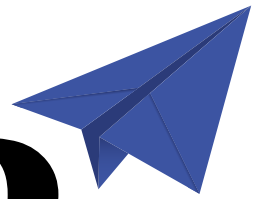


PS11 PAPER



The Power of Video Games

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I spawn in my world, I punch a tree down...beep... beep... game over!

Video games are a big part of many kids' lives. But are they bad for you? Could they even be good for you? Let's explore this issue.

There are some good things about video games. You can do things in

video games that you can't do in real life. For example: you can drive a car, jump out of a bus, kill a zombie and build a building. Some video games let you use your imagination to create worlds, like in Minecraft. It also can be fun to have a distraction from the real world. Some people play video games as a way to relax. Sometimes, playing video games can be a way to play together with your friends even if they are at their own houses. You can be on teams with your friends or play against them. Even if it's bad weather outside you can meet up with your friends in video games.

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Gabriel and Maya to Lead Student Council

BY CHARLIE BOLTIN

On November 7th, 2018, P.S. 11 held the Student Council election for president and vice president of the school. Before the vote, all the students heard speeches by the fourth grade candidates. On one ticket, Gabriel and Maya were running for president and VP. In his speech, Gabriel talked about changing the school lunch to make the menu more tasty. On the other ticket, Daniel and Aidana were running for president and VP. Daniel talked about making the bathrooms cleaner.

Ms. Gregov said the election votes were very close. In the end, Gabriel and Maya were elected our new president and vice president.

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Big Booming Baseball

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The 105 mile per hour fastball is swishing over the plate. CRACK! It's going, it's going...SEE YA!!

Back in October, the Red Sox won the World Series for the fourth time since 2004.

Before that big win in 2004, the Red Sox won the World Series many decades ago in 1918. Then in 1919, they sold Babe Ruth, to the Yankees because they didn't know how good he would be. They didn't know that he would be the best baseball player ever! Once they sold Babe Ruth they were cursed. The infamous "Curse of the Bambino" was that the Red Sox would NEVER win the World Series again. But they broke the 86-year-old curse (which lasted 86 years) in 2004.

Bambino means "baby" in Italian. Red Sox players called Babe Ruth "baby" because he was chubby. Pitchers play only once in 5 days. Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore, MD. When he got traded to the Yankees, he got another nickname because he became a hitter and an outfielder. He played every day and hit more home runs than anyone ever. When he went to the Yankees, they called him The Sultan of Swat.

The Red Sox won the World Se-



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ries again in 2007, 2013, and THIS year in 2018!

Aldo, a second-grader at P.S. 11, said he didn't know anything about "the curse" before he was interviewed for this article and mentioned that he prefers to watch sports on TV rather than going to the stadium. "I would rather watch sports on TV because I love not having to walk anywhere," Aldo said.

Fellow second-grader, Gabe, was familiar with "the curse" but said he doesn't believe in it, however, his schoolmate, Jonah, does believe in it.

Gabe went on to say he likes to watch sports live at the stadium because at the stadium you can see the athletes actually moving in real life. "My favorite baseball player is Aaron Judge [of the NY Yankees] because my little league team number was #99 like him," Gabe said.

Student Council continued

Here is an interview with our new President and Vice President:

P.S. 11 Paper: Why did you want to be president?

Gabriel: I thought it would be fun and I wanted to make choices other candidates wouldn't.

P.S. 11 Paper: How are you going to do the things you talked about in your speech?

Gabriel: I'm going to try to convince the PTA to help me.

P.S. 11 Paper: Is there anything else you're going to do as president?

Gabriel: I will try to make the school a more positive place.

P.S. 11 Paper: Why did you want to be Vice President?

Maya: Because I could make a change and help the school to create a safe learning environment.

P.S. 11 Paper: How are you going to do things you said in your speech?

Maya: One problem someone told me about is people being unsafe on the school bus. To solve this I will speak to the bus safety committee.

P.S. 11 Paper: Is there anything else you plan to do as Vice President?

Maya: I will make sure every person feels safe and respected.

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Baseball continued

Babe Ruth didn't get to be a great player by magic. He practiced a lot and put in a lot of hard work.

One of the New York Yankees former players turned coach was Yogi Berra. Many other players had managerial careers as well, such as Joe Torre, Reggie Jackson, Whitey Ford, Billy Martin, Rickey Henderson, and Don Baylor. The Yankees usually practice around 10am to 1pm and then warm-ups before the game at Steinbrenner Field or the field next to Yankee Stadium. Spring training starts in April.

The best players in the land can be found in the draft. A draft is when the worst teams from the last year gets to pick first from the best players. This will hopefully make them a better team.

Teams make money from television broadcasts and real estate developments, selling the naming rights to their ballpark, ticket prices, operating income, construction on a new office building and plaza, and a hotel, luxury suites and club seating.

People become fans of a team because of a few reasons. You might become a fan of a team if you were born where the team is based. Sometimes, you might be a fan if you went to college where a team is based. Others may be fans because their parent was a fan. Or you could just be watching TV and see a game on, and you're about to change the channel but instead, you like it and you get hooked!

Many fans enjoy the practice of tailgating, which is when fans bring food and eat and have a pre-party in the

parking lot of the stadium. Surprisingly, tailgating may not actually hurt stadium concession profits because the stadium's sales-people sell drinks and snacks to the people in the parking lots who tailgate. So while a tailgater may bring their own food, they may also be buying extra stuff from the vendors. Also, they have to pay for parking and some tailgaters don't even attend the games, they just pay for parking!

Stadiums also count on food and beverages to bring fans to the game. The three top stadiums make millions upon millions of dollars per year. The three top stadiums are the Los Angeles Dodgers (\$59 million), San Francisco Giants AT&T park (\$53 million), and last but not least the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field (\$49 million).

Speaking of food and beverages, here is a list of common (and not-so-common) food choices at stadiums across the nation: Pizza, pretzels, hot-dogs, hamburgers, peanuts, popcorn, tortilla chips, guacamole, ice cream (sometimes found in a tiny plastic helmet), Cracker Jacks, fries, beer, soda, coffee, ribs, chicken wings, Cuban sandwiches, chicken nachos, macaroni and cheese, corn off the cob, churro poutine, tacos, chili, tamales, churro dogs, half-smoked dogs, cheese steaks, taco dogs, waffles, ahi poke tacos, crab sandwiches and chicken sandwiches.

And here are a few stadium foods that are specific to the city in which they reside: the Dodger Dog (L.A.), the Fenway Frank (Boston), Chesapeake fries (Baltimore), and the Pitts-burger (Pittsburgh).

Remember these things for next season!



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A PEEK AT MR. BENDER

BY ARIA HALL

What are you doing?

Mr. Bender: Answering emails. I get hundreds of emails a day from families, Department of Education, organizations I work with and teachers.

Ms. Gregov was working in his office. "She works in here all the time."

Mr. Bender has a teddy bear with a scarf, and a polar bear with a night-cap, and three dogs!

Video Games continued

A good thing about video games is that they keep you occupied when you're bored. For example, on road trips, they will come in handy. Also, if there's nothing good on TV, then your parents might let you use your device and play a game.

Video games keep you occupied and entertained. If you are bored and have nothing to do, then play a video game! The time will pass quickly! If you are feeling sad, video games can cheer you up, or help you to forget about something bad that happened. According to an article on Quora.com, everyone has different tastes on what they think is entertaining. So, you might like one game because the graphics and music entertain you, but another person might like the same game because of the objective (what you have to do in the game to beat it).

Video games are educational because they can teach you math, strategy, coding, hand-eye coordination, chess, and more. The P.S. 11 "Chess Kids" app is a good example! It teaches you chess and strategy. According to a HuffPost article, recent studies show that video games, even violent ones, can help kids develop emotional and intellectual skills that support academic achievement.

Now, the bad. According to Psychology Today, video games stress the nervous system because of the rage you carry when you get mad while playing a video game. People get really aggressive when playing violent video games because of fear of dying in the game. People are trying to use non-violent video games and not playing too much to prevent inside rage from happening. According to Science

Daily, some types of video games are accused of being violent because they are very aggressive. They sometimes affect your emotions and feelings. Studies show that hostile gamers may already have anger linked to them, not because of the video game's content.

When playing video games, people feel the need to share information with other players. Players can be from all around the world. Games are addicting when you can gain a reward. Players' brains get a rush from "winning" or gaining entry to another level. Then, their brain craves the same rush. Some games have no defined end. Once you are addicted games convince you to spend more money.

Playing video games makes you more vulnerable to being hacked. In fact, early this year thousands of Fortnite players were hacked, and many had hundreds of dollars charged to their account. No matter how careful you are, the more time you spend gaming online, the more likely you are to be hacked, but there are certain steps you can take to protect yourself more. Creating difficult passwords, that you change often, is probably the best way to prevent being hacked, but other security measures, like enabling two-factor authentication, can be helpful too.

It's true that some studies have shown certain video games can improve hand-eye coordination, problem-solving skills, and the mind's ability to process information. But too much video game playing may lead to health problems. It's hard to get enough active play and exercise if you're always inside playing video games! These effects have been seen in studies in both eastern and western countries, although males spend more

POLL**BY FILIP PUŠENJAK****How many hours per week do you play video games?**

Uri (2nd grade): **2 hours**
Emerson (2nd grade): **14 hours**
Joseph (2nd grade): **2 hours**
Miles (2nd grade): **8-9 hours**
Crosby (2nd grade): **8 hours**
Luca (3rd grade): **6 hours**
Colin (5th grade): **a lot on weekends**
Alihlan (4th grade): **10-11 hours**
Eli (2nd grade): **1 hour**
Max (5th grade): **1 hour**
Eliza (5th grade): **4 hours**
Noa (1st grade): **1 hour**
Wolfie (1st grade): **sometimes**
Gideon (2nd grade): **1 hour**
Sam (1st grade): **2 hours**
Mr. Bender (principal): **never**

time than females playing violent video games. Violent video game exposure can increase aggressive thoughts, behaviors, and feelings in both sexes.

We asked Mr. Fier what he thinks about this topic. When asked if he thinks video games are educational, he replied, "Yes, they can be." But, he said he "would limit to 30 mins. per day." When we asked him if he liked playing video games, he said "yes, I love them," and he "plays them every night."

We also asked some P.S. 11 parents their opinions as well. Janelle let's her third-grader play "Call of Duty" with her dad in moderation, and she likes video games because they're "very entertaining and fun." Another reason it's good is because it "works your

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Video Games continued

brain,” says Ingrid. However, Michaela doesn’t let her second-grade student play video games because she thinks there are better things to do that work your mind like reading, writing, and math.

What do P.S. 11 students think? Second-grader Gideon said that he, “feels sucked into video games,” and that, although he likes both fun and educational games, he likes “fun better.” His favorite game is “Merge Airplanes.” Another second-grader, Milo said that video games make him, “happy, but upset when I have to stop.” He thinks kids play video games because, “they are fun and people spread the word so they are popular.” First-grader Sam thinks kids play video games because, “they like electronics,” and his favorite game is “FIFA18 because it’s soccer.” Second-grader Harry says video games make him, “excited but when I die, I feel frustrated,” and his favorite game is “Minecraft because your only goal is to not die and it is satisfying.”

Since there are so many different opinions, we decided to see what the experts think. According to KidsHealth.org, when it comes to video games, moderation is key. For kids 5 to 18 years old, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that “parents place consistent limits on time spent using any media. This includes playing video games on gaming consoles, tablets, or smartphones. Using media should not take the place of getting enough sleep or being physically active.”

So, there you have it, it seems that moderation is the way to go! What do YOU think?

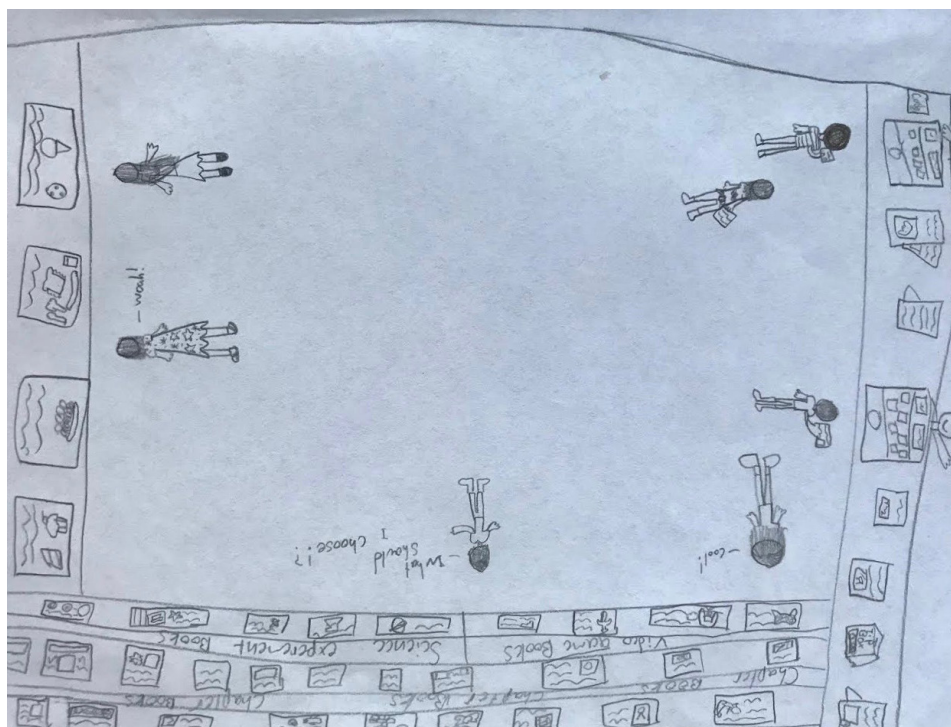


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Book Fair

BY ALESSANDRA VIGNONE

Do you like books?

If you do, head on downstairs to the P.S. 11 Book Fair! The event is organized by the library staff which consists of P.S. 11 parent volunteers. The fair was on from Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 to Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018.

What kind of books were there?

There were graphic novels, chapter books, diaries, “Would You Rather?” books, science and picture books. Some books had little prizes such as toys, necklaces or cool, invisible ink enclosed on the covers.

How do you pay for books?

Well, to pay for the books, you bring your book, or books, and money and then head right up to the cash registers. Don’t forget that each book costs more than its original price because New York has an 8.875% sales

tax which is added on at the time of purchase. However, be warned! Once you purchase your book, you can’t go back to the cash register because there is no time for finicky buyers. I would recommend bringing about \$15 or \$20 with you to shop.

If you forget to bring money that day, fear not! P.S. 11 PTA has saved the day! You’ll get a green card that is worth \$8.00. Although you can only purchase one book, it’s still very kind of the PTA to allocate some of the money donated to the school for the book fair. This way, everyone can get a book at the P.S. 11 book fair!

After your book is purchased, you can read or quietly talk to a friend while you wait for your classmates to finish book shopping. This, my friends, concludes the news article. If you need more information about the book fair, check out the P.S. 11 website or ask the school’s friendly librarians.

PICTURE DAY: Behind the Lens

BY DAVID BERKEBILE AND
HARRY CHADAKOFF

Picture day is the day at P.S. 11 when all students get their picture taken. In fact, although it's called picture DAY, it actually lasts 3 days. On November 27th, 28th and 29th this year, every kid at P.S. 11 made their way to the area outside the auditorium (the place

normally used for the lost & found, book fair and indoor recess). The photographers took class pictures for every class, and then each child got their picture taken alone at least 3 times, with a full size Cannon camera... (no selfies on Picture Day).

But you probably already know all of this. YOU were there! But what you don't know, is very much about the people behind the lens... but we do! (at least about one of them).

Sidney, one of the 3 photographers on Picture Day, is a cheerful 39-year-old man, who's been a photographer for over a decade. He went to Missouri State University (which has a strong photography program, by the way), and loves taking pictures. He takes pictures at many other schools, but P.S. 11 is his favorite (at least we think so).

Sidney makes it fun for kids while he takes pictures and

helps them smile by telling them to say any funny word ending with a "y" sound...for example: funny, cheesy, macaroni and weeeeeeee). While he likes taking pictures of kids because it's fun, he gets a little frustrated when they misbehave during photos.

Sidney thinks that picture day is important because when you're older and your kids want to know what you looked like when you were their age, you can show them your school photo. But, is picture day still as important as it used to be? Nowadays, most people have smart phones that they can take digital pictures with. This means it's much easier to take pictures yourself without a professional photographer like Sydney. But, professional photographers are better at taking photographs, and picture day is the only time each year you can take a photograph of your entire class all dressed up! Those class photos also go in the yearbook, so you can remember your classmates (and someday tell your kids about them). For example, you might say, "this guy is a professional basketball player now" and "this guy is now a movie star who's the main character in *Incredibles 6*!"

So, now that you've seen behind the lens of Picture Day, you're no longer in the dark (room)!



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FOUR FAST TRIVIA QUESTIONS FOR MR. BENDER

BY CHARLIE BOLTIN

How many hearts does an octopus have?

Mr. Bender: Two
Correct answer: Three

What are the two previous names for Manhattan?

Mr. Bender: New Amsterdam
Correct!

What touched down on Mars in November 2018?

Mr. Bender: Insight Lander
Correct!

What are the 3 rhyming New York Sports Teams?

Mr. Bender: Mets, Jets, Nets
Correct!

Turkey Day: What Thanksgiving is All About

BY TEDDY KENNEL AND GABE NOVA

Have you ever celebrated Thanksgiving in NYC? Well, I have! So, I will teach you what to do and how to properly celebrate it.

The tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving in America may have started as early as 1565, but it wasn't until the 1800s that Americans decided to look back and call it the country's first Thanksgiving. No matter how long it's been celebrated, it's always been for the same reason: to celebrate gratitude for the food and people around us. The Pilgrims' and Native Americans' tradition of celebrating thankfulness has been passed on to us, which is why we celebrate Thanksgiving today.

Every year on the third Thursday in November, locals and visitors fill the streets to watch the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. When asked, one New Yorker, Nate, 3rd grade, said "I went to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and went skating," a true New York tradition. It's an exciting day in Manhattan as we watch the enormous floats go

by. The parade travels down Central Park West then cuts East on 59th street and continues South on 5th Avenue until it reaches Macy's on 34th street. It takes about three hours for the parade to travel its celebratory route. After the parade, it's feast time!



PHOTO BY GABE NOVA

On Thanksgiving, the meal is the big focus. Some traditional food items include turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, pumpkins and pumpkin pies. Most people enjoy the meal with friends and relatives. Each person has his own Thanksgiving tradition, but for most, Thanksgiving means to be thankful, to eat a lot, and to celebrate by eating turkey. My grandfather said, "I'm stuffed like a turkey!"

Hanukkah and Why We Celebrate It

BY ARIA HALL

Hanukah emerged more than 2000 years ago and it started in Judea (today it is called Israel)! It began when the Assyrian ruler of Jerusalem outlawed the practice of Judaism. He forced the Jews to worship idols, which is forbidden in the Jewish religion, in their Holy Temple. The Jewish people rebelled. They were led by the Maccabees, who defeated the Assyrians. But when they tried to restore their temple, they found that they had very little holy oil to light the holy flame in the Temple. The oil was only supposed to last one day, but it lasted 8 days. That is why we celebrate Hanukkah for 8 days and we light a candle each night! There is an extra candle called the Shamash ("helper") and it is used to light the other candles, but it is not part of the 8 candles! (Don't count the Shamash!)

Some families give their children a present for each night of Hanukkah. It is said that you're not given your presents by your parents but by someone named Hanukkah Harry. He gives presents on the 8th day of Hanukkah!

Veterans Day

BY ELI TARNOFSKY

Veterans Day was on Sunday, November 11th. It is a day to honor people who served in the United States military and fought in all wars on behalf of our country. It

is a federal holiday. Government offices and schools are closed to mark the occasion. It began in 1919, as Armistice Day, because it was the first anniversary of signing the peace agreement which ended World War I. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution to have an annual observance of the truce, and in 1938 it

became a national holiday. However, it wasn't until 1954, after World War II, that President Eisenhower decided to change the name to Veterans Day to honor all soldiers who served our country, regardless of which American war. Therefore, November 11th is a day to annually celebrate all American war veterans.

Fortnite: The Good & the Bad... and the Most Popular!

BY TEDDY KENNELL

It's been said that video games are addictive and they turn kids into zombies by smushing their

brains about video games is that they are fun. This is important because people will play video games so that they are not bored, which means that people play video games a lot.



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brains. People who don't play video games can be very annoying to people who do play video games because they are noobs* and don't know how to properly play. It seems like a lot of student at P.S. 11 are noobs, which means that their parents are probably keeping them off devices.

One of the best things about video games is that you can play by yourself, unlike board games that require more than one person to play. This means that if your parents are busy and you have nothing else to do, video games are a great option. If there are other things to do, like reading, cooking, or playing with friends, then you should probably do that instead.

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The Red Cat

BY ELI KAPLAN

The Red Cat is a great Manhattan restaurant that, unfortunately, will be closed by the time this article comes out. It had delicious foods for breakfast and dinner and had seating for any group of people. Located on Tenth Avenue in between 23rd and 24th Streets, it was a great place to eat during the weekend, with side dishes like buttermilk biscuits and dishes like French toast and scrambled eggs of all different versions. Our neighborhood will miss it!

Silly Billy!

BY LANGLEY KREBS

What has eyes but can't see, ears but can't hear, legs but can't walk?

Answer: A gummy bear.

Why should you never let a bear have the remote?

Answer: He will just keep pressing the "paws" button.

BY GABE NOVA

**Knock knock.
Who's there?
Dwayne.
Dwayne who?
Dwayne the bathtub! I'm sinking!**

**Knock knock.
Who's there?
Cook.
Cook who?
Are you as crazy as you sound?**

11 Questions with...

P.S. 11 librarian

Rebecca Sokolovsky

BY HARRY CHADAKOFF

1. What is your favorite book?

The Westing Game.

2. Who is your favorite author?

Rebecca Stead.

3. What is the most popular type of book in the library?

Graphic novels.

4. What is your favorite thing to do in the library?

Help kids find good books.

5. How many new books do you get a year?

Around 500.

6. How many librarians are there?

Around 30.

7. What do you do when two people want the same book?

Rock-paper-scissors.

8. What do you do if someone wants a book that isn't in the library?

We put it on the order list, and the school orders books from this list two times a year.

9. Why is Harry Potter banned for K-2 grades?

It is too scary and violent.

10. Why don't mystery readers read non-fiction books?

Non-fiction books have no silly voices and no dialogue.

11. What made you become a librarian?

I love kids, books and computers.



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Colorful Third Graders!



PHOTO BY LANGLEY KREBS

BY LANGLEY KREBS

The Third Grade Show was Nov. 20 and 21 during school hours. The theme this year was, the exciting events of fall. They had good dance moves and they looked like they were having fun doing the show. They also had good timing while they were dancing. The songs were nice. I know this because I can't get the song, "Party On" out of my head! One third-grader, Sophia, said her favorite part of the experience was her

"solo at the end." Part of the show was creepy because it had a Halloween scene where a third-grader walked across the stage like a zombie and rolled his eyes up. That was a highlight of the show. The costumes were good because they were so colorful and pretty. They all wore different colored shirts: purple, blue, red. Some were wearing football shirts because there was a football scene. Football season is in the fall, which went along with their theme! Great job, 3rd Grade!