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HISTORY NIGHT

Spring Valley was a little school

Started back in 1889

It was a one-room schoolhouse

A long, long time ago

It only had two toilets

They were outside on an acre of land

The classroom used a wood burning stove

A long, long time ago

The students traveled very far
By foot or by horse to come to school

Class started when a brass

bell rang

A long, long time ago

The first teacher was Reese Copsie

Community members also helped teach

The community helped to build this school

A long, long time ago

—An original song by Mrs. Pincus' class

A few weeks ago, Spring Valley had an event that was called History Night. History Night was a night where all the classes chose something

to do, for example, Mrs. Willis's class sang "Yankee Doodle" with Miss Allen's class and danced. Mrs. Pincus' class wrote and sang their original song to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." There was food and desserts for about \$1 each. History Night was an outdoor activity, so it was chilly. I bet parents enjoyed seeing their kids put effort into a fun and educational event. Some playground equipment was even decorated to look medieval and historical.

—Article by Grace Noonkester

VETERANS DAY

We honor Veterans Day to remember the veterans who have served in any of the forces anytime during peace or war.

On Veterans Day this year, our school invited veterans to Mrs. Boatman's class to have

lunch with students, friends, and families. The lunch included cookies, cake, cupcakes, brownies, and coffee cakes. My class, Mrs. Naumcheff's class, sang "This Land is Your Land," "America the Beautiful," "For We've Been



Traveling Far," and "God Bless the USA."

—Article by Joshua Wolford

BOOK REVIEW: ROGUE WAVE

Rogue Wave is a book with adventure, fantasy, and...MERMAIDS! This exciting book is the second of a great series written by Jennifer Donnelly. *Rogue Wave* is about six mermaids (Serafina in particular) who find out their ancestors are really the six magic mages who held the powerful talismans in order to hold back the horrid

monster Abbadon. But the talismans are now lost, and it's up to Serafina and her friends to find them.

I believe that the author did a great job. She made a beautiful contrast between life in water and on land. Ms. Donnelly even described the different



foods she imagined them to eat, as well as making their own countries and languages. There is even a glossary for the made-up words/names and the few Italian words she used in the back of the book. This was a wonderful book!

—Article by Sierra Walsh

JOSHUA WOLFORD: JOURNALISM TEAM

Joshua Wolford is one of our amazing kids here on Spring Valley's Journalism team. He is the Journalist of the Month this month. Josh loves playing soccer at school and playing with his animals at home, especially his new baby goat. He loves sushi, cherries, cherry Coke, and the color turquoise. He enjoys snow and loves all of winter, includ-

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ing Christmas. His favorite song is "Best Day of My Life" by American Authors and his favorite band is 21 Pilots. Josh is a hardworking student in Mrs. Naumcheff's 4th and 5th grade class as one of her 5th graders. Joshua was born on November 6, 2006, and is ten, as of 2016.

—Article by Catlyn Wetzel

BOOK REVIEW: *THE SWORD OF SUMMER*



The first Magnus Chase, *Sword of Summer*, is a fiction book written by Rick Riordan, who also wrote the Percy

Jackson series and The Kane Chronicles. This was recommended to me by Mrs. Wetzel, who has read both *Sword of Summer* and *Hammer of Thor*, the second in the series. *Sword of Summer* is about a homeless boy and his two friends, Hearth and Blitz, who end up supposedly getting Magnus killed by mythological Norse fire giants. They then helped bring him to Valhalla, a hotel for those who die whilst saving another or killing monsters. Here they find out that Magnus is the son of Frey, the god of summer. They meet a Valkyrie named Samariah, a

worker for Valhalla who brings the dead to the hotel, who also brought Magnus to Valhalla. Magnus meets Halfborn, Gunilla, T.J., and X, who are Magnus' hallmates in the hotel. They all find themselves stuck in a quest to find the Sword of Summer, Frey's lost sword. This book was very hard to put down as Rick is very good with cliffhangers, so each chapter led to the next and the last chapter leads to the next book. I loved this book very much and think Rick is an amazing author, and as I loved his books, you should, too.

—Article by Catlyn Wetzel

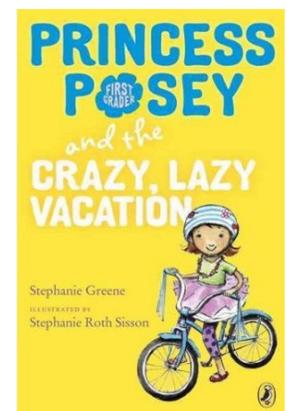
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BOOK REVIEW: *PRINCESS POSEY AND THE CRAZY, LAZY, VACATION*

Princess Posey is my favorite book series right now. This series is super funny and full of great adventure. I just finished book 10, *Princess Posey and the Crazy, Lazy Vacation*. It did not let me down. Posey thinks her spring vacation is going to be boring and "lazy," but that doesn't happen. It is filled with sleepovers, a lost tooth, a crazy mama, and lots of friends. Stephanie Greene kept me reading this book because it is filled with fun

and it is about a first grader, who I really liked because I related to her. The book is fiction and takes place at Posey's school, her house, and her grandpa's house. The author makes me feel like I'm in the story, riding bikes with Posey or dressing like zombies with my mom. It will fill your head with ideas for your own vacation. "It's impossible for a first grader to have a boring vacation", says Posey. Pick this book up if you're a young girl making



vacation memories.

5 out of 5 stars!

—Article by Kinsley Fullmer

MOVIE REVIEW: THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS



Have you watched the new movie called Secret Life of Pets? If you haven't, you should! It is a great movie! It is about a dog, Max, and his owner, Katie, who live in an apartment. The two have a

great relationship. Katie goes to work every day. Then one day she comes back with a new dog. His name was Duke. Max was not happy about it. When Katie was off to bed, the two were alone, and they started getting into mischief. They did not like each other. The next day, the apartment's dog walker was taking the other dogs in the complex for a walk and brought Max and Duke along.

They went to the dog park and were getting into trouble and sneaked out. They found themselves in the alleys of New York City and were lost and scared! Will they find their way home? Watch the movie and find out! You can get it on DVD or BluRay. You might still even be able to catch it in the theaters, and you can read the book. I highly recommend this movie. It is rated PG. Make sure to watch it!

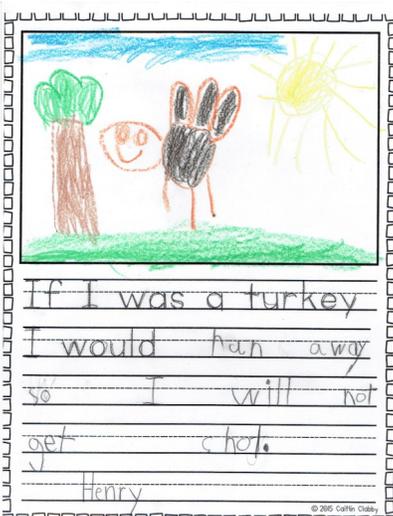
—Article by Acacia Edeluchel

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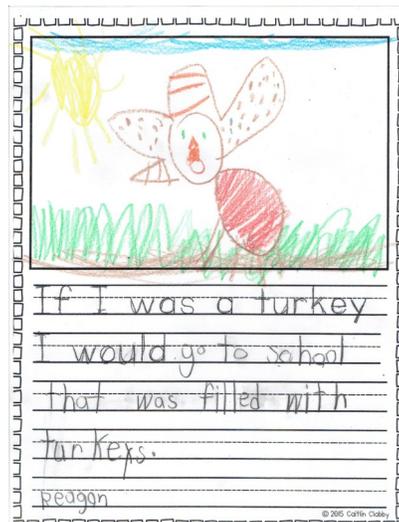
Black, black is the night
Just where the stars
Go night-night.
Black is the color
of moldy things.
Black is a feeling

that makes you feel dim.
Black is when the sun
goes to rest
for the next shining day.
—An original poem by Zoë
Stacy

FEATURED WRITERS FROM MISS ALLEN'S CLASS



If I was a turkey I would run away
so I will not get shot.
—Henry Poulson



If I was a turkey I would go to
school that was filled with turkeys.
—Reagan Ellis