By Julian Maceira

The Forest

The forest

A wonderful place to go

The forest

A beautiful place to be

The forest, The forest, The forest . . .

The forest

Filled with chirping birds

The forest

Filled with many animals

The forest, The forest, The forest . . .

The forest

With many hunting prey

The forest

Filled with many thoughts

The forest, The forest, The forest . . .

Hayden Chatwood

**Snowball Cookie Recipe**

I have very good memories of making Snowball Cookies with my Nana in Nevada. We would make them around Christmastime, and they are always so yummy! This is a very simple recipe. First, mix 1cup margarine, 2 cups of sifted flour, ¼ teaspoons of salt, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, and 6 tablespoons of sugar. Add 1 cup of chopped walnuts. Chill the dough for 30 minutes, which helps the cookies to stay rounded. After they are chilled, bake them at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes. Once they are finished baking, they will need to cool for 5 minutes. Carefully roll them in sugar completely and then allow time for them to cool. Finally, eat and enjoy the most delicious cookie ever!

Demarion Daniels

How to Fish

Step 1: If your fishing rod is in separate pieces, you will need to connect them. It is simple, just line up the pieces and push them together hard.

Step 2: Next you need to open the bail on the reel and string the line through the eyes of the rod.

Step 3: Choose your lure. There are many different types of lures you can use to catch different types of fish. Spinner baits are good for using in lakes to catch largemouth bass. There are also crankbaits that dive under the water when you retrieve them. Topwater baits stay on the surface of the water and are good for catching snook in the morning. Swim baits are good for catching all types of fish and can cover large areas of the water column.

Step 4: At the end of the line, you need to tie on a lure. It is important you use a good knot like a loop knot so that a fish does not escape.

Step 5: Time to cast! Hold the line coming out of the reel against the rod with your index finger. With your other hand, open the bail on the reel. Bring the rod tip back over your head. Now swing the rod tip back forward quickly while releasing the line you were holding with your index finger. The lure and the line should fly out into the water.

Step 6: Close the bail on the reel and start retrieving your line by rotating the handle on the reel.

Step 7: Have fun and good luck!

MY RECIPE FOR SHEPERDS PIE

By Xander Pugh

Shepherd’s pie is a comforting casserole of savory ground beef stew, topped with a layer of cheesy mashed potato. It is one of my favorite meals to eat for dinner! It is easy to make too. The ingredients include ground beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables (carrots and onions), flour, beef broth, and cheddar cheese. After you have all the ingredients, add them to a casserole dish (beef mixture, carrots, mashed potatoes, and finally top with cheese and bake until golden brown. Bake in a preheated oven for 20 minutes. Shepherd’s pie makes great leftovers too! I hope you enjoy this meal as much as I do.

When it was my Birthday poem

By Destiny Sanchez

When it was my birthday

It was the best time.

My sisters and family

Took me out for my birthday.

The only thing I disliked about it

Was that I had to share it.

But the rest was the best -

I got the most presents and

My sister surprised me!

I didn’t think she’d come

Because I haven't seen her

In a long time.

The last time I saw her is when she used

to live with me - she is fun and funny!

Dominic Oeser

How to Make Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches

#1 Get peanut butter & jelly.

#2 Then get bread.

#3 Also don't forget your butter knife because you're going to need that.

#4 Unroll the bread bag and then unscrew the lids for the peanut butter and jelly jars.

#6 Oh my gosh! I almost forgot - you need a plate but if you don't have plates, you can just use a napkin and that's fine.

#7 You take the butter knife and take your peanut butter and jelly. You take two slices of bread and smear one side peanut butter and smear one side jelly. Then you combine them and voila, you have a sandwich.

#8 Also, if you want to cut your sandwich, just take your butter knife and cut it.

J’dynn Holloman

All About Football

Football is my favorite sport to watch and play. My favorite football team is the Philadelphia Eagles, because they are hardworking and go to the Super Bowl a lot. I like the players too and they have great teamwork. My older brother has always liked the Eagles, so I started liking them too. My favorite player on the Eagles is AJ Brown. He is the wide receiver and catches a lot of balls. I play football and am also a wide receiver for my team. AJ Brown is good at making tough catches and gaining lots of yards. One day, if I work hard enough, I may be like AJ Brown.

BJ Losoya

My Favorite Sport

My favorite sport is soccer. I have been playing soccer for most of my life. The position I like most is called the striker. The striker’s main job is to score goals for their team. I hope that one day I will be the striker on a professional soccer team, because I want to be the hero for my team. My favorite soccer team is Portugal because that is the team Cristiano Ronaldo is on. He is the striker for the Portuguese National Team. He is my favorite player, and he scores lots of goals. It will be a lot of hard work, but I know that I can accomplish anything!

Tymir Boles

How Snow is Formed

Snow forms when tiny ice crystals in clouds stick together to become snowflakes. If enough crystals stick together, they'll become heavy enough to fall to the ground. Snowflakes that fall through moist air that is warmer than 32 degrees Fahrenheit will melt around the edges and stick together to make big flakes. Here are some fun facts about snow: There are no two snowflakes that are exactly alike. Snow isn’t white. It may appear white as it falls from the clouds, but it is actually translucent. This is because snow is made up of tiny ice crystals. Finally, it takes about one hour for a snowflake to reach the ground. Most snowflakes fall at speeds of one to four miles per hour. I haven’t ever seen snow, but I am hoping that I will be able to see snow one day.

Jacob Rivera

Basketball

Basketball is a fun sport to play! It is a great way to include friends. Sometimes I can see my friends from my old school playing basketball at the park. You can play with one person or many people. I enjoy playing with my dad near a park. I like teaching my younger brother how to play basketball too. I don’t want to play on a team, but I do like playing for fun. One of my favorite things to do when playing basketball is tricking the other players. I can do this by waiting for them to try and get me and then I move the other direction. I dribble it past them, and they didn’t even know it was going to happen! When my dad does this, it is very difficult to get the ball from him. Shooting the balls into the basket is also fun. I love playing basketball!

Donelle Molisee

“The Night is Black” poem

The night is black

Going back it is the past

It is fast, then night is back

The night is dark there is

No back it is foggy

The time is fast.

Ivy Crespo

My Favorite Hobby

My favorite hobby is going with my mom to her work. She works at Angels Assisted Living. She is the Activities Director at the assisted living. I help my mom play Bingo with the residents. I really enjoy walking through the garden area and talking to the people who live there. One of my favorite things to do is have the residents guess my age. They usually think I am around 20, but I am only 11! I go to Angels Assisted Living whenever I have a day off from school. It makes me very happy when they recognize me and say my name. This is surprising, because many of them have dementia. I hope that one day I can follow in my mom’s footsteps and be an Activities Director at an assisted living facility.

Taylor Tenney

My Movie Review: Spiderman Across the Spider-Verse

In my opinion this movie is a seven out of ten. This is because I really like how they added real people in the cartoon type style movie. But a movie doesn't come without its flaws. For example, I don't like how the creators of the movie got pretty lazy with the designs. For instance, the main villain of the movie is just a guy with plain white skin and black spots. But I still also really like how they added the whole Spider-Verse, and how they also added 'Canon events' (which if you don't know is something that has to happen and contributes to the main story and plot of the show or movie). I do like the design on Spider-Man 2099 - how he has claws and actually glows like a radioactive spider. Overall, it's a great movie but I can't just ignore the obvious laziness with the character designs, other than Spider-Man 2099 design.

Ares Ma

My Review on the Florida Orchestra Field Trip

We all love a field trip, you can talk to friends, and have fun. The Florida Orchestra allows you to do all of that. At the theatre you can have fun, and they put on an awesome show! The inside of the building is nicely decorated, they prepare fast, and the performances are awesome and entertaining. You can also learn at the theatre. For example, the conductor came by my class before the show and allowed us to ask questions. She told us that without the conductor, the orchestra would fall apart. The music was beautiful and there were even dancers on stage as the instruments were playing. It is one of the best places to go if you are bored. I would recommend you go to see the Florida Orchestra!

Zeek Harrison

All About Football

There are 4 downs and to get a first down you must get 10 yards. If you do not get a first down, then the ball goes to the other team and then they get to try and score. The field is 100 yards long. To score a touchdown, you have to cross the goal line at the end of the field. You can try and score a touchdown from any point on the field but once you get inside the opponents 20-yard line that is known as the red zone. You can have only 11 players on the field at a time on offense and 11 for defense. There are a lot of positions. Some of the positions on offense are: QB (aka Quarterback), WR (wide receiver), C (Center), RT (right tackle), LT (left tackle), and RB (running back). Some of the positions on defense are: (Defense line), corner back, middle linebacker, safety, and strong safety. A football game is divided into four quarters. The team with the most points at the end wins the game.

Sophia Salazar

Riddles

1. I have wings, but I’m not a bird. What am I?

A plane.

2. What has hands, but can’t hold anything?

A clock.

1. What has legs, but can’t walk?

A table.

1. What can talk, but is not a human?

A parrot.

1. What can close easily, but is hard to open?

An envelope.

Phong Pham

My Game Review

Game: ROBLOX Strongest battlegrounds/Saitama Battlegrounds

Strongest Battlegrounds is one of the best games I ever played. There are only a few problems like kill stealers, teamers (it is not a teamwork game), and runners (it is a fighting game not a race). It is fine - it is not the developer's fault. Some great things about this game is that it is not pay to win, it has a cool map, good updates, unique, and cool animations. My favorite character is Bald Hero, because it is easy to do the moves when I choose him. One of the worst things is using Sonic, because you can run and it is super long range. This is the best game to play, especially when you are bored.

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5/5 stars