

Youth Life

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Next Week's Feature
Chester Elementary

Book reviews

By FIFTH- AND SIXTH-GRADERS

"Bravo! Mia"

By PAIGE JOHNSON

Will Mia get to the Regionals? This can be answered in the book *Bravo! Mia* by Lawrence Yep.

Mia is an eleven year old figure skater whose dream is to go to the regionals. But she might not have enough money to buy new skates. Then during a meeting she finds out she needs to dress appropriately out on the ice and while not on the ice. This is a problem for her because it means she has to have nice clothes. They went upstairs to see what she had to wear. Her skating dress was too small. Unfortunately, the furnace had stopped working and they needed that money to buy a new one. Plus her mom had broken her leg!

I liked the book because the author uses Mia's point of view. Secondly, I knew how she felt when she knew they couldn't afford her skates and dress. Finally, the ending was good, but I'm not going to tell you how it ended.

I would recommend this book to people who like figure skating and *American Girl* stories.

"The Horse and His Boy"

By GRANT MORTENSON

Why would a horse and a young boy be racing through the countryside? Find out the answer to this question and more by reading *The Horse and His Boy* by C.S. Lewis.

A boy named Shasta and a talking horse named Bree run away from a cruel master. Bree tells Shasta of a place where he was captured called Narnia. They headed off to Narnia and ran into a girl named Aravis and her horse, which was also a talking horse. They met each other while running away from a lion attack. Once the lion was gone, they stopped and told their story, which you can read about in the book. They then rode across the country until they came to a city. When they got in the city, they accidentally got separated and both learned very important information. Aravis learned that the leader of the city was planning an attack on Narnia!

Even though the story has a good plot, it has some setbacks. First of all, people worship the Tisroc (the calomeren king) like he's a god. Also, some of the characters believed in ghosts and ghouls!

Though I didn't like some parts of the book, it has a funny ending. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure.

"Prince Caspian"

By TOM ROWLAND

What will happen to Caspian when his uncle tries to kill him? You can find out in the book, *Prince Caspian*, from the series *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Four kids named Lucy, Edmond, Susan and Peter fall into the world of Narnia once more. They end up on an island and find their old castle. There they stay and save a dwarf's life. The dwarf tells them Caspian's whole story. Caspian gets a message that his uncle is going to kill him. Caspian runs off and finds great adventures. But you will have to find out what they are in the book.

My opinion of the book is I think it is interesting. One reason that it is very suspenseful and full of action. Another reason is that the author is very creative. He uses lots of different creatures and unusual names. I also think that the author made the characters very clever. The characters are very smart and they think outside the box in different situations.

This book is very creative and I recommend it to people who like lots of adventure and fantasy.

"Nancy Drew and the Mystery of the Ski Jump"

By JACKSON RICHARDS

How would you react if your money was stolen? And not just you, but people throughout the country and Canada! This enticing mystery is found in *Nancy Drew and the Mystery of the Ski Jump* by Caroline Keene.

In this enticing tale of a teenage girl, Nancy Drew, who has a strong will to help others, gets caught up in a strange forgery plot that takes her internationally. First in an accidental crash, Nancy sees to Mrs. R.I. Channing's recovery. The house owner buys some stock from her, and she mysteriously disappears. Soon the whole town has bought stock only to find it fake. In the next section of the book, Nancy is tracking the thief and her friends.

Finally, at the ski jump of Montreal, Nancy is kidnapped and left to die. You will have to read the book to find her escape.

I found great enjoyment in reading this book. The characters are vivid, and they react well to situations. Second, the book had just the right balance of description and action. Lastly, the events could happen, so it is not hard to believe you are actually there. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes reading, especially adventure or mystery stories.

Our science experiments

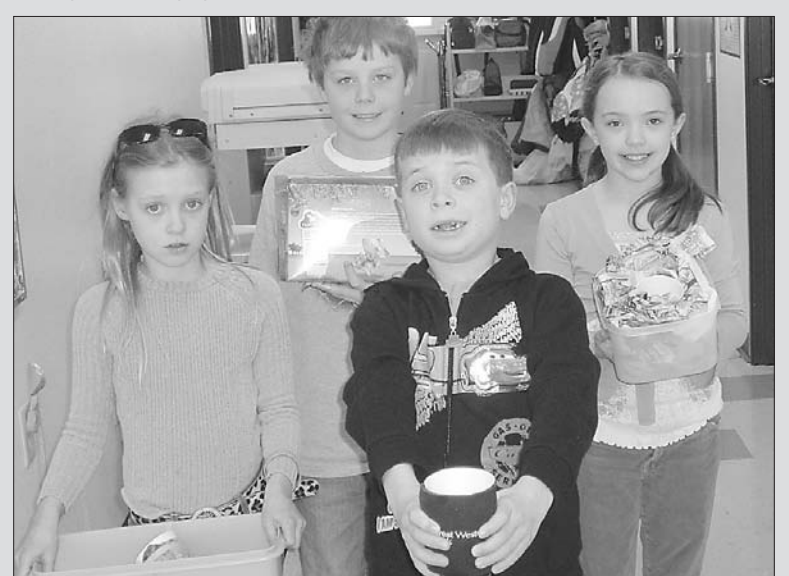
Christian School second-graders were each tasked with creating an insulator that would keep an ice cube from melting for the longest period of time. Each student was given a paper cup and an ice cube.

Autumn Mortenson created her insulator using a tupperware container filled with ice cold water. It kept her ice cube from melting for 47 minutes.

Nicholas Andresen created his insulator with a box that held another container of water, which was surrounded by newspaper. His ice melted in 43 minutes.

Joshua Oldre's container was a Styrofoam cup covered with cloth. His ice cube lasted 1 hour and 19 minutes.

Elsa Leighton's insulator included a tupperware container filled with crumpled newspaper. Her ice cube lasted 2 hours and 4 minutes.



Christian School second-graders (back, left) Nicholas Andresen, Elsa Leighton, (front) Autumn Mortenson and Joshua Oldre show their science experiment projects. Each was given the task of creating an insulator.

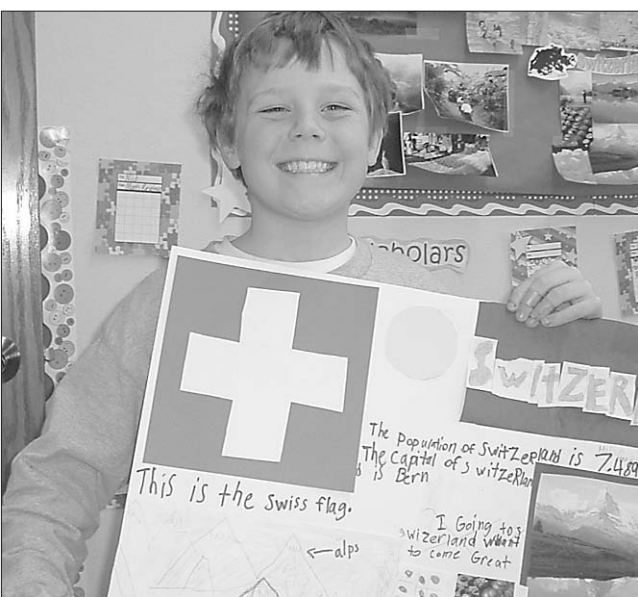


First- and second-grade teacher Gale Rosello gathers with students in grades 4-6 following a Leap Day lesson on math and spelling. Students include (left) Elizabeth Andresen, April Johnson, Paige Johnson, Gabe Richards, Jack Richards and Grant Mortenson. For Leap Day, teachers shuffled from class to class every half-hour.



Fifth- and sixth-grade teacher Amy Andresen gathers with kindergartners (left) Declan Nelson, Jacob Oldre, Sydney Bezenek, Caitlyn Gearhart and Jessica Leighton.

Students learn about other countries



Nicholas Andresen shows his poster on Switzerland.



For his report, Joshua Oldre talked about Peru. Students in first and second grades researched the topography, population, customs and culture of different countries.



Elsa Leighton chose Italy for the topic of her report.

What we like about reading

BY KINDERGARTNERS

I love reading about the Dot book.

— Sydney Bezenek

I like looking at the pictures because they are cool!

— Jacob Oldre

I love God and I love reading about God. I love to read with my family.

— Samuel Howell

I like how I can meet new friends. It's fun being able to read books and share them with others.

— Caitlyn Gearhart

I love learning about God in books. Books take me on adventures and I can pretend to be different things when I read books.

— Declan Nelson

I like to read books in the back of the room. God helps me read the words that I really don't know yet.

— Jessica Leighton

What we like about our school

BY KINDERGARTNERS

I love learning about God. I also love the pledges.

— Jacob Oldre

That sometimes we get to sing Father Abraham and we get to do fun activities.

— Sydney Bezenek

It's really fun because we get to play and share toys. I love playing with my friends in Kindergarten. It's nice that we can talk and learn about God.

— Caitlyn Gearhart

I love my Valentines and flowers. I love my desks and my friends. I love how we go outside for recess. I love the books we learn from.

— Samuel Howell

I love how my classmates help me. My friends are great and love God. We have fun together!

— Jessica Leighton

I really love free time!

— Declan Nelson

If we started our own businesses we would sell...

By THIRD- AND FOURTH-GRADERS

By GABRIEL RICHARDS

I would start a comic business. I would write the comics and also do the illustrations for the books. My main characters for my comics would be: Stick, Leaf and Raindrops. I would sell my comic books for \$1.00 each. I'd hope to make lots of money.

By APRIL JOHNSON

I would start my own Christian book and music store. This would be a place where Christians could come to find good music and books that are appropriate to read. I would give Bibles away to those who do not have one, so I could spread the word to others.

By ELIZABETH ANDRESEN

If I could have my own business I would have a Christian t-shirt store. It would be great to have a store in Madison where you can pick out the size of your t-shirt and the color that you want. You could pick out one of the many Christian designs to put on it. The money I would make would go to needs across the world or stay in Madison. Selling Bibles to others will also be something I would do. It's great to spread the word of Christ and see smiles around your town.

By AMANDA ROWLAND

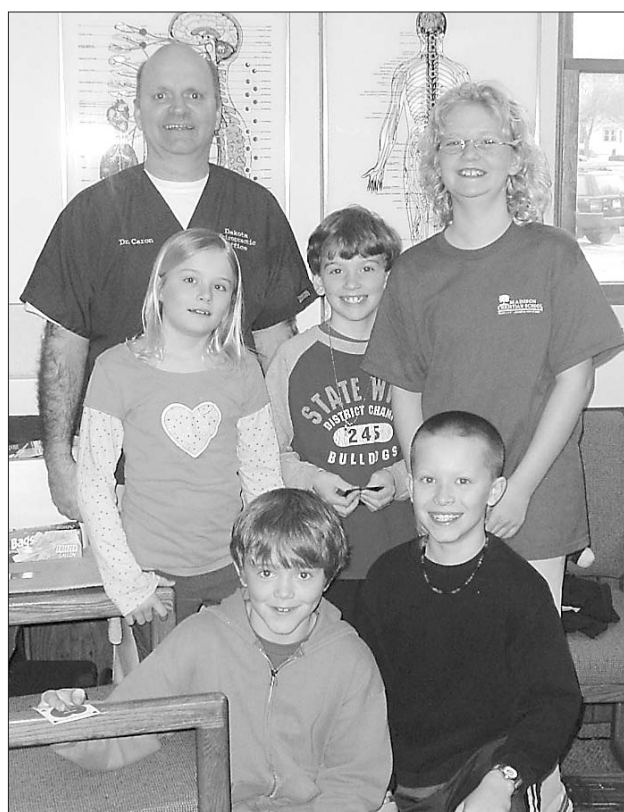
If I were an entrepreneur I would own a Christian store. I would hire five employees to help me out in my shop. I would design and make my own clothes and write my own books. It would be hard to learn how to pay all of the bills, find a building, pay employees and design and write my own books. I would have fun owning my own store.

By COLE LEIGHTON

If I was an entrepreneur I would own a woodworking shop. I would build my own shop to work in. I would make bookshelves, tables, table legs, chairs and much more. At this time, I don't know if I would hire any employees until I knew if my business was a success.

By NOAH SALMEN

If I were to start my own business I would start my own truck driving business. I would start a trucking company because my grandpa and uncle own Salmen Trucking. I would haul grain and hay. I would start my business here in Madison. I think that it would be fun because then I could travel all over.



Third- and fourth-graders visited Dr. Doug Caron at his chiropractic office as part of Entrepreneurship Week. Other visitors to the school included Glenda Obenauer from High Rise Enterprises in Sioux Falls and Julie Oldre from Lake Area Pet Grooming in Madison. Students include (back, left) Amanda Rowland, Gabriel Richards, April Johnson, (front) Cole Leighton, Noah Salmen, (not pictured) Elizabeth Andresen and Izzy Howell.