

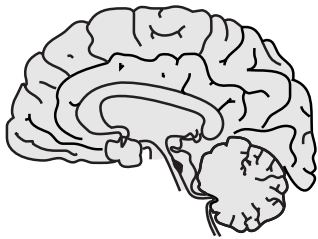


Stone Soup, A Timeless Play BY CATE KUPPER

The Concord Elementary Fourth Grade performed the hit play Stone Soup, on December 16, 2014. The book Stone soup was written in 1948 by Marcia Brown. The book was awarded the coveted Caldecott Honor that year.

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"Genius of the Week"



Concord recently won district governor's cup. We are known for our academics. I am here to test your brain with math. Starting in the next newspaper there will be a challenging math question for each grade. Once you have your answer give it to your teacher. Then your teacher will turn it into Ms. Kupper. The first kid from each grade to submit an answer and get it correct will get the title "Genius of the week" and will get their name in the newspaper.

EXTRA! EXTRA! Helping Hands for Cans

BY STEVIE COLLINS



Concord has participated in collecting canned goods for several years. We have been gathering cans for families who can't afford to buy enough food. Here is what our loved Mrs. Karnes has said, "Families will be thankful because it is very stressful when you do not have enough food. The cans are going to the Paducah Cooperative Ministries, an organization to help the needy." Not only did we meet Mrs. Karnes goal of 4 bins full, but we won the "Most Cans Award!" The prize was \$1,000!

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5th Grade at Work

BY KATIE CRABTREE

Did you go to Santa's Workshop? If you did, what did you buy? There were a variety of things to choose from with a variety of prices. We'll talk about some pros and cons of having the store, and how we decided the name for the store. So, let's get started!

First, there were lots of things to buy at Santa's Workshop. We sold scarves, ornaments, bows, mystery bags, and much more! All of the items sold were handmade or put together by the fifth graders. The price range varied from cents to \$7.00. All students were welcome!

Next, there were some pros and cons to setting up Santa's Workshop. The first pro was we got to work in groups! Our groups ranged from 2-4 people. Another pro was we got to work at school. We used class time to work on our items. So, we didn't have to work on our items as much at home.



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The play that was performed by our wonderful 4th graders was adapted from the book Sally K. Abbrecht and Jay Althouse.

I sat down with our music teacher, Mrs. Karen Walker, for an interview to find out more about this performance. Mrs. Walker explained that the play is a folktale and teaches the lesson that working together can lead to great things happening. I asked Mrs. Walker how she picked this play. She stated that last year, as 3rd graders, these same students voted for this play based on the familiar story and the love of the music. I asked Mrs. Walker to explain how the students prepared for the play. Mrs. Walker told me that they auditioned for the parts. After the parts were assigned, they started daily practices. Mrs. Walker indicated that this play was wonderful. Many families and friends came to support the 4th grade.

Santa's Workshop

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Consequently, there was a con to setting up Santa's Workshop. The con was our work days were during the flu attack. Sometimes your partners were absent and not able to help. However, we still had fun!

Finally, we'll talk about how we got the name for the shop. At first we were going to call it the Christmas Store, but we decided it was too boring. Then, we thought about naming our store "Candy Cane Lane", but that was the name of last years store. Finally, we came up with "Santa's Workshop." We liked the name because we were making things just like Santa's elves. In short, the project took a lot of time. We hope you have enjoyed visiting Santa's Workshop, as much as we enjoyed doing it!

Alexis' Advice

BY ALEXIS CRASS

Hello! I'm Advice Alexis, and every time a new newspaper comes out you'll be getting some awesome advice! This week my theme is, what NOT to do around a dog. Safety should be one of your main priorities, yet you don't have to worry about it around a dog.

Most importantly don't be loud. Dogs have a very keen record when it comes to hearing which means they can hear things very well. So, if you're loud it hurts their ears. See, you may think "OHHHH! A CUTE DOG! In fact, I'm just going to squeal really loud because it's so cute!" On the other hand, the dog can't tell you to be quiet, so it just sits there thinking, "When is this hyena going to stop screaming? I know I'm cute, but my ears aren't going to be cute when she stops squealing! UGH MY EARS!" It also makes the dog nervous when you're loud and the

dog may even attack. Don't be loud around dogs.

My second piece of advice is if you are scared by a dog, do NOT run from them! The dog thinks you are playing and will chase you. This may scare you. When you run the dog thinks "OOHH! TAG! I love this game. Me chase human, human scared! Me laugh!" Meanwhile, you're running thinking "OH MY GOSH THE DOG WILL BITE ME!". For this reason, don't run from dogs.

Lastly, if you are scared of a dog do not show it. The dog has senses that will tell if you are afraid and act like it has control. This may also cause it to attack you. Our fears make us weak, and somehow dogs seem to know this. I hope these things helped you, and maybe even brightened your day. I will be sending more advice soon! Need some advice?! Write me a letter and have your teacher put in in Ms. Kupper's box.

Perseverance Pays

"I kept telling myself I can do it." ~Madeline Yates

BY CARLIE ENGLAND

Madeline Yates, a 5th grader at Concord Elementary, is a student gymnast. She is a level six gymnast at Lakewood Gymnastics. Earlier this summer Madeline was having some trouble. She was having trouble with a mental block. Madeline worked her way to overcome it with mental toughness.

Madeline was at a gymnastics practice and was working on back handspring and back tuck drills. She believed she was too close to a mat and bailed during a back handspring. This caused her to land on her neck. After this incident, Madeline could not do any tumbling. Subsequently, her mental block began.

Madeline was so scared during this time. She stated, "This was a major incident." It was so bad Madeline even considered switching sports. What thoughts would you have if you had to consider switching sports? Most people would be terrified.



Madeline did not let this fear overcome her. She explained she just kept getting someone to spot her. A spot is someone who helps you do a flip. "I kept telling myself I could do it." recalled Madeline. This tremendously boosted her self confidence. Madeline overcoming her challenge, shows others how to do the same.

Madeline is currently over her fear and working hard. She has been working on level six skills on beam, bars, and floor is still progressing. Most people can be inspired by the way Madeline persevered.

The Inside Scoop

BY AVA KELLY

Concord Chronicles is a student led newspaper for Concord Elementary School. Our founder is the newest addition to fifth grade, Ms. Kupper. The idea for the newspaper was first mentioned when fifth grade was doing centers in writing.

When we first announced that there would be a school newspaper, I was thrilled! Trust me, I wasn't the only one thrilled, all of fifth grade was! Most of all, I was happy for the school! Who knew that someday Concord would have a newspaper?

Newspapers have a variety of things in them. So, Concord's newspaper is going to try our best to do the same. We will have contests, some advice, and just some fun articles to read. Even you can participate in some of our activities! Hopefully, with the help of the teachers, we will be able to keep our newspaper going for future students!

Canned Goods

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In addition, we won the "Best Sculpture Award" for the very first time. The award was \$500. In all we raised \$1,500 for the school! For our sculpture, we put the 4 bins together to make it look like a train. Every year we have the top three classrooms with the most cans receive a pizza party! In first place, Mrs. Gray's class with an astonishing 507 cans! Then in second, Mrs. Strohkirch's class with an outstanding amount of 370 cans. Last but not least, Mrs. Lampley's class with 363 cans. Thank you to all who participated in our canned goods contest.



Concord March 2015 Events

- 3rd /4th ~ Science Fair
- 7th ~ Odyssey of the Mind Competition
- 8th ~ SPRING FORWARD!
Daylight savings time begins.
- 10th ~ Tornado Drill
- 12th ~ Singsations @ HMS 7PM
- 13th ~ End of 9 Weeks
- 16th ~ 4H Communications Day @ 6PM
- 17th ~ Kindergarten Registration
~ Regionals Governors Cup FPS & Written Composition
- 19th ~ Dominos Night
- 20th ~ Report Cards
- 21st ~ Regional Governors Cup
- 23rd ~ SBDM @ 8AM
- 24th ~ 4H Meeting
~ 1st Grade Program 2:45 & 6PM
- 27th ~ Musical Storytime
- 30th-1st ~ Wishy Washy (Kindergarten Play)
- 31st ~ Spring Pictures

FCA Tuesdays @ 8AM
Mrs. Treece Book Club Thursdays @ 3:35PM
Tunnel is April 3rd
Spring Break April 6-10

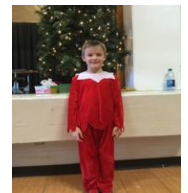
Polar Express Day Contest

BY ABBY BETH

As we all know, we have just completed a successful Polar Express Day Pajama Contest! We were quite astonished to find that so many people had great pajamas! The results are in! Ms.Starnes won in our teacher division. Rowan LaFont won from Kindergarten and Stone Crowe won in First Grade. Sophie Hollowell won in Second Grade and Mya Kelly and Evie Coursey won from Third Grade. Jordan Bufford won from Fourth Grade and Katie Beth Simpson won from Fifth Grade. Lastly, Mr. Skylar won from Concord Academy. In conclusion, we would like to thank everyone for participating!



Rowan LaFont



Stone Crowe



Sophie Hollowell



Mya Kelly and Evie Coursey



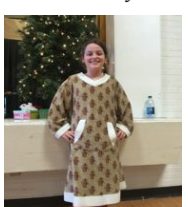
Mr. Skylar



Ms. Starnes



Jordan Bufford



Katie Beth Simpson



Jokes

By: Zoe Dillworth and Blaine Woods-Brewer

What do you call security guards working outside Samsung shops?

-Guardians of the Galaxy

Why did the computer go to the doctor?

-He had a virus

Why did the banana go to the doctor?

-She wasn't peeling well

Why do fish live in salt water?

-Because pepper makes them sneeze

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

-Frostbite

Why does Cinderella not play soccer?

-Because she's always running away from the ball

LOL

The Battle She Fought... and Won

BY NATALIE HERRING

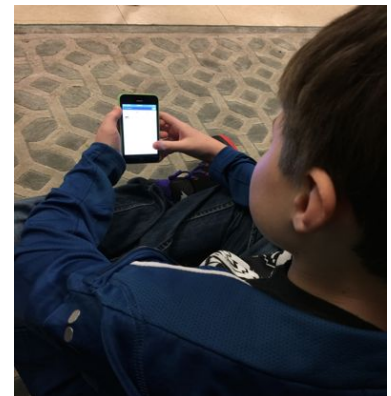
I interviewed our lovely teacher, Ms. Patton, about her cancer. She said having her annual mammogram told her she had breast cancer. She found out she had cancer 8 years ago. Ms. Patton had to have chemo for 6 months. Chemo makes some people sick, but not Ms. Patton, radiation did. Unlike some people, Ms. Patton didn't have to stay in the hospital. Ms. Patton has to go back for check-ups every 6 months to make sure her cancer is not back. Ms. Patton said when she found out she had cancer, she felt remarkably at peace, but a little scared. Ms. Patton said she knew she was in God's hands. I think this should be a good reminder for everyone to get their yearly mammograms. Getting one could catch something early and end up saving your life.



Facebook

BY MADELINE YATES

Many people believe kids that are under 13 shouldn't be allowed on Facebook. There are a lot of kids lying about their age on Facebook. A consumer report study in June of 2012 found that it is estimated that 5.6 million children under 13 are Facebook users. Many children use their parents to help create accounts. Here is what a student at Concord says about this argument: "I'm only on Facebook to watch funny videos and keep in touch with my relatives, but I don't feel good lying about my age," says an anonymous 12 year old student.



More than 850 million people around the world use Facebook. Facebook is in the top rank of most visited social websites daily with an average of 137,690 visitors Still, there a regulations on Facebook and one restriction is age. Though not everyone agrees on the 13 year old age requirement, Facebook has yet to change the rule.

Two different moms have totally opposite opinions. Leigh Ann Holland says, "My daughter had one before she was 13. As a military family, we moved a lot because and it was great for her to be able to talk to her friends and family as we moved."

However, Mary Buchanan, a Concord parent, believes differently. "Facebook can add stress to an already stressed out child. I think it takes a level of maturity to handle things posted on Facebook. Kids who aren't mature enough won't be able to understand how to handle the dirty or inappropriate pictures, videos, and messages on Facebook," Mary says.

Facebook continues to state that you must be 13 to join the social site. Until this changes, parents need to decide wheter Facebook is safe for their kids and worth setting this example of dishonesty.