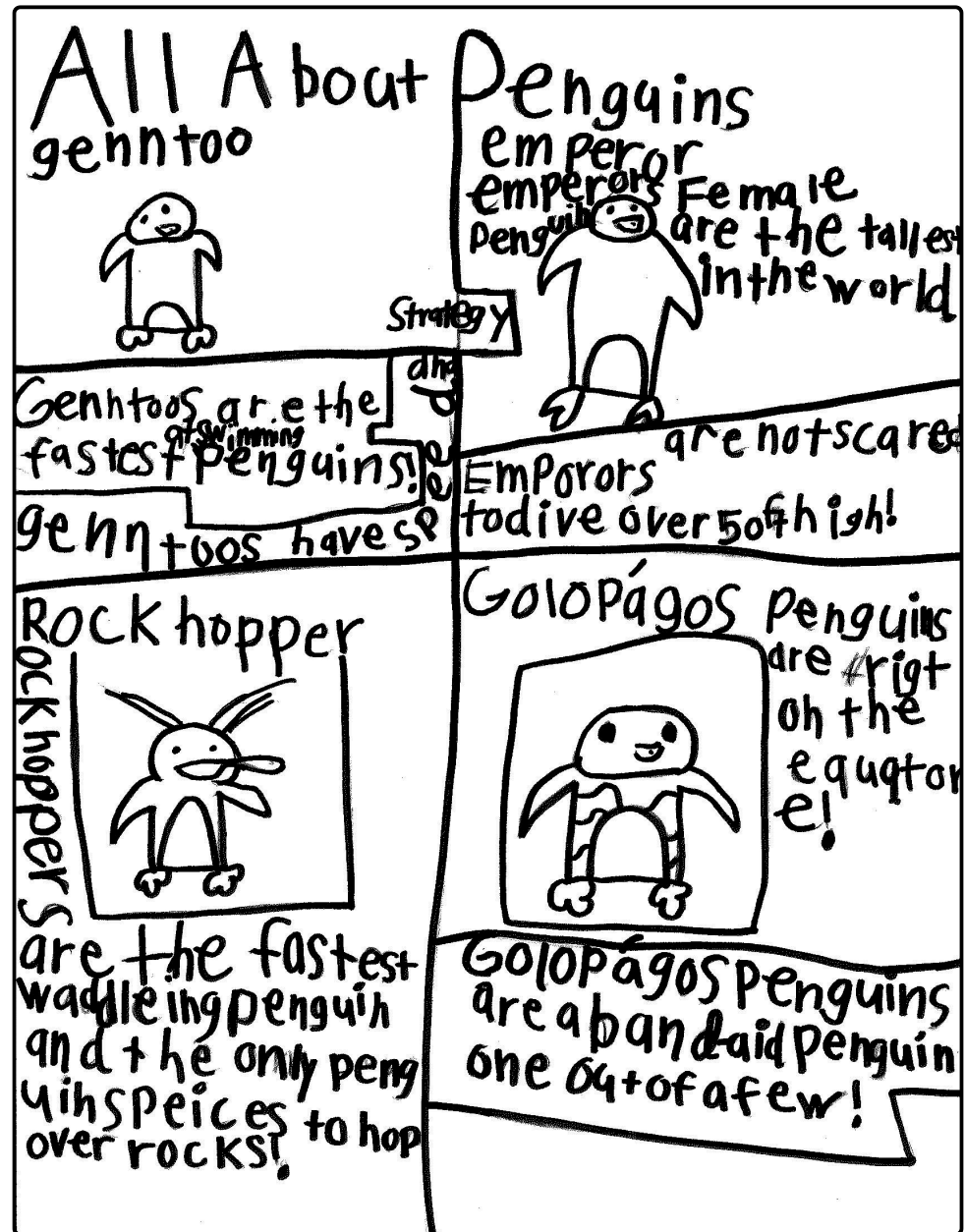




TRISTAN L. 3RD GRADE

SILLY SNACKS & NAME HACKS

Create your own silly food name!

Bella + Fettuccine Alfredo = Bellaccine Alfredo

Dev + Wendy's Bacinator + Devinator

Lilly + Lollipop = Lillipop

Gabby + Gatorade = Gaborade

Grant + Granola Bar = Grantola Bar

Charlee + Cheese Pizza = Charleese Pizza

Mackenzie + McDonalds McNugget = Macknugget

Matthew + Macaroni & Cheese = Mattheroni & Cheese

Chris + Krispy Kreme Donuts = Chrispy Kreme Donuts

Torrin + Tator Tots = Torrtor Tots

Elijah + Jam = Elijam

Amanda + Mandarin = Ammandarin

John + Onion Rings = Johnion Rings

Sofi + Spaghetti & Meatballs = Sofietti & Meatballs

James + Popsicle = Jamesicle

Owen + Olive = Owlive

A COLLECTION OF NAMES FROM
THE WAFFLE GROUP & BLUE GROUP

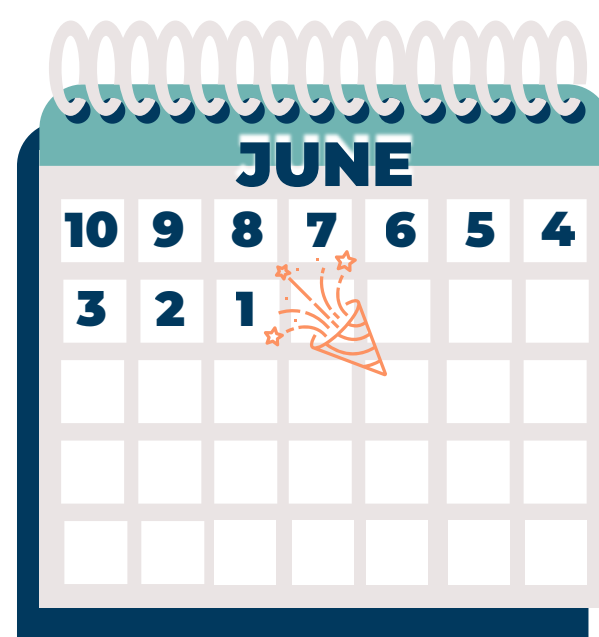
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MORE **KIDS' NEWS**



Remember this article
from the February
Kids' News? Here is an
update from Charlee!

It was so sad to not have the big blue slide for such a long time after it got a hole in it and had to be fixed. But now it is replaced! All of the kids are a lot happier to play on the playground. Even though we could not go on that part of the playground while it was getting replaced, it was worth it. The slide is much much better. I hope it won't break again and now kids can't put mulch in the hole. The slide is basically the same but it feels faster than the old one.

CHARLEE L. 3RD GRADE

LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

WRITTEN BY KIDS
FOR KIDS

HOW TO BE A LEGO EXPERT

If you want to build with legos, here are a few tricks:

- Lego can be anything you want. The whole point is to be creative!
- Some advice to get lego pieces
 - Buy a set from the Lego store at the mall.
 - Order a set from Target or Walmart, or even Amazon.com. I like to get Lego sets for my birthday.
- If you build a set and you don't like it, you can destroy it and build anything you would like with the pieces.
- If you have spare Lego pieces from other sets, you can mix them with another set.
- This is a trick that Lego doesn't want you to know about... You can build walls, or even a spoiler for a car, with the flat Lego plates. Just stand up the flat Lego plate in between the studs on a Lego brick.

Legos I have mastered building are:

- Bird
- Monsters
- Frog and Salamander
- My favorite - Amongus Imposter!

Things I would like to build with Legos

- Diorama of The Back Pack
- Life-size traffic cones
- Mr. Beast
- Eco-System

Building Lego sets is my favorite thing to do!

DAVID W. 1ST GRADE

THE BEST PLACES TO GET A FROZEN TREAT



1. The Back Pack:
8905 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079
2. Sweet Frog:
9564 Old Keene Mill Rd, Burke, VA 22015
3. Third Base Pizza & Frozen Custard Parlor:
202 Commerce St, Occoquan, VA 22125
4. Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard:
13265 Worth Ave, Woodbridge, VA 22192
5. Campbells Frozen Custard:
4125 Merchant Plaza, Woodbridge, VA 22192
6. SnoCream Company:
4221 John Marr Dr, Annandale, VA 22003
7. Peterson's Ice Cream Depot LLC:
7148 Main St, Clifton, VA 20124
8. Dairy Queen Grill & Chill:
9011 Silverbrook Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039
9. Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams:
102 S Patrick St, Alexandria, VA 22314
10. Cold Stone Creamery:
2449 Prince William Pkwy, Woodbridge, VA 22192
11. Frostie Moose Ice Cream:
12581 Milstead Way, Woodbridge, VA 22192
12. Baskin-Robbins:
7561 Huntsman Blvd, Springfield, VA 22153
13. Woody's Ice Cream:
10435 North St, Fairfax, VA 2203
14. Custard Shack:
1401 Belle Haven Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307

CROCHETING WITH EMMA

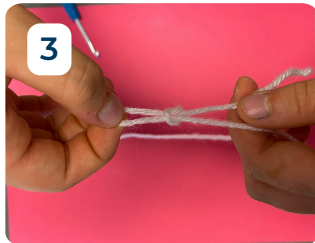


1 You will need: yarn, scissors, and a crochet hook.

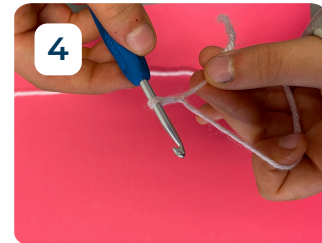
Bring the string from the back (closest to your hand) to the front. Repeat it one more time. Take the yarn off your finger and pull it.



2 Wrap the yarn around your finger twice.



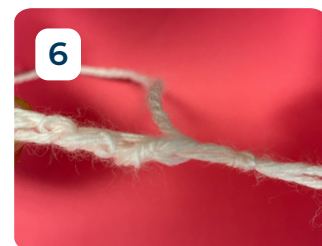
3 Put your crochet hook into the loop and pull it until the loop is the size you want.



4



5 Grab the string that's connected to the ball of yarn and pull through the loop. Repeat that process as many times as you want. Now you have made a chain.



6



7 To end your crochet, take your hook off and make the loop big. Then you are going to make a knot to finish. Take your scissors to cut off the extra yarn.



These are my crochet Crumbl cookies. I have made them in different flavors!

TOP VIEW



I recycle the Crumbl cookie boxes and put my crochet cookies inside of them.

BOTTOM VIEW

EMMA R. 4TH GRADE

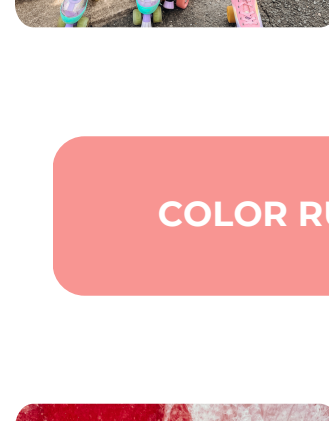
WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR CAMP WHATAKID?

A POLL BY WESTON G. 1ST GRADE

I am looking forward to Wet & Wild at Camp Whatakid. I like Wet & Wild because I can make a mustache in the foam pit. I also like to eat sno cones after playing Wet & Wild. I like the blue raspberry flavor because my favorite color is blue and I like the cherry flavor because it tastes good.



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COLOR RUN | 25



WET & WILD | 26



GLOW DANCE PARTY | 35

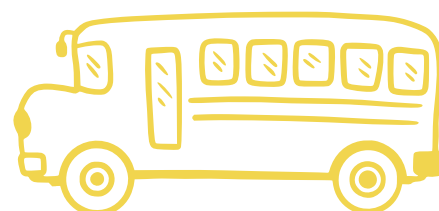
WINNER

HELP WANTED! 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR BUS PATROLS

The Back Pack is looking for responsible and enthusiastic students to serve as bus patrols at each of our schools for the 2025–2026 school year:

Silverbrook, Sangster, Halley, Newington Forest, and Laurel Hill.

If you'll be in 5th or 6th grade next year and are interested in being considered for this important role, please let Ms. Julie or Ms. Amanda know. We'll make sure your name is submitted to the school office.



MAY CLUB REVIEW



It is really really relaxing in Polish Party club. I like to paint my nails pink, magenta, and bright colors. When we go to the salon at Back Pack, we put our hands in coconut water. I like to put my entire whole hand in the bowl. I love to put the lotion on my hands, legs, and especially my face.

ASTRAIA S. KINDERGARTEN



I like to go to Doodle Squad club. We use books to learn about how to draw things. I like drawing monsters the most. Sometimes we watch a how to draw video on the TV but I like to draw monsters.

ETHAN H. KINDERGARTEN



In the club we found sticks and we wrapped yarn around them to make squares and hang them up. We also painted rocks and we added them to the trail. We went on a animal scavenger hunt. I found all of the animals. The easiest to find was the ladybug.

ALEX W. 1ST GRADE



Hit Factory club was fun! All my friends were in the club with me. We played baseball and we also took turns to see who could hit the balls the furthest with the baseball bat. I like to use the blitz balls when we play.

JOEL B. 4TH GRADE



I like to play soccer because I am good at it. That is why I picked Strikers. My soccer team is the Cheetahs. At Back Pack Strikers club we don't have team names only team colors. I really like to play soccer. I have a soccer medal I won too.

JULIANNA. KINDERGARTEN



The car wash is really fun! Each person gets a turn to use the hose. When the bus or car is fully wet we wash it with soap, sponges, and towel gloves. If you don't want to get wet you can wear a poncho for the car wash.

AVERY H. 4TH GRADE

NEW PLAYGROUND COMING SOON - WINTER 2025

