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What's Up With Kids!

Fall 2007



Picture by **Kaela B.**, age 9



Haiku by **Kaela B.**, age 9

Haiku is a Japanese type of poetry. It is three lines long and explains about something from nature. The first line has five syllables. The second line has seven syllables and again the third line of Haiku has five syllables.

Here is one about Fall:

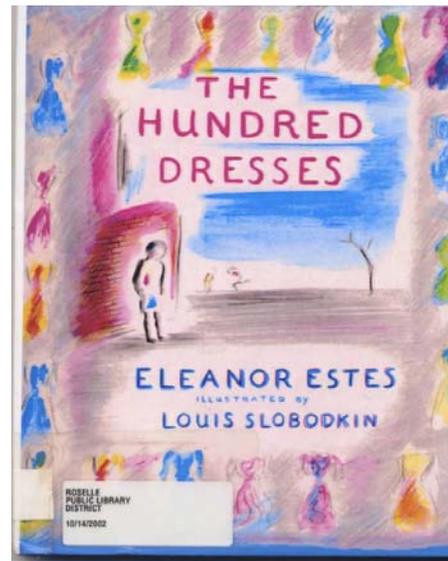
Leaves falling from trees
Hay rides and pumpkin patches
A season of fun

- Try to make a Haiku today!!

The Hundred Dresses

book review by **Hayley S.**, age 9

This story was the best book I've ever read! It's about a girl named Wanda Petronski. Wanda lives in Boggins Heights. She's very poor and wears the same old blue dress every day. Every day at recess, she sits against the red brick wall and watches some girl play hopscotch. If you want to find out what happens to Wanda, read this exciting book.



Chess Club

Chess players age 7-17 years, work on developing strategies and skills while playing each other.

Mondays 4:00 - 5:00 p:m
September 10-October 22

November 5 - December 17
(registration is ongoing)

The Chronicles of Larf, Part 5: The Crystal Chase
by **Chago B.**, age 8

This is taking forever thought Adam. He was at a fuel Station buying fuel for the ship on a freezing cold planet. He and Sally were in the warmest part of it, and it was $-500,000^{\circ}$ C You had to buy ice block, which is something like sun block to protect you from the cold, otherwise as soon as you step outside you will freeze in a nanosecond.

Sally was buying supplies at a store next to the fuel station. It took almost as long for Sally to finish as it as it did Adam to get the fuel because the salesman (who, incidentally, was a drunk) thought Sally was his daughter. Finally Sally departed . Departed, in this case, means she snuck up behind him and hit him with a bobber-stobber.

Sally went back to Adam, who just finished with the fuel. "Set the coordinates for Tropical Island Planet!" said Sally.

"Yay! Can I go get my Bermuda shorts and tropical shirt?" asked Adam. "Hhhhhmmmmm... What? Oh yeah sure," said Sally, preoccupied with setting the coordinates.

When they arrived, Adam said "I'm ready for vacation!" and stepped outside. He froze immediately. It took five minutes to melt the ice, and another five to get him dry. So they put more ice-block on and went outside. They rented a cabin. Sally got her crystal tracker. "The crystal should be here," she said, pointing. They rented some rocket skis and went to get the crystal.

"Th-this sure i-is-f-fun!": shouted Adam, lips flapping wildly. "W-w-we're almost th-th-there!" shouted Sally, lips flying back.

Dr. Madman was on Tropical Island too. He did the same thing as Adam. But his computador drier him off much faster. It only took one second. Instead of renting rocket skis, he stole them from the exact same store that Adam and Sally went to. He brought them back to his lab and made them faster. He rocketed down the same path that Adam and Sally went on and caught up to them.

"Aha ! You'll never catch me!" cried Dr. Madman gleefully. Just then he hit a rock, broke the skies and almost fell off the planet. It was flat, you see, not round like most planets.

Adam and Sally went to check and see the rock that made Dr. Madman crash. It turned out to be the crystal.

To be continued in Part 6.....

Do you like to write stories, poetry, or draw pictures? Or perhaps you like to write book reviews or a movie review.

If so, **join us for the next meeting of**
"What's Up With Kids!"

Monday, Oct. 15, 2007

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



**in the Storytime room in the
Youth Services Department**

Messages from Mother

by **Kat M.**, age 10

"No, don't go please!" Brianna woke up with a start. She looked at her clock - 5:45. Her older brother Jesse, was already awake. "I was dreaming about mother," Brianna said. Two months ago, Jesse's and Brianna's mom had died in a car accident. Their father left their mother when Jesse was three years old. Jesse who was eighteen, had moved into a small three room apartment. He and Brianna shared a bedroom. The other rooms were a kitchen and a bathroom.

"C'mon," Jesse said, "we don't wanna be late for school." After getting ready and grabbing a quick bite to eat, Brianna hopped on the bus to go to school. Jesse walked to his college campus.

Everyone was quiet at school, it seemed eerie. To top it all off, when Brianna got home from high school, Jesse wasn't there. Usually he had already made a snack for her. Brianna was getting a little scared. As she was sitting down to do her homework, Jesse came tumbling in, sneezing covered with chalk dust. "Sorry, it was my job to clean the erasers today," he said in a nasally voice. "I forgot to tell you this morning." "Don't be so hard on yourself. Everyone forgets," Brianna replied.

That night Jessie had a coughing fit. He went into the kitchen to get some water. All of a sudden, Brianna heard him scream. She grabbed a bat and went into the kitchen to investigate. Briann gasped at what she saw.

To be continued....

(Da, da da...)

My Summer Adventure by **Daniel P.**, age 10

This summer, my family drove to St. Petersburg Beach Florida, and what an adventure we had! Going over the bridge to St. Petersburg from Tampa, we saw a police chase in the ocean. There were Coast Guard Boats, Police boats, a Coast Guard Helicopter and a Police Helicopter that were all speeding past. Waves were flying and the helicopters were almost touching the ocean water. It was very cool!

Once we got to the condo we would be staying at for our vacation, we immediately got into our bathing suits and saw the ocean for the first time. It was an amazing sight, all that blue water and white sand. The best part was , it was right outside our front door and across a small parking lot. We could see, smell and hear the ocean from our front porch. We spent nearly all of our eleven days at the beach and pool, which were three steps from our door.

My cousin's house is about a mile from the condo. We went to her house to fish off her pier. She is on a channel that feeds into the ocean. While we were fishing on her pier, we saw a very large stingray, about five feet wide, swim past the pier! It almost looked like it was skating on the water. I didn't know they could swim above water. The next day, on her pier again, we saw four manatees swimming right in front of the pier. They were so close you could have leaned over to pet them. It was an awesome sight since manatees are an endangered species due to the boat propeller accidents.

We spent a day at Magic Kingdom at Disneyworld in Orlando. The monorail in from the parking lot that ran through the hotel was one of my favorite things at Disney. We saw all the attractions there and Disney characters. I really enjoyed the Bear Jamboree and the Jungle Cruise.

We also spent a day at Sea World in Orlando. We saw my favorite exhibit, the Manatee Rescue. The Manatee Rescue is a place where they bring injured manatees to recover and live until they are able to go back to the ocean. We were able to feed the dolphins and seals and pet stingrays! They feel like rubber. We saw so many sharks, and an incredible dolphin and whale show.

One day, while on the beach, we saw a man dressed in full Scuba Gear with a harpoon gun. He walked right off the sand and into the ocean. He went not too deep, and cocked his harpoon gun, and stood extremely still waiting for something to come along. To this day, we still don't know what he was after.

On our last day of our vacation, we saw dolphins swimming in the ocean. We were in the ocean swimming and playing when we noticed about five dolphins swimming close to us. They were jumping in and out of the water. They were so beautiful to watch. One dolphin, a very dark gray one, kept swimming very close toward us then, he'd turn and swim away. We watched them for almost a half hour before they decided to swim off.

As you can see, we had quite an adventure with all we saw on our trip. It is truly a vacation I will never forget. I can't wait to go back again next year.



“Fall” Picture by Katarina M., age 10

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