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2ND GRADE NEWS

By Derek F. and Reed N.

Second graders--this is your month, and here is your Grade Level News from The Fly News. We apologize if this is not 100% accurate but we will do our best. We hear that you enjoy recess (no brainer) and science. Try to reach the goals set by your teachers to learn a lot and have fun. Also we hear that you enjoy reading books. Maybe you could do a book review on FBTV. We don't know if you know about the field trip coming up to the Science Museum—we hope you have fun. Have a great year as second graders, from all of us at The Fly News.

2nd Grade Teacher Interview #1 Mrs. Micek

By Libby Z. and Abigail W.

How many years have you been teaching at Fernbrook?

I have taught at Fernbrook for 16 years.

Do you have any pets? What kind?

We have a spoiled Golden Retriever named Annie. We also have an adorable Guinea Pig named Ollie.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is spaghetti!

What is your favorite subject to teach?

I really enjoy teaching reading!

What is your favorite vacation you have been on?

My favorite vacation was when we went to Acadia National Park in Maine.

2ND Grade Teacher Interview #2 Mrs. McGroarty

By Thalia M. and Stephanie J.

What college did you go to?

I went to Kutztown State University (in Pennsylvania)

What is your favorite type of food? Pizza

Why did you want to teach 2nd grade?

I like to help seven and eight year old children.

What do you like about teaching 2nd grade?

I love watching the children's faces when they understand a new skill.

What is your favorite color? Blue

How long have you taught 2nd grade?

11 years!

is coming to town!



By Sarah E. and
Sara S.



Start buying tickets -- the Fernbrook carnival is coming to town and that's the truth. It is the best time of the year -- no, not Christmas, silly -- it's the Carnival at Fernbrook. There are games and toys for girls and boys, prizes and even a bouncy house. That's right, Fernbrook carnival is better than Christmas. Well... it's getting close. I still promise you will have a great time here. By the way DON'T EAT LOTS OF COTTON CANDY AND THEN GO IN THE



BOUNCY HOUSE! (Just a tip.) The Fernbrook Carnival will be held on Friday, Feb. 27 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Don't be late! We'll be waiting



for you!

Second Grade Student Survey

By Taryn O. & Grace K.

We asked all of the second graders what their favorite type of food is.

Here are the results:☺

- American 37
- Chinese 35
- Mexican 16
- Italian 27



Thanks for the great answers second graders!!!

Hidden Name Game

By Kelsey F., Jheel G.
and Sammi H.

In this issue we have hidden the name of a random second grader. If you see your name in this issue in **bold** and **(parentheses)**, go down to the office to claim your prize!

Good Luck!



Mt. Everest

By Zach P. and Eric K.

Mt. Everest has the highest elevation in the world. This giant was formed about 60 million years ago. It rose to be 29,029 feet high, claiming the title as tallest mountain in the world. This claim has brought the curiosity of many mountain climbers to scale up the snowy walls of this giant. If you reach the summit of Everest, it would be one of the greatest achievements of your life. But with glory comes misfortune. Mt. Everest has stolen the lives of 120 mountain climbers; an avalanche is the most common life taker. Mt. Everest is deadly because of many reasons. One reason is that the winds on top of Mt. Everest are over 118 miles per hour, and we think it's windy when it is 15 miles per hour! A second reason is that the air is very thin. At 20,000 feet, you would only have half the oxygen you have at sea level. Also, on the top of Mt. Everest it can reach -100 degrees Fahrenheit, and if you step on the summit at the wrong time, you can be blown clear off your feet and fall to your death. There are many opinions about what is the most difficult part of climbing Everest, but most climbers agree on Khumbu Icefall. It is a sea of ice that mountain climbers use garden ladders to cross. Mt. Everest was first climbed by Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa from New Zealand, on May 29, 1953. Another Sherpa, Ang Rita, has reached the summit 10 times, all without oxygen. Appa Sherpa has reached the summit 18 times, and Temba Tsheri Sherpa became the youngest climber at age 16 to climb the mountain. One last fact is that American Sherman Bull was the oldest person, at 64 years old, to complete the climbing feat. Thanks for reading our article on Mt. Everest; we hope you enjoy snow more now!

History of Greek Mythology

By Alex P.



Hello. You are about to read the famous and amazing history of Greek Mythology. The word mythology means legends and myths. No one knows if it is true but many people still believe in it! In this time there were amazing creatures, people, and what the people called in those times... gods! Well I guess we could call them a god, but not if you don't believe in them! One of the biggest of all is Zeus. He is the King of gods. The ruler of Mount Olympus and the god of sky and thunder. His symbols are the thunderbolt, bull, eagle and oak. Zeus was the son of Cronus and Rhea and the youngest of his siblings. Above to the right of the title there is a picture of Zeus with his thunderbolt. There is also the Cyclops. He is a giant with one eye! There is a chance that whoever claimed to discover the Cyclops may have made a mistake and found an elephant skull! The person might have thought that the gap for the elephant's trunk might have been thought to be its eye! It is no shock that the Cyclops is not alive, but the myth is still very strong. Thank you for reading my article on Greek Mythology!

Word of the Week!

By Beatrice O.

This week's word is ... **Cleptophobia!** Let's hear what FB news crew thinks it means!

Grace and Taryn-Fear of reptiles; Sammi-Fear of squirrels; Kelsey-Fear of tall and scary things; Jheel-A disease; Abby-A collection of pictures on a bulletin board; Matthew C-Fear of the sun; Libby Z-nail clippers stuck to someone's foot.

Well, here's the real meaning—a fear of stealing!

The White Fox

By Madison R.



The white fox is also known as the Arctic fox or snow fox. The scientific name is *Vulpes lagopus*. In the winter, the fox's fur turns to shades of white, and in other seasons, it turns shades of black. With their strong coat, they can survive the cold even in Antarctica! They eat many proteins like lemmings, Arctic Hare, reptiles, amphibians, eggs, and carrion. They live in the Arctic, Greenland, Russia, Canada, Svalbard, Iceland, Scandinavia, Norway, Sweden and Finland. They are about 22 in. from head to body for the male, and 21 in. for the female. Research more about the white fox at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arctic_fox. Have fun!

Put Down No More

By Maedelin A. and Taylor C.

If you like animals, then this article will really blow your mind. Every week around ten animals at your



Fred Before

Fred After



local Humane Society are put down. The reason for this is that Humane Societies are running out of money and can't keep all of these animals because budget costs. Here is a heart-wrenching story of one dog named Fred whose life was at stake but now has a dramatically different future. Fred is a four year-old pure-bred miniature schnauzer. When his owner got bored of him, he threw him out on the streets to fend for himself. He was diagnosed with various worms and parasites. His physical damage was terrible but the emotional damage was even greater. When Jerry and Anita went to the Humane Society (Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas), they saw Fred and immediately got teary. Thanks to them, Fred is now in good shape. In 2003, Fred visited many nursing homes to cheer up the residents, sometimes accompanied by his brother, Chewie. Donating money and helping out all of these animals really makes a difference. Thanks for taking time to read about these wonderful animals.

Super Sweet, Sassy, Sculptasticly Shaped Sculptures

By Ben C. and Alec B.

We have found some really great art sculptures. We will show you some and tell you about how they were made and what they were made of.



This dog is a sculpture made out of one dollar bills. The person who made this put a real dog collar on the sculpture. The next picture is a man looking in a mirror. This is no ordinary man looking in an ordinary mirror, however, but a man and his reflection made of 100% Legos!



This last sculpture is of many animals in the wilderness. This sculpture is made of silicone, which is a material like play dough. We hope you like our cool sculptures, and thank you for reading our article.

Bam Wham Slam, It's a Snowboard Jam!

By Matt C. and Max L.

There's a big competition called The Winter X-Games. Winter X-Games 13 goes from January 22nd through January 25th. The Winter X-Games 12 was ESPN's most watched in history. There are Big Air, Slopestyle, and SuperPipe competitions.



One of the most famous competitors in the Winter X-Games is Shaun White. Shaun also has a new video game called *Shaun White Snowboarding*. We have also looked up some of the newest snowboarding gear. One of the most famous snowboarding companies is Burton. Burton sells a lot of high quality gear. According to Burton, the newest snowboards are fresh, like green bananas! Some of the new snowboards are The Farm, Operator, Mayhem, and The Hero. One of the popular youth boards is the Burton Chopper. Some other snowboard brands are 5150 and K2. 5150 also sells boots and bindings. We hope you can watch the Winter X-Games 13 and we hope you give snowboarding a try!

American Girl Comes to MOA

By Rikita P.,
Courtney K. & Sophie L.

American Girl has finally made its way to Minneapolis! The new store is two levels and is open at the MOA. This store has all kinds of clothing, dolls, and more. The doll of the year this year is Chrissa. Chrissa only stays here for the year of 2009. The website you can go to is www.americangirl.com. This store opened on November 20, 2008. There are many different types of dolls, and you can even pick out one that looks just like you! Other store locations are Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Dallas, and Boston.



the doll.

Kit, J., and Molly C.

Under the Sea in Minnesota

By Natalie R. and Taylor F.

How could you be under water in the winter in Minnesota? Underwater World, of course!!! Where is Underwater World? It's at the Mall Of America. Some things you will find here are fish, sharks and many more sea critters, plus awesome souvenirs. Underwater World is a great place to visit when it's cold outside and there's not much else to do. You can find the ticket prices below. Be sure to visit Underwater World sometime in your life, and have fun!

Two and under – Free! Three – twelve - \$11.95
Thirteen and up - \$18.95 The Boatload deal - \$84.95



Top Ten Game Systems

By Nikolaus R.

A lot of kids like to play game systems, especially the new, popular ones. My personal favorite is the Nintendo DS. But if you want to pick a different one here are my other top picks:

Nintendo Wii	PSP	Nintendo DS
Game Boy Advance	Game Cube	Game Boy Color
PlayStation 1	PlayStation 2	Play Station 3

Weird and Wacky Minnesota Laws

By Samantha W. & Dan & Angela K.

It is illegal to stand by a building without a good reason to do so.

A person may not cross state lines with a duck atop its head.

All bathtubs must have feet.

Red cars may not drive down Lake Street.

Hamburgers may not be eaten on Sundays in St. Cloud.

Residents of even number addresses may not water their plants on odd number days in Cottage Grove. It is illegal to tease skunks.

Every man in Brainerd is required to grow a beard. You are not allowed to park your elephant on Main Street in Virginia.

Think You Know World Capitals? Test Your Knowledge!

By Angela and Dan K.

Match the country to its capital

Canada	Greece	China	Germany
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Athens	Belling	Berlin	Ottawa
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Thanks for taking the quiz! I hope you had a lot of fun and learned something new! Keep studying your capitals and soon you may know them all!



WINTER WORD FIND

By Isaiah S. and Alex T.

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Snowfort
Snowboard

New Years Day
Skiing



**School
Tubing
Resolution
Snow Day**

**Sleds
Fireplace
Reading**

FITNESS AND "FUN- EDUCATIONAL" STUFF

By Sam K. & Mitchell M.



Here are some amazing tips to help you stay fit. First, buy a pedometer and aim for about 3,000 steps a day. Second, remember not to skip breakfast. Research shows that the people who are most successful at losing weight eat a healthy breakfast every day. Have a mid-afternoon snack to provide energy. Some examples are apples, bananas, and reduced-fat peanut butter on a multigrain cracker. But many kids might not like that, so you could eat string cheese. Also, you need to stay active and play. A good way to burn energy is to run, play outside (when it's not too cold), and playing sports.

Here is a recipe for Tropical Fruit Shake.
Try this as a healthy snack !

1/2 mango
 2 tbsp. frozen pina colada mix (or 1/8 tsp. natural coconut extract)
 1/2 banana, frozen
 4 strawberries, frozen
 6 ice cubes
 1 1/4 cup water
 1 heaping tbsp. high-quality protein powder (optional)
 1 tsp. flax oil (optional)

In a blender, process all the ingredients until thoroughly mixed and serve.

Simply Smoothie

By Devyn S.

A simple smoothie does not need much. I have a recipe for you! All you need is a blender, a parent's or guardian's supervision, ice, yogurt, and fruit of your choice! It is so easy to make a smoothie and really easy to make it healthy, too. Here's what you do: take a large spoon for your yogurt and put two spoonfuls into the blender, then take half a handful of ice at a time until you get it to the consistency you want. Then take the fruit you choose and put that in. If it is not sweet enough add a little sugar and if you really want to be healthy add a few pinches of wheat germ. TADA!!!!!!! You have yourself a smoothie!



Sweet Snowman Treat

By Sarah R. and Gwen C.

Things you will need to make this delicious treat:

- 1 bag of large marshmallows
- 1 bag of pretzel sticks
- 1 bag of M&Ms
- A container of frosting or melted chocolate
- A bag of mini chocolate chips
- Small candies of your choice

How to make:

*Glue three marshmallows together by placing some frosting or melted chocolate in the middle of each marshmallow. This is your snowman's body.

(Garrison Kizzier)

*To give the snowman arms, stick two pretzel sticks on the sides of the middle marshmallow.

*For the buttons, stick M&Ms with frosting or melted chocolate into the middle front of the snowman's body.

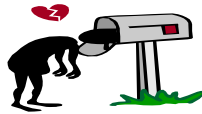
*Use an orange M&M on the top marshmallow for the nose.

*Decorate the snowman however you would like.

Try adding different candy and frosting for details.

Twisting Brain Teaser

By Ry K. and Noah K.



In this brain teaser, draw four straight lines that connect to each other

and go through all of the hearts only once.

One hint: some lines might be longer than the others.



Have a fun time!

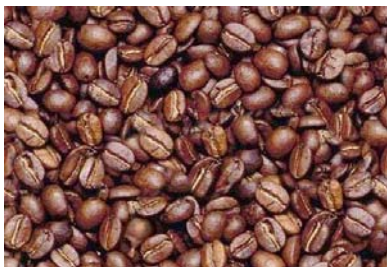
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Totally Scary-Cool Optical Illusions

By Maddie C. and Saghar F.

Hope you enjoy these optical illusions!!!!

Can you find a man's head?



Do you see the word "good" or "evil"?



Can you see a man or the word "liar"?



Is the picture UP or DOWN?



Good Luck! Soccer Stars!

By Sam C. & Carson T.

Whether you are a soccer fan or a person who could care less about the sport, this superstar will catch your attention. One of the best soccer players in the world is Ronaldinho. He was born on March 21, 1980 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The 5' 11", 176 lb star has scored 118 goals in his career and has played for A.C. Milan, Barcelona, and Perish Saint-Germain. To see a cool video of Ronaldinho in action go to Youtube and type in "Ronaldinho Bicycle Kick." Another star that you have probably not heard of is Cristiano Ronald. He is 6' 1" and is 23 years old. He was born in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal. He has scored 99 goals in his three year career. I hope you have enjoyed learning about soccer Superstars.

The Sports Column

By Jared M.

Howl about the Timberwolves! They are 5-2 in their last seven games, and have a four game winning streak, as one of two teams in the league undefeated so far in 2009. Randy Foye and Al Jefferson are leading the way.

The Minnesota Wild are rebounding from a slump after Brian Rolston left for the New Jersey Devils. Marian Gaborik is likely out for the season with hip surgery. Pierre-Marc Bouchard and Eric Belanger have taken over as the team leaders. The Wild just won on Jan. 6, 1-0 against the Boston Bruins, where two former Gophers play, Phil Kessel and Blake Wheeler. Marik Zidlickey scored the lone goal of the game.

Speaking of the U of M, the Gopher football team played in the Insight Bowl in Arizona on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately, they got crushed, losing 42-21 to Kansas. The Gopher football stadium will be finished this year and will be called TCF Bank Stadium.

The Minnesota Twins stadium construction is going well and will be finished in 2010. Its name will be Target Field. The Twins also awarded a two-year contract to Nick Punto, a utility infielder.

The Gopher hoopsters are going good and strong with a 13-1 record. At press time, their only loss was to Michigan State, ranked 12th in the nation. The Gophers are ranked 21st in the country. Al Nolen, Colton Iverson, Blake Hoffarber, Jamal Abu-Shamala and Lawrence Westbrook are emerging as stars.

Movie Review

Marley and Me

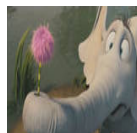
By Kelsey F.,
Sammi H. and Jheel G.

Who wouldn't love this cute little puppy?! You can find him in the movie *Marley and Me*. This movie is now in theaters everywhere. Marley is a pretty hyper and destructive dog. We give it four paws up! Marley's real name is Chancelucky! In this fun movie, actor Owen Wilson and actress Jennifer Aniston buy a cute little lab puppy which they name, of course, Marley! If you want to find out more about this troublesome puppy, check out this movie at your local movie theater.



Horton Hears a Who, Do You?

By Amara A. and Maddie D.



We're going to tell you a bit about the movie *Horton Hears a Who*. This movie is about an interesting elephant that lives in the jungle of Nool and is fighting to protect a very small city called Whoville. His sour neighbors don't believe him and are trying to get rid of the speck where the Whos live. This courageous elephant goes on a spectacular adventure to save his new, but very small, friends. Because you know what Horton says, "A person's a person no matter how small!" This movie is now out in stores on DVD and Blu Ray.

The Travolta's Tragedy

By Megan L. & Devyn S.

John Travolta is a famous movie star known for movies such as "Grease" and for playing the voice of Bolt. He and wife Kelly Preston have a daughter, Ella Bleu, 8, and son Jett, 16 who recently died from complications of a seizure. Jett struggled with autism and Kawasaki disease, which is a condition associated with inflammation of the arteries, at age two. John and Kelly's son loved the water, golf cart rides and airplanes. Late in December the Travoltas said that he was in a bathtub at a hotel, and fell unconscious with a seizure and died. The memorial service is planned for Jan. 8, 2009 in the family's hometown of Ocala, Fla. From this tragedy we learned to care for the ones you love because you never know when they could suddenly be gone just like that. We think everyone who found out about the Travolta tragedy knows that the Travolta family felt so much pain when Jett died. We hope Jett Travolta is in a better place now.



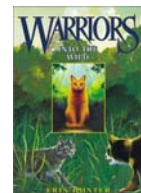
Into the Wild

By David E. and Luke S.

The main character in this Warriors series book is a cat named Rusty, whose name is later changed to Firepaw. His fur is bright orange and his eyes are bright yellow. His house is by the woods. He decides to explore, and runs into a gray cat named Graypaw. Bluestar, the leader of Thunderclan (there are numerous clans) asks him to join Thunderclan which is not very common. We're not going to tell you any more because it'll ruin the story. We hope you enjoy Firepaw's adventures.

Erin Hunter has written many Warriors books. The author is actually three people who work together. On a rating of one to 10, we give it a 20!

We recommend this for fourth



grade and up.
Hope you enjoyed our report.

New Year's Resolutions

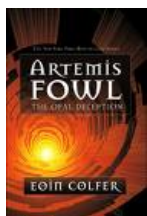
By Whitney D. and Sophie S.



New Year's resolutions started in Babylon (this was a state in southern Iraq) as far back as 4,000 years ago. The Babylonians believed that whatever a person did on the first day of the year had an effect on them all year long.

Here are some steps to keep your New Year's resolutions:

1. Don't wait until the last minute.
2. Talk about it--tell friends and family members who will be there to support your resolution.
3. Track your progress--keep track of each small success you make toward reaching your larger goal.
4. Reward yourself--if you stick to your promise perhaps you could reward yourself by going to a movie with your friends.



Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception

By Nigel H.



The thrilling conclusion of *Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code*. This book has eight non-AR points. This is the fourth book of the Artemis series and the third sequel to the best selling book *Artemis Fowl*. The book begins with Opal, an evil fairy with a mind of a genius. She is pretending to be unconscious and is hatching a plan to rule the underworld and the above-ground world. Later, she makes a clone of herself, and her minions help her get out of the prison lab she was in.

Meanwhile, Artemis and Butler go to steal a very valuable painting, *The Fairy Thief*. In the previous book, Artemis had lost all of his memories of the fairy (like a mind-swipe). He goes to the bank where it's being held and the LEP (the fairy police) find out that Opal has escaped. Holy (an LEP officer) goes with her captain, Julius, to go and get Opal, and that's when things really start to go wrong. Opal has set out to trap not only Holly and Julius, but also Artemis, as it seems the *Fairy Thief* is a set up to kill Artemis when he opens up the painting. Read the book to see what happens next in *Artemis Fowl: the Opal Deception*.

Also check out *Artemis Fowl: the Lost Colony*, and all of the Artemis Fowl books in the series. We highly recommend them!

REMEMBER TO READ!

With the cold winter, the Book Fair, I Love to Read month coming up and so many good books to choose from, now is a great time to read! Try to set aside time every day to sit down and enjoy reading—that knowledge will stay with you for the rest of your life!

