

The *U.S.S. Hornet* was a warship once in the Navy, and it is gigantic. We got there at night, just before dinner, and set up in our bunks. The ship was firmly anchored in the bay harbor, so it didn't move at all. When it was 9:00, we finished spaghetti in an actual



mess hall and went to bed. The beds were mattresses hanging from the ceiling, attached to hammocks and one another. They were surprisingly comfy. In the morning, we were woken up with a soldier alarm and herded back to the main deck to do

a scavenger hunt. After that, we ate breakfast in the mess hall and left. Before we went back home, however, we went to the Exploratorium to do another scavenger hunt for science. We looked for exhibits that challenged our brains and exhibits that challenged our muscles. After that we walked back to the charter bus and went back home. This was my favorite field trip of the year so far!

—Article by Hannah Wetzel

CATLYN WETZEL: JOURNALISM TEAM

This is a close-up interview with Catlyn Emma Wetzel. Catlyn was born in Iowa, but she moved to California when she was 1 1/2. She is 9 years old and her favorite thing to do is playing on her laptop. She loves Minecraft and Harry Potter. Her favorite food is hamburgers and her second favorite food is anything beef. She loves chocolate lava cake and her



favorite candy is sour gummy worms. Her favorite animals

are big cats, but her favorite pet is Oliver, her cat. Her second favorite cat is Otis. Her favorite color is purple. She has one sibling—an older sister, Hannah, who is in the 8th grade. She lives in YLP and loves exploring by the creek behind her house.

—Article by Quinn Bush

If you have books in good condition that your kids are not reading any more, please consider donating them to our library. We love getting new books to share!



FEATURED WRITER: CORA WALLIS-2ND GRADE

The Story of Rainbow Dash
One day Rainbow Dash got lost in a Play Ground. She wanted to go home but she could not find her way home. So she sat down and made a

fire. Suddenly she heard soldiers. She ran and ran and ran until she saw my school. So Rainbow Dash spent the night at my school. The next day I found her on

the table of the cafeteria. I held Rainbow Dash so much she became real. Every night I would talk to her and we would have fun.

FEATURED WRITER: KEVIN TRIMBLE-2ND GRADE

Swampy's Adventure
Once upon a time when Swampy was in my bed, Trevor stole him. He took him to a cave far away. When I woke up, I couldn't find him. I cried and he heard me. He said, "I am coming, Kevin!" Then he

found Icy, another one of the animals that Trevor threw into the cave. They ran two miles, then they found Stretch their other friend. They went twenty miles and found my house. They rang the bell. I opened the door and let them in. I hugged

them so tight. When I sat them down, they started to glow, they got bigger, and they were real. When Trevor walked in the room, they started to chase him. It took him one year to get back, and we lived happily ever after.

BOOK SERIES REVIEW: *MAGIC TREE HOUSE*

My report is about the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne. The main characters are Jack and Annie. Another main character is the tree house. The tree house is like a library. The books are magic, so when you point to a specific book, you'll say, "Take me there." Then the tree house begins spinning. It spins faster and faster and then all of a sudden it's quiet, absolutely quiet.



Jack and Annie are brother and sister. They live in Pennsylvania Woods. When they go to the tree house, they are usually saving a person named Morgan. Every mission they go to, they find

clues and put them in the middle of the tree house on the letter M.

There are 54 books in the series, so far. There are also nonfiction companion books.

These books are very popular with most of the students in our school and many have read almost all of them.

—Review by Ada Miller

SPORTS: CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country ended last month and was a big success. Lots of kids of all ages joined the team. The first race was at Minarets High School. Runners ran across the fields, and all Spring Valley runners did well. The second race was a Ahwahnee Park. Runners were rewarded at the start with downhill paths, then pun-

ished with a steep uphill stretch. The third and final race was at the Coarsegold rodeo grounds. The team practiced under the coaching of Mr. Bethune all around the school.

Cross country was a big ordeal, which is sure to be even bigger next year.

—Article by Conor Kelly



Drawing by Abby Boatman

FEATURED WRITER: MATTHEW WEEKS-4TH GRADE



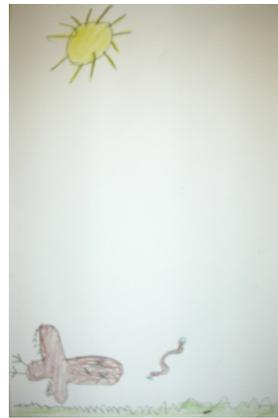
How the Rattlesnake Got its Venom

Once upon a time, in a forest that smelled like pine trees, there were animals. The animals that lived in the forest were a rattlesnake, a copperhead, and a falcon. Falcon was the predator of the forest. He was very mean. Rattlesnake was not venomous, but sometimes he was or-



ner. Copperhead was Rattlesnake's friend, but Copperhead had venom.

One day, Falcon was hunting at the same time when Rattlesnake was hunting. They ran into each other. The Falcon was angry at Rattlesnake and said, "Get out of my way, or you are dinner." Rattlesnake said, "Tomorrow we will fight!" Rattlesnake went



home and asked Copperhead for some venom. Copperhead said, "Yes."

When Rattlesnake fought with Falcon the following day, Rattlesnake bit Falcon. Rattlesnake won the fight and kept Copperhead's venom. That's how rattlesnakes became venomous. Created, written, and illustrated by Matthew Weeks

MOVIE REVIEW: *STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS*



The new Star Wars is out! It is called *The Force Awakens*, and it came out on December 18. Some of the main characters are Rey, Finn, Kylo Ren, Leia, BB-8, and Han Solo.

The movie was good. You

have to see it. If you have seen it, I hoped you liked it.

It is based on taking over the

galaxy. The movie had some funny parts to it, like when Finn did a "thumbs up" to BB-8, and BB-8 did a funny "thumbs up" back at him.

—Movie Review by Zack Martin