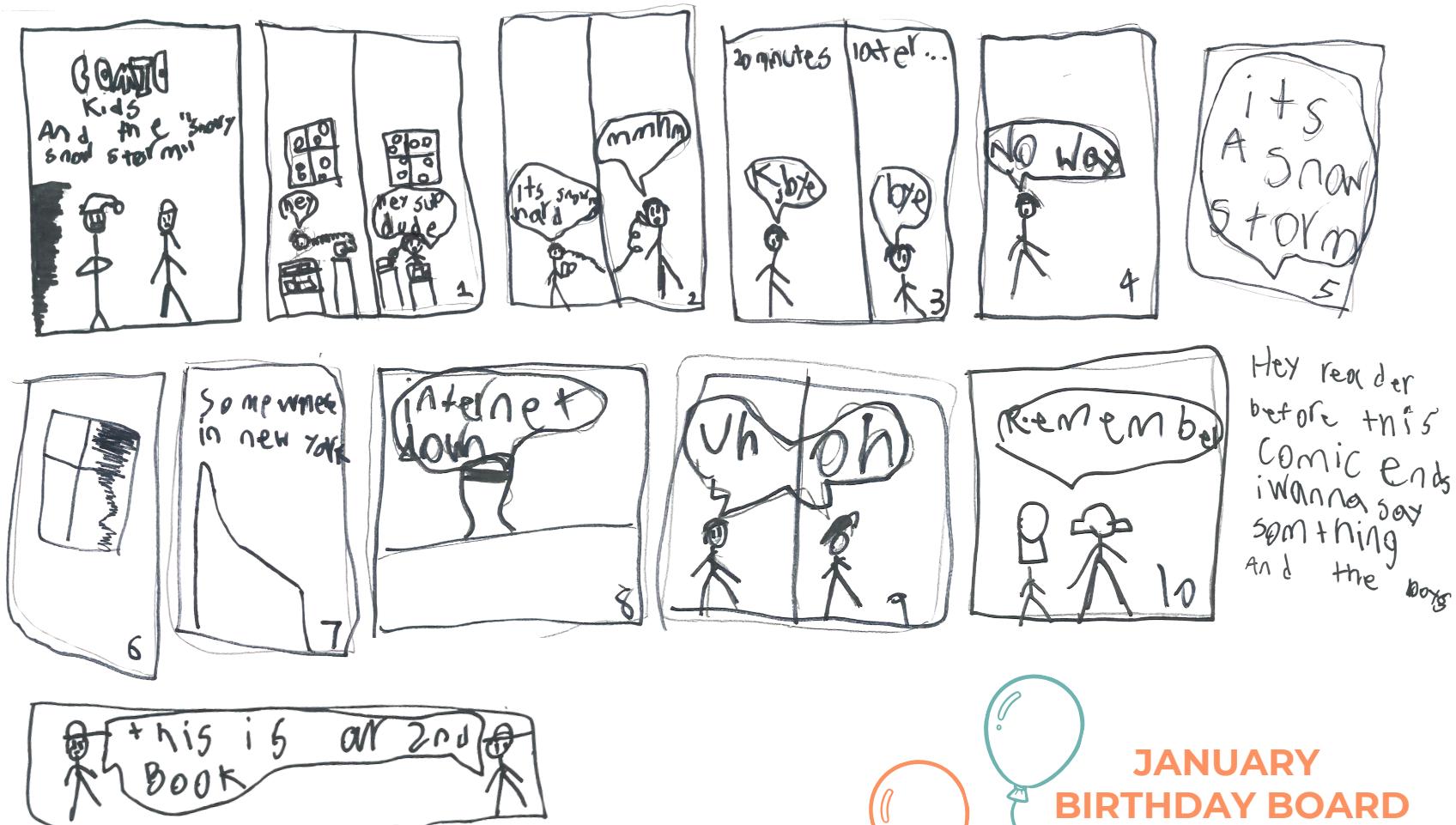


## COMIC KIDS AND THE SNOWY SNOW STORM

ROCCO D. 2ND GRADE



## WINTER FUN BINGO

Enjoy a mug of hot cocoa.	Create a new playlist.	Learn a magic trick.	Write a letter to a friend.	Draw or build a snowman.
Call your grandparents.	Have a karaoke party.	Donate clothes that don't fit.	Finish a puzzle.	Write a short story.
Make your own slime.	Have a no screens day.	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	Build a blanket fort.	Make shadow puppets.
Have a family game night.	Have an indoor picnic.	Make soup.	Finish a good book.	Start a healthy habit
Watch a wintery movie.	Make paper snowflakes.	Learn how to crochet.	Take a winter hike.	Bake a cake or cookies.

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# KIDS' NEWS

## WHY BACK PACK IS SO FUN

The Back Pack is so fun!  
Here is why:

1. They have so many pods with so many toys. There is also a mysterious pod that I don't know about! I'm pretty sure it is Pod 11.

2. Each year the counselors buy some new toys for us. Pod 6 has this new ocean winter flower garden. I really like it! That is why Pod 6 is my favorite pod right now.

3. The Game Room has Nintendo Switches that my friends like to play on. There is even my favorite Kirby game!



## SKIING WITH MADI

Skiing is what you do when it is snowing on the mountain. You go down the mountain wearing skis on your feet. I learned how to ski a long time ago. I rode on the magic carpet to get to the top of the mountain. To go down the mountain you stand with your feet straight in **french fry** position. I asked for help because I was afraid to fall down. I used something sticky on my skis to make **pizza** position to help slow down. **French fry** position makes you go fast and **pizza** position makes you slow down and stop. My mom and my dad take me skiing. My little sister McKenna stays at Nana and Papa's house when we go skiing. I like to ski because I like to go fast sometimes. I hope I get to go skiing next time it snows on the mountain. I think that will happen soon.



MADELYN T. KINDER

The Back Pack is fun thanks to all the counselors we have here. When you see Ms. Julie or Ms. Amanda give them a big "THANK YOU". It is all because of them that Back Pack is so fun!

DARCY E. 2ND GRADE

## THE INDOOR PLAYGROUND

The Indoor Playground is fun! It is so fun to play in the Indoor Playground. My favorite thing to do is jump in the Jump Zone. My second favorite thing to do is to climb on the rock wall. It also has a purple slide that comes from upstairs, a orange slide, and a ball pit. The Indoor Playground is my favorite place at Back Pack.

ELLIE R. 2ND GRADE



## CEREAL DRIVE UPDATE

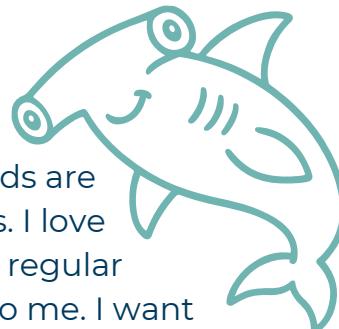
In December of 2025, Back Pack had a cereal drive. We had a goal to get 300 boxes. **We collected 281 boxes.** This cereal drive we set it up like a Christmas tree. Last cereal drive we did dominoes. Did I forget to mention last time we collected over 800 boxes? So I thought hitting 300 would be easy. The cereal boxes go to Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). It is a place that contains things that they give to the less fortunate. Did you donate a cereal box?



ARVIN S. 5TH GRADE

## SHARKS

Megalodons, Great Whites, and Hammerheads are all types of sharks. I love sharks! Just plain regular sharks amazing to me. I want to learn more about sharks. The Megalodon shark is my favorite shark because it is huge and massive. I also like monster trucks a lot. My favorite monster truck is the Megalodon truck!



WILLIAM D. KINDER

## ALL ABOUT HUMMING BIRDS



My family and I love humming birds. Humming birds are the smallest bird in the world. We only get one type of humming bird in our area. It is called a *ruby-throated humming bird*. They can flap their wings up to 50 times per second. My mom spends most of the summer training the humming birds in our yard to feed from her hand. Once they are comfortable doing that we get to feed them.

CHARLIE W. 3RD GRADE

## BACK PACK SLIME RECIPE

### Ingredients

- Liquid glue
- Baking soda
- Slime sprinkles
- Saline solution

### Set Up

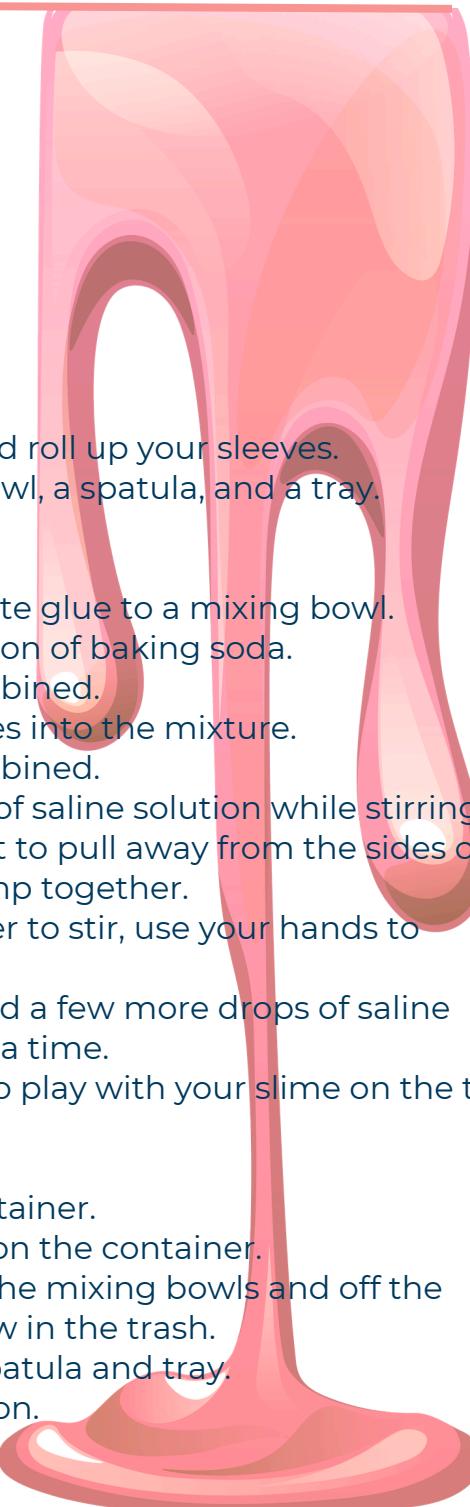
- Wear an apron and roll up your sleeves.
- You will need a bowl, a spatula, and a tray.

### Directions

- Add 1/2 cup of white glue to a mixing bowl.
- Mix in 1/2 tablespoon of baking soda. Stir until fully combined.
- Add slime sprinkles into the mixture. Stir until fully combined.
- Add 1 tablespoon of saline solution while stirring.
- The slime will start to pull away from the sides of the bowl and clump together.
- Once it gets harder to stir, use your hands to knead the slime.
- If it's too sticky, add a few more drops of saline solution, a little at a time.
- Stay at the table to play with your slime on the tray.

### Clean Up

- Put slime in a container.
- Write your name on the container.
- Pick slime out of the mixing bowls and off the spatulas and throw in the trash.
- Wash the bowl, spatula and tray.
- Hang up your apron.



## BUS EXPECTATIONS

As we come back from break, we want to remind you of The Back Pack bus rules.

### When you are on the bus you should:

- Stay in your seat
- only talk to the person next to you
- use good and kind words
- keep your backpack zipped shut

### When you are on the bus you should not:

- stand up
- yell (scream)
- talk to the person behind you
- fight
- draw on the seats

As always.... be kind to your Bus Driver and listen to your Bus Patrol, please!

ABBY P. & AVERY H. 5TH GRADE



## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR?

AN INTERVIEW QUESTION WITH GRANT G. 4TH GRADE

I'm looking forward to playing with my Barbie Dream House because it makes me so happy to dress my dolls.

MADI T. KINDER

I'm going to have my birthday party with my friends at Chuck E. Cheese because I saw the video and it says, "A kid can be a kid" and the trampoline.

SCARLETT S. 1ST GRADE

I would like to go ice skating because I love how fun it is. Baking cakes is another thing I would like to do because it's fun and delicious.

EDISEN C. 2ND GRADE

Going to the pool in the summer because I want to get my mom wet! I also want to play in my house with toys.

ROSALIE B. 3RD GRADE

I'm looking forward to the summer because you can do fun things in the warm weather like going to my beach house which is by the Chesapeake Bay.

BELLA L. 4TH GRADE

I'm looking forward to playing with my friends and family. Also, I'm looking forward to playing at The Back Pack with my friends!

ALAINA S. 5TH GRADE

I'm looking forward to playing volleyball, because last year I quit and I want to do it again. And I'm going to middle school in the fall.

CAITLYN T. 6TH GRADE



## BACK PACK RECORDS

Introducing...records at Back Pack! What record do you hold? What records can we make or break?

### 9 Square Volley Record

How many times can the ball be passed in the air before it touches the ground?

- Record Guidelines -

Players must be in a square.

Keep the ball in play.

No double touch.

Current record holders:  
Frosted Flakes with 41 hits!

