





It's me, Buzz again! And guess what? I just celebrated my birthday on January 15. It was awesome, especially the tuna-flavored cake! But you're not here for details on me. You're here for a game review and here it is! Lego Batman 3, the newest Lego game so far and in my opinion, the best! Good guys like Batman and Superman team up with villains like Lex Luthor and The Joker! This game sort of reminds me of my cousin Mr. Jingles (aka Batcat). You see all kinds of DC superheroes made into Lego form (including Frankenstein for some reason...). You travel to space to stop Brainiac from using the powers of the Six Lanterns to shrink down worlds for his collection! Also, once you beat the game, you unlock Brainiac, and you can explore all 7 Lantern worlds like The Batcave, the Space Watchtower and even a secret Moon Base! There are over 150 characters to unlock, and even more gold bricks! I highly recommend this game. But it currently costs \$50 so you might want to start with the demo!



**BUT WAIT! THIS ARTICLE IS NOT OVER YET!** In honor of my birthday, I am holding a CONTEST! Whoever can come up with the best game review will win a \$5 Jamba Juice gift card and their paragraph published in the next issue! HOW TO ENTER: Take a piece of paper and write your first and last name on it. Then, write a paragraph about a game you enjoy. It has to be at least 5 sentences and only E-T games will be accepted; you'll be disqualified if they include blood, language, or any other non-suitable material! Good Luck! - Buzz



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By Editor Corey Carlson

## Ivy Jeffers, Courtney Fire Survivor

Ivy Jeffers's house burned down in the Courtney Fire. On 9/20, my family was helping with a victim relief program when we stopped by the Jeffers' old home. The Cox Family was there helping sort through the wreckage, and I had a chance to talk to Ivy with my friend, Abby Rumohr. "What was it like when you evacuated?" I asked Ivy. "It was scary," she said. "We had to grab our stuff quickly." "Was there a lot of yelling about grabbing things?" Abby asked. "Yeah," Ivy said. "Dad yelled, 'Five minute warning!' while we were evacuating, but when he saw the flames across the street he said, 'Never mind! We're leaving NOW!'" "It was scary when my family evacuated in the Junction Fire," Abby said, "but our house didn't burn down!" "Did you cry when you came home and discovered your house burned down?" I asked. "Actually, no," Ivy said. "I didn't cry at all. I had grabbed all the stuff I wanted to keep, and the fun thing was that I got a bunch of new clothes and toys!" "It would be fun to have a new wardrobe," Abby said. "Yeah," Ivy continued. "All of my old clothes and toys were getting old." "That must have been fun," I said. Ivy paused for moment, "Oh man," She cried. "What?" We asked. "I forgot my Rainbow Loom!"

-True Story by Emma Hagen

# THE CHOCOLATE TASTE TEST

In November 2014 at M.H.S. (Mountain Home School) there was a chocolate taste test that ten people attended. The brands were Hersheys and Ghiradelli.

Hersheys won.



By Wil Lodge, gr. 2

Edited by Elisa Heidebrecht



## MINECRAFT HOMESCHOOL: WHERE LEARNING AND GAMING COLLIDE!

Hi my name is Jerry. I don't like to talk much but I like to type and play video games. I have decided to write a video game review on "Minecraft Homeschool," where Learning and Gaming Collide! It is the best thing ever: Minecraft and school together! Each week, we have to study something, take a test on it, then build it, and get graded. For example, I am in the class called "Castles and Cannons." This week, we studied the life of a peasant. We took a quiz on it, then we were assigned a build: Create a peasant's home from what you have learned. So we go in-game, take a portal to our class, and find a place to build. The best things I think they have for this Minecraft server are: 1. They have language rules, 2. Stealing is banned, 3. No attacking other players unless they allow you to, 4. Special slash commands for helping do school-work or play, such as fly in survival mode, 5. Ability to set a "Claim," a place where only you can build, and no one else, 6. Fun maps to play in after finishing school, 7. And so much more I can't even list. The classes cost \$15-\$20 for 6 weeks of classes, so you could probably ask your parents to try a beginner class. I enjoy it so much. Learn more at their website:

<http://minecrafthomeschool.com/>



## Minecraft Homeschool

Where learning and gaming collide!



\*White-listed Minecraft Servers

\*Closed TeamSpeak Server

\* Great Curriculum

\* Building Teamwork Skills

Proof that LEARNING IS FUN!

# Horses

A research report by Amber Kishihara, grade 5



Horses are very intelligent animals. Although they are larger than you and can appear to be scary, horses are actually good-natured, gentle, and friendly animals.

Just like you, horses have different life stages, and, like you are called a baby, teenager, or adult, horses are also called different names as they get older. Females are called fillies when they are little and mares when they are grown up. Males are called colts when they are young, and stallions when they are full grown. Horses also have great senses. They have the largest eyes than any land animal, and they can see like binoculars do! Their sense of smell is better than humans, but not as good as a dog's sense of smell. A horse's hearing is great; they will get nervous listening to jazz or rock music, and calm listening to classical or country music.

Horses are used in many ways. Back then, people rode on horses for transportation, in wars, and for hunting, and we still do today. Horses are also used for farming, such as plowing fields, pulling carts, and herding animals. Other people enter their horses in competitions, like racing, jumping, dressage, which is showing fancy riding skills, and barrel racing. Some people ride horses just for fun!

The most important thing for having a horse is caring for it. Every morning and night, you should feed your horse hay, along with occasional treats, or you could put your horse in a grass field to eat and run around. Horses also need lots of fresh, clean water. They drink twelve gallons of water a day! If you have a barn for your horse, you should clean it every day. If their stall is not cleaned, a horse could get sick. Also, horses need visits to the vet. They need their teeth checked, and they need new horseshoes when they get worn out. If you give your pet these things, you'll have a healthy, happy horse!

Even though a horse is a lot of hard work, it is well worth it in the end!

## Michael Faraday

By Auren Bracken

Michael Faraday was born on the 22 of December, 1791 in south London. His family was very poor and young Faraday got very little education. When he was a young boy in school his teacher got angry with him for his speech impediment. She gave his brother a coin and told him to buy a switch. She said she was going to whip the speech problem out of him. Instead, he ran and got their mother who took the boy out of school for good.

When he was fourteen he apprenticed himself as a book binder and during the next seven years he educated himself by reading books on a wide range of scientific subjects. In 1812, Faraday attended four lectures given by the chemist, Humphry Davy at the Royal Institution.

He made a book of everything in Davy's lectures. Davy was so impressed by this that when he went blind from a chemical explosion, he remembered Faraday's book and hired him at the Royal Institution. This became Faraday's life long home.

In 1813, Faraday was appointed to the job of chemical assistant at the Royal Institution. Faraday loved kids and in 1835 he started the Christmas lectures just for them. In 1826, he founded the Royal Institution's Friday night discourses which both go on, still to this day over 188 years later. He remained a very religious man all his life.

He invented electric motor technology, transformers, the Faraday cage, electromagnetic induction and so much more. He discovered how to make and use electricity and found the lines of electromagnetism that surround the earth.

The other scientists of his day thought he was old and outdated. They didn't believe a lot of what he said. A man named James Clerk Maxwell read everything Faraday had written and spent years putting everything into mathematical formulas to prove to all the scientists that Faraday was right.

Albert Einstein kept pictures of Michael Faraday, Sir Isaac Newton and James Clerk Maxwell on his wall. Physicist Ernest Rutherford said, "Faraday was one of the greatest scientific discoverers of all time."

I think Faraday was a great man and I'm glad he lived. Without him, we would have no electricity or satellites. "Nothing can be too wonderful to be true if it is consistent with the laws of nature." Michael Faraday

## Kid friendly websites

[www.coolmathgames.com](http://www.coolmathgames.com)  
[www.barbie.com](http://www.barbie.com)  
[www.nationalgoographics/kids.gov](http://www.nationalgoographics/kids.gov)  
[www.historychannel/kids.gov](http://www.historychannel/kids.gov)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

## True or False

Christopher Columbus is a famous sailor T F  
All unicorns are pink T F  
Veterinarians are the same thing as veterans T F  
Dogs are sometimes called companions T F  
Angels are a baseball team T F

By: Charlie Collins

Hi you guys, what's up? If you can remember, Corey wrote an article about thanking the firefighters and all that. It's not bad to thank the firefighters, I mean, my uncle is one! I just wanted to bring up the fact that no one says anything about the policemen..... not that I have heard of anyway. So I just wanted to give a holler out to all those policemen and remember, if you see one, thank him or her. They too risk their lives because when they pull someone over, they don't know who it is going to be, or what they will do. I've even heard of a police officer who has gotten shot because people, not all of them, but some, have gone crazy. Again be thankful for those policemen who protect us.

Edited by: Charlie Collins



## THE HEROES OF OLYMPUS (SERIES)

Book review by Editor, Adrian Aldridge

Hello there! I'm going to tell you about the HEROES OF OLYMPUS SERIES. It's written by Rick Riordan. It's so fun to read! It's very important to start with the first book of the series! The first book is named The Lost Hero. The Lost Hero is about a Roman demigod named Jayson Grace who thought he lost his memory but actually the goddess named Hera took it away. Hera was trapped by the underworld army and put in an invincible jail cell.

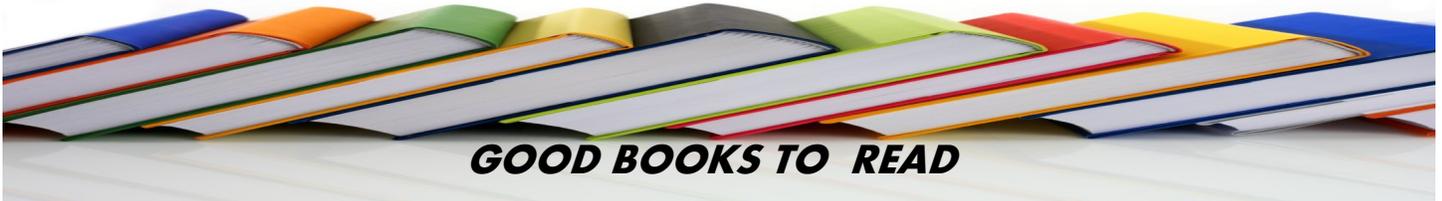
Now I don't want to give away the rest of the story; that's for you to read. The names of the the other books are The Son Of Neptune, The Mark Of Athena, The House Of Hades, and Blood Of The Olympians.

THE ARGO 2



Jason Grace





IF YOU LIKE ROMANCE AND PRINCESSES, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: THE WIDE AWAKE PRINCESS SERIES.

IF YOU LIKE MICE AND FUNNINESS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: GERONIMO STILTON SERIES.

IF YOU LIKE FAIRIES, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: FAIRY PRINCESS.

IF YOU LIKE YOUR HOME, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: RAMONA AND BEEZUS SERIES.

IF YOU LIKE "BACK -THEN" STORIES, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE.

IF YOU LIKE BOOKS ABOUT DOGS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: SHILOH.

IF YOU LIKE DRAMA, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: THE WHIPPING BOY.

IF YOU LIKE FAIRY TALES AND LIONS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: NARNIA SERIES.

IF YOU LIKE DOLLS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: AMERICAN GIRL SERIES.

IF YOU LIKE DRAGONS, YOU CAN READ: ERAGON.

IF YOU LIKE FUNNY AND WEIRD STUFF, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: DR. SEUSS BOOKS.

IF YOU LIKE BOXCARS, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: THE BOXCAR CHILDREN.

IF YOU LIKE MYSTERIES, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT BOOK: NANCY DREW.



You can find some of these books in Mountain Home School's Library.  
YOUR FRIEND,  
EDITOR, OLIVIA HAGEN



## VALENTINE COOKIE POPS

**BY ABBY  
LODGE**

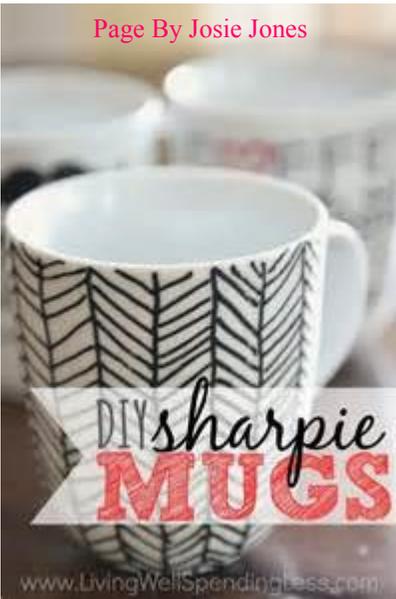


### Ingredients:

- Sugar cookie dough
- Heart cookie cutter
- Lollipop sticks or trimmed skewers
- Frosting, sprinkles
- Oven



1. Make the dough as directed on packet. Roll until it is 1/4 of an inch thick. Cut the dough with the heart cookie cutter or whatever you wish. **.DO NOT ADD THE STICKS YET!**
2. Bake the cookies according to the instructions. Once they are done, while they are still hot, slide the sticks into the tip of the cookie. Let the cookies cool completely before decorating them. You can stick them in the fridge for 15 minutes to speed up the process.
3. Frost the cookies however you like and add sprinkles. Now your cookie pops are done! Enjoy!



## DIY Sharpie Mug by Josie Jones

What you will need:

Permanent Sharpies

White mug (you can get them at the Dollar Store)

Oven

First preheat your oven to 350. Then grab your mug and Sharpies and draw a design. When you are happy with your design, put your mug in the oven for 20 minutes. Take it out and let it cool. Then your Sharpie mug is ready to use!

Hope you like this craft by Josie Jones.

## Valentine's Day Word Search - Kids Edition

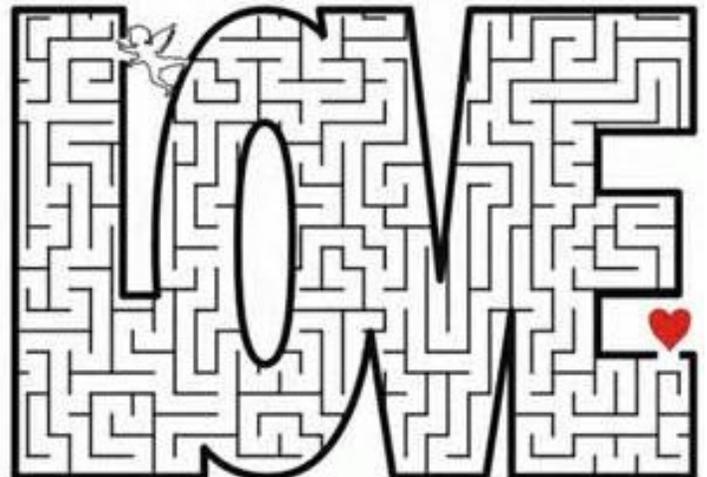


**Valentine's  
word search  
words!**

- Candy**
- Hearts**
- Hugs**
- Love**
- Red**
- Pink**
- Cards**
- Friends**
- Be Mine**
- Cupid**

# Happy Valentine's Day!

From the Coyote Times staff: Josie Jones, Abby Lodge, Gabby Lazarcheff, Emma Hagen, Olivia Hagen, Charlie Collins, Corey Carlson, Elisa Heidebrecht, and Adrian Aldridge



# Write Here!

STUDENT WORK EDITION: Finally! We have the ending of *The Eagle of El Capitan* and more student work! You must be bored of my talking-ahem-  
writing. —Emma Hagen, Editor

## Guess what I am?

I am pink with white polka dots.

I sleep in a five year old's bedroom and if you see me you'd describe me as babyish.

I am huggable and squeezable.

She, the five year old, thinks I protect her while she sleeps.

Answer: Unicorn Pillow Pet

Can you guess what I am?

BY: CHARLIE COLLINS

## The Eagle of El Capitan-Ending

...The eagle saw the man was slipping. He knew that he could not lift the man all by himself so the eagle went and got all of his feathered friends. They all had a little animal meeting and then, flew off with a plan. The Eagle swooped under the hiker, the deer held on, the peacocks went around, and all of the animals took their places. Then, just as the man was about to fall off the cliff, they swarmed and swooped him up.

The man landed to safety. The hiker was so terrified from the whole process. He couldn't even thank the eagle, but the eagle was still happy he helped.

THE END

by Olivia

Hagen &

Elisa

Heidebrecht

## The Pilgrims

By Gavin Jasper

The Pilgrims were a group of people who wanted to leave England because they wanted to worship God their own way. First they went to Holland and spent a couple years there but after a while their sons and daughters began to lose their English heritage. The Pilgrims held a meeting to vote whether to go to America or not. The vote was decided the Pilgrims who wanted to go to America.

They knew that the boat ride would be dangerous, and it was. The Pilgrims chose two boats to take, the *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower*. They left August, 1620. The *Speedwell* sprang a leak and had to go back to England. When the Pilgrims were halfway to America, the main mast got a crack in it so the passengers fixed it.

When they finally landed in America, November 1620, the first thing they did was explore.

After exploring the coast, they built houses for the winter in Plymouth, Massachusetts. They were not prepared for the East Coast's harsh winter that came upon them. Many got sick or died from hunger or cold. When Spring came only half of the Pilgrims were alive. They became friends with the Indians. They planted crops but none of the crops worked in America like they did in England so the Indians showed them how to grow the crops. On their one-year anniversary in America, they had a feast and invited the Indians. Some of the food they ate was wild duck, turkey, venison, corn pudding, fish, pumpkin, and much more.

-Edited by Emma Hagen