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Veterans by Alissa

Gary, my grandpa, was in the Navy in the Korean War. He was on the South Korean side. It was like a civil war. He was on a big boat. He worked the radar. The ship was called the U.S.S. Dunkin. Like I said, he was on the ship when, all of a sudden, a bomb from the North Koreans exploded. The top part of the boat was ripped open. He was injured in his shoulder, but he said it was exciting.

November 21, 1995

Hi Kids,

What's up? Did you know we had student visitors from Israel? Some of the kids wrote about Veteran's Day. They say that veterans would like to get letters from kids, so you could write to a veteran. My teacher, Mr. Wagner and Carl Leatherman, principal, are veterans. If you would like to write to a veteran here's the address:

Any Veteran
VA Medical Center
1660 South Columbian Way
Seattle, WA 98108

One of my classmates, Alissa, did a survey on *Thanksgiving—What's It All About?* Be sure to read that one and don't miss the interview with our principal, Carl Leatherman.

Your friend,
Kate,

Student editor

Mr. Wilkie's Computer Trivia.....

I have one question
for you...

Question: What holds more information— A 500 megabyte hard drive or the human brain?

Answers to last months questions...

1. A floppy disk is bigger than a diskette. A diskette holds more information.
2. The disk drive is the part of the computer that you put the floppy disk or diskette into.

inside...

- Stories, poems and articles by Arbor Heights Students
- Student editor: Kate
- Editors: Mrs. Thompson Miss Hammes Communication Center

Arbor Heights Students Write...

Survey: Thanksgiving, What's it All About?

You'll be happy to know we collected a total of 166 opinions on the Thanksgiving survey. I'd like to thank Mrs. Luke's, Ms. Shavey's and Mr. Wagner's classes for their surveys. Also, I'd like to thank Mrs. Kingman, Mr. Wilkie, Mrs. Keegan, Mr. Leatherman, Mrs. Napolitan and Mrs. Ito, the nurse.

1. What's it about?

Most people chose, *Giving Thanks...*

2. What is the best thing about Thanksgiving?

Most people thought, *Seeing family...*

3. What is

Thanksgiving really about?

Stuffing your face, got the most votes...

Thank you for filling out the survey and remember that next time, it might be your class!

Alissa

Pocahontas: A Friend to the Colonists

Room 21 read, *The Double Life of Pocahontas*, by Jean Fritz. Over the years many stories have been told about Pocahontas. The earliest records were written in 1624, by John Smith himself, almost 20 years after the event. So it is difficult to verify the events that were reported as there were no witnesses and few written records. Here are some reports from Room 21...

Pocahontas

by Allison

Pocahontas lived in the 1600's. She did new things, and went to a lot of parties in England. Living in England was dangerous for her because she was exposed to diseases her people had never known. In America, the name of the colony was Jamestown. John Smith traveled to Indian villages

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**Under Construction:
Poetry from Room 25**

Sharks
by Ratty

Sharks, sharks
With teeth like darts
Sharks, sharks
They make faint hearts
Sharks, sharks
They'll eat your parts
Sharks, sharks
With teeth and fins
Sharks, sharks
No ties, few losses, lots of wins

Inspiration
by Ratty

Inspiration is the biggest whole
Inspiration is a key to what is told
Inspiration is the name of work
Inspiration is a guy named Kirk
Inspiration is what you need
To win, to work and to succeed
Inspiration will help you see
All you want and need to be...

Classroom News by Arbor Heights News Reporters

Room 21— Sonya, 5th grade

In our class we are using compasses and making really neat designs. All the kids are nervous about conferences. Most of the kids are happy about getting out of school early and looking forward to the holidays.

Rm 25—Sarah, 5th grade

Mr. Wagner is helping us learn about plural possessive nouns. I think they are easy to learn.

In math we are doing Roman numerals. It's interesting to learn about another number system.

**I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX
X=10, L=50, C=100, D=500,
M=1000**

Write some Roman Numerals: 25, 8, 109, 54, 19, 206
Ask Sara if you need the answers.

Rm.24— Alissa, 5th grade

Our class is talking about veterans and some people are even interviewing veterans.

We've been talking about how to get good grades and conferences. Mr. Dorr says, "Be sure that you study harder the second quarter," so you can get better grades. He's going over last weeks test grades with us. He goes over your report card with you on the day you have a parent conference. I like this conference with our

teacher.

Rm. 23—Mary, gr. 5

We are doing +, x, and take away in math. In reading, Kiera, Sarah, and I are reading, **A Lion to Guard Us**. It is about a family with three kids named Amanda, Jemmy and Meg. They go to America to see their father. The lion's head is a brass door knocker that the father gave them. Some people think that it is made of gold. They think it will guard them safely to the new country. You should read the book to see how it ends.

Room 19—Hannah, 1st gr.

We are reading, **Here we Grow**, by MacMillan/McGraw Hill. Our class sounds great when we read.

We made turkeys that say what we are thankful for. I'm thankful for our food.

We get to pick things out of Mrs. Ballard's treasure box like rings, pens and other fun stuff. We get a leaf sticker when we are good for the Turkey Club.

Rm. 18—Joseph and Troy, Gr. 2

We play a game to learn the long or short vowel sounds.

We made beautiful spider webs with silver paint and glitter.

Our walking sticks are fun.

They climb up the terrarium and if someone touches the top of the lid, the walking sticks will fall and die. They lay lots of eggs before they die. We have at least thirty. Most are alive.

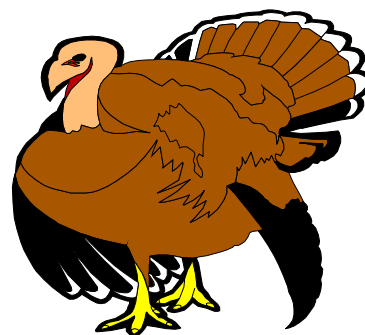
Our masks are out in the hall. We started with a balloon and then used newspaper with a lot of Elmer's glue and covered the balloons. After they dried we cut them in half and decorated them. They are



really cool!

Room 17—Meridith and Evelyn

The second and third grades are rehearsing the play *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*. We made collages for art. We made them with string, paper and buttons. Mr. Leatherman and Ms. Oliver told us about their experiences in the service. In math we are making different kinds of stars.



More Classroom News

Room 16— Jarrod and Brittany Grade 1,2,3

We did collage and fro-tage. Collage means collections and fro-tage means rubbings. Collage is the most fun because you can make pretty art designs.

We are reading chapter books and doing puppet shows, too.

Our guinea pig and five mice are healthy.

Two new students have come to our class—Alvaro and Sandra. They just returned from Mexico!

Room 15— Amanda and Alex Grade 1 and 2

We have some new rats in the classroom. We get to play with them, feed them and care for them.

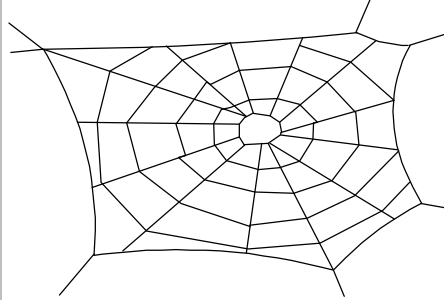
We're reading the, *The Littles*, by John Peterson. This book is about little people who live in George Bigg's house. The Littles keep out of sight and live in tiny rooms in the walls of the house. Mr. Little is only 6 inches tall and he is big for the Littles.

Sometimes we stay in for recess and watch movies like, *The Fox and the Hound!*

Room 14— Tony and Hilary Gr.2

We're working on spiders. Spiders have two body parts, the head and the chest, fangs and jaws, 6 spinnerets, 8 legs

and eyes. Even if they don't bite, they still have poisonous

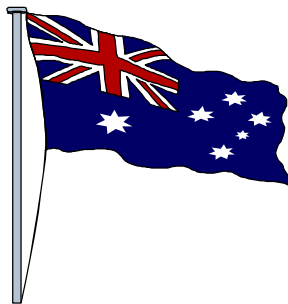


stomachs. They all kill their prey with their poison. They all suck blood and fluids from their prey.

There are two types of spiders, wanderers and web builders. Wanderers have spinnerets but don't use them. Web builders catch flying insects. They have sticky, silk threads they weave to catch prey.

Room 12— Shannon Grade 3

Now we have pen pals. It is fun to write to someone in Australia. My pen pal's name is Kate. Lots of our pen friends have favorite land marks. The one many Australian kids like is



(Australian Flag)

called, The Great Barrier Reef.

(Room 12 — continued)

In gym we are doing the physical fitness test. It is fun. I did 54 curl-ups in one minute.

In art we made a picture of a jungle. Lots of the jungles had snakes, monkeys, trees, bushes lions and spiders. Those are just some of the things we drew in the jungle.

Room 9— Wendy Grade 3

Hi, my name is Wendy. I'm from Room 9. In reading we made paper animals. It was lots of fun. Mine was a mouse. We also read nice books. One book is called, *All Tutu's Should Be Pink*. It's a chapter book. In Room 9 we do lots of art. Thanksgiving is coming up.

Room 8— Giang and Elysia Grade 3

Room 8 is busy learning multiplication facts, 6 through 9.

In Language Arts we wrote letters to Mr. Leatherman, our principal, thanking him for telling us about being a veteran. In the Vietnam War, he was in a big battle, on top of a hill.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving.

Pocahontas

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to trade knives, bells and kettles for food. Pocahontas asked her father not to kill John Smith or the colonists. Pocahontas married a man named John Rolfe and they had a son named Thomas. She helped the colonists get food and live in peace with the Algonquians.



Pocahontas

by Chanthorn Nouch

Pocahontas lived about 400 years ago. The name of the nearby colony was Jamestown. Their leader was John Smith. Pocahontas saved John Smith by asking her father not to kill him. She married John Rolfe and was kidnapped to England. Pocahontas and John Smith helped the settlers by getting food and by working together in peace.

Underline seven facts about Pocahontas or the Colonists!

Pocahontas by Tyler

Pocahontas lived in the 1600's. The name of the colony was Jamestown, named by the English. The leader who wanted to help the colonists was John Smith. Pocahontas saved John Smith by asking her father not to kill him. Pocahontas got married to John Rolfe. Then they had a baby named Thomas.

She helped the settlers get food in America. Native Americans lived in harmony with nature, taking only what they needed. She taught the settlers these things.

Pocahontas was taken to England where she pleased many people. Then she started to get sick because she was exposed to diseases her people had never known. She died at 22.

Pocahontas by Ryan - Room 21

P Pocahontas lived in the sixteen hundreds with her father, Powhatan, an Indian chief from the Algonquian tribe in what's now called Virginia and North Carolina.

The Englishmen (Colonists) started a colony named James Town. James Town was founded in 1610.

The leader's name was John Smith. He helped all that he could during the starving time. Pocahontas pleaded for John's life and her father let him go.

She married an Indian first, then married an Englishman by the name of John Rolf. Pocahontas and John Smith helped the settlers by getting them food during this starving time.

More Classroom News

Room 7— Stephanie Grade 4

In Miss Sato's room we are getting ready for parent conferences. This means trying to keep our desks clean and organized.

In social studies we've been looking at graphs that show where people live in the U.S. and jobs that people do in the U.S. We also learned about latitude and longitude on maps.

We're looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation.

Room 1— Adam and Cheridan Grade 1

We are studying Pilgrims. We learned about them on the boat and on the first Thanksgiving.

We are learning to count to 100. We are learning to read. We read about making friends. We have sharing time in school and we get to bring a toy from home.

Room 4— Lindsay AM- K

We have been learning about Indians. We pretend we are going across the United States. We took cars. We raise our hands and tell where we are going to eat.

We have been studying about Thanksgiving. We are making turkey books. Some of us eat turkey at Thanksgiving.

Room 3— Tim AM K

We made turkeys with our hands. We dipped our hands in paint and then put them on paper.

We are learning our numbers by tracing them.

We have walking sticks, frogs, crickets and birds in our room.



Getting to Know Your Principal by Kate

L Mr. Leatherman really likes being a principal. He's been a principal for 12 years and before that, a teacher for 13 years.

He likes to ride motorcycles and likes to golf and bike in his spare time. His favorite foods are steak and rocky road ice cream. His favorite game is backgammon. One of his favorite books is, *Far Pavilions*, and his favorite color is purple. I asked him how kids get to go to the peanut machine and he said, "The teachers send students when they do something special."

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