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DR. SEUSS BIOGRAPHY

Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904, to Theodor Robert Geisel and Henrietta Seuss Geisel. He was born in Springfield, MA. Ted, as he was known, was editor in chief of Dartmouth College's humor magazine when he attended there. His first published book, which he also illustrated, was *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*. The book was rejected 27 times before it was accepted in 1937 and finally published under his pen name, Dr. Seuss, the name you all hopefully know



Drawing by Catlyn Wetzel

and love. Most of us have a Dr. Seuss book or have read at least one. Though he died in 1991, when he was 87, all of his books are still known

and loved today. He wrote over 60 books in his life and illustrated almost all of them. Dr. Seuss is one of my favorite authors, and if you haven't already, you should read all of his books. I give all of them 5 stars. The books rhyme, and I love the stories in them. They are fun little books to read when I'm bored. Some of my favorite Dr. Seuss books are *I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today*, *You're Only Old Once*, *The Sneetches and Other Stories*, and *The Butter Battle Book*.

—Article by Catlyn Wetzel

PLANETARIUM FIELD TRIP



The third and fourth graders went to the Fresno State Planetarium. The first thing we did was walk around the campus and look at all the

buildings. Then we went to the Fresno State Museum, which was amazing. We saw a real asteroid in the museum. We walked to the Fresno State Planetarium and looked at all of the constellations. We watched a show, and it was called *The Lost Astronaut*. There was an astronaut who got lost in space and could not get back

to Earth. He only had a certain amount of food, and he was going to die. It was kind of sad. After the mini movie, the guy showed us where the planets were. It was awesome! Then we went to the museum gift shop. We ate lunch and then we went back to school.

—Article by Violet Kelly

GAME REVIEW: DRAGONVALE

This app is called DragonVale. It is a game where you can breed, feed, sell, and buy dragons. You put the dragons into habitats and then visitors come to visit your park. You can give free gifts to friends, and they can re-

turn them. This game has been around for six years and has quite a few players. My rating for it would be 5 stars. I love the Clover dragon, the Moon dragon, and the Dark dragon. You can get one wish when you

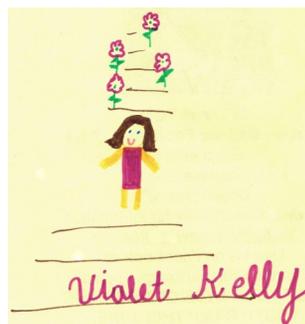


have a wishing well. Some dragons take a special time to be bred. I say that it is one of the best games I've played.

—Article by Delilah Whitener

VIOLET KELLY: JOURNALISM TEAM

Violet Kelly is a very up-beat and fun eight-year-old girl. She lives at home with her parents, brother, and many pets. In her spare time, she likes to play with her pet parakeets and read. Her favorite book is *The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity*. She loves horses and hopes one day to have one. Her favorite foods are pasta salad, tuna, cabbage salad, and some types of Oreos. Her favorite candies are Dots and Sour Patch Kids. Violet



likes vacationing in Carmel where she spends time with her family eating strawberries on the beach and going

to the tidepools. Her favorite relative is her cousin Maddie because she is her only girl cousin.

Violet's favorite color is teal and her favorite sports are soccer and basketball. The subject she likes most in school is science. Her goal in life is to go to college and study ocean biology so she can become a marine biologist. Violet's friends say the best thing about her is she is nice, amazing, and smart.

—Article by Zoë Stacy

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!



CINDERELLA FIELD TRIP

On March 31st, the entire school went to a play at Minarets. It was a musical preview of their take on *Cinderella*. They had awesome costumes, actual lyrics that the students wrote, and cool props. They put on several dance numbers along with the songs, and were very energetic about it. One of the songs was titled, "In My Little Corner," and it was sung by a very pretty Cinderella in her attic set. The sets were beautifully painted and designed, and they looked very real. Another song was "Impossible," and it was sung

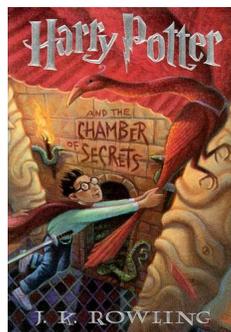
by the Fairy Godmother and Cinderella, right before the pumpkin turned into a carriage. There was one point in the play when they had to stop because the high schoolers were switching classes, and they have a very long, musical bell. But other than that, it was good. After the play was over, we played some drama games, such as Samurai and Energy Ball. Samurai is a loud game where one person has a sword, and they throw it to another person with a loud battle cry. The person catches it, but is then

stabbed in the sides by the people on either side of them. The person throws it into another person, and it starts all over again. Energy Ball is a creative game, in which someone makes something, and throws it to another person, who makes it into something else and throws it to another person, around the circle. These games are very fun, and I would give them 5 out of 5 stars. All in all, the experience was fun, and I would definitely do it again.

—Article by Hannah Wetzel

BOOK REVIEW: *HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS*

Harry Potter is a wonderful series, the books and movies. In this book, Harry gets locked in his room but gets a surprise visitor, Dobby. Dobby warns Harry that there is an object at Hogwarts that could hurt or even kill him and that he has to stay home, but, of course, Harry ignores Dobby. Ron, Fred, and George steal their dad's



flying car and bring Harry to Hogwarts. When water starts

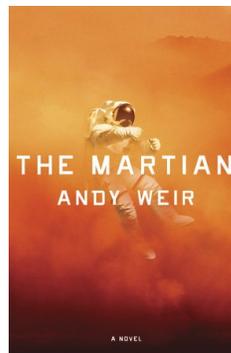
leaking in the halls at Hogwarts, Harry tries to find an explanation. Then students are found "frozen" by some mysterious cause. When Ginny goes missing, Harry must put together clues to find a way to rescue her and the others.

—Book review by Grace Noonkester

BOOK REVIEW: *THE MARTIAN*

The Martian by Andy Weir is not for younger readers because of foul language. *The Martian* is about an astronaut named Mark Watney. He is on a mission to Mars, and everything was going great on Mars until a storm hit and Mark got hit by a satellite. Presuming him dead, the crew leaves Mars and him behind. So basically it's about Mark trying to survive alone on Mars. He survives

by making water, oxygen, and, of course, food. Meanwhile everyone on Earth believes him dead. If I go on, I will spoil it. It is filled with hilarious quotes, action-packed sequences, and, of course, chemistry. I give it five stars. It is so good they made blockbuster movie out of it. But the book is always better. I definitely recommend the book, but it is not for younger readers.



—Book review by Conor Kelly

SPELLING BEES



On March 11th, Spring Valley had our K-5 Spelling Bee. The winners were:
 Kindergarten—Olivia Fontanilla won first. Hudson Toole won second.
 First grade—Kinsley Fullmer

won first. Kate Chilcote won second.
 Second grade—Kennedy Toole won first. Ella Cohan, Kaydynn Ellis, and Addysen Nielsen all tied for second.
 Third grade—Cade Fullmer won first. Brooklyn Vessels won second.
 Fourth grade—Delilah Whitener won first. Sofia Dugan won second.
 Fifth grade—Sarah Wold won first. Janine Alven, Ian Lowndes, and Brandi Hale tied for second.
 A few days later, on March

16th, we had our middle school Spelling Bee. The winners were:
 Sixth grade—Joshua Johnson won first. Jaden Henderson won second.
 Seventh grade—Matthew Sheller won first. Kailey Shattuck and Grace Hansen tied for second.
 Eighth grade—Hannah Wetzel won first. Rhett Samper won second.
 That was our Spelling Bee!
 —Complied by Hannah Wetzel

MOVIE REVIEW: *INSIDE OUT*

Inside Out is a Disney-Pixar movie. The characters are Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust. They control a girl named Rylee. They have five memory cores. If they touch one, it turns the emotion's color. Sadness touches a core and ends up getting sucked up the long-term memory tube. Joy goes to rescue her, and they both must find their way back to



headquarters. Along the way, they meet Bing Bong. A little funny thing was that they saw a DANGER sign and Bing Bong said, "D-A-N-G-E-R,

shortcut!" I loved the movie. It was good. Who was your favorite character? I liked Anger and Bing Bong. Bing Bong has a song that goes like this, "Who's your friend who likes to play? Bing Bong, Bing Bong. His rocket makes you yell, 'Hooray!' Bing Bong, Bing Bong."
 —Movie Review by Zack Martin