

## Summitt Elementary May 2024

## The Summitt Good News...paper

**Fantastic Mr. Foyt***By: Ashley C. and Cathy H.**The fantastic Mr. Foyt*

Everyone has questions about Mr. Foyt. He has only been here for a year, but we love him already! We don't know him that well, though, so we decided to ask him some questions to get to know him better. First, we asked him which grade he visited the most. He responded, "Pre-K, because they're the closest to the office." Next we asked, "Why did you decide to work here?" He said that he loves working with Ms. Greco and Mr. Bradley. He was a substitute assistant principal, and he worked here four times before. "This time I was lucky enough to be here the whole year." How sweet! Mr. Foyt said his favorite part of his job is visiting classrooms and watching students learn and teachers teach. He likes the energy and honesty that comes from working with kids. After that, we asked him, "What's

one of your favorite hobbies?" "I like to talk a lot, but one of the things I don't tell most people is that I like to cook and decorate my house at Christmas." Next, he said his favorite part of Summitt is the dedication and commitment that the teachers at Summitt have. He also loves that Summitt is a dual language campus, and the diversity that it brings. We asked him, "If you were to give extra credit to ONE teacher, who would it be?" "So teaching is hard, and it's very difficult to select one teacher. Each grade level is unique, and each grade level brings its own set of challenges and skills. So I can't pick one teacher. All teachers deserve more credit, all teachers deserve more." Next we asked, "Where have you worked before?" Mr. Foyt has worked in about 20 schools over his 40-year career. He started working at Murchison, and last year he worked at T.A. Brown. T.A. Brown Elementary isn't too far from here, but it's a brand new school with a brand new building.

I bet you didn't know these things about Mr. Foyt! Mr. Foyt is fantastic! 🦅

**Letter from a Fifth Grade Editor***By: June K.****Through six years I have been a***

***part of the Summitt family. This family is like my own. The teachers along with my classmates are kind, supportive, and they make learning fun. All of the teachers I've had through these years have helped me through countless math problems, numerous reading questions, endless essays, and thousands of science experiments. I am so grateful for all the things they have done for me and how hard they work so we can learn and grow. They have also made me laugh many times when I am feeling down. The year of Covid was a hard one, but we still persevered through it. Even though I could not walk up to my teachers and give them a hug, they still made me feel loved by helping me when things got tough. Even though this may be my last time walking these halls, I know that deep down in my heart I will always be a Summitt eagle. 🦅***

**Sit Straight! Trahan's Here.***By: Raena H. and Sidd M.*

You have seen him around school, right?? RIGHT? He is the one and

only Mr. Trahan! Mr. Trahan has been working at Summitt for three years now. He helps out with 5th grade the most but still helps out with all other grade levels. Mr. Trahan thinks that the situations can be challenging in different ways for all grade levels. We asked Mr. Trahan if he had ever worked as a classroom teacher, and he said, "No, but I worked at Webb Middle School as a co-teacher." He worked at Webb for ten years which was also his job before he came to Summitt! His favorite thing about working with students at Summitt is "their kindness and always being happy." Mr. Trahan's favorite subjects are History and Social Studies. His favorite things about the teachers at Summitt are that "they're friendly, caring, and some like to play pickleball." Mr. Trahan likes to read, spend time with his family, and play the guitar! We asked him if he could tell his 5th grade self anything, what would he say? He said, "Being in 5th grade is trouble free, so wait till you teach 5th grade!" 🦋



Mr. Trahan, a former fifth grader, with current fifth graders Raena H. (left) and Sidd M. (right)

## Pre-K Check-in

By: Cora A.



Students in Pre-K listening to author Anne Wynter

Hello, Summitt! I bet I'm not the only one who wants to know how our adorable Pre-K is doing, right? Well, let's check in with them!

### Snack or Recess?

Who wants to know which Pre-K kids prefer: snack time, where you get a pre-lunch boost of energy, or recess, where you spend that energy? Let's hear from some students! Abigail said she likes recess better because she gets to see her friend Joyce. But Victoria, Willa, Vedant, Oliver, and Fabian all like snack time more! That's a lot of kids. Let's look at something else.

### Favorite Things They Learned

Okay, how many of us are dying to know what Pre-K does all year? It's been so long, and I can't remember. The answer to that is.... LEARN!! Just like the rest of us. So what exactly do they learn, you ask? Let's hear from the masters themselves. Abigail, the lovely young lady from earlier, said she learned that chicken, beef, and bacon are protein. Victoria noted that she learned her ABC's and how to make abc patterns. Willa said she "learned about bugs. They have 3 body parts and 6 legs. They crawl and some fly." Oliver said he "learned about Community Helpers. They help

people by keeping us safe." Fabian said he learned about insects. He learned that "ladybugs, butterflies and mosquitoes fly."

That's all there is for this year. See you, Summitt! 🦋



I bet these Pre-K students learned a lot this year!

## Kindergarten Kiddos

By: Issia H.

Have you ever met a kindergartner? If you have, you know they are sweet and spicy. I asked a bunch of kinder kids what their favorite thing they have learned this year is, and let's see what they have to say. Mila from Mrs. Brannies' class says her favorite thing she learned this year was "making new friends." Mila, I hope you made some awesome new friends. It looks like Mrs. Brannies also teaches math very well because two of her students said that they liked learning about shapes, and Harrison's favorite thing was math. Mrs. Brannies also must have done some cool art projects with the class because Brach said that his favorite thing they learned was "arts and crafts." You probably made some cool masterpieces, Brach. Mika said her favorite thing she learned was UPS Check. I wonder how many problems she has solved using it! Ivanka, another kindergartner, said she learned to "share and be kind, compassionate, say sorry, say

thank you and laugh more, because this will make our world a happy place!! Full of love." Well, I think that's a rap on our kinder kiddos, I can't wait to see them grow next year in first grade. 🦅



Mrs. Brannies and her kindergarten class

## Teachers Have Talent, Too!

By: Raena H. and Emily F



Our Teacher Talent Show 2024 Emcees

Did you go to the Teacher Talent Show? IT WAS AWESOME!! Some acts were of teacher Barbies with the 5th-grade teachers, plus a yoga ball dance routine with the 3rd-grade teachers, and don't forget the spectacular Mr. S, and we could go on and on! We got wonderful responses from Summitt Eagles when we asked what they liked about the show. Some responses we gathered were...Allie J. in 4th grade quotes that their "favorite act was the Taylor Swift act. My teacher, Mrs. Meurer, was Travis Kelce." Haha, that was hilarious! It made us laugh our heads off! Next, Henry Kramer in 1st grade says that his "favorite was the one

with Ms. Ozene because she's my teacher." I loved that one!! Ms. Ozene is a great teacher!



Also, Edward B. in 5th grade said "I liked Kasey With a K because I like dancing." We weren't expecting Kasey with a K to dance so well, and at the end, the splits?!



So cool! Moving on- Madison C. in 4th grade said her favorite act was the Taylor Swift acts because "Mrs. Meurer and Ms. Loper were in it, and I'm a Swiftie so you can't go wrong with Taylor Swift." You probably didn't hear it here first, folks! Jacob Hubka in 2nd grade quoted "I liked the Ping Pong Minute-to-Win-It because I got to be in it! And, also the WatchDOG act because my dad was a dancer." You did so well in the challenge and so did your competitors! Wow, we got some amazing responses from our Eagles! We hope you enjoyed reading this article and have a great day. 🦅



Taylor Swift wishes she looked this good!

## UIL

By: Cathy H.

Many students at Summitt participate in UIL. However, unless you have competed, you might not know how it feels. To share the experience, we asked some UIL contestants to share their thoughts with us. I myself have been a competitor, so I was especially curious to know how others felt.

Chloe Y responded, "I felt pretty proud after the competition." She really enjoyed competing for Summitt. She also loved working with her UIL team and learning new things. Isaiah Hayslip said, "It felt good and I got first place in the chess event!" Ben Presley felt good to represent the school. Connor Ding said, "I enjoyed competing in UIL. It felt normal to represent Summitt. I competed in number sense, chess, and maps, graphs, and charts." Ruby Benton enjoyed having two hours of letting her creativity flow out on paper in Creative Writing.

A lot of these things I never knew before! I'm glad these people felt this way about UIL. Personally, I felt pretty nervous, but once I got started, it was really fun. If you've never tried UIL before, you should, because it's a fantastic experience that can be very rewarding. That's all, folks! 🦅



These fourth graders loved representing Summitt at UIL

## Tết Show 2024

By: An L.

Usually when something repeats every year, people will not look forward or anticipate it. However, even though our school hosts a Tet show every year, nobody gets tired of it and still loves and enjoys it. Everybody gets excited and nervous for every show, and even when the show ends, everyone still talks about it.



Another wonderful Tết celebration!

The performers were very proud of themselves. Responding to the question about their performance, one of them answered: "I was a performer and I felt like we did a 9/10." That is a very high rating! Another said: "It was stressful waiting for my class to perform, I was scared that I'd mess up but I think I was able to do it. I'd rate my

performance 8/10." Even though it was stressful, this person didn't mess up when she performed! Hendrik in 5th grade said: "I would rate the performance 9.5 out of 10 because I did lion dance and dragon dance." For this one, I think everyone will agree, because it was the most fantastic, loudest, and complicated show. Anton N. in 5th grade said: "I felt scared when I was waiting, but I would rate it a 10/10." Connor Ding in 5th said: "It felt cool to wait for my class to perform. I think we did good on our performance." His bestie, Hung Pham in 5th grade said: "The show was so good and I am happy to be a performer, but one thing I'm sad about is that it is my last time performing in the Tet show at Summitt but it's OK because I still have lion dance at Summitt." I guess all the performers thought they did well.

Let's see if the audience thought so too. Maddie in 5th grade said: "I was in the audience, and I was so excited to watch the show, because I knew everyone worked so hard to make it! I would rate the performance 5 out of 5." Bru Kurzweil in 5th grade said: "It was a really good show. I'd give it a 5/5. It was so fun." I am so glad they liked it! Penny in 5th grade said: "The show was a dead 10/10 so cool!!! I wish we had it everyday!!!!" This shows how big the Tet performance success was.



Mr. Foyt, Ms. Greco, and Mr. Bradley enjoyed the Tết show!



These first graders were amazing in the Tết Show!

The last day of school is coming, and I believe every single student will bring these wonderful memories of the Tet show into the summer heat. And everyone, again, cannot wait for the next show. 🦅

## Learning in First Grade

By: Kingsley W.



Ms. Ozene's class

When I talk about an amazing, outstanding, and all-around great grade, I am talking about 1st grade. I know what I'm talking about because I'm a pal for Ms. Ozene.

One of the amazing things that 1st grade does is LEARNING! We got some students from 1st grade to tell us great things they learned this year. Owen Reiter said something he learned this year was "cool basketball moves with Ms. Ozene." So that proves that even teachers can make buckets. Scout Farris said, "Halloween was one of my favorite days this year! I got to dress up like Bad Kitty from the books. We had special centers, like pumpkin bowling. We also got to experiment with LOTS of different kinds of pumpkins. It

was so fun!" I understand how fun Halloween is. It is such a great holiday. Henry Kramer said he loved learning Math this year because he loves Math. Maecy O'Reilly said the Teacher Talent Show was her favorite activity this year. What a great grade!



Look at these innovative first graders!

So come down to 1st grade and show your love and appreciation to the 1st grade teachers and students! 🦋



Mrs. Farnsworth's class



The first grade teachers on the 100th day of school

## CATCH and S.T.E.M. Night

By: Cora A.

In February of 2024, Catch and S.T.E.M. night took place at Summitt. This fun night, a mix of science, math, and P.E. happens every year, and those who find the time to attend always enjoy it. This article is for the people who didn't go because they missed out!

### What was your favorite S.T.E.M. activity?

Of all the activities there, I prefer the S.T.E.M. part of the night, because it stretches my brain, not my body. BUT! I like the CATCH part, too. Crozier W.'s favorite S.T.E.M. activity was the marshmallow tower, because he ended up getting first place when his tower was the tallest, and Owen R. loved making a paper peregrine falcon as well.

### What was your favorite sports activity?

My favorite was the Kung fu teacher who came and taught us to kick all warrior-like. But that was just me! Let's look at some others. Bru Kurzweil liked the gym the most and so did Julia K. Brennan's favorite was the gym too.

Anyway, that concludes this article! For those people who missed Catch or S.T.E.M. Night, you should go next year. It really is fun! 🦋



These 3rd graders are Math Pentathletes!

## The Apex Fun Run: A Great Event For Everyone!

By: Thlên ân D.



Mrs. Meurer's 4th grade class



Co Jessica's 4th grade class

Summitt Elementary hosted its annual Apex Fun Run on March 21, 2024. The Summitt Apex Fun Run was an exciting and fun event. The Apex Fun Run is an event that raises money by making exercising fun! It raises much needed funds to support several school projects every year.

This year, the Fun Run was held in the gym because of the rainy weather. It was hosted by the Apex coaches: Minnie, Flipflop, and Socks. The event featured colorful paints, a dark tunnel and funky music! These decorations impressed many students such as Cody L, who "really liked the glowy lights and the efficiency of the markers." and Nylah S. B. explained how "The Apex Fun Run was really fun, and I loved all the glow in the dark sticks."



Look at these happy runners in Mrs. Robertstad's class!

Others noticed how it was inside and how groovy the music was, such as Royston M., who liked "that it was dark and inside", and Ms. Gonzalez (also known as Ms. G) who said it was "really fun, and I liked the music!" It was so fun that even the coaches had fun. "It is amazing, every grade brings something different, and it's like having a big party with all my friends!" said Minnie.

Overall, Apex is a great event that many love, myself included, and its many aspects are a key element that make it so fun! 🦅



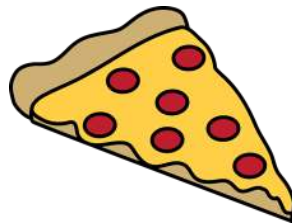
Mrs. Watts and her fourth grade class at the Fun Run

## Second Grade Favorites: Food Edition

By: Andrew C.



Second graders in Co Cathy's class Do you like lunch? What's your favorite food? Here's what some of the 2nd graders said. Jacob quoted "I like pizza the best, and my ideal lunch is sushi." Karter said "Pizza! And then I get Gatorade!" That sounds yummy! The most beloved food in the world is pizza rightfully earning it's spot at the top! But you can clearly see that some other people had different opinions. Here's some more of what people had to say about their favorite food. Isabella said her favorite food is a salad and her dream lunch is a taco with ICE cream and candy." Raeya Boyce said her favorite food is a "burrito, and her dream lunch is giant cookie and Mac N Cheese". You can clearly see that these 2nd graders have a lot of different opinions about what type of food they like! If you could have any dream lunch, what would it be? 🦅



Simply the best.



Second graders at their living museum Poetry Corner

Compiled by: Cathy H.

Easter by Madison C, 4th Grade

Everything you love and more  
All the time say no more  
Spring not Fall, Winter, or Summer  
Time for egg hunts and more  
Even if it's raining?  
Remember you can hide eggs inside

SNOWBALL by Ruby Benton, 4th Grade

I really do regret,  
not taking her to the vet,  
that poor, poor, sick pet.

School Bus by Emily F, 5th grade

Screaming kids,  
Snack lids  
People talking,  
Boys gawking  
Telling jokes,  
Sharing hopes  
Singing tunes,  
Playing tycoons  
Teachers shushing,  
Students gushing  
Bumpy rides,  
Jumpy insides  
Old gross gum from the seat  
Laughing girls with bouncy curls...  
Finally off the bus! Here to discuss

Weird Poem by Zoe Stuart, 4th Grade

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Why are you reading to see what I do? 🦅

**Congratulations to our 2024 House Poetry Winners!**

### House of Kindness

Violet Rivera & Lorelai Leedy: Co  
Cathy (2nd)  
Ellie Wiesner : Searels (5th)

### House of Courage

Elias Le: Ms. Cao's (K)  
Callie Bacchus : Mrs. Robertstad  
(4th)

### House of Collaboration

Livy Elwell: Ozene (1st)  
Lola Horne: Glass (2nd)

### House of Innovation

Sylvie Moher: Farris (1st)  
Jasper Sturtevant: Fontenot (3rd)

### House of Tenacity

Bao Chau Nguyen: Skalaban (1st)  
Georgia Olmstead: Meurer (4th)

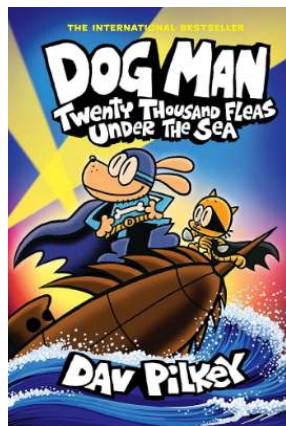
## **Third Grade's Favorite Books**

By: Emily F.



Third graders in Ms. Fontenot's class  
making 3-D figures out of  
marshmallows and toothpicks

Have you ever wondered what books 3rd graders love? If so, this is the article for you! We took a poll about 3rd graders' favorite book, and we got so many responses. The series *Dog Man* and *Wings Of Fire* were very popular. We had to pick because we got tons of responses, so let's hear their responses now!



A third grade favorite!

First, Atlas W says that *Smile*, *Guts*, and *Sisters* are superior, but Isaiah Hayslip argues that *Wings Of Fire* and *Harry Potter* are the greatest book series. But wait, we have more responses! Skylar Hernandez says that *Goosebumps* and *Dog Man* are amazing, while Anna Aldridge really likes *Dragon Girls* and *Charlotte's Web* as books to read. Carter Arnold says that *Who Was* and *Dog Man* are amazing. Finally, Arnav R. argues that *I Survived* and *Wings Of Fire* are his favorites. Wow, I guess *Wings Of Fire* and *Dog Man* are really popular!

Thank you for reading this article! I hope you enjoyed it and got some good book recommendations from it. Always keep reading and always remember: Never hide your true self and keep creating!



I wonder what books these third graders like!

## **FUN FACTS! May Edition**

By: An L. and Cathy H.

Some people think that there are only a few May holidays, like Memorial Day and Mother's Day. But there are way more than that! There are hundreds of May holidays in the world, but we've included some of our favorites for every day of the month.

- Starting May is May Day, on May 1st. It celebrates workers and their rights.
- Next is World Asthma Day, May 2nd.
- After that is World Press (newspaper) Freedom Day, on May 3rd. It's important to have freedom of the press, otherwise people wouldn't know what was going on.
- Star Wars Day is on May 4th. (May the 4th be with you!)
- Cinco de Mayo is on May 5th. May 5th was the day that Mexico gained independence from France.
- Free Comic Book Day, on May 6th, is one of the more random ones. But maybe you can get someone to give you a free comic book anyway.
- The next one is National Lemonade Day, on May 7th. Did you know that lemonade was first invented in Egypt?
- National Coke Day is on May 8th. More than 10,000 Cokes are drunken per second around the world.

- A funny one is National Sock Day, May 9th. Maybe you could get some new socks.
- National Clean Your Room Day is on May 10th. Don't tell any grown-ups, or they will make you clean your room.
- May 11th is National Eat What You Want Day.
- National Limerick Day is May 12th. Limericks are short, funny poems. You can probably find one in the poetry section.
- Of course we also have Mother's Day on May 12th. Thank any of the amazing women in your life.
- National Apple Pie Day is on May 13th. We personally love baking and eating apple pie, so this is perfect for us.
- Chocolate Chip Day is on May 15th. This is a very important time for all of us chocolate lovers. Hopefully you will convince someone to give you chocolate.
- National Love a Tree Day, May 16th, is a chance to celebrate the environment. It's like Earth Day, but in May!
- National Walnut Day is on May 17th. Walnuts are actually seeds.
- International Museum Day is on May 18th.
- Next comes (yay!) National Pizza Party Day, May 19th! Hooray for pizza!
- A lot of Summitt families have dogs, so they will surely appreciate National Rescue Dog Day, May 20th.
- National Baking Day is May 21st. That's a chance for you to bake some of those apple pies we mentioned earlier!
- Vanilla Pudding Day falls on May 22nd. Vanilla pudding isn't really our favorite, but we know a lot of people who like it.
- Next comes World Turtle Day, May 23rd. Celebrate your turtles!
- Asparagus Day is on May 24th. Eat your vegetables! They're good for you!
- After that is National Singing Day, May 25th. You may be good or bad at singing, but it is proven to uplift your mood.
- National Paper Airplane Day is on May 26th. The longest flying time was 29.2 seconds!
- National Sorry Day is May 27th. Take some time to apologize today.
- We all love National Burger Day, May 28th.
- Memorial Day is May 29th. It honors members of the military who died.
- Hug Your Cat Day is May 30th. A group of cats is called a clowder.
- Next is National Smile Day, May 31st. Remember to smile!
- There are a lot of May birthdays too, so be sure to congratulate all the birthday people!
- A fun holiday that made me laugh (and will probably make *you* laugh) is May 5th, National No Pants Day. I do not suggest you come to school with no pants on, though. Another funny holiday is May 14, National Dance Like a Chicken Day.
- May is also Better Sleep Month and Women's Health Care Month, so get some sleep and stay healthy. It's Military Appreciation Month too! So thank some veterans today!

It looks like we are going to be very busy this month! May is packed with tons of fun!

### ***Fourth Grade and Feeling Fine***

*By: Olivia S.*



*These fourth graders are working hard!*

Fourth grade is a year for fun, and guess what? The next year has almost begun! Fourth graders will soon be in the oldest grade level! Exciting, right? I'm sure the fourth graders will have a lot to say about going into fifth grade, so let's hear some Summitt Eagles talk about almost being the oldest grade. Hudson Hook said, "I feel excited about it because it sounds fun, and I get to learn new math problems. I also get to make new





Dexter says that he liked getting a Summitt Strong Award because it made him feel special and good.

**Question #2: Did you like all the attention on you? Why or why not?**  
He liked the attention because he felt pride in doing good for our school.

**Question #3 Why did you get nominated? Did you expect to be awarded?**

Dexter got nominated for being tenacious. He didn't expect to get an award, and he was surprised when they called his name.



Ms. Leiva, one of Dexter's teachers, had this to say about Dexter: "Dexter is a diligent worker! He puts his best effort into everything he does, and he even studies at home when he isn't asked or forced to. Dexter is going to do amazing things in our world, I just know it!"

## Ann's Interview

**Question #1: Did you like all of the attention on you? Why?**

Ann didn't like the attention because people were staring and clapping.

**Question #2: What house do you**

**think you belong in? Why?**

Ann says the house of Courage because it just feels right to her.



An with one of her teachers, Co May

Co May shared this about An: "An is such a wonderful and well-rounded student! Not only does she have a smile that lights up every room she's in... She excels in everything she does. You can always catch her with her nose in a book, hanging out with her friends, or translating for those who need it. An should be recognized for her tenacity and kindness. We are so lucky to have her in our classes!"

So, that's the scoop on Summitt Strong Awards! Would you like to get an award or maybe another one? Remember: you don't need an award to be a good person! Newspaper, out! 🦋

## Fifth Grade Changes

By: Ashley C.

We all know and love the Summitt 5th graders, and it's so sad they're going. Summit will miss them, but

what will they miss about Summitt?

Most people said they will miss their teachers and friends. Especially Chloe Y who said "I think that I'll miss my teachers and friends the best. I've known most of the people and things in Summitt all my life, but it feels very sad and weird to leave everything behind that I've known before. I KNOW that I will miss every one of my teachers and friends every single day." How sweet! Maddie agreed saying, "I will miss all of my friends that are going to different schools and my FABULOUS teachers that I will be leaving behind." Really putting the spotlight on the teachers! Bru Kurzweil said, "I will miss line order, pals, fun Friday, fun experiments, holiday parties, book fair, and field day." Quite a list! Olivia S said "I will really miss all the fun projects because at Murchison we won't do stuff like that." Me, too, Olivia! There were many people that missed specific things like Kingsley who said, "I am going to miss the sense of community at Summitt. At Summitt everyone is nice."



Fifth graders Issia and Julia during their Living Museum presentations

Sidd Maniere said, "The things that I will miss at Summitt next year when I am in 6th grade are not having recess, all the amazing teachers I've had, and just all the

amazing memories I've made at Summitt. Who knows, maybe I'll enjoy 6th grade and the rest of middle school." There is also Evangeline who says, "When I go to 6th grade next year I'll really miss all of my teachers and all the friends I've made that aren't in the same grade as me." Amari Sauls says she will miss Miss K's room and Miss Berry's room.

I know I will miss my friends that aren't going to my middle school and the teachers! I'm glad we got to spend time with these awesome 5th graders, but now I can't wait to see what new challenges and adventures we face in middle school! 🦅



Fifth graders in Mrs. Miller's class



Fifth graders on a field trip to the Tom Miller dam to learn about water conservation

## Eagle's Thoughts on Movie Night

By: June K.

Did you know that Summitt Elementary had a movie night on Friday, May 3rd, with both *Trolls* and *Wonka*? You probably did, because all students, parents, teachers, and friends were all invited. It's a Summitt tradition! We asked some Eagles what they thought of the movie, and we got so many responses! Let's see what they said!

We asked students from various grades: If you could change one thing about Summitt movie night, what would it be? Nathen Hedges from 5th grade said, "Inside movie with chairs like Teacher Talent Show." Ruby Benton in 4th grade said, "I would hold it somewhere else and let each family have their own room with their own TV." I wish we could do that! Skylar Hernandez in 3rd grade said, "I would have a candy machine that spits out candy, also I would have LED lights and a disco ball." If we had that at Movie Night, it would be super cool.

We had some people who thought totally different things about Movie Night. Madison C. in 4th grade said, "I personally don't think we need to change anything about movie night. I mean you have chips, candy, and water plus a movie. So it's basically perfect." Movie Night does have chips, candy, and a movie so we've got plenty. Julian in 4th grade said, "I'd change nothing." Movie night is pretty perfect.

Wow, we had some great responses! If you went to Movie Night, then we hope you enjoy it!

Always remember: Do your homework and THEN binge watch movies. Newspaper, out! 🦅

## Summitt Strong Staff Spotlight: Custodians Veronica and Yohan

By: Morgan J. and Sidd M.

Many of us know the custodians at Summitt for all their hard work keeping the school clean, but there is so much more to know about them! We want to share with you some fun facts about them we gathered. Let's start with Ms. Veronica. She has been working at Summitt for 16 years and enjoys working at the school. Ms. Veronica loves being a custodian, but she also loves dogs, Mexican food, nature, and riding a bike. She sure does have some great interests! Guess what?! Who do you think she would say has the cleanest classrooms? She told us that she thinks *Mrs. Doyle* and *Mrs. Mangan* do! Good job, teachers!



Thank you, Ms. Veronica, for all you do for our school!

Let's take a look at another one of our other amazing custodians, Mr. Yohan. Did you know that Mr. Yohan is from Cuba? Also, he has been working at Summitt for 7

years now. While he likes working at Summitt, he does not want to be a custodian forever. Mr. Yohan said that he thinks the cleanest classroom at school belongs to Co Linh from Pre-K.



*Thank you, Mr. Yohan, for keeping Summitt beautiful!*

We learned that Ms. Veronica and Mr. Yohan have something in common, too. Both of them told us that their favorite things about Summitt are the students and the staff. Welp, that's all the time we have today. Remember to keep smiling! 🦉

### Author's Chair

We wanted to celebrate some fabulous Summitt writers, and for this issue we looked at fourth grade writer **Derek Nguyen**.

Derek was nominated by Co Quynh, his homeroom teacher, and we shared his opinion essay on the best holiday ever.



*Author Derek N. likes to run around and play soccer when he's not writing. His favorite subject is Math! 🦉*

My favorite holiday  
Hello, I think birthdays are the best.  
MY BiRthDAY

Your birthday is probably the best day ever for you, as you get such things, like gifts, money, etc. I can almost smell the cake within 10 feet away, and I can almost taste the really really flavorful cake. Some people give me money because they do not know what to give me, and personally I think that is best because most people that give me something is mostly something I wouldn't really play with, and I would know what to buy on my own with money. Gifts are second best as sometimes you actually get good gifts just like drones, gift cards, etc. Next up is parties as it is sometimes good, sometimes bad, who knows?

first, Gifts are most important, as they put all of their soul into that gift, and if you don't like it you can give it to someone else, as you can't just say you hate it right in front of their faces, because it is rude and will make more people hate you in the future. And they spent that money to buy whatever it is, whether a drone, an iPad, etc. Sometimes gifts might be expensive, just like a car, and if you hate it, it's not like you can buy another one.

Next in line is parties, it is so fun having to celebrate your birthday! As you get to hang out with people, and maybe make new friends to hang out with, who knows? Although, after Covid-19 though I never had parties again. I always used to have huge parties, with people I know of course. But, I never let myself stop having fun on my birthday, I could always call my friends and celebrate online with them.

Last but not least, cake. It's sometimes so delicious that you eat most of it. Though there may not be any good flavors no matter how many bakeries you search! Still you have to take a cake to celebrate your birthday as it happens once every year which is a very, very special time of the year for you. And you can't miss out on spending your one-time yearly birthday just like any other ordinary day right?

In conclusion, birthdays are very, very exciting. I or maybe even more people will agree with this essay, do you? I like my birthday for three reasons: gifts, parties, and Cake.

## Solar Eclipse at Summitt!

By: Emily F.

Were you at school for the solar eclipse of 2024? Our school, as you know, had a giant solar eclipse viewing party on the soccer field. Everyone had a great time! Let's hear about the experience of viewing a total solar eclipse and some fun facts about eclipses!



*Fifth grader Joey P. enjoys the solar eclipse*

All of the students gathered on April 8, 2024, at 1:32 pm around the soccer field to view the eclipse. I saw some kids bring picnic blankets, towels, pillows, or mats to sit on with their friends before the eclipse started. Everyone got a pair of solar eclipse glasses to safely view the totality, or peak, of the eclipse without hurting your eyes. Totality only lasted 1 minute and 46 seconds, but all of the students cherished it because the next eclipse will be August 23, 2044! That's 20 years! There are different stages of the total solar eclipse, though. The steps go from first contact, or a partial eclipse, to second contact, where the sky

darkens or birds stop singing, and next totality, where the moon fully covers the face of the sun, then third contact, which is the same thing as second contact but in reverse, and finally, fourth contact, where the moon uncovers the face of the sun.



Third grade was READY!

### Fun Facts:

- 1: Texas got first contact with 4 minutes and 22 seconds of totality!
- 2: The centerline of the solar eclipse passed through 15 states!
- 3: The 2024 total solar eclipse was the most-viewed ever!
- 4: Totality is safe to look at without solar eclipse glasses!

I hope you all got to see the solar eclipse at school or with your family! Remember: NEVER STARE DIRECTLY AT THE SUN. EVER. Bye! 🦅

## Teachers on Vacation

By Ashley C. and Morgan J.

I bet you all know the wonderful teachers and staff here at Summitt, but we all only know their *school* lives. We all enjoy our summer vacations, but what about the teachers? What are they like over summer break? Well, you're about to find out. Lots of teachers and staff love traveling like Ms. Dora who says "The best part of my summer break is when I meet my family and friends in Hungary." Ms. Adams says, "I love to travel!!

This summer I am going to Germany, Spain, and Portugal! I also love going to the pool and pickleball." Wow! Mrs. Brannies also loves traveling! In her words, "I love to travel! One of the best things about summer break is not having to get up so early every day! :)." I agree! Miss Searels also agrees to this saying, "I like to visit my friends and family in Georgia and Alabama. My favorite part is staying at the lake and getting to just relax, read my book, and wake up at whatever time I want to! I enjoy not having any urgent responsibilities and getting to do what I want to do." Man, me too, Miss Searels!



*These awesome Summitt teachers are ready for S-U-M-M-E-R!*

Some teachers also enjoyed doing other activities like Ms. Leiva who said "My favorite thing to do over summer break is try out a new hobby or join in on an activity I've never done before. Last summer I went to several wheel-throwing (pottery) classes and discovered that it's fun but also very tedious and that I'm not very good at it. This summer I have my sights set on joining a team sport, possibly sand volleyball. The best part of

summer break in my opinion is having lots of time-- time to relax, time to sleep, time to travel, time to explore new hobbies, time to spend with friends. I feel this way because free time like that doesn't come around as much during the school year." So inspiring Ms. Leiva! Lots of teachers and staff enjoy lounging and resting like Mrs. Meurer, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Richey, and Ms. Le! I'm so glad these wonderful teachers and staff are having fun both at school and not at school! 🦅

### Summitt Favorites

By: *Thiên ân D.*

Have you ever thought about what makes Summitt special? Do you think it could be the teachers? The students? Or could it be the homework?! So, we asked several Summitt Eagles what they thought the best thing about Summitt was, and we got forty-nine responses, and trust me, it was not the homework!

First of all, the most popular answer was the people. For example, Ruby Benton said that her "favorite thing about Summitt is having friends there." Zoe Stuart agreed, saying her "favorite thing about Summitt is my friends and Mrs. Meurer's class and Mrs. Watts's class." Evangeline Scherer stated, "My favorite thing about Summitt is all of my friends and the teachers." Brian Nguyen expressed, "My favorite thing about Summit is my friends and my teachers." Ms. Ivanka Tiwary explained that her "favorite things about Summitt is seeing your friends, listening to Mrs. Brannies, Mrs. Richey's library, Mrs. Shoaf's art class," In total, eleven out of forty-nine people said that their

favorite thing about Summitt was the people.



*Third grade slays!*

In second place, many people liked Summitt's special areas, especially PE and Art. Some people who liked PE and Art were Maksym Lugovyi and River C. River C. said that their favorite thing was "the art projects all around the place that makes it more special." A couple of other people who liked special areas were Ford, Julian, and Brennan in 4th grade. Overall, a lot of students loved the activities Summitt has to offer!

Recess was another favorite of the Summitt students, including Kate, Cadence, Maksym Lugovyi, and Ford. Cadence even talked about how "Recess is the BEST!!!" In total, five of the forty nine students who answered this question said recess was one of the best things ever!

Among all the responses, there were many popular themes that we had little time to mention, including the Vietnamese Dual Language (VNDL) program, other

cultural activities, and many more. May I mention, there were others who couldn't choose, such as Loren Phillips, whose final choice was "everything." In conclusion, the most popular options were recess, special areas, and meeting new people! 🦅



*Fourth graders at recess after seeing a squirrel swipe an empty Nutella jar and scamper up the tree*

### The Bombastic Book Fair

By: *Andrew C. and Morgan J.*

The bombastic and fantastic Book Fair has always been a big hit for the Summitt Eagles! When you go to a book fair, it's always fun and exciting with hundreds of new books to explore and buy, but now you can learn what everyone is thinking. Let's get this article started!

All the students here at Summitt have a lot to say! Nathan in 5th grade says, "My favorite part of the book fair was getting the new Alan Gratz book *Heroes*," and Penny R. says that her favorite part was "walking in and seeing everyone looking for that perfect book and seeing all the displays!!" Clara G. said, "My favorite part of the Book Fair was the bookmark

that I got. I've been using it ever since!" Henry Kramer, Jacob Hubka, Cadence G., and Olivia Dutchover all liked the posters best. Ruby B. said, "My favorite part of Book Fair was the time and effort that they put into it."

As you can see many of the students enjoyed the Book Fair and were very excited! Ms. Richey said her favorite part was "hearing students talk about books with one another." What was your favorite part of the Book Fair? What book were YOU excited for? 🦅

### Visions of Vacations

By: Olivia S.

There is no doubt that Summitt Eagles can think of amazing vacations! Everyone here has such creative minds so they can imagine a spectacular vacation. Let's hear about some of these vacations. How about we start with Chole Y.? "My ideal summer break is to lay on a sofa, get a tub of extra large cookies and ice cream, and just lay there watching TV. Or I would like to go on an extra fancy vacation to Hawaii and go on a BIG shopping spree." Isn't that everyone's dream? I sure know it's mine. Now how about we give Clay Bradford a turn: "My ideal summer break would probably be relaxing, going camping, or going somewhere like Disney World, and seeing family members." I am glad someone would dream of going outdoors! It's beautiful out there. What about Raena H.? Will it be just as wonderful? Let's hear her out. "My ideal summer break is a Port A beach with a bucket full of water and sand and going out and catching hermit crabs with friends. It is also my every other year trip to upstate New York where my

grandma and grandpa live. The fresh lefse, pronounced "Lef-sa" she makes/orders is so good! It's basically a rice tortilla with butter, sugar, and sometimes salt. (look it up)" I second looking it up because it sounds so delicious! Nathan H. said his ideal summer break would include "VIDEO GAMES," and then he repeated those words over 25 times. Scout F. said she wants to go to "Typhoon TX and on my Aunt Lindsay's speedboat!" and Allie J. said she would like to go to the pool every day! Hudson H. said he would want to play video games with his friends and have fun with his parents and friends. Ford B. said his ideal summer break is just one word: "beach." Skylar Hernandez said she would go to Six Flags and on a shopping spree. Atlas W. said her ideal summer break would have "trips all the time, movies, and wanting to go to school. I'm one of those kids that loves school!"



*These Summitt Eagles have worked hard all year. I hope they have a great summer break!*

All of these vacations seem like a dream! Would you like to join them? I would, but sadly I have plans of my own. So now think to yourself, what's your dream vacation or ideal summer break? 🦅



*I bet these first graders are ready for summer break!*

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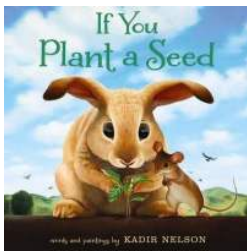


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**First Grade Read Aloud: *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson**

By: June K. and Issia H.



Over one week in February, we went to five different 1st-grade classes and asked them about A book called *If You Plant a Seed*. The classes were Mrs. Farris's class, Mrs. Skalaban's class, Mrs. Farnsworth's class, Mrs. Garcia's class, and Cò Tracy's class. Then we asked the students two questions. The first one was; what is the message or moral of the story? The 2nd one was; what happened differently when the bunny was kind compared to selfish?

Asking the question; what is the message or moral of the story? A student in Mrs. Farris's class said "If you plant a garden animals will

eat from it." That is a fact, and that is not the moral of the story. A student in Mrs. Skalaban's class said "How to grow a garden." If this book has a moral then it is fictional not instructional. A student in Mrs. Farnsworth's class said "To be kind and share." DING DING DING that is correct, but that is just one part of the message. A student in Cò Tracy's class said "Planting seeds is fun." That might be true for some people but that is an opinion so that is not the message the book is trying to tell us. A student in Mrs. Garcia's class said "Don't be selfish" AHA! Could that be the missing piece? The book is trying to tell us to be kind, and not selfish.

Asking the question; What happened differently when the bunny was kind compared to selfish? A student in Mrs. Farris's class said "when you are kind you have fun and when you are selfish you get bored." That is true for some people but not everyone. A student in Mrs. Skalaban's class said "If you are kind, the seed will grow into something new." That is a good metaphor for what the story is trying to tell us, but not what happened in the book. A student in Mrs. Farnsworth's class said "When you are kind you get gifts, but when you are selfish you get nothing." That may be true in some cases but not always. A student in Mrs. Garcia's class said "When you are selfish you get tomato sauce on you and when you are kind you don't " If you are selfish then people might want to throw tomato sauce on you but I don't think they would actually do that. A student in Cò Tracy's class said "When you are kind people will be kind to you and when you

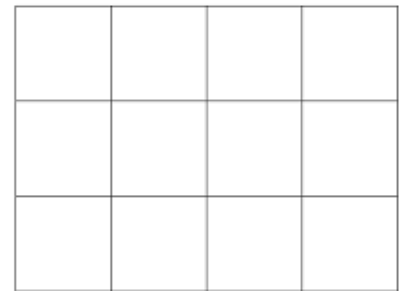
are selfish people will not be nice to you." That is exactly what the book is trying to tell us!

When we asked the first graders those questions we got some great responses, now we have something to ask you. Do you think the message the book was trying to tell us ; to be kind, not selfish, is a good message for first graders to know?

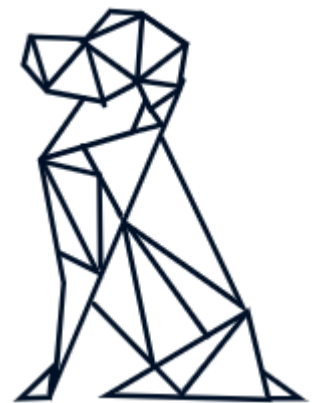
**Math challenge**

By: Thien an D.

1. How many squares are in this rectangle?



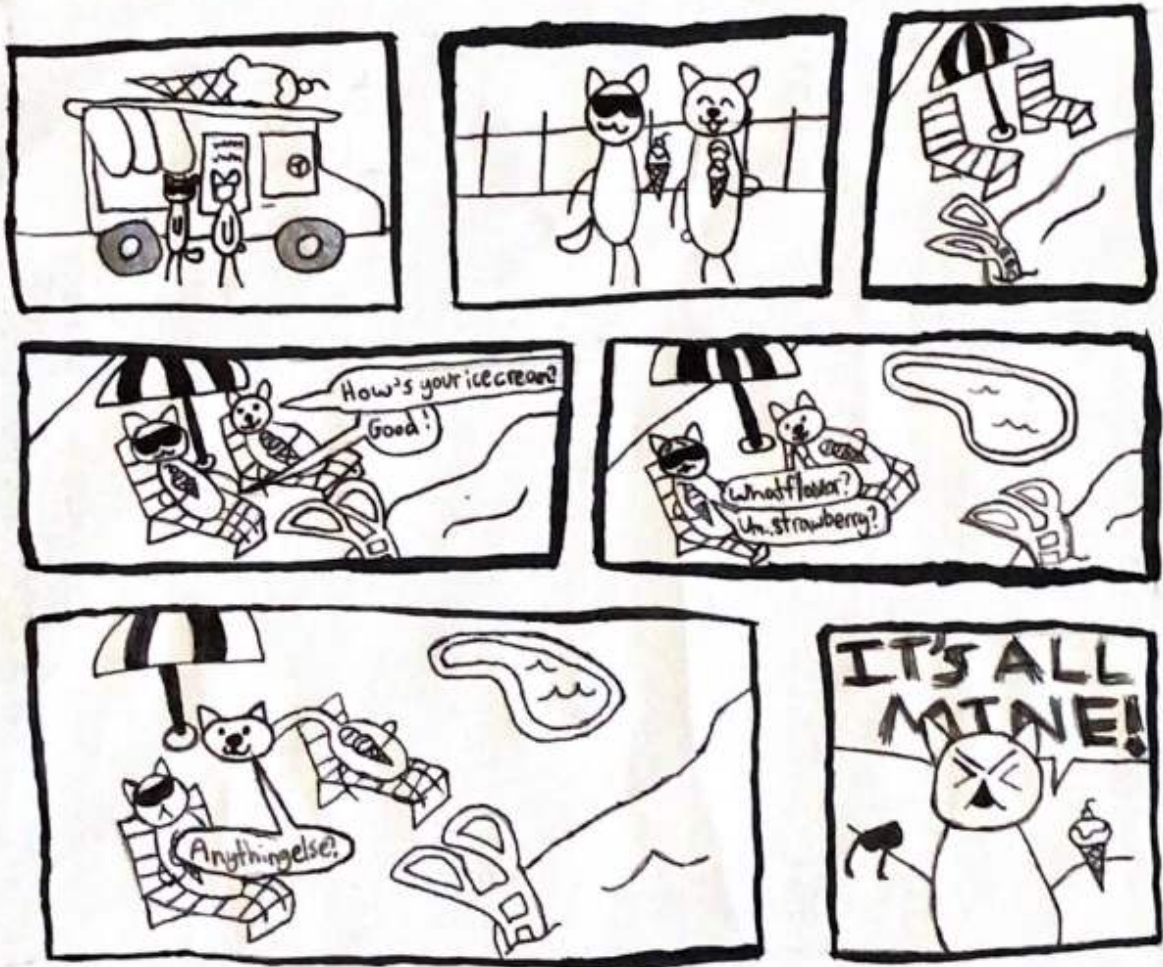
2. How many triangles are in this dog?



Answer Key: 1) 20, 2) 25



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