

# MARCH

## COYOTE TIMES

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# THE LEGO MOVIE

## REPORT BY EMMA HAGEN

Emmet is an average Lego guy. Or at least, was. One day at the contrition site goes terribly wrong when he is mistaken for someone else, “The Special”. But Emmet is a nobody.

Superheroes, lasers, Star Wars, love, and robots are just a few things Emmet experiences on his quest to stop the Kragle, a top secret weapon.

My family, friends, and just about anyone I know who watched this enjoyed it. That means I guarantee you will like it too!



### A Silly Girl

By Haylie Dodge, grade 4

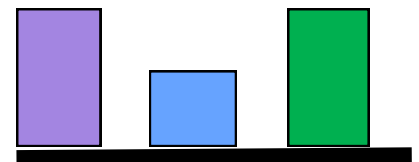
There once was a girl so silly  
She loved horses, foals, and fillies.

Every day and every night  
She played with horses to her delight,  
And read books while eating a bowl of chili.



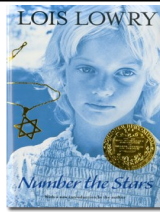
## SURVEY

We are doing a survey on what everyone's favorite subject is. Here are the options: History, Science, Language Arts, art, Math.



Put your Favorite on a slip of paper in the coyote times box so we can tally the votes. The results will be in the next newsletter.





## Number the Stars

Report by Shelby Love, 6th Grade

(Edited by Emma Hagen)

Number the Stars is a book about two ten year old girls named Annemarie and Ellen. It takes place during the Holocaust in Copenhagen, Denmark. Ellen and her family are Jewish and they are in danger when the Germans start relocating and killing the Jewish people. Annemarie's family hide Ellen in their house and send her parents to be hidden someplace else while they figure out a plan. After a close encounter with some German soldiers, Annemarie, her mother, her younger sister, and Ellen head to Annemarie's uncle's house in the countryside. Once they arrive, they make arrangements to meet Ellen's parents and get them to Sweden. In the middle of the night, Annemarie's mother takes them to the harbor where they are sent to Sweden so they will be safe until the war is over.

### My Thoughts

Number the Stars was a very intriguing book that really made me think about how frightening it was back then in Denmark, Poland, Norway, etc... It gave me a very good idea of what it was like to be living when the Germans were taking over. The book was written very well and I would recommend it to other people. Because of this book, I will definitely read more books and watch more documentaries about the Holocaust.

## Our Dryer is Broken

*By Willow Dehson*

Our dryer is broken on a cold, rainy day,  
My socks are not dry so I can't go out to play!  
My sheets are not dry so I can't go to bed,  
My hat is too wet to put on my head!  
I put the clothes on the clothesline outside,  
Darn! I should have kept them inside!  
Now my clothes are wet as can be!  
I hope it stops raining, I'll wait and see!

## Microscopes

By Jackson Roeder

A microscope is a tool that you use if you want to see something up close. Zacharias Janssen invented the microscope in 1595. There are several different varieties and uses of microscopes.

There are several different varieties of microscopes. Some microscopes use light. For example, stereoscopic microscopes are used for examining larger things but their magnification can't exceed 50 times. Another example is the compound light microscope. The compound light microscope, which has two lenses, can magnify up to 1000 to 2000 times! There are also some microscopes that don't use light. The electron microscope is a type of microscope that is powered by electrons. If you imagined that 2000 times of magnification was a lot, the electron microscope can go from 300,000 times to 1,000,000 times magnification!

Microscopes have a sizable amount of uses. One use of microscopes is to look at dissected things. Since magnifying glasses can't magnify well, detectives also sometimes use microscopes to examine clues for dust, microorganisms, body fluids and other clues that might help them. Geologists use microscopes to study rocks and minerals closely. Another profession which uses microscopes is engineers. They use them for finding out surface properties and structures of metals. Microscopes are useful in many people's lives.

There are many types of microscopes. Many professions today require the use of microscopes. Without microscopes, we couldn't have everything that we have today.



*The Hobbit, Chapter 5: Riddles in the Dark*  
***From Gollum's Point of View***

By Chloe DePledge, 8th grade

Gollum glared at the nasty, wretched little Baggins. It thought it had tricked him, did it? Thought it was smarter. Gollum sneered. Well, it hadn't got a magic ring, or sharp-as-a-dagger teeth, had it?

"No, my precious. We shan't let such an evil, tricky little throat-slitter like thiss get away, shall we?" Gollum muttered under his breath. The arrogant, boastful Baggins stood with its arms crossed and jaw set, as if waiting for Gollum to serve him his dinner.

Gollum slid into his little boat, which made a soft, slurping sigh as it slid away from the muddy shore. As he paddled silently through the sulfurous water, Gollum closed his eyes and imagined it—his birthday present: glimmeringly gold, beautifully precious. Gollum never smiled, so instead he licked his cracked lips in expectation.

He opened his eyes again and thought of the joke he would play on the Baggins. A boat rowing itself? How odd. The Baggins would creep sneakily forward, small eyes narrowed into black, suspicious slits. Then, in half a second, Gollum would reach forward and—snap! The Baggins would be serving him dinner. Oh, what fun! Gollum chuckled quietly.

The boat bumped gently against the rocky shore, and Gollum leaped out, agile as a cat. Carefully, he hopped up to the peak of the slimy island of black rock, watching his step as he went.

Gazing absently at the gray beach across the water, now far behind him, Gollum reached into his little crevice that held his ring ... and came up empty handed. Gollum's head snapped back to the crevice. He scrabbled, clawed, and frantically scratched in all of the holes around the rock until his hands were raw and bloody. But Gollum didn't feel any of the pain, because an awful, mind-numbing realization was upon him—his precious was gone!

"Lost!" Gollum wailed in a heart-wrenching scream. "Losst, lost, lost!" He rocked back and forth in a pitiful ball, sobbing uncontrollably. His ring, the only glint of light, the only thing he truly valued in his cold, miserable life, gone!

Suddenly Gollum sat up, sniffing and wiping his nose. A creeping, sneaking suspicion was now lurking about in his mind.

"What has it got in its pockeses?!" he cried. That wicked, thieving Baggins! It had stolen Gollum's birthday present! Gollum stumbled down the island in a blind rage, leaped into his boat and pushed off.

As he slid silently through the black water, Gollum's stomach rumbled and growled. He hissed: "Ssoon, preciouss, ssoon..."

### **Things I Know About Animals**

By Jaxon Love, grade 4

Some of my favorite animals are sea creatures, which is what I will be writing about for this paper. One of my favorite sea creatures is the Sea Snake. They live from the coasts of Africa to Hawaii. They are among the most venomous types of snakes in the world. Instead of a sleek end to its tail, it has a paddle to maneuver through the water. The most venomous type is the Blue Lipped Sea Krait. It has enough venom to kill a person. The Sea Snake is incredibly fast, at about 25 mph give or take a few mph.

Another one of my favorite sea creatures is the Bottlenose Dolphin. They are very playful, and rated the third smartest animal species in the world. They are able to communicate through a series of clicks and whistles, and they can also follow human hand gestures. They are great problem solvers, and they can also be taught lots of tricks, such as flipping and treading water. They hit top speeds of 25 to 30 mph. They can be found everywhere except the Poles.

My favorite coral reef creature is the Frogfish. The Frogfish has the fastest attack of any animal at a 6 millisecond strike to a fish its own size. The Frogfish has lumpy skin to blend in with coral so it can either lie in wait for an unsuspecting fish to eat, or to hide from predators. Another cool feature the Frogfish has is a lure for prey to follow. It acts as a shrimp, when the fish sees the lure it goes closer, closer, even closer, GULP! Down the hatch! The Frogfish is a small creature with its size maxing out at 1 ½ feet in length.

My favorite deep sea creature is the Sperm Whale. It has the largest brain of any mammal species. Sperm Whales can dive up to 14,000 meters below the surface before running out of air. The Sperm Whale can hold its breath for 110 minutes. The Sperm Whale's favorite food is any type of squid, but its favorite type of squid to eat is the Colossal Squid. The Colossal Squid is the largest squid of our time. The Sperm Whale has a sonar adaptation so the mother Sperm Whale can find its calf in the huge ocean. The sonar can also transmit something we call a boom-click, a full grown male Sperm Whale's boom-click can knock down a small house. Sperm Whales usually do this to protect their calf from danger by stunning the enemy attacker.

I like all of these animals because they have their own special adaptations and cool features that match their environment perfectly. Every animal has its own special features to let it survive in the wild.

## Rhi's Journey

By Cedar Dobson

Rhi stood on a small, gray rock scanning the horizon with his dark brown, almond shaped eyes. It was three or so in the afternoon, and he planned to head back to his small, pleasantly cold, clean home. He wore a white, dirty cloak and crusty sandals that no longer fit him. His messy, black hair was oily with the heat of the sun. Arabia was quiet, just a subtle breeze blew the sand and loose, dry plants across the barren desert floor.

They were traveling to a nearby oasis to gather tubers for supper and for feeding the village. They were halfway there, and were just about to leave and continue walking.

Rhi was startled when he heard his camel, Calabru, snort loudly. He was tethered up, so he couldn't cause trouble, berate another camel or traveler who passed by.

Rhi smiled at the massive animal and jogged to him, then patted his wavy, scratchy fur. Calabru sighed heavily, then unexpectedly, a gunshot cracked not too far away in the distance.

Quickly, Calabru jumped so high that Rhi fell heavily on the hard ground, so hard that he passed out.

When Rhi awoke, his head throbbed and his knee pierced in pain. He moved slightly, then realized his hands, feet and mouth were tied with smelly, dirty, greenish rags. He was unsure of where he was, but thought he was probably in a cache.

The cache was made of old wood, which made it look as if it would fall over if anybody moved it. It was hardly painted at all, and was a muddy brown color.

The inside was as hot as noon, and very uncomfortable. Rhi hoped he could get out, but waited and looked around.

The cache had mostly weapons in it, weapons like eight foot, hand carved spears with extremely sharp points at the end. There were bone knives, metal shields, copper swords and feathered darts. These implements had been used many times, and would probably be used many more. Rhi hated the darts, especially because of the poison.

Rhi swallowed, then stared at the old tree outside. It had a niche in it; old and crumbly wood was falling out. Rhi raised an eyebrow and watched the hole in the tree. Suddenly, out came a small, dirty meerkat. Rhi whistled to it with the cloth on his mouth, and the meerkat tilted its head, twitched its whiskers and jumped out of the niche and ran to the cache's door and squeezed through.

The meerkat then saw Rhi, and came nearer to him. Rhi thought for sure that this little guy was a well-trained pet. He wondered if he would help chew through the cloth and escape. Rhi thought that it would be a tedious job for the meerkat, but he was wrong. So, Rhi shook the meerkat's paws. The meerkat jumped over and with his sharp shiny teeth, chewed and jerked at the cloth.

About three minutes later, the cloth fell limply to the ground. Rhi sat up and looked at his hands. They were purple and wet with sweat, but he knew that they would recover. Rhi slid off the cloth that was around his mouth and feet, smiled at the meerkat, and scratched his head. Then men walked out with horses and a camel. Rhi realized, shortly, that the camel belonged to him! The men talked to their horses lovingly, then walked away. A little while later, Calabru provoked the horses and annoyed them.

The men, fortunately, tied up their dusty, tired horses near the cache and left. Rhi shifted, scooted towards the door, and opened it. He jogged to the horses and took hold of Calabru's lead rope. Calabru groaned loudly, and spooked the horses. The horses snorted, rolled their eyes and ears back, then cavorted around, stirring up dust. Rhi backed Calabru up, hopped on a crate, jumped onto his camel, and kicked as hard as he could. Calabru leaped forward and sped up faster than Rhi though.

Rhi heard yelling behind him, then saw horsemen with ropes in their hands. Rhi had not gone far before he saw his meerkat friend leap in front of him. Rhi slid off the camel and scooped up the hurt meerkat. He led his camel to a rock and got back on, kicking Calabru once again. They quickened their pace to a full gallop.

A rider galloped up on a buckskin horse beside Rhi and smiled evilly. His teeth were brown and cracked, his face burnt. He took his rope and waved it in the air. Rhi yanked on the reins and turned Calabru sharply, leaving the buckskin's rider in the dust.

The meerkat had blacked out, and Rhi had to help him fast. He had to ride and help the meerkat at the same time. Rhi pressed on the meerkat's soft chest to ventilate his tiny lungs with air. **TURN PAGE**



The meerkat coughed, looked up with wet, squinted eyes and tried to stand up on the wobbly camel. Rhi brought him to his sweaty chest, clenched the reigns, and back towards home. *To be continued.....*



## DIFFERENCES

By Mya Andes, grade 6

### The Adventures of Sea Lion and Walrus

#### Part 1

Sea lion and the walrus, though they differ in a lot of ways, have some similarities. A walrus sits on his rock with his fellow sea lion when something catches his eye.

‘A polar bear!’ He said.

‘Swim,’ said sea lion.

Walrus said, ‘Good idea, we are both fast and are skillful swimmers. ‘Let’s go!’

‘Yes, just watch out for killer whales and the dreaded man our enemies.’ Sea lion said cautiously.

So they wobbled on their four flippers to the water. Then they swam as fast as they could away from the polar bear.

They stopped to rest and walrus said,

‘Goodbye good friend. I must go back to my group.’

‘Me too, bye.’ Said sea lion and off they went back to their groups.

#### Part 2

Sea Lion and the walrus differ in a lot of ways. Sea Lion came to the where he met Walrus every day and he had a surprise for him.

“Hey,

“So do I,” Walrus exclaimed. ‘Me first’

Sea lion said “Here” he handed him a box. Walrus with his two tusks opened the box. “Oh!” He exclaimed, “All my favorite snacks are in here. Clams, crabs, and mollusks!”

“There is a card in there but please come out of the water to read it.” said Sea Lion.

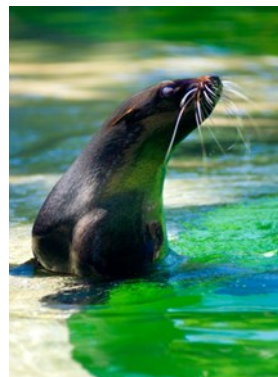
“No, you like land and I like water,” Said Walrus.

The card said this: To my friend, I have a dog like face, you have course whiskers and two tusks. I weigh 500 pounds, you weigh a ton. I eat squid, small fish, and sea birds, you don’t I can be trained, you can’t, but in the end nothing can keep us apart ...

Walrus wiped his eyes. “Thanks Pal,” he said. Then Walrus said, “Here is a squid I caught myself, it is nothing compared to yours, though.”

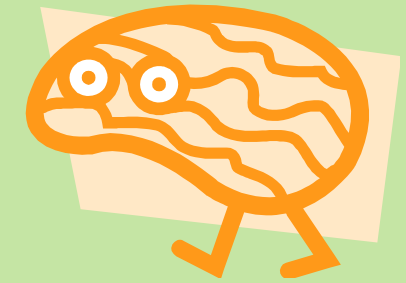
“Thank you Walrus you’re my great friend.” Sea Lion said.

**THE END**



## Hello random students, are you ready for some head-exploding brain teasers!

1. What can you catch but never throw?
2. What goes down but never comes up?
3. What can an empty pocket have in it?
4. What is the longest word in the dictionary?
5. What is the actual longest word in the dictionary?
6. What has 4 eyes but can't see?
7. What would happen if Pinocchio said, my nose will grow?
8. What is at the end of a rainbow?
9. What is as big as an elephant, but lighter than a feather?



1 A cold  
2 Rain  
3 A hole  
4 Smiles, there is a mile between each s  
5 Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis  
6 Mississippi  
7 The world would explode  
8 W  
9 Wind  
10 Sunday

Get ready for the most mind-boggling head-exploding riddle OF THEM ALL!

10. What day is it, when the day after tomorrow is yesterday it will be as far from Sunday as it was from the day before yesterday tomorrow?

## Hey guys! Buzz here yet again with another video game review!

I have to say, I was REALLY hoping I could review the Lego Movie. But I was just as excited when I got to review the Lego movie VIDEOGAME! Oh, I almost forgot! Happy Saint Patricks Day! Here is a pic of my cousin Larry laying in his clover garden.



Anyway, lets get into this! The Lego movie videogame is, well, the video game of the Lego movie. You can play as many characters from many themes, such as the green ninja, and Han Solo many new characters! You have to stop lord business (aka president business) from using the Kraggle to freeze everything perfect so that everything will be unchanged. Travel through many Lego themes with many friends to save the world! This is a 1-2 player game for most game stations including 3ds! You can play as the heroes or the villains.

If you want to see some game-plays of the game, go to Evan-tubegaming on youtube!

This seems like a very good game for all Lego fans! Oh, and it is rated "E" for everyone 10 and up for comic mischief and cartoon violence. Well, that's just about it for this review. Ill catch you guys later!



-Buzz

Hey guys! Leave your appropriate game suggestions in the suggestion Box! I always love new suggestions!

-Corey Carlson

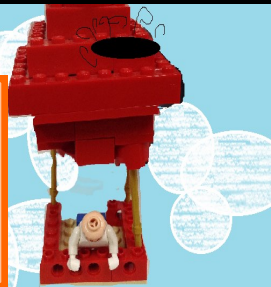
Next month's game ???

# FUN STOP

## THE TWENTY- ONE BALLOONS

COMIC STRIP BY EMMA HAGEN

Mr.  
Sherman  
was in  
deep  
trouble.



I think I  
know how  
to get out of  
here!



Sherman chopped at the ropes of the  
balloon, dropping the passenger basket.



HE  
WAS  
FREE!



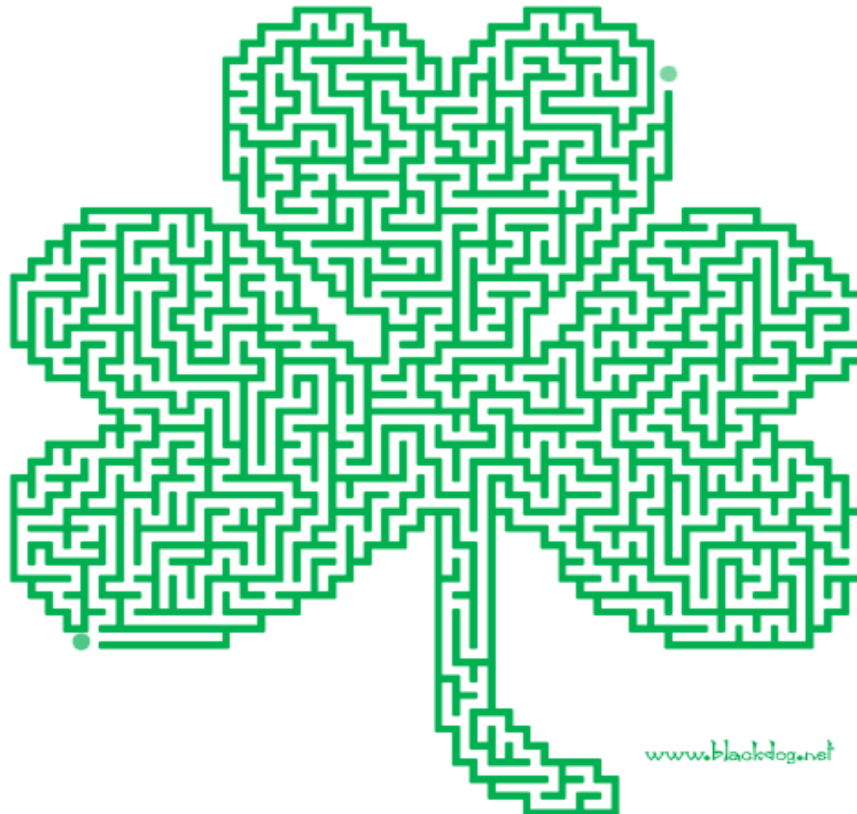
To be continued...

But for how  
long???

### Kid-Friendly Website Links:

[www.coolmath-games.com](http://www.coolmath-games.com)

[www.dyniweb.com](http://www.dyniweb.com)



[www.blackdog.net](http://www.blackdog.net)





## **Fluffy Key Lime Pie Recipe**

**TIME: Prep: 20 min. + chilling**

**MAKES: 8 servings**

### **Ingredients:**

**1 package (.3 ounce) sugar-free lime gelatin**

**1/4 cup boiling water**

**2 cartons (6 ounces each) Key lime yogurt**

**1 carton (8 ounces) frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed**

**1 reduced-fat graham cracker crust (8 inches)**

**1 carton (8 ounces) frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed**

### **Directions:**

**In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Whisk in yogurt. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until set.**

**Have a beautiful spring and enjoy all the newness that each day brings!!**

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## Wonders of the Deep Sea

By Rebekah Thiessen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

There are many animals in the shallower parts of the ocean that we know much about, but the most interesting are the ones we know least of. Rather recently, a submersible has been invented that can go to amazing depths to learn more about these interesting creatures. It went to Mariana Trench, the deepest point in any of the oceans, to learn about the animals there.

A lot of these creatures are bioluminescent. That means that they can make lights with their bodies. That kind of animal usually is see-through, so that their prey only sees the light and goes toward it. Then chomp, there the prey goes. Lights are also used to communicate.

All of these animals are very interesting. One kind of fish, called macropinna, has eyes that can rotate inside their clear shield. It feeds on the prey of a kind of colony called a siphonophore. A siphonophore looks like a long string of little balls. They each have a job, like ants in a colony. They have tentacles to trap prey. The macropinna wait, with their eyes rotated up, until the siphonophore catches something. Then they rotate their eyes down, to where they can see what they are eating, and then grab the food.

Down in the deep, there also are squid that carry their egg sac around with them, the only species of squid that does. There are shrimp, crabs, and flatfish that can stand amazing heat and volcanic activity. The sulfuric gases trap and poison other fish, which float down to where the flatfish can eat them. Beautiful, bioluminescent jellyfish float around, blinking and flashing. Eels with huge jaws swim through the dark water, waiting to catch smaller fish with their flashing lights. Orange Roughy, now with their numbers plummeting because of fishermen overfishing, swim along the bottom of the sea. Shining and blinking, lights are everywhere.

This is some of what someone in a submersible would see. Scientists are always making discoveries and taking specimens. I wonder what they'll find next in that wonderful, mysterious, dark world.

