

Dragon Tales Junior

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A Smart Octopus

By: Lexi Matthews

Everyone 's heard of animals being smart, like dolphins and monkeys, but have you ever heard of a smart octopus? Marine biologists (s scientists who study the ocean) off the coast of Indonesia have found out the story behind the invertebrates ' first use in tools, using ten years of hard research.

Veined Octopi have learned to use coco-nuts they have found above the water as shelter and protection when they feel threatened by predators. They take many dives below the surface to use them. They have been seen to carry the large halves of the shells under their bodies for 40 meters at a time! When they reach their destination they then assemble to halves of the



Calling all Writers!

We'd like to hear from you! What is your favorite winter activity? Skiing? Sledding? Drinking hot cocoa? How did you spend your extra-long break, during the Blizzard of '09? Submit your stories, articles, and poems to dragontaleskids@gmail.com or give them to the front office), including your name and teacher. The deadline for the February issue is January 26th!

WINTER WONDERS

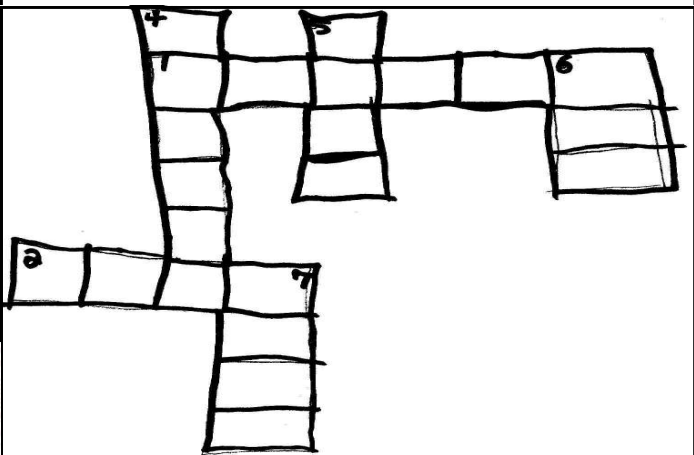
By Brooke Gallagher, 2nd grade, Mrs. Norris

When fall ends,
In the middle of the valley,
Nine million trees surround me,
Ten times I say, winter, winter,
Eight times I call, it is snowing!
Rolling snowballs, making a snowman

Winter, winter, winter!
On top of the roof, cold icicles hang,
Neigh, neigh, neigh, says the horse!
Do go skiing,
Eat up holiday cookies.
Rev up the sled.
Scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, let's go out and play in the snow!

Winter Wonderland Crossword Puzzle

By Eli Bloom, 2nd grade, Mrs. Norris



Across

1. A season with snow
2. Fun in the snow

Down

4. Last's for 7 days
5. Comes when It's cold
6. Fast Jog
7. Same as scream

Riddle By Natalie Banzadio, 2nd grade, Mrs. Jackson
I am nice. I mostly stay in the office. I check in class-room's to see if we are doing what we are supposed to do. Who am I?

Principal O'Brien

What you need to be a great football player.
by Riley Westman, 1st Grade, Mrs. Mills

- strong bones (drink lots of milk!)
- big muscles (exercise and lift weights!) about 200.8 pounds.
- a heart that is working.
- good breathing (work out your lungs!)



Do all of these things to be a skilled athlete and to get stronger!

Calling all students!

Take a look at the picture of the polar bear. What do you think he is saying? Write your answers down and submit them to Dragon Tales Jr. Answers must be short so we can fit as many as possible in the next Dragon Tales Jr. Please email your response to [dragon-
taleskids@gmail.com](mailto:dragon-
taleskids@gmail.com) by January 26th.



My Cute Dog

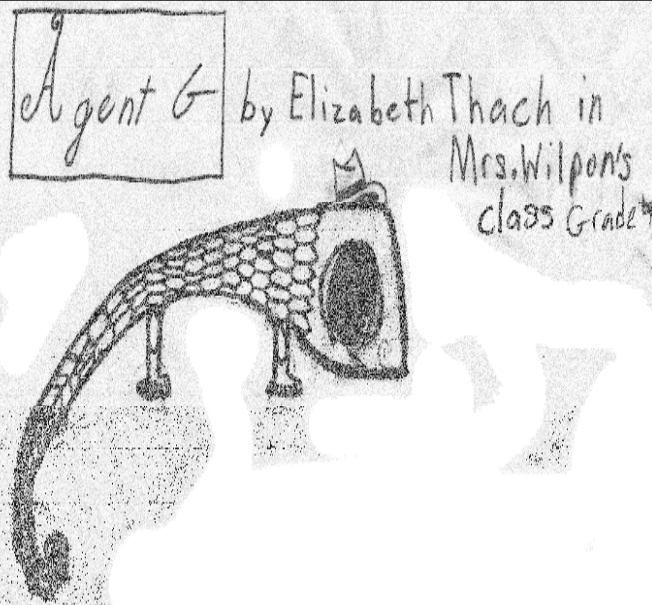
By: Zenani Fillie-Faboe, 4th Grade, Mrs. Perlman

My name is Jimnda Ntombizenani Sialoma Kanowa Fillie-Faboe, and I am proud to say I have the cutest, most adorable, most playful, nicest Shih Tzu puppy ever born. I love him very much, and I wish I was with him since he was born. He has big, light brown eyes, and he is tri-what he



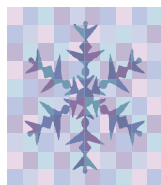
brown eyes, and colored. This is looks like:

OES Art Gallery



Snow

By Claire Buenfil, 4th Grade, Mrs. Perlman



Snow is falling here and there
Snow is falling everywhere.
Over the fields and over the hills.
Snow is here to have a thrill!

Joke

By Natalie Banzadio, 2nd grade, Mrs. Jackson

Where do polar bears go to vote?

The North Poll!

Joke

By Matthew Green, 5th grade, Mrs. Bowles

Let's chill!