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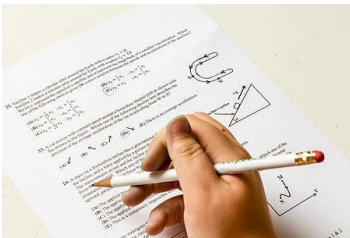
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How do you feel about homework? Did you know that research says homework can cause health issues? Learn all about this on pg 6



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The Gummy War

By: Josie Walker

Once there was a family who had just bought a bag of gummies. Both the Johnsons and the gummies were chaotic.

“WHO LEFT THE DISHES OUT!? JACKSON?” said Jackson’s mom.

“UH, NOT ME!” responded Jackson.

“WELL I’M ABOUT TO FIND OUT- AHA, SEE THIS IS YOUR FAVORITE PLATE!”

Jackson’s mom yelled.

“OOPS” Jackson said, embarrassed.

“DO THESE DISHES RIGHT NOW!” his mom screamed.

“Fine!” Jackson yelled angrily. Jackson walked into the kitchen to do the dishes when he saw some gummies. *He walked up to them to eat a couple.*

THUD-THUD!

“Yay! The human’s coming, maybe he’ll adopt me,” said a gummy bear.

“He would never adopt you, you’re disgusting.” snapped a gummy worm.

“WAAAH!” screamed the gummy bear.

“Be quiet both of you fools!” said an elderly gummy bear.

POW! He dropped dead.

“Oh my gosh!” screamed a gummy bear. A gummy worm snickered.

The elderly gummy’s son wiped his tears and yelled, “This means... **WAR!**” In the blink of an eye, bodies started dropping like flies.

THUD-THUD!

“The human’s coming, act normal!” A gummy worm shrieked.

“AAAAH” screamed a gummy bear as he got taken away in a handful.

Meanwhile with the Johnsons. “Ew these are disgusting! They taste like salt. I’m gonna save everyone by throwing this junk away!”

BLEGH! THUD

“What in tarnation was that? It’s so smelly!” exclaimed a gummy worm.

“I think we’re in a trash can,” said a gummy bear.

PANT-PANT

“Is that a...DOG?!”

GOBBLE-GOBBLE!

“*Bad girl!*” yelled a boy. And then there was an empty, saliva covered bag of gummies in the trash.



Surfs Up and the Mermaid Mystery

By: Paizley Lyle

Once there were four kids named Summer, Julie, Rachel, and Nick. They all lived in Florida and they loved it there, but there were sharks and stuff. Remember that now, it is very important. They had been friends forever and they wanted to go surfing. So they got up, put on their swimsuits, and went to the beach.

When they were walking to the beach they were having a conversation about sharks and they were kind of arguing.

"Sharks are mean and not cool," said Julie rolling her eyes.

"No sharks are the coolest, most awesome creatures alive," shouted Nick.

They got to the beach and were getting ready to swim when Summer, who was there before everyone, because she ran to the beach, turned around, her luscious brown hair flowing in the wind and smiled.

"You guys know that is just your opinion, right? Julie thinks one thing and Nick thinks another," Summer said with her smart mouth.

Now they all stop arguing and Rachel runs to the water.

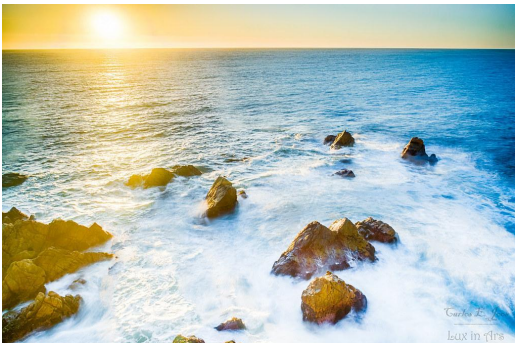
Rachel yelled, "Last one to the water is a rotten egg!"

So they all ran to the water and Rachel beat them all, Julie was the last one to the water, because she wasn't that fast. Now with all their surfboards, they jump in the water and swim out to catch a wave.

They are all having fun and catching waves until sharks came and start swimming around in the water around them. They try to get out of the water, but Julie is surrounded and can't. Everyone else did get out, but Julie was stuck out there with the sharks. Julie falls off her surf board and goes under.

"Help Help!" cried Julie

"Julie we are coming!" shouted Nick.



Before they could get there and save her something unexpected happened. Glitter and unicorn dust rained down, and Julie turned into a mermaid. She knew that she could do that, but her friends did not. She was so worried she was trying to get to the other side of the beach.

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Adopt a Ferret

By: Aurora Calloway

This article will be talking about ferrets and what people will expect if they get a ferret. Ferrets are really playful so they will jump around and be loud. They won't tear up things instead they sleep half of the day. This essay will be talking about how ferrets stink, they change colors during different seasons, and their belongings.



Ferrets will stink once people get them because of their scent glands. Scent glands are underneath the ferret's skin and it makes the ferret smell bad.

But some of the ferrets don't stink in America. People would have to get used to the smell but the more they get baths they will stink less.

Ferrets can change colors and texture in certain seasons, like summer and winter. In the summer ferrets will get lighter after they shed their coats and in the winter they will get darker. This can also be because when ferrets get too old, they get some silver color on their hind legs. These ferrets will shed their coat at least two times a year. According to the article Ferret's colors and patterns, "Ferret's colors and patterns can change very dramatically with each seasonal coat change, and with age."

These animals will steal belongings like soft stuff for many reasons. This is their nesting instincts so they will collect lots of stuff. Ferrets line their den so when they make a nest of stuff they will sleep there. The stuff ferrets use for their nests are stuffed animals, socks, and anything that is soft.

If you'd think about getting a ferret, these are all the important things you would need to know! If anyone wants to buy a ferret do it because they are a great animal. This essay was all about how ferrets stink, change colors during seasons, and about why ferrets steal your belongings.



Sabrina Carpenter

By: Dallis Ebrecht

Sabrina Carpenter is a young pop artist at the age of 25. She was a star in many Disney TV shows as a teenager. In this article there will be the movies and show, music career, and her grammy winnings.

She was in many TV shows and movies in her life. She starred in the show *Girl Meets World*. She played Maya Heart, one of the main characters. She also played a role in *Tall Girl* one and two on Netflix. She was the main character's sister. The first one came out in 2019 and the second one came out in 2022.

She has a successful music career. She had started making music at the age of twelve. She has many popular songs like "Please Please Please", "Expresso", and "Taste". I surveyed third, fourth, and fifth graders about if they knew the songs *Espresso*, *Please Please Please*, and *Taste*. 37 people said that they knew the song *Espresso* 33 said they knew the song *Please Please Please* and 16 people said they knew the song *Taste*.

Her Grammy Performance was remarkable. Sabrina won best pop album for *Short and Sweet*.

Sabrina Carpenter is an interesting singer with few flaws as an artist. In this article you read about the movies and TV shows, music career, and her grammy winnings. Her music impacts young people's lives.



Homework Should Not Exist!

By: Krista Lingle

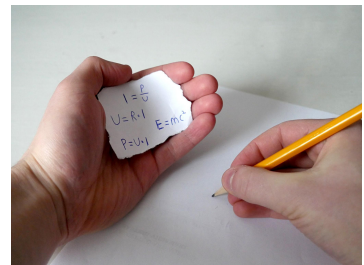
Should students have homework? Homework can cause stress and health problems. I feel that students should not have homework. Most 3rd-5th grade students at North Andrew agree with me as 59 % of the students surveyed disagreed with homework..

First, homework can stress students really badly. In other words, students with too much homework have stress and are risking their health. Stress problems can cause anxiety, depression, digestive problems, headaches, muscle tension and pain, sleep problems, weight gain, and problems with memory and focus. More problems with homework are bad heart disease, heart attack, high blood pressure and stroke.

Second, homework makes students have health problems. In fact, students will have low energy, aches, pains and will become unfocused. It destroys the sleep cycle and people will not get exercise. According to Joseph Lathen from San Diego University, "Higher-achieving students — those who may have more homework — are at particular risk for stress-related health issues including sleep deprivation, weight loss, stomach problems and headaches."

Lastly, homework has no development needs for students and makes students tempted to cheat. Additionally, students are more likely to forgo activities, stop seeing friends, pulse family, and not participate in hobbies. Homework can lead to or tempting students to cheat. According to the article, *Non-academic Benefits vs Risks of Homework*, "In addition to homework reducing opportunities for play, it also leads to increased conflicts and stress for families."

To sum it up, I believe students should not have homework. Homework can get you too much stress, homework makes you have health problems, and homework prevents you from getting more development needs and will make you cheat. Tell the teachers for no more homework.



Shorter School Schedules

By: Brantley Moad

Do you want a shorter or longer school schedule? There are some positive and negative things about shorting in and adding hours to the schedule. I believe we should have shorter school schedules.

To start off, there are some positive effects about shortening the schedule. If we made it shorter, kids would learn better in school. That would be because you would have better health and not get up so early in the morning. You would also get proper sleep and have better health like I mentioned. According to Los Alamos Reporter "Shorter school days enforce healthier sleep schedules across many adolescents and boosts their ability to focus and learn in classes. Additionally, it gives students the freedom and opportunity to balance work and after school activities while also maintaining a proper sleep schedule."

Another reason would be there are even better things about shortening the school schedule. If we made it shorter still, we could focus way better than with a regular schedule. We could evenly balance the work you get in school. Most importantly, you could deal with stress a lot better, like when you get a lot of homework.

Some people believe there are positive things about making the schedule longer, but these things may not be true. If we made it longer, we may get more knowledge in school, however this could cause people to not like school. It could also improve achievements in school, but North Andrew is already one of the top schools in the state. The teachers would get more time to instruct and teach, but with too much teaching it could cause kids to not go to school anymore, because they would have an overwhelming amount of homework they would probably not get done.



This essay contained positive effects about shortening and making it longer.

I think we should have shorter schedules, So you should convince your teachers to **MAKE THE SCHEDULE SHORTER!!**

HS Boys Basketball

By: Abby Nester

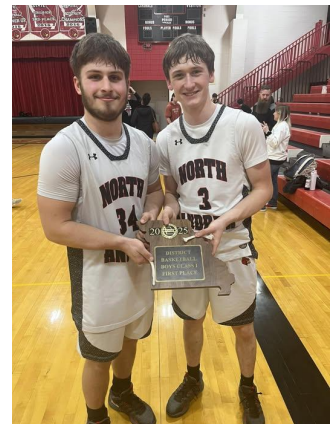
The high school boys basketball has a great reputation for being a good quality team. They are known for their hard work and effort that they put into their games. The team has won a lot of games and lost a little bit of their games. This essay will talk about the boy's improvement, them making friends, the coaches, and their games.

The boys have improved a lot over the past year. According to Mr. Bryson, "I think we've really grown as a team this year. Our team chemistry has really helped improve our offence and our guy's toughness has been a big reason for our defensive improvement. I personally think that they have improved a lot. They have been doing great this season and they also have great teamwork."

Everyone on the team has been making friends year after year. They have done better because of the power of friendship. Here is a word from Mason Nester, "Being able to play with the freshman has given me new friends that I really enjoy being around. I play with Hunter, Braxton, other upperclassmen, and younger friends like Levi and Adler." They have worked very, very hard on pulling these basketball games off and winning them. They are an amazing group of guys.

Some of the coaches are Wade Bryson and Tanner McDaniel. They are very proud of the guys and for all of their hard work. According to Mr. Bryson, "They are a ton of fun to be around. They bring their best effort every day. They take in great representing North Andrew and they truly embrace what it means to be a part of this program." The team has done an impressive job fighting their way to the championships. Their game is on February 28, 2025. North Andrew vs South holt. No one on the team has set any records quite yet, but Mason Nester hopes to set a three point record.

The way they schedule games is at first they play automatic games before they do any other games. They don't know what games they are going to play until the week that they play. Once they play all of those games they can schedule fun matchups or to showcase games of their own. Here is a word from Mr. Bryson, "First off we play everyone in our conference. We play in four tournaments. We don't know our own games until that week happens. Then we have a few that we can schedule, showcase events, or fun matchups. The HS boys are district champions but will not be moving on to state.



Surf's Up Continued...

She did not get there in time so they saw she was a mermaid but they all thought it was topnotch, and they did not know why she did not tell them.

They got to the shore by a rescue boat and started getting all their stuff together. They left the beach and they were there for a really long time. It is now a dark and a beautiful night with a starry night sky.

They got to Summer's house and her dad was their coach. They are a surfing team and they work really well together and have won a lot.

They watch all their mess ups. Their coach had filmed some of them when they were like five and now they are 15.

They were eating pizza and having a really great time that night.

So until next time, always remember don't hide things from friends and always remember to not get scared and keep doing what you love.



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