



What's Up With Kids!

February, March 2004

Dogs in Winter by Colleen M., age 7

You should take special care of your dog in the winter time. Try to keep your dog indoors as much as possible. Dogs with short hair should wear a coat or sweater outside. If you take your dog for a walk or let your dog outside, wipe it's paws and belly.

Make sure that there isn't any snow between your dog's pads. The reason for this is, the paws might bleed from the snow and ice. Your dog could also get sick from the salt and antifreeze when licking it's body. Antifreeze is a poison for pets.

A car is like a refrigerator in the winter— so you shouldn't leave your dog in the car, or it will freeze to death.

Finally, make sure your dog has an I D tag. If your dog walks away from the house, it might be hard to smell it's way back home.



My First Trip to Swim Team by Lauren H., age 8

Last summer I joined the Roselle Swim Team. Swimming was one of the first sports that I had joined. When I heard the team name "Roselle Racers", I was nervous because I did not want to race! I was looking for something fun to do.

My coach's name is Lauren. My favorite stroke was the breast stroke. I thought that I would lose the races, but I didn't. The other girls in my age group went to different schools. They were very nice to me. The water was cold, but I got used to it. I had to get up at 6:00 a.m. Getting up early helped my mom get some work done. There was a Krispy Kreme on the way, so sometimes we would go there for donuts after practice.

A suggestion that I would like to make, somebody please clean the water!

I want to join the swim team again next year.

Jokes

Ha Ha

- Q. What do you see in the middle of the sea?**
A. The letter e.
- Q. Where did the pencil go on vacation?**
A. Pencil-vania
- Q. What weighs more – a pound of feathers or a pound of lead?**
A. They both weigh the same.
- Q. Why do bulls have bells?**
A. Because their horns don't work.

Jokes are from the web site:

www.squiglyplayhouse.com

If I Had a Dog
by **Emily G.**, age 7

Mom, if I had a dog, I'll tell you what he'd do.
He would bring the paper right to you.

Dad, if I had a dog, I'll tell you what he'd do.
He would bring your slippers right to you.

If I had a dog, I'll tell you what I'd do.
I would help him at the same time that I would help you.

If I had a dog, he would be all mine.
I would be just fine and very kind.

If I had a dog, I would live happily ever after.



Dog's by Natalie S., age 8

Dogs are cool! Dogs can see in black and white. Dogs like bones. My dog's name is Cleo. I hope that you have a dog too!

Cat's by Natalie S., age 8

Cats are cool too. Cats can see in various shades of gray. My grandma has a cat named Oscar.



A Day At The Collegiate Chess Nationals
By: **Andrew H.**

On December 12-14, my friend, Steven and I played in the 1-12 Collegiate Nationals, a nationwide chess tournament. We played 6 games in 3 days (December 12, 13, and 14) at the Rosemont Hyatt.. "There were a lot of good chess players," says Steven. I agree.

On the night of December 13, my dad and I stayed overnight at the Hyatt hotel. It was very luxurious and it also had a huge skyway—we had quite an exercise walking to our games. Players had 90 minutes to complete all of their moves in a game. That means total concentration and silence for a long time.

There were 233 kids in the 4th grade section. We both finished in the top 190's. It was a good experience. Steven agreed and said, "It was extremely fun."



Please Note

The Roselle Public Library has a chess club. If you are between the ages of 7-17 years old and want to practice and improve game strategies join us on Mondays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Current session runs through March 15. The Spring Session is April 5 – May 17.
(Registration is ongoing)

Did You Know ?

(strange but true facts)



1. You're born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206.
2. The names of Popeye's four nephews are Pipeye, Peepeye, Pupeye and Poopeye.
3. Owls are the only birds that can see the color blue.
(These and other interesting facts can be found on the following website –<http://sbt.bhmedia.com/main.html>)

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Character



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The Boy Scouts by Kevin J., age 9

If you want to join the Boy Scouts, you should read this! Boy Scouts are fun and a great experience. My brothers' and I get a magazine called Boy's Life. Boy's Life is filled with many interesting facts.

The Boy Scouts go camping. One of the places we go to is White Pines, where we do many fun activities. Last, but not least, we make cards for the homeless.

I hope you found out some reasons why you should join the Boy Scouts. If you want to find out more about the Boy Scouts, you can go to the library and check out some books .

Football by Ryan J., age 11



Brett Favre has always been a good player, but have we seen his best year yet? A miracle happened when his team played the Broncos. They won 31-3, but that doesn't mean they got to the playoffs.

The Cardinals needed to beat Minnesota for the Packers to go to the playoffs. There was 5 seconds when they threw a touchdown. Then the Packers played the Seahawks. In overtime Al Harris intercepted a pass to win the game. The latter played the Eagles and lost. Brett Favre was selected for the pro bowl.

Poems by Jarna S., age 13

Snow

Soft, Wet

Falling, Flying, Dancing

White, Oblique, Stony, Transparent

Clunking, Dropping, Breaking

Hard, Cold, Hail



Untitled

The wind is so cold,
Bringing bitter sheets of snow.
Covering the trees.



Snowflakes

The falling snowflakes
Fall gently in the background,
bring joy to children!



Petunia

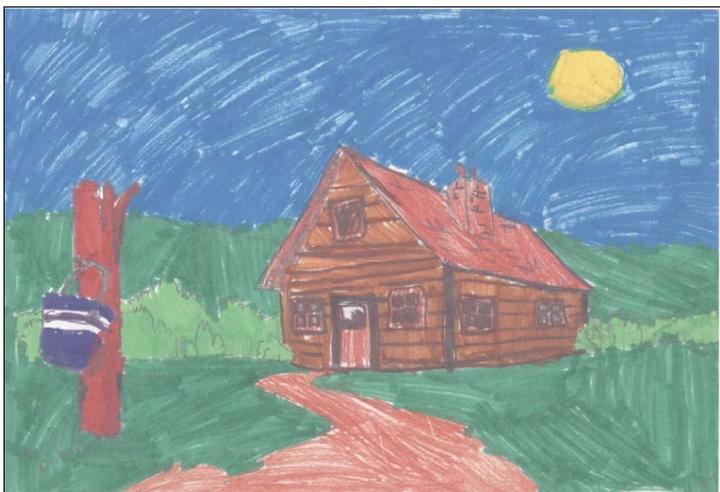
The small petunia,
So intricate, so simple,
Glistens in the dew.



Colonial Life
by Kelly M., age 10

Back in colonial times, things were different. The colonists didn't have electricity, televisions or computers like we have today. Most of the houses, schools and furniture were made of logs. Their way of getting heat was from fireplaces in their homes. That's were they cooked their food. Most of the food was made of corn. They had to get water from nearby rivers or streams. Instead of reading a book, they read the Bible. Girls were only allowed to go to school until they learned to read and write. At school, if the kids misbehaved, they had to sit on a stool with a dunce cap on their heads. If they were really bad, they got hit with a stick.

Finally, with the help of Indians, the colonists were able to survive their simple lives.



Picture by Kelly M., age 10

What I Do In The Winter.
by Christopher J., age 7

I'm going to tell you what I do in the winter. In winter I snowboard, sled, slide on an intertube, and ice skate. In the winter there are many other things that you can do. You can check out a book at the library on things that you can do in the winter— like make a gingerbread house.



If, a poem by Rudyard Kipling
article by Teresa F., age 12

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired of waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't may way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat these two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build'em up with wornout tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch - and - toss,
And loose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the will, which says to them: " Hold on!"

If you can walk in the crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings –nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;;
If you can fill the unforgetting minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And – which is more –you'll be a Man, my son!

"If" is one of my favorite poems I learned in school. I like this poem because it tells us how we should act all the time. The challenges in the poem are sometimes hard to accomplish, but whenever I read this poem it helps me a little each time.

