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The New School in the Heights provides an alternative educational experience and social-emotional support for bright children.



If you can build it...you should come! This summer, if you can imagine it, then you can build it! The New School in the Heights is constructing a summer of creative "building" fun! Students will learn to use their smart brains and turn their imaginations into cool creative projects while building academic skills and building friendships!

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The Primary Class Celebrates Dr. Seuss

This month the primary class celebrated the literary works of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. The students had a lot of fun reading all the wonderful stories written by this very talented man. They wrote poems, stories and created several projects all inspired by Dr. Seuss. Ms. Ginger's class created their own Seussville complete with castles, whimsical flowers, fun characters and a zoo! It was a fun time for all!



Primary students Devin, Nathan, Duncan and Joshua show off their creative work!

St. Patrick's Day

By Christopher

March 17th is the day we annually celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. But do you know why? It all started when Saint Patrick was born c. AD 387, but Saint Patrick is not his real name, it's really Magounus Sucatus or Maewyn Succat, but he had it changed to Patricius (Patrick). When he turned 16 he was kidnapped and sold into slavery.

He remained a captive in Ireland for 6 year. During that time he was a shepherd and began to have religious visions. During one of the visions he became aware of a rescue ship and he fled to France. Patrick eventually returned to Ireland and successfully converted it to Christianity. He used a three-leaf shamrock to explain the Trinity (The Trinity is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). He also claimed to have driven all the snakes into the sea and made them drown. Biologists believe that there never were snakes in Ireland at the time.

The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day was in 1731. It was celebrated by everything being green and that included food. However in Ireland, it is a religious occasion.

Spring Break

By Philip

Spring break is a week long break. It is the best week of the year I think. Spring break came from a dean (head of a college). George Warren "Bob" Gill Jr. gave the students at his college the week off and that is what started it. Now people go places on spring break to have fun and relax. Spring break is a very popular time of the year.

Lent

By Erin

Lent, in Christian denominations, is a forty day long season of fasting and prayer. Also on Fridays during lent, you can't eat meat, only fish. You can also give up something you really like for the forty day period. For example, my friend has an addiction to Reeses Pieces, so she says she's going to give them up. Let's see how long that lasts!

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer- through prayer. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which starts on February 25. And Lent ends on Holy Saturday, which is April 11.

Nikon DSLR's and lenses

By Patrick

First of all, DSLR stands for digital single lens reflex. that means the camera and the lens use a system of mirrors to send light from the lens to the viewfinder and then to the shutter thus taking the picture. By now you might be wondering what Nikon is? It a company that manufactures SLR's and lenses. Nikon currently makes 9 models of SLR starting with the D40 (Their starter model) and ending with D3X (The super high end professional model). They range in price from 500 dollars to 8,000 dollars, but the money is seriously worth it with the picture quality you receive from the camera. Now we go into the wonderful world of Nikon lenses. There are all sorts of lenses from wide angle to high power zoom. A wide angle lens has a wide piece of glass at the opening of the lens offering a wide angle shot and usually does not zoom in more than 35 millimeters of zoom which equals a zoom of about 15 to 20 feet of zoom on the object being photographed. With zoom lenses they range from 55 mm to 400 mm of zoom which equals about 60 feet of zoom to 350 feet of zoom.

Hunting Dogs

By Jacob and Ryan

The Kerry Blue Terrier is often trained as a police dog and is a terrier breed. It is known for its obedience and is very good pet, because it is good with children.

The Golden Retriever and Springer Spaniel are two other kinds of hunting dogs. Hunting dogs are meant for hunting different kinds of animals and are mainly scent trained. Some other hunting dogs are Blue Tick Coonhound, Cur Mix, Airedale Terrier, Alpine Dachsbracke, American Squirrel dog, and American Water Spaniel.

The # 1 dog breed is a mix of any two of the other 25 top dog breeds. Some top dog breeds are Labrador retriever, Golden Retriever, Yorkshire Terrier German Shepherd Dog, and Beagle. I (Jacob) have an Australian Shepard mixed with a blue heeler named Peggy.



The Houston Rockets

By Austin

The Houston Rockets are 39-22 and are the 7th seed in the tightly joined Western Conference. They lost Tracy McGrady this season due to knee surgery. But they are 17-6 without McGrady. They blew a 17 point led with 6 minutes left in a game against the Chicago Bulls on February 28th. They have beaten every single team in the Eastern Conference. If you want to see the Houston Rockets, you can get tickets for around \$60.

Crocodiles and Alligators

By Jordan C.

The American crocodile is considered an endangered species in nearly all parts of its North, Central, and South American range. The American crocodile is about 10-15 feet long. It weighs 1000 pounds and lives about 35-50 years old. Did you know that the largest American alligator ever reported was 19.8 feet (6 meters) long? There are doubts about the claim. The Houston Zoo is a great place to learn more about crocodiles and alligators.



side view
Mississippi, or American, alligator
(Alligator mississippiensis)



estuarine, or saltwater, crocodile
(Crocodylus porosus)

Archie Comics

By Greg

Archie Comics is an American comic book publisher. It is known for its fictional teenage Archie Andrews, Betty Cooper, Veronica Lodge, Reggie Mantle, and Forsythe "Jughead" Jones characters by publisher/editor John L. Gold, written by Vic Bloom, and drawn and created by Bob Montana. The characters were based on people the three knew. Archie's first appearance was in Pep Comics #22 on December 22, 1941. It was drawn by Bob Montana and written by Vic Bloom. Archie Comics is also the title of the company's longest run publication, the first issue appearing with a cover date of winter 1942. Starting with issue #114 the title was shortened to just Archie.



Children's Beauty Pageants: Age Restriction Needed

By Rachel

While watching an episode of Toddlers & Tiaras, a show which gives an inside look at children's beauty pageants and the families who enter their kids in the pageants, I saw a beauty pageant where some of the kids were only 4 months old. This got me to thinking that there should be an age restriction for entering children in beauty pageants. I believe that there should be a rule stating that anyone under the age of 10 shouldn't be able to compete. Some parents who enter their kids in pageants may disagree with me, saying that pageants help boost the child's self-esteem. I think that the pageants force the child to believe that if you don't win the pageant, you aren't beautiful. They also make kids dress up in poufy dresses and apply a lot of make up, making the kids look older than they really are. This kind of behavior makes young children vulnerable to many dangers, and I feel it is not safe.

The Ides of March

By Cathy

The Ides of March, being on March 15, is originated From the Roman calendar. It's dedicated to the god, Mars, in which a parade is held. Julius Caesar's assassination was on this day. Ides of March existed, but wasn't thought about until the assassination of Caesar in 44B.C. It all started when Caesar wanted to be dictator for life. Caesar was the first Roman to be on a coin. This was usually reserved for deities, or gods/goddesses, or divine people. Caesar was trying to establish a cult. Caesar was not completely aware of his death, but wasn't completely unaware of it either. He knew he was pushing it when he did these things.

Caesar was leaving Rome on March 18th for a military campaign in Parthia, near Iraq. Caesar was a tyrant, and people wanted him dead. People didn't have a lot of time, so someone killed him on March 15th. Brutus was involved in the killing. The family of Brutus hated rulers and tyrannical people. Cato, Brutus' father, tried to "save" the republic from Caesar. But, his father died; therefore, Brutus had killed Caesar. The person who took Caesars position was Octavian or Emperor Caesar Augustus. He became the first emperor of Rome.

The Trojan War

By Nick & Graham

The Trojan War was started by the Greek gods Athena, Hera, & Aphrodite after they were given the golden apple by Eris. The war was between Troy and Sparta, for a woman named Helen, who was so beautiful that she was known as "The face that launched a thousand ships." She was kidnapped and married many times by the Spartans. The Battle of Troy took place in current day Turkey. Many times the opponents broke through each others defense and also many people were killed or slaughtered. Right before the war ended Homer predicted the outcome of the war. The battle lasted for months at the last moment they came up with a plan to build a wooden horse to hide their troops in to sneak past the guards then at night they got out and started attacking Sparta. After the war was over, Troy married Helen.