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Welcome Back to Peters!

by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade

Meet the Teacher Night was held at Peters Elementary, on August 18, 2014. Students found out who their assigned teachers were. Students and families signed up for PTA, received new car numbers, purchased popcorn and pizza passes, added money to lunch accounts and had the option to purchase Peters t-shirts.

“Meet the Teacher Night gives kids a brand new start to build a relationship with a new teacher and friends here at Peters,” Mrs. Gray said. “It was a huge success,” she said.

Many students said their favorite part of Meet the Teacher Night was meeting their new teacher and seeing old friends. One could just feel the excitement in the air, brought on by the new school year getting ready to start.

“This is my first year at Peters, and I like my new teacher and class-

room,” said third grader Willow Brizendine.

Some fifth graders expressed excitement to see their friends and be the big fifth graders.

All the students and families appeared to be having a positive experience at Meet the Teacher Night



New Peters third grade teacher Ms. Knight welcomes students at Meet the Teacher

Keys to Success

*Editorial by Paw Prints Editors
Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade
and Caris Fore, 4th Grade*

After a long summer, isn't it hard to come back to school? Well, sometimes it is. But after a few days in school, in a new grade, in a new classroom, with a new teacher, you get used to it. You should enjoy your elementary school years while you can because it becomes different in middle school. Here are some tips you can use to have a great year here at Peters.

- You should always listen to your teachers because they don't explain things just to hear themselves talk. They do it so you can learn.
- Try your best on your work. After you put your name on the paper and turn it in, it means you gave your seal of approval and you don't want to be embarrassed by your horrible-not-trying-your-best paper.
- Be nice to others and remember The Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is to treat other kids the way you want to be treated.
- Be ready for anything that comes your way. Study even if there isn't a quiz.
- Set up goals and try to achieve those goals.
- It is okay to ask questions. No questions are dumb. Someone else probably has the same question.
- Try something different even if you're not good at it. You will never know if you don't try.

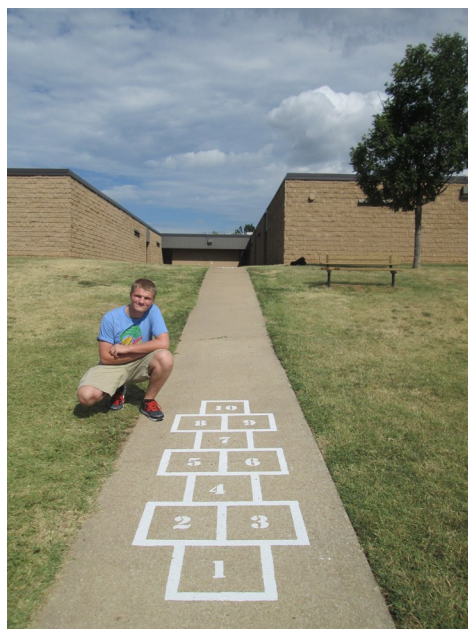
If you use these tips, you will succeed in having a good school year here at Peters! Make it a great year or not, the choice is yours!

Eagle Scouts Help Peters

by Abigail McMahon, 5th Grade

Students returned to Peters and noticed new hopscotch lines and four-square on the basketball court! John Brown and members of his family and boy scout troop painted those hopscotch and four-square games on the sidewalk and the basketball court. John and his crew also painted distance markers on the track and repainted the curbs.

This was John's Eagle Scout project. Eagle Scout projects help show leadership in the community. To become an Eagle Scout you have to organize a service project. To get the paint he needed, John asked for donations from local businesses and Peters PTA. John got the idea of painting at Peters Elementary because his little brother, Jamie Sisco, first grader in Mrs. Cole's class,



goes to Peters Elementary and the Peters' staff have taught him so much.

John has worked on a lot of scout projects in the community. In boy scouts you earn ranks. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Safety Patrol Helps Keep Kids Safe

Editorial
by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade
Paw Prints Editor in Chief

Last year at Tulsa Public Schools, a very unfortunate event took place. A four-year-old girl was accidently run over and killed by a car during afternoon dismissal. Nothing like this has ever happened at Peters. Safety Patrols are trying to prevent anything like that from happening at our school. It would really help us be safe if the students did not run and would listen when a Safety Patrol or an adult gives an instruction.

I am one of the Safety Patrols who work in the afternoon and I know that in the afternoon the biggest problems are that students don't know their number, they don't listen for their numbers, and they don't look for their car. All they do is talk. If you are a car rider in the afternoon, please listen for your number and look for your car. That would be



a big help.

Don't ever get on the road unless you are crossing the street when the coast is clear. Also please tell your parents that left turns are not allowed, and also tell them to not text or call when driving. Always tell a Safety Patrol or an adult before going back inside the school. If your

ride is outside waiting for you then we know where you are and we know you are safe. If we do all these things we will be a very safe school. Safety Patrols are volunteers and if we didn't have them, our school probably wouldn't be as safe as it is now.



Check Mate!

by Harish Vaithianathan, 3rd Grade

Do you know what chess stands for? C stands for chariot, H for horse, E for elephant, and SS for soldiers. Chess increases critical thinking skills. It teaches kids to plan ahead. Chess Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Third through fifth graders may join Chess Club.

There are three levels in our chess club including beginners, advanced beginners and advanced. Those who don't know how to play chess can learn in Chess Club. We have 41 kids in our chess club. Many parents, teachers and community volunteers help with Chess Club. "It is very fun!" said Marin McCourt from Ms. Knight's third grade class. If you missed the chance and you are still interested in joining, pick up a form in the front office.

Curriculum Night

by Xitlali Moreno, 5rd Grade

Curriculum Night was held at Peters Elementary on September 9. Mrs. Gray was in charge of this event. Lots of parents came to Curriculum Night to see what their children are learning this year. "It gives teachers a chance to educate parents on what their children learn this year, student expectations, and procedures for communications." Mrs. Gray stated.

PTA was selling hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Kids that came to Curriculum Night watched a movie in the gym while their parents were with their teachers. Teachers explained to parents what their children will be learning throughout the year. The teachers want the parents to stay informed and know how to better help their children. Third grader Reilly Logan's parents said, "I wanted to see what my daughter was involved in and what she is working on. I also wanted to know what the teachers are doing and it is important to know how she is doing in her work."

New Counselor Joins Peters Staff

by Cambell Gneich, 5th Grade

I would like to introduce you to one of our newest employees, Mrs. Allen. She is our school counselor. Her full name is Heather Lynn Allen. She is married, has a 17 month old son, and has three dogs.

Mrs. Allen was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, and moved to Texas when she was a teenager. She wanted to be a counselor because she loved it when her friends would come to her for advice. Years later she moved back to Oklahoma and attended Northeastern State University. Before Mrs. Allen came to Peters, she was the counselor at the Union 6th and 7th Grade Center.

Mrs. Allen said the thing she likes most about her job is that she gets to build relationships with the



kids and their families. She loves being a counselor. "It's the best job ever!" Mrs Allen said.

Shiny New Floors

by Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

On the first week of June, the Union district contracted with an outside flooring company to replace floors at Peters. Floors in the gym, cafeteria, and the stage were replaced. The reason for the new floors was that there was so much water and moisture underneath the floors that it broke the tile. The concrete had to be sealed and new tile put down.

"It was simply not safe for kids," said Mrs. Gray. The new tile on the gym floor is gray and has a smoother texture. The tile on the stage is black. There are no cracks in the new tile.

The floors were finished the week before Meet the Teacher.

"I like the new floors better because they aren't broken and it's a better environment for the kids," said Jeff Johnson, our building engineer.

Experience Cub Scouts

by Aidan Byers, 3rd grade

Cub Scouts is a fun and adventurous way to learn new skills and build friendships. Boys who are in first grade through fifth grade can join Cub Scouts. Did you know Cub Scouts started in 1914? It has been around a really long time! Cub Scouts was influenced by a famous book called *Jungle Book*. In 1914, a British Army officer, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, started a program for younger boys. In 1916, the first cub program for younger boys was the Wolf Cub. Baden-Powell used the animals that were in the *Jungle Book*, like the wolf and bear, to start Cub Scout programs for young boys who were ages six through nine.

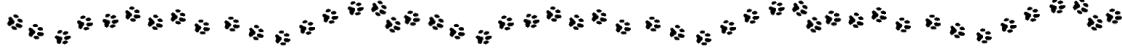
Cub Scouts activities include camping, fishing, hiking and pinewood derby racing. Pinewood derby racing starts with a block of wood. Then the scout has an adult help him carve the block of wood into a race car or something very creative. Finally, he paints it and adds wheels so it's ready for the race. The scout enters the car into the derby race to compete with other cub scouts in the pack.



Cub Scouts earn badges by doing activities. That is very important because the badges show that the scout is working hard and help him move to the next level. Cub scouts advance from Bobcat (for all new members), to Tigers (age 6), to Wolf (age 7), to Bear (age 8), and then to Webelos (ages 9-11). After Webelos the scout joins a Boy Scout troop at age 12. Boys who join Cub Scouts get to experience new and exciting facts about life and how to care for the community and the

planet.

For any boy who wants to join Cub Scouts, go to www.beascout.org, and put in your zip code to find out which pack is closest to you. There is a pack that meets at Peters Elementary every month. There are about 25 cub scouts in the pack. For more information contact the Pack's Cub Master, Brian Wimberly, at bswimberly@yahoo.com or 918-894-1081.



11 Birthdays

Book Review
by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade

Do you like a mystery book with a little fantasy? Then maybe you should read *11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass. It starts when Amanda Ellerby and Leo Fitzpatrick were first born. They were born on the same day in the same hospital and almost at the same time. Their parents didn't know each other until then. The Ellerbys and the Fitzpatricks met when they were looking through the glass window to see their children. The parents meet a mysterious woman who makes the parents promise to celebrate their children's birthdays together every year. The mysterious lady also says the kids would be the best of friends. Still, the families leave the hospital thinking they will never see each other again.



For Amanda's first birthday, Mrs. Ellerby had planned a birthday party for her at the hall. When they got there, the guy in charge said that another person had also booked the hall. He also said the hall was big enough and they would probably never get disturbed by the other party. When the other party's host got there, all the parents were shocked. "You!" the moms said together. Leo's mom was there, and it looked like they were going to celebrate their birthdays together. Because of that day, they have been celebrating their birthdays together — until their 10th birthday.

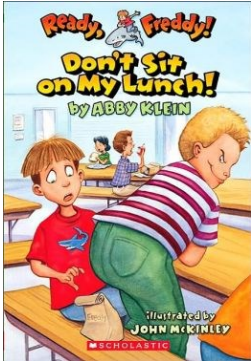
For Amanda's and Leo's 10th birthday, their parents had a party at Leo's house. At the party, Leo was in a room with some boys, and Amanda heard him say something unkind about her. Amanda rushes out and sits on the front porch upset.

On their 11th birthday, they have separate parties and strange and mysterious things start to happen. Check out *11 Birthdays* from the library to uncover the reasons for the mysterious happenings and to find out what happens with Amanda and Leo.

Ready Freddy: Don't Sit on My Lunch

Book Review
by Brooklynn Womack, 2nd Grade

Freddy wants to try out for the pee wee hockey team. But so does Max, the biggest bully in the whole first grade. Jessie, one of Freddy's friends, thinks he's going to win the spot on the team. Check this book out at the library to see who makes the team.



Bone: Eyes of the Storm

Book Review
by McKinley Kirk, 4th Grade

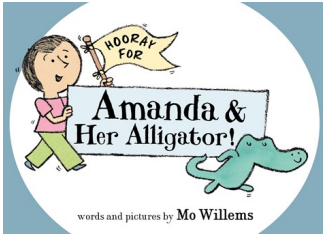
Are you up for a creepy, crazy, daring, adventure? Then you should read *Bone: Eyes of the Storm* by Jeff Smith. In the story there are rat-creatures who have made a hole in a wall. The grandma tries to save the village. How will the owners of the house get out of this mess? You can find out more by checking the book out from your



Hooray For Amanda & Her Alligator!

Book Review
by Avery Fore, 2nd Grade

Do you like Mo Willems books? Well if you do keep reading! While Amanda is out, her Alligator pouts. Then Amanda comes home and there is a surprise waiting for her. If you want to learn more, go to the school library and find *Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator!*



The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell

Book Review
by Mazie Waters, 4th Grade

Are you ready to visit The Land of Stories? In *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer, Alex and Conner Bailey think they have the worst life ever until their 13th birthday. Their grandmother gives them a book of all the fairy tales she's read to them since they were little.



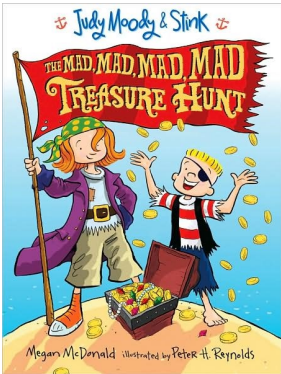
One night Alex Bailey is reading the Land of Stories when "Oh No!!!" Alex falls into the book and can't get out. Conner goes in after her and he falls in, too!

Will they get out before their mom finds out? Or will they stay in there forever? Check it out at your local library to find out what happens next!

The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt

Book Review
by Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade

Judy and Stink are on a boat to go to Pirate Island for vacation. When they arrive to Pirate Island, Stink and Judy stumble upon a shadow. They look up and see a man with a black beard, a ring in his ear, and an eye patch. He says to them "Welcome to Pirate Island!" Stink and Judy wake up the next morning and begin their treasure hunt for coins. For more information on their treasure hunt go to the library and check it out.



Read a good book lately?
Submit a book review in
the Panther Dropbox out-
side Mrs. Harding's door.



New Academic Teams
Formed at Peters

by Lauren Hemm, 4th Grade

On Thursday, August 28, in Mrs. Harding’s room, buzzer tryouts were held for the Peters Academic Team. Some people felt nervous, others confident, and many were excited. Mr. Bowen and Mrs. Harding ran the tryouts. Students in the buzzer tryouts were the top scorers on a screening test given to all fourth and fifth graders.

Jenaya Monroe, a fourth grader said, “I’m nervous, but also excited”.

The students who did the

best in buzzer tryouts were invited to join the academic team. After buzzer tryouts were held, 12 fourth graders and 16 fifth graders were invited to be on the 2014-2015 Peters Academic Team.

The academic team competes against other schools. They answer general knowledge questions and try to answer faster than the other team. When a team answers a question correctly they are given a bonus question which the whole team can discuss.

The academic teams practice two times a week. Peters will be hosting an Academic Bowl on November 5 and 6. Students from Anderson and Jarman will come to Peters to compete.

Fourth Grade Academic Team:

Caris Fore, Alex Bateman, Douglas Sawyer, Brennan Stout, Karlee Meyer, Jenaya Monroe, Garrett Arnold, Caeleb Burch, TJ Franklin, Grayson Tempest, Tyler Williams, Mason Kidd

Fifth Grade Academic Team:

Meghana Venkatesha, Jasai Brunson, Sean Page, Amiyah Norwood, James Huffman, Mycroft Lagrone, Ian Dollins, Seth Dollins, Miles Givens, Cassie Cussen, Nathan Brummet, Maddi LaPointe, Evan Skeie, Bryce Hall, Cody Paschall, Jordan Taylor

Dear Panther...

by Xitlali Moreno, 5th Grade
Advice Columnist

Dear Panther,

Some people are being mean to me on the playground. They are making fun of me because I can’t do the same things that other people can do.

Sincerely,
Hurt

Dear Hurt,

Don’t believe mean people because no one can judge you by what you do or what you can’t do, so it doesn’t matter what they say about you. Just ignore them if they do it again because they just want to bother you. Try to find people that like the same things that you do.

Respectfully,
The Panther

Dear Panther,

I do not feel welcome at school. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Left out

Dear Left Out,

I’m sorry that you don’t feel welcomed at school. Try to find new friends that make you feel welcomed at school. If you can’t make any friends then help others and they could be your friends.

Respectfully,
The Panther

Dear Panther,

I think we should have more recess so we can play longer. It would give us more time for fun.

Sincerely,
Playful

Dear Playful,

Unfortunately we can’t have more time for recess because there is a schedule for the day. If there is

more recess, then lunch would have to be shorter, and students wouldn’t have enough time to eat. I am sorry, but it just can’t happen. :(

Respectfully,
The Panther

Dear Panther,

Can kindergarten and up go to the garden?

Sincerely,
Nature Lover

Dear Nature Lover,

Anyone may go into the solarium, but they must be supervised by a teacher. Maybe if your class is really, really good your teacher will take you out there.

Respectfully,
The Panther





Peters Welcomes New Specialty Teachers



Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Carosielli, and Mrs. Lampi

A Song in Her Heart

by Abigail McMahon, 5th Grade

Kids have returned to Peters and have seen that we have a new music teacher. Her name is Mrs. Morris, and she previously worked as a special education teacher at Peters. She has taught kids with special needs for three years.

“The reason I wanted to be the music teacher was because I missed music and because music has been a part of my life since I was a little girl,” Mrs. Morris said.

Mrs. Morris went to school at Ouachita Baptist University where she studied music. She also went to the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Morris is a talented musician. She plays the piano and the violin. She has performed in New York, Germany, and several mid-west states. She has been in the Tulsa Signature Symphony and the

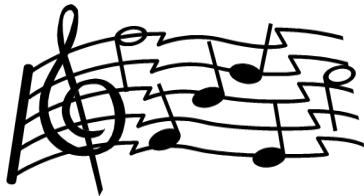
Cornell Symphony. She has also played in musicals for Union at the Performing Arts Center.

She loves playing the piano at church, teaching piano, accompanying recitals, playing in opera, and playing in musicals. In her family, her oldest son plays the guitar, the tuba, and the bass. Her daughter plays the clarinet and the keyboard. Her husband used to play the tuba.

Before teaching at Union, she taught piano and music at the University of Tulsa. She has played music for almost 40 year during those years she has played the violin for 8 years.

She said she is looking forward to working with honor choir, finding ways to use drums more often in class, providing hands on experiences, and inviting professional musicians to class.

“I want to bring out the musical talent of everyone at Peters,” she said.



Got Any Books?

by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

Mrs. Leslie, our former librarian, retired at the end of the last school year. Luckily the school has found a new librarian, Mrs. Lampi. She was the librarian at Boevers for about 10 years. She has a Bachelor’s degree in geology from the University of Oklahoma and a Master’s degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma at Tulsa.

“I love reading and learning so much from what I read. My favorite books are the ones that make me want to learn more,” Mrs. Lampi said.

“The reason I became a librarian is because I used to substitute and volunteer here so, I knew Peters was a great school,” she said.

Mrs. Lampi and Mrs. Leslie are good friends and organize their libraries in a similar way. Some of the changes Mrs. Lampi will bring to the library include labeling the picture books for young readers. She is rearranging the shelves and adding some series that were available at her old school.

Boomerball, Anyone?

by Miles Givens, 5th Grade

Our new gym teacher is Mrs. Carosielli. She was raised in Miami, Oklahoma and graduated from Missouri Southern University and Oklahoma State University, where she majored in Physical Education with a science minor.

Mrs. Carosielli said she loves physical education. At one time, she took three PE classes each day in the same year. In high school she was a diver, dancer and a gymnast.

As a new game activity, Mrs. Carosielli is excited to bring her favorite sport to Peters called Boomerball. She is not going to reveal what Boomerball is at this time because

it’s going to be a surprise.

In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her grandson, Kemper, and spending time with her husband, Mike, and her daughter, Amanda.

Although we will miss Mr. Ritter, we are ecstatic to have Mrs. Carosielli as the newest member of the Peters family!

New Faces at Peters

by Cameron Brashear
and Mason Kidd, 4th Grade

Last year Peters had an assembly to welcome kids from Rosa Parks who were transferring to Peters. The reason kids had to move to Peters was because Rosa Parks did not have enough classroom space. Union was trying to find a way to get Rosa Parks and Peters to have the same amount of students. This is called redistricting. Some kids switched to Peters because they moved into the neighborhood. New kids came from Rosa Parks, Jefferson, Darnaby, Clark and from other cities and states.

In 2014, Peters added one hundred fifty new students total. Three

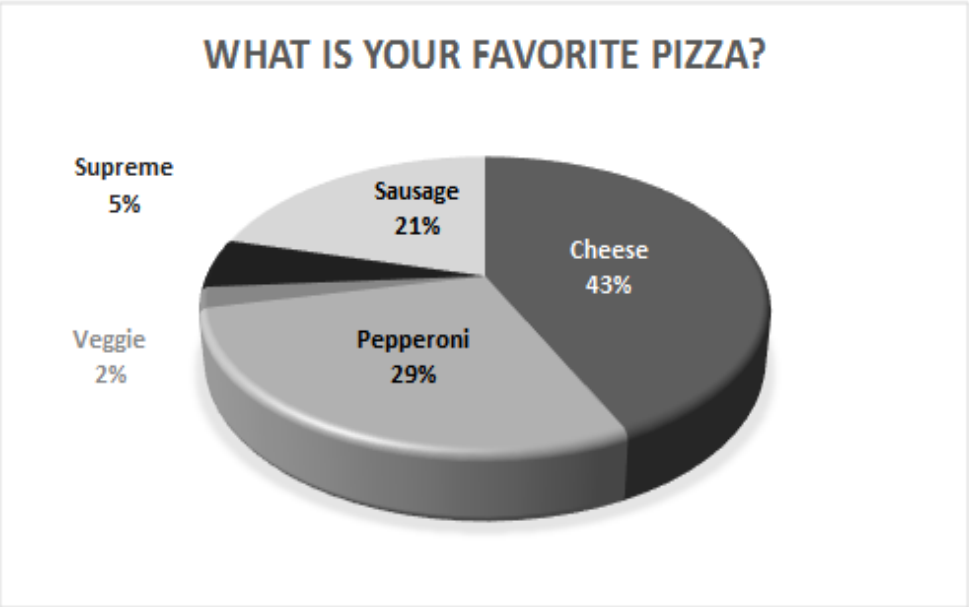


new teaching positions were added because more students came to Peters.

Jamiko Mathis, fourth grader in Ms. Cunningham’s class said he felt nervous when he first came to Peters, but now he is having a fantastic time.

“It’s been a fun experience getting to know the new kids,” said Mrs. Gray.

Poll and graph by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade



Moving Up!

Editorial
by Peyton Kunkel, 6th Grade

Sixth grade is all about the drama. New teachers, new students, and even lunch is dramatic. Almost everything about sixth grade is different than elementary school.

I just started sixth grade and here’s a tip — learn to listen to your teachers because the teachers aren’t going to be as easy going as they are now. Once you get going, it’s the easiest thing ever because you get used to it. There may be LOTS of work, but that’s nothing compared to how much I have now. Just

enjoy the time you have at Peters and spend it well. Laugh when you can, make jokes when they’re appropriate, and above all, be respectful of your teachers, enjoy them because once they’re gone they’re gone forever. There’s nothing else like Peters once you pass fifth grade. Elementary may be hard, but everyone has the ability to make it through if you try your best.

Editor’s Note: Peyton is a former Peters student and a member of the 2013-2014 Paw Prints staff. She will be writing a monthly column about life in sixth grade.

Popsicles in the Park

by Taylor McDonald, 5th Grade

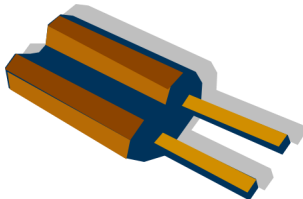
On August 13, Peters Elementary had a Popsicle party. The party was hosted at Peters around the playground. Teachers and students had time to visit with each other.

Fifth grader Annie Moreno said, “I came to have fun, and I did.”

At the Popsicle party kids got to eat Popsicles and run around the playground. There were a lot of people at the Popsicle party.

Mia Hastings stated, “My favorite part of the Popsicle party was seeing old friends.”

Most people appeared to be having a positive experience at the Popsicle party. The Peters community welcomes you and your family to this new year.



Volunteer of the Month

by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade

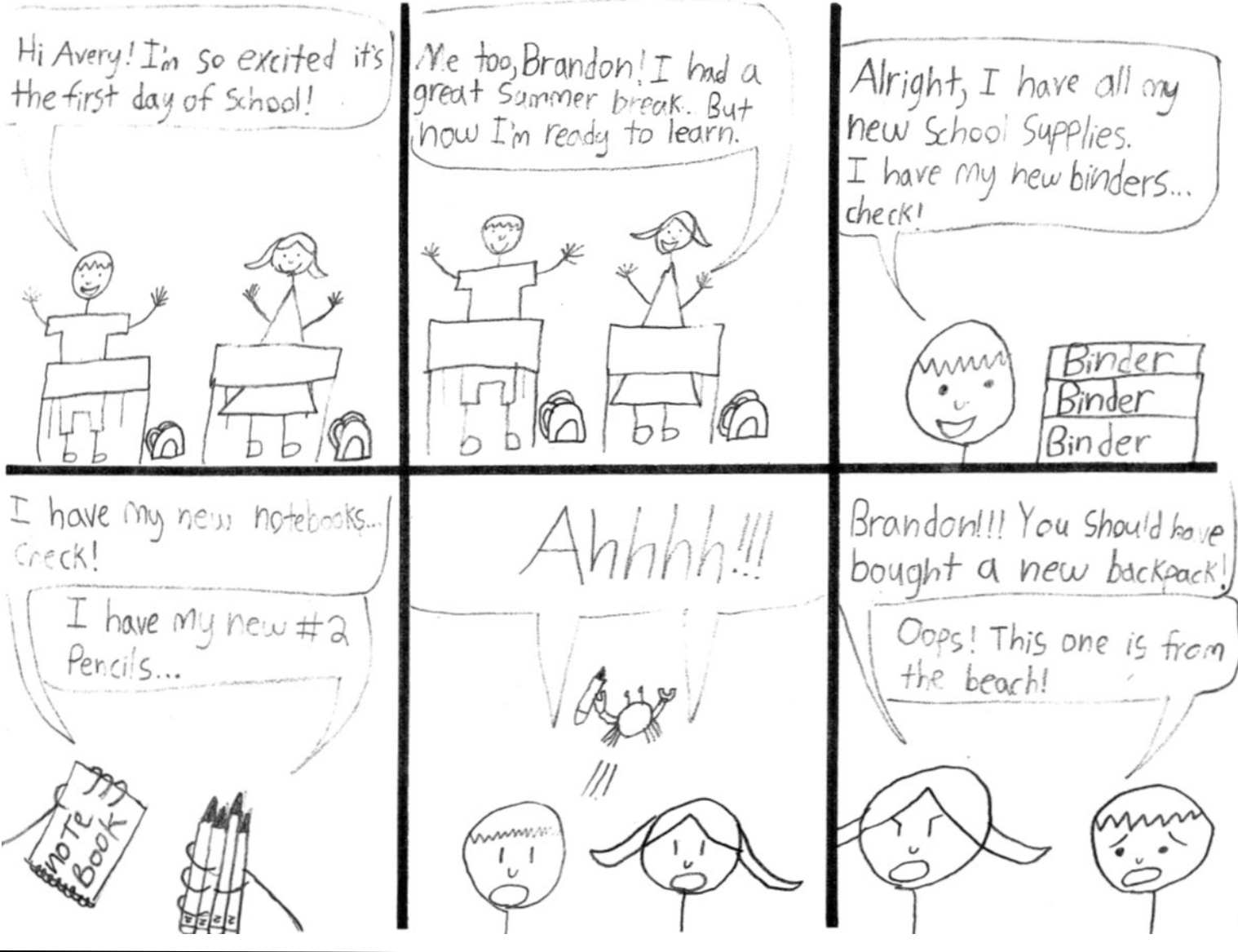
Mrs. Kester volunteered as a duty assistant for the first three days of school to help the new kids get used to Peters. She also works as a title clerk and she has a son named Sean who is in Mrs. Brashear’s second grade class. Mrs. Kester will be volunteering on and off during the school year. She loves being involved with her son’s school. Mrs. Kester is also on the school safety team.

“I love Peters and every kid has manners!” she said.

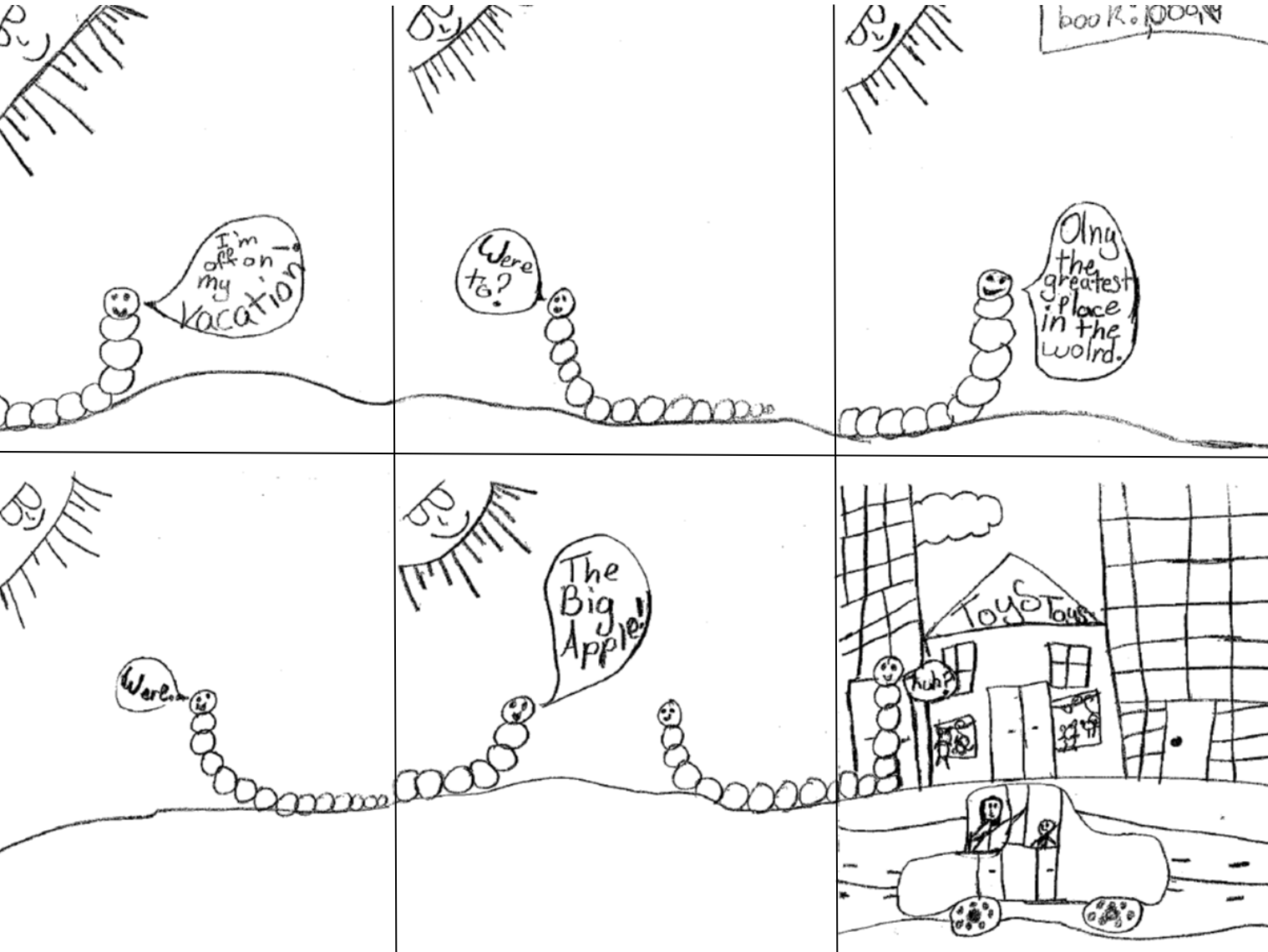
Mrs. Kester liked seeing all the kids talking about their day and what they did. She said that the students and teachers were very nice. “I love kids! I work with kids at church,” she stated.



Comic by Aidan Byers, 3rd Grade



Comic by Takyra Sampson, 4th Grade



Word Scramble by Cameron Brashear, 4th Grade

Try to unscramble each Fall word.

1. manutu
2. elvesa
3. alheneowl
4. eftas
5. ecnap
6. htnkgginiasv
7. ukpnpmi
8. cobtroe

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Activity by Avery Fore, 2nd Grade


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Draw a line from the letter to the animal whose name begins with the letter.

Activity by Brooklynn Womack, 2nd Grade



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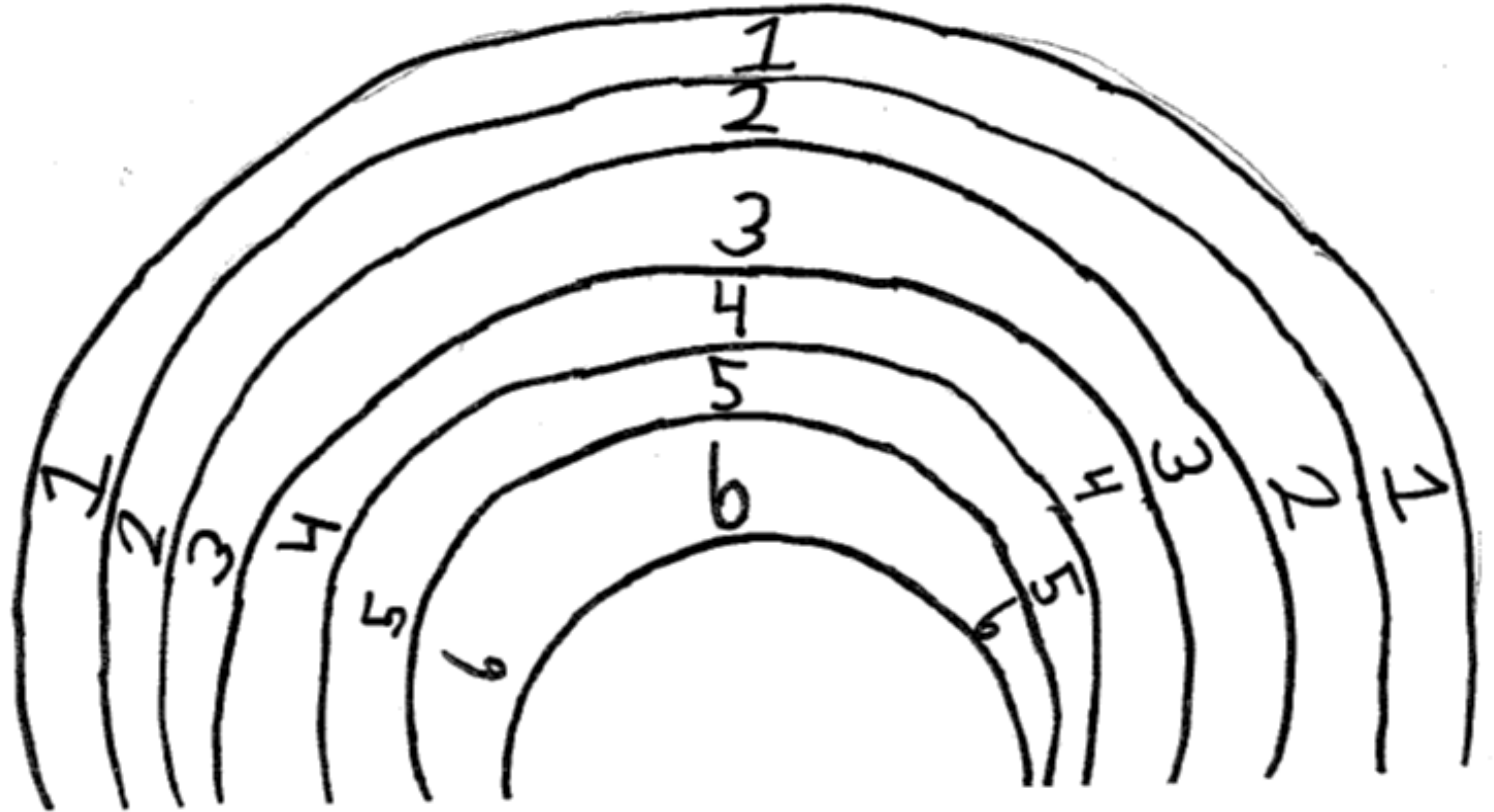
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Draw a line from the number to its matching group.

What do you call a cow with no legs?
— ground beef

What do cows use to gas up their cars?
— grass

Activity by Avery Payne, 2nd Grade



Use the number key to color the rainbow.

- 1= Red
- 2= Orange
- 3= Yellow
- 4= Green
- 5= Blue
- 6= Purple