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Welcome Back

It is the start of our school year and we are all working on getting used to getting up early, going to bed early, and homework.

This year we started on Monday, August 10th and will go until Wednesday, May 26th.

We have some great four day weekends during the year and that will be a great time to take a mini vacation with your family.

Our school year started off with the back to school celebration, put on by the Camp

Creek PTA. It was a very successful event bringing in a record amount of families. The DJ was one of the Boosterthon guys and he was great. There was music, dancing, pizza, and lots of fun. Considering coming to next

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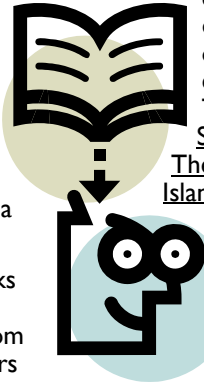
News

Readers Raley by: Angad Joshi

What is Reader's Rally? Lots of people frequently ask this question. So if you're curious, check it out!

Reader's Rally is all about 4th and 5th graders reading certain books & meeting with each other to discuss them. Why would they do this? It's because in early 2010, they're going to compete against other schools in a buzzer competition.

Still don't get it? An adult asks questions about the assigned books and one of the kids from one of the two teams' answers



by buzzing in. The teams are divided into four divisions. The winner of each division will go against each other .The

cool part about winning your division is that you can compete on GCPS! Better than that you can skip a morning of school!!!

The books are, The View from Saturday, Rules, Owen & Mzee: The language of Friendship, The Island of Blue Dolphins and many

more cool books!

Do you want to join? It's really easy! Ask Mrs. Houghton for a form, fill it out, write your brief essay, get a

teacher recommendation, and turn it back in. If you do join, always



Go Green, Save the World! by: Andrea Frier

Right now, we have advancing technologies, more electricity, oil and re-sources being used, these things cause the Earth suffering, no matter how fun or nice it may be for us. The Earth could definitely use our help.

Big Green Help

Ever heard of it? The Big Green Help is an organization sponsored by Nickelodeon to help the Earth be a cleaner planet. The first time they did this program, 1.8 million kids pledged to take action in the environment. You can still go on the site and play 'green' games.

Camp Creek's Efforts

Did you know we had an Earth Day holiday section on the Camp Creek web-

site? Well, now you do. The website has games, like Tox Mystery. Tox Mystery is very good game. It teaches you recycling

"I started recycling because I want my kids and grandkids to have a clean environment."

Ms. Dotson

facts. Another place on the CCES intranet is the Energy Kid's Page. A page filled with fun



games, facts, and projects. There is also Hog busters.

Hog Busters is an awesome game. I would recommend it to people if they want to play a game that teaches about household hazards .It is very fast paced. But keep in mind, helping the Earth is not just about playing games, but actually doing something.

Camp Creek has our own recycling sponsor, Ms. Diane Dotson.

Green Facts:

1. Every 2,000 pounds of paper has enough energy to power a house for SIX months.
2. When people flush down unused meds, it can go into water and make toxic waste. Sometimes it goes into the drinking water.
3. The first Earth Day was 39 years ago.
4. Used aluminum beverage cans are the most recycled item in the U.S.. An aluminum can is recycled and back on the shelves as a new can in as little as 60 days.
- 5 The amount of wood & paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.

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years celebration.

Our school has 986 students and we hope to add more as the year goes on. To make your school year go smoothly think about following these guidelines:

Coming back to school was hard at first, but once I got here I remembered how fun it was.

Jake Anderson- 5th grade



➔ Get to bed early and get a good nights sleep.

➔ Eat a good breakfast in the morning

➔ Have all your school material organized before you go to bed

➔ Ask for help if you need it

➔ Don't wait until the last second to finish homework

Remember this year will be what you make of it. A good attitude goes a long way. Enjoy your teachers and your time at school.

News

Camp Creek School Store

Nothing Over \$1.00

open Monday-Thursday mornings

Next to the Art Room



Swine Flu and a Healthy You From the Gwinnett County Board of Education

(n) pandemic (an epidemic that is geographically widespread; occurring throughout a region or even throughout the world) The H1N1 or swine flu has been declared a pandemic by world health officials. It can be dangerous, but you can help yourself, your family and our school by following a few common sense guidelines.



- ➔ Wash your hands frequently.
- ➔ Sneeze and cough into your elbow or cover with a tissue. In other words, keep germs off your hands. And put used tissues in a wastebasket. Wash hands after you cough or sneeze.
- ➔ Keep "germy" hands away from eyes, nose and mouth.

lots of fruits and vegetables, especially dark green, red, and yellow vegetables, and a variety of fruits.

- ➔ Get flu shots to protect against both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu virus. Vaccinations for both adults and children are recommended.

- ➔ Get a pneumonia shot to prevent secondary infection if you are over the age of 65 or have a chronic illness such as diabetes or asthma.

The swine flu has many of the same symptoms as the common seasonal flu so how can you tell the difference? You can't, only your doctor can do that. The doctor will do a test to confirm which type of flu you have. The symptoms of swine flu are more severe than those of the common flu.



"Scrub your hands with soap to the tune of 'Happy Birthday'. Singing this song twice while washing makes sure you wash long enough to send the germs down the drain."

Ms. Johnson—School Nurse

HEALTHY HABITS

These tips are good to follow during the typical flu season, the cold season and any time of the year. They will help to prevent illness.

- ➔ Keep your distance Avoid close contact, maintain personal space to avoid getting germs from others or sharing your germs with them.
- ➔ Don't share personal items. (toothbrushes, towels, utensils, etc.)
- ➔ Stay home when you are sick and keep children home from school when they are ill.
- ➔ Practice good health habits....Get enough sleep, eat a good diet, be physically active, drink plenty of fluids (especially water), manage stress and get fresh air...everyday.
- ➔ Make sure your diet is balanced, with



Don't panic about this illness. Come to school as usual. Play with your friends, go to soccer practice and the movies. Do all the things you would normally do. Being careful and cautious and practicing the healthy habits we just explained will greatly increase your chances of staying healthy..

Fun & Games



Your Joking!

What is even smarter than a talking dog?

A spelling Bee

What sickness did the martial artist have?

The Kung Flu

Why did children eat their homework?

Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

What kind of storm is always in a rush?

A hurricane (A hurry Cane)

Which is faster: Hot or Cold?

Hot, because you can catch a cold.

What lights up a soccer game?

A soccer match



Did you know?

- China will soon be the largest English speaking country.
- The 25% of India's population with the highest I.Q. is greater than the whole USA.
 - Today the number of text messages sent and received each day exceeds the total population of this planet.
 - The number of internet devices in 2008 is 1,000,000,000!
 - There are about 540,000 words in the English language.
- In 4 minutes 30 seconds., 67 babies are born in the U.S, 274 were born in China, and 395 were born in India.
- There are about 6400 languages in the world.
- Your heart beats about 75 times per minute, 4500 times per hour 100,000 times per day, and 4 million times per year.
- Bacteria has a small chord which propels them in water.
- A small intestine is wrinkled in tiny folds, giving a surface area of 250 square yards.



Fun & Games

The Game Guys by: Alex Abraham, Grace Kivett & Stephen David

Game Name: *Deep Freeze*

Location: e—language arts—phonics games—ABC games—Games D-F

Rating: ★★ ★

Game Guy: Alex Abraham

Feedback: This game is challenging and fun. It has wacky characters like Santa shooting ice to elves, dogs, aliens, dinosaurs and more. So behave when you are playing. Every time you pass three (3) levels in the game you fight the boss. The bosses are like giants.. (Hint: when you fight the boss freeze the medium characters. Then

roll them to the boss. Be careful the game only gives you ten (10) lives. This game would be good for students in grades 2-5. Follow the simple rules and you'll be unstoppable.

Game Name: *Guru Joe*

Location: e—student main—language arts—phonics—ABC games

Rating: ★★ ★★

Game Guy:

Grace Kivett

Feedback: Ask Guru Joe is a game that lets you ask funny questions. It is kind of like an old game called 20 questions. You can only ask the game "yes" or "no" questions. Kids in grades 2-5 will like this

game. It is quick and easy to play when you are short on time.

Game Name: *Snowline*

Location: e—student—language arts—phonics games—ABC games—primary games.com

Rating: ★★ ★★ ★★

Game Guy: Steven David

Feedback: Snowline is a game where Santa needs your help. The reindeer are sick, so Santa needs your help to collect missing presents throughout Europe. To play, draw lines leading to the presents, then to the exit. Then click "play" Santa may collect all presents and exit successfully. If you miss even one present, you lose. This is a good game for all ages. It teaches you about



Be a Good Reader

Do you love to read but aren't sure what to read? Here are a few suggestions from Ms. Houghton.

- The average person reads at approximately 200 words per minute.
- The average person retains only 5% of what is read once, after thirty days.
- Reading is a primary source of new knowledge and skills for more success in life.
- This is the "Information Age." Half of what we know today, we did not know fifteen years ago. The amount of knowledge has doubled in the last fifteen years and is said to be doubling again every eighteen months.
- We receive more information in one day than people in the early 1900's received in their lifetime.
- Increasing reading speed and comprehension is a skill that anyone can learn without regard to their education, background, job, or intelligence.

Kindergarten: **Authors:** Frank Asch, Eve Bunting, Stan Berenstain, Lois Ehlert,

Mem Fox, Mercer Mayer, Dr. Seuss, Cynthia Rylant, Denise Fleming, Robert Munsch, Mitsumasa Anno, Jan Brett, Eric Carle, Donald Crews, and Joanne Ryder.

Titles: *Chrysanthemum* by: Kevin Henkes. This is a good story for anyone with a strange name. It gives them a good feeling of self-importance. It is a good story for everyone too.

1st Grade: **Authors:** Frank Asch, Gail Gibbons, Jan Brett, Arnold Lobel, Marc Brown, Patricia McKissack, Eric Carle, Robert Munsch, Miriam Cohen, H.A. Rey, Lois Ehlert, Cynthia Rylant, Mem Fox, Dr. Seuss, Paul Galdone, and Charlotte Zolotow. **Titles:** *Biscuit Goes to School* by: Alyssa Satin What a read for kids just starting school!

Second Grade: **Authors:** Verna Aardeman, Alike, Marc Brown, Joanna Cole, Carman Deedy, Tomie Depaola, Patricia Giff, Patricia McKissack, Mary Pope Osborne, Peggy Parish, Barbara Park, Jerry Pickney, Cynthia Rylant, Chris Van Allsburg. **Titles:** *Junie B Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth* by: Barbara Park A good story for everyone who likes spunky, silly, kindergarten girls with a sense of humor.

Third Grade: **Authors:** David Adler, Beverly Cleary, Joanna Cole, Molly Cone, Betsy Duffey, Dan Gutman, Mary Pope Osborne, Barbara Park, Bill Peet, Patrician Polacco, Cynthia Rylant, Louis Sacher, E.B. White. **Titles:**

Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott A good series to keep you on your toes all summer long.

Fourth Grade: **Authors:** Natalie Babbitt, Judy Blume, Andrew Clements, Christopher Paul Curtis, Roald Dahl, Sid Fleischman, Jean Craighead, George, Barbara Park, Jack Prelutsky, Lemony Snicket, Sharon Creech, Gertrude Warner, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and Jane Yolen. **Titles:** *Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster Good reading for grammar, language arts and math lovers throughout the school. Also *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli a story of segregation and a boy with unbelievable talents.

Fifth Grade: **Authors:** Trenton Lee Stuart, Jerry Spinelli, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Avi, Edward Bloor, Laurence Yep, Laurie Halse Anderson, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Eva Ibbotson, Marion Dane Bauer, Kimberly Willis Holt, and Kimberly K. Jones. **Titles:** *The Mysterious Benedict Society* By Trenton Lee Stuart This book is amazing! It is about four clever kids who solve puzzling riddles to save the world each child has their own special talents that help them on missions. Also check out the sequel to this book.

Happy reading!

Creative Creek

My Summer by: Wesley Carter—2nd grade

I will never forget summer of . My summer I went to the lake with my brother and dad. We got to ride the new Jet Ski. It was fast and fun. The colors were blue, black, and white. The other seadoo was red and black. We got to sleep



up at the lake house. It was as big as two

houses put together in my neighborhood. My Brother and dad and my friends now own the lake house. The new Jet Ski goes fast.

My Memrey of 2009 by: Mahvish Sojiwala- 2nd Grade



I will never forget my memrey of 2009. I went to Flrida. My family, and friends and I went in a white van. The van was as big as a limo but it was very hot in there.

We loaded all of the bags and we went. It took us 3-days to get there and finally we were there. I looked up the hotle was taller than 12 + 30 inches.

In the hotle we all got massage and then we went to swimming pool. It was huge to. They even had a diving bord. It was so high. I tried it and it felt like I was flying. Then mom said we were going to the room. The bed was vibrating. I fell usleep in two mines.

In the morning we got to have a buble bath and then we went on a four hour drive. When we got to the aquarium, we saw some sharks. A shark brake the top of the lid. We



saw its theet. Then we saw the squid. Next we went on the shark ride actually it was an aline at-tack. I got the high-est score. Then we went home.

The Chinese Legend of Shen and Hua by: Emily Ku

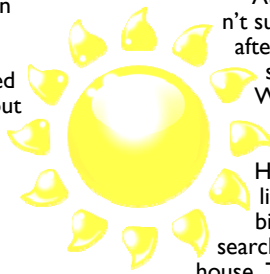
A long time ago in ancient China, 9 suns and 9 moons showed at the same time. People in China hid in large caves and scratched for food to cling to dear life. Finally, A skilled archer named Shen decided to teach the sun and moon gods a lesson. He strung his famous golden arrows and shot 8 suns and 8



moons and ordered the sun to come out in the morning, and the moon to come out in the night. The gods were terrified, so they obeyed.

The great emperor of China was pleased with the good deed that Shen did, so he rewarded him with 6 delicious enchanted teacakes. The teacakes kept a living being alive forever, if that person ate one each month. Nobody knows what will happen if you eat them before that, but rumors were that it wasn't something good.

Shen happily walked home, pleased with himself. He hid the teacakes in a hollow corner so that his wife, Hua should not see



At first, his wife didn't suspect anything, but after a while, she got suspicious. When Shen went out to hunt, Hua and her little pet rabbit, Bai

searched the house. They soon came upon the box with the enchanted teacakes. Hua became curious, so she tasted a piece and loved it right away. She and Bai ate and ate until there wasn't a crumb in the box. Suddenly, she and her rabbit started to feel lightweight and float. By the time Shen got home, Hua and Bai were about 10 feet in the air. "Come back!" Shen yelled, but Hua was too high off the ground for escape to be possible. Hua and Bai floated and floated for hours until they

landed on the full moon.

Now, people of China eat the special moon cakes made in markets every full moon to remember Hua and Bai on the moon. Maybe that is also why you see a face on the moon every day it's a full moon. Hua and Bai are now spirits of the moon.

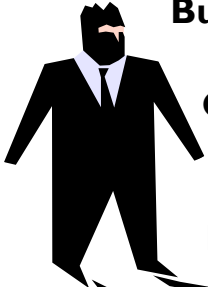


This is a Chinese folktale that Emily has heard in her family since she was a little girl. Folktales are often handed down from generation to generation through the spoken word.

Think about folktales or stories you have heard your family tell.

Shadow by: Angad Joshi

Just like a mirror,
But not at all
shiny.
Comes in he,
she, him,
her,
Large, me-
dium, and
tra tiny
ex-
Runs
around,
al-
ways
with you,
Stuck to your
feet with lots of hot



glue.
Find it in bed, the park,
or the zoo.
It's a copycat looking al-
most like you.
It could look like a
dress,
It could look like a mess.
What is it? Did you
guess?

It's a
shadow, I
must
confess.



Summer

By: Ben Lightner—2nd grade



I went to
Skate along
usa four
times last
summer. I
bought cot-
ton candy. It
was good. I
was in the
races. Once
I raced a 5th grader. I did not win.
It was still fun. I went to steveie
B's. It was fun. I got chocolate pizza
and noodles to. And I went to
CiCi's pizza. I got noodles. It was
good. And I went to the china Buf-
fate. The food was very good.

A Letter to the

Military By: Natalie Magill

Dear Military people,

You do so much for our
country but you don't get to see
people you know
and love. One day
I hope this bloody
war will end but
for now I just wish
you luck. I know
that your families
hope the you are
safe. Hopefully this
letter will comfort
you when it gets hard. I will think
about you and sometimes I will cry. I
would like to thank all the men and
women who have died and God
Bless America.

Love,
Natalie



September 11

By: Ruhee Dedani

On September 11 the twin
towers got crashed. I was hardly
one month old. It got crashed by
some airplanes. Patriot Day is to-
day. I am very mad. Though I am
happy as well, because it's all over.
911 is now the emergency number.
One of the planes went straight
through the second twin tower. On
one of the planes there was 233
passengers, 35 light attendants, and
8 pilots. On that same day the
pentagon also got hit in the middle.



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Dear CC,

Some girls in my class had a meeting and formed a club. They all said I should not be in the group. They told my friend that she had to tell me that I wasn't in the club. She told me I was bossy and mean. I thought she was my friend. What should I do?

From,
Out of the Club

Dear Out of the Club,

This happens to everyone sometime along the way. Don't feel bad, that friend is just going along with the crowd. If this person is acting on her own is she a real friend? Stop and think did you do anything that may have made them think that you are bossy or mean? If you can't think of any reason they might feel the way they do then move on. Ignore them and look for some other friends on the playground or in your neighborhood. If your friends don't accept you the way you are, then it isn't a good club for you to want to be in?

**Sincerely,
Cubby Counselors.**

Cubby Counselor

Dear CC,

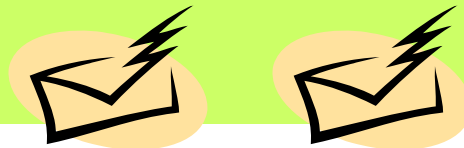
I am tall and some of the kids call me ostrich legs. I ignore them but, I just want to blow-up! How can I handle this so I don't get angry, in trouble or hurt?

Dear Not Ostrich Legs,

It is natural to get angry, and hurt when people make fun of you. Keep in mind people tend to be laugh at things that are out of the ordinary. It makes them feel more comfortable. You can't change how tall you are, but you can change how you think of your height. Don't see it as a negative. Try playing some sports that like tall people. The next time they make fun of you add your own humor to it. Just tell them you would be upset at what they are saying if you could, hut your too tall to hear them. Good Luck and enjoy the view from there.

Sincerely,

Cubby Counselors



Dear CC,

My math grade keeps getting lower and lower. I feel like I am trying hard. What can I do?

From,
Number Jumble

Dear Number Jumble,

The math you learn in the lower grades builds the foundation for the next year. Are you afraid to raise your hand and ask the teacher to explain something before she moves on? Chances are you are not the only person who doesn't get it. You could go to her after the class or during study hall to get extra help. Maybe your parents could get you a tutor. Just to get you caught up. It won't be forever. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Good Luck

**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