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By: Mrs. Mac



Welcome to another exciting year of *News From The Nest*. This is our sixteenth year of continuous publication, and I am proud to say that my reporters just seem to get better and better each year. We are off to a challenging start with several new continuing articles, as well as, the ones you know and love. One of our fresh reads is *Champion Chats*. Reporters are doing one-on-one interviews with city, community, and county Champions, and then reporting on our school news show, WCES News. A special thanks to Mrs. Willis for allowing us this opportunity. You can read about these endeavors in the Champion Chat articles.

Please join me as I introduce this year's staff: Fifth Grade Returning Reporters—Abby Scruggs (5th Grade Reporter of the Year) Cole Hoskyns, Kayleigh Hipps, Morgan Ryan, and Katelin Brooks. Fourth Grade Reporters—Holly Hines, Kolby Cox, Giovanni Gallegos, Andrew Blanton, Kamyia Gary, Jaycee Price, Connor Huskey, and Drew Williams.

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Champion Chats: Community and Beyond ...

Mrs. Louise Scruggs; Author

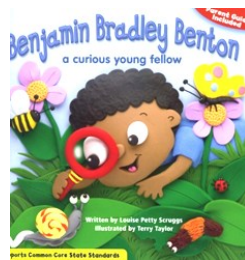
By: Abby Scruggs



We have a famous author living in Chesnee, and I bet many of you, your parents, and your family knows her. She taught English at CHS for many years, and is now sharing her wealth of knowledge nationwide! Who is our latest celebrity; Mrs. Louise Scruggs!

Mrs. Scruggs began her professional career as a high school English teacher. She taught English and literature at CHS for 29 years and was the school's secretary for 4 years. She said that she has always enjoyed writing, so it was a natural way to go after retirement. In fact Mrs. Scruggs earliest memory of writing was in third grade when she and her friend wrote homemade valentines for their class.

On February 24, 2013, Mrs. Scruggs enjoyed a book signing party in the CHS Library. The title of her book is "Benjamin Bradley Benton, a Curious Fellow". It is illustrated by Terry Taylor, from New York City. Her story is about a young boy named Ben who is very curious about the world he lives in. This book supports our Common Core State Standards, and has a parent guide included. It also has story time activities to enjoy the back.



When asked if she would change anything about her book writing experience, Mrs. Scruggs said only that she wished she had written it sooner. She learned that it takes a lot of time to write books, and you are always changing words or adding on. Mrs. Scruggs says that she would like to write another book in a higher grade level, and might just let Ben grow older. She also has drafts of other books and poems that aren't published yet.

Mrs. Scruggs says that she is living a dream she has had for a long time. Her advice to us is to enjoy the adventures of Ben and take time to be curious in our own world. Being the successful writer she is, she also suggests we read all kinds of books and many different authors.

Mr. James E. Cooley

By: Cole Hoskyns



Mr. James E Cooley, owner of Strawberry Hill USA, is the newly selected Southeastern Farmer of the Year. The farm has been in operation since 1946. In my recent interview "down on the farm" I learned many interesting facts and stories from Mr. James that I would like to share with you.

Mr. Perry Edmund Cooley started the farm and is grandfather to Mr. James E Cooley. Mr. Perry E Cooley bought the land in the 1940's for cotton. In 1946, Perry Cooley offered the land to his son, Gene, who had just returned from World War II. The first Mr. Cooley gave the land and then bought 2,000 peach trees, but Mr.



Grandson, Graeson,
the next generation.

Champion Chats Continued....



Gene Cooley had to hand plant the trees. That was the beginnings of Strawberry Hill USA. In all of these years, the farm has gone through four generations; Mr. Perry Cooley, Mr. Gene Cooley, Mr. James Cooley, and now his daughters Brandi and Bethani.

The farm offers many things from diversified crops, the hayrides, corn maze, school tours, and the shed where the fruits and veggies are sold. The farm has 800 acres of peaches, 110 acres of strawberries, and 40 acres of blackberries. But that isn't all. There are pumpkin patches, pigs, and cows.

If you go on a hayride in the fall, you get to feed the cows, and chase a pig. You can see that the farm is successful because they really love what they do. When asked how long he has been in farming, Mr. James said, "Every day of my life". They also have a café across the road from the shed. Mr. Cooley's wife, Kathi, runs it. They are open for breakfast and lunch year round. And don't forget to try their hand dipped ice cream.

If you are looking for a day of family fun, let me recommend that you spend it "down on the farm". You can do the corn maze and hayride, then shop at the shed and grab a delicious bite to eat. So, this could be your day at Strawberry Hill USA.



A farmer's work
is never done.

Music Notes

By: Katelin Brooks

Our music teacher, Mrs. Willis, has been a very busy person this school year. She has already planned, taught, and directed five different music programs besides teaching us music classes every day. Let's take a look at her last three; Veterans Day program, Honors Chorus program, and the 4th and 5th grade PTO program.



Mrs. Willis and the 5th students provide the musical portion for our Veterans Day program each year. The Honors Chorus leads everyone in singing the National Anthem. All 5th graders sang the 'Armed Services Medley' and some held high appropriate banners during the song.

Some 5th and 4th graders had a performance at the district office in Boiling Springs, SC, on November 12th. The CES Honors Chorus was invited to open the monthly District 2 School Board Meeting. The songs performed were from the Veterans Day program like the Armed Service Medley, the National Anthem, and Sing a Song of Peace.

Finally, she has also been very busy with the Christmas program. She takes so much time to look over and find songs for the program. Some of the songs were *Silver Bells*, *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, and *Caribe Noel*. All of the songs were wonderful. This was performed by the 4th and 5th grade at the PTO & Literacy Night, on December 10th. And the exact amount of children was 90 total choir members.



Guiding Light.....

By: Morgan Ryan

Mrs. Belinda Wade is our guidance counselor here at CES. She has been in this position for 6 years. Her duties include many things. She counsels students, but also plans and carries out many projects.

Mrs. Wade teaches guidance lessons to grades K5-5 every week. So far, she has taught lessons on bullying, study skills, and reviewed the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. She also brought in local firemen to do a program for Fire Safety. She planned a Red Ribbon week filled with fun activities that teach us the importance of staying drug-free. We also learn about what it takes to be a Champion Student. Then our teachers choose students with the attributes to be announced on WCES News. Besides all of this, Mrs. Wade still makes the time to sponsor the CES Junior BETA Club. This club does community service projects, and meets the first Thursday of each month. We are so lucky to have her.



Coach's Corner...

Grades K5-2...

Volleyball

Striking
volleying



by: Connor Huskey

Grades 3-5

Basketball

Dribbling
Shooting
passing



Suggestions for Fitness

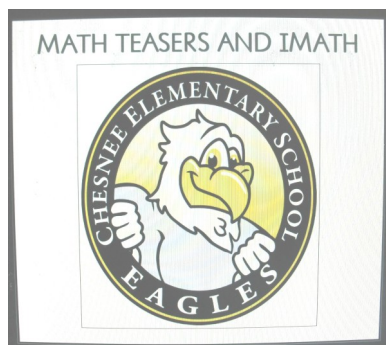
Play basketball with friends, after all it is the season.

What's Happening in P.E. Student Recognition For "coach-ability"

Anderson's Class	Corn's Class
Camden Burns	Michael Paslawski
Emma George	Samantha Carver
McAllister's Class	Wall's Class
Brianna Bennett	Lorenzo Duren
Jayden Roseburgh	Kayleigh Hipps

Math Teasers....

by: Kamyia Gary



Mrs. Acquisto, our math coach, has improved our old Math Teaser format this year. She has created a three part math adventure; Math Champs, Math Teasers and Imath. Lets' start explaining about the Math Champs. Only 5th and 4th grade have completed at the time of this issue. If you want to be a Math Champ follow these simple steps. First, you get a star question sheet. It starts off easy and gets harder as you get them right.

You get ten total weeks to complete. Next, we will go to Math Teasers. You will need to go to the school website (<http://www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us/CES/index.htm>) and click on Math Teasers or you can go directly to Mrs. Acquisto's website.

Once there, watch the current video and then click the question tab. Put your answers in the right basket in the Library to qualify for the prize drawing. Finally, Imath is where students make up their own math problems and submit them. This is a really fun way to learn math!



Artist Spotlight.....

By: Jaycee Price

Bryson Fletcher is a *Budding Artist*.....

Our art teacher, Mrs. West, selected 8 year old Bryson Fletcher as this issue's Artist Spotlight. He is in Mrs. Bailey's homeroom. His artwork is entitled Lighted Pumpkins. Bryson used oil pastels to make it. When asked how he made it; he said "I drew shapes with curved lines. I curved the lines the same way the pumpkin curved. It made it look round instead of flat. I used dark colors to make it look like the lines were deep. I used yellow to make it look light; like the light was shining on the front". As he did it, he thought about carving pumpkins with his dad. Bryson said it was hard work but worth every minute of it. When asked if he liked the outcome he said, "Yes, I love it". It is obvious that Bryson is an up and coming artist.



Features Section...

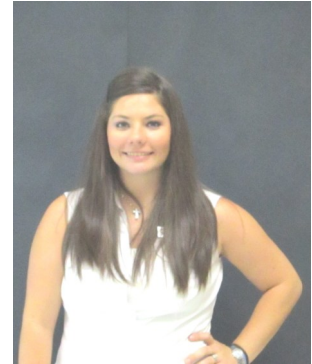
Campus Celebrity....By: Cole Hoskyns

CES's brainy, funny, and loving Campus Celebrity is..... **Mrs. Casey Corn.** Our celebrity is trained as an Elementary School teacher and specializes in math and science. Mrs. Corn tries to find exciting and meaningful math and science lessons. Now let's see why she's a celebrity.

Behavior can play a part in how Mrs. Corn conducts her lessons. As a reward for hard work and concentration she goes out of her way to make activities interactive, fun, and energetic. If students lose focus, she finds ways to rein them back in with a more standard method.

Mrs. Corn loves her co-workers and they are some of her best friends. She also likes the bond she makes with her students and to see the "light bulbs go off in their heads" as they learn. Also, as one of her students, I know she wants to be remembered as a teacher who believed in her students and taught them valuable lessons they can use in life. She wants them to know that learning is fun and for kids to have confidence in their abilities.

Mrs. Corn graduated from USC Upstate in three and a half years. She married her college sweetheart, Bradley. They have a 2 and a half year old daughter named Ashlyn. Mrs. Corn is an extreme reader and has already read 180 books this year. She also does advanced reading and editing for authors. She's not afraid to be goofy and she's sees the laughter in all situations. And last, but not least, she is a die-hard Green Bay Packer fan and is a part of clay nation. That is why Mrs. Corn is this issue's Campus Celebrity.



Kolby's Blog....By: Kolby Cox



Hey my name is Kolby Cox and I was born on June 23, 2004. My parents are Kenna Sanders and Brian Cox. I have only 1 sister, and her name is Maddie. My homeroom teacher is Mrs. Flynn, and my hobbies are playing Minecraft video games and the Rainbow Loom Bracelets. When I grow up, I want to be an ESPN Reporter!

As you already know, I started a Newspaper Blog page this year. I plan to cover many more topics than what I have already covered. One of the things I would like to do is talk to you about our town.

I'm calling this "Around Chesnee". *Around Chesnee* will be more adventurous than what we have done this school year. I will be posting questions for you to **ANSWER!** You may ask me things about our area that you are interested in, and we will try and find the answers to your questions. Go to my Blog page and leave a comment or post a question. You can leave a written message in my Blog Box. It is right inside the door in Mrs. Mac's Lab called "Kolby's Blog Box". If you write a letter, include your full name and homeroom teacher's name. A written reply will be put in your teacher's mailbox.

I cannot be successful without YOUR participation. Please read my blog every week and take part on the page, or by sending your letters. And remember, you can find awesome games on my website!



Our web address: <http://tlmclellan.weebly.com/kolbys-blog.html>

Alexis Kincaid in Ms. Painter Class



Born to be the CES newspaper student spotlight..... Alexis Kincaid. She is in Mrs. Painter's 3rd grade class. She was born on March 21, 2005. She has 2 siblings named Anslee who is 6 and Adrienne

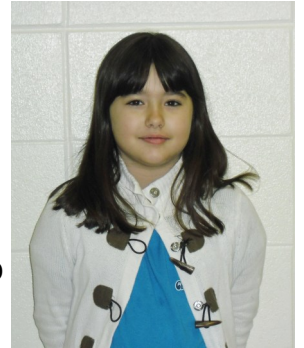
who is 12. Alexis has always lived in Chesnee but only 10 minutes away from the school. She has 6 pets 1 cat, 1 crab, 2 hamsters, and 2 dogs. Her favorite restaurant is Chinese, New Century, in Chesnee. She loves to watch Ice Age. She says that she would like to share with CES that she makes a lot of friends easily. The person who inspired her is 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Painter she says that she has inspired her by helping her learn more stuff easier ways in class. One goal she has set for the future is that she wants to be a great cheerleader!

Student Spotlight... Third Grade

By: Kayleigh Higgs

Kayelee Nations in Mrs. Charlton's Class

The Talented and magnificent.....Kayelee Nations! She was born on April 18, 2005. She has a 6 year old brother his name is Branson. Kayelee has lived in Chesnee almost all of her life. She has 2 pets a cat named Calico and a dog named Smoke. Her favorite restaurant is Bella Rose. One person who



inspired her is our 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Gilliland because she shows me and my fellow student's kindness. One goal that she has for the future is reading.

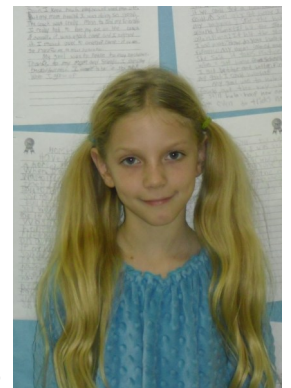
Kelsey Grace Jeffcoat in Mrs. McSwain's class.



She is cooperative and helpful to her fellow students. Her birth date is November 20, 2004. Kelsey has 7 brothers and sisters; Kyleigh, Peyton, Aden, Gracie, Casey, Macon, and Meredith. She has 2 pets. Her favorite restaurant is El Mexancono. Her favorite movie is Reo. Something that she would like to share with CES is that she loves to sing and draw pictures. The person who inspired her is her mom because she told her that she needs to get better at not being shy to others. One of the goals she would like to set for the future is to try her best to do what her teacher and her parents say.

Tanner Jones in Mrs. Bailey Homeroom

Spotlighting the best of all Tanner Jones. She is in Mrs. Bailey 3rd grade class. She was born on October 2, 2004, in Spartanburg and has always lived in Chesnee and has always lived there. She has one sibling that is 2 years old and is named Paxton. She has 1 dog. Her favorite restaurant is Joe's Crab Shack. Her favorite movie is Lone Ranger. The thing that Tanner would like to share with CES is she loves to travel, and has visited the following states Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida. The person who inspired her was our art teacher Mrs. West. She loves art because you can let your imagination run wild. Tanner says, "I can still remember the first time I went to art and saw Mrs. West"!! One of her goals for the future is to reach 1,000 lines in 100 book challenge at CES.





Road Trip!....

Carolina Mountain Getaway.....By: Abby Scruggs



Chimney Rock and Lake Lure

Road trips are mini vacations that can be completed in a day or a weekend. Generally, you can arrive at your destination in a few hours. One of my recommendations would be to visit nearby Chimney Rock and Lake Lure.

To start your trip off, you need to pack for a one night stay in the wonderful North Carolina Mountains. They will relax you and get you revived for the week ahead. Your trip to the beautiful Lake Lure will take approximately 33 miles, or less than an hour. For the first night you will stay at the beautiful Lake Lure Inn. It is 99 to 199 dollars a night for the best hotel around. After you unpack you will get right back in your car and head for the best restaurant in town with all American food at Lake Lure Smoke House on Memorial Highway. After you eat, you can walk around the beautiful city and go in all the stores. When your curiosity is satisfied, you can go back to your hotel. The next morning, which will be Saturday, you can enjoy the many adventures of Lake Lure; like the Lake Lure Water Park with a slide that slides right into the lake. One plus is that it is right across the street from your hotel. After you finish at the water park, you can go skiing across the beautiful lake and have fun with the family. Then you can go back to the hotel and pack up. Next you will go to another adventure of the mountains, Chimney Rock. After a quick bite at the restaurant of your choice, you can head up to the wonderful attractions of Chimney Rock. Main street is my Favorite with lots of stores you can browse around in and have a good time. A few good things to do are to ride your car up the big mountain and get scared the whole way up. Or you can head back on to Main Street and go to the Chimney Rock Gold Mine. Try your luck at finding a very valuable or simply beautiful rock. When evening approaches, just head back down the mountain to your home.



Remember, Road Trips are mini vacations that can be completed in a day or a weekend. Generally, you can arrive at your destination in a few hours. I hope you like this Road Trip. And maybe you and your family can go to Lake Lure and Chimney Rock someday soon.

Common Core Curriculum

By: Holly Hines

Common Core....that is on everyone's tongue these days. We have heard about it coming for a while, and now it is here. So just what does that mean? What is Common Core? Why is it important? How does it change what we learn?

What is common core? The Common Core State Standard Initiative is a U.S. education movement that is bringing the different states' standards in alignment with each other's. There are 45 in the Union participating in some way.

Why is it important? If state standards match more, it will be easier to insure grade level equality in a mobile society where students may relocate several times during their school years. It is important to guarantee that all states provide a rigorous curriculum in a similar way so all students are well prepared for college or the work force.

How does it change what we learn? Common core curriculum doesn't so much change what we learn, but more how we learn it. For example, reading and writing are as important as ever, we will just be digging deeper and looking for evidence in the articles or stories to prove what we have learned. We will also learn to present what we know to our classmates from an early grade level.

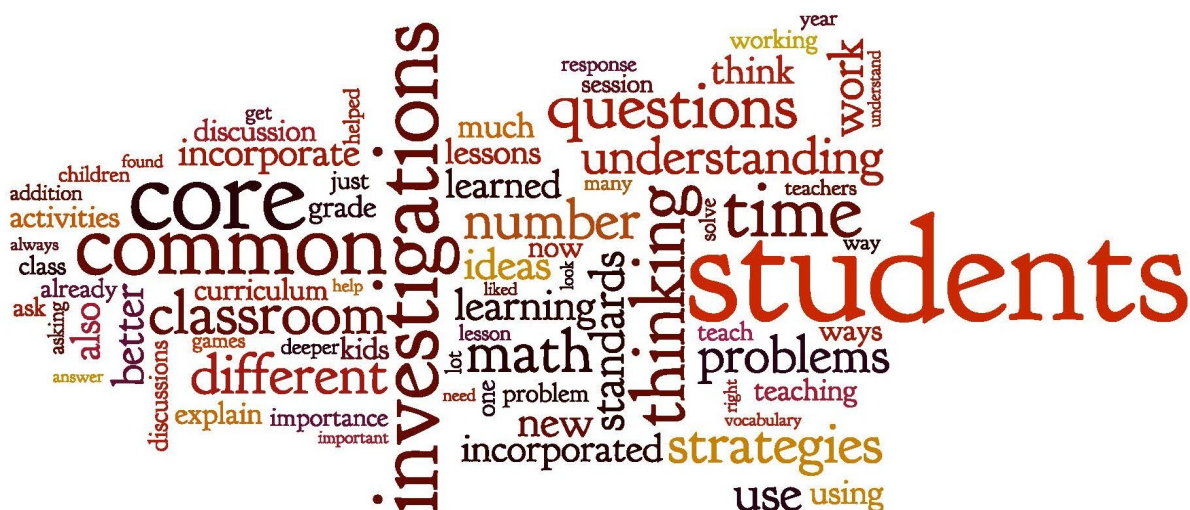
To keep up with today's technologically changing world, we will learn to make and give presentations using various programs and across diverse media. iPad, iPod, computers, phones, and Tablets: in the past decade these tools have become second nature to today's learners. Common Core will help students across the nation prepare more equally for their future.

To read more about CCC, check out these websites:

<http://www.corestandards.org/>

<http://www.corestandards.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions>

<http://www.scfriendlystandards.org/index.htm>



Poet, But Don't Know It....

By: Andrew Blanton

The title of the poem I selected to share is Captive; and the author is Amy Ludwig VanDerwater.



Amy's home, Heart Rock Farm (The Poem Farm),

Captive

Once I dive into these pages
I may not come out for ages.

Books have powers over me.
Inside a book I am not free.

I am a prisoner in a land
of print on paper in my hand.

But do not worry. Do not fear.
I am a happy captive here.

© Amy LV

I like poetry a lot. Have you tried reading and writing it? I like it because it makes me feel relaxed with the way it sounds and its rhythms. It can make you feel many things depending on what type of poem you're reading. Poems can make you feel sad, happy, energized or lazy. I have only tried writing it for assignments, but I enjoy it enough to write it for fun! I hope you will, too.

<http://www.poemfarm.amylv.com/2010/11/captive-in-book-read-poem-236.html>

Meet the Author.....Brandon Mull

By: Giovanni I. Gallegos

Let's meet author, Brandon Mull. He is a New York Time's Best Selling author, and he won the Whitney Award 2007 for Best Youth Adult Fiction with *Fablehaven 2: Riser of the Evening Star*. Brandon's birthday is November 8, 1974, which makes him 38 years old. He grew up in Clayton, California. When he was a boy, he had a dog, cat, a horse, and some gold fish as pets. For college, he went to Brigham Young University in BYU, which is in Provo, Utah. He now lives in Alpine, Utah, with his wife and four children.

To learn more about him and his books, and to play some interactive games, Checkout his website:

<http://brandonmull.com/site/>



By: Drew Williams

Recipe for a Good Book

1 cup of PLOT:

Four Kids call up their spirit animals; wolf, leopard, panda, and falcon. They go on a quest to defeat the dark force that is threatening the land of Erdas.

2 Tablespoons of EXCITEMENT:

Get a Spirit Animal book,

then go to:

spiritanimals.com

sign up (it is free) and join the gang in the adventure!



Finally sprinkle on the following INFORMATION:

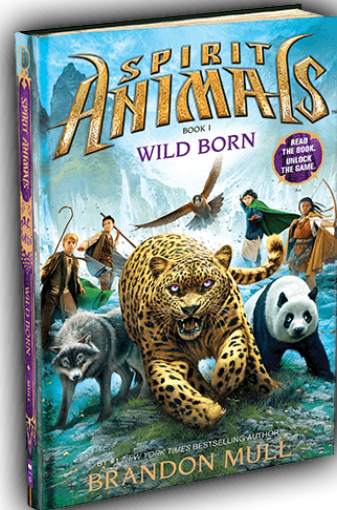
Book Title: Spirit Animals: Wild Born

Author: Brandon Mull

Publisher: Scholastic INC.

Number of pages: 202

Literary Genre: Fiction **AR Book:** Sorry! not an AR book...



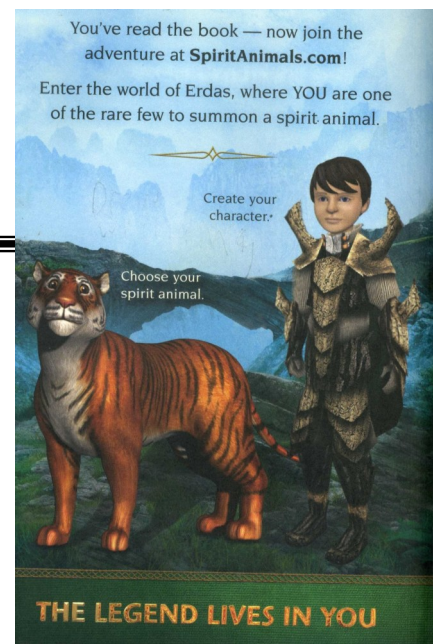
8 teaspoons of Main CHARACTERS:

Connor, Abeke, Meillin, Rollan, wolf, leopard, panda, and falcon.

Mix thoroughly and bake, when cool, frost with this special icing:

1/2 cup of OPINION:

I Loved this book because I like animals and enjoy adventure.



Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

The answers to all 15 questions on this scavenger hunt are in the articles throughout this issue. Read the articles and answer all questions to be entered into a drawing for an itunes gift card. Place your answered sheet, with your name and homeroom teacher on it, in Kolby's Blog Box in Mrs. Mac's Lab by 12:00 Noon, on January 8th. The winner will be announced on WCES News the next morning. **This is open to 3rd—5th graders only.** Good Luck!

1. How many Miles does Abby say it is to Lake Lure? _____
2. How old is Mrs. Corn's daughter? _____
3. According to Cole's article, what year was James Cooley's farm established?

4. What chorus did Mrs. Willis take to the District Office ? _____
5. What does the *Christmas Card* on the fun page say? _____
6. What is the title of Bryson Fletcher's drawing? _____
7. Name 2 electronic devices that Holly Hines mentioned in her article.

8. How many 4th grade reporters did Mrs. Mac introduce? _____
9. Name the 4 animals that Drew names in his book report.

10. What word did Kolby type boldly in his article? _____
11. Name the ways Andrew says a poem can make you feel.

12. Who is this issue's *Meet the Author*? _____
13. Where do you put your answers for Math Teasers? _____
14. What grade did Kayleigh choose for Student Spotlight? _____
15. Name 2 things that Mrs. Wade's article says she has done this semester.

Fun Page.....

Christmas Riddles.....match the answers...

What do Santa's elves learn when they go to school?	They are always dropping their needles
What does a gingerbread man put on his bed when he goes to sleep at	Santa Claus walking backward
Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?	The elf-abet
Who says, "oh, oh, oh"?	A cookie sheet

Visit these sites for fun Holiday Activities:

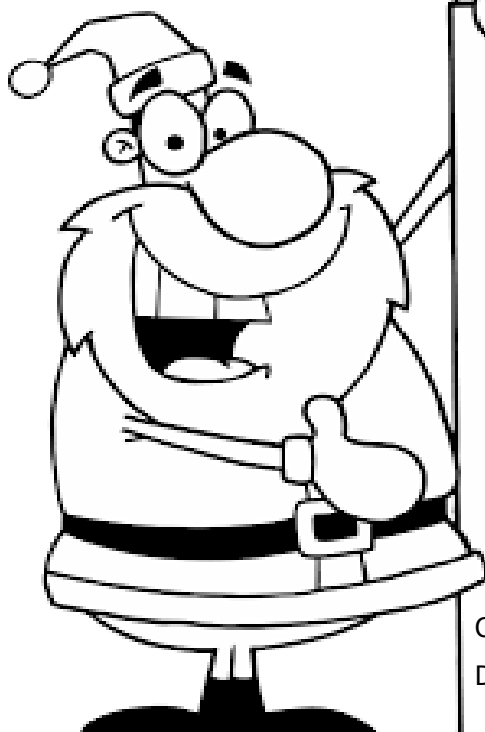
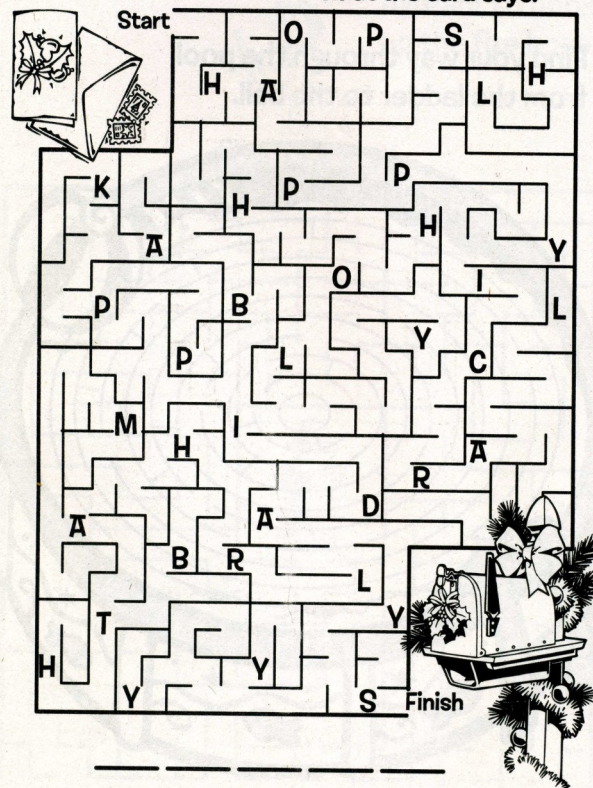
<http://www.claus.com/village.php>

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas>

Christmas Card

Level: Medium

Solve the maze to find out what the card says.



www.kidsonthefun.com

Christmas Santa Word Search

K Z D S T O C K I N G S W S Z
U E H P Q J Q H M T E N Z A P
R B R A R D X X R J O L U N J
K S T C V E E H B I N B T T M
D N T C Z G S C F T S E S A T
Y W J A A T P E E F R T S C A
X B Z S R N X U N M S E M L Y
B M G X Z M D F V T B L E A W
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P S L E I G H S G B B W R S O

Christmas Presents Santa Claus Sleigh Trees
December Red Star Candy Stockings

Color Me Christmas!



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