

*Honor  
Respect  
Remembrance*



Artist: Lee Greenwood  
Title: Proud To Be An American

If tomorrow all the things were gone,  
I'd worked for all my life.  
And I had to start again,  
with just my children and my wife.

I'd thank my lucky stars,  
to be livin here today.  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom,  
and they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I wont forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up,  
next to you and defend her still today.  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,  
God bless the USA.

From the lakes of Minnesota,  
to the hills of Tennessee.  
Across the plains of Texas,  
From sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston,  
and New York to L.A.  
Well there's pride in every American heart,  
and its time we stand and say.

That I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I wont forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.

*K. L. Ruthetford*

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**Panther Tales**





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### The Wildest Show Ever

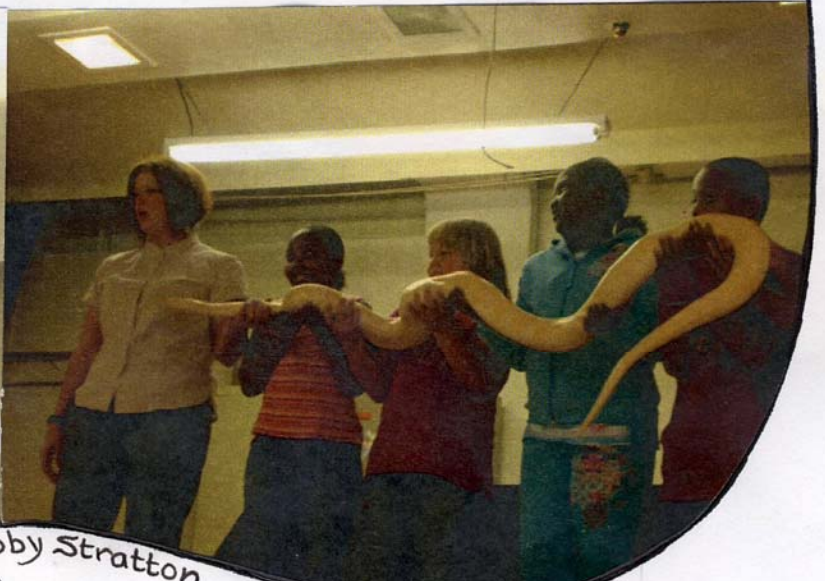
by Kyaza Turane & Anna Fiore  
Mrs. Cordisco's 4th Grade

What would you like to know about exotic animals from the rainforest? Well, we would love to tell you all about them. The host was very nice and super funny. She was very informative and she really loved working with the animals. She brought several animals to share with us, like the honey bear, the armadillo, a lemur, and a short tailed possum. These are only a few animals she shared with us.

We met a marine toad that is poisonous. On the side of its body are two lumps where the poison squirts out. The host brought an Indian dart shooter. The way it works is, you take a dart and roll it in the toad's poison, and then let it dry. You can then save it for when you want to use it. She introduced us to Bertha, the albino python from Thailand. She is only 6-8 months old. Her teeth are sharp, but her tail is the deadliest part of her body, because she can wrap it around your leg, or her prey, and squeeze it to death.

The African cockroach eats unusual things, like dead animals, rotten fruit and leaves. They help the ecosystem because they keep our earth clean by eating those things. If they didn't eat it, our earth would be dirty, and other animals would get sick and have diseases.

We learned a lot from these rainforest animals. Some of the animals she showed us were very unique, and the information she shared with us was very interesting! The show was fun and everyone had a great time.



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Oct. 21st - Oct. 23rd  
KLR Health Screening

Nov. 14th  
End of First Marking  
Period

Nov. 4th  
Election Day  
**No School for  
Students**

"The worst  
thing about  
new books is  
that they  
keep us from  
reading the  
old ones."

Joseph  
Joubert

### PARENT'S CORNER

School has begun! The hectic days of homework and bedtimes are in full swing. Why not consider the best way to end the day with your child—the bedtime story. If you are looking for the perfect way to ease into the bedtime hour and a way to spend a few quiet moments with your child, the bedtime story is a proven winner.

How do you go about making a choice for a good bedtime story? Older children can get hooked on chapter stories. Night after night, you and your child visit the next big happening for the story characters—together. A story that has a bit of excitement, chapters that aren't too long, and a lovable character are a great combination. Very often your child wants to read a book that is too difficult to read on their own. This is the perfect opportunity for you to read the book to them. They can understand the book when they hear it read to them and you can help support their enjoyment and understanding as you read along. Hearing stories that are a little more complex can expand your child's vocabulary and strengthen their understandings with more sophisticated books.

What books are out there? Ask your child to recommend some stories they have been longing to read on their own, but have been a bit shy at attempting. Ask the classroom teacher or the school librarian to make a few suggestions of chapter stories that have been favorites over the years. Stop in to the local library and get the best advice from the librarian who meets the needs of children in the community. You will find many books from modern writers to books that are classic stories. Who knows, you may get a chance to read a book you always wanted to read when you were a child! Happy Bedtime Reading...

Books to Consider:

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo [Author of Because of Winn-Dixie]

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Book Without Words by Avi

Stuart Little by E. B. White

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

The BFG by Roald Dahl

OUR KIDS RECOMMEND... By Brianna Bowdern - Mrs. Epstein's 5th Grade

The title of the book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. This book's genre is realistic fiction. The book is about a boy named Gregory and his two brothers, Rodrick and Manny. This book will take you on many adventures. One of my favorites is The Cheese Touch adventure.

I recommend this book to anybody who likes adventures, humor, and some ridiculous stuff!

### Did You Know?

Halloween started with the Ancient Celts. Hallows Eve (which became the word Halloween) was the last day of their year. They believed November 1st (All Saints Day) was the start of the New Year and because it was Winter, it was the darkest time of the year.

On this one night, October 31st, they believed spirits, ghosts, goblins and fairies came down from the hills into the towns. Some people believed if you left "treats" on the front porch for the spirits and ghosts, it would make them happy and they would not hurt you.

"Books are the bees which carry the quickening pollen from one to another mind."

James  
Russell  
Lowell



## ART NEWS

Welcome back to the beginning of a fabulous new school year! This first marking period the art students will be very busy creating various art projects in the art room.

Third graders are learning how to mix the primary colors to create the secondary colors. Then they will use the colors they painted to build a color wheel.

Fourth graders are doing papier mache. They are making decorative bowls.

Fifth graders are learning about and painting pictures using warm colors, cool colors, monochromatic colors, tints and shades with an Egyptian theme.

It is a messy marking period. If the students wish to bring in a smock or old shirt to protect their clothing they can bring it to the art room on the day they have art.

## Recipe of the month BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

"Delicious and very easy to make. You can use 3 to 4 cups of chicken broth instead of the water and bouillon cubes. Also works well with half as much cream cheese if you don't want it too rich."

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 tablespoons chopped onion    4 tablespoons margarine    1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 3 cups water    4 cubes chicken bouillon    6 cups peeled and cubed butternut squash
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper    1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper    2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese

### DIRECTIONS

In a large saucepan, lightly brown onions in margarine until tender. Add squash, water, bouillon, marjoram, black pepper and cayenne pepper. Bring to boil; cook 20 minutes, or until squash is tender.

Puree squash and cream cheese in a blender or food processor in batches until smooth. Return to saucepan, and heat through. Do not allow to boil.

Enjoy!