



The Wizard Gazette

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Second Grade Music

By Peyton, Grade 2

My article topic is about 2nd grade music class. In music class we have learned some new songs for a concert and new games this year with Mrs. Beck. I interviewed Mrs. Beck and she said it is so fun to teach us. She said she liked the voice of kids and she loves to play music with kids.

Olivia, a second grader, said that she feels good at music class and she said Mrs. Beck is an amazing teacher and she is funny.



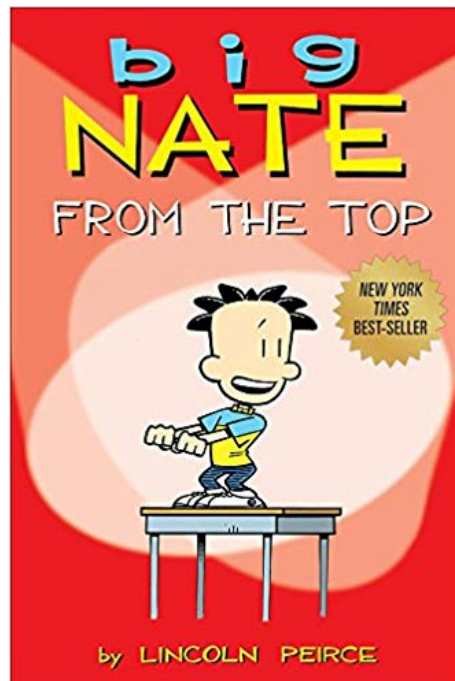
Big Nate is a Comic Book

By Luca, Grade 3

Big Nate is a comic book for kids and adults. *Big Nate* has all different small comics inside one book. Most of them tie together but some don't. *Big Nate* has lots of books, some of them even have mini posters in them.

I asked Mrs. Kanofsky how often they are checked out. Her answer was... more than one each week. I also asked which one is most checked out. She said, "The first and second one because the people are just starting the book." I was surprised that the first and second were checked out the most. Then I asked a third grader why he likes *Big Nate*. He said, "I like *Big Nate* because it's funny and silly." I thought that was a pretty good answer. *Big Nate* has lot of characters like Nate, Teddy, Francis, Ms. Godfree, Arthur, Jenny, Gina, Nate's dad, Ellen and Spittsy.

Now go on and read *Big Nate* and get to know more.



Switching Grades About Ms. Millon

By Sophie, Grade 3

Ms. Costin switched from the fourth grade to the third grade this year because there were a lot of new kids coming into third grade so they needed a new class, and she thought it would be fun teaching a new grade at Willard. She said she misses working with the fourth grade teachers and misses her students but everyone in the Costin Crew is her favorite. Ms. Costin also misses teaching her fourth grade topics.

Mr Strains on the other hand switched from fourth to third as well. He says he would like to teach 3 and a half grade!! But he switched because he wanted a new challenge in teaching.



By Sassha, Grade 2

Ms. Millon moved from downstairs to upstairs this year. I interviewed Ms. Millon. She said the kids like to learn. She also said, "My favorite subject to teach is math. I like playing the games with the students. Yes, I love my room. I like being upstairs, and I get to see my 3th and 4th grade friends. Yes I had a lot of boxes but I had a lot of help. Willard teachers and my big sister helped for the first day of school."



Above: Ms. Millon and her students in their new 2nd grade room upstairs.

Left: Ms. Costin holds up a cardboard cutout of herself.

Football

By Roland, Grade 3

I wrote this article for kids who want to play football but are too embarrassed to ask how to play football. I interviewed JP and Gus, 3rd graders.

The first question I asked Gus was, "Should we add quarterback sneaks/ runs?"

He said, "It gives advantage to those with less speed, therefore I think it is unfair."

The second question was for JP. I asked, "Should we add timeouts, false starts, penalties & offsides?" He said, "Definitely NO real plays. But offsides, false starts, timeouts (obviously timeouts)."

Some things you can't do are...

- Fight with teammates
- Complain over not getting passed to
- Not being quarterback or wide receiver
- Tackle opponents or friend or anybody!!

Some things you can do are...

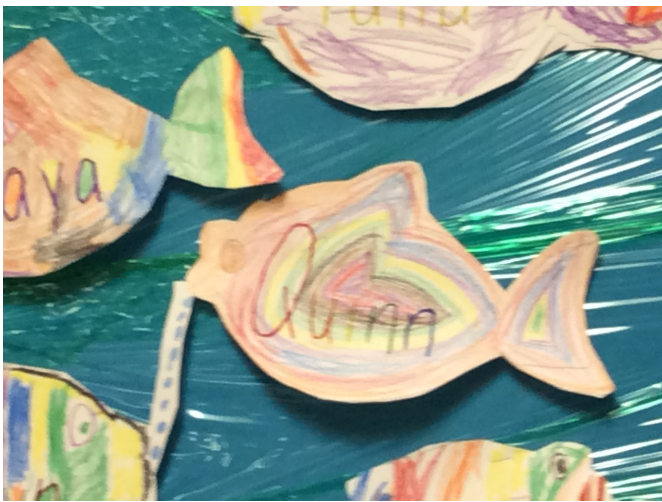
- Ask for a pass
- Be proud to score a touchdown
- Celebrate your wins
- Proudly invite a new person to football
- HAVE FUN



All About Kindergarten

By Chloe, Grade 2

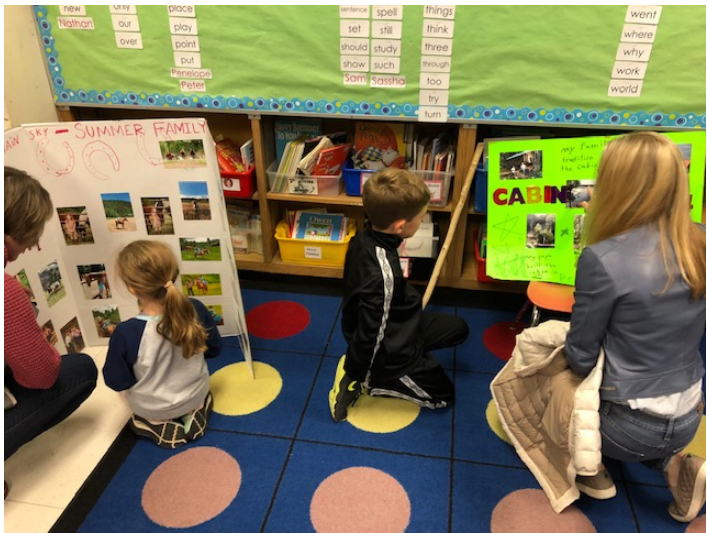
I've always wanted to learn more about kindergarten. I asked the teachers some questions and this is what they said. Mrs. Garvey said, "Right now in kindergarten we are learning about the farm, farm animals, and pumpkins." Mrs. Gapastione said, "Also in math, the students are learning to measure and find what is more than a 10 cube tower and what things are less." Mrs. Garvey talked about what they are reading, what they are doing in writing, and what kind of art projects they are doing.



Family Traditions

By Peter, Grade 2

I am writing about the family tradition fair that second grade did. It is where you make a poster about a family tradition and you can do any one you want. You do it at home and then you bring it to school. First, you show it to the kindergarteners and then you show it to your parents. One of the students said that theirs was lakeside. Mrs. Bradford said, "The reason we do this project is because we have been learning about customs and traditions. at the fair each student shared a tradition special to their family. Lots of parents came. Second grade has done this project for many many years. It's always such a wonderful celebration of families. My favorite part is learning about it from them. I love seeing the pictures too."



A History of Halloween

By Ivelisse, Grade 4

Halloween was on Wednesday, October 31st. Kids trick or treat and travel to house to house. Sometimes people really try to be scary and decorate with pumpkins, witches, and even ghost. Kids start trick or treating, sometimes around 4:00 and 5:00. People walk to each house and say, "Trick or treat", and then they get candy. People in places like England and other countries used to leave food outside to scare away monsters and believed if they did that the monsters would stop making trouble. That's how Halloween started. People dressed up as something (monsters) then we go to house to house getting candy. That's why we call it trick or treating. The monsters do trouble and get a treat to go away.

Interesting Things About Art

By Lois, Grade 3

Do you ever want to know interesting things about art? Well are you a fourth-grader? Well Mr. Ho, Willard School art teacher, says that fourth grade is doing clay pop projects. A lot of people like that project because it's fun. It involves clay, paint, and water. If you think that sounds fun, it's coming up in the spring.

Third grade is currently doing moon cakes. They're made of clay and a Chinese tradition. If you'd like to make one and you're in third grade then come on down.



Left: Clay pop projects

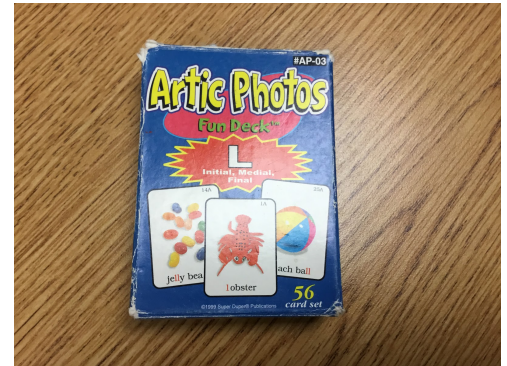
Right: Examples of moon cakes



New Speech Teachers

By Claire, Grade 4

There are new speech teachers at Willard School! Their names are Ms. Kusior and Ms. Linkman. Speech teachers help kids learn to perfect a letter that they're having a hard time on. Many people have to do speech. Even I do speech! I asked Ms. Kusior if she liked teaching kids and she said, "I like to teach because I get to do crafts with kids." She also said that she taught for two years before she started here. I asked Ms. Linkman if she liked teaching all kinds of kids and she said she does. Then I asked where did you teach before you started? She said she taught in Naperville for nine years.



A speech game

Fun fact: It takes six years to become a speech teacher!

The Show

By Kate, Grade 2

There was a respect assembly on October 9. There were funny guys and girls. They showed what was polite. Lindy said she had fun and they were funny. Lindy is in second grade.



Switching Grades

By Ruby, Grade 4

Miss Mitchell taught second grade for at least 3 years and now she teaches first grade. I asked her some questions and these were her answers.

She likes that she can use what second graders knew from the year before to teach her first grade students. I think that's nice because then she won't have to use too much of her time to think of things to teach her students.

When I asked her what was different she said it's different because the first graders are younger so they don't know as much, that's what she said is different than when she taught 2nd graders!

Her favorite thing about when she taught 2nd grade is that her 2nd graders knew how to tie their shoes, and if they didn't they wore slip on shoes.

Ms. Driscoll also used to teach 2nd grade! She taught 2nd grade about 8 years ago! She liked teaching 2nd grade because some 2nd graders had her in first grade and, as my kindergarten teacher said when kids came back to her it's like boomerangs. She also liked it because they wrote long nonfiction stories, and did lots of research. They also made instruments from scratch. Ms. Driscoll loved teaching the sound science unit in 2nd grade. Her favorite part was that she got to watch some of her 2nd graders 2 years in a row.