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## Edison OBOB 2018!

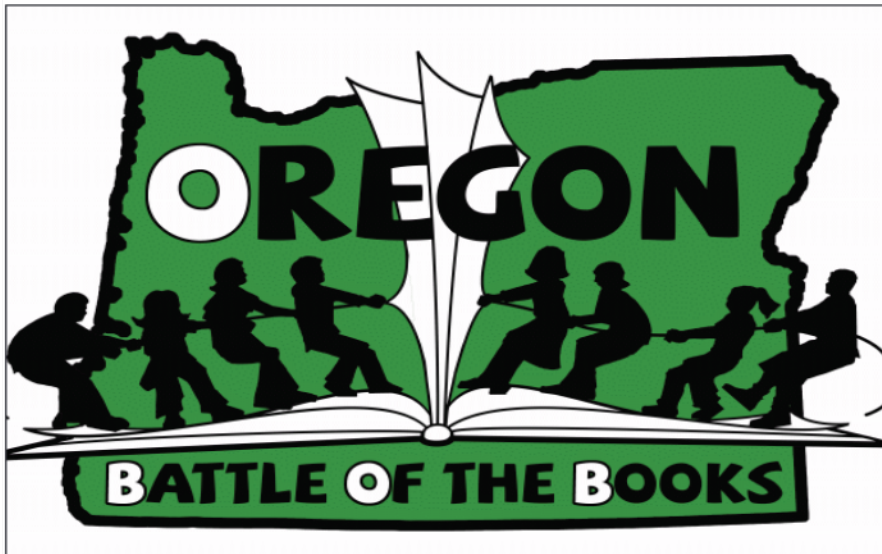
By Perrin Terhes

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide competition for 3rd through 5th graders, who compete against each other in teams. Edison is one of many elementary schools across the state that will participate this year in OBOB.

The school semi-final battles are not counted by points but whichever team wins the battle so, if you win a battle in the school semi-finals you will have another battle. Teams battle each other until it is down to the final two teams. These teams will battle for the school championship and whoever wins will go to the state semi-finals.

### List of OBOB Books

- \* **Dash** by Kirby Larson
- \* **Blast-off!** By Nate Ball
- \* **The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity** by Mac Barnett
- \* **Wild Wings** by Gill Lewis
- \* **Poppo** by Avi



Each year, 16 different books are selected to be OBOB books. In the Edison library there is a whole section of OBOB books available to be checked out.

Each team will be responsible for reading these books and then being quizzed on them. Each team will be asked a series of questions by a parent volunteer about each book and be awarded points for each question they get right.

There are two different types of questions. 1) In which book questions, are where you answer a question that they don't tell you which book it's in and 2) questions that are specific to only one book. The quizzes are called battles. Two teams participate in one battle.

After every team has completed all of their battles, the top 10 teams with the most points enter the Edison semi-finals.

Additionally, the top 2 teams in the school will have their names and picture in the Edison Examiner!

### How do you get involved in OBOB 2018 at Edison?

If you are a 3rd through 5th grader you can participate in OBOB! Ask your classroom teacher if they have the OBOB sign up sheets and get your parent or guardian to sign it for you. Then turn your OBOB sign up sheet into your teacher and he/she will make teams of three to five people.

### When and Where?

The battles start late January Once you have a team and are signed up, battles take place in the Library during the lunch hour.

- \* **Mystery on Museum Mile** by Marcia Wells
- \* **The Door by the Staircase** by Katherine Marsh
- \* **Masterpiece** by Elise Broach,
- \* **My Life in Dog Years** by Gary Paulsen
- \* **EllRay Jakes the Recess King** by Sally Warner
- \* **Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine
- \* **The Red Pencil** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- \* **I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980** by Lauren Tarshis
- \* **Dash** by Kirby Larson
- \* **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan
- \* **We the Children** by Andrew Clements
- \* **Wildlife** by Cynthia DeFelice

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### Whats happening at Edison

18 December- January 2  
No School Winter Break  
3 January- No school Prof Development  
4 January- Resume School  
15 January - No School MLK Day  
2 February - No School Grading Day  
19 February- No School President's Day

## The Snow Poem

By: Elizabeth & Julia

Everyone loves snow days so,  
we hope there is one, to cause  
school delay  
Snow is so smooth and white, it  
is even as bright as starlight  
Snow falls from the sky, and yet  
it is the opposite of dry  
Children are in excite when they  
hear snow will fall tonight,  
And it is about as cold as 32  
degrees Fahrenheit  
Snow will finally start melting  
when the sun starts to shine,  
And that will be the end of the  
fun, and no snow not even a sign.

# The Northern Lights....Aurora Borealis

Jocelyn Hansen

Did you know that the "Northern Lights" is another name for Aurora Borealis? The Aurora Borealis was named after the roman goddess of Dawn, Aurora, and the Greek god of the north wind, Boreas. The Northern Lights occur because the charged particles from the Sun interact with Earth's magnetic field. The Northern Lights are charged particles from the Sun that enter Earth's atmosphere. Did you know that this year the Northern Lights came so far down that you could see them from Portland, Oregon? Credit for naming the Northern Lights goes to French astronomer Pierre Gassendi in 1621, but it is understood that they have been observed by ancient Chinese and ancient Greek peoples. Additionally, as far back as 700 AD, Eskimo and Scandinavian peoples have oral traditions referring to the Northern lights. The Northern Lights



Credit: NASA/Terry Zaperach

are about 400 miles above the earth's surface. There are many myths from many cultures that refer to the Northern Lights. One such myth is that, the Northern Lights are spirits that are playing with a walrus skull, as a "ball". Others are believed that the Northern Lights are the spirits

of walrus that are playing with a human skull. This myth came from Arctic's indigenous people, (people that live in the Arctic). The Northern Lights are beautiful sight and you should go out sometime and see this rare interaction. You might not need to go all the way to the Artic!

# No-School Day Hackathons!

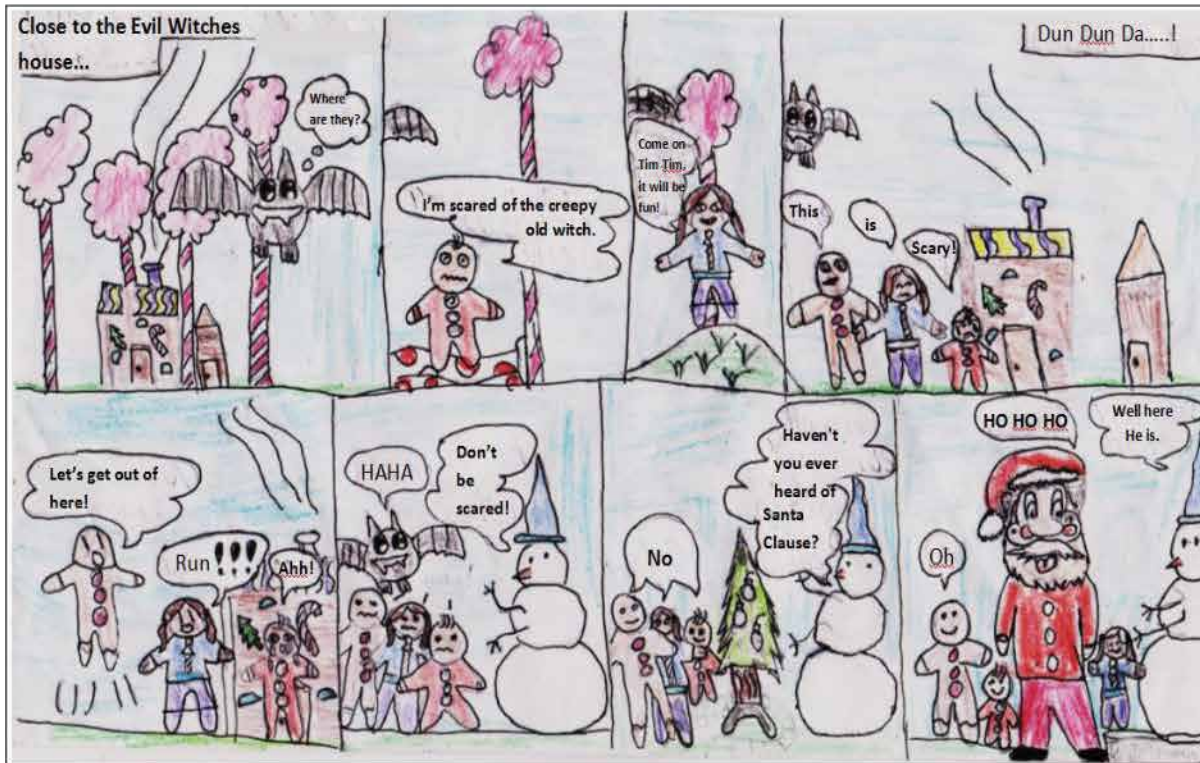


## JOIN THE HACKATHON!

This year Treetop Academics is fortunate to offer six no-school day events to coordinate with the Edison conference days, in-service days, and grading days. The Edison Hackathon is an exploratory time for students in a fun directed environment perfect for a useful and educational no-school day. There will be plenty of breaks, and time for lunch/playground as we craft this well-rounded and structured day of exploration. Costumes optional!

**Feb 2 May 4 June 8**

Several Care options available from 8am-6pm on those non-school days.



# What is Snow Anyway?

By: Julia Martin

What is snow? Well, snow is precipitation in the form of ice crystals. It forms in clouds during very low temperatures about zero degrees celsius and 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Water vapor in the atmosphere condenses quickly into ice without turning into liquid before. Once the ice crystals have been created, they absorb and become frozen because of the surrounding air. The ice crystal shrinks into a snow pellet which then falls to the earth.

Snow is composed of ice and it is sometimes classified as a mineral. A mineral contains a solid object usually with a definite chemical. Ice has a definite chemical which is H<sub>2</sub>O including hydrogen and oxygen atoms. Now you know a bit about what snow is, so let's hope that there will be some soon!



# The Process of Making Donuts!

By Abby Ketchum

Today, you are going to learn how to make donuts!

### You'll need these ingredients...

- 1 cup of milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 Tbsp of superfine sugar
- ½ of a stick of butter (unsalted)
- 2 and ½ cups of bread flour
- ½ of a tsp of salt
- 3 different Tbsp of active dry yeast
- Vegetable oil (to fry the donuts with)
- 1 tsp of vanilla extract

You'll start by heating the milk to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. In a bowl, (preferably medium sized) add in ¼ of a cup of the hot milk and 2 Tbsp of your yeast. Mix it until the yeast dissolves.

Next, add ¾ of a cup of flour and mix with something (spoon, whisk, etc.) until a sort of paste forms. Cover your bowl with syran wrap and put it in a warm space for up to 30 minutes.

In a bowl, put the extra ¼ of a cup of milk and 1 Tbsp of yeast. Mix it. Add in the dough you warmed up. Next, put in your egg yolks, vanilla extract, salt, and sugar. Mix your dough until it becomes smooth. Put in ½ of a cup of bread flour and mix it for 30 seconds. Put in all your butter and mix



for 30 seconds.

If you have a mixer, attach a dough hook. Add in ¼ of a cup of flour and mix it. Copy this step of putting in ¼ of a cup of flour until the dough pulls off the sides of the bowl. (You may need less/more flour)

After the dough pulls away, it will form a ball. If it's sticky, add more flour until it's smooth. Cover your mixture with syran wrap and refrigerate it for 12 hours.

After being in the fridge, put the dough on a lightly floured surface. Roll out your dough starting in the middle, then go outwards until it's ½ inches thick. Use something that has a diameter of about 3 inches to make the donut. Press down, for example, a cup into the dough to make the main donut. To make the hole, use something with a diameter of about 1 inch.

Put down some towels and slightly dust them with flour. Put your donuts on about 1 inch apart each. Add the oil to your fryer so it's about 2 inches-3 inches deep and preheat it to 360 F. Cover your donuts with plastic wrap and put them in a warm spot until they've doubled in size.

To see if they're ready, give them a light touch. If they bounce back quickly, let them rise more. If the bounce back slowly, they're ready to fry. Check them every 5 minutes.

Fry your donuts, 2 at a time until golden brown. Check the color-it may take 30 seconds to 1 minute.

Dab your donuts on some towels and put them on a towel to cool.

Top with your choice of glaze, frosting, sprinkles, or even powdered sugar! Enjoy!

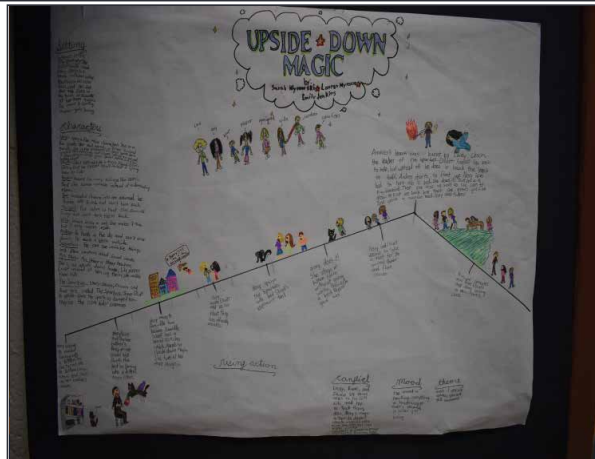
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## Book Review- Upside-Down Magic

E. Lockhart, Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle

By Maya Robershaw

Upside Down Magic is an awesome book about a girl who flunks a big test and moves away to a special school for her "upside down magic". There are many adventures and the mood is very exciting. The main character is Elinor (Nory) Boxwood Horace. There are 196 pages and 18 chapters. There are many suspenseful events and the authors are Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins. Sarah Mlynowski is the author of many books for kids, teens, and adults, including the new york times bestselling "Whatever After" series. Lauren Myracle is the New York bestselling author of many books for young readers including The Winnie Years, the Flower Power series, and the Life of Ty series. Emily Jenkins has written lots of books for kids. Both, chapter books, and picture books. I made a plot map of Upside Down Magic that you can look at (pictured.) In case you didn't know, a plot map is basically a huge book report with pictures and a theme (even if you're wonky, you're still awesome), a mood (exciting), all the important characters, all the events, and the setting. I would give this book a five star rating and definitely recommend this book.



Plot Map by Maya Robershaw

## Our Friend Bob

By Joey Lacey

Bob is a fish. He is a lonely fish. He tries to get friends. The only friend he has is a shell. He feels bad. When he tries to make friends, they run away. Bob does not know why they run away. I will let you in on a secret. They run away because they think he has a hook on him, but he does not. Even the teachers don't let him in the school. So, he would be home schooled if his mom and dad didn't abandon him. He feels bad that he has no mom and no dad. No one felt bad, only his shell and him. But he isn't home less because his mom and dad abandoned him and they let him use the house. His home was three stories high, he had food, running water, and of course he has water because he's in the ocean. He has no TV because he is in the ocean and it would break if he had one. But there are fish cams. Anyway, he still has one. So, he has to be careful about everything. When he runs into a bunch of fish the fish dart away. Anyway, now this is about how he

gets a friend because in the tile it says "Our friend Bob" so let's get to it.

It was a watery night when a little fish took a dare to go to Bob's house so when the little fish knocked on the door Bob came to the little fish and the little fish looked scared looking at Bob. Bob said, "Ok, you can run away now." But the little fish didn't. "So you don't have a hook". "What hook?" "People say you have a hook in your mouth". And that's his first friend now. He tries to get others. The little fish's name is Steven. So, Steven tries to tell the other fish that he does not have a hook. One fish went with Steven. that fish's name is Mike. So, they went to Bob's house. Then Mike was friends with Bob. Then both of them went to tell everyone. "Bob does not have a hook" is what they say. Then five more came. Then they say "Bob does not have a hook". So now Bob is allowed at school. Now Bob is our friend.



## The Panda Adventures: Chapter 2

By Abby Ketchum

The twin's parents (Jeff and Orchid) were in shock. They were terrified of the earthquake and hoped Yin and Yang were alright. They were huddled in with Bei Bei's mom (Tina) who was also worried like heck. "I hope everyone is alright. That was pretty tough," said Orchid. "Yeah, I agree," said Tina. Jeff just nodded. He was rocking back and forth and looked like he was going to pass out. Then he did pass out.

Blossom was asleep. She got separated from Miley in the earthquake. She slowly awoke and looked around - she was tired, and blinked too much. She stood up and tried to find a food or water source. Luckily, after about three and a half minutes, she found a stream and a small grove of bamboo. She quickly ate eleven bamboo stalks and then drank so much water she practically drank the whole stream. Then she forgot about everything and fell asleep.

Miley was pacing back and forth thinking of three hundred different things at once. "How did I survive? Where's Miley? Is Bob alright? Are the other pandas fine? Where am I? Am I hungry? Thirsty? I'm just too worried," thought Miley. "Maybe I am hungry." She trotted over to some fallen bamboo and munched away.

The eight panda friends were trying to find the twin's parents, Bei Bei's mom, Ming's mom, and Bob's mom. Weilan was wearing a splint and cast made of bamboo shoots and leaves. She was lightly limping, but she was alright. Ming was staring at the ground and made a discovery! "I see footprints! Big footprints! A GIANT PANDA was here!"

Blossom was awake from her nap worrying her brains out. She was drawing in the dirt with a stick. She heard a rustling of leaves behind her. She looked up to the bush and saw a little black paw step in. Then another. Blossom stood up and walked over. She hugged the panda. Ming shrieked like she was being murdered. Blossom jumped back, clearly scared by the sudden noise. The other pandas came from behind the bush. "Are you alright?" Cookie asked. Ming looked at the panda who had hugged her then she hugged her back. Ming got straight to the serious stuff. "Listen, mom. We have to find Bob's mom, Yin and Yang's parents, and Bei Bei's mom. Oh, by the way, this is Weilan and her mom, Cookie. Now let's get going." They all hurried away.

Miley was looking for Bob; or just any panda or creature. She decided to take a rest, she had been searching for hours. She found some broken down bamboo and decided to eat. About a half hour later, three giant pandas came. "Have you seen any red pandas lately?" Miley asked straight away, without even identifying who the pandas were. "No. Have you seen 3 baby pandas anywhere? We'll help you look if you help us," said Tina. And without even answering the question, they were off.

Blossom, Ming, Yin, Yang, Bei Bei, Cookie, Bob, and Weilan were searching for food. They had had been searching for all eternity! (Actually it

was just like four hours) Weilan and Bei Bei were having panda asthma and had to stop continuously. Later, they found some bamboo that had been knocked over in the earthquake. "Finally! We haven't eaten for eons!" Yang exclaimed as she and Weilan plopped to the ground. "How's your leg? It looks a little better," said Blossom. Weilan checked out her leg. "It feels better. Definitely better than earlier." "Maybe we should take off the cast and see if you can walk better," said Cookie. Just as Weilan started to take the bamboo off her leg, it started to rain. "Oh well," said Ming. "Let's see if we can find a cave." Weilan took off the stalk of bamboo, ate it, then stretched her leg. The pandas took off in the rain.

Miley, Jeff, Orchid and Tina were hurrying through the rain. They saw a cave a few seconds later and hurried in. "Phew. I thought we were stuck in the rain-when I get drenched I don't dry easily," said Jeff. "Anyhoo, how are we going to find the twins, Bei Bei, Bob, and all the other pandas we've lost?" asked Orchid. "Wait you've lost MORE pandas?!" Miley practically screamed at the top of her tiny red panda lungs. "Yeah, just a couple friends and their kids," Tina casually said. She was licking her paw; there seemed to be a slimy substance on it. "What IS that?" The other pandas said. Tina, noticing what she was doing, stopped licking her hand and frowned like a derp. Tina just shrugged she wiped her hand on the cave wall and lay down. Before they knew it, the three pandas had fallen asleep.

The eight pandas were walking in the sunshine. The rain had stopped about seven minutes ago. "Eww! The muddy grass is disgusting!" Complained Bob. The pandas ignored him and raced ahead. "I think we're getting closer to my cave," said Yin. "Yeah. I can smell sweaty pandas. That's definitely our family," said Yang. The pandas approached a cave. The twins groaned and lay down on the beds of leaves their parents had set up for them. "I miss my mommy," said Yang under her breath. "I miss my daddy," said Yin, quietly. The other pandas ushered them forward and kept moving. The twins wiped their eyes and went on with their journey. "Don't you miss daddio and mama?" Whispered Yang to Yin. Yin nodded. Then they caught up with the group, still hopeful they would find their parents.

Tina was in the lead of the group. Behind her was Jeff, then Orchid, then Miley. They had seen a couple pandas on the walk and asked them if they had seen any of the babies. All of them were in a hurry and just said "nope" or "I don't care". They were starting to lose hope. Just as they were about to give up, they found the stream! A drink was just what they needed to help them on their quest.

Bob was falling behind. He was starting to slow down when he heard a snap and then he heard "AAA! HELP! Someone, please! HELP!"

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## The Dead Cow...A True Story

By Julia Martin

"You can smell it from a mile away," said grandma as I walked through the garage door. I heard the terrible news that we had to cover the cow with a giant tarp. Eww! She was so right. It stunk! I'd rather smell a skunk that was right next to me. You know what, I'm not going to go through the details because it will gross you out. CAUTION! Do not read this story while you are eating.

Anyway, I drove down her massive hills to the fields. I was driving a farm vehicle, not a car if you were wondering. My grandma lets me drive the Buggy (Kubota) because it is so much fun to drive in the field and there is nobody around because she lives on a farm in Pleasant Hill. That cow was so disgusting my nose hairs were turning green.

I stepped in a puddle of mushy hay and it got in my boot. It felt like my own little swamp just hanging out. My sock was soaked and I was tired. We walked to the corner where the dead cow was. "This won't take long," she told me. My grandma owns forty acres. It is only because she raises cattle. I put the tarp over the bottom half of the cow. We covered her as quickly as we could. I couldn't handle the smell much longer so I was hoping grandma said would say we were done soon.

At the end it only took about three minutes but I felt like an hour or two. I drove back up the bumpy gravel hill and we had to clean up! We both stepped in cow pies so we had to leave our rubber boots outside in the garage. I will always remember this Saturday evening when this tragic accident happened. I feel very miserable for this cow, but on the other hand I feel even worse for myself. My grandma and I went through all this trouble just to cover a dead cow. I hope this won't happen again.

And that was that. Life on the farm. We never knew for sure why the cow died. Maybe because she was sick or another animal killed her. Well, all I know for sure is that it was a "fantastic experience."

## Jade: Chapter 1-3

By: Jocelyn Hansen

### Chapter 1: Jade

"Where are you? Jade! Come on, wait up!" There are two girls in the Jone's house. Jade is 11 years old, two years older than Amanda who is 9. They are definitely the strangest family on the block. They often had trouble and often tragedies occur each year. Jade's question is are these tragedies or are they made on purpose. Jade ran faster than a goat and tried to get to her horse, Stormy. A jet-black horse with white markings. Then she stopped dead in her tracks. She looked as a zombie with her jet-black hair on her hips. She stared with pain and before she sped off her Dad walked into the room. He hollered, "Jess I'm home!" Before Amanda could tattletale on Jade, Jess her mom, came striding into the room. Before Jess could speak a single word, Jade made a break for it and ran harder than anyone Amanda knew. Jade made her way to stormy and then rode Stormy faster than a bird could fly. She had a few slight tears trickling down her cheeks. She was whispering, "I must forget the past and carry on, I must do this."

### Chapter 2: The Mermaid

As Jade rode she noticed the city faded into a thick forest. She was confused that as she rode on the thicker she went the less likely she was to return. She called her horse to 'hult' and Stormy gladly did so. Jade could tell Stormy was scared to death by the thorns and jagged twigs. Jade looked around for a nice resting place and she found one fast. Then she stopped and saw she was to close to her house. Two miles is not enough she thought. "I'll keep riding until three miles." Before she could move she heard a twig snap. Then she pulled out her pocket knife, but suddenly out-jumped a wolf. It tried to eat Stormy but couldn't succeed. Before it launched its body, Jade hurled her knife at it but missed. The wolf ran away, but before so tried to warn Jade about a mermaid. It saw the mermaid and ran with its tail tucked in between its legs. The mermaid was creepy with her rotting hair and her crooked jaw she glared at Jade and said aloud, "My name is Marina," she added, "Come play with me." After that said

she launched one of her rotter, scaly tentacles at Jade and then faster than a bullet the wolf came back screaming, get back! He bit the scaly beast and she retreated into her home. Jade caught a sudden glimpse of a shiny paimite necklace. The wolf then said, "My name is Adonis."

### Chapter 3: Adonis

Jade was completely petrified that the wolf in front of her could talk. After a long conversation, most of it was about how Adonis could talk. Then the ground started to shake, CRACK! A tree in front of them fell. Jade asked Adonis "What in the world was that?" Adonis yelled, "RUN!" Then there was a slight tremor, big enough to throw Jade out of balance. She fell to the ground then almost flew off a cliff. On instinct, Adonis reacted, he threw himself to Jade and then pulled her up. She was dangling off the cliff, trying to think about anything except death. She was shocked she wasn't dead, but that didn't matter. The fact that she was alive was thrilling to Adonis. After he pulled her onto solid ground, he asked, "Are you okay?" He said, "Is no okay for an answer?" She said, "Come there is no time to lose. If we lose the fight, we lose the battle. The world retets on your shoulders. We must go." Jade said, "Stormy is injured, I can't ride her. I know, I can teleport Stormy to the sacred healing ground, she'll be safe there. Hop on my back. Hold on tight." And with that, Stormy disappeared and they took off. Riding like the wind. "The world will be destroyed if you fail, no pressure." She replied with, "Okay, I won't bring the world to its doom." She asked him, "Why do you have the Atakapa markings on your side?" She pointed to a large symbol on his side. He stopped and glared at her. Then he said, "No time to explain, we have to move." With that he took off, Jade clinging to his chest. Jade thought, "running in the wind with a Atakapa marked wolf, what could happen?" Then there was a THUMP, and Adonis stopped and ran the way they came and said, "RUN! HE'S HERE!"

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# CHRISTMAS WITH A YETI

By: Perrin & Oonamae

Leila and Max were excited to spend Christmas with their grandma in the Himalayan Mountains. They were going to ski and sled. They were going to make snowmen and drink their grandma's amazing hot chocolate by the fireplace.

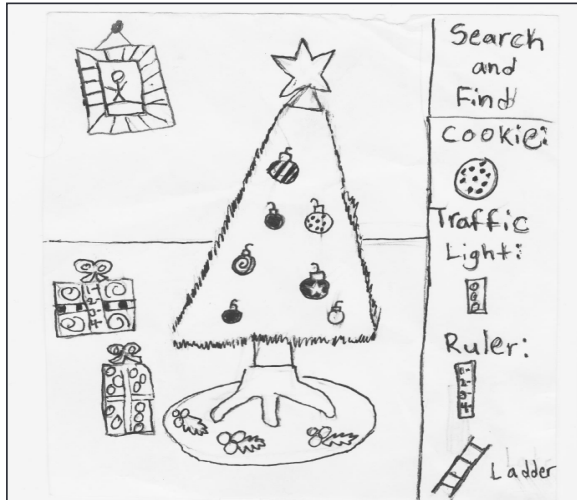
The next morning Leila and Max helped their father load all of the luggage into the car. As they were about to pull out of their driveway, Leila

see you Leila! Said their grandmother. Come with me. The rest of the family followed Leila and Grandma over to three large dog sleds. "We get to ride on a dog sled!" Grandma announced. Max smiled at the thought of cruising down a hill with all of those dogs at the front. Leila loved Grandma but hated cold weather. The thought of being on a dog sled in the frigid air gave her goosebumps. After grandma had shown Leila and Max the dog sleds and helped them put on some hand me

there rooms. Leila's room was made out of sturdy wood planks and had a huge closet on the left side. There was also a bunk bed with a tall ladder leading to the top bunk. Max's room was a soft shade of mahogany with a small closet and a giant window. The bed was a queen size, ultra soft luxury. Their dad had brought a radio in the car and Leila could hear it play now. The thing about the radio was that dad had only downloaded one song for the whole car ride, so they were listening to jingle bell rock the whole way there. After exploring their rooms Max and Leila regrouped in the kitchen. There was a large Christmas tree in the kitchen. It was festively decorated with tons of ornaments, lights, and streamers. Grandma was in the kitchen with a mountain of cookies, brownies and four cups of hot chocolate. The brownies looked amazing, with the chocolate chips melting into the moist, dark, batter. She led them over to three, orange, cushy chairs, sat down and got herself comfortable. Grandma asked "Have you ever heard of the monstrous beast that lives up in the mountains, right above us?" said Grandma "No" replied Leila and Max, in unison "it's called the yeti." replied there Grandma. That sent chills down Leila and Max's spines. Could there really be a monster lurking in the Himalayas? Max wanted to know if he should be afraid or humiliated. Leila on the other hand thought that it was a bear or mountain lion, but you should still be afraid of dangerous animals like that. Their dad had only gotten up to get his hot chocolate, right after, he went back to the couch to continue his nap. After they all had frothy hot chocolate mustaches they were ready to lead. Leila put on her heavy winter coat and went to meet the dogs.

She walked over to the shed where they kept the dogs. While Leila fumbled with the dogs ropes, Grandma and Max came in through the door and lifted to heavy dog sleds off a rack. "Okay kiddos" Grandma exclaimed "Ready to learn how to dog sled." No" cried Leila. "Are you sure it's safe to

go sledding with a wild Yeti lurking around the mountain?" asked Max. "Oh, will be fine, nobody has seen the Yeti in years." replied Grandma. And they were off, Leila and Max on one sled and Grandma on the other. Grandma was so excited to go sledding with Leila and Max even though they were amateurs. Leila was not excited about how cold it was but enjoyed seeing the view from this high up. Max was not looking forward to the dangers of seeing the Yeti, but he was so excited to be on a dog sled for the first time on top of the mountain. As they were going around the steep ridge on the mountain Leila and Maxes dogs swerved to the left while their Grandma's dogs stayed on the right. Leila screamed as they went around a bend and then collided with a large snow covered tree. Max stood up and brush the snow off his face. Leila was in total panic mode. She was hyperventilating and was making high pitched screeches. "Leila" Max said "Calm down. If we just stay here Grandma will find us. She is probably worried sick" Then they heard a sound from the way that they came. It sounded like a sled. "It's Grandma!" screeched Leila starting to run to the noise. "That's not Grandma!" exclaimed Max as the noise came around the bend. "It's the Yeti!" The Yeti was huge! It must have been at least 7 feet tall and was as white as the snow except for his face which was a light gray. He roared a ferocious roar and charged at them. Leila and Max screamed in unison. They were horrified. All of a sudden the Yeti reached over to the top of his head and pulled off a mask. It was Grandma! "Surprise" she yelled. Leila didn't understand why did Grandma put on a Yeti suit and try to scare us, thought Leila. Max was the first to ask a question, "Why are you wearing a Yeti suit," asked Max in an embarrassed tone. "I am dressed up like a Yeti because everyone should dress up like a Yeti in the Himalayan mountains," replied their grandma. Come on let's get back to the lodge. For dinner I am making Beef stew and christmas cake said Grandma as they all climbed back onto their sleds and sped back down the mountain.



shrieked "Stop the car" and ran inside to get her teddy bear.

The next hour and a half was pretty uneventful. Leila read her and Max complained about how bored he was. "How much longer?" groaned Max. "I will tell you when we get there!" exclaimed Max's father.

After many more minutes of driving they arrived at the airport. They waited in line at security and finally it was time to board their flight. Many hours later they arrived at a small airport close to the Himalayan mountains. They met their grandma next to the luggage carousel. Grandma! Squealed Leila She ran up to her grandmother and gave her a big hug. It's so good to

down parkas. Grandma showed their father how to hold the dog's reins and they followed grandma on their sled. She led them over to the start of a trail and there dogs immediately followed grandma. "Will be staying at my lodge up the mountain". Said Grandma. After about thirty minutes of riding the dog sleds they arrived at a log cabin.

The lodge was a huge. Nothing very fancy, but when they got inside it was filled with color. There was a large fireplace where Leila and Max's father had already made himself comfortable and was dozing off on the couch. Grandma showed Leila and Max to

## Book Review- Wildwood Part 2

By Colin Meloy Illustrated by Carson Ellis

By: Abby Ketchum

I promised you a book review on Wildwood Imperium. So here it is. Anyhoo, I thought the last book of the Wildwood chronicles was amazing. It was literally THE MOST EVENTFUL BOOK EVER. I mean, I've read other eventful books, but this one is pretty good.

It has amazing... characters, like the main character, Prue. Details, like how Colin Meloy describes every moment perfectly. Settings, like in the crazy majestic wildwood. And everything is just totally awesome that after you read it you will be speechless. LITERALLY. I totally recommend it.

It makes you have a lot of different emotions. You may start out happy, turn out anxious, start out angry and turn out depressing. I really hope you read it and I think you'll enjoy it. I really did.

I hope they make a fourth book. I think that I could read the series more than 20 times! Even if you've already read the series, I recommend it if you need a good book to read. I really hope you read this series and enjoy it as much as I did. Which is a lot. And if you read this totally awesome book of mystery and adventure, remember to recommend it to others, so they can be awesome and amazing like this book!

## Book Review-Panda Monium

By Stuart Gibbs Part of the 'Funjungle Series'

Abby Ketchum

I think Panda Monium is a great book. It's by Stuart Gibbs who has a whole "funjungle" series! It has 352 pages and around 21 chapters. It's the first in the series I've read, out of Belly Up, Poached, and Big Game. It is an amazing book.

Panda Monium is really funny and also very eventful. There are a lot of events that seem like they're going to end bad but they end up awkward and "derpy!" (and totally funny) It's a really good book and has great characters, settings, and details. The characters are all different and go on lots of great adventures.

The climax is totally cool and there is protagonists and antagonists. It has

lots of ups and downs. The mood is exciting, and you can feel anxious at times. I think it's an amazing book for panda lovers and just people in general. I definitely recommend it and you should totally read it!

I read it and borrowed it from the Edison Elementary School library and they probably have it at other libraries or book stores or online. If you do read it, I hope you have a favorable opinion like me.

My opinion is... THIS BOOK IS TOTALLY AWESOME!!!

Panda, out.

# Winter Holiday Poems

## The Christmas Poem

At this time of year  
Christmas awaits, so  
hang up that holly and  
open the gates, every-  
where joy dances about,  
carolers sing and spread  
cheer throughout, if you  
want joyful, if you want  
fun, shout out Christmas  
to everyone!

- Oonamae

## The Chanukah Poem

Chanukah is a Jewish  
holiday, where you can  
eat rugelach and latkes  
all day, dreidels will spin  
'round and 'round and  
Chanukah presents will be  
found, Chanukah presents  
for each day, you will  
light the menorah to, how  
many days in Chanuka  
you ask, celebrate eight  
and you fulfil the task, of  
a happy Chanukah.

- Oonamae

## The Chanksgiving Poem

It's time for giving, it's  
time for thanks So pre-  
pare stuffing and turkey  
flanks  
Go through the door and  
see what's in store glori-  
ous food and and smells  
galore.  
It is cold and almost  
freezing, but you'll stay  
warm not even a little  
breezy

-Oonamae & Novalee

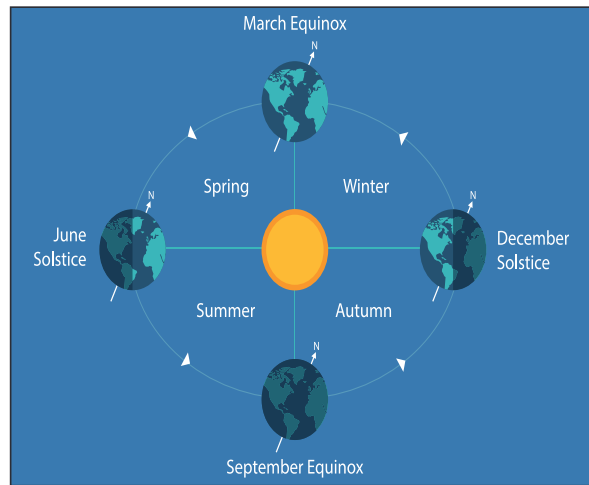
# Why does Earth Have Seasons?

Elizabeth McCart

Did you know you are currently moving just under 1,000 miles per hour? The Earth makes one counter clockwise rotation on its axis every 24 hours. To make one complete rotation in a day, the Earth must move at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. We do not feel the Earth moving because we are moving with it.

In addition to rotating on its axis, the Earth is revolving around the sun. It takes 365 (and a quarter) days for the Earth to make its orbit around the sun. Every four years, those quarter days add up to one whole day, resulting in a leap year. A leap year is when we have one extra day (that is, 366 days total) in the year. That extra day falls in February. The last leap year was 2016, and the next leap year will be 2020.

As we all know, most places on Earth have four seasons. The Earth has an invisible line called the equator that separates the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The axis of the Earth is tilted 23.5 degrees. Because of this tilt, different parts of the Earth lean towards the Sun as the Earth makes its orbit. When the Northern Hemisphere leans toward the Sun, that part of the Earth experiences summer. At the same time, the Southern Hemisphere is tilted



away from the Sun, creating winter. Conversely, when the Northern Hemisphere leans away from the Sun, that part of the Earth experiences winter, while the Southern Hemisphere experiences summer. Spring and autumn fall between the winter and summer seasons.

Finally, the Earth's tilt leads to different amounts of daylight. When the Northern Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, the days get longer

and longer. The longest day of the year, called the Summer Solstice, occurs when the North Pole is tilted closest to the Sun. The shortest day of the year, called the Winter Solstice, takes place when the North Pole is tilted farthest from the Sun. In fact, the Northern Hemisphere's 2017 Winter Solstice will be on 8:28 am on December 21st. Check your calendar!

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# El Niño or La Niña: What's the difference?

By Oonamae Greene

A single snowflake falls; you will only see this snowflake once in your entire lifetime. All snowflakes are different, either by a tiny milligram or a huge fragment. There are no two snowflakes alike. There can also be a difference in the snow levels based on the type of year it is. It is either an El Niño or La Niña year.

This year is going to be a La Niña year in the northern hemisphere and that means there should be more snow.

El Niño and La Niña are opposite cycles in the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle, which is the cycle that describes the fluctuations (an irregular rising and falling in number or amount; a variation) in temperatures between the ocean and atmosphere in the east-central equatorial Pacific. They are the warm and cool phases of a recurring climate pattern across the tropical Pacific Ocean.

It is a three-month process of the sea surfaces temperature anomalies (something that deviates from what

is standard, normal, or expected).

El Niño meaning the warming of water in the Pacific Ocean and La Niña meaning the cooling of water in the Pacific Ocean. The Niño is a climate cycle in the Pacific Ocean that partially determines the amount of snow that we have.

Being a La Niña year, hopefully, this means we are going to prepare for a cold winter and great sledding weather.

## Snow Fox: The Artic Fox (*Vulpes lagopus*)

Onamae & Jocelyn

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in the freezing Arctic? The Snow Fox (commonly known as the Arctic Fox) does. Snow foxes are a small type of fox often found in the arctic tundra (pictured).

They eat small creatures like lemmings, voles, fish, and seabirds. It can also eat carrion, berries, seaweed, and insects. These cool creatures are omnivores because they eat both meat and herbs. The Snow Fox can be up 2.3 feet-3.6 feet long.

They have thick fur which is white in the winter months and red in the summer. The Snow Fox lives in "complex underground dens." and hunts by launching its feet in the air and sticking its head



in the ground. Its paws have fur on the soles to help it walk on ice. It does not hibernate and is active all year.

The Snow Fox is the only land mammal that is native to Iceland, at the end of the ice age the snow

fox migrated to the isolated North Atlantic island. In all, the Snow Fox is a fascinating animal that we should all know about.

*We got our research off the Internet*

## The Llama Song!

By Maya (Llama) Robershaw

Llama adults weigh 400 pounds, 400 pounds, 400 pounds, llama adults weigh 400 pounds, and they are sometimes brown.

Llamas originate from Peru, from Peru, from Peru llamas originate from Peru, and you know it's true!

A baby llama is called a cria, called a cria, called a cria, a baby llama is called a cria, and can think about smart ideas.

Crias weigh 50 pounds, 50 pounds, 50 pounds, crias weigh 50 pounds, and adult llamas can be round.

Llamas can spit 4 ft, 4 ft, 4 ft, llamas can spit 4ft, and like grass to eat.

Adult llamas are 5 ft tall, 5 ft tall, 5ft tall, adult llamas are 5 ft tall, and it's physically impossible for them to get cholesterol.

Llamas are the best animals on earth and you will probably agree.

LLAMAS ARE FAMILY!!!!!!!

(the tune to "Mary Had a Little Lamb".)

## Panda & Llama: A Romeo & Juliet Tragedy

By Maya Robershaw

Once upon a time in a small town lived two girls named Abby and Maya. They were roommates. Maya owned a llama named Llama. Abby owned a panda named Panda. Abby and Maya were friends and they always hung out together. They wished their animals would become friends, but the panda and the llama weren't really interested in each other. A girl named Mira lived down the street and had a pet red panda. The red panda was quite grumpy. Once when Mira was drinking a coffee, and Abby and Maya went to Mira's house to borrow her typewriter because they wanted to write a story and couldn't afford one, Panda said to Llama, "Hey, want to trash our owners houses?" Llama said yes.

After the girls got back, they went in their houses and came back out and both said, "There's a burglar on the block!" "I know just who did this," said Maya. "I'm thinking the same thing," said Abby. They went to Mira's house. But Mira said she didn't do it. At first they didn't believe her but then she said that

they could use her typewriter this time if they believed her. So they believed her.

Abby and Maya dreaded housework, so they didn't clean yet, but their lives were becoming more, and more messed up; their book bags were empty with books, pencils, pens, folders, and papers everywhere. Pots and pans and saucers on the ground, blouses, slacks, dress gowns, nightgowns, dresses, and skirts lay on the ground in their bedroom, and the outhouse had the toilet overflowed because Panda and Llama cluttered it up and spilled everything everywhere

Panda and Llama were so happy that they agreed to sneak out together that night. Later that night they jumped over their fences in a garden than Llama had found a few years ago. They talked about what they liked to eat and how they liked to eat it. (Raw carrots and smooth bamboo.) They talked about life and what was going on, but Panda started to like Llama and Llama started to like Panda. They talked, and talked, and talked some more and it became more, and more, and more awkward..

Finally, Panda spoke up. He told Llama he liked her. Llama said that she liked him to. Then they decided to date. but then they realized that their love was forbidden by Mira's mean red panda because their families fought extremely violently Panda and Llama ran while being chased by a red panda.

Finally they got back home. The next day, as you could have guessed, they got chased again. It kept happening until finally Llama did something to make it stop.

This is the story: Maya had trained Llama to do sign language so Llama 'said' to Maya that she needed poison to make her look like she's dead. The next day she used it. Then Panda came along and saw Llama! She was dead! Panda then drank poison. Then, when Llama woke up and saw Panda dead, she took his sword and stabbed herself. Then Maya and Abby lived happily ever after without their llama and panda.

THE END

## The Story behind the Stitches!

By Mira Walker

**Warning:** Do not EVER plan to sleep in a bed with a sharp frame. This is the story of how my sister got stitches.

After we watched the movie, "Pandora" it was time for bed. I don't exactly know what happened, but the next thing I heard my little sister Eliza, was sitting on the carpet, screaming. There was blood on our bed sheet, the carpet, and running down her arm. I would not find out until later, but apparently she hit the bed frame with her elbow. The screaming woke up the sleeping adults real quick, so the next thing I knew Wes, aunt Rerun, uncle Adam, and my mom were in the kids' bedroom.

After about 15 minutes, the household had calmed down except my sister a I. I was sitting in Adam and Rerun's bedroom grinding my teeth as Adam reassured me. "She's going to be all right. Her elbow will have stitches, but she'll be all right." I looked at my crying

sister, whom at the time was in the bedroom bathroom while my mom washed the cut with water and a towel. "But I don't want stitches!" my sister cried. "You need stitches if you want your elbow to heal." said my mom. On my way back to the bedroom I stared at the blood drops on the floor with deep concern. I shared a bed with my barely older cousin Zooey, who at the time was currently was pretending to be dreaming, she's pretending to dream because when someone is really dreaming, their eyelids flutter and hers were not. My younger cousin, Rainer was above the covers staring at the ceiling. I went on top of the covers as Wes sat around my feet, "Don't worry, she will be fine." Rainer sat up and looked at me. "Hey," he said, "What if when she gets her stitches we hear her scream all the way from the emergency department." Rerun glared at him. "Not helpful."

Rerun and Wes left the room, and I shifted onto my side and fell asleep. I haven't had a real dream in two years; all I get is darkness,

It's kind of nice, though. This time a had a dream, it was about eating a super tasty bison burger.

I woke up and as it happens, my tiny pillow was gone. I got my Disneyland shirt on, shorts, and sun hat. I went down the cold wooden stairs, and started to get myself a bagel. Eliza, my mom, uncle, aunt, and grandmother, were all awake downstairs. The first thing I noticed, was that there was bandaging around Eliza's elbow. She looked fine. As soon as she spotted me her whole face lit up. "Hey," she greeted "Guess what?" "What?" I echoed. "I got stitches! And it didn't even hurt! Well the shot hurt, but the stitches didn't!" Relief flooded through my body. That was very good. I took a deep breath and smelled the chlorine in the pool. After my bagel, I got ready for Animal Kingdom.

**This is what happens when you sleep on a bed with a sharp frame.**

## The Panda Adventures: Chapter 2....continued

By Abby Ketchum

Bob assumed it was Blossom-he sort of recognized her voice. He ran to where the sound was and took an abrupt stop. "What? How did? Who did? Yang!" "Bob! I don't know what happened. I just smelled something DELICIOUS and bam! I'm in here," said Yang. Then Cookie said, "Guys, calm down. It's gonna be okay. Now who wants resting time?" Everyone rose their paw. "Alright. So, it's okay if we leave Yang in here. It's just a little trap with meat inside to lure in pandas. The scientists come and give

them a checkup. It'll delay our search for a day or two, but after that we'll keep going." Everyone nodded in approval to Cookies explanation. "You won't let me die, will you Yin?" asked Yang worriedly to Yin. "Don't worry. Remember, they'll just release you back okay?" "Alright. I'll miss you, Yin. Will we meet back at the stream?" "Totally," said Yin. Then the rest of the group was off.

Yang was worried. She was being carried somewhere in a crate by a man in a winter coat with a little bag. About

ten minutes later, they arrived at a little shed. The scientist quickly entered and shut the door. After setting the crate on the examination table, he had a word with the other scientist at the desk.

"Alright, Jacob. I'll let you do the examination. I've got to get to the panda nursery-a panda's about to be born!" "Alright Melissa. See you tomorrow." The man shut the door behind Melissa. "Alright, little panda. Who are you? I'm Jacob the panda scientist." He unlocked the crate and took Yang out. Minutes later, he returned to the front

room. He put on gloves and a lab coat. Then he put on a mask and layed Yang on a piece of soft fabric. Then he took his needle and poked Yang right in the leg. She was asleep.

**To Be continued....See next edition for the final Chapter**

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## Susan Dwoskin: Edison 4th/5th grade

By, Sofia, Novalee, & Oonamae

Susan is a current 4th/5th grade blend teacher at Edison. We asked her some questions about herself and teaching.

Q: How many years have you been teaching at Edison? And in your career/what grades?

A: At Edison, this is my fifth year. In my career, I've taught university students, 4th and 5th graders, and 3rd graders. The children are my favorite to teach since they are so much more fun!

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

A: My favorite subject is cultural linguistics, which is teaching kids about the constitution, the bill of rights. It's teaching kids about civics, which is the study of our government and how it works and how kids can have an active voice in creating a world they want to live in.

Q: What makes that subject so important for young students?

A: What makes it so important for kids is that if you are not aware of what your rights are, how our government works, how you advocate for yourself, how do you make this world a better for the greater good.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching your class about the bill of rights?

A: My favorite thing is the ideas the kids bring, and the connections the kids make that I would never think of. My favorite thing is learning more when I teach!

Q: What is one positive thing about your blended classroom?

A: The kids, my students are absolutely the best thing about blend! Otherwise, I wouldn't have the mix of kids and 5th grader can learn a lot from 4th graders. I think they learn not only how to be mentors, but they learn other perspectives, and they learn compassion. 4th graders have to stretch a bit to keep up with where the 5th graders are going because we teach up in this classroom, we don't teach down.



4th/5th grade teacher Susan Dwoskin

Q: In all your years teaching, what is your favorite project you have made with your class?

A: My favorite thing was the silk flags we made on a research project about homelessness and privilege. Kids then started looking up symbols related to caring about other people from peace, to books, to the medical staff, which means do no harm.

Q: Can you tell us anything you like to do outside of school?

A: I love hiking, I love getting together with my friends, I'm an activist which is someone who likes to be involved in community action.

Q: Do you have a favorite book?

A: One of my favorite books is Between the World and Me by American author, journalist, comic book writer, and educator, Ta-Nehisi Coates. Another is The River Why by Portland author James Duncan. So many good books!

"After I got my teaching credential, what I discovered is that I really love it. It was like my favorite thing in the whole world. And it's the reason I got a PhD. I never planned on being a teacher, and my life turned out much more interesting than I thought it would be!" -Susan Dwoskin