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Winter Vacation

By Sophia Jaso, 4th Grade Editor

One of the nice things about December is that you always have a long winter break in which you and your family can go on trips to different places (or just stay at home).

Some fun, interesting and cool places that you could go to include Egypt, Greece, or Iceland. Egypt has a lot of ancient tombs and pyramids that would be interesting to see. You can even look inside some of them. It would also be fun to check out their culture.

Greece is famous for all their temples with Roman gods. You could find out about how they worshiped. Also, the Greeks were the ones who started the Olympics. Maybe you could learn about the sports they used to do and compete in. And I bet you can guess what Iceland is famous for. Maryland hasn't had much snow, so if you're the kind of person who thinks that it isn't a "real" winter without a good amount of snow, then you should go to Iceland. Iceland has snow all year long (almost).

These are some interesting, cool and fun places you can go to that are boring-proof. If you can't go to one this year, maybe you can go to one next year!

2011

By Tori Newby, 1st grade, Mrs. Mills

It's 2011

Hip-hip-hooray!

2011

came to save the day!

My Desk

By Peter Feeney, 5th grade, Mrs. Gangloff

It's a monster, nothing but tall and mean.

The shade of mold on it makes it look green.

Walking down the school square...

ROAR! IT ATTACKS ME LIKE A WILD BEAR!

Textbooks, folders, worksheets, EVERYWHERE!

Everything seems to be lost,

It's nothing I like to boast.

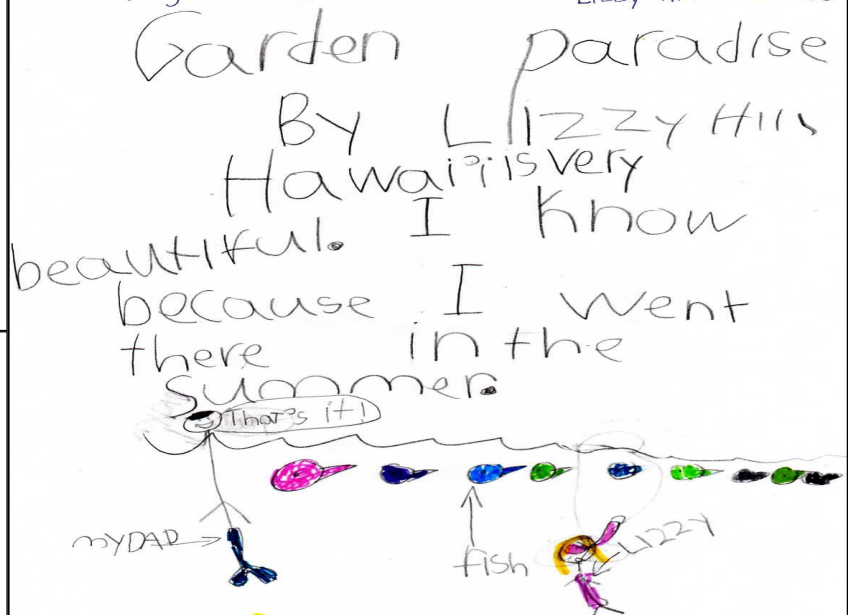
And when I try to get it in order,

I again become a hoarder.



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CALLING ALL WRITERS

Dragon Tales Jr. needs all kinds of non-fiction and creative writing for our next edition. But you only have until **January 27th** to send us your articles, book reviews, stories, and poems! Email your submission to dragontaleskids@gmail.com or bring it to the front office. Make sure to include your **first and last name and your teacher**. And remember: the class in each grade with the most combined published submissions in February, March, and April will win a special treat! So start writing! (Please note: we only have room for 1 or 2 drawings per issue, so your best chance to get published is by WRITING!!)

The Evil Plan in Olney

By Derek Westman, 5th Grade, Mrs. Gangloff

It was a cold and snowy night. The temperature was the lowest of the year. In the town of Olney, a snowman collapsed. A young girl saw the snowman collapse from her bedroom window. "Too bad," she thought to herself, "I'll rebuild him tomorrow." This is what the snowman was thinking: "If everything goes as planned, there won't be a tomorrow". The snowman snuck a peek over his shoulder to make sure the girl wasn't watching. She wasn't. The snowman got up and trudged down the street. About half-way to his destination he stopped and spoke, "Hello Bill."

Bill stepped out of the shadows, "Good to see you, James." James nodded and looked over his shoulder, "Are you sure this is safe? This isn't the original rendezvous point." Bill snarled, "The original point was crawling with humans. This is the safest place in town. We can talk freely here." James the snowman sat down on the snowy ground, "So, what's the first step in our plan?" Bill shook his head, "I'm sorry. I can not even tell you here. There is no safe haven. Olney may be a quiet town, but I'm taking no chances." James sighed, "Okay. Can you at least tell me what the final outcome of our plan is supposed to be?" Bill puffed out his chest and answered, "The world will fall. People will become extinct. Our kind will walk the earth in peace, and my true identity will be revealed."

To find out who Bill is, and finish reading the story, catch the next edition of *Dragon Tales Jr.*!

Paper

By Sasha Laredo, 5th grade, Mrs. Gangloff

Use me, use me.
Come on, I say!
Come get a pencil
And draw something, ok?
I'm just waiting here
For you to take me
And turn me into something.
Maybe a bee.



My Bed

By Ben Graetz, 5th grade, Mrs. Bowles

He runs and plays all through the day.
But now he's home dreaming away.
With sheets like sails,
And a mattress like a boat.
I keep him afloat
On his way through
Dreamland.
I'm a toaster that's soft
I'm a really nice loft.
Big, nice, blue, gray, high, and filled with galore.
Those are some traits, but there are many more.
BOOM! CRACK! SNAP! It's a nightmare!
He twists and turns without any care.
He falls off me,
Down 50 feet.
Now he's woken from his sleep.
I don't care now
That he's gone.
He always comes back.
He always does.



By Victor Barbosa
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Mrs. Preller

Harry Potter 7 Movie Review

By Kimberly Greulich, 5th grade, Mrs. Gangloff

I went to see *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1* in the movie theater in November. It was **awesome!** The jokes, the suspense, the action, and an amazing cliffhanger at the end made you want to see the next movie **so badly!!** I actually screamed, cried, and jumped at the movie theater during the movie! *Harry Potter 7* was by far the best movie I have ever seen! (Well, so far, anyway!) You **have** to go and see it!



By Ariana Welch
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