



What's Up With Kids!

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We're Back!!!

Thanks' to all of you for waiting and continuing to ask about the next issue of "What's Up With Kids".

We're finally back, but we need your help!



We are looking for reporters to join our staff. If you enjoy reading, writing, telling jokes, reviewing books or movies, or drawing you are invited to be part of our group.

Stop & Think Jokes

What kind of coat do you put on which doesn't have buttons, a zipper, or sleeves?
A coat of paint!

What runs but never walks?
Water!

What is white when it is dirty and black when it is clean?
A Blackboard.

What do you throw out when you need it and take in when you don't?
An anchor!

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Featured Reporter

Jeremy P.

Age -13

School - *Medinah Christian School*

How Long on the Newsletter - since 3/1999

Best Friend—Michael Robison

Favorite Subject in school- Science

Favorite Book- Gospel According to the Simpson's, by Mark I. Pinsky

Favorite Sports Team San Francisco 49'ers

Favorite Teacher - "They are all good".

Favorite Television Program - The Simpson's

Hobby - Video Games, computer and bowling



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Character



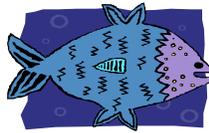
Counts!

Scott G., one of our staff reporters enjoyed a poem that he would like to share with you.

 Show Fish
 I found a flounder and I thought,
 “Swell,
 I’ll take it to school for show and tell.”
 But I forgot, for quite a spell,
 To take it to school for show and tell,
 And now it’s 2 weeks latter....Well.....
 I’ll take it to school for show & smell!

“ Check out FALLING UP , a poem and drawing book by *Shel Silverstein.*”

Scott G., age 9



Poem by *Jill G.*

Winter
 Winter is cold,
 Winter is snowy,
 We all love winter,
 And so do the animals.



The Road to Freedom

A Poem based on the book,
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry.

by Zach M., age 12

Always traveling on the run
 Trying to be quiet and stealthy
 Being baked in the sun
 Asking at a station if they are done and for
 some medicine to get healthy.
 While singing songs to stay hopeful.
 They are trying to be quiet so they don’t
 get caught running
 The bounty hunters making them
 more and more spiteful.
 Even while hot on her trail, Harriet Tubman stays cunning
 The slaves would stop and look at the hanging quilt
 Which would let them know if it’s safe or not
 The bounty hunters always thinking
 the slaves have quilt.
 Looking everywhere from in cots
 to every little clay pot
 Yay, we are finally free
 Look at all the slave-free land I see!

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 ONE OF THE *WHAT’S UP WITH KIDS!* REPORTERS,
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Eulogy to Mr. Rogers
by Jeremy P., age 13

Fred Rogers died at his home in Pittsburgh after a brief battle with stomach cancer. Rogers was born in 1928 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He studied music composition in college and in the 1950's he worked as a puppeteer for "The Children's Corner," a show he launched on WQED. Many of those characters later appeared on his next show. In 1963 he was ordained a Presbyterian minister with a charge to continue working on children's programming. Soon after he started work on his own show.

The show "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood", was a show we can all relate to. His show was a great influence on children and could give them someone who wanted to listen to them. That was Fred Rogers ultimate goal for his show.

The show itself was only fifteen minutes long and aired in Canada for the first time. It was a great hit with children and adults. So the following year, he took his show back to his home town in Pennsylvania and it was good there too. His show went national in the 70's on PBS and soon had the highest ratings for that time slot. The rating lowered continuously, but still was very popular. The final episode was shot in 2000 and aired 2001, although PBS does still show reruns of the show. "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood" may not have been watched by all, but was still known and loved by most.

I agree with you Jeremy. Mr. Rogers will be missed my many for years to come. Thank goodness for reruns, so children can continue to learn & grow with Mr. Rogers.

Poem by Jill G.
age 8

Summer

Summer is warm,
Summer is fun.
We all love summer,
So does nature.



A Letter by Zach M.
age 12

Dear Omaha Nebraska,

I'm terribly sorry about rampaging through your town and not warning you. I send my condolences for all the deaths that I've made happen. I hope it was not too bad. Maybe if I come again, I will definitely send the town a warning.

It all started when that darn hurricane "Insane" came, letting all of it's last moisture out. Also, if you remember, a big thunder-storm came and it rained non-stop for 3 days. That led to the ground filling up with too much water, the Mississippi River over-flowing, and creating me. I then came through your town because it was next to the Mississippi River. When I was in town, your police were left with no choice, but to direct boats instead of cars, because of the flooded streets. Additionally, there were many buildings with water damage. I also helped your town out with some problems.

There were some good things out of this whole catastrophe. I helped the environment and your drinking water. Another way I helped was, I enriched your soils with nutrients and helped them stay moist. I also made your land extremely fertile for growing. What I did for the plants and crops was water them and help them to grow better than ever. Finally, I took away the excess salt from the banks of the rivers and dirt in the ground. Last of all, I would like to give you some pointers about what to do if there were to be another flood.

Finally, I would like to offer you some advice, if another flood should occur. If the flood has started you should get out of the car and run to the closest place that is on higher ground. If the flood has not started, do the same thing, but you may drive away to higher ground with your belongings. Also, you could build a reservoir upstream on your closest river. It might not work because the rain would have to fall directly into the reservoir. Additionally, if you were to block the Mississippi River, you could cause a lot of problems. Lastly, you could build a dam, but that usually doesn't work.

In closing, I am extremely sorry for what happened! Maybe what I have written will help you to stay safe in your next flood. As I said before, I definitely will be sending a warning letter if I come by again. Good luck with repairs.

Your Recent Flood,
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What's Up With Kids, is a Youth Services Publication. This Newsletter is for kids, and is written by kids. It is our hope that this publication will provide children in the community a way to express their opinions. This publication's goal is to provide encouragement to those who enjoy reading, writing and drawing.

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