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Never give up on your dreams

By: Jamie Brown

Dance and laugh hard
and grin a lot
in your heart.
Follow your dreams
(it's always worth it).
Don't ever stop smiling.
Don't ever stop trying.
Stay on your toes.
Reach out as far as
you can reach
and then reach farther.
Don't forget to
rock the world.
And- oh yeah:
Shine On

Riddles

BY: ELLA CROSSWELL AND HAILEY RUSSELL

Q: WHAT IS THE LONGEST WORD IN THE DICTIONARY?

A: Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'.

Q: IF I HAVE IT, I DON'T SHARE IT. IF I SHARE IT, I DON'T HAVE IT. WHAT IS IT?

A: A Secret.

Q: WHAT HAS HANDS BUT CANNOT CLAP?

A: A clock.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU CATCH BUT NOT THROW?

A: A cold.

Q: WHAT STARTS WITH THE LETTER "T", IS FILLED WITH "T" AND ENDS IN "T"?

A: A teapot!

Q: WHAT IS SO DELICATE THAT SAYING ITS NAME BREAKS IT?

A: Silence.

Q: A MAN LEAVES HOME AND TURNS LEFT THREE TIMES, ONLY TO RETURN HOME FACING TWO MEN WEARING MASKS. WHO ARE THOSE TWO MEN?

A: A Catcher and Umpire.

Q: WHAT GETS BROKEN WITHOUT BEING HELD?

A: A promise.

Q: WHAT IS ALWAYS COMING BUT NEVER ARRIVES?

A: Tomorrow

Q: WHAT STARTS WITH "P" AND ENDS WITH "E" AND HAS MORE THAN 1000 LETTERS?

A: A post office!

Q: WHAT LOSES ITS HEAD IN THE MORNING BUT GETS IT BACK AT NIGHT?

A: A pillow

Q: JACK RODE INTO TOWN ON FRIDAY AND RODE OUT 2 DAYS LATER ON FRIDAY.
HOW CAN
THAT BE POSSIBLE?

A: Friday is his horse's name!

Q: WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU TAKE OFF BEFORE BED?

A: Your feet off the floor.

Q: WHAT IS NEXT IN THIS SEQUENCE: JFMAMJJASON_?

A: The letter D. The sequence contains the first letter of each month.

Q: HOW MANY SECONDS ARE THERE IN A YEAR?

A: 12. (January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd....)

Pinecone Christmas Trees

By: Lucy Barto

What you'll need:

- Green Paint.
- Pinecone
- Glue (optional)
- White paint
- Fake snow (optional)
- Any extra decorations
- Small pot/ container (optional)



1. First you will want to paint the whole pinecone green. Any paint works fine. Let it dry.
2. If you want to use fake snow to make snowy tips on your tree, apply clear drying glue where you want the snow to stick and sprinkle your fake snow on.
3. If you want to use paint then grab a brush and dab white paint where you would like it and let it dry.
4. Now add any extra decorations, homemade ornaments such as beads, or a star on top.
5. If you want, use small containers to make small pots for your tree.
6. Now put it up and get into you Christmas spirit!

Oregon Trail, July 5, 1857

By: Nicole Yang

Dear Jade Ralston,

After a long journey and traveling on the bumpy road, we have finally made it to Oregon. When we first left home, we were planning to leave Jennie with my grandparents, but she started having a fit about it, and came with us anyway. After barely 3 hours, Jennie started to cry, and we all decided maybe it was time to rest.

When we were all fed and ready to go, Dad told us we were headed back on the trail. Dad and Mom walked beside our oxen, while Rachel and Jennie rode in our wagon. I walked along with Mom, but occasionally I would sit in the wagon if I got tired. Ba-dump, Ba-dump, Ba-dump... the times I sat in the wagon were usually when I slept. The soothing, constant, rhythmic bumps of the wagon ride made it easy for anyone to sleep.

Dad heard the news that a child named Mary died from Cholera. We traveled day from 10-12 hours and stopped to rest by a creek at nights when Mom washed clothes and prepared dinner.

From the distance, a small flicker of light caught my eye. I was curious, so when my parents were talking loudly, not paying attention to anything else, I grabbed Rachel (who was equally curious) and went to look. My heart thumped as I got closer and closer. It turns out that at least 20 Native Americans were singing around the fireplace. One was not singing and chose to sit out. The child spotted me and whispered something into a man's (probably his father) ear. I quickly turned and ran. All at once, they started chasing me and Rachel (who was pulling my arm), and we ran and ran. Dad grabbed his rifle and charged toward them. Their leader stopped them and they retreated.

Mom was furious and Jennie was crying. I was too panicked at the time to really process what was happening. The next night, my parents slept right next to me to make sure I did not cause any more trouble.

In the morning, I prepared Jennie some baby oatmeal and apple sauce. She liked the apple sauce but not the oatmeal.

We continued traveling

About an hour later, we found that one of our oxen (Shaggy) was dying. He got sick from an insect that bit and infected him. We could not stop to rest, we had to keep going. There was nothing we could do about it, we had no cure.

2 days later he died.

I was so sad. I wept and cried all night. I couldn't sleep. Who could have slept? My favorite oxen, Shaggy, we named him because of his fur, had died.

The next day, we had to keep moving. One night, after eating dinner, dad took me out owling. We were silent for about 20 minutes. So far there were no owls, but I didn't want to turn back because I was already deep in the heart of the forest.

Somewhere to the left of me, I heard a twig snap. I jerked my head in the direction the noise came from. All of a sudden, I heard a battle cry and 5 Native Americans (from a different tribe than the ones we encountered earlier) dashed toward us, arrow ready.

Apparently, we were invading property. I only learned that when an elder native American that was dressed differently stepped out from behind the bushes and shouted something to the attackers that I did not understand. I guessed that this old man was the chief. He stepped forward: "Whiteman no come here to Indian's property," he looked at my dad with those dark expressionless eyes. They were very piercing, and disturbing. His face was calm but I could tell those dark, piercing eyes were not. "White man leave." He nodded his head to the other direction. We left without hesitation. The days went by, usually the same routine now: eat, sleep, keep going, eat, sleep, keep going. After many days and many nights, we finally arrived the place we were looking for all along. Our 3 remaining oxen (out of 4, sadly) got them-selves settled and Dad worked on building a house. Mom took care of Jennie, and Rachel and I explored, sometimes helping Mom or dad. After just 10 days, we were all settled, as if we lived here our whole lives. Our home was better than we hoped for. A better source of food, water, and rich land. Although the trip was entirely exhausting and dangerous, it was totally worth it. Now, dad is out hunting and Mom is doing chores. Rachel is outside playing with a little girl that just moved in yesterday named Nancy. I am sitting in my room, happy that we have finally made it. Grandpa and Grandma are coming to join us soon. Considering the adventure I'd been through. I hope they will be okay traveling here. It would be great if you did too. When did you say your family is joining us? Could you convince your dad to come here sooner? How are you doing? Your brother? I miss you! It's really hot here in Oregon too, this time of year. Your birthday is coming really soon! I hope you can come here by that time so that I can celebrate it with you! Warmest wishes!

Love,

Nicole Yang

Teacher Q&A

By: Ella Crosswell and Katie Bortel

Teacher: Miss Frentz

1. Did you play any sports growing up? If so, what sports?

Answer: I played lacrosse but I wasn't very good

2. What is your favorite color?

Answer: Lime Green

3. What is your favorite food?

Answer: Pizza

4. What would be your dream job if you weren't a teacher?

Answer: Lawyer

5. What is your favorite sports team (any sport)?

Answer: Pittsburgh Penguins

6. Do you have any allergies?

Answer: Cats

7. Do you have any pets? If so, what are their names?

Answer: Dog, Lexi

8. What is your dream vacation?

Answer: Hawaii or Europe

9. What is your favorite animal?

Answer: Penguin

10. What is your middle name?

Answer: Marie

11. Who is your idol? Answer:

Kate Middleton (Princess)

12. If you could meet anybody, who would it be?

Answer: Sidney Crosby

13. If you only had one word to describe yourself, what would it be?

Answer: Goofy

14. What's one of your pet peeves?

Answer: When people turn without a turn signal

15. Do you think the school should give more homework to the students?

Answer: It should only be given when it is important

Teacher: Mrs. Latimer

1. Did you play any sports growing up? If so, what sports?

Answer: Yes, soccer

2. What is your favorite color?

Answer: Purple

3. What is your favorite food?

Answer: Mashed potatoes

4. What would be your dream job if you weren't a teacher?

Answer: Physical Therapist

5. What is your favorite sports team (any sport)?

Answer: Notre Dame

6. Do you have any allergies?

Answer: No

7. Do you have any pets? If so, what are their names?

Answer: Yes, two cats Brady and Callie

8. What is your dream vacation?

Answer: Ireland

9. What is your favorite animal?

Answer: Frog

10. What is your middle name?

Answer: Nicole

11. Who is your idol?

Answer: Mother Teresa

12. If you could meet anybody, who would it be?

Answer: Jon Stewart

13. If you only had one word to describe yourself, what would it be? Answer:

Passionate

14. What's one of your pet peeves?

Answer: Not including everyone

15. Do you think the school should give more homework to the students? Answer:

When necessary

Teacher: Mr. Hugendubler

1. Did you play any sports growing up? If so, what sports? Answer: Football, basketball, baseball, ice hockey
2. What is your favorite color? Answer: Blue
3. What is your favorite food? Answer: Spaghetti with my mom's homemade sauce
4. What would be your dream job if you weren't a teacher? Answer: Coaching college football
5. What is your favorite sports team (any sport)? Answer: Pittsburgh Steelers
6. Do you have any allergies? Answer: None
7. Do you have any pets? If so, what are their names? Answer: Max (dog)
8. What is your dream vacation? Answer: Hawaii
9. What is your favorite animal? Answer: Dogs
10. What is your middle name? Answer: Todd
11. Who is your idol? Answer: I don't have an idol. I admire many people who do things right, rather than doing things to be liked.
12. If you could meet anybody, who would it be? Answer: The Pope
13. If you only had one word to describe yourself, what would it be? Answer: Organized
14. What's one of your pet peeves? Answer: Laziness
15. Do you think the school should give more homework to the students? Answer: No, homework should be given because it is necessary, but not as busy work. You learn in school. If you didn't learn it in school, then how can you do it for homework. Math is the exception, because once you learn math in school, then you need to practice it.

Teacher: Mrs Whiston

1. Did you play any sports growing up? If so, what sports? **Answer: Yes, soccer**
2. What is your favorite color? **Answer: Purple or blue**
3. What is your favorite food? **Answer: Thai food**
4. What would be your dream job if you weren't a teacher? **Answer: Baker**
5. What is your favorite sports team (any sport)? **Answer: Eagles (sort of)**
6. Do you have any allergies? **Answer: Lots of food allergies (strawberries, bananas, apples, etc.)**
7. Do you have any pets? If so, what are their names? **Answer: One cat: Casper**
8. What is your dream vacation? **Answer: Going back to Costa Rica**
9. What is your favorite animal? **Answer: Excluding cats/dogs- it would be an otter**
10. What is your middle name? **Answer: It starts with a G**
11. Who is your idol? **Answer: No Answer**
12. If you could meet anybody, who would it be? **Answer: No Answer**
13. If you only had one word to describe yourself, what would it be? **Answer: Determined**
14. What's one of your pet peeves? **Answer: Chewing loudly, especially gum!**
15. Do you think the school should give more homework to the students? **Answer: As long as students work to their best potential in class, I don't think they need more homework. Some subjects require daily practice, so homework makes more sense in those settings.**

By Bo Shirk

Q and A for Ms. Harley

1. **What sports did you play?** Swimming
2. **What is your favorite sport?** Hockey
3. **What is your dream car brand?** Audi
4. **If you could live anywhere, where would you live?** San Diego, California
5. **If you could meet anyone, who would you meet?** Robert Downey Jr
6. **Who is your role model?** My Mom
7. **What is your favorite color?** Yellow
8. **What is your favorite sports team?** Buffalo Sabres

By Bo Shirk

Q and A for Mrs. Nesbitt

1. **What sports did you play.?** None. In marching band.
2. **What is your favorite sport?** Football
3. **What is your favorite color?** Teal
4. **If you could meet anyone, who would you meet?** Ben Franklin.
5. **If you could live anywhere, where would live?** It doesn't matter. As long as I'm with my family.
6. **What is your dream car brand?** None.
7. **What is your favorite sports team?** Penn State
8. **Who is your role model?** My parents. They gave me a good idea of what it means to work hard, and a sense of family. Also a good education.

By Bo Shirk

Q and A for Ms. Carricato

1. **What sports did you play?** Volleyball, basketball, and softball.
2. **What is your favorite sport?** Football.
3. **If you could live anywhere, where would you live?** Any beach. Anywhere.
4. **If you could meet anyone, who would you meet?** Oprah Winfrey
5. **What is your dream car brand?** Range Rover.
6. **Who is your role model?** Parents.
7. **What is your favorite sports team?** Penn State Football.
8. **What is your favorite color?** Pink.

Goats

By: Lily Stokes

A soft breeze blew across Billy's beard, and the snow on top of the mountain cold around his hoofs. The fluffy white clouds blocked the sun's warm smile. His bright blue eyes twinkled as the girls came to join him next to the huge looming stone.

Jillion giggled, but Billy didn't seem to understand why. A couple of her other friends looked jealously at Jillion as he smiled back at her. Still confused at the girls' weird behavior, Billy turned and trailed toward the edge of the mountain.

"Ahh..." Jillion sighed. "Isn't it beautiful?"

"Yeah," Billy said staring through the fog to see a baby blue sky.

"Hee hee!" She giggled.

He faced his head toward Jillion wearing a muddled (confused) expression, then quickly replacing it with a fake smile.

"Your smile is pretty." Not to sure what or why he said it, Billy looked away.

"Oh, hee hee! Thank you!" She replied.

The other girls glared at him jealously.

"Heh heh," He fake laughed.

Awkward!

Bob ran up behind him nervously.

"Uh..." Bob shivered. "Billy?"

"What?" Billy asked.

"Um.. your su-su-supposed to lead us down the hill," Bob stundered.

"What? Why?" Billy questioned.

"There's a fire on the tree." Bob answered scaredly.

"What?!" Billy whipped around to face Bob with wide eyes.

"Bucks and does! Please line up calmly behind me!" He called summoning all the goats that had been apart of the herd.

Slowly and steadily, Billy trekked down the mountain.

All of the sudden, his hoof slid out from under him.

"Argh!" He screamed in terror.

I'm going to die!

Billy slid swiftly on his bottom, down the mountain.

“Help!”

He felt a cold hoof on his tail as he came to a sudden stop. It was Bob.

“Bob! Thank you!” Billy thanked him in relief.

As he made it safely down the mount, all the does and bucks yowled excitedly.

Jillion ran up to his side with a slime spread across her face.

“Thank you!” She yelped.

Yells of agreement sounded around him.

“Billy, you’re my hero!”

Christmas

BY BO SHIRK

Santa is on the roof
I hear the reindeers' hooves
He is fitting down the chimney
I'm thinking of tomorrow, saying "Gimme!"
As he is putting gifts by the window
I am sneaking out away from my warm pillow
He is gulping down the milk
And spilling cookie crumbs on his red silk
I sneak down to the tree
And hear the reindeers crunch on their carrots with glee
But there is a gift near the cookie plate
On the top it says "To Nate!"

Christmas Poem

By: Colton Schauble

Ring go the holiday bells,
Crackle goes the fire,
Brrrrrr goes the person who's cold from the frost that has transpired.

Jason Jiang's Portrait of "The Engineer"



Riddles For Fun

Julia Kim

Q: If I drink I die, If I eat I'm fine, What Am I?

Q: Poor people have it, Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What Am I?

Q: What travels around the world, but stays in one spot?

Q: If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it I don't have it. What am I?

Answers at the end of the magazine.

Has iPhone gone too far?

By: Ani Rao

Now with the iPhone X out, it uses Face recognition to go into your phone. Despite being easier, many people say that the iPhone shouldn't be handling your pictures because they could use it to mess around with your files and sensitive information on you.

Jokes

BY: ANI RAO

Q: What has 88 keys but can't open a single door?

A: Piano

Q: Where do orcas hear music?

A: Orca-straws

Q: What is the difference between tuna and fish.

A: You can't tuna fish.

Q: Why did the cat go to Minnesota?

A: To get a mini soda!

Q: What is the difference between a car and a bull?

A: A car only has one hor

By: Anthony Bernardo

Here's a passage about some close football games in December.

Starting off the Chiefs @ Jets was a close game with the score of 31-38. Okay this one wasn't fair to the Bills as the Patriots crushed them 23-3. Going on with another horrible game as the Dolphins step up their game. Hah I just rhymed, but it was a broncos defeat of a score 9-35. Probably the closest game yet but the 49ers step up their game as they defeat the Bears 15-14. Hey the Browns pull up an... oh wait THEY LOST AGAIN. To the Chargers 10-19! Well I mean I'm not gonna give you all of them, but the top 2 teams that had it close we're the Giants @ Raiders which was 17-24 and the Steelers @ Bengals which was 23-20. Well that's all I need to put down, and after we make the magazine, then I'll do a Christmas special going over some scores. Have a wonderful day. P.S Did you see the Seahawks beat the Eagles? Oh my gosh that was crazy with a score of 24-10. Ok now I'm done. Bye.

The Q & A for the students.

by Abby Kauffman

Guest: Claire Dalto

Q. What's your favorite subject? **A. Probably science**

Q. Do you play a sport? **A. Yes, I play softball, and I do dance**

Q. What's your favorite color? **A. Purple.**

Q. What's your favorite band? **A. I like Green Day and 21 pilots.**

Q. What's your favorite animal? **A. I love giraffe and elephants?**

Q. Do you speak any other languages? **A. I'm learning French and Japanese.**

Q. Do you have a pet? What's its name? **A. I have two pets (Smokey and Bobbi)**

Thank you Claire!!!!!!

Band Wagon

By: Eddie Liszka

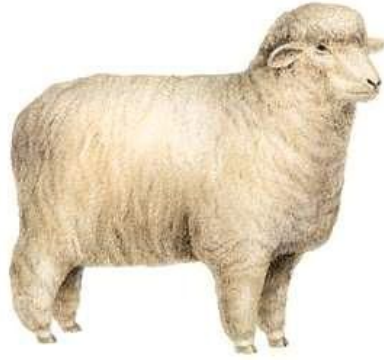


Loneliness

By: Nicace Wyang (Nicole Yang and Grace Wang)

A child left alone in the storm,
Trapped with coldness in despair.
He longed for something dry and warm,
Or somebody that would care.
He thought about his happy memoirs,
That were left behind back in his dreams.
And thought about the golden doors,
Behind the sunlight's gorgeous gleams.

He thought about the embracing touch,
That filled him with love and peace.
Instead he stood there with nothing much,
And waited for his hope to increase.
Sadness flooded him as he blinked away his tear,
And remained by the street hoping warmth was near.



Sheep can recognize faces!

By: Abby Kauffman

Facial recognition is a complex task which requires as many as 200 neurons in the brain's temporal lobe, called "face patches," to fire up simultaneously within milliseconds. Hence the skill has always been believed to be the realm of "intelligent" animals such as humans, monkeys, apes, dogs, and horses. Now, British scientists have found that the unassuming cud-chewing sheep also possess this skill.

Jennifer Morton, a neurobiologist at the University of Cambridge who led the study, says the team picked sheep because the social animals communicate with each other in a number of ways, one of which they suspected was by facial recognition. The four randomly selected celebrities to test the farm animal's identification prowess were — "Harry Potter" actress Emma Watson, American actor Jake Gyllenhaal, British television journalist Fiona Bruce, and former US President Barack Obama. The researchers picked famous personalities for their experiment because it was easy to find photos taken at different angles.

The eight sheep, selected from the university's flock, were trained for the task with the help of two computer screens. One projected a celebrity photo, while the other showcased a black screen or a random object. Each time the sheep chose the correct image by breaking the infrared beam with its nose, it received a food pellet. Wrong identification resulted in a loud buzzer and no treat. The video below shows how sheep can recognize fa

What/Who am I questions

By- Lily Stokes

I have 4 legs

I'm green and fluffy on top

-What am I?

A: A pool table

I'm not the happiest I could be

I mope around all day and night

I'm rather pretty along with my name

I have a brown trunk

-What am I?

A: Weeping willow

My favorite Holiday is Christmas

Many make fun of me for my appearances

I light the way for the big guy

I get tasty carrots when I do a good job

I travel around the world once a year

-Who am I?

A: Rudolph the rednosed reindeer

Answers to the riddles:

1. Fire
2. Nothing
3. A stamp
4. A secret