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Saint Patrick's Day: The Lovely Green

By: Jourdan Lobban

Spring is approaching. Which means flowers will bloom, birds will sing and the fields will be healthy of green. Speaking of green, why don't you get your shamrock and green clothes on because you'll be need to be green for Saint Patrick's Day? Folks from all over the world like Great Britain, U.S.A., Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and of course Ireland will be celebrating. Though it wasn't always like this.

Most famous people in history that we know of were born in around the 17, 18 and 1900s. Saint Patrick however was born in the year of 387 A.D. just in the fourth century. At the time he lived in Great Britain under the Roman Empire. Later unfortunately, he was taken and was forced to Mayo, Ireland to be a slave. A time later he managed to escape and then attended the church of Auxerre, learning how to be a priest. He also went around explaining the way of Christianity through the shamrock. He believed God was placed as three symbols: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Through out his lifetime he has taught this theory to many people.

After his death, the holiday you know as Saint Patrick's Day celebrated by the people of the Irish culture in the 9th and 10th century. However, Saint Paddy's started to widely spread in the 17th century, but instead of merrymaking with green people were blowing of steam with blue. Over time blue went out of season and chartreuse (green) came in.

Whatever you do to honor the holiday by celebrating religiously, holding up a shamrock, painting figures green like Chicago did to its river in 2005 (maybe yourself too!) or just simply wearing green, it helps to glorify the founder himself. Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all and to all a jade day!



3rd Grade Concert

By: Lexie Brown

On Thursday March 10th, 2011, a concert of magic is happening!

It was a night of magic celebrating Disney songs. All the wonderful 3rd grade singers performed for you. There are some wonderful songs! From Beauty in the Beast, Mary Poppins, to Finding Nemo. And even more! I can't tell you much more because it was going to be a surprise for the rest. So if you wanted to find out, you should have gone and seen it! Night of magic was on March 10th. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful singing!



1st Grade News

By: Alexa Kifer

Are you wondering what the youngest kids in our school are doing? Well let's start off with the most fun thing to talk about FIELD TRIPS. Unfortunately there are no field trips in March. So sad. Personally math is my favorite subject. In math they are measuring non-standard units. In reading Ms. Leasure is doing "The Dot" while Mrs. Barnett is working on unit 4 with Theme, author's purpose, and drawing conclusions. In Social Studies (S.S) they are working on Geography and Ms. Leasure is even making a globe. Well in science they aren't really doing anything because they are alternating with social studies. Last, but not least in writing Mrs. Barnett is making a book with her whole class it is going to the publisher on March 25, 2011. I can't wait to see how Mrs. Barnett class book is going to turn out. Everyone is else is doing persuasive of writing. Boy doesn't first grade sound fun I wish I could be in first grade again. Good job first grade!!! Keep up the good work.

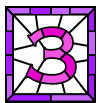
2nd Grade News

Brandon Hoffman and Shane Phipps



Ms. McCullin's class is very busy. In math, they are learning ways to make 100. You have to add or subtract. An example is $56 + 44 = 100$. Or $108 - 8 = 100$. They are also working on Mad Minute where you get 1 minute to answer 30 problems. In Reading, they are learning about the lifecycle of frogs, a non-fiction piece.

A skill they are working on in reading is compare and contrast. In science, they just finished a unit, Balancing and Weighing. They are about to start a new unit, land and water. If you are in her RTI class, she teaches engineering. In Social Studies, they are learning maps which is Geography. They are also learning map keys. An example of a map key is northwest. In the subject of writing, they are adding word choice and working on writing their own paragraphs. In Ms. McCullin's Talent Development, students are learning how to write a good children's book. Best of all, her class has an upcoming field trip to the Delaware Symphony. Sounds like the second graders at OBL are very busy and hardworking.



Third Grade News

By :Kennedy Blancher

In math third grade is learning addition and subtraction also multiplication and division. I wasn't doing division until I was in the fourth grade. They are using arrays to help them with the their math.

In social studies they are learning Geography. They're learning to name all of the continents also to memorize them. I think I took a test on that and I got a one-hundred, but I didn't study.

In reading they are in unit 4. Their stories are "Hottest, Coldest." That is it, but I am guessing there are a lot of activities with this story.

In writing they are doing just a little bit of cursive writing. The classes that are doing it is Mrs. Wright, Ms. Hamm and Mrs. Jones.

To help them under stand the writing a little better they do I the FATP. F means form, A means audience, than T means topic than last but not least P means purpose. That's all for 3rd for this edition!

Fourth Grade News

By: Chris Caceras



In fourth grade we are doing a lot of activities in science but in math were getting ready to move on to the next unit.

In Math we are going over division and multiplication. The IXL site we have been using is very useful. We have recently moved on to our second unit. In this new unit we are going over place value and reading numbers that are spelled.

In Reading we have been reading stories from our big textbook and after a week of studying the story we take a 17 question quiz on the text. Also everyday there is a reading plan. In a couple weeks we will be taking our unit test on the whole unit.

In Writing we have been learning to write with voice. So each class has to write a story using “voice”. Our class wrote about a snowy day and what it looks like.

We are getting ready to start social studies but we don’t know what subject we will be doing.

Science we have been working on Magnetism and Electricity. We have took a battery or as really called D-Cell and some wires and made a light bulb light and a motor run. With magnetism we have been finding out what a magnet sticks to. Something in fourth grade is going to happen soon we are starting to practice for the fourth grade concert.

Fourth grade is not sure what the subject is but we are sure it is exciting. Fourth grade is starting social studies again we are learning about the settlers and what they did when they first got here in the new land. Stay tuned for the update on the 4th grade.



5th Grade News

By: Lexie Brown

Do you ever wonder what Fifth Grade is working on? Well, are you ready to find out? Let’s go!

Fifth is working on Unit 3 in reading. The main focus is on Skills. The stories have a lot of Main Ideas! They have been making some main idea organizers, filling the middle diamond up with the main idea, then four supportive details. It’s really neat.

Fraction time! In math they’re working on fractions, decimals, and percents. They are multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting fractions to find their answer. It seems that they are working on some word problems as well. After figuring out the fraction answer, they are reducing it if it is possible. Once the fraction is found or reduced, they figure out the decimal and percent.

Fifth is not working on science right now but they are working on social studies. In S.S., they are learning about Moving West. In Moving West, they’re reading about the Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark’s Expedition, Sacagawea, and President Thomas Jefferson working on expanding The United States. It is really interesting!

In writing they’re working on a writing prompt. The prompt is about persuading the children’s parents to give them allowances. It is cool!

That is all the Fifth Grade News this month!



Our Own Dr. Seuss

By: Jourdan Lobban

We all know that the greatest authors of all time have their legacy past down for generations. We can stay here all day listing them all until we pass out. Though today, why don't we look back at Dr. Seuss and see how he got started.

Theodore Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He also has ancestors that are immigrants from Germany. He later went to Springfield Classical high school and attended Dartmouth College in autumn of 1921. There he had his first assignment as a an editor in chief of "Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern"

At one time Dr. Seuss sent a piece of work called the "The Birdsies and the Beasties" to a magazine called the "Judge". From then he has sent cartoons and humorous articles to magazines like "Judge", "The Saturday Evening News", "Post", "Life", "Liberty", etc.

After going to Oxford and marrying Helen Palmer, he came back to the United States and entered the advertising business and made animation commercials for companies of NBC, Standard Oil, General Electric and more.

During World War II, Dr. Seuss made political cartoons making fun of Hitler, the Nazis and other figures of the war for a New York newspaper called "P.M.". He also drew posters for support of the U.S. and made films sending out messages of peace and training for the joining the army like "Our Job in Japan", "Your job in Germany and Private Snapford. One of them which won the Academy award for Documentary feature later in time.

In La Jolla, California, Dr. Seuss wrote children's books that you're quite familiar with. Some of them include "Horton Hatches the Egg", "Horton Hears a who", "How the Grinch stole Christmas", "If ran the zoo", and the classic "The Cat in the Hat" and others. Even today numerous numbers of children still enjoy these titles.

Sadly, Dr. Seuss passed away on September 24, 1991 at the age of 87 because of throat cancer. 4 years later the University Library was renamed Geisel Library, honoring him and Helen for helping literature. There is also a place called 'Dr. Seuss National sculpture Garden in Springfield, Massachusetts and many more. Even he left, he is still inside our hearts, forever and always. Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



The First Day of Spring

By: Adam Bonar



The first day of spring is on March 20, 2011 this year. The time it starts at is at 7:21 pm. It starts early because on Groundhog Day, the groundhog did not see its shadow. The first day of spring is also called the Vernal Equinox. Spring starts in the Northern Hemisphere. Surprisingly, in the Southern Hemisphere, fall starts there. Some people think spring is a new meaning of life. In my opinion, my favorite season is spring.

A lot of people think in spring there are 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night. But actually that is not true. But I don't know what the exact time is though. Actually people say the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. But it only happens in one season. The season is spring! Imagine being somewhere in the Southern Hemisphere in April and its autumn! A lot of my friends love spring because it's not too cold and it is not too hot. I feel the same way about spring. Baseball is also in the spring. I am actually on a baseball team in Canal Little League. My team is the New York Yankees. I like spring because of two things- 1. It's not too hot and it's not too cold. 2. Baseball starts in the spring. I know a lot of people who like spring.



Mrs. Zarzycki

By Melanie Gasmen

As the whole Olive B. Loss School knows it, Mrs. Zarzycki is our book-lover librarian. She is a kind and lively teacher who encourages kids to read, read, read! The Olive B. Loss Mission Statement says they want to interest students into reading books for pleasure.

Mrs. Zarzycki works hard with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. She especially work hard with Literature Circles. In 3rd grade, they're just starting on pioneer journals. I remembered making pioneer journals. I took a lot of work, and you need a lot of information. My 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Wright had us watch an old show called *Little House on the Prairie*. Maybe she will let her class see it. In 4th grade, they're starting something new on the Revolution. They pick a Founding Father from either a colonist's point of view, or a patriots point of view. In 5th grade, they're on World Cultures. I guess they study many cultures from around the world.

Mrs. Zarzycki used to be a 5th grade teacher here at OBL. When Ms. Payne (the old librarian) transferred to Alfred G. Waters, Mrs. Zarzycki just decided to take the job. So, she never expected it to come, and like any ordinary kid, she always is reading!

Mrs. Zarzycki loves fiction books, not non-fiction books. What Mrs. Zarzycki does in her down-time is almost nothing! She always has a bunch of work to do, and mainly for all time she checks out books. But if she had another job, she would become a secret agent for the CSI or NCIS since it's really thrilling.

As I mentioned, Mrs. Zarzycki has a soul that stands out. I think if she was a secret agent, she would be perfect. I don't think Mrs. Zarzycki is your ordinary librarian!



Hats Off To Reading

By Angel Chaudhary

February was “I love to Read Month” and to celebrate reading first grade had a special program called Hats Off to Reading. In that program each first grader is challenged to read each day and see how many books they can read in a month. For every 7, 14, 21, 26 and 40 books first graders got prizes for reading! Why is this reading encouraging program called Hats Off to Reading? It’s called Hats Off to Reading because every Friday the students are allowed to wear a special hat. This year the kids wore construction hats. I interviewed a first grader about how she felt about Hats Off to Reading. She said that Hats Off to Reading was so much fun and she loved to get prizes just for reading! Hats Off to Reading is great because no one is forcing the kids to read many books. The students are allowed to read within their abilities and during the process they tended to enjoy reading more! I first came to REALLY enjoy reading when I was in first grade and we had Hats Off to Reading. Hats Off to Reading is an AMAZING program, its so much fun too!

Albert Einstein

By: Chris Caceras



Albert Einstein was one of the most smartest people in the world. He was born in 1879 in Germany. He was an expert in physics and other subjects. When he came to the USA he finally became a citizen in 1940. Albert Einstein won the Nobel Prize in Physics. Albert Einstein died on April 18 1955. He was a citizen of many countries including United States. Albert's dad Herman Einstein was an engineer. When Einstein was a kid even know he was very smart he had speech problems. Albert was included in an important project in world war 2. Its called the Manhattan project. The Germans were researching atomic bombs and so America raced to research it by what we know America won that because of the atomic bomb in Japan. But that was a long time ago. So this smart man will be remembered.



NCAA March Madness

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The March Madness is a very big event for the NCAA. As of right now, the Ohio State Buckeyes are in first place at 28-2. In second, is the Kansas Jayhawks at 27-2. Representing third place is the Brigham Young Cougars who are 26-2. And in fourth, are the Duke Blue Devils who are 26-3. Earlier in the year, The Blue Devils were in first. Also in women's college basketball, The University of Connecticut Huskies lost this year. The selection for the teams who make it is on March 13th. The actual tournament starts on March 15th. The champions from last year were the Duke Blue Devils. The March Madness is a tournament that is single elimination. It is held each spring in the U.S. and has a total of 64 teams! The tournament was created in the year of 1939 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. UCLA has one the most National Titles with 11! Kentucky is in 2nd with 7 National Titles. The Duke Blue Devils have only won 4 National Titles. The championship game for the March Madness is on the day of April 4th. Good luck to all the teams in the March Madness. University of Connecticut won 53-41. Hope they win it again. GO UCONN:!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



MLB Opening Day

By: Jacob Grant and Adam Bonar

Opening day for the MLB starts March 31, 2011. The first two regular season games are the Tigers at Yankees and Braves at Nationals. On April 1st is the Phillies Astros game. I predict the Phillies are going to beat the Astros. The World Series Champions the San Francisco Giants are going up against the LA Dodgers on March 31. The Red Sox first game is April 1st against the Rangers. I think the Rangers will win that game. The Mets play the Marlins. I think the Mets will win that game too.

The Phillies lost Placido Polanco to a swing at the Phillies Blue Jays preseason game. Chase Utley still expects to be back soon. Did you know Johan Santana gets paid \$20,144,707? The Yankees pay their players the most money \$206,738,389.

Roy Halladay had 21 wins last year in the regular season. Do you think he will get more or less this year? The A.L leader in wins is C.C. Sabathia 21 wins too. I don't think he will get to 21. He might get to 20 or 19. I could be wrong. Josh Hamilton has the highest .359 the whole season. But you never know, Roy Halladay did awesome last year. It's too bad he and his team wasn't able to beat the San Francisco Giants. I think it's because of the Giants pitcher.

In the World Series last year, I was rooting for the Rangers. It's too bad the Giants beat them. If only Cliff Lee worked a little bit harder the Rangers could have won. I predict the Phillies will make it to the play-offs again. I think the Yankees will go to the playoffs too. The first game for the Phillies is the Astros at the Phillies. It's April 1st 2011. We will not be able to watch the game because it's at 1:05.

The Phillies are now they're 3-1. The Phillies sweep the Astros with there three aces had great game. The Phillies had a dramatic comeback the 1st game John Mayberry Jr. got the win.