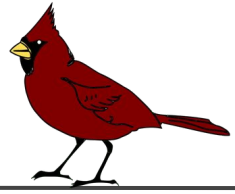


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The Portal



Will the kids make it out of the strange portal? Find out in my article, The Portal.

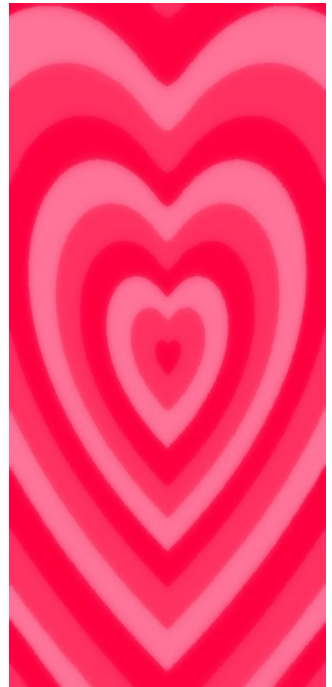


More Recess!!

There are so many benefits to additional recess. Read all about it on page 7!

Valentine's Day

Did you know you could eat breakfast in bed on Valentines Day? Go to page pg # 8 to read more!



BASEBALL

By: Hyrum Russo

Baseball is a sport that many kids enjoy playing. The things you will learn about in this article are how to play baseball, what the MLB is, and all about Gavyn Couldry's baseball experience.

There are many important rules to know when playing baseball. There are nine innings in a professional baseball league game but in the little league there are usually only 4 innings in a game. There will be one team batting and one team in the outfield. After three outs the teams will swap positions. According to basic baseball rules, "The game starts when the pitcher throws the ball at the batter to hit the ball."



Next, the MLB, means Major League Baseball. The MLB is a league of professional teams, and these teams are located throughout the US. During the season, there are 30 teams that will play each other until the final two teams play against each other in the World Series championship games. The MLB is led and directed by Robert D, Manfred Jr. According to MLB.com, "The MLB is the most historical professional sport."

Although Gavyn Couldry does not play in the MLB, he has played baseball since 3rd grade. Gavyn's experience in baseball has been really interesting. Some of Gavyn's favorite positions are pitcher, short stop, first base, outfield, and catcher. Gavyn likes to hit the baseballs as far as he can so he can get people home and score runs. Gavyn explained, "I don't really like the outfield because it's not as much fun as running the bases and hitting the ball."

In this story you learned about baseball. The cool things you learned are how you play baseball, what the MLB is, and all about Gavyn's baseball experience.

Dogs @ Home

By: Brantley Gabriel

Home dogs can become stress dogs and help with stress because some dogs will bite if they don't know the person. If the owner is going through a hard time the dog can help calm them down. Some dogs have something that helps them calm down like cuddling.

Home dogs can help with sports. They might watch you play the game or practice. They like running and walking a lot. They might watch you in a sport . They also like to watch you. They might want to play with you.

They are loyal and they will stay by your side when you are walking. They will not run away from home and if they do they will come back. The dog will like their owner better than other people.

This is why you should get a home dog.



KAT GETS SAVED

By: Gracie Cleaveland

Once a little, black, skinny, kitten named Kat decided to look for food since she was starving. Kat leapt off the garbage can that she was on. As her little paws hit the wet floor it made a splash in the dirty water. She pointed her muzzle towards the sky, sniffing for some food with her nose. Almost as soon as Kat sniffed, she got a waft of some rotten food. The second she smelled the old food she dashed to it, her mouth was drooling a puddle as she ran to her destination.

After a while, she finally made it to a trash bag in a restaurant's dumpster. Kat slowly sniffed it, and smelled the same rotten food smell that she did earlier. She clawed at the bag until it was cut open enough for her to stick her head in and grab the food.



The food had some maggots and flies on it. They flew off when Kat started to canter off with the food away from the trash bag.

The little kitten jumped onto a trash can not too far away from the restaurant. Kat slowly ate the old food, but then a dog came up to her barking at her. She just rolled her eyes and continued to eat thinking she was safe up on top of the trash can but she was wrong, very wrong. The dog knocked over the trash can, making Kat's paw hurt very badly. Kat layed there yowling for help yet no one came as the dog sprinted off with her food.

Finally, after a while a beautiful girl with a white dress on came out of the restaurant and gently picked Kat up. When she picked Kat up her dress got all dirty, yet the girl didn't mind as she carried Kat away from the restaurant. At first Kat didn't like being carried around and yet slowly she stopped trying to escape from the humans grasp. The girl was careful not to hurt Kat. Eventually she started to carry Kat like a baby making Kat purr.

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The Portal

By: Elle McAfee

One Saturday night, three friends Mia, Jax, and Jess were playing a game of tag in the middle of the woods. When one of them, Jax, stumbled upon something weird. “Umm, guys come check this out,” said Jax.

“What did you find?” said Mia, and Jess. As Jax pointed out, the girls' mouths dropped, and they all asked each other if they knew what it was, no one had a clue.

But Mia blurted out, “I don't know, but I want to check it out, come on let's go!” she said as she pushed them in.

Then, they all screamed, “Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!”



After they got up they realized that they were in a really strange place, a house. All three said at once, “Whoa,..... where are we!?” Then they looked around the room and all said to themselves, “this place is a disaster.” As they started to look around, they all gathered around a big, patterned duffle bag. Jess reached her hand in the bag and pulled out a whole entire lamp, and then a hat stand, a mirror, then finally an umbrella.

When they heard someone approaching they hid behind a toy bin. Someone said, “Jane, and Micheal, come downstairs.”

Then Jess said, “I think we are in the movie- We are in the movie Mary Poppins!” Jax interrupted loudly. Both Jess, and Mia, put their hands over Jax’s mouth, and Jax's eyes widened.

“What was that?!” said Jane and Micheal startled. Then the three of them rose slowly and waved.

“Wh-who are you,” said Micheal. Then Jess, Jax and Mia explained that they were in the woods and they went through a weird entrance, and now they were in their room.

Portal continued...

After Jane and Micheal settled down, someone quietly came into the room, “Jane, Micheal I told you to come downstairs- Who are you people and what do you want from us!?” They said as they pulled Jane, and Micheal close. This time Jane and Micheal explained who they were, still frightened they called Jane and Micheals mother upstairs.

Their mother, not concerned, said “Oh good you found 3 more babysitters, Mary should be in here shortly. So watch for her.”

While she was away a lady with dark hair came in, “Oh my look at this mess,” she said as she started to sing,” A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, medicine go down, medicine go down.” After that they all chimed in and started to sing and clean. In only an hour they cleaned the whole room, after they finished they were laughing, and giggling.

“That was awesome!” said all the kids. When Jane and Micheals mother arrived back home, she was happy that they cleaned their room. So happy in fact

that she told each of them to hold out their hands, so they did. In Mia and Jess’s hands she placed a necklace, and in Jax’s a bracelet.

Just then The portal appeared again, “Look!” Jess said,”It’s the Portal, come on let’s go.” After they all said their goodbyes Jax, Jess, and Mia walked through the portal, and they were back in the woods.

“That was so awesome!” said Jax. Mia, and Jess agreed. As they were on the way home they were talking and laughing about what happened. They all hoped that they could see them again. Then, they remembered that Jane and Micheals mom had given them something. So, they showed each other what the piece of jewelry looked like.

When they got to Jess’s house they stopped and went inside, and Jess’s mom asked,”What trouble did you guys get into this time?” They just looked at each other and laughed.



More Recess

By: Emma Wilson

Do you want calm students in class? If you do, keep reading! Recess wears off a kid's energy, it also increases their physical activity, and it improves concentration. That's good because teachers don't like hyper kids most of the time. So kids should have more recess.



Kids should have more recess because it increases the level of physical activity. Every kid needs physical activity in them. Since kids might not have time to go outside a lot at home, they should have more recess. Kids might not have a lot of energy but it makes kids have mid energy. According to Recess Guardians, "Physical activity during recess feeds the brain."

Extra recess helps kids focus. If you want your students concentrating better, just give them an extra recess. More recess helps with disruption. Since teachers don't like kids disrupting, extra recess helps disruptive kids. According to CDC Healthy Schools, "Improving their attention, memory, and concentration."

Also recess helps wear off energy. Kids have too much energy in class, so they need more recess. Another reason is because it helps them not be so hyper. Once kids are outside they will most likely start running. Extra recess releases pent up energy. According to The Arizona Republic, "If teachers want a calm class, take them outside."

Kids should have extra recess because it helps with their physical activity, concentration, and lessens energy. That's why kids should have extra recess. Go to your principal today and ask them about extra recess!

Pay to Play? No Way!

By: River Pettijohn

Why should kids have to buy their own sports equipment? Some people spend \$1,000 on equipment, travel costs, and lodging. These are the financial costs that students and families shouldn't have to pay in order to play sports..

People pay a lot of money for sports equipment. They have to pay for fee"s, helmet, cleats, pads, mouthguards, and gloves. Uniforms sometimes can start at \$50 and go all the way up to \$100. Then, there is often the cost of replacing broken equipment. According to Yahoo Finance, the cost of sports equipment has gone up 19% in the last year. Spending this much on sports equipment is insanely expensive.

Often athletes have to travel in order to play their sport. Travel and flying expenses cost a lot of money. According to Sports Destination, "They spend \$200 to \$1,000 per trip and hotels. "

That's why kids should not have to buy their sports equipment. Save your parents money and look for used sport equipment.



Valentine's Day

By: Brock Perry

Do you like Valentine's Day? Let's explore its history, what North Andrew does, and what you should do on Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day has an interesting history. Valentine's Day was created in 270 AD. Valentine's Day was also made by Pope Gelasius. Valentine's Day originated as a feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine.

These are some of the cool and interesting things about what North Andrew does on Valentine's Day. On Valentine's Day we give out pixie sticks to friends and family. We also make boxes and put candy in people's boxes. According to Mrs Graham," We sell them for \$1 because it is easy to dig up."

Here is an awesome list on what to do on Valentine's Day. First, you should eat breakfast in bed. Second, you should go on a hike to see all the beauties. Finally, you should give flowers to friends and family.

You should celebrate Valentine's Day. This is because it has a good history, North Andrew does cool things on Valentine's Day, and you can do some cool things on Valentine's Day.



Scholar Bowl

By: Ainsley Kneib

The North Andrew Scholar Bowl team is a great alternative activity for students who enjoy trivia and competition. The team, led by Mrs. Wheeler, is made up of three groups: elementary, middle school, and high school. This article is about how Scholar Bowl works, the middle school team's strengths, and the 8th graders who will be leaving the middle school team at the end of the season.

Scholar Bowl meets are exciting events that everyone on the team enjoys. A moderator, or the leader of the meet, will ask the teams questions about history and other topics. All the students have to hit a buzzer and then they get to answer the

question. The team with the most points at the end wins.

The middle school team has many strengths. The team has won ten meets and lost two. There are ten people on the team. Troy Madison and Jase Walker, two 8th graders, are really good at everything in Scholar Bowl. According to Mrs. Wheeler, "Jase Walker is really good at world geography."

The middle school team will look different next year since there are so many 8th graders who will be moving on. Troy Madison, Collin Sybert, Jackson Riedinger, Jase Walker, and Brigham Russo are leaving. Sybert is planning on joining the High School team next year. He stated, "I am 100% planning on doing Scholar Bowl next year in High School."

In conclusion, Scholar Bowl is an interesting activity. Anyone interested in learning more about scholar bowl can talk to Mrs. Wheeler or anyone on the team.



Kat continued...



A little bit later Kat had fallen asleep in the girl's arms. The girl brought her inside of her house. The girl put Kat on a pillow then got tuna and some bandages so she can feed Kat and tend Kats wound. The girl placed the bowl by Kats head as she gently bandaged up Kats' wound. Once done with tending Kat the girl put a collar on Kat with a gold gleaming bell attached to it. After that the girl walked away leaving Kat to rest.

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