



The Wizard Gazette

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Art at the Cheney Mansion

By Malia, Grade 1 (Assisted by Claudia & Justin, Grade 4)

When we talked to Mr. Ho, he showed us a list of students whose artwork went to the Cheney Mansion Art Exposition. That is where Mr. Ho puts students' artwork up for display at the Cheney Mansion. The students who went last year were: Sarah (2nd grade), Monica (3rd grade), Clare (3rd grade), Payton (4th grade), Angel (4th grade), and Kiki Mattes (5th grade). Mr. Ho enjoys drawing abstract and everyday things like cups, people, animals. His abstract art is made mostly out of lines and color.

Clare made a sea turtle pinch pot. She started with the body (the pinch pot) then made a head and flippers.

Monica likes using pastels and drawing people.

Payton likes drawing things in nature. Her piece was a painting of a summer day.

Have you ever wondered what people think about the book fair and what happens? Well now you can know. I have asked some questions to first graders, third graders and fourth graders. A third grader, Hudson, said last year everybody wanted the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Jay, a first grader, said he liked how it was at Willard and let's face it, we don't want to drive for a while to get a book. Well, we got a lot here. Charlotte said the book fair is a magical place and.... yes it is with all the fantasies and even the biographies and science books it makes you feel like you're in the book and who wouldn't want to be in a wonderful place. Mrs Berens said, "I like how excited everyone is to look at great books and even get some cool stuff like cool sharpeners and amazing highlighters."

I bet now that you know all about the book fair. You will get how they put it together and you will know what people think about it and what the money is for.



STEM

By Madden, Grade 2

In second grade we are doing Scratch Jr. We are making games in Scratch Jr. Like you code a space ship and you do not want it to hit earth or the moon. It is really hard! So let me tell you about Scratch Jr!

I asked Nathan, "What is hard about Scratch Jr?" He said sending messages to other characters. I asked Andreas, "Why do you like Scratch Jr?" He said, "Because it is so fun to make games!"

I asked Max, "What do you think the makers of Scratch Jr could work on?"

He said, "You could just touch the code block and it will come down."



First Grade PE

By Ronan, Grade 1 (Assisted by Anya, Grade 4)

First grade PE is fun for some kids. It has fun games for some people and one of the games is medic dodgeball. Another game is secret agent and all games are fun. In the beginning of PE you run. After you play the game you line up and leave. To play hockey on scooters you get on the scooters and you pick up the hockey stick and the PE teacher throws the puck on the floor.

I interviewed Ms. Jasica and got lots of interesting information. The first question I asked was is your job hard and if so why? And she responded, "Yes because there's always lots of kids. And making sure everyone's safe." The second question I asked is does gym class get harder and harder each grade? She answered yes because they have to do more exercises. And they have to know more about their bodies. The third question is which grade is doing the best. She said, "Yes." The end.

Lunch Lab Decisions

By Ruby, Grade 4

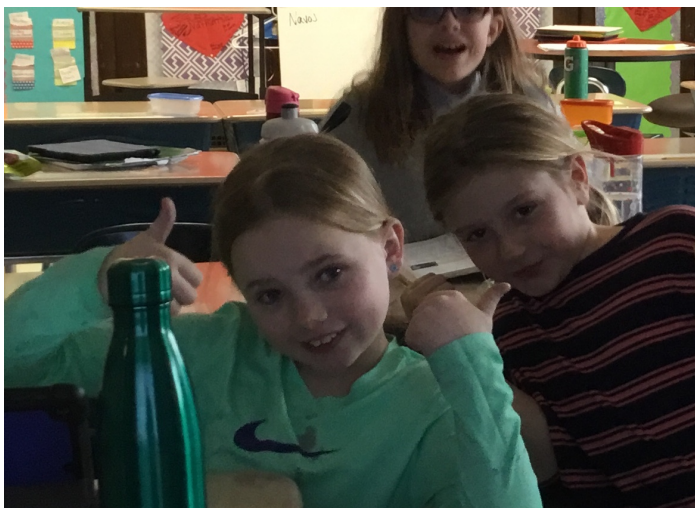
Ms. Joyce teaches 4th grade. She also stays in her classroom during lunch/recess for Lunch Lab. Lunch Lab is where kids can go if they have work that's not finished. Lunch Lab is only for if you don't finish your work.

All fourth grade teachers let their students choose one day a week to go to Lunch Lab. No other teachers let their students choose Lunch Lab if they want. The lower grades only go if they have unfinished work.

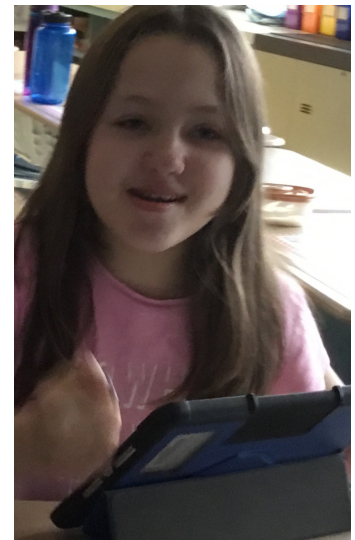
"Kids should NOT be afraid of Lunch Lab," said Ms. Joyce. Kids shouldn't be afraid of Lunch Lab because just like you'd go to the LLC to read, you just go to Lunch Lab for a different reason: to do work. Ms. Joyce will help you if you need it, too. It's probably an even better place to do your work, especially if you like quiet places when you are finishing a test, or if you like reading a book.

Bring a book to Ms. Joyce's room, another task or an iPad for Epic! if your teacher allows it, just in case you finish your work. If you come for choice, you can do work, play on your iPad with Epic!, ST Math, or a book to read.

Some 4th graders like to do Tynker at lunch lab, some like to do Epic! and some like to do ST Math. It depends on what they like, or their interests.



4th graders
are
enjoying
their lunch
lab!



Preschool at Willard

By Molly, Grade 3

Do you know there is a preschool at Willard?? If you don't, keep on reading. If you do, I bet you want to learn more. The main teacher's name is Mrs. Bynum. The two other teachers' names are Ms. L and Ms. Z.

I interviewed Mrs. Bynum. The first question I asked was, "What do you like about teaching preschoolers the most?" She said, "What I like the most about teaching preschoolers is how excited the preschoolers get when I show them new things." The second thing I asked her was, "What is your favorite activity you have done?" She said, "My favorite activity we've done was a spaceship. we went to an outer space!!" The third thing I asked her was, "Does teaching preschoolers sometimes get stressing?" She said, "Yes because everybody wants to do the same thing at the same time. We need to work on sharing." The fourth thing I asked her is, "How old were you when you wanted to start teaching preschoolers?" She replied, "I wanted to become a preschool teacher in high school."

I interviewed two preschoolers: Andy and my brother Conor. I asked them the same questions. I interviewed Andy first. The first question I asked was, "Do you like Mrs. Bynum? Why?" Andy said, "Yes because she is my teacher." Conor said, "Yes because she is nice." The second question I asked them was, "What was your favorite craft you did so far?" Andy said, "Making police cars." Conor said, "Making large trucks." The third thing I asked them was, "What is your favorite toy?" Andy said, "Cars." Conor said, "Trucks." The last thing I asked them is, "Do you have any extra information?" Andy said, "We only have a toy or something if you are learning about it." Conor said, "I also like toy hamsters and playing in the construction center."

I hope you learned a lot more about Mrs. Bynum's class.

How to Catch a Leprechaun

By Des, Grade 2

I asked questions to Ms. Joyce. I said, "Have you caught a leprechaun?" She said no. All the answers were no's. I asked a few other people. Quinn said he caught one that I heard that was complicated. On my article I wanted to include was when it started, but I didn't know about it. But when I asked Ms. Joyce, "How do you feel about leprechauns?", she said, "Kind of nervous."

I think if I catch one I would let him free. How? I would feel kind of excited. When? I'm thinking 5:00 or 12:00.



St. Patrick's Day

By Maddie O, Grade 3

St. Patrick's Day is a fun day. There is crazy mischief from the leprechauns turning everything green, leaving trails of foot steps and if you're lucky you may catch a leprechaun. I asked some people their favorite thing about St. Patrick's Day was and what their day was like. Here is what they said.

Mrs. Gapastione said her favorite thing about St. Patrick's Day is that she got married on this day. Her day at school is full of mischief because of Lucky and Lucy, the school leprechauns. Mrs. Conrad said her favorite thing about St. Patrick's Day is the soda bread. If its a weekend she usually hangs out with her friend, and her friend makes corned beef and cabbage. Clayton, a fourth grader, said his favorite thing about St. Patrick's Day is the parade, and his day is like this. First he goes to the parade, then he goes to a family member's house, and then he is at home with his family. Eleanor, a third grader, said that her favorite thing about Saint Patrick's Day is when they turn the river green, then her family goes to a restaurant which is called Dim-Sum that is Asian food.



Recess

By Claudia, Grade 1

Recess is after lunch. At recess you can jump rope and go down slides. You can also go on the swings. I think recess is really fun. Saya said she likes to go on the swings. I interviewed a second grader. I asked if they could change two things about recess, what would they be? They said to have more four square places and the next question was what is their favorite sport at recess? They said soccer. The next question was, what did they like to do at recess? They said that they like to play on the equipment. The next question is, why do they like recess? They said because you get to play and have fun.

Class Pets

By Celia, Grade 2

What would be a good class pet for your classroom? Mr. Strains said, "I don't have a pet right now but I had a turtle for 16 years. If I did get another class pet it would be a fish or a frog."

I have a dwarf frog and he loves to swim and we have a class vet who feeds the frog and they feed the frog every week.

Floor Hockey

By Peter, Grade 2

In second grade PE we are playing floor hockey on scooters and we are also using tiny hockey sticks. The goals are very small. It is very fun and some girls and boys I don't even know what they are doing. It is so funny and now we are playing volleyball. It is so fun and the rules are no touching the net. It's so fun and exciting.



Young Authors

By Hadley, Grade 1 (Assisted by Nour, Grade 4)

For my topic, Young Authors, I interviewed Ms. Gapastione, and a fourth grade winner. I got some interesting information and will share it with you.

First, for Young Authors you write a book. It can be any genre- fiction, holidays, nonfiction, or basically anything else! You can be entered for Young Authors when you are in first grade to eight grade. Roosevelt, Willard, and Lincoln participates. When I interviewed Ms. Gapastione she had lots of interesting responses. I first asked why did we started Young Authors. She answered, "I like that kids can write about anything." Then I asked her when did she start Young Authors. She responded about ten years ago.

The third question I asked was, "How did you get the idea for Young Authors?" And she answered, "Illinois had the Young Authors competition and I wanted kids to be a part of it."

Maybe you will do Young Authors and who knows you can be the one with the best book!



Monopoly

By Charlie, Grade 1

Have you ever played Monopoly before? Have you ever won before? Do you like Monopoly?

I interviewed some fourth graders and one person said, "Yes because I like to play with my friends and family."

Another person said, "Yes I like the game because you can get Get Out of Jail Free passes."

Now I will tell you about what I think. It's very fun to play with friends and family. I sometimes play it with my dad and brother and it is fun. There are different kinds of Monopolys, like Monopoly Cheaters Edition and the Mario Monopoly and other Monopoly games.

These are the instructions. First you pick a character. Then you roll dice to see how far to go on the board. If you land on a space with a business on it that you can pay for, then buy it. You take turns doing that. If you land on a space that is a go to jail space you go to jail. But you can get out of jail by paying. You win by filling up your tower with business. I think you should take away jail because you can get stuck in jail for so long and not get to play.



Valentine's Day

By Andreas, Grade 2

I interviewed Mr. Davis about Valentine's Day at Willard. This is what he said, "I like it the way it is because you have a chance to exchange valentines with friends and share something nice. I would consider providing the opportunity for a brief (teacher determined) party. I think it would depend on the amount of time needed and what the activities would be."

After that I told him my thoughts. My thoughts were, number one, I like that we all can be with each other in the classroom to have a fun time giving out things that we brought from home. Number two, if I want to change it, I said, I would make every grade celebrate together outside, throwing a big party!

Number three, I like everyone in the gym throwing a party but just outside not in a gym. I also interviewed Nathan, my best friend. He said, "It was fun because everyone got to trade valentines." Students all gave valentines to teachers, and teachers give valentines to kids. It is good to have food, but no nuts. I hope you agree with my discussions. So that's really it. Hope you enjoy!



Floor Hockey

By Declan, Grade 1 (Assisted by Erika, Grade 4)

I still play floor hockey. To play floor hockey you need a stick, a helmet, and a puck. This is how you play. These are the rules: no talking when the coach is talking and have fun! You try to get goals by shooting the puck into the goal. The team with the most points win.

I wanted to know if we play floor hockey at school. Ms. Jasica said, "Yes, we play at school. We did the floor hockey unit. We actually play on scooters."

Ms. Gillette said, "We started floor hockey this week, the unit is only this week."

I asked kids when they start playing floor hockey, if they still play floor hockey, and if they don't, why not.

Emmett said, "I started playing floor hockey when I was three. I still play floor hockey."

At school we play floor hockey on scooters. The sticks are little because we play on scooters. We are shorter, the goals are smaller too, and there are 2 teams.

You can play floor hockey anywhere that is smooth.

Soccer

By Julian, Grade 1 (Assisted by Julia, Grade 4)

Hi, my topic is soccer. For my newspaper article I interviewed two first graders.

What I know about soccer is that there are positions like defense, offense, goalie, and midfield. Some clothing you need are shin guards, cleats, and socks. And most of all you need teammates

I interviewed Miles and Marco, 2 first graders. I asked the questions: Do you like soccer? What do you like about soccer? And what teams do you like the most? Miles said that he liked soccer. Then he said he liked it because there's a ball. Then he answered his favorite soccer team was Big Green. When I interviewed Marco, he said, "I like the Big Green."



Indoor Recess

By Yasmin, Grade 2

Indoor recess is recess but it is inside the school. Indoor recess is very fun. You can play with dominos, dinosaurs, Jenga, Legos, and drawings like cats and dogs. You can play lots of games.

I asked Mrs. Smart, "Do you like indoor recess?" She said, "Yes, it's an opportunity for kids to play." Another thing I asked her was how many years she has been in charge of lunch, and she said, "10 years." Then I asked what she would add to indoor recess. She said, "A place for friends to relax."

I asked Tessa, "Do you want to add something to indoor recess?" Tessa said, "I would like to add playdough." Another thing I asked her was if she liked the hallway or auditorium more. She said, "I like the auditorium better because you can watch some movies."

I wish I could add those things too, like play dough and a place to relax. I hope you enjoy!!!



Ms. Krasinski

By Emmett, Grade 1 (Assisted by Abby, Grade 4)

Ms. Krasinski is a new skills teacher. She teaches in Ms. Mitchell's old room.

I interviewed Ms. Krasinski, and I asked who she teaches with. She said, "Mr. Woolley, Mrs. Debbie, Mrs. Bridgette, and Mrs. Kelli."

She has been teaching for two and a half years. The last question I asked Ms. Krasinski is how many days she has been teaching at Willard. She said 108 days.



"April Fools!"

By Lilette, Grade 4

