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## **Another Test?** by: Alex Abraham & Christopher Cohorst

It's that time of year again, when you put on your thinking cap for test after test. Tests are important because you must pass tests to go to higher grades, and go to middle and high School. In Gwinnett County alone you have to go through 25 tests in elementary through high school.

The next major test for many grades here at Camp Creek is the CRCT. All of our grades have been taking these standardized all year long.

Did you know as a 1st grader you have to take two tests and 2nd grade needs just one test to pass on to 3rd grade. To me

that's lucky because 3rd grade has to take four tests to pass to 4th grade. Now, do not get me started on 4th grade, they take only two tests, while 5th grade takes four tests. It seems the odd number years are the test years.

Jacob Finco from the 4<sup>th</sup>

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# News

## Catching Curiosity in Cub Clubs by: Danny Eaton & Faraaz Roy

You must be wondering why we would want to talk about cub clubs? A lot of kids are interested in cub clubs but don't know what their about. We have some information that will interest you.

In interviews we noticed most kids think when you're with your friends it makes cub clubs more fun! We asked Jarret, a participant in the Running Club, his opinion about his club. He said, "Cub clubs are a lot more fun with your friends because



challenging and racing with friends makes it exciting and is good running practice."



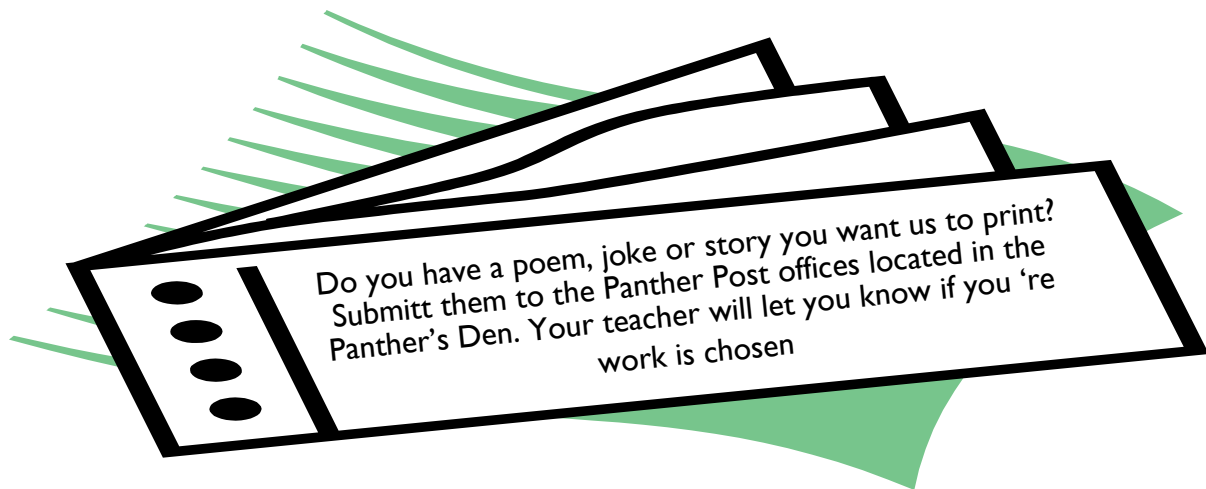
Not only kids like cub clubs so do teachers! We asked Mrs. Powers, a teacher in the running club, what she likes about the running club. She said, "She loves it!" and "Has been doing it for 4 years." She believes "The kids build teamwork" in

the running club.

In our interview with Mrs. Jones she told us that she started Cub Clubs because, "There wasn't enough time during the day for fun." and the clubs would give the students "A chance to experience new things."

Camp Creek has offered Cub Clubs for the last 7 years. Ms. Jones hopes to continue to grow the program from the 10 clubs we have now to even more in the future.

If you have any suggestions for new clubs or want to know more about them contact the front office.



## Another Test? continued from page 1

grade says," I like testing, you don't have any homework.", Nicholas Anisko from Mrs. Murphy's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class says "No, I don't like testing because there is no fun."

Ms. Inga McCoy, our testing AP, has to count every single item that comes in! Did you know they have special testing companies? They do nothing but create, send out and score the tests. The CRCT is from Riverside publishing.

Did you know that COGAT is short for Cognitive Ability Tests? Do you know where the tests go? They go into many secure containers and go to a special place

to get all of them graded. It usually takes about 5-8 weeks for the tests to be graded.

When Mrs. McCoy was young she didn't like tests either, but she didn't have nearly have as many test as we do? Mrs.



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during testing is unpacking, counting and repacking all the tests."

It does seem as if students take too many tests. Tests that put a lot of pressure on us. If you loose sleep over test or have those before test freak outs here are a few tips for taking good tests.

- get a good nights sleep
- eat a good breakfast,
- don't panic.

You can do it!

## Try It by: Jacob Finco & Grace Kivett

Trying out for anything, sports, a play, or any clubs that you do is cool at first then scary later.



Some pros have lucky clothes that they wear including underwear. Other athletes refuse to wear number 13, they talk to their equipment, they don't like to step on the lines, or they don't wash their clothes until they finish their tryout. What superstition or ritual do you have?

The head coach of the Parkview girls basketball team, Mr. Mike McCoy, was nice enough to answer some questions

for us about trying out from a coaches view.. Some things he looks for when people try out are ability, understanding, discipline, conditioning, and the ability to work with others, Tryouts are your first lessons in competition, so if you don't like to compete, don't tryout.



team. Coach McCoy can relate to this topic because about ten years ago, he had an athlete that was trying out and had a bad attitude but was very talented. Coach McCoy shared how he handled this situation, "... It was all about him. Basket ball is a team sport. I tried to work with him that entire year to understand 'team.' The next year I cut him and we won more [games] than last year."

**"Each year we have to make a cut, and that's one of the hardest jobs about being a coach."**

Are you scared that you will not make the cut? Well, sometimes there are so many people who want to play that some coaches have no choice but

to make cuts. "Each year we have to make a cut, and that's one of the hardest jobs about being a coach." says Coach McCoy.

If you have a bad attitude, and you're a good player, don't look for a spot on the

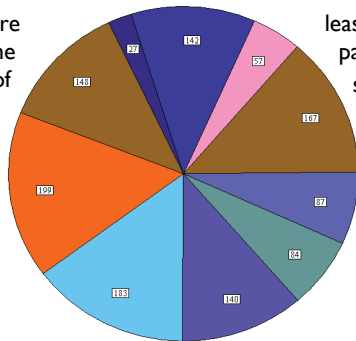
Coach McCoy always tries to help a student through a problem, but in the end if the student will not change they will be asked to turn in their uniform. He will never sacrifice the good of the team for a person with bad attitude. No matter how talented they are.

We hope this information helps you take away the stress of tryouts and makes you feel better. Good luck trying out!

## Spring Break By: Nicholas Anisko, Sabrina Farley & Rachel Taylor

Are you at a loss of where to go over Spring Break? The Panther Post did a survey of Camp Creek students and how they are spending they're Spring Break!

Our students are more likely to visit family, go to the beach, or have a sleepover. Kids are



least likely to visit a historical parks, get gifts, and have a sports tournament.

If your family stays at home you could always play with friends or family, have a board game tournament or go to the library or bookstore and read

new and exciting books! You could have pool party at the local community pool, go to the Fernbank museum, or visit a local park.

Look-up cool movies coming out in a local theater and see ones that you might like! Whatever you chose to do we know you'll have a fantastic spring break! Now, what will you do this spring break?

## Camp Creek School Store!

# Everything under \$1!

## Pencils, erasers and more!

# Cool New Stuff All The Time

# Fun & Games



## Your Joking!

⇒ Two rabbits are making spring bread. One said, "I think that's all the ingredients." Then the other said, "Wait! We forgot the flower!"

⇒ **Teacher:** How did you do on the questions on the CRCT?

**Student:** The questions were easy it was the answers I had trouble with.

⇒ The pencil was crying. The math book said, "Why are you crying? I'm the one with the problems!"

⇒ **What 's a birds favorite artist?**  
Leonardo da Finchi

⇒ **What song do bees sing?**  
"Stinging in the Rain"

Jokes courtesy of the <http://highlightskids.com/GamesandGiggles>



## Spring Facts

It's easy to know when spring is coming. The sun rises earlier in the morning and sets later in the afternoon. There may be days when it is cold enough to snow, and days when it is warm enough to play out in the garden.

- During the spring equinox near March 21st, the Sun is directly over the equator.
- Some of the worst blizzards have occurred in the spring.
- According to studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Daylight Saving Time saves energy.
- A common misconception is that the Earth is farther from the sun in winter than in summer. Actually, the Earth is closest to the sun in December, which is winter in the Northern hemisphere.

### Animals Commonly Associated With Spring...

Rabbit, gray whale, bald eagle, frog, hummingbird, robin, deer, fox, sea otter, bear, whooping crane, loon, manatee

In Led Zeppelin's "Rain Song," the first verse pays homage to the season of spring.

### Insects and Invertebrates Commonly Associated With Spring...

Honeybee, monarch butterfly, ladybug, earthworm

[http://animal.discovery.com/tv/spring-watch/spring-facts/spring-facts\\_02.html](http://animal.discovery.com/tv/spring-watch/spring-facts/spring-facts_02.html)

**Couplets /Quatrain**  
By: Alex Massaro 4th grade-Ms. Boutin  
Licking luscious lolly-pops is so fun!  
When I finish licking I must be done.  
I want to save some lollies just for you,  
I wonder if you enjoy licking too.

**Make a Family Joke Book!** [http://www.highlights.com/mt/parents/activities\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_kids/crafts/make\\_a\\_family\\_joke\\_book.jsp](http://www.highlights.com/mt/parents/activities_for_parents_and_kids/crafts/make_a_family_joke_book.jsp)

Collect your family's favorite child-appropriate jokes in a book. It's a great way for grandparents, parents, and children to exchange jokes, riddles, and puns. You can even include amusing anecdotes and cartoons.

### Here are some tips for creating your family joke book:

- Ask each family member to contribute jokes or riddles.
- Encourage family members to create cartoons for the book.
- Add some funny true stories.

The joke book is a great keepsake and reference. It's a way to hand down stories and jokes from one generation to the next.

If you're interested in learning more about how to develop and understand kids' humor, check out On Parenting [It's a funny thing...](#)

Highlights® has been supplying kids and their parents with jokes and humorous stories for over 60 years. Be sure to check out [HighlightsKids.com](http://HighlightsKids.com)®, the award-winning, advertising-free site where you'll find lots of jokes and riddles to share with your kids.



# Fun & Games

## The Game Guys by: Sabrina Farley

There are a lot of games on the Camp Creek website you should check out. Today I am comparing Brain Pop and Brain Pop Jr.. They both can be found on the Camp Creek web site or in school,, on the intranet.

The Brain Pop site is good for 3-5 grades. It has many topics and lots of detail in each topic. I especially like the fact that you can email the Brain Pop people with your own questions. Brain Pop Jr. is geared for grades K-2.

Brain Pop has some really cool videos. I like that you can watch a video to get your information instead of always reading about the subject in your text book.. Brain Pop Jr. doesn't have as many videos and the ones they do have don't give as many details.

Not only are the videos less detailed in brain Pop Jr. but so is the information. Here is an example: **Q What is sound?** **BP:** "A sound wave is a chain of vibrating particles." **BPJ:** "sound is something you

hear". I think they did this so the younger grades could understand it better.

Brain Pop and Brain Pop Jr. have a lot of cool subjects to learn about. They have

information on science, math, social studies, English, art , music and technology. They also have movies on famous people and events.

You can take short tests on the videos to show you what you know. The

questions you miss show the correct answer to help you study.



Each month they have "featured things" like people born or events that happened in that month. I like this feature. It helps me by giving me a good starting place if I'm not sure what to learn about.

The site is better if you know the exact subject you are looking for like Picasso instead of painters. The younger kids may have some trouble getting to and around the site. I think there should be a desktop link to this site. You can access it by going to E on your desk top < student< all subjects < Brain Pop or Brain Pop Jr.

I hope you try these enjoyable and interesting sites. They help to make studying fun!



## Are you an April Fool? By: Grace Kivett/

The history of April fool's Day or All Fool's Day is uncertain, current thinking is that it began around 1582 in France. This tradition eventually spread elsewhere like to Britain and Scotland in the 18th century and was introduced to the American colonies by the English and the French.

April fool's Day has taken on an international flavor with many countries celebrating the holiday in their own way. In England, jokes are played only in the morning. In Rome, the holiday is known as "Roman Laughing Day."

If you think you are the funniest person in the world then you might want to check your prank IQ. Here are some pranks from long ago.

process. Thousands of people were taken in. Regular color broadcasts only commenced in Sweden on April 1, 1970.

### The Left-Handed Whopper

**1998:** Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."



few hours later, that it was all a practical joke. The best line of the day came when White House press secretary Mike Curry was asked about the sale. Thinking on his feet, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold. It would now be known, he said, as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.

### Sidd Finch

**1985:** *Sports Illustrated* published a story about a new rookie pitcher who planned to play for the Mets. His name was Sidd Finch, and he could reportedly throw a baseball at 168 mph with pinpoint accuracy. This was 65 mph faster than the previous record. Surprisingly, Sid Finch had never even played the game before. Instead, he had mastered the "art of the pitch" in a Tibetan monastery under the guidance of the "great poet-saint Lama Malarias." Mets fans celebrated their teams' amazing luck at having found such a gifted player, and *Sports Illustrated* was flooded with requests for more information. In reality this legendary player only existed in the imagination of the author of the article, George Plimpton.

These were some of my favorite pranks. My research sources are as follows:<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/aprilfool/> and [www.askkids.com](http://www.askkids.com)

### The Taco Liberty

**1996:** The Taco Bell Corporation announced it had bought the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell was housed to express their anger. Their nerves were only calmed when Taco Bell revealed, a



### Instant Color TV

**1962:** In 1962 there was only one tv channel in Sweden, and it broadcast in black and white. The station's technical expert, Kjell Stensson, appeared on the news to announce that, thanks to a new technology, viewers could convert their existing sets to display color reception. All they had to do was pull a nylon stocking over their TV screen. Stensson proceeded to demonstrate the

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# Creative Creek

## The Dark Night by: Emma Vann—3rd grade

Once there was a night, not just a night a storming night. It also had a lot of fog. There was a house in the middle of the woods. Nobody visited



them because they never knew where they lived. There were 6 people in all. 3 girls and 3 boys. The boys names were Jake, Josh, & Austin. The girls names were Cortney, Breanna & Maddie. All of the sudden they heard a knock. Bum, bum, bum. Jake and Cortney went. Nobody



was there. They heard it again! This time Breanna and Josh went. Nobody was there! Breanna and Josh went to tell their mom Stacy. Stacy did not believe them. She should've. The kids went to bed. The sound came again. Their mom answered the door. When the kids woke up they could not find their mom.

## Ice Girl and Lava Girl by: Haily Dru Whitten - 2nd Grade

Once upon a time in the Ice Palace there was a princess named Ice girl she was just getting ready for her guest. And there stood Lava girl getting some lava to put near the sun so friends and family could see. Lava girl's family and friends didn't like Ice girl's family and friends. They were enemies. Hot doesn't like cold. 10 days later... I'm here for the war said Lara. It's on. Lava girl turned on her power, and Ice girl turned on her powers. They both



shot their powers together and ...CABAM!!!! Their powers dissaperd. They wondered where their powers went. Then Lava's parents exclaimed, "Turn on the green button." Thanks. Blast off! Lava's fire went through the air fast. OW! Said Ice. HA!HA! Said Lava. ZOOM! A weird creature came over and exclaimed, "Can't you just be friends." That's a great idea exclaimed the crowd. But the two girls said "NO!"



Why not said the crowd? Okay said Ice. Whatever said Lava girl...But I have to be queen. No me said Ice. It doesn't matter. Well it does to some peopl. Fine you can said Ice. Thanks said Lava. You're the bestest friend ever. So the next morning the celebrated at Ice's house.

## Cute Finds a Friend by : Ashley Rutland—2nd grade

Once upon a time a little rabbit was hopping on long, thick grass. He found a little crunchy, orange, thin carrot on the soft ground. He nibbled until ha ate it all. He was full of the carrot because it was so good and sweet. He had no room for his yummy blueberrys on a tree with rassberrys on it to. He did not eat his tasty lettuce and he loves lettuce. When he thinks of foods, he thinks of lettuce on a vine. He would just smell it all the time and he would run as fast as he could to get the lettuce.

The rabbit's name is Cute. Cute went on an adventure. His friend's name is Cheese. Cute went to the park with Cheese. Cheese is a little rabbit like Cute. They did everything together.

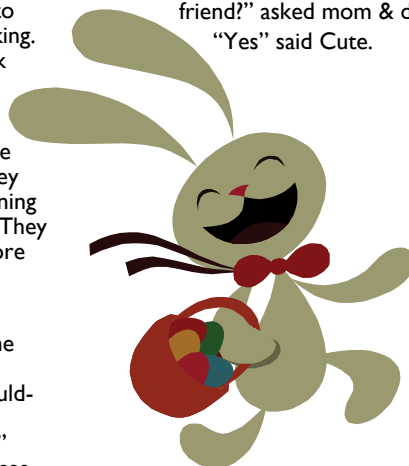
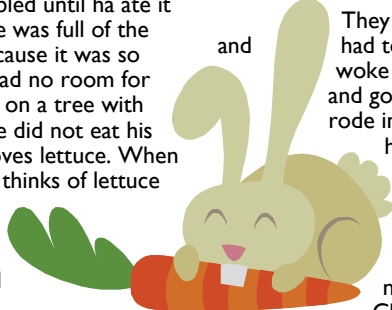
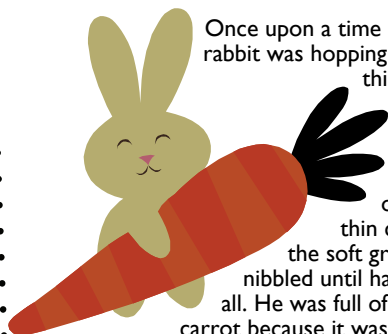
One day Cheese moved far away. Cute was real sad. He asked his mom & dad to go where Cheese went and his mother & father said "Yes". Cute was so excited to go see Cheese again. Cute was jumping up and down of excitement. He wanted to leave right when they were done packing. Cute ran out the door and said "thank you" to mom and dad to let him see Cheese again.

They drove half way there had to stay in a hotel. They woke up early in the morning and got back on the road. They rode in the car for one more hour and they were there.

Cute ran out off the car the car to get Cheese. Cheese couldn't believe his eyes. "Cheese it is me Cute." said Cheese. "Cute is here!" said Cheese. Cheese grabbed mom and dad. "Mom and Dad Cute is here!" said Cheese. "Really" said mom & dad. "Yes" said Cheese to his mom and dad. They ran as fast as they

could to the door. Cute's mom and dad got a hug from Cheese's mom and dad.

They ate dinner together and talked very loudly during the dinner. They played all night long. "Cute is Cheese your best friend?" asked mom & dad. "Yes" said Cute.





## The Mysterious Adventures of Gwen and Naomi

A mini mystery by: Rachel Taylor and Sabrina Farley.

“Ugh!” Naomi groaned pulling sticky bubblegum out of her curly brown hair. “My little brother Seth decided it would be funny to put this junk in my hair this morning!”

“You’re not the one who got shocked by a stapler!” Gwen countered pulling down her long red hair that was still frizzing up from the shock. It was April Fools morning and everyone was getting into the mood, but little did they know someone was getting a little too into the mood...

“Help!” screamed Mr. Aloe a fourth grade teacher. Gwen and Naomi ran down to his classroom. In the classroom hundreds of crawling spiders decorated carpet, ceiling, and the walls. Gwen who was very squeamish about spiders ran out of there quick as lightning and maybe just as loudly. Naomi

dodged falling arachnids and got to his desk. Gwen waited outside the door as Naomi rescued a screaming Mr. Aloe. “These test results are ruined. I forgot every grade on this math test. Not only that I forgot to tell the class their grades.

The class will have to take it all over again, and I’m missing the

*Who did it and how did we know? The answer is in the next issue. Can you solve it?*  
Gwen and Naomi.



papers and the answer sheet!” he whined.

Gwen had listened to every word. “To me this doesn’t sound like any ordinary prank.” Mr. Aloe was marching off to the principal’s office fuming. Meanwhile Gwen and Naomi eavesdropped on a group of fourth graders conversation.

“I just love spiders!” said Anthony Collins, a boy who owned multiple Tarantulas and had Spiderman on just about everything he owned.

“Too bad I got a C on that math quiz.”, Complained one boy named Tony Geraldo. They walked off a little ways. The girls followed.

“Ha, I here the answer sheet is missing! I saw Justin Fronds with a suspicious looking piece of paper. I bet you a nickel he did it.” Corinne Jonson said.

“Didn’t Molly Krapes have something against Mr. Aloe?” One of them concluded. “Yeah she probably did it.”

“No I don’t think she did it unless you’re name is Molly Krapes.” Gwen and Naomi said in unison placing their hands on the shoulders of the culprit. “I think you lost your nickel, Corrine.”

**Find more exciting adventures in the next issue**

## Poems by: Camp Creek Students

### Oreo By Rebekah Burd—1st grade

I like to eat can food.  
I am lazy.  
I sleep next to my oner.  
I have sharp teeth  
I like to scratch and bite.  
I am Oreo

### Popcorn by Alex Massaro—4th gr.

Popping popcorn is a joy  
I wonder if you enjoy.  
The bumpy butteriness  
is spilling out of my dish.



### The Winds Transferring Actions

by Grace Nguyen 4th grade

Waves swish back & forth,  
Moving upon dunes of sand, Breezes  
fetching seashells, Winds blowing up  
in northsky.



Ships croising from their docks, Swirling  
winds carrying ships from their spots,  
Like two people swiftly dancing from one place to  
another.

Winds blowing hard, Like someone  
blowing on their winter soup.

## You Need To Know Time By: Alex Hill—2nd grade

Do you need help with time? Well here is some edvise. First the smaller hand is called the hour hand. Also the big hand is called minute hand. Lets say it is 3:00. How do you know it is 3:00. Look at the hour hand is it on the 3? Yes! Look at the minute hand is it on



the 12? Yes! That is how you tell the o'clock family. Next we go to the 30s. First look at the hour hand. It is not exactly on the number. Then look at the 6. The 6 is number 30. By the way, go back to the 12. Then count by fives till you get to where your number was. Oh yes! You go to the hour hand see what number it is on. Then add the other number to this number. There you have it! You know how to tell time.

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Dear CC,

I told my friend about my crush. I told her it was top secret! She told all the kids on the playground and I was so embarrassed and so was my crush. I told her to stop and she did it again. How can I get this to stop.

From,

Really Embarrassed

**Dear Really Embarrassed,**

**Tell your friend that what she did really hurt you. Remind her that she wouldn't like it if you did it to her. If the problem continues don't confide in this person any more. Maybe she is not the friend you think she is.**

**Sincerely,  
Cubby Counselors**

Dear CC,

My brother is telling lies about me. He says I hit him and steal money from my parents. How can I make him stop?

From,

Not a Liar

# Cubby Counselor

Dear CC,

My friend keeps threatening to punch me. Do I stand up to him or tell an adult?

From,

Scared Guy

**Dear Scared Guy,**

**Try to talk about this with your friend. Tell him how it makes you feel. Beware if you confront him things could get out of hand and could result in a fight. That would get you in trouble too. Talk to your teacher, counselor or your parents about this and have them mediate your conversation. Ask yourself would a real friend threaten to hurt you? Think about whether this friendship is worth the fight.**

**Sincerely,**

**Cubby Counselors**



Dear NAL,

**If you can confront your brother with out yelling or anything like that then do it. Pinpoint why your brother is lying about you. Is he jealous? Tell him how his lies are hurting you. If your brother keeps up then ask for a family meeting. This should get everything out in the open.**

**Sincerely,  
Cubby Counselors**

Dear CC,

My brother and I like to play together but we never seem to have time. Our schedules are overloaded. What can we do?

From,

Out of Time

**Dear Out of Time,**

**Make a calendar so you are always prepared. Have a certain time and place for your homework and help each other. You may need to talk to your parents about the number of extra things you do each week. Sit together and figure out the ones you can't live without and the ones that can go. This should give you more free time to play with your brother.**

**Sincerely,  
Cubby Counselors**

If you have a question for the Cubby Counselors just bring them to the media center, and put them in the specially marked Cubby Counselor box! We want to hear from you.

**Sincerely,  
Cubby  
Counselor**

*All answers have been reviewed by Camp Creek Counseling Staff*