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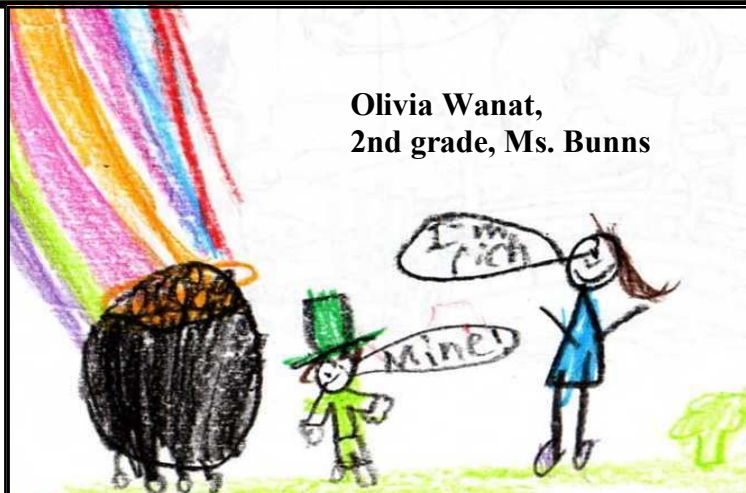
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Editor's Corner: How I Got My Kitten

By Sophia Jaso, 4th grade Student Editor

After a week, I finally persuaded my parents to get me my first pet, a cat. I was so excited that I couldn't stop thinking about it for the next couple of days. During the weekend, our family went shopping for cat supplies at Unleashed. Boy, you do need a lot of stuff! I got a lot of toys, too, so I could play with my cat any day I wanted. On the weekend of my birthday, my grandma came over and our whole family drove to AWLMC (Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County). At the shelter, there were many cute and friendly cats. I especially liked She-ra, Cameron, Nibbles and Hannah. Nibbles and Hannah were only kittens, but I liked them just the same. The owner of the shelter explained to me that they had just found Hannah yesterday. She said that she was 9 months old and was raised by nuns. It was a hard decision to make, but we finally decided on Hannah since the whole family liked her. So she came home with us. The first thing she did was she hid under the couch. But after I offered some cat treats, she came out and started exploring. It's easy to spot her pretty orange fur when you're walking around. A few hours later she wasn't so scared anymore. We decided to rename her Bella. She eats and uses the litter box just fine. I think that people should get a cat or a kitten because they are less work than dogs and are very friendly



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Facts About Red-Eyed Tree Frogs

By Andrew Wilhelm, 3rd grade, Mrs. Buckingham

What has red eyes and green belly and lives in the rainforest? A red-eyed tree frog does! This is about how red-eyed tree frogs survive in the rainforest.

Red-eyed tree frogs eat bugs and worms. They use their tongue that stretches really far to catch stuff. They sneak quietly in the trees and hunt at night because the insects are sleeping.

Red-eyed tree frogs protect themselves by changing colors. Animals in the rainforest know red, yellow or green frogs could be poisonous, and the red-eyed tree frog can change into all these colors. When the red-eyed tree frog turns green, it is camouflaged so well you can't see it.

Red-eyed tree frogs are really fast and can climb up a tree in one minute. They also have loud burps that can warn other frogs about danger. They can jump really far to another tree to escape. Red-eyed tree frogs have sticky pads on the bottoms of their feet so they can stick to trees and leaves when they jump.

So now you know something that has red eyes and a green body: a red-eyed tree frog that lives in the rain forest!

Olney Snowmen

by Luke Hanson, 1st grade, Ms. Theodore

This winter has been very cold.

Snowmen taught me that sometimes things you love go away.



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Mama and Baby Dragon

By Lizzy Hill, 1st grade, Mrs. Mills

This is a mama dragon looking for her baby. The mama and her baby went to find food in the woods. The baby was playing around while the mother looked for food. But the baby got lost in a tree. So the mama found the baby in the tree!

Kitten, Kitten

By Alexis Fout, 2nd grade, Ms. Bunns

Kitten, Kitten, come to me because I lost my kitten. It's getting late. I will put food out and then make a trap so I can catch her. Good night!

Good morning! Let me check on the trap to see if I caught my kitten. I caught my Kitten! Come here, Kitten. I am so happy, I thought I would never see you again!

Your Cat's Cousins

By Natalie Banzadio, 3rd grade, Mrs. Corrigan

Did you know that your cat is related to the dangerous jaguar? That's why your cat has sharp teeth. That's just one unique body part a jaguar has that allows it to survive in extreme living conditions in the rainforest. Jaguars also have amazing jaws that help them bite through tough meat from animals. If they didn't have amazing jaws, they wouldn't be able to eat other animals. Another fact is that jaguars are very muscular so they can catch prey easily at night. Jaguars like to hunt at night because it's easier to hide in the dark and creep up on animals without being seen. At night jaguars hunt crocodilians, turtles, fish, sloths, deer, and more. They sneak up on their prey by hiding in bushes and creeping to get the animal. Jaguars also ambush and stalk animals to trick them. Since jaguars have many predators, one body feature they have that tells them when a predator is near is their whiskers. Their whiskers twitch when there are hunters or predators nearby. This tells them to run. Another feature is jaguars can run very fast to help them catch prey or escape predators or hunters. In conclusion, jaguars have many body parts that help them thrive in the rainforest.

The Sloth

By Kylie Lyon, 3rd grade, Mrs. Corrigan

What are the slowest animals in the jungle? Sloths are! Sloths have many unique body features to survive. Some of these are their tight grips, their loud "ah-ee" sound, and their green "moss" that grows on them to make them look camouflaged. Sloths need their tight grips so when they are climbing up a tree they don't fall off and die or break a bone. Sloths need their loud "ah-ee" sound so they can scare off predators. They need their camouflage to blend into a tree. They need to blend into a tree because if they weren't, a predator could easily see them and eat them. These are some techniques sloths use to survive in the rainforest.

Mohammed Houmran, kindergarten, Mrs. Preller



Super Bowl 45

By Oscar Tineo Jr., 5th grade, Mrs. Gangloff

On Sunday the Steelers played very bad; they lost 25 to 31 and I am glad.

I was rooting for the Packers, not the terrible Steeler slackers. Steelers had no chance that day. I'm happy they lost to Green Bay!

Dog...

By Lauren Fout, 2nd grade, Mrs. Baker

When I went to my friend Sydney's house, she showed me her new DOG! The new dog is really soft. His name is Cody. He is very lovable. He NEVER STOPPED licking me. He LOVES me. I played with Sydney for hours.

Then it was time to go home and I left her house and the dog.

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