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Principal's Message

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It is hard to believe that October passed so quickly and the first quarter is almost over. We were busy celebrating Armenian Cultural Month. On October 11th, in honor of the Feast of Holy Translators, our students participated in the Episcopal Divine Liturgy celebrated by H.E. Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate, and they led the procession to Gugasian Hall, where the prelate conducted the opening ceremony of the Armenian Book Fair. Our students joined the church choir in singing a hymn and recited poetry dedicated to Mesrob Mashdots.

On October 14, ARS "Sevan" Chapter members taught our students how to make our traditional "choreg". Students made their own "choreg" and sampled them.

On October 29, Dr. Arpi Melkonian gave a presentation on "Armenian Churches Around the World" to 4th through 6th grade students. She explained the unique architecture of the Armenian Church.

With the flu season around, AGM had its one case of Swine Flu. Thanks to the parent's awareness who reported the

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Մշակոյթի ամսուան առիթով՝ Ա.Կ. Մինասեան Վարժարանի աշակերտները մասնակցեցան զանազան ձեռնարկներու: Հոկտեմբեր 11ին, անոնք ներկայ եղան Թարգմանչաց Տօնին նուիրուած Եպիսկոպոսական Ս. Պատարագին, Ձեռամբ Արեւմտեան Թեմի Առաջնորդ Բարձր. Տ. Մուշեղ Արք. Մարտիրոսեանի: Պատարագի աւարտին, աշակերտները միանալով դպրաց դասին՝ թափորը առաջնորդեցին դէպի Ղուկասեան սրահ, ուր տեղի ունեցաւ Հայ Գիրքի նուիրուած ցուցահանդէվաճառքի պաշտօնական բացումը: Սրահին մէջ աշակերտները երգեցին «Որք զարդարեցին» շարականը, սպա

case early enough, the school took the preemptive measure of closing for two days. Fortunately, no other incident was reported and school resumed normally.

On October 25, our students and their guests had lots of fun playing games and pretending to be cowboys at the Halloween party organized by our school PTO.

November will be another busy month. Once again, our school will participate in raising funds for the Thanksgiving Telethon and the Armenia Fund project in Armenia and Karabagh. Please encourage your child to participate to raise funds in any amount for this nation building effort.

We are looking forward to finishing the first quarter strong and will have parent-teacher conference on November 24th and 25th. Please, make sure to sign up for the conference at the office.

Mrs. Kohar Zaher
Acting Principal

Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 10 - End of first Quarter
- ◆ November 11 - Veteran's Day - school closed
- ◆ November 12 - Second Quarter starts
- ◆ November 24 K-6th minimum day parent-teacher conference day
- ◆ November 25 - minimum day
- ◆ November 26, 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday- school closed

ներկաներուն հրամցուցին Թարգմանչաց նուիրուած կարգ մը արտասանութիւններ: Հոկտեմբեր 14ին, ՀՕՄԻ «Մեան» Մասնաճիւղի կազմակերպութեամբ, աշակերտները պատրաստեցին եւ համտեսեցին աւանդական «չէօրէկ»ը: Հոկտեմբեր 29ին, Դոկտ. Արփի Մելքոնեան ներկայացուց «Հայ Եկեղեցին աշխարհի չորս ծագերուն» սահիկներու ցուցադրութիւնը: Գոհարանութեան տօնին առիթով այս տարի եւս Ա.Կ. Մինասեան Վարժարանի աշակերտները պիտի մասնակցին Համահայկական հիմնադրամի դրամահաւաքին: Ձեր մասնակցութիւնը մեծապէս գնահատելի պիտի ըլլայ: Տիկ. Գոհար Զահրը Գործադիր Տնօրէնուհի



ԺԻՐ ԹՈՌՆԵՐԸ Կ' ՈՒԽՏԵՆ.....

«.. Կե'աց անսասան, կե'աց յաւէտ,
Կե'աց միշտ լեզուդ հայկարժան,...» :

2009ի Հոկտեմբերն է: Արտասանութեան այս տողերը կ'արձագանգեն Արի Կիրակոս Մինասեան վարժարանէն ներս ամենուրեք:

Հայ մշակույթի և ասանդապահութեան «ահագանգն» է: Աշակերտները ցնծութեամբ կ'երգեն ու կ'արտասանեն՝

«..Մանկական լեզուիս թոթովանք տկար,
Հնչում ես իմ մէջ, դու միշտ անդադար:»

«Այբ, բեն, գիմ...»: Ձերագիր թէ՛ տպագիր՝ հայերէն տառերը, այս ամիսը բնորոշող, լուսաւոր աստղերն են մեր դասարաններուն:

Միւս կողմէն՝ ճաշարահէն, կը բուրեն հայկական ասանդական ճաշեր՝ մեղրահամ խմորեղէն, թխուած հաց և հատիկ: Պտուղներէն՝ նուրը, չորցած թուզ ու ծիրանը, ընկոյզը գծագրութեան թեմաներն են:

Շրջափակին մէջ, աջդ կուրծքիդ դրած, դէպի երկինք բարձրացող հայեացքովդ կարծես անվերջ գոհունակութիւն ու շնորհակալութիւն կը յայտնես Աստուծոյ. այս պատկերով՝ հայրական սքանջելի ջերմութիւն ու ապահովութիւն կը ներշնչես բոլորիս ո'վ Առաջին Ուսուցիչ: Իսկ ինչո՞ւ տարուան բոլոր ամիսները հոս չես մնար շրջաբակի ցուցատախտակ-սրբապատկեր: Եւ կը լսուի Ա. դասարանէն՝

«Կը սիրեն քեզ իմ հայ լեզու,
Մայրիկիս պէս քաղցր ես դու,...»:

« ..Եկեղեցին հայկական, ծննդավայրն է հոգւոյս,» կ'ըսեն հինգերորդ և վեցերորդ դասարանի աշակերտները: Յատուկ սահիկներով կ'ուսումնասիրեն ապաստանեալ հայ գաղութներուն կառուցած եկեղեցիներուն պատմութիւնը հասնելով մինչեւ հեռաւոր Պանկլատէ:

Այսօր՝ Կիրակի 11 Հոկտեմբեր, Կիրակնօրեայ սուրբ պատարագին ներկայ են վարժարանիս աշակերտութիւնը, ծնողները, տնօրէնութիւնը և ուսուցչական կազմը: Թէև տարիքով փոքր, հազիւ հայերէն կը կարդան ու կը գրեն, սակայն մեծ հաւատքով կը հետեւին իրենց Առաջին Ուսուցիչին օրինակին. անոր նման գոհութիւն կը յայտնեն Աստուծոյ իրենց համար պարգեւած Թագուհի Թարգմանութեան և կ'արտասանեն՝

«Ես ծիլ եմ կանաչ,
Մեր նոր դպրոցի,
Ես թոռնիկն եմ ժիր,
Մեսրոպ Մաշտոցի..»:

Եւ ամօթ է շատ,
Որ կեանքի ճամբին,
Իսկական թողը,
Չքաշէ պապին..»:

Այս լսելով՝ Բարձրաշնորհ Տ. Մուշեղ Ս. Արք. Մարտիրոսեան կը թելադրէ բոլոր աշակերտներուն, նորոգել իրենց ուխտը: Իսկապէս ալ անոնք, որպէս հաւատարիմ թոռներ իրենց ազգին ու հայրենիքին, և հանուն լուսապայծառ տեսիլքով յայտնուած ոսկետառներուն «Գիւտ Գիւտոց», կ'ուխտեն միշտ սիրել լոյսը և ըլլալ մարմնաւորող մէկական լուսաւորչի կանթեղներ:

Այսպիսով հայ գրքերու ցուցահանդես-վաճառքը բաց կը յայտարարէ Բարձրաշնորհ Սրբազան Հայրը Ղուկասեան սրահէն ներս:

Մնաս բարով Թարգմանչաց Տօն, մնաս բարով հայ մշակույթի ամիս՝ Հոկտեմբեր:

Տիկ. Հուրի Սերայտարեան

SCHOOL BOARD MESSAGE

The Ari Guiragos Minassian Armenian School Board would like to take this opportunity to update all parents and community members on the great progress of our school. We are in the process of developing a strong outlook with increased sense of innovation and critical decisions to better our school. The School Board with support of the community, parents, churches, and organizations has developed a plan that will (1) improve facilities (both maintenance and projects); (2) strengthen the educational goals and curriculum— including WASC accreditation and GATE teaching; (3) improve budgeting and financial stability; (4) develop relations with all segments of the Armenian community.

In this regard, the school board has organized and continues to promote successful Poker Night fundraiser, capital improvements at the school, church BINGO participation, meetings with community organizations, and accreditation/educational plan development. From this, we are creating a standardized operating procedures to create a more transparent and concrete process for school organization and future improvement. Parents are a critical hand in the process of promoting the school and assisting in many of the projects we are planning.

Our expectation is that all parents and community organization work together for the betterment of our school. We would like to also extend our appreciation for her hard work and diligence of our Principal (A) Mrs. Kohar Zaher for her commitment to our common vision.

Together, we will build a strong, robust, and sustainable Armenian School in Orange County.

Very Truly Yours,

AGM Minassian School Board

The School Board would like to thank the entire community and especially (for its recent Poker Night success):

- ❖ Mrs. Mary Sarkissian
- ❖ Le Café / Café 201
- ❖ Mr. Raffi Sepetjjan
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Armand & Mary Malikian
- ❖ Mr. Aris Akoubian
- ❖ Mr. Chuck Persekian
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Raffi Sarkissian
- ❖ Vartan Simonian (website)
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Vache Sarkoyan (emergency kits)
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baghjajian (signs)

Together we can, together we will



Mark Your Calendars of our upcoming events with more details to follow...

- ❖ Christams Boutique on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 11am-5pm . Special highlights: over 30 vendors to buy from, Santa Claus visit, Story time for children and performance by Hamazkayin Yeraz Dance Ensemble.
- ❖ Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 18, 2009 at 8pm. All AGM parents, Adminstration and Faculty are invited by the PTO Executive Committee to enjoy an AGM night out!!

May you all have a safe Holiday Season.

What has PTO done for you

The Month of October was busy.. busy.. busy.. for the PTO Executive committee..

On Sunday, October 25th, we had our Annual Halloween Party in the Gugasian Hall! We had over 200 parents, students & friends of AGM who attended. The admission being at \$10 per person all inclusive , we grossed over \$2100. It was yet another huge success of the many events the PTO has organized. Parents & children enjoyed games, prizes, food & drinks, cupcake decorationing, crafts, freeze dance, costume parade and most especially the raffle prizes, crispy creme donuts and cotton candy!!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all AG Minassian parents & faculty who supported the PTO with their donations & volunteered their time! The party wouldn't have been successful without our devoted parents, special thanks to all who attended!

We wrapped up the Month with the Sally Foster Fundraiser by reaching our set Goal of \$5000- . The top three sellers 1st- Avo & Rita Mossessian, 2nd-Patil Tutunjian, 3rd- Natalie Kassabian, recieved Toys R Us gift cards! As Promised all AGM students will celebrate with an ice-cream party on Friday November 6th , for reaching our intended goal. We would like to Thank all the parents for their help & support with our 1st fundraiser of the year!

Special thanks to Ladies on the PTO Executive Committee: Dalida Karatas, Nanor Khacherian, Souzan Tawekjian, Meline Guldjian & Lisa Mansourian. They have worked countless hours & have been extremely generous with all their donations to make our events successful! Your hard work & support is truley appreciated.

PTO Executive Committee
Allise Panosyan- Chairperson



Pre-KI News

Wow... October past by so fast. The pre-schoolers had such a great month. The flu might have been unpleasant but everything turned out okay. I am encouraging all the children to wash their hands four to five times a day. We are also using sanitizers to kill germs. PreK1 went to the pumpkin patch on October 27. It was a blast. Children had a wonderful time. They picked their own pumpkins. They had one to take home and one to paint

in class. We did many Halloween arts and crafts (bats, cats, spiders, pumpkins, etc.) We celebrated Halloween with a pajama day and a pancake breakfast on October 30. I am very lucky to have a bunch of bright children as my students. PreK1 students can recognize 7 English letters and 8 Armenian letters. I am looking forward to November.

Mrs. Talin Wartan

Pre-KII News

As we move to November, the Pre-KII children have become great friends with each other. Children learn through play and interaction. Attendance plays a big part on their daily routine. October was a busy month for the children. They started with Armenian culture, by learning about Mesrob Mashdotz, how he discovered the Armenian alphabet, and how important it is to speak Armenian, by painting, coloring, and rubbing with crayons they took many artworks home to show to their parents.

As Halloween approached, the children became more excited about what they wanted to be for the BIG DAY. In the classroom, they made jack-o-lanterns, cats, paper bag pumpkins, spider webs, owls, and bats and painted mini pumpkins. Children learned many Halloween and cultural songs. On Tuesday, October 27th, preschoolers visited the pumpkin patch in Irvine where they chose their own pumpkins, went through the mini haunted house, played inside the tepee fed the farm animals and some even had their faces painted.

The highlight of the month was the pajama afternoon. On Halloween Friday, they brought their favorite p.j. to school and when it was time to nap, they all put their p.j. on cuddled with their favorite stuffed animal and listened to stories. The day ended with a popcorn party and passing around Halloween treats brought by the parents. After the excitements of Halloween, we are already making plans for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Astrid Ashkarian



Kindergarten News

The Kindergarteners are working very hard. We have had four weekly themes that include teddy bears, fire safety, spiders, and pumpkins. Each theme builds on letter writing and recognition. The themes also have reading, math, science, and social study activities.

These themes are interactive and the students really enjoy learning through hands-on activities. Also the students had their first writing and math tests this month. Wow! There's lots of learning in Kindergarten.

Miss Kelly Koopman



Լուրեր Մանկապարտէզէն

Օ՛ր, մշակույթի ամիս է...
Մանկապարտէզի աշակերտները հայ լեզուն ու մշակույթը իրենց սրտիկներուն մէջ վառ պահելու ցանկութեամբ, Երեքշաբթի օր իրենց դպրոցական համազգեստի փոխարէն հագուեցան հայկական տարազներ, կարդացին, գրեցին, երգեցին Սուրբ Մեսրոպ Մաշտոցի

ստեղծած սրբազան տատերը ու նմանեցան իրենց քաջ ժողովուրդին, որ օր մը կը խոստանան Արարատ լեռան լանջին պիտի երգեն ու պահեն հայ լեզուն ու մշակույթը:

Օր. Թալին Արթինեան

October Student of the Month

Kindergarten
Maral Nazarian

First Grade
Lara Pinedjian

Second Grade
Jenny Kouyoumdjian

Third Grade
Vache Madenlian

Fourth Grade
Galia Wartan

Fifth Grade
Garen Kurucay

Sixth Grade
Betty Markarian

First Grade News

October came and went quickly! We were busy learning about pumpkins and nocturnal animals. For this, the students created a nocturnal animal poster and ended October by celebrating our own "Pumpkin Day!" We continued to read many books in Language Arts and practiced identifying nouns and pronouns. Math time was spent writing equations and using flash cards. We went on our first field trip to The Kellogg House to learn

about what life was like over 100 years ago! Coming up in November, we will learn more about animals and their needs. Also, first grade is going to learn about verbs and make sure they are writing complete sentences. Math will be filled with much more addition and subtraction practice. Our theme for November will be "Tom Turkey" and students can expect to complete their first book report!

Miss Rebecca Johnson

Second Grade News

Second grade also went on the field trip to The Kellogg House! Along with learning what life was like long ago, we studied communities and different types of neighborhoods. In math, second grade continued to practice addition and subtraction and different techniques to solve these problems quickly. For Language Arts, we concentrated on synonyms and words with multiple meanings, as well as reading more short stories and poems. In order to comprehend what we were reading, the students work on retelling each story in their own words.

Their October theme was spiders and the students presented great posters to show off their research! November will bring a fun unit on animals and their life cycles! Math is going to be filled with word problems and effective techniques for solving them. In Language Arts, students will practice writing paragraphs with one focus and be sure to include supporting details. In true Thanksgiving spirit, the theme will be pilgrims and Indians! It's going to be a great month!

Miss Rebecca Johnson

Հայերէն – Առաջին դասարան

Հայ մշակոյթ եւ ասանդապահութիւն բնորոշող, Հոկտեմբերը, իր հետ բերաւ շատ ճոխ ծրագիր:

Առօրեայ դասասանդութեան համադրել, հայ գրերու գիւտին ու թարգմանչաց տօնին առթիւ, Ա. դասարանի աշակերտները հանդէս բերին՝ « Փոքրիկ Մեսրոպ » և « Մայրենի Լեզու » ոտանաւորները, հայ գրքերու ցուցահանդէսի բացման արարողութեան: Յուշատետրերը հայկական գորգերու մանրանկարներ և իրենց մանկական զարդագրերով ոսկետառ այբուբենը, Յեւաւորուած Մեսրոպ Մաշտոցի պատկերով:

Լաւ հասկացան թէ հայերէն այբուբենը ինչպէ՞ս գտնուած է, որո՞ւ կողմէ, և թէ ինչո՞ւ հայերէն լեզուն կարելոր է մեզի համար: Գրքի ու մշակոյթի ըմբռնումը ամրապնդելու նպատակաւ, ձեռային աշխատանքով սորվեցան գրքոյկ կազմել ու կողք ցելաւորել: Գիրք գործածելու ու գրադարան մտնելու կարգապահական օրէնքները սորվեցան: Ծանօթացան Յովհաննէս Թումանեանին, ապա իւրաքանչիւր աշակերտ իր նախասիրած հայերէն գիրքը զատեց:

Աստուածաշունչէն ընթերցուեցաւ աշխարհի ստեղծումն ու Նոյի Տապանը:

Յաւելեալ աշխատանքի պահերուն լուծեցին բառխաղի շարքէն երկու ցանց: Ուսումնասիրեցին « Մանկութեան Յուշերս » գրքին երգերը, որոնցմէ ամենէն աւելի սիրեցին ու երգեցին « Կաքաւի երգը »:

Գրավարժութեան ընթացքին, լսեցին՝ հայկական դասական երաժշտութիւն ու ժողովրդային երգեր: Ծանօթացան՝ Մարաշի ու Վանի ասեղնագործերուն: Մասնակցեցան հայկական խմորեղէնի պատրաստութեան: Յանցին ու համտեսեցին ցորեն հատիկը: Սորվեցան ջուրի շրջանը, կարելորութիւնը ու խնայողութեան միջոցները:

Տիկ. Հուրի Մերայտարեան

Third Grade News

Third Grade has written a multi-paragraph book report on Sarah, Plain and Tall and saw the movie as an end to the unit. They have started using their new language arts books and have been writing Cinquain and Haiku poetry about Fall. In math, they have been learning about parallel and perpendicular lines, along with different quadrilaterals. They made a quadrilateral ornament and determined the perimeter of it. In social studies the student have been learning the differences between

rural, suburban and urban communities. In science they have been learning the adaptations of animals and plants in temperate forests, rain forests, and the tundra. They realized the importance of blubber for animals in polar climates by covering their finger with shortening and seeing how long they could keep their finger in the freezing water with the layer of fat. They were also able to observe a plant growing sideways toward the light in a dark shoebox with one hole.

Mrs. Amber Rivera

Fourth Grade News

Fourth Grade has been writing poetry using alliteration. They have been busy learning about adjectives and adverbs and are working on writing a multi-paragraph essay describing a tour through a spooky house. They are so excited to finally read the story from their new language arts book. In math, they have been learning to write relationship equations with horizontal and vertical bar graphs, while practicing order of operations with complex equations. In Social Studies, they have

been learning the climate, landforms and valuable resources of the five regions of the United States. Soon they will make a salt and flour map of California's landform regions. In science, they have been learning about food chains, food webs and microorganisms. They have been observing the decomposition of apple slices by microorganisms that we can't see. They are diligently reading Island of the Blue Dolphins for an upcoming book project and they say it is fascinating.

Mrs. Amber Rivera

Develop your Character

You add importance to the work you do when you put your best effort. How can you push yourself to do even better?



Հայերէն – Երկրորդ դասարանէն Վեցերորդ դասարան

Երկրորդ դասարանէն մինչեւ վեցերորդ կարգի աշակերտները Հոկտեմբեր ամսուան ընթացքին անշուշտ իրենց սովորական աշխատանքներուն կողքին սորված են նաեւ մեր պատմութեան ամենափառաւոր էջերէն մէկը որ կը կազմէ Թարգմանչաց Տօնը իր կրօնական ու ազգային բնոյթով: Այնուհետեւ անոնք սորված են, թէ

Մեսրոպաստեղծ հայ լեզուին առողջ պահպանումը, անոր ճիշդ ու հարուստ գործածումը՝ յատկապէս մեր նոր սերունդին կողմէ կը նկատուի առաջնահերթ. սորված են նաեւ անոր կենսագրական գիծերը, անոր նուիրուած արտասանութիւններ ինչպէս նաեւ իրենց գծագրութիւններով ներկայացուցած Հայ Մշակոյթը:

Տիկ. Անի Կելոյեան



Fifth and Sixth Grade News

For Fifth and Sixth Grade news, please see the first issue of AGM School Newspaper.


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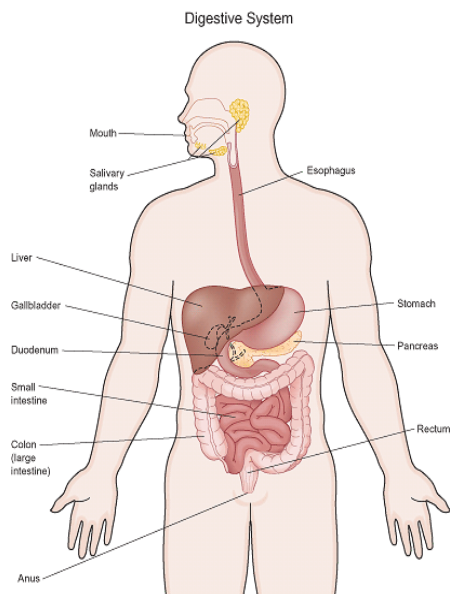
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Science Article

By Alen Ashikian

This month, we learned about the organ systems. We learned that the nervous system controls the other organ systems. The respiratory system helps us breath. The circulatory system moves our blood. The endocrine system works when we are nervous or excited. The muscular system helps us to move. The skeletal system helps to support us. Our digestive system digests our food and gives us energy. The reproductive system produces offspring. The immune system helps us heal ourselves. Lastly, the integumentary system helps us to cover our body. These are all the organ systems.



ARMENIA ARTICLE BY NATALE KASSABIAN

What I learned over the years with Mrs. Ani...



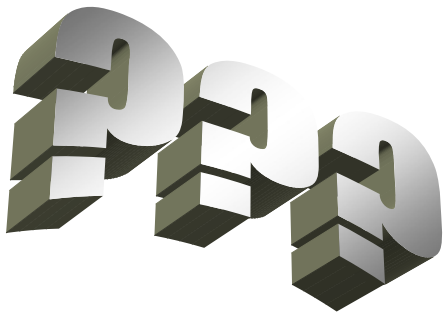
I learned that in Armenian, *pie* means *verb*. I learned how to end sentences in Armenian. I love learning about Armenian history because it tells you a lot about what happened back then. I also learned that if you want to command you use a *poot*. The best part is that I'm Armenian and I go to a great school!



DID YOU KNOW...?

By Avo Mossessian

In my class I learned about some great facts from a book called *Did You Know...?* This book has very cool stuff in it. Our whole class loves it. For example, in New Jersey it is illegal to slurp your soup. Another fact is an average American watches 48 hours of TV each week. Also, if you are right-handed, you sweat more with your left arm – and left-handers sweat more with their right arm. We want to learn more about *Did You Know...?* and our whole class wants to learn more exciting facts.



During Science I have learned so many things that I want to tell you about. One thing I have learned is that a *variable* is a factor that can change in an experiment. We have also learned about *atoms*, which are tiny particles. In an atom there are *electrons*, which are negatively charged, *protons*, which are positively charged, and *neutrons*, which have no charge. Another thing that we have learned in the topic of atoms is the *atomic number*, which is the number of protons in an atom, and there is the *mass number*, which is the number of protons plus the number of neutrons. This is not all I have learned, (not even close!) but there is still a lot to learn and I just can't wait!

By Araz Madenlian

Super Bowl

Champions

1967-2009

Packers	● ● ●
Steelers	● ● ● ● ● ●
Giants	● ● ●
Raiders	● ● ●
Colts	● ●
Chiefs	●
Patriots	● ● ●
49ers	● ● ● ● ● ●
Redskins	● ● ● ●
Cowboys	● ● ● ● ● ●
Bears	●
Buccaneers	●
Dolphins	● ●
Rams	●
Ravens	●
Broncos	● ●
Jets	●

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Super_Bowl_champions

This is a pictograph showing the super bowl winners.



By Alex Maghdessian

Recycle



By Mary Dishoian

We need to help the environment by doing the three "R"s. *Reduce, re-use, and recycle.* It matters because we live on this planet and we are destroying it because of those litterbugs. Every day a lot of animals die because of plastic waste, as well as other pollution. That is why we need to do everything we can to help the planet that we now stand on. If you look at the edge of the freeway (any) you will see soda cans, plastic bags, boxes and so much more that I cannot name. That is why we need to *reduce, re-use, recycle, and (a fourth "R") respect.*



Stonehenge

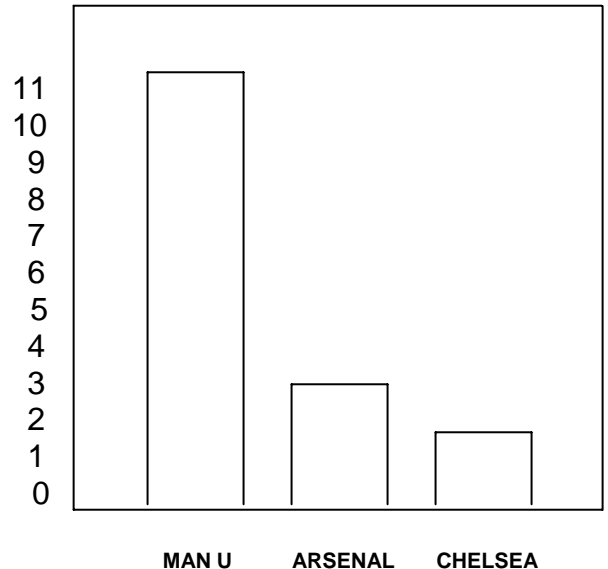


By Ara Minasian

Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument located in England. They say that giants must have built it because they're made out of stone. It was made as a calendar and to predict eclipses. This place was built between 3000-1500 B.C. It was built out of bluestones. Bluestones weigh up to 4 tons each and about 80 stones were used in all of Stonehenge. The prehistoric creation was built for the priests and for ceremonies. It also has pictures about wars that have happened and different types of carvings. The ancient monument is a fun thing to learn about. Stonehenge is one of the most prehistoric things in England. I love learning about Stonehenge.

The Magical Premier Cups

By Koko Dishoian



This is a bar graph showing the Premier League soccer champions.

Source -

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Premier_League



What Do We Learn During The Armenian Period?

By Betty Markarian

Your mom or dad may ask you what you learn in class and you'd say that you read, studied and wrote. But is that specific? Do they know exactly what you're learning? Tell them everything! Like how we learned about *Homanish* and *Haganish*. The way we learned new words in our Armenian reading books. You should also tell them that we took two tests, both on language and reading. You should ask your parents to test you on your spelling words. Make sure that they are signing your tests and seeing your grades! It is imperative to inform your parents on Armenian homework, tests and quizzes because what you do now will effect your future. We all want the best future for us! We should be proud that we are **ARMENIAN!**



Regular Season Wins

Yankees



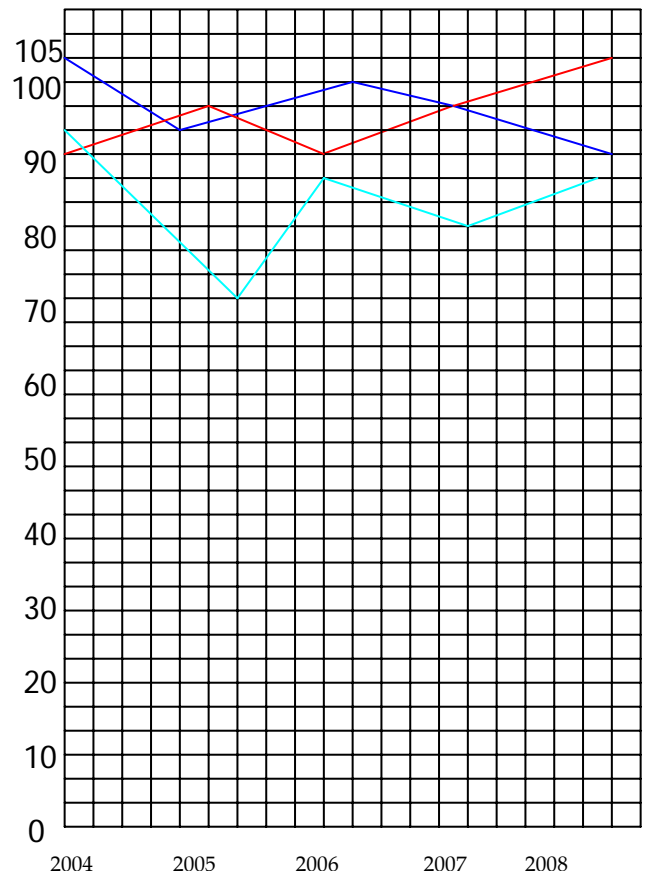
Angels



Dodgers



This is a line graph indicating the number of wins in the baseball seasons from 2004 to 2008. My source is mlb.com



By Kevork Madenlian

English



In English, we have learned about *compound sentences*, which are sentences we combine so that we will not have short sentences that do not make much sense. We have also learned about *plural nouns*, which are more than one noun, and *singular nouns*, which are only one of an object person, animal, or, place. There are the different *tenses* we have learned about which include when to use *have*, *had*, and *has*. One more thing I would like to write about in this article is the *contractions* we have learned like *wouldn't*, *haven't*, *wasn't*, *isn't*, and *won't*. We have learned a lot and this is not everything, but it is still something we have learned.

By Araz Madenlian

How to Help the Earth

By Mihran Markarian



One way to help the earth is by recycling. You recycle by taking by plastic, paper, and metal to a recycling place. There are recycling places all over Southern California. All you do is go to one and they recycle what you brought. The best part is they give you money! What I like to do is save up my recyclables, then take them all at once to get a lot of money! There are a lot of ways to recycle.



Social Studies

By Garen Kurucay

This year, we learned about lots of people. We learned about the *Maya*, the *Mound Builders*, the *Inca*, the *Inuit*, the *Aztecs*, and the *Anasazi*. The Maya were people who made tall pyramids. They also had an extremely accurate calendar. The Mound Builders made tall mounds. They also made mounds for important chiefs. The Inuit were people who hunted walrus, seals, and whales. They were even able to make kayaks. The Aztecs were following one of their gods. He told them to sail until they found a snake in an eagle on a cactus. They also had a very big city. The Inca were people who connected their city with streets. They also were able to travel around the city 150 miles per hour. The Anasazi were people who made buildings on top of *mesas*. They also made buildings on the sides of cliffs.



Hatchet

Book Review

By Betty Markarian

The book that we've been reading this past month was rated 4 out of 5 stars. It seemed like an excellent book filled with adventures, tragedies, discoveries, and the will to survive. We read it individually in class, and at home. I would recommend this book to anyone between the ages of 9 and 11. This book was about a kid named Brian that went to visit his dad in Canada. He crash-landed somewhere in the Canadian woods after the plane's pilot died from a heart attack. Brian lived on his own in the woods for about four months, and learned everything about hunting and fishing skills. In some parts he encountered a bear, porcupine, and a wolf. He also experienced many crazy events, including eating turtle eggs, getting quills stuck in his legs, and getting bit by a lot of mosquitoes. In the very end he was found by another pilot and discovered that the search for him had been stopped because everyone gave up hope of finding him and thought that he had died. In the end Brian discovered that he was a part of nature and liked the way he had changed because he started to look at things with a different point of view. In this book there was a secret about why his parents divorced but Brian never revealed the secret to his dad after he finally visited his father. He felt that it was for his dad's own good.

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