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School Libraries: Similarities and Differences



By Montana Duvall

We have many differences between the high school and elementary libraries. For the high school library, the librarian is Jordan Jones, and for the elementary library, the librarian is Mandy Douglas. I intern with Mrs. Mandy, and it's like a major culture shock between the two since one is geared toward high school and one is geared toward elementary aged students.

Mrs. Jones says that a typical day as a high school librarian varies greatly. Mornings are quieter, allowing time for tasks like book orders and inventory. When students come in, she helps them find books, makes recommendations, and supports their classwork. She enjoys the busier days, but there's always something to do. The most rewarding part of her job is helping students who don't like reading discover books that turn them into readers. She says this happens more often than you would think. She also says popular genres this year include Graphic/Illustrated Novels, Romance, Mystery/Thriller, Quick Reads, Sports, and Novels in Verse. Outdoor-themed books also circulate well. When selecting new books, she gathers student recommendations through a form, consults award lists, and looks for positive reviews. It's a continuous process, as she starts lists for future orders right after placing an order. To help students find reliable sources, she teaches them how to use databases for their research. For students who don't like reading, she focuses on finding books that match their interests, emphasizing high-interest titles on topics like sports and fishing. Many of them end up reading more than required, which is a big win. As for reading beverages, she prefers Diet Dr. Pepper, but if not available, she chooses iced coffee.

Mrs. Mandy says that the most rewarding part of working in the elementary library is seeing the progress students make in reading levels throughout the school year. She feels that the graphic novels are the most popular books today. Junie B. Jones and Magic Treehouse had started to turn their series books into graphic novels as well. She also noticed students gravitate more towards graphic novels and don't want to read a book without pictures. She has mixed feelings about graphic novels; pros are it helps a student comprehend the book by seeing a visual of the story as every child learns differently, and the cons are children won't pick up a good book because there aren't any pictures. Therefore, they are missing out on a great book. When ordering new books for our library, she will ask students for recommendations and try to fill in missing books in series order. She also orders books that have been lost or damaged.

She says if a student passes their book test with a 70% or above, they have an opportunity to add a decoration with their name to the foyer backdrop or take a guess at how many candies are in a jar until the correct number has been guessed, and they receive a prize or all the candy in the jar. This incentive has promoted students to read more and pass book tests.



←Jordan Jones (High School librarian)





Mandy Douglas → (Elementary librarian)



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Change

By Eiana Graham



I believe that all people can change, whether for better or for worse. Everyone has changed at least a little bit in their entire life. If you look back at where you were only a year ago, you'll see a difference. I know it's hard to believe that, but it's true. I've seen both sides of the changes myself. I've seen one of my best friends turn into someone whom I couldn't even recognize anymore; however, I've also seen someone become a better person. That's why one of my favorite quotes is, "Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future" by Oscar Wilde. Another thing I believe in is that a person's past choices do not define who they are as a person overall. Someone could've had a rocky moment at that point in their life when they made the choices that they did. You have to get to know that person if you want to truly know why they did what they did. I know some people may think I'm weird or just flat out crazy for believing these things, but I do. I will continue to do so as well until someone proves to me otherwise.

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Nature is Beautiful

By Layla Tobler

Have you ever stopped and really looked at nature? The trees, the flowers, the animals, the rivers, even the sky at sunset — it's all amazing. Nature gives us so much. It gives us air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, and places to explore. Without it, we wouldn't be here at all. The sad part is that people don't always take care of nature. Trash ends up in rivers, forests get cut down, and animals lose their homes. Sometimes we forget that we only get one planet, and once it's ruined, we can't just order a new one. Protecting nature doesn't have to be hard. Even small things can help. Picking up litter, recycling bottles, planting a tree, or using less plastic are all simple ways to make a difference. Walking or biking instead of driving can also help keep the air clean. Spending time outside is good for us, too. Studies show that being in nature can lower stress and make people happier. So protecting nature isn't just about saving animals or forests — it's about helping ourselves too. Nature is beautiful, and it's worth fighting for. If everyone does a little bit, we can keep our world safe, green, and amazing for the future.

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Sigourney Weaver

By Montana Duvall

Sigourney Weaver, whose birth name is Susan Alexandra Weaver, was born on October 8, 1949, in Manhattan, New York. She is the daughter of British actress Elizabeth Inglis and Sylvester “Pat” Weaver Jr., a pioneering television executive. Although her father played a significant role in shaping the television industry, he did not expect her to pursue an acting career. Weaver's uncle, Doodles Weaver, was a comedian and character actor. She attended several preparatory schools, including the Ethel Walker School. In 1972, Weaver graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Stanford University and went on to earn her Master of Fine Arts degree from the Yale School of Drama in 1974. After graduating from Yale, she concentrated on stage work. Weaver made her film debut with a walk-on role in Woody Allen’s Annie Hall" (1977), but her breakthrough came with her iconic role as Ellen Ripley in Ridley Scott’s 1979 film "Alien." She displayed a passion for acting from a young age, participating in plays throughout her high school years. Throughout her career, Weaver has appeared in numerous films, including *Alien* (1979), Avatar (2009), *Avatar: The Way of Water* (2022), *Ghostbusters* (1984), *Holes* (2003), *Finding Dory* (2016), *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (2021), *WALL-E* (2008), and *The Assignment* (2016). While these are just a few of her notable roles, they represent some of my personal favorites from her extensive filmography.

Sigourney Weaver





Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated

By Eiana Graham

This was one of my favorite shows growing up. Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated first aired on April 5th, 2010. The show is about the Mystery Gang (Fred Jones, Daphne Blake, Velma Dinkley, Norville “Shaggy” Rogers, and Scooby-Doo) living in a small town called Crystal Cove. Crystal Cove has a long history of ghost sightings, monster tales, and other kinds of mysteries. I remember sitting on the couch, eyes practically glued to the TV whenever an episode came on. It didn’t matter if I had just seen it last week or the day before. I would STILL watch every single episode. It’s kind of like one of the older Scooby Doo series but PACKED with lore and drama. I should really take a trip down memory lane and rewatch all the episodes. When the nostalgia hits, it’s going to be like I’m that little girl again, watching her favorite TV show ever. I don’t think I ever had a favorite episode, but if I watch the show now, then I might get one! I remember my favorite characters being Shaggy, Scooby, and Angel Dynamite. I really recommend you watch the show! I think you’ll enjoy it as much as I do.

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Blackpink: The Global Queens of K-pop

By Montana Duvall

Since their debut in August 2016 under the iconic YG Entertainment, BLACKPINK has taken the music world by storm, quickly establishing itself as one of the most successful and influential girl groups in K-pop history, comprising four exceptionally talented members—Jisoo, Jennie, Rosé, and Lisa—each brings a distinctive charm and a unique skill set that contributes to the group's signature style characterized by power, elegance, and confidence. BLACKPINK's meteoric rise began with their breakout single "Boombayah," which showcased their fierce energy and catchy hooks. This was followed by a string of chart-topping hits, including the anthemic "Ddu-Du Ddu-Du," the dramatic "Kill This Love," and the empowering "How You Like That," all of which solidified their status as leading figures in the global music scene. Their music blends fierce rap, smooth melodic vocals, and striking visuals, collectively captivating millions of fans around the globe, affectionately known as “Blinks.” Beyond their impressive musical achievements, BLACKPINK's influence extends significantly into the realms of fashion and philanthropy. Each member serves as a global ambassador for major luxury brands like Chanel, Dior, Saint Laurent, and Celine, seamlessly blending their musical artistry with high fashion. They are not just trendsetters; they leverage their platform to advocate for important causes such as climate change awareness and women’s empowerment, inspiring young people around the world to take action and make a difference. In April 2020, BLACKPINK made history as the first K-pop girl group to perform at the renowned Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, marking a significant milestone in the crossover of K-pop into mainstream Western music. They also made headlines by reaching over one billion views on multiple music videos, a testament to their global appeal and the dedicated support of their fanbase. Their Netflix documentary, “BLACKPINK: Light Up the Sky,” offered fans an intimate glimpse into their lives, showcasing their journey, struggles, and the hard work that paved the way for their success. Today, BLACKPINK continues to dominate both music charts and the hearts of millions, breaking barriers for women in the music industry and proving that talent knows no bounds when it comes to language and culture. With their undeniable star power and expansive reach, the world can only expect even more groundbreaking achievements from these global icons as they continue to elevate their artistry and inspire future generations

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Baking

By Synthia Briscoe

Baking has a lot of steps sometimes, and sometimes it's simple and easy. You can bake onion skins and turn them into onion powder. You can also cut up fruit, such as bananas, and make it into banana bread. You can make fruit cake. You can even bake your own homemade Cheez-its. All it takes is some skills and patience. It's always more fun to make your own things, and you can add anything you want and experiment with new things all day long. Yes, it is time-consuming to learn, but once you get the hang of it, you'll be able to do it easily in your spare time.





Snapping Back

By Layla Tobler

Sometimes people get mad at you for snapping at them, even though they snapped at you first. It's confusing and kind of annoying, because you're left sitting there thinking, "Wait… how does that make sense?" You weren't trying to start anything — you just reacted the same way they talked to you. Moments like that make you step back and really think about how people act. Some folks don't realize how their tone or attitude affects others, but they notice immediately when it comes back at them. It's not about trying to blame anyone, but it does make you more aware of who respects you and who only wants things their way. In the end, it's a small reminder that how we talk to others matters, and it goes both ways.

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Getting Your Story Out There

By Montana Duvall

If you find a story stirring within you—an insistent murmur that won't let you go—it's a sign that it carries profound significance. Stories are not coincidences; they arrive in our minds with intention and meaning, beckoning us to give them life. They come burdened with weight and purpose, yearning to be shaped, spoken, and woven into the fabric of existence. Writing is not merely the act of crafting words; it is an act of liberation. Each unwritten tale transforms into a pressure that gently but persistently weighs on your soul, a subtle ache that intensifies the longer it remains unexpressed. However, the moment you begin to put pen to paper or fingers to keys, a transformation occurs. You carve out space within yourself, allowing a breath of fresh air to flow through you. The process of capturing your narrative on the page not only clarifies your identity and your fears but often unveils reservoirs of strength and resilience you may have been unaware of. Writing empowers you to confront the darkness with a light held firmly in your grasp. It provides a safe space to face your fears, a realm where you dictate the circumstances. On the page, you can meet your shadows head-on, challenge them, reshape their narratives, and ultimately emerge more courageous on the other side. Your story holds immense value because you are valuable. If this story resides within you, it is calling to be shared. Write it—not just for the world's eyes, but also for your own understanding and peace. Let your voice be heard; it is a vital thread in the tapestry of human experience. Embrace the act of storytelling, and allow the world to witness the authenticity of your journey.



History

By Alyssia Nuzzi

To me, history is very important. History is the means of learning how humans, alongside animals, plants, and more, have lived their lives before. To learn history like many historians and museum workers, you have to understand the many different parts of the story. Not everything that is written down is true, even in history books. We only know what is in the books, not what has actually happened. Not to mention, we barely even know our own history. We have so many unsolved mysteries and unanswered questions of what truly happened to those in our history.

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The Origin of Cats

By Tatianah Bell

Domestic cats originated from the Near Eastern or African wildcat and were first domesticated around 10,000 years ago in the Fertile Crescent. This domestication began as a mutual relationship, as early agricultural settlements provided a steady food source for rodents, which attracted wildcats to human settlements. Over time, humans began to value cats for pest control and later as beloved pets, leading to their spread across the globe with human migration and trade. Cats came to America with European colonists, primarily as working animals on ships to hunt rodents. The Spanish were among the first, with historical evidence suggesting their presence in America as early as 1559, and other cats arrived with later settlers on ships like the Mayflower. Their adaptability was driven by their natural hunting skills, which provided a vital service, and their inherent behaviors like meowing and seeking companionship that humans found appealing, leading to their title as a beloved pet.



Grief Management

By Layla Tobler

Grief is something teens may feel after losing someone or something important, like a family member, friend, pet, or even a relationship. It can cause many emotions such as sadness, anger, confusion, or feeling empty, and these feelings can come and go. Managing grief means finding healthy ways to cope, like talking to someone you trust, writing your feelings down, listening to music, or taking time to rest. Taking care of your body by sleeping, eating, and staying active can also help. Grief is different for everyone, and there is no right or wrong way to feel, but asking for help can make the process easier.

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Family or Friends?

By Tatianah Bell

You've heard the words, "Blood is thicker than water." However, that isn't the full phrase. It has been twisted to fit the narrative of family over friends. The true phrase, "The blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb," actually means to say that your chosen family means more than your blood family. Which is the correct choice? This is purely a matter of opinion. To some, family is held over friends. Those who have grown up in a happy and healthy home have no desire to form a family amongst friends. Often given unconditional love and protection, they believe finding a family through friends is redundant. A common phrase, "Family is everything," is used to signify the importance of the family in these people's lives. For an average person, it is the family that is with them through thick and thin, through good times and bad times. Unfortunately, not everyone is blessed with a family that has their best interests at heart. These people, reasonably so, will not believe family is over friends. What they are unable to acquire in a true familial relationship (love, support, protection, etc.), they find amongst friends. These friends are usually others in rather similar situations and are also seeking out a found family to provide and achieve what having a family would offer. In the end, it is up to you and your own personal experiences as to which is more important. There is no right or wrong in this choice, as it truly depends on one's upbringing. Family or friends, it's your choice.

Judging

By Layla Tobler

Judging people is a common thing nowadays whether you're judging someone because they smoke, they drink, they cheat, they do drugs, they yell, or they cuss. You judge everyone whether they're your family, your friends, or peers without stepping back and thinking what caused them to act this way. A smoker may smoke because they feel it heals the pain, and a drunk may drink to forget the past or escape from reality. A cheater may cheat because their ex ruined their perspective on relationships. A drug user may do drugs because they come from a family of drug addicts, and that's the only thing they know how to feel comfort from. Take for an example, if someone yells or curses, they may do it to feel heard because they feel they have to yell and curse to get their point across. So, they know someone will listen to what is being said. If you don't know everyone's story think before you judge someone think back of what made them act like that.

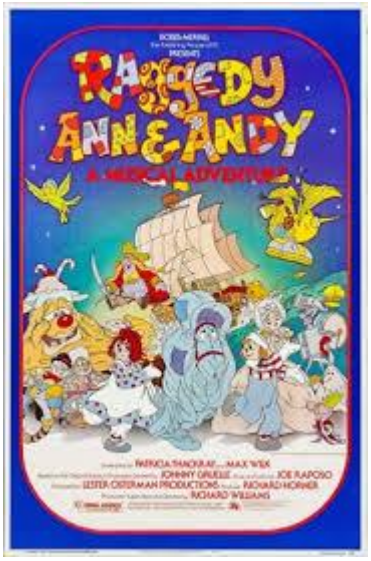
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The Benefits of Green Tea

By Tatianah Bell

Green tea, known for its grassy, earthy taste, has been around for thousands of years. It is alleged to have originated in China after leaves from a wild tree fell into Emperor Shennong's boiling water. The drink was, from then on, used for medicinal purposes. However, that brings up the question: what benefits does this drink offer? Like many teas, green tea offers benefits to your health. Green tea contains polyphenols that act as powerful antioxidants. They protect cells from oxidative damage caused by free radicals, reducing the risk of chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease. These polyphenols may help lower blood pressure, reduce cholesterol levels, and improve blood vessel function. This can reduce the risk of cardiovascular problems. Green tea contains caffeine as well, which can improve alertness, focus, and attention, as well as enhance memory and reduce fatigue. Due to its caffeine levels, green tea is not recommended to be consumed before or close to one's bedtime, as it can certainly keep you up. Green tea, though it may not be everyone's cup of tea, is certainly a good choice for your health. If you aren't a fan of its taste, you can try adding honey, sugar, or even brewing it with other flavors such as raspberry or lemon. Everything aside, green tea is certainly a healthy choice for you, your body, and your mind.





Raggedy Ann & Andy: A Musical Adventure

By Alyssia Nuzzi

My favorite childhood TV show would be *Raggedy Ann & Andy: A Musical Adventure* or *Scooby-Doo*. For many who grew up in the 1980s and 1990s, Raggedy Ann & Andy: A Musical Adventure holds a special place in their hearts. Based on the beloved rag dolls created by Johnny Gruelle, this whimsical film-turned-TV special captured the magic, imagination, and innocence of childhood in a way that few shows have since. What made Raggedy Ann & Andy so unforgettable was its blend of music, fantasy, and heartfelt storytelling. The film followed the rag dolls as they embarked on a daring journey to rescue their friend, Babette, a French doll who was kidnapped by a pirate. Along the way, the duo encountered a host of colorful characters — from the slippery Gooey Monster to the eccentric Camel with the Wrinkled Knees. Each character brought humor, wonder, and sometimes even a touch of sadness, reminding young viewers of the complexities of friendship and bravery. Raggedy Ann & Andy: A Musical Adventure will always be more than just a childhood show to me. It's a piece of my heart — a reminder of simpler times, of imagination without limits, and of the beautiful belief that love and kindness can make anything better.

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Relationships

By Alyssia Nuzzi

There are many different types of relationships (romantic, platonic, familial, professional, and acquaintanceship, and more). There are also many different types of relationship structures and dynamics (monogamous, polygamous/open, codependent, chosen family, adversarial, and more). The core parts of a healthy relationship are Communication, Trust, Respect, and Support, built on foundations of Honesty, Compromise, and Boundaries, allowing for both Connection and Autonomy (time apart/individual identities). While intimacy (emotional/physical) and shared values are crucial, these fundamental elements create a strong, dynamic partnership that can navigate challenges and foster growth for both individuals. No relationship is without its ups and downs, arguments, and disagreements. Even healthy relationships have their downs, but they also have their ups as well.

Thankful

By Layla Tobler

The word thankful basically means being glad for what you have, even if it's not perfect. It's about noticing the little things that make life better—like having people who care about you, a place to sleep, food to eat, or even just a good moment in your day. Being thankful doesn't mean everything is amazing all the time; it just means you pause and say, "Hey, I'm grateful for this." Sometimes we get so busy or stressed that we forget to appreciate things. But when you stop and think about what you do have, it can make you feel calmer and more positive. Being thankful is a simple thing, but it can change how you see the world.

Do You Wish You Could Return to Moments From Your Past?

By Alyssia Nuzzi

At times, I do wish to return to certain moments from my past. However, over time, I haven't given it much thought as I like where I am now without any change to the past and my life. There aren't a lot of moments that I think about from the past. I don't like to think about the past much, since it contradicts the present and whatever I am going to do in the future.

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In *Ask Us*, we let high school students ask questions that we are all wondering. Additionally, high school students answer.

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EG- It really depends on how old you both are and what grade the other person is in.

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Rylee Lynn Ashley

Senior Spotlight
By Aven Sebren

Rylee Lynn Ashley was born on April 11th, 2008. She has been in many extracurricular activities: FFA (4 years), BPA (1 year), newspaper (1 year), FCCLA (4 years), yearbook (1 year), and cheer (4 years). Rylee's hobbies include cheer, shopping, and being with friends. When she was a child, she wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. After high school, Rylee plans to go wherever the wind takes her. Her biggest pet peeve is lying. Her most prized possession is her phone. Rylee would describe herself as lively. One of her favorite quotes is "Everything happens for a reason." Her favorite color is pink, favorite TV show is *Grey's Anatomy,* favorite band is *Treaty Oak*, favorite song is *Stop & Stare*, favorite movie is *The Notebook*, and her favorite food is steak. Her advice for underclassmen is "School goes by so fast, so live every moment like it's your last day."

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Senior Spotlight
By Tatianah Bell

Born: 9-24-2007
Extra-Curriculars: Band- 6 years, Culinary- 1 year, Jazz Band- 4 years, Piano- 1 year, FFA- 2 years
Hobbies/Interests: He loves anything to do with music, playing, listening, etc.
When he was a child, he wanted to be a train conductor.
His plans after high school are to go to a good college and get his bachelors in audio production.
My biggest pet peeve is: Hypocrites
My most prized possession is: His car….he loves his car.
If I had to describe myself in one word, it would be: Humorous
A quote I like is: "We accept the love we think we deserve."
Favorite High School Memory: Laughing with my best friend Karson at band trips.
Favorite Color: Forest green
Favorite TV Show: *Adventure Time*
Favorite Musical Group: *Elliot Smith*
Favorite Song: *Christian Brothers* by *Elliot Smith*
Favorite Movie: *Perks of Being a Wallflower*
Favorite Food: Rice
Advice for Underclassmen: No matter **what** you do, just be yourself, you'll be happier.

Making The Wrong Decisions

By Layla Tobler

Sometimes we make the wrong decisions simply because we're trying to figure life out as we go. We don't always know what the best choice is at the moment, and that's okay. Bad decisions can feel frustrating or embarrassing, but they're also how we learn what not to do next time. Each mistake teaches us something—what we value, what we should avoid, and how we can do better. Choosing the wrong path doesn't mean you've failed; it just means you're human, and you're still growing.





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Mackenzie Leanne Porter

Senior Spotlight
By Montana Duvall

Makenzie Leanne Porter was born on January 18th, 2008. She has been involved in track (2 years), basketball (5 years), and Ag (3 years). Her hobbies and interests include farm work and loving animals. When she was a child, she wanted to be a ranch hand when she grew up. Her plans after high school are to work. Her biggest pet peeve is people getting bullied. Her most prized possession is her dog. If she had to describe herself in one word, it would be apathetic. A quote she likes is, “Live long, love often, and laugh hard.” Her favorite memory of high school is meeting her boyfriend. Her favorite color is gray. Her favorite song is *“Build an Altar*.” Her favorite food is steak. And her advice for underclassmen is, “Take notes.”

Kylea Cobb

Senior Spotlight
By Montana Duvall

Kylea Cobb was born on May 12th, 2008. She has been involved in basketball (2 years), track (2 years), FCA (4 years), FCCLA (1 year), and choir (1 year). Her hobbies and interests include watching bodycam footage, and murder documentaries in her free time. When she was a child, she wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. Her plans after high school include going to CASC and getting her degree in nursing. Her biggest pet peeve is wet socks and chewing sounds. Her most prized possession is her iPad. If she had to describe herself in one word, it would be life-giving. A quote she likes is “Smile more.” Her favorite memory of high school is that she loves spirit week (especially dressing up for BBQ vs. Soccer Mom for FNL)! Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite TV show is *Attack on Titan*. Her favorite musical group is *The Beatles*. Her favorite song is *Yesterday* by *The Beatles*. Her favorite movie is *Shrek 2*. Her favorite food is sausage biscuits. And her advice for underclassmen is, “Don’t let anyone make you feel like you can’t be you.”

Being Thankful

By Robyn Gregory

Being thankful and appreciative is very important, but it isn’t always easy. It feels like it should be easy, like it should just come naturally, but it doesn’t. It takes effort to be thankful. Especially when you don’t feel you should have to be thankful, when you feel that you deserve what you were given. One case of this that I feel is common is with children and parents. Kids should always be appreciative of what they have and what their parents give them. Even the necessities that we don’t always consider, like food, water, clothes, and shelter. I can see why the argument, “Well, they had me. I didn’t choose to be here,” feels like a good reason. I’ve used it myself, but it doesn’t work like that. Yes, they had you, but you should still be grateful that you don’t have to provide for yourself. You don’t have to get a job and buy your own food, your own house, pay your own bills, or buy your own clothes. There are so many other things to be thankful for as well, but the point is, it’s very important to be thankful for the things you have.

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Thankful

By Rylee Ashley

The word thankful may seem small, but it carries a powerful message. In our busy lives, it's easy to overlook what we have and focus on what we want next. Being thankful helps us pause, look around, and appreciate the good that's already in our lives. Anyone can feel thankful when life is going well. But choosing thankfulness during difficult moments takes real strength. It doesn't mean pretending everything is fine. It means recognizing that even in hard days, there are still moments of hope, support, and growth. Thankfulness also brings people closer. When we tell someone we appreciate them, it shows that we notice their effort and care. These small moments of gratitude help build trust and stronger relationships.

Team Umizoomi

By Layla Tobler

Team Umizoomi was my favorite childhood show because it was fun, colorful, and easy to watch. I loved Milli, Geo, and Bot because they always helped people and used simple math to fix problems. The show made me feel happy and smart at the same time, even though I didn't really know I was learning anything. I liked the songs, the bright colors, and the little adventures they went on in Umi City. When I think about my childhood, Team Umizoomi is the show that always comes to mind.

Jellyfish

By Irma

Jellyfish are strange but interesting animals that live in the ocean. They don't have bones, a brain, or a heart. They're mostly made of water and jelly-like stuff. They look like blobs with long, stringy arms called tentacles. Jellyfish just float around and go wherever the ocean takes them. Some jellyfish are super tiny, and some are really big. The biggest ones have tentacles that can be over 100 feet long. That's longer than a basketball court. Jellyfish use their tentacles to sting and catch food like small fish and plankton. Their sting can hurt people, too, so it's smart not to touch them. Some jellyfish glow in the dark, which is called bioluminescence. It makes them look like glowing aliens underwater. That's probably the coolest thing about them. Jellyfish have been around for millions of years, even before dinosaurs. They don't swim like fish—they just drift with the ocean currents. Even though they seem simple, jellyfish are important to the ocean. They're food for other animals and help keep things balanced. You can see jellyfish at aquariums or sometimes at the beach. They're not cute or cuddly, but they're cool in their own weird way. Just don't get stung.





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