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## Got Leadership Skills?

Here at Park Glen Elementary, we have some amazing opportunities to teach and show off our leadership skills. Junior Mentors and Student Council are just two of the ways that students can share their leadership talents.

Have you ever wondered what Student Council was? Or how to be part of Student Council? Student Council is a student organization dedicated to helping with special school-wide events and activities. Student Council members work together to learn leadership skills, cooperation, decision-making, and effective communication.

To be considered for Student Council, students must meet several requirements including:

- Be nominated by your 4th grade teacher,
- Be a good role model,

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- Demonstrate leadership qualities,
- Maintain good citizenship grades (S in citizenship with no office referrals),
- Maintain passing grades,
- Maintain good attendance, and
- Be available for after school meetings every 6 weeks.

There are two student council officers, a President and Secretary. The President runs the meetings with the assistance of the student council sponsor and also helps plan and

lead special activities and events. The Secretary is responsible for keeping records of meetings, activities, and fundraisers done by the council. There are 15 4th graders on Student Council this year.

Junior Mentors are 4th graders who are natu-

ral leaders, reliable, have outstanding character and have a gift for helping others. Park Glen has 13 Junior Mentors this year. There are a variety of jobs that Jr. Mentors can have each 6 weeks. Jobs include office



aide, morning announcement team, Art room Clean-Up crew, student mentoring in our Special Needs class, Library Helpers, and Morning Greeters. Junior Mentors also participate in service projects and a book study.

To become a Jr. Mentor, your 3rd grade teacher must nominate you based on the qualities above. If you get nominated, then you fill out an application and over the summer, you will find out if you made it or not.

If you have leadership dreams in your future, Student Council or Junior Mentors may be for you. We can't wait to see the talented students involved in these clubs next year!

## Christmas

By Phung Le, 1st Grade, Mrs. York

On last Christmas Eve I went to the mall with my whole family to meet Santa Claus. When I was next in line I went to sit on Santa's lap. I was so excited to tell him what I wanted. I told Santa I wanted a L.O.L doll surprise and Santa said to me "HO , HO , HO I will get you what you want. " That night I went to sleep dreaming that Santa will give lots of L.O.L doll surprises.

The next morning I woke up my mom and dad then we all went to the living room then I saw LOTS OF L.O.L DOLL SURPRISES. I was so happy



!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Then after breakfast I opened all of the L.O.L doll surprises but not in a normal way, but a crazy way. That is how I want my Christmas to be this year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## If I Could Change One Thing About the World

By Will Chock, 1st Grade, Mrs. Lyssy

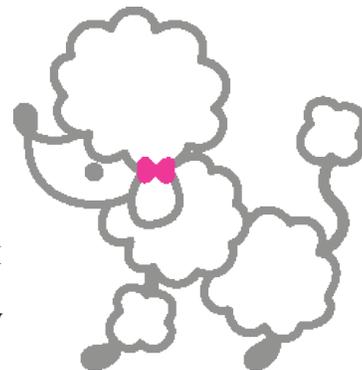
I want there to be car washes by every building because I like car washes.



## I Am Thankful For...

By Emma Chesser, 2nd Grade, Ms. Flynn

This Thanksgiving I was extra thankful because I finally got a new puppy I had been wanting for a long time. I am allergic to dogs, so we got a toy poodle that doesn't shed. I enjoy playing with her every day. I plan to feed her, take her on walks, and teach her new tricks, like how to fetch a ball. I am really happy I have my new puppy!



## Grateful

By Brynna Laughter  
Kindergarten, Mrs. Joyce

I am grateful for family, friends, holidays, Jesus, and God.



## Math Problem

By David Walker, 4th Grade,  
Mrs. Schiefelbein

A tree farm has 434 Christmas trees. The tree farm can not sell 60 trees this year. If the tree farm sells 142 Christmas trees in 2017, and after the Christmas season they plant 347 trees. How many trees will they have in 2018?



Answer: 639 trees

## Computer Game

By Nolan Roberts, 2nd Grade, Ms. Flynn

I was playing my favorite computer game, when all of the sudden, I was transported into my computer and I was in the game Uncharted 2. I was trying to complete a journey to find a lamp of Marco Polo's. I was running from other people who are trying to get the lamp



too. I had to climb big statues and complete tasks to solve the clues to the next chapter. I swung from ropes and jumped off cliffs and found clues. I finally found the lamp before the bad people did and my journey was over.

# We Were Stuck in a Hurricane

By Allison Walker, Kindergarten, Mrs. Joyce

We went to Disney World and went to the parks. My favorite rides are Big Thunder Mountain, Seven Dwarfs Mine Train and the Carousel. There is a jewel game that you can play when you are waiting for Seven Dwarfs Mine Train. It has barrels with jewels in it and you spin the barrel and see a dwarf. I saw Sleepy. Seven Dwarfs Mine Train is a roller coaster. The fun part is when



you go down. I like to ride in the last car. They take a picture of you when you ride. Big Thunder Mountain is another roller coaster. It is super-fast and really loud. We rode Big Thunder Mountain 22 times. It's the wildest ride in the wilderness! On the carousel, we found Cinderella's horse and I got to ride it round and round in a circle. It is a pretty horse because it is Cinderella's horse.

When we were at Disney

World a hurricane came. We were stuck in our hotel for two whole days and it was really fun! There was lots of stuff to do at our hotel. We went to the arcade and played lots of games. I liked the games where you ride a motorcycle. I am so good at motorcycle games! Mickey Mouse and Pluto came to the arcade to play games too. My brother and me went to see a movie. It was The Princess and the Frog. Mommy and I saw Moana. I danced and sang along. We ate popcorn and pink cotton candy. We played a ring toss game with Goofy. I put the rings on Goofy's hat. We played bingo and other fun games. We did a dance party with Donald and Goofy. We had so much fun. I want to go back and get stuck in another hurricane.

## My Great Idea

By Landry Joyce,  
2nd Grade, Mrs. Bartoszek

One day I was at my grandma's house outside. When suddenly I had an idea. I would run down a hill. My Papa would throw a football at me and I would catch it. We did it and I was so happy.



## When I Grow Up

By Hanna Company,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

When I grow up I want to buy a mansion and I want to get a job at Alcon. When I grow up I will wear high heels (sometimes). When I grow up I already promised myself to not get on drugs (because I have asthma when I smell smoke). When I grow up I will buy a really (6 hours later), really big couch, TV, bed, kitchen and backyard. When I grow up I will go to church. When I grow up I will be a citizen.



## Winter

By Noah Bradley,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

It doesn't snow much in Texas, but sometimes it does just to get your hopes up. It is exciting when it's winter. But always stay warm. Sometimes if you're cold, when you get inside you may have hot chocolate. You can have a snowball fight.



## Bird Island

By Kyla Armendarez,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

One day, I was flying along the path getting back to my nest. My babies were about to hatch, that's why I had wriggly worms in my beak. I loved my home on Bird Island. I had to be careful, some humans eat birds and cut down trees. I hope my eggs will be safe. I started to fall asleep when I heard a crack – the eggs were



hatching. When I saw them, one was blue and one was red. I named the blue one Raspberry and the red one Cherry. The next day the humans were going to cut down our trees. I tried to protect my babies, but I got shot on the wing. I fell to the ground. Then a nice person after cutting down my tree. I was with a wild animal doctor. My babies were there – that was great. He had weird tools. I



was scared. He calmed me down. He wrapped my wing with a bandage. He gave my babies a checkup too. Then, for being so good, he gave me a worm. I gave some to my babies. A couple weeks later he took me back home because I was all better. Me and Raspberry and Cherry happily slept the rest of the day.

# How To...

By Various Students, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

## By Ellie Tyson

Hi, do you want to have back flexibility? So, first you need to stretch out because you don't want to hurt yourself. Then lay on your back and push up. Try to hold it for 10 seconds. Every day do that until you feel comfortable. Then get mom or dad to help you with this. Make them put their hand on your back. Then look at your fingertips the whole time and lean back. Mom or dad will be holding your back so you don't fall on your face. Then keep doing that



until you can do it by yourself. When you can do it by yourself, try to get your hand as close to your feet as possible. Keep doing that over and over until it doesn't hurt. Then when you can do that try a back walkover. It's kind of like a bridge, but faster.

So you want to lean back and as you go back, put one of your feet in front and lift it up. When you lean back keep on pushing your leg all the way over and then when your back foot gets to the middle your other foot should go. Then put your hands down and flip over. When you can do it by yourself, keep on doing it. Then you're going to try a back handspring. So you throw your hands back and flip your feet over at the same time. Do this with a spot the first couple of times. Then when you have it by yourself, keep on doing it. When you think it looks good you could try like a back walkover back handspring or a round-off back handspring. Then your back will be as flexible as it can get.

## By Catelin Phonasa

If you don't know how to play tennis you will suffer. But if you do know then you won't have to listen to this how to paper. So, let's begin. You need to know a forehand and a backhand. First, you need to point the racket to the ground and swing through high and smooth. Oh, and I almost forgot to tell you to keep your eye on the ball or you will miss for sure. Now let's learn our next position – the volleys. First, bring your racket to the side with one or both hands and bump the ball. Now let's learn the third position – the overhand. You need to pat the racket on your back like a back scratch and point to the ball. When the ball is close to you, you can follow through. And now you know all of the positions.



Now let's get all of the equipment your need. First, you need a kid-size or adult-size racket. Then you need some tennis shoes. And last, but certainly not least, a cute outfit to stay fashionable. Let's see where you want to practice at, shall we? If you like to be alone then go to a shady, unknown place. If you don't want to drive far, then a neighborhood court is good for you. If you are at school and you don't want to walk home and play tennis at the neighborhood tennis court, then a school tennis court is for you. If you don't care about what tennis court, then pick any tennis court.

Now that you know pretty much everything about tennis, you can go practice and have fun. And if you want to impress all of your friends at practice or school, you can. So, go have fun!

## The Best Birthday

By Ellie Martin, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

The best birthday ever was my 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. I went to Hawaiian Falls with my friend Cali and my family. I went through the lazy river 1,000 times. It was so much fun! Cali and I went down the race slide so many times. Then we both ate pizza and fruit, yum! It was super delicious. After that we went

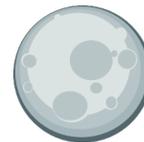


home and ate CiCi's Pizza. Then we had a sleepover and we watched a scary movie. We looked in the yearbook for all of our friends. We drove my mom crazy! It was finally morning and we ate donuts. Her dad came to pick her up. I was sad that she had to leave, but I still had a fun time.

## To The Moon

By Taylor Harris, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

I have never really been to space but here is what I know. Something I know is there are 8 planets. I also know that there are asteroids that sometimes hit the Earth. Did you know that the Moon is way, way colder than the Sun. I have an app on my I-pad where it shows the constellations and what it looked like when a planet blows up. I think that the Moon is not very soft. I think it has a ton of craters. I have always loved writing about space. When I was little my mom and dad got me little glow in the dark stars. Well I hope that you learned something today.



# How To...

By Various Students, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

## By Charity Rummel

I'm an expert on flexibility. But today I'm going to teach you how to do the splits. I will talk about your goal, how to get all the way down, and tips. First, start up on a high place – maybe about 2 or 3 pillows. (When you do it with the 3 pillows it will give you more pressure.) Put your right or left leg on the 3 pillows and put the other leg in the back. Once you get the hang of it, start letting your body go down. (You can have someone push you down..) If you get down with the 3 pillows try doing it without them. Do the same concept that I told you to do with the 3 pillows. When you are finally done with your right or left split, do it with your other leg in the splits.



Here are some more tips to get better at your splits. When you start the splits, your hands start on the side. But when you get your splits try lifting up your hands and balance. But once you can balance, you can put your hands in whatever position you want. When you can put your hands in whatever hand position you want, lean forward to your front leg. Once you have that lean backward. Your goal is to get down, not to even try to get down to your splits, be able to do it on a skinny surface, and to be able to do right and left splits. Those are some ways you can get your splits. But remember, if you don't practice, then you will never get the splits.

## By Alyssa Hill

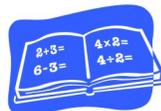
Do you know how to wash a dog? Well today I am going to teach you how to wash your furry friend. To wash your dog, you will need to get supplies. For your bath, you will need to get a dog, dog shampoo, a towel or a hair dryer. You will also be needing a tub or a hose. You probably want to know can I use special kinds of shampoo? Well, you can. You can use shedding, flea or tick shampoo too! To get ready you will need to get the water going and make sure it is just right for your dog's breed. For dogs with flat faces, the water will need to be a bit colder, but not too cold. You should know if the water is too cold or too hot by shivering or panting. And that is the right time to change the water temperature. To get your dog all clean and soft, you will need to wash your dog. So now I am going to tell you how to do so! Now get all of your supplies. Now get your dog in to the tub with water or wash down with a hose. Put on shampoo and lather it up and wait about 2 minutes. Then wash off your dog. Now use a towel or hair dryer to dry off your furry friend! Now, I hope your dog gives you lots of kisses and I hope you have lots more clean puppies to come. Woof! Woof!



## My Favorite Book

By Declan Cullen,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

My favorite book is a math workbook because I love math and I'm really good. My skills are great with math and I'm first in class and the only boy to finish. Nice! I have a few cute pets and still I prefer math over them. Get inspired to do more math!



**Pepper Mint**  
By Arley Rae Forbus,  
2nd Grade, Mrs. Guerra



## My Favorite Food

By Adam Stoddard, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

My favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs. I love it because you can slurp it in your mouth. I also like it with the big meatballs, but I still love them. Spaghetti and meatballs are Mexican food.



## Future House

By Abi Menefee, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

I would like my future home to be a 3-story home and to have an elevator and four rooms. I would like it to be a tannish color and to have a balcony, an office, and a basement. I want the basement to be big so I will have a map in the middle. I will have two hot tubs, two pools, and three kitchens. I would have a maid and someone to clean my room every single day. If they find change I want them to give it to me.

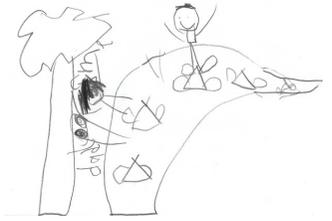


# The Turkey Trot

By Helen Ogen,  
Kindergarten, Mrs. Joyce



The Turkey Trot was fun. There were a lot of people. Suddenly we ran. We turned. We met a person. We ran so far. It is fun to run with your mom or dad. We finished the race.



# My Law

By Madison Norris  
2nd Grade, Ms. Andes

If I could make a law that everybody had to follow my law will be you have to eat ice cream for dinner every Thursday because kids like to eat ice cream and most times their parents don't let them, so if it is a law then your parents have to let you. You will still get to eat lunch and breakfast that day so you won't be hungry until dinner.



# Computers

By An Vu,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt



I am an expert at computers. I can play games and do math and watch movies. I can tell you how to do all of these things. One game I play is Roblox. Roblox is a fun game to play. You can make an avatar. An avatar is where you dress up and look like in real life. Roblox is a game to play tag and lots more games.

# Fun In The Sun

By Dane Coley,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

I love to play in the sun. My favorite activity is boogie boarding. My favorite sport is baseball. My second favorite sport is basketball. One of my favorites is swimming because I know how to float. I know how to come up for air. I know how to snorkel. I love to do some activities and sports.



# Computer Game

By Anna Pickett, 3rd Grade,  
Mrs. Lance

One day I was playing Prodigy and I was having fun! I was fighting monsters, getting gold, and healing myself. Then all of a sudden, when I pressed NEXT, I got transported into my computer! I was in a cave and someone was talking to me, Bok from Prodigy! I was so amazed, but then I realized that if Bok was there and talking to me then the monsters would be there too. I could feel my heart running low, so I looked for a healstone just like the one in the game. When I found it, I put my



hand on it and my guidance show up! It said, "Would you like to heal you and your pets?" I said yes. It asked me a math question and I answered it. I got it right! I was all healed up. I did what Bok told me to do before. I left the cave and as I was walking I saw a monster! I tried to run back to the cave, but I was too slow! I fought the monster and the good thing was that I didn't lose any hearts! I won the battle and got gold from my guidance. After the battle I realized that I couldn't stay forever. So, I asked Bok if I could go home. He asked where I live. I told him my address. He didn't know where it is. My guidance said, "Would you like to go home?" "Yes!" I said. Next thing I knew I was in my Prodigy home! NO!! I looked down and saw that I had my watch on! I touched my watch and I was at the computer in my real house! I was happier than ever!

# Helping Friends

By Madison Mulvey,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

Helping my friends makes me feel all warm inside. But, sometimes, (if it happens too often), it can get annoying. I still like helping friends anyway. Like the time I constantly kept helping Kyla, but I don't mind. I can also help her by giving her advice.



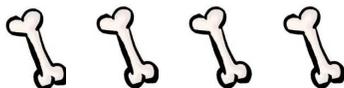
# Jokes

By Jacob Young,  
3rd Grade,  
Mr. Hudson

What did one skeleton say to the other?



I have a bone to pick with you.



By Ryleigh Laughter  
3rd Grade,  
Mr. Thompson

What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?

- *Ruff Ruff*

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Broken Pencil

Broken Pencil who?

Oh never mind, it's pointless



What kind of cowboy loves the share?

- *The Sheriff*

By Lauren Patterson,  
4th Grade,  
Mrs. Smedley

Start at 1.

1. Look at 5.
2. Move your eyes to 9.
3. Last one. Look at 8.
4. Look at 2.
5. Oh, now look at 7.
6. Sorry, now look at 4.
7. Now 10.
8. All I wanted to say was hi.
9. Start looking at 3.
10. Now look at 6.

This is this cat.

This is is cat.

This is how cat.

This is to cat.

This is keep cat.

This is a cat.

This is person cat.

This is busy cat.

This is for cat.

This is forty cat.

This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each sentence.



## My Favorite Character in Star Wars



By Tyler Lucas, 3rd Grade, Mr. Thompson

My favorite character in Star Wars wears a black robe, is a Jedi Knight, and defeated a Sith Lord before Darth Vader...Count Dooku. This character also became Darth Vader by losing a fight against Obe-Wan-Kenobi and got burned in some lava on a planet called Mustafar.

By Matthew Lucas, 1st Grade, Mrs. York

The character I picked from Star Wars is Chewbacca because he is a wookiee and has brown fur, is brave, and never gives up. He works for Yoda, and Han Solo. He also cried when Han Solo died from Kylo Ren.



## Boogie Boarding

By Roman Roggia,  
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

I love to boogie board. It is fun. One time me and my family went to the beach in North Carolina. We got to have a really fun time. We got to go to the beach outside. We had to go in the garage and get the beach toys. Then we bring the toy bucket out and some of our cousins grabbed toys. But I didn't want any of those toys. I just wanted to go boogie boarding like my uncles. But they didn't go boogie boarding, they went surfing. As I rushed to the garage I grabbed a boogie board and I ran right back to the beach and ran in the water. As I was in the water there was a huge wave. I had to put my board down on the water and I waited. Then the big wave came and pushed me really fast and I landed on the dry sand. It was really fun and amazing. I really want to do it again. It was fun!





# The Night Before Unicorn

By Braelyn Vincent, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Guerra



# Wolves

By Bryn Fisher,  
2nd Grade, Mrs. Buchanan



# Cherokee Indian

By Henry Hawes, 4th Grade, Mrs. Smedley



# Master Yoda

By Aubrianna Vincent, 4th Grade, Mrs. Smedley

May the force be with you!



# Master Yoda

# The Snowman

By Gabriel Balsomi, Kindergarten, Ms. Temple



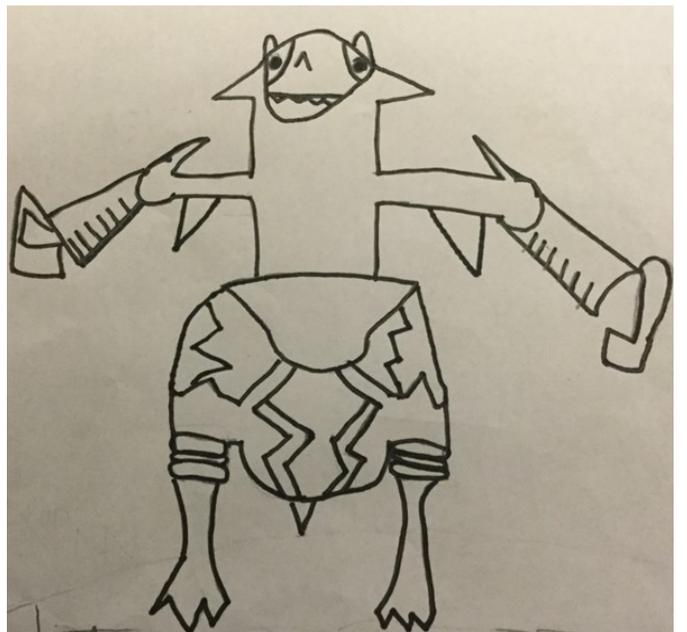
# Girl At Wedding

By Ella Rodriguez, 1st Grade, Mrs. York



# Tyclondorosaurento

By Henry McFarland, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Buchanan



# Emoji Wall and Angry Birds

By Nico Wood, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Lance



# The Nutcracker

By Owen Brewster,  
2nd Grade, Mrs. Tarango



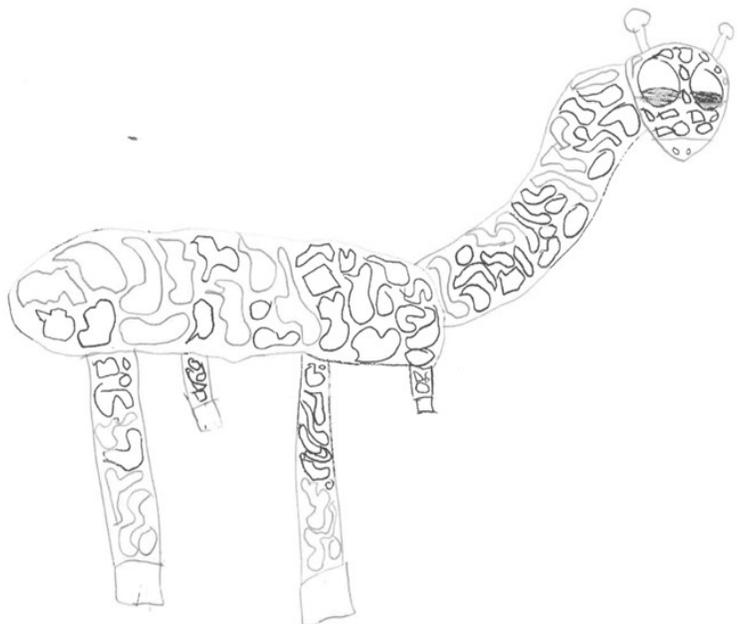
# Beedrill

By Steven Duong, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Tarango



# Baby Giraffe

By Shaun Reusser, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Lance



PGE had 19 Reflection submissions, and 8 of them are advancing to the KISD Council of PTAs! Congratulations to everyone who expressed what is "Within Reach" to them!

#### Awards of Excellence:

Anna Picket, 3rd Grade, Music Composition  
Gavin Shuford, 4th Grade, Literature  
Emily Nguyen, 2nd Grade, Visual Art  
Natalie Wust, 2nd Grade, Visual Art  
Audrey Reaves, 3rd Grade, Visual Art  
Milly Hawes, 2nd Grade, Photography  
Henry Hawes, 4th Grade, Photography  
Keira Logan, 3rd Grade, Photography

#### Awards of Merit:

Kinley Maul, 1st Grade, Visual Art  
Keira Logan, 3rd Grade, Visual Art  
Keira Logan, 3rd Grade, Musical Composition  
Anna Pickett, 3rd Grade, Photography  
Fabiola Balsami, 2nd Grade, Literature

#### Honorable Mention:

Eden Nelson, Kindergarten, Visual Art  
Tatum Burson, 4th Grade, Photography  
Morgan Slater, 4th Grade, Photography

#### Participatory Awards:

Caroline Wust, Kindergarten, Visual Art  
Grayson Reaves, 1st Grade, Visual Art  
Seshan Sarma, 4th Grade, Photography

## Texting Mice Jokes

By Dylan Forbus, 4th Grade, Mrs. Massengale



## The Park Glen Press Wants YOU!

Again, we are so pleased at the response for this paper. There is so much talent here at Park Glen! Not only do we see it in this newspaper, but look at all of the awards above that our students won in Reflections. The force is strong with the students of PGE. We look forward to what you will produce for Episode III. Write you must... submit you will!

#### Tips for Submissions

- Be sure to include a title for your work, your name, grade and teacher's name.
- Please do art work on white paper (no lines). Use pen or marker. Pencil does not copy very well.
- Black and white art copies best.
- Write neatly.
- Remember - Use the force to submit to the Park Glen Press.

Each student will receive one complimentary issue of this edition of The Park Glen Press.

To view the paper in color, please visit the PTA website at [www.parkglenpta.org](http://www.parkglenpta.org)

#### How to Submit to The Park Glen Press

Submit your content before the next deadline via email to Kristyn Laughter at [kristyn.laughter@gmail.com](mailto:kristyn.laughter@gmail.com) or to your teacher. Teachers can place submitted work in the red PTA mailbox.

### Next Deadline: Friday, February 23

#### Episode 3 Writing Prompt Ideas

- Finish this thought: If I could plan my own birthday party I would...
- If you could have lunch with any famous person, who would it be? What would you talk about with this person?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why? What would you do there?
- If you were the parent, what would your day be like?
- If you were a doctor, what kind of doctor would you be? Tell what your job would be like.