

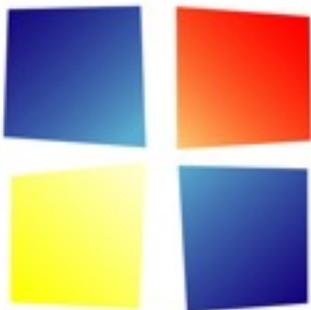
THE MERCY TIMES

NEED SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR?

Did you know?

2015 fun fact!

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.



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January Horoscope

You've found out the forecast of your destiny previously, find out your destiny for January on Page 4.

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Idioms By Aryah Redmond

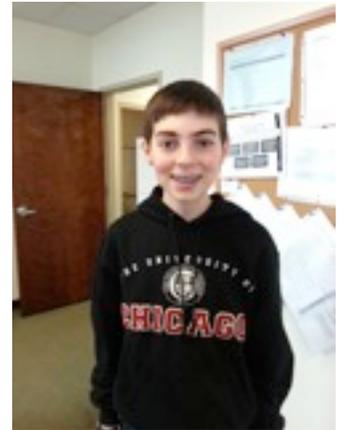
1. Cries over spilled milk-to cry over something you should not to cry over
2. Break a leg-good luck
3. A chip on your shoulder-to be mad
4. Curiosity killed the cat
5. A dime a dozen-anything common
6. A drop in the bucket-a small part of something
7. A leopard can't change its spots-you can't change your self
8. A penny saved is a penny earned-by not spending money you save money.
9. Against the clock-rushed and short on time
10. A piece of cake-easy or simple
11. All greek to me-not understandable
12. Actions speak louder than words-better to do something than say it
13. Apple of my eye-loved
14. As high as a kite- sky high
15. A drop of a hat- now
16. Beat a dead horse-fight over something that past

The 2015 Spelling Bee

Mercy Montessori 2015 Spelling Bee

by: Ella Barnes

At Mercy the 4th to 8th graders participated in a classroom spelling bee that was on January 7th, and a school spelling bee that was on January 14th. All the kids competed in the test. Then, at the end there were two top spellers for all the grades (except for the 4th grade). Then those eleven students competed in the school bee. At the end there was one winner. The winner then had to take a test online to see if he/she is good enough to go to the regional bee.



One year there was a 4th grader that went to Washington D.C. and he won the final spelling bee! His name was Thomas Stikeleather. If you told him when you were born he would tell you what day of the week your were born. Also, he knew what words he did not know well. These are the kids that were in the school spelling bee: Maddi O'connell, Ella Becker, (she substituted for Ellie White, who was sick) Nicole Curley, Evan Hall, Gabby Castellini, Margie Fronduti, Alton Headworth, Nina Blye, Alexandra Franz, Ella Barnes, and Ebony Curry.

The winner spelling bee this year is Evan Hall.

Beth and Heidi's American Flag

By: Avery Reider and Norah Spears

Beth and Heidi's class made an American Flag out of felt and buttons, because they are studying the presidents of the United States of America. They made it for Eddie because he is a veteran. In May of 1776, the original American flag was sewn by Betsy Ross. Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design, and added stars that represent the 50 states. The 13 red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies. Heidi and Beth's class learned the symbols of the American flag like the stars and stripes. The kids also learned how the American flag has changed over time.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

by: Michael Rohs

Martin Luther King Day was January 19. It celebrates Martin Luther King, a freedom fighter. Martin was born in 1929. When he was a child, he sat on a bus with his favorite teacher, and when the driver told them to get up, the teacher obliged, but Martin sat still, his teacher told him it was the law, he got up.



Martin didn't like the laws. He knew that people were upset with the laws. As an adult he married Coretta Scott. He followed the teachings of Gandhi. They state that you will not use violence. He did exactly that. In 1964 he won the Nobel Peace Prize. He died in 1968. I think he was one of the greatest leaders in America. He was amazing, brave, and a very, very good man.

Jr. High Teacher Interview With Ms. Zerhusen

By: Henry Kunkel & Carter O'Daniel

1. **How do you like it in the Jr. High?**

I think it is very fun.

2. **What is your degree in and where did you get it from?**

My degree is in Montessori Education, and I graduated from Xavier University.

3. **What were some of your favorite memories from Mercy Montessori as a student?**

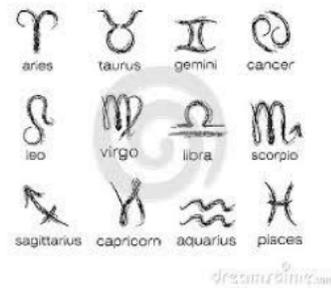
Being in the little red school house, the books that we read there, and the Washington D.C. trip.

4. **Who was your circle teacher?**

Chris, and we started circles in the last year of that I was in the 9-12.

5. **How is Mercy different then when you were here?**

When I went to Mercy, the Lower Elementary classrooms, main office, and library were on the second floor. There are also more Upper Elementary teachers now.



21 January-19 February. Aquarius. Element: Air
You will fall off a cliff into Magical unicornia land.

20 February-20 March. Pisces. Element: Water
You will get married to a Unicorn.

21 March-20 April. Aries. Element: Fire
You will meet a minion named Bob.

21 April-21 May. Taurus. Element: Water
Justin Bieber will walk into the school and ask you to do his homework.

22 May-21 June. Gemini. Element: Air
You will meet Bob's brother Kevin.

22 June-22 July. Cancer. Element: Water
You will see a cow on a rainbow.

23 July- 23 August. Leo. Element: Fire
You will go to Africa with Carla, and come back with rainbow hair.

24 August-23 September. Virgo. Element: Earth
You will meet Dora The Explorer (yay! happy dance.)

24 September-23 October. Libra. Element: Air
You will walk on a rainbow and a bucket of skittles will rain on you.

24 October-22 November. Scorpion. Element: Water
You will join the Barney and Dora Fan Club.

23 November- 21 December. Sagittarius. Element: Fire

It will snow in California because it will.

22 December-20 January. Capricorn. Element: Earth, You will become best friends with godzilla...

Noreen Sullivan

by: Andrew Kelm

Noreen Sullivan is a 6-9 teacher here at Mercy Montessori. She has been here for two and a half years. She thinks Mercy is a great school because the teachers are friendly, helpful, and fun. She also thinks the parents are wonderful, but the main reason she teaches is because of the students. She says, "The students here love to learn!" She loves to teach children to read. Her favorite thing is to take children from phonics books to chapter books. She also loves to create bookworms.



She teaches with Melissa Himmelbauer. She teaches language, phonics, and reading. She reads books to the students at the end of the day. Her classroom has two pets: many fish and a bunny.

World News

By: Jerry O'Hara

Air Asia Flight Crashes in Java Sea

Air Asia flight QZ851 went down on December 28. Weather is thought to be to blame, but the plane was flying without permission. It crashed in the Java Sea. Air Asia previously had no fatal accidents. Strangely this happened only 10 months after MA370 disappeared.

U.S. Loosens Cuban Travel Ban

On Jan. 16, the US began to allow travelers to go to Cuba for certain reasons. However, analysts say not to expect drastic changes too quickly.

The 3-6 Classrooms By: Carter O'Daniel

The 3-6 classrooms are currently learning about the different continents. Each month they study a different continent and they do work with them like maps and different countries. After that month they move on to a different continent.

Besides geography, they are also learning about the solar system. Last month they took a field trip to the N.K.U. Planetarium. Next spring they are going to go to Sharon Woods for a field trip.

The 3-4 year olds are learning how to put on gloves, coats and learning to zip up their coats and put on hats by themselves (with the help of the 6 year olds). They are also learning to wash their hands very well to keep off germs. They are also very excited for the COSI visit! [Thank you Bonni Weber for all this information!](#)

Winter Craft By: Cate Rose

What you need:

Large gumdrops, Small gumdrops, Peppermint candies, Licorice twists, Nonpareil.

Step 1: To create the mushrooms you join a red gumdrop with a white spice drop then add yellow sour gumdrops to the top.

Step 2: The snails are made of peppermint candies and spice drops with nonpareil as eyes and the antennae are made of licorice-twists. The craft can be found at online: <http://www.marthastewart.com/272494/visions-of-sugar-creatures-candy-snails#Kids%27%20Winter%20Crafts|/274507/kids-winter-crafts/@center/276975/marthas-crafts-kids|272494>



Sports Highlight

By: Sal Dugan

This month we are highlighting the Boys basketball teams. We have a lot of boys on the basketball team we are glad everyone is signing up this year.

Boys Basketball

Team records

Boys 4th Win 9-11

Boys 6th record 23-20

Boys 3rd win 4-3

3rd 6-1 4th 4-3 6th 1-6

Boys 3rd & 4th grade team members: Colsten Spelmen, Lawson Bergeron, Uman Castellanos-Flynn, Davis Sang, Luke Perry, Paulie Caruso, Connor Fraley, Sal Dugan, Liam Garth, Ben Heitkamp, Max Fink, Henry Kunkel, Sumner Shroyer, and Te Wright.

Boys 6th & 5th grade team members: Charlie Klesa, Hank Perry, Nick Kaiser, Nicholas McCarty, Nathan Keesee, David Becker, Cannon Spelman, Brody Bayes, and Noah Visconti.

SPRING FLING BY: MAC WRIGHT AND TREY VREDEVELD

The Spring fling is a party that raises money for families who would like to go to Mercy but cannot afford it. It was started in the early 2000s by Patty Normile (principal) and Kevin Vance (former vice-principal). It is meant for children that need help with tuition. All the money that is raised from the Spring Fling, helps kids stay at Mercy to get a good education.

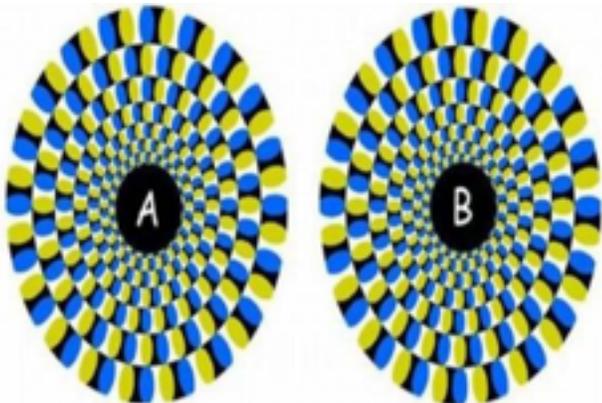
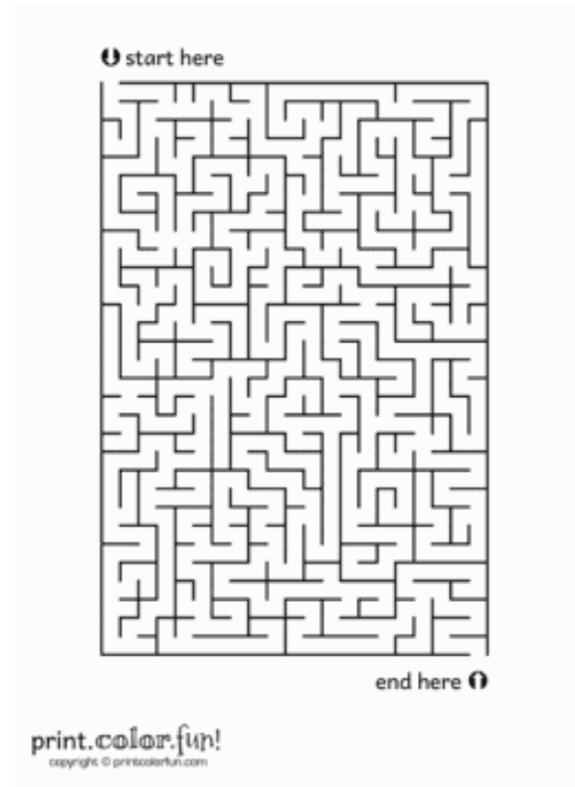
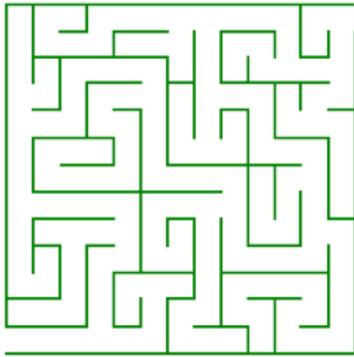
This year the Spring Fling is called Mercy's Twangin' Spring Jamboree. It is being held at the Carnegie of Columbia Tusculum. It will be on Saturday March 28. George Vredevelde and Paige Ellerman are parents that are organizing the Jamboree. At first, Mercy's parents have a meeting to find sponsors, then they ask the sponsors to donate items, and at the spring fling, Mercy parents bid on the items and raise money for the school. Stuart Toraason is a dad that has two kids at Mercy. He and his band will be having their band, East of Vine, will be performing their Bluegrass Music. I think it is good that Mercy does this because it helps kids stay at Mercy for a good education. We think it will be loads of fun.



Game Page

by Alton Headworth and Jack Bronsil

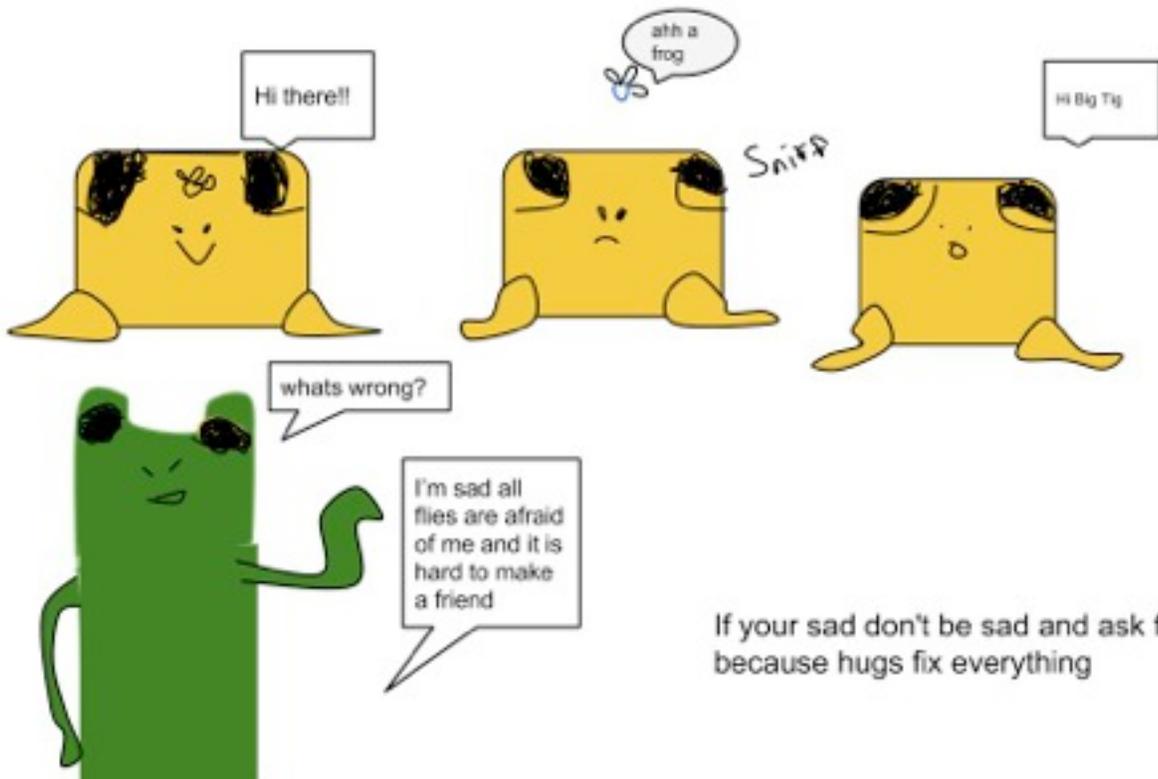
riddle: What stays where it is then it goes off?



Comics

by Josie Ruther

Frogs and Logs!!!!



If your sad don't be sad and ask for a hug,
because hugs fix everything