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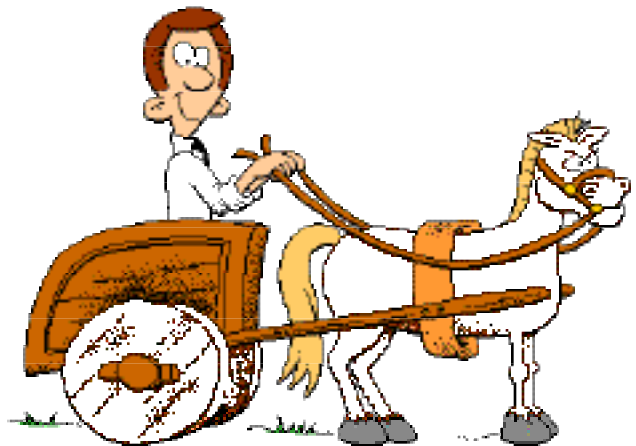
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# WOLVES



By Osvin Paraiso, Ms. Piedrahita's Class



Wolves are known as sly and bad in many nursery stories. Wolves can be compared to a domesticated dog because wolves can be loyal to people and wolves in their pack. Wolves mostly look like a domesticated dog, but they are dangerous for homes even if they are tamed. Wolves are seen with a bad reputation. People think of *werewolves* when they hear the howling.

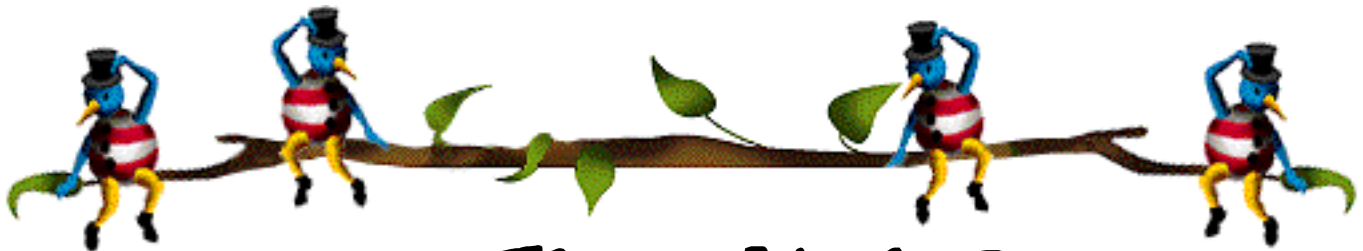
The lifestyle of a wolf depends on the relationship between the pack members, how they hunt in the pack, and where they live. Packs are made up from two, and even twenty-five wolves. The relationship between a pack is simple. When wolves have an argument, they stand up straight and put their tail and ears up. When wolves give up they roll on their backs. Wolves hunt in packs because they have a greater chance of hunting bigger prey. When one wolf hunts alone he can only catch small animals.

Wolves make sounds to communicate or just for pleasure. Wolves howl because they tell other wolves to stay off their hunting grounds. Usually pups growl when they play. When wolves fight they growl. Wolves bark when they are surprised at their den. Squeaking and whining are used when playing, feeding, and to show general good feelings.

Wolves live in dens or they just rebuild a fox den. Because wolf

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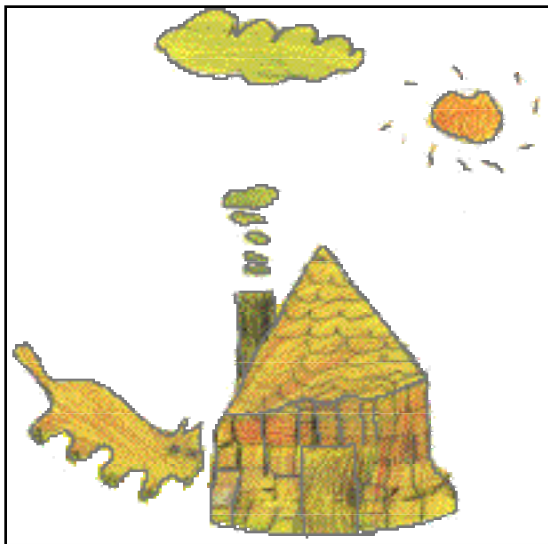
pups cannot see when they are born they stay in the den with their mother. Wolf pups or babies are born in spring. Wolf pups are born in a litter or in a den with their mother. Pups do not tumble, fight or play until they are about two months old. Other wolves help raise the pups by bringing them food.



## The Three Little Pigs



*By Ms. Schnitzer's Class*



I love the part when the wolf went to the house of bricks and he could not destroy it.

*--Hector Portillo*

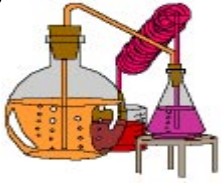


The part I liked was when the wolf fell in the water.

*--Christian Sanchez*

I enjoyed the book because the wolf blew the house.

*--Elvi Dias*



# The Exploratoriu m

*By Selvin Vasquez, Mrs. Kling's Class*

An exploratorium is where you get to show kids what you have learned. Children come in groups so that everyone has a chance to do every station. When it is your turn to walk around, you get to learn and do things. You can even teach your parents.

I was nervous when I was teaching the kids. Later, I felt happy, but even later when my parents came to see me, I was excited. I said every word I was supposed to say.

When it was my turn to go to each station, it was fun. The best one was the rocket station because my rocket went over the fence. One time white bubbles splashed my face from the Alka Seltzer!

# Clear Creek



*By Christian Galicia & Stephanie Novoa,  
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My favorite trip was Clear Creek. I liked this trip because we touched live animals. I put a snake on my neck and grabbed a little lizard. My favorite part was when I touched the birds. We also saw an owl that turned its head completely. We saw dead insects with a magnifying glass.

I liked the trip because we went hiking on the large mountains and we crossed a bridge. I was tired because we walked up the trail and my legs were getting heavy. I liked when we reached the brook and searched for garnets. I found one but I dropped it. Mr. Bernal bought a ring for his wife. The ring has a garnet in the middle.

I will take my family to Clear Creek one day.



# Five Hundred Hats



*By Yoselyn Benitez, Mr. Mizrahi's Class*

The story takes place in the *Kingdom of Didd*. This is about Bartholomew Cubbins who has a problem with his hats. Bartholomew likes to wear his favorite hat, a red one with a white feather. His dad gave him this hat and he wears it everywhere. In the *Kingdom of Didd* when King Derwin drove by, he noticed Bartholomew still had his hat on. When Bartholomew takes off his hat, another hat reappears just like the old one. This happens over and over again. King Derwin commands him to go to the castle. At the castle, the king calls many people to see if they can take off his hat. They call on seven magicians and they promised the king to get rid of Bartholomew's hats. However, it would take ten years and the king didn't want to wait. The Grand Duke suggested that they chop off his head as a solution. They lead Bartholomew to the dungeon. The executioner, the man who was about to chop Bartholomew's head, has a problem. He can't chop off a victim's head while he has a hat on. They decide to push him off the top of the tower. Bartholomew replaces each hat with another one that has more feathers. When the king saw the hat on Bartholomew's head he was surprised. The hat had beautiful red feathers and a magnificent ruby. The king decided to keep the hat. When Sir Alaric counted 500 hats, the king was willing to pay 500 pieces of gold for the hat and Bartholomew was saved.



# John F. Kennedy

*By Wilson Estrada, Mr. Gonzalez's Class*



John F. Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917 in Brooklyn, Massachusetts. For his education, he went to Harvard University. JFK served in the U.S Navy. One day Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your

country." All the people were glad to hear that. All the people were happy to see Kennedy running for president. Kennedy wanted to become president. The Vice President was Lyndon B. Johnson. Kennedy's nick name was "JFK." Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier. Kennedy and Jacqueline had three children. Their names were Caroline, John Jr. and Patrick.

John F. Kennedy was the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the USA. He was president from 1960 to 1963. He was the youngest man ever elected president. John F. Kennedy had been remembered for the hope he brought to the nation. In 1961, the United States was threatened by the Cold War and racial injustice. At home, the new President admitted these problems in his inaugural address, but he also spoke for hope for a new generation. Kennedy's

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major foreign policy concerned the Cold War with the Soviet Union. All over the world, Kennedy watched for signs of Soviet expansionism. When Eisenhower left his office, he told Kennedy that the CIA was secretly training Cuban exiles to fight Fidel Castro. Castro had a successful revolution in 1959. Cuba had become too friendly with the Soviet Union and the USA was worried. The idea of having a Soviet friend so close to the Florida shore made most Americans nervous.

Kennedy allowed a lot of spending to continue the Space Race. In a speech made soon after his inauguration, JFK vowed that the United States would land a man on the moon before the end of the decade. He said, "We choose not to go to the moon because it is easy, but because it is hard." In April 1961, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (a Russian) became the first man to orbit the planet. Three weeks later; however, the U.S. Project Mercury launched U.S. Astronaut Alan Shepherd into space.

The Civil Rights movement during Kennedy's years in office advanced in its struggle for equality. In 1960, there was a first sit-in protest for racial equality. Two years later, James Medith became the first black man to enroll at the University of Mississippi. One of the decade's most moving moments came in August 1963 when Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "*I Have a Dream*" speech. He made his speech in front of some 250,000 people during the *March on Washington, D.C.* In 1963, a man shot John F. Kennedy. JFK died on November 22, 1963.

# The Creatures

*By Diego Tiozon, Ms. Piedrahita's Class*

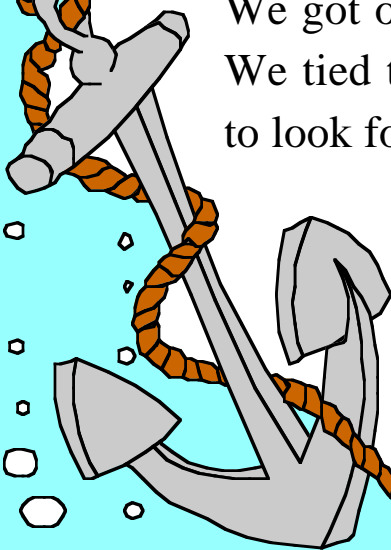
In the year 2,000 there was a contest of who can catch the most unusual creatures. I needed four members for my crew. I picked Kyle, Stan, Kenny and Eric. I needed a boat and we built one that can transform into a submarine, a land rover and a jet plane.

We started our voyage to look for creatures. We hit an island and explored it. We turned the ship into a land rover. We looked all around the island for a creature. We did not find any, but we found lots of coconuts and bananas. All of the sudden, we heard a noise. The rock in front of us started to move. It was a giant rock creature. Suddenly, Kenny disappeared and we thought he had been eaten by the creature, but he was actually hiding in the bushes.

The giant rock creature was about 45-50 feet tall. The creature threw boulders at us, but we managed to get away.

We got our net throwers and we aimed at the creature. We tied the monster and put him in our ship and went to look for more.

We stopped at the closest island for food because Eric was eating all of it. Then, I suspected something as I came to a tree. Food was hanging from it.

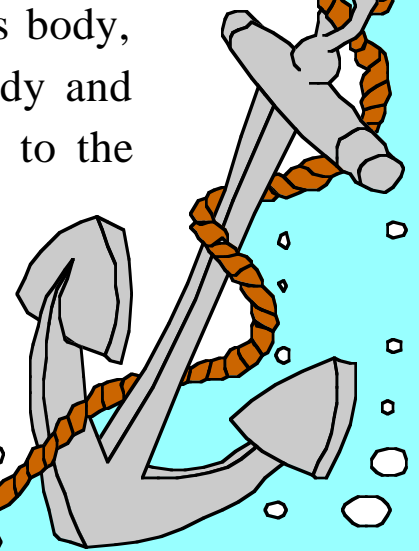


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There were pizza, chicken, pork chops, popcorn, and chips. I took them and placed them in the basket. When we returned to the ship, the ground started to shake. Something was rising from the ground. It only had one eye and its arms were transforming into gigantic hammers. It tried to smash us with its arms, but it was too slow. We tried to shoot our arrows and nets, but it was useless because they went right through the creature. Stan had an idea to freeze the creature and it worked. We captured the sand creature, but there was no room for it in the boat. We hooked a cable on back of the ship and dragged the monster.

A couple of miles later, we encountered and explored an island that had a mountain shaped like a flame. We found a gigantic flame creature. The first thing that came to mind was to spray it with water, but it did not work because its flames were stronger than the water. He started to blow fire from its mouth. Eric had an idea. He finally did something other than eating. He told me to shoot a freeze bomb in his mouth to freeze it. As the bomb entered the creature's body, the ice was spreading through his whole body and the fire extinguished. We tied the creature to the back of our boat and dragged him along.

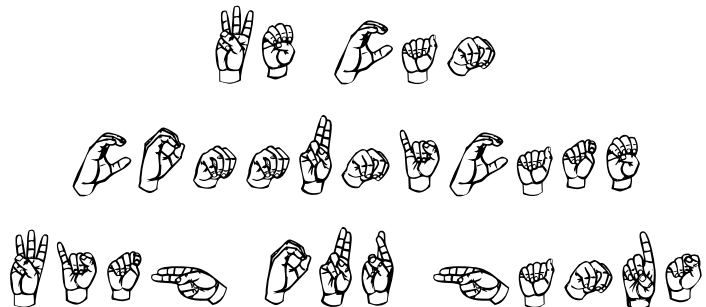
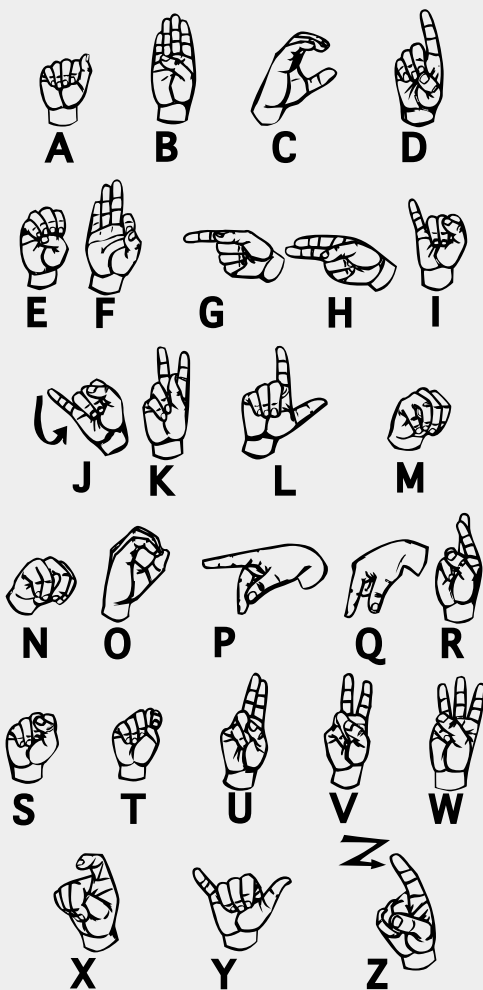
We started heading back home. I saw the island a couple of yards away. All of a sudden, the ship started to rock. I turned



back and saw the two creatures becoming one. We panicked and could not think of anything to do. Eric was scared and ran off the ship. Fortunately, he stepped on the automatic net thrower and the net trapped the creatures right before we reached home. The judge was going around to see the other crew's creatures. When the judge got to our station, he said we had won because we had the most unusual ones. After the contest we went to our favorite amusement park, Waterworld 2,000.

## The Importance of Sign Language

Sign Language is a system of simple gestures that help people communicate. This system was invented by Abbé de l'Épée, a French monk, who wanted to communicate with the deaf. Everyone uses some kind of sign language. Referees and umpires use it to make a call and to tell everyone who is watching what is going on. Nowadays people are comfortable with this way of communication. Some people even use it in commercials.



# TRAVELING WEST

*By Rudy Zuñiga, Mr. Lemaire's Class*

Dear Readers,

I wish you could be here with me. My name is Rudy and I am on the Oregon Trail. We have traveled 350 miles. Our journey started in Independence, Missouri, and we are heading to Oregon. In Independence, we had to buy supplies. We bought four oxen, fifty sets of clothing, fifty boxes of bullets, two spare wagon wheels, two spare wagon tongues, and 1,000 pounds of food.

We are traveling in a covered wagon. A covered wagon has a big blanket around the top. The blanket is called canvas. The canvas is rubbed with oil because it makes it sandproof and waterproof.

On the way kids walk aside of the wagon. When they get tired they will climb up the wagon and they will ride for a little while. When it is time to sleep, some travelers have to sleep outside. The women and their babies sleep inside of the wagon. When it is raining, the people who sleep outside have to sleep under the wagon. Some men sleep inside their tent.

When you have to make a fire you need to collect buffalo chips in a basket. Buffalo chips are buffalo fertilizer. If you want to make a big fire you have to get a lot of buffalo chips.

When women are having babies, some of the older women help them during the delivery. If men are around, they are told to boil water because the women do not want men to be around during the labor. They have to leave and mind their own business.

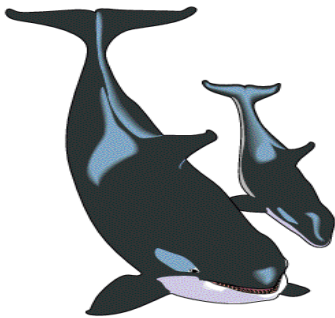
# Malibu Lagoon

*By Kristopher Koper, Mr. Bernal's Class*

I liked Malibu Lagoon because we tasted salty leaves. We saw little creatures with microscopes. Later we tested how salty the water was. There were little tadpoles swimming all around the water. The best thing of all was when we went birdwatching. Finally, we went to a station and there were jars filled with samples of dead fish. We saw a white shark in one of the containers. After a fun day, we came back to Alexandria.

## What is Your Favorite Sea Animal?

*By Steve Lorenzana, Mr. Smith's Class*



One of my favorite sea animals is the whale. The killer whale is a very smart creature. But even when whales are trained they can still be dangerous. Killer whales could kill people, but they love to eat fish.