

Homeschool

HAPPENINGS

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Whozat?

Can you identify the mysterious person in this funny photo from Issue 2 without looking at the answers (on pg. 6)?



GRAYSON McMICHAEL, EDITOR IN CHIEF

GET YOUR GAME ON: POKEMON MYSTERY DUNGEON EXPLORERS OF DARKNESS!

Pokemon Mystery Dungeon 2 Explorers of Time and Darkness is a very fun Nintendo DS game. You start by taking a personality test to see what Pokemon you end up as. There are sixteen different Pokemon you can result as, each having different abilities and moves. After you take the personality test, you get to pick your partner Pokemon. Depending on what Pokemon you are, your partner can be one of ten or fourteen pokemon.

After you choose your partner, your adventure begins. The first scene shows two mysterious voices shouting in a storm. They say things like, "Don't let go! Hold on a little bit longer!" and things like that. One of them loses grip, and falls, letting out a huge "Wahhhhh!" After that, you see your partner pokemon

in front of a pink bunny shaped building. They step on a grate, but gets scared and runs to a beach with two thugs following them. When they are at the beach, they see a knocked out pokemon and rush over to them. And that knocked out pokemon is... you!

You are awoken and find you only remember that you are truly a human, and your name. But soon the thugs that followed your partner steal your partner's treasure. You agree to help them get it back, and fight the thugs for it. Many more adventures happen afterwards, but I don't want to spoil any more. It still is my



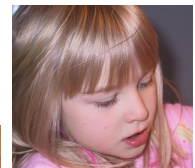
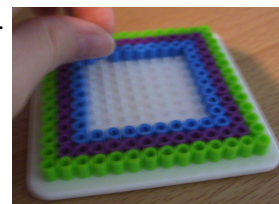
favorite DS game, even after re-starting six times.
~Katie, HH Reporter



ARIANA'S CRAFT COLUMN

You've probably played with Perler beads at some time—those little beads that you put on the spiky plate and then iron so they fuse together? But have you ever made a picture frame? This is a fun to make—and useful—gift that anyone in your family will appreciate. All you need are perler beads and one of those plates. Carefully

put the beads one by one lining the 3 outside layers (or more). You can make them in patterns or just solid colors. Then use the special paper that came with



your kit and have an adult or an older kid iron it for you. Then glue a picture into place. You've got a great gift!

DR. SCIENTIST: KINGDOM FUNGI

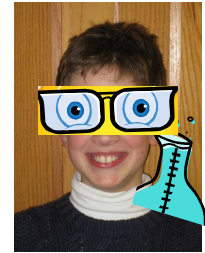
“Do you like blue cheese or bread? If you do, you like fungus.”

Do you like bleu cheese or bread? If you do, you like fungus. Some fungi cause pain, such as athlete’s foot. Some are poisonous, such as many mushrooms. Fungi suck nutrients from dead plants and animals. They also decompose them. Without them, rotting plants and animals would be everywhere. You could easily get sick. Mold is a fungus that grows on food. It grows best in a warm, humid climate. It can be used to make bleu cheese. Yeast is also a fungus. It is a main ingredient in bread. Without it, bread would not rise. Fungi reproduce using spores. For example, in mushrooms,

there is a cap. There are little gill-like slits on the underside of the cap. Spores come out of the slits.

Fungi used to be classified as plants but were taken off the list, for they don’t make their food like plants.

I hope you had fun learning about Kingdom Fungi.



U CAN DO YOGA! ONE EASY POSE

Everybody wants to be able to do Yoga, right? Grace, posture, clear your mind, etc. But it just looks so hard!

Not anymore! Now you can do this fun and EASY pose called “Sun Salutation”. Don’t forget to breathe a lot!

Start in a standing pose. Bring your hands up and press them

together in a praying position. Slowly raise one foot and bring it up to your knee. Hold the pose, then put your foot back on the floor and push your hands up above your head. Now slowly bend down until you’re touching the floor. Stretch out your hands and let your



legs slide down until your lower body is on the floor and your upper body is leaning upward. Hold the pose. Now repeat what you just did backwards, until you’re standing again. Ta-da!



RESCRETAU—PART II

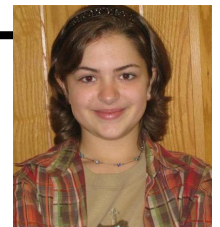
BY MARY LYNN

Part 2—Planets and their Inhabitants

Earning Tu isn’t everything on Rescreatu. As I have mentioned before, there are four planets that make up Rescreatu: Reiflem, Scria, Relcore and Atquati. Different Creatu can be found on different planets. For example, there is the rare Ulius, which resembles something of a lion, goat and owl stuck together. Scria is basically a planet of water, though most Creatu from Scria aren’t aquatic. Thick clouds

engulf the planet, and buildings are built upon these. Bridges form between the clouds for easy transportation. Reiflem, however, is not purely water, but fire. Creatu like the lion-like Otachie live in these areas. Most Creatu in Reiflem are bright red and orange to blend in with flames, since Reiflem is known for its common murders and fights. Many Creatu like to avoid these. Atquati, as you might have guessed is another aquatic planet. Graceful Aheas and adorable Murrens can be found in the deep oceans of Atquati, while Tesuris prefer the open air,

soaring among the sea spray. And, last but certainly not least, there is Relcore. When most people think of Rescreatu, they think of Relcore’s cute, fun towns or strange, unexplored woodlands. The most common Creatu of Rescreatu are often found here, like Berroks, Chimbies (singular: Chimby) and Gondras. Relcore actually resembles our planet Earth more than anything else, while other planets look alien and unusual. ~M.L



COOL CODES
BY ANNIKA

“Lubscay Okay!” you whisper into your walkie-talkie.
“Otallytay!” your friend replies.

You’re speaking in Pig Latin—a form of speaking code. Pig Latin is great for talking to friends over the phone and passing top-secret information—but there’s only one problem with it. It’s popular—a lot of people know it. In order to keep your secret notes secret, you need another code that you can use. Here’s 2 fun ones to try!

The ruler thing

For this code to work, you and your friend each have to have an identical ruler. Wrap a piece of paper around your ruler without overlapping it. Write a secret message on the paper while it’s wrapped around the ruler, then unwrap it and give it to your

friend. In order for them to decode it, they’ll have to wrap it around their ruler like you did! Then they’ll be able to see your message!

Number-to-letter

This is a code you’ll probably have to write out. The way it works is you and your friend pick one letter that means one. For example, if you picked m, m would mean 1. Then, the letters and numbers line up from there! As an example, try to decode this message using j as 1 (/ means the start of a new word):

20 6 5 24 9 18 11 12 3 18 11 26 6 5 10!
16 6 12 13 / 22 / 10 6 3 13 22 21 / 11
25 22 / 20 6 21 22!

Have you figured it out? Check the answers on page 6 if you’re stuck!

RECIPE OF THE
MONTH—SPICY
SANDWICH

What you need: Two pieces of whole grain bread, a large piece of Romaine lettuce, two pieces of salami, a handful of sprouts, and a tablespoon of horseradish sauce

What you do:

1. Spread horseradish sauce on both pieces of bread.
2. Add the lettuce and meat.
3. Spread the sprouts on the bread
4. Put the sandwich together and cut it in half
5. Devour it!

THE LEAD HOMESCHOOL GROUP

BY CLAIRE WEBB

Learners and Educators of Atlanta and Decatur (LEAD) is my homeschool group. We offer classes for all ages. These classes vary from Latin to art to literature to folk dancing. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Boys and Girls Club in Oakhurst. After the Thursday classes, some families head to the local park and playground to have fun and

make friends. We have parties for Halloween, Valentines Day, and a Not-Back-to-School party! The average cost of a class is about 100 dollars for a ten-week session, plus 10 dollars for room-use fees. The Boys and Girls Club has an indoor pool and offers free swimming lessons to Club members during LEAD hours. So visit

www.leadhomeschool.org. It is a really great homeschool group with lots of kids and teens!



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MAYA’S QUESTION CORNER

Hi everybody! As you may already know, Maya is taking over the advice column! It’s now called “Maya’s Question Corner”. Keep sending those letters in! :D

~Annika, formerly of Ask Annika’s Advice Column

Dear Maya, My parents are food vendors and sell food at music festivals for a living. I meet lots of people, but when I get home and email them, sometimes the emails don’t work! What should I

do?
Sincerely,
Confused

Dear Confused,
I have met a lot of people myself. When I e-mail them sometimes it works sometimes it doesn’t. A lot of people I have met turned out to be kind of, well...mean and bossy. You might want to try e-mailing them again and see if that



Got a problem? Send letters for Maya to homeschoolhappenings@gmail.com

works. E-mail mistakes are common so try giving them your phone number and that will make things a lot easier. I hope that helps.
Maya

THE MAGICAL DOLLHOUSE

When we left off, Kayla had dropped off her stuff at the boarding school and was about to leave. As she was walking out the door, she looked down at the dollhouse and swore she saw one of the dolls making a face at her! Let's pick up where we left off.

Part II—The Girls at the School

Chapter 4—Something Special

As Kayla turned and walked out the door with her mom in tow, a little girl with red hair and a blue dress tiptoed down the stairs leading up to the girl's dormitories. The girl glanced down at the boxes and the dollhouse, and her eyes lit up. She tiptoed back up the stairs and dashed back into the room where she came from.

Inside the room, seven girls were sitting on a bed. The smallest girl slipped inside and closed

the door.

"There's three cardboard boxes with stuff, and..."

"Annie could tell from the moment she saw it that the dollhouse was something special..."

chatter.

"Oh, a dollhouse!"

"Wow, I can't wait..."

"see it..."

Annie smiled. All the other girls were excited about it, but Annie knew from the moment she saw it that it was more than a toy. It was something special...



5 HARD WORDS TO REMEMBER

recapitulate

How to say it: REE-ca-pit-choo-late

What it means: to go over the main points

A way to use it: "At the end of her report, Susan recapitulated what she had been talking about."

incisive

How to say it: IN-sise-ive

What it means: sharp and cutting

A way to use it: "Sheri cut her hand with an incisive knife the other day!"

infundibuliform

How to say it: in-FUNDI-buli-form

What it means: funnel-shaped

A way to use it: "You should use something infundibuliform to put that back in the container."

equine

How to say it: EK-wahyn

What it means: Resembling a horse

A way to use it: "George had a bold, almost equine face."

sanguine

How to say it: SANG-gwin

What it means: optimistic

A way to use it: "The new girl is very sanguine."

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

Mary, Marietta, and MaryAnn are sisters who all like things that start with "M". They each have a favorite food, color, and activity. Can you figure out which sister likes which things? Clues and a chart are given to help you.

Foods: Mint, Macadamia nuts, and Mandarin food
Colors: Magenta, Midnight Blue, and Mauve

Activities: Making crafts, modeling, playing Mancala

Clues:

- Mary doesn't like any Asian food
- Marietta likes things that end with "A"
- MaryAnn likes only "cool" colors and shows them off while doing her favorite activity

	Mary	Marietta	MaryAnn
Food			
Color			
Activity			

BOOK REVIEW—ARIANA

Book: Baby Animal Stories
Published by: Publications International, Ltd

Rating: ★★★★★

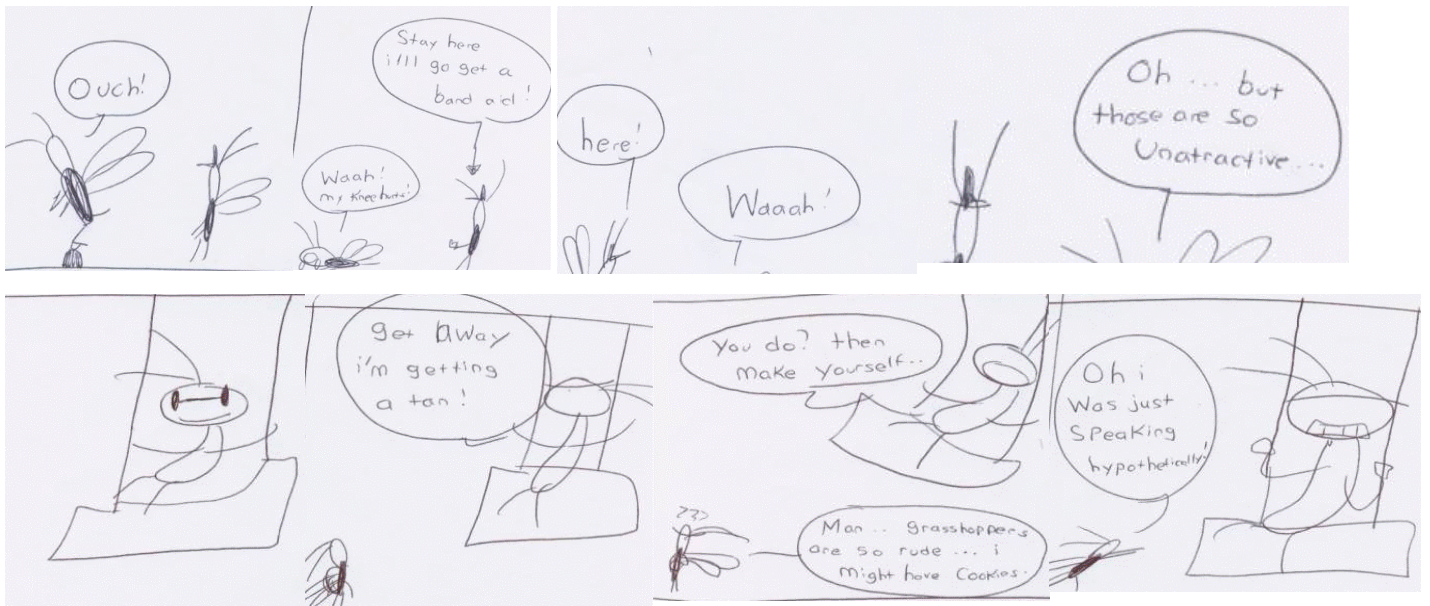
Reviewer: Ariana

Review:

This is a really cool book about baby animals growing up. There are 19 cool stories—Farm Puppy, Baby Penguin, Little Honeybee, Little Lizard, Tiny Gosling, Tiny Tiger, Baby Pig, Bear Cub, Little Jackrabbit, Goat Kids, Baby Kangaroo, Fa-

rm Kitten, Snowy Owl, Little Calf, Baby Dolphin, Duckling, Farm Donkey, Panda Baby, and Prairie Dog. My favorite story is Baby Pig, where a girl loves a baby pig with brown spots. The pig accidentally put her head in an empty pail! The girl rescued him and gave him an apple. It's a really great book that I would recommend for 1st to 2nd graders plus a great read aloud book for anyone younger.

FLY BOY—DOUBLE FEATURE! THE CHRONICLES OF NARKEEUH AND SWINGS AND COOKIES



THE LOL FACTOR

BY NOAH TAYLOR

What do you get when you cross a robber and a duck? Deviled Eggs!

What job does a blanket have? an undercover agent

What hotel do wolves sleep at?

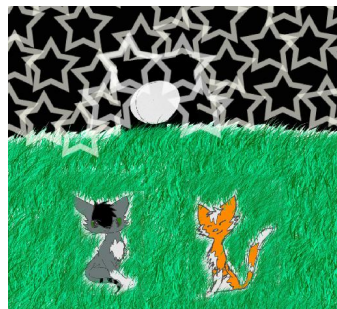
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ART GALLERY—ECO ART



"The Earth is beautiful. Take care of it." by Virginia

Here's art all about the Earth! We hope you enjoy it!



"Save Our Home" by Mary Lynn

MY SIMS 4—CONTROL A WORLD!

What game can you play that enables you to be a regular person, the Mayor, or even God? Sims City! And the new edition, Sims City 4, has more fun than ever! Here are some tips and tricks to help you win the game.

- When you start a new city, it is a good idea to do all the terraforming (as God) you want before you begin zoning, because once you start, you can no longer create hills or valleys, or even plant trees, without paying for it.

- Trees and parks are important because they remove air pollution, which can be a big problem.
- Make sure you build a couple water towers and run water pipes through the city, or your Sims might be in a drought before long!
- The Mayor rating graphs can be very helpful to let you know if your Sims are liking or not liking how their city is being run. If the line

goes up, that's great! Figure out what you're doing well and keep doing it. If it goes down, check the news to see what the Sims want.

- Nothing going on? Speed up time a little bit by using the time arrows.

Answers:

Whozat, pg 1: It's Ariana!



Puzzle of the Month, pg. 4: Marietta likes Macadamias, playing Mancala, and Magenta. MaryAnn likes Mandarin food, modeling, and Midnight Blue. Mary likes Mint, Making crafts, and Mauve.

Cool Codes, pg. 3: The message is *Congratulations!* You've solved the code!

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From left: Grayson, Tristan, Rebecca, Lane, Mary Lynn, Ariana, Annika, Will. Also in our staff: Noah, Claire, Katie, Virginia, and Maya

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I hope you enjoyed our May issue of Homeschool Happenings! Spring has sprung and summer is getting closer. The weather is getting much hotter.

Spring is the time you hear baby birds in the trees and many animals are having babies. One animal you do not think of having babies much is a fish. Well guess what happened on April 20 2009—my sister found a baby fish in my fish tank! Her name is Rosebud, and she is a Otocinclus catfish. They are little algae suckers that help keep your tank clean.



And now for the Employee of the month, who is.....

Noah Taylor! Noah does the Fly Boy comic and the LOL factor in the paper. He's a fantastic artist, and he's always got a joke

handy. He played a big part in getting HH going and being more popular with his comics, and he's also a big contributor on the site. So congratulations, Noah! You're the next Employee in the Hall of Fame! For some more Employee of the Month features, go to our website where we'll have a special Blog feature with some questions and answers from Noah! This is the first time we've been doing this and I hope you'll like it!



Oh and Readers, I want to remind you to sign up on the site as a member. Doing so will give you many opportunities that you wouldn't have if you were just a visitor! It's completely free to sign up and by signing up you can get the latest updates, post forum topics, and more!

Also, don't forget to e-mail us with any questions. You can email homeschoolhappenings@gmail.com for the group, or if you wish to contact me directly you can email me at 4hskids@gmail.com.



Once again I thank you for reading and I hope that you come back!

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