

SUNNYSIDE SLATE

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Moms in March

By Eden L

Come join the fun on Friday, March 18th! All moms, older sisters, grandmas, and aunts are welcome to come and participate in this inside-of-school event. Miss Staples will be hosting it in her room from 8:45-10:00 am, while Ms. Salinas will be hosting yet another one from 12:30-1:30 pm. All participants (the moms, sisters, grandmas, and aunts) will read with students as well as play math games with them. Tell any willing feminine relatives of yours to come and join the fun! See you there!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

By Emme

Do you know who wrote some of America's favorite books, such as *The Lorax*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, or *Horton Hears a Who?* Well, to answer that question, it was Dr. Seuss! To many people he was a great author. Did you know that he has written over thirty books? Also, did you know that his name is pronounced, 'Zoice'? Not, 'Soos'. It's supposed to have a German accent when you say it. Dr. Seuss was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 2, 1904, as Theodore Seuss Geisel. He also wrote books utilizing two pseudonyms: Theo LeSieg (Geisel spelled backwards) and Rosetta Stone.

We celebrate his birthday because we love his books. Sunnyside celebrated his birthday by dressing up as a character from one of his books. Mrs. Don passed out pencils and *Cat in the Hat* bookmarks to the students. Also, in the cafeteria, the lunch staff gave the students cupcakes, pencils, Alphabet Soup, and cuteBIG goldfish-shaped bread slices, for lunch the day after Dr. Seuss's birthday. Thank you Mrs. Don and lunch staff!

Beware the Ides of March!

By Molly H

The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to the 15th of March. It was marked by several religious observances and became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. The death of Caesar made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman History, as one of the events that marked the transition from the historical period known as the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire.

Although March was the third month on the Julian calendar, in the oldest Roman calendar it was the first month of the year. The holidays observed by the Roman from the first through the Ides often reflect their origin as New Year's celebrations.

Source: en.wikipedia.org

Kids Night Out

By Alivia R.

Hey everyone!

Come and have some fun!

Play some games, shoot some hoops

Dance in loopy-loops

If you're bored, play a board game,

Or guess the name!

Where? You ask....

As you create a mask.

At the Sunnyside Gym!

Then your ball hits the rim

"Just 2 dollars!"

Everyone hollers!

Hey everyone!

Come and have some fun!



Leprechauns

By Allie M

Many have heard of the mischievous little elves called leprechauns. These little men in green are part of the Irish folklore and mythology. They are said to live underground in small caves out of human reach. It is said that each leprechaun possesses a pot of gold, hidden deeply in the Irish countryside. Some believe that if one catches a leprechaun, it will grant three wishes. The very first recorded use of the word leprechaun was in 1604 in a book by Middleton and Dekker

Question of the month.

Do you believe in leprechauns?

Fourth Grade

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
74	36

Fifth Grade

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
65	53

St. Patrick's Day Jokes

What do you call an Irish potato when it's not Irish?

(a French fry!)

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

(because regular rocks are too heavy!)

What do you call a diseased criminal?

(a leper-con!)

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Irish.

Irish who?

Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Under.

Under who?

Under the rainbow!!!



Daylight Savings Time

By Aubrie R

This year Daylight Saving Time (DST) falls on Sunday March 13th at 2:00 AM. It will end on Sunday November 6th also at 2:00 AM. When it starts, remember to move your clock forward an hour. Daylight savings times is used to save energy and make better use of daylight. Benjamin Franklin suggested the idea in America in an essay "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light" to the editor of *The Journal of Paris* in 1784. Germany was the first country to utilize DST on April 30, 1916, to save fuel for the war effort; however, Thunder Bay, Canada, utilized DST in 1908. Other European countries soon followed Germany during WWI. After the war many countries reverted back to standard time. The current United States schedule was introduced in 2007 and follows the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Daylight Saving Time is now in use in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over a billion people every year.

St. Patrick's Day

By Adrianna R.

St. Patrick's Day began as a religious feast for the patron Saint of Ireland. The feast is also a national and Christian holiday. It is also known as the feast of Saint Patrick. This holiday was created in the 17th century. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in Ireland was in 1903. St. Patrick was not born Irish. He was a Britain Roman but was captured and served as a slave for six years in Ireland. He escaped, returned to home and became a priest, then returned to be a missionary to the Irish people. The holiday is especially celebrated in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States.



First Day of Spring/ Vernal Equinox

By Rayna Johnson

An equinox is an astronomical event when Earth's equator passes through the center of the Sun, which occurs twice a year around March 20 and September 23. On an equinox, day and night are equal or almost equal all over the planet. Depending on which hemisphere of the Earth you are located. In the northern hemisphere the vernal equinox occurs in March and in the southern hemisphere the vernal equinox occurs in September. Tradition says that a person can balance an egg on its pointed end during the equinox. True or False? Check it out....

Easter

By Rayna J.

Easter is a Christian holiday celebrated around the world. There is a forty day period leading up to Easter called Lent. During this time some people give up things such as meats, beverages, sweets, and also try to do more charitable acts. This very important holiday is usually celebrated in March or April on a Sunday, this year it is celebrated on Sunday March 27, 2016. The date of Easter is calculated by lunar cycles. Easter occurs on the first Sunday, after the first full moon after the vernal equinox; therefore, weather is sometimes very cold, and other times enjoyable spring weather. Another tradition is an Easter bunny which is kind of like Santa from Christmas. This bunny comes the night before or early morning of Easter. He hides eggs filled with candy in the homes or yards of families. Many people go to church on Easter Sunday. Many people dye hard boiled eggs in colorful dye and make different designs. Sunnyside students will get a Spring/Easter break; these days are Friday, March 25 through Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

I Love to Read Month

By Alivia R. and Lizzi H.

What is I Love to Read Month? Well, it is the month of February. Teachers and their students pick their favorite book and decorate their door like that book. MBI is doing the activities for I Love to Read Month. On February 19, 2016, everyone in school dressed up as their favorite book character. PTO bought glow-bracelets and pencils for all the students. Sunnyside Elementary students were very excited to participate in the activities of I Love to Read Month. We hope you were too!!!

FEATURES

Book Reviews

The BFG

By Lizzi H.

The BFG is a fantastic book for all ages. It is a book in the Sunnyside library. It is written by Roald Dahl and is illustrated by Quentin Blake. The AR level is 4.8 and is worth 6.0 points toward your AR goal.

The BFG isn't an ordinary giant that goes around eating children. He is the Big Friendly Giant, but he goes by the BFG. One night the BFG spotted a child, Sophie, looking at him. He had to snatch the child up and bring her into the middle of nowhere where all the giants live. When Sophie finds out that the other giants are going off to swallow some children in England, she wants to find out a way to stop them, and she's going to do it with the BFG!



Big Nate; In a Class by Himself

By Eden L.

We all know about troublemakers. Hopefully, you aren't one. Well, Nate may not be a bad kid, but things do happen. Whether it's trying to forge a signature or colliding into his principal, Nate is always in hot water. Plus, Gina and Artur aren't making things any better. At the beginning of the school day, Teddy lets Nate have a fortune cookie. Will he really 'surpass all others' by the end of the day, or will he wind up in the detention hall (again)?

Find out when you read *Big Nate; In a Class by Himself!*



Do you recognize this building?

POETRY

HAPPY THINGS

By Eden L

Optimism is just my thing.

All the day I crave to sing,

About wild birds and the sorbet sunrise

And of great friends to share laughs and cries.

About the valleys filled abundantly with flowers

And the grassy meadows in which I could
spend hours.

About the adorable things that make me freak,

Or of the goofy dubsplash I made last week.

Oh, and how bad I want to sing,

For it sometimes feels so good to stream,

On and on about amazing things,

The ones you can only find in dreams.

Not the scary ones, where, you're falling
through air,

And when you try to stand up, there is nothing
there.

No, not those! Not the scary dreams, no!

But the dreams that carry you to far off places,

Where you see new things, and you see new
faces.

Where you can stretch your dreams beyond
fantastic,

As if they're made of strong elastic.

And they are.

As far as you want them to.

And that sounds great to me,

How about you?

INTERVIEWS

Natalie P.

Adrianna: What is your favorite color?

Natalie: Green.

Adrianna: What is your favorite NFL team?

Natalie: Seahawks.

Adrianna: What is your favorite NFC team?

Natalie: K-State Wildcats.

Adrianna: How old are you?

Natalie: 10.

Adrianna: Do you have siblings?

Natalie: Yes.

Adrianna: How many?

Natalie: 6, 3 are step siblings.

Adrianna: What do you do outside of school?

Natalie: Jump on the trampoline.

Adrianna: What are your favorite sports?

Natalie: Swimming and gymnastics.

Adrianna: Are you ready for middle school?

Natalie: Kind of.

Adrianna: What is your favorite school subject?

Natalie: Reading.



Mr. Dean

By Lizzi H.

Lizzi: When you retire what do you want to do for a living?

Mr. Dean: When I retire I want to own a house on the lake and enjoy life.

Lizzi: Tell me about yourself.

Mr. Dean: I'm from Arizona, I love the outdoors, I love sports, and I love my wife. I earned my degree from Northern.

Lizzi: What is your favorite book? Why?

Mr. Dean: The Harry Potter Series just because they're so unpredictable and they keep you wanting more.

Lizzi: What is your favorite sport? Why?

Mr. Dean: My favorite sport is football because I grew up playing it and now I coach the Ponies at the High School.

Lizzi: How do you like to spend your spare time?

Mr. Dean: I like to spend my spare time with my wife and my dog or I like to go hiking and to go workout.

Lizzi: What is your favorite animal?

Mr. Dean: My favorite animal is a dog, specifically being a German shepherd.

Lizzi: If you could live anywhere, where would you live?

Mr. Dean: I would like to live in the Bahamas because it is so peaceful and relaxing.

Lizzi: If you were president of the United States of America what law would you make? Why?

Mr. Dean: I would make the law where you can go to college for free because everybody deserves a good education.

Cali P.

By Eden L.

Eden: Well, Cali, would you like to tell me a little about yourself?

Cali: Sure! I'd love to!

Eden: Then let's get started! First off, do you like sports?

Cali: Yes.

Eden: What kind of sports do you like?

Cali: Well, let me think. I like softball and basketball.

Eden: I'm not so fond of sports, myself, but then again, we're all different. Anyway, what is your hobby?

Cali: My favorite hobby is horseback riding. I go to California every summer and ride horses there!

Eden: Cool! When you're not riding horses, what do you like to do?

Cali: I like to play with my siblings, watch TV, sleep, and play outside.

Eden: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Cali: Anywhere? Hmm... if I could live anywhere in the world, I'd live in Paris, France.

Eden: What is something you're proud of?

Cali: I am proud to have you as a friend!

Eden: Awww, thanks! I'm proud to have you, too! Anyway, we're going to jump way ahead in the future... what are you planning to do when you retire?

Cali: I think it would be fun to hang out with my grandkids (if I have any) at a ranch!

Eden: Sounds like fun! Do you have anything that you would like to tell our readers before we finish?

Cali: Sure! My nickname is Cali. Can you guess my real name?

Eden: I know I can, but it's time we say good-bye! I'll leave that question to our readers to figure out!

Andrew P.

Aubrie: What is your favorite book or genre and why?

Andrew: I like most books because they are all really good. My favorite genre is history.

Aubrie: What is your favorite sport and why?

Andrew: I like baseball and how the players and team react.

Aubrie: What do you do in your spare time?

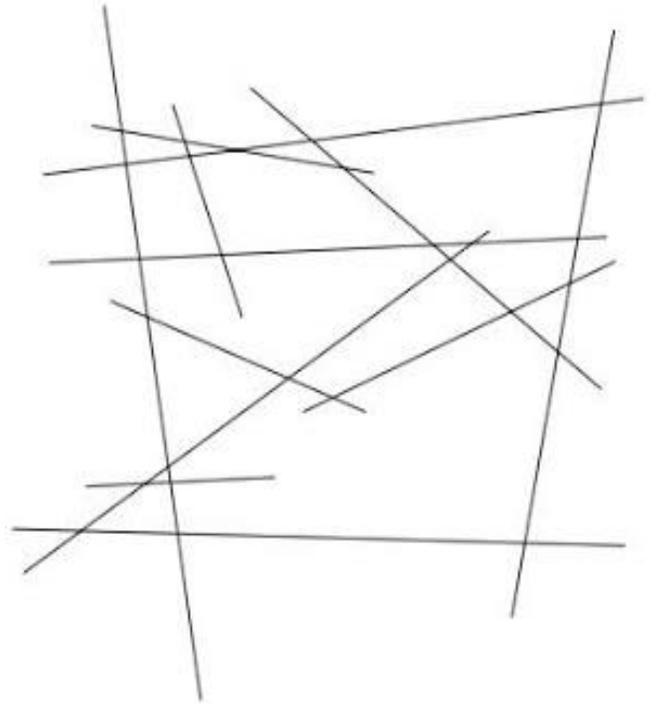
Andrew: I study and read in my spare time.

Aubrie: What is your favorite animal?

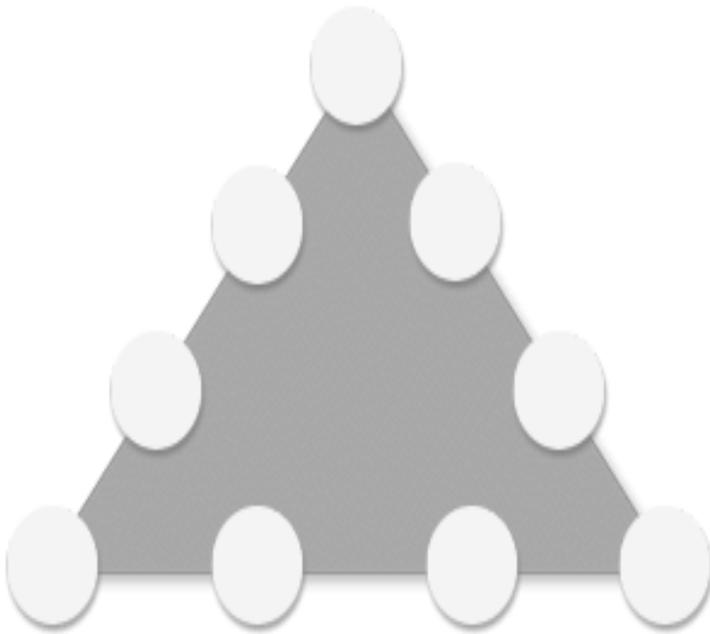
Andrew: I like dogs.

Aubrie: If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

Andrew: I would live in Manhattan, Kansas.



How many lines in the picture above?



NINE NUMBERS:

Place the numbers 1 through 9 in the circles below, such that each side of the triangle adds up to 17