

2010

Panther Tales

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The day we start anew.
So this year I've decided
to become a kangaroo.

Or maybe I will learn to fly,
or how to walk through walls,
or how to turn invisible,
or surf on waterfalls.

I'll make myself elastic
and I'll teach myself to shrink.
I'll turn into a liquid
and I'll pour me down the sink.

I'll visit other planets
and meet aliens galore.
I'll travel to the distant past
and ride a dinosaur.

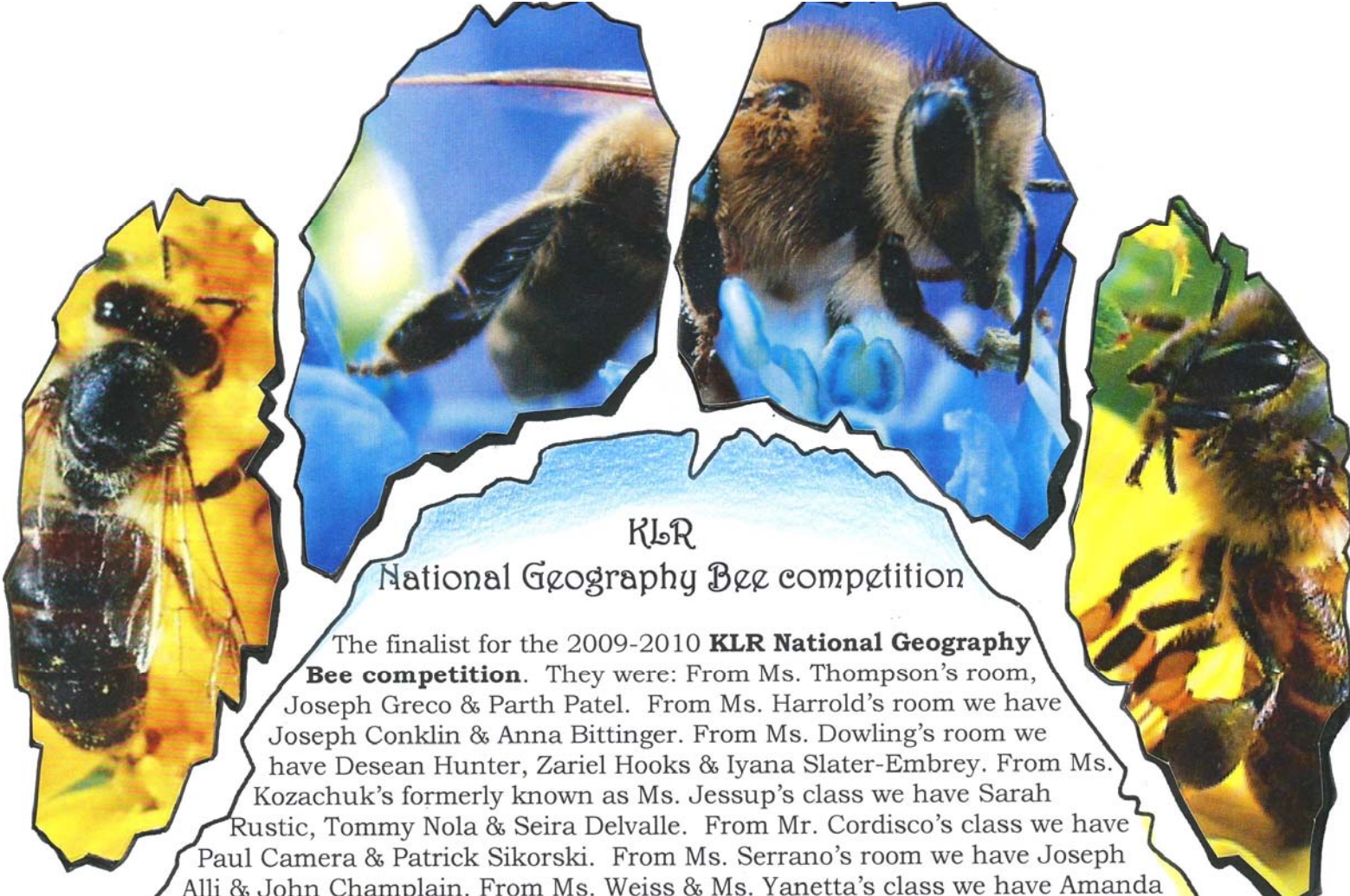
I've got so many wondrous plans.
I'm starting right away.
Yes, this will be the best year yet.
Hooray! It's New Year's Day!

Kenn Nesbitt

Happy
New

Year





KLR National Geography Bee competition

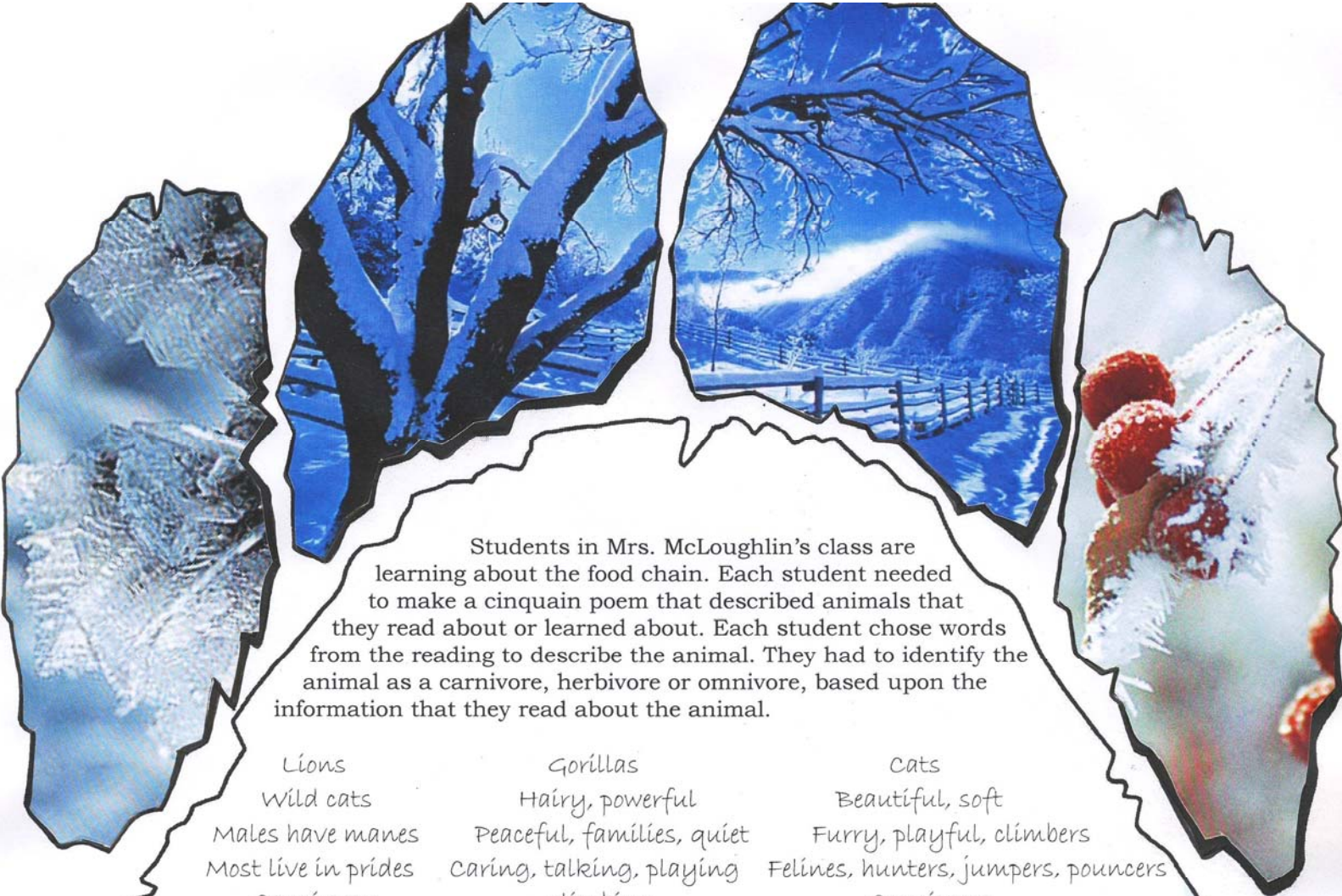
The finalist for the 2009-2010 **KLR National Geography Bee competition**. They were: From Ms. Thompson's room, Joseph Greco & Parth Patel. From Ms. Harrold's room we have Joseph Conklin & Anna Bittinger. From Ms. Dowling's room we have Desean Hunter, Zariel Hooks & Iyana Slater-Embrey. From Ms. Kozachuk's formerly known as Ms. Jessup's class we have Sarah Rustic, Tommy Nola & Seira Delvalle. From Mr. Cordisco's class we have Paul Camera & Patrick Sikorski. From Ms. Serrano's room we have Joseph Alli & John Champlain. From Ms. Weiss & Ms. Yanetta's class we have Amanda Ruggiero & Jaquan Poole. From Ms. Hartman's room we have Jesse Call & Carlos Ortiz. From Mr. Prestiannia's Cheyenne Faison & Patryk Lalewicz. In MRS. Prestianni's class we have Manny Idysis & Shayna Benskie. In Ms. Bockman's class we have Brandon DeLorenzo & Chenoa Faison. From Ms. Galligan's room we have Frances VanPelt & Tindel Weston. In Ms. Cheng's class we have Mark Golding & Kailey DeGrote. And finally in Ms. Hugel & Mr. Truesdell's class we have Tyler Wheat & Yachiara Roos.

Parth Patel WINS KLR National Geography Bee Competition

Parth Patel, a 5th grade student at KLR Elementary School, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 13th and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 22nd annual National Geographic Geography Bee. This year's Bee is sponsored by Google. After a number of tough questions we had 5 finalists. They were: Francis VanPelt, Carlos Ortiz, Amanda Ruggiero, Rup Patel & Parth Patel, no relation. When the dust cleared in the finals we had Rup Patel in 3rd place, Carlos Ortiz in 2nd place and the 2009-2010 KLR National Geography Bee winner was Parth Patel. Congratulations!



Above: Rup Patel, Parth Patel and Carlos Ortie.



Students in Mrs. McLoughlin's class are learning about the food chain. Each student needed to make a cinquain poem that described animals that they read about or learned about. Each student chose words from the reading to describe the animal. They had to identify the animal as a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore, based upon the information that they read about the animal.

Lions
Wild cats
Males have manes
Most live in prides
Carnivores

Sean O'Rourke

Gorillas
Hairy, powerful
Peaceful, families, quiet
Caring, talking, playing
climbing
Herbivores

Angel Arroyo

Cats
Beautiful, soft
Furry, playful, climbers
Felines, hunters, jumpers, pouncers
Carnivores

Joseph Ulaj

The First Meanest Snowman by Steven Cammerino
in Mrs. Lyttle's 3rd Grade class

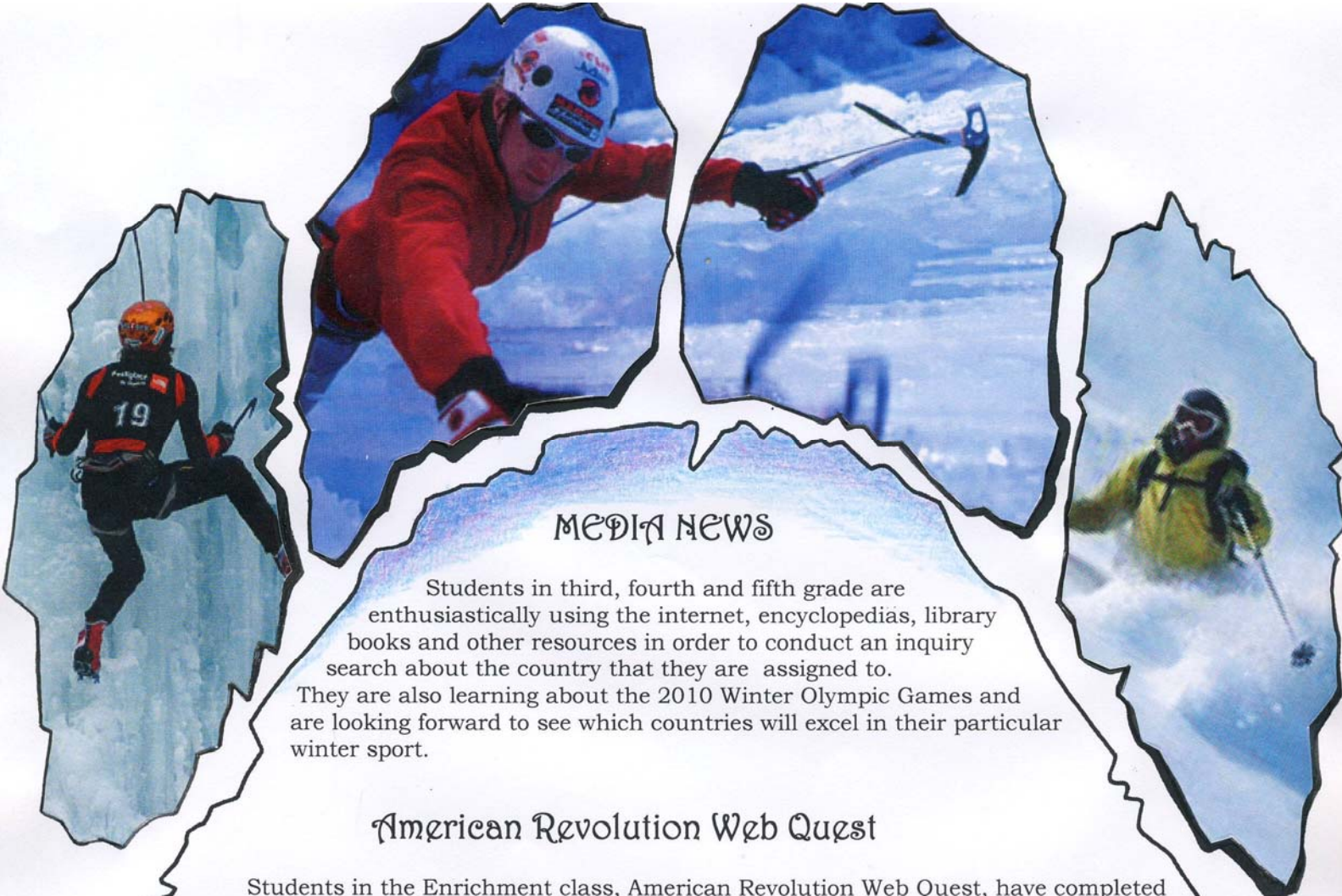
Once upon a time there was a happy snowman. He lived on a part of the North Pole with his friends, Snowbell, Winter and Cold. He was Flake. But one day the sun shined very hard. Flake's friends melted. Then Flake began to cry icicles. He cried and cried and cried. After that he became very angry and mean. He went off. "But, wait!" he said to himself. "I will melt out here! I can't go unless I bring my "winter glove!" The glove that shoots snow anywhere you go!" So he took his "winter glove" with him.

A day later he was walking around trying to find a house. He was tired, hungry, and thirsty. "But I can not give up!" he said. He went off. The next day he found a house. He went over and knocked on the door. The owner of the house opened the door. "who put this snowman in front of our house?" he asked.

"wow! I think I'm going to like this place!" said flake. "Ahhhhhhhh!" said the man. "He talks!"

Soon the weather warmed up a little and Flake met Spring. Spring and Flake became good friends, and the meanest snowman was not so mean any more. He was now very happy because Spring brought some flowers and birds every time he came to visit.





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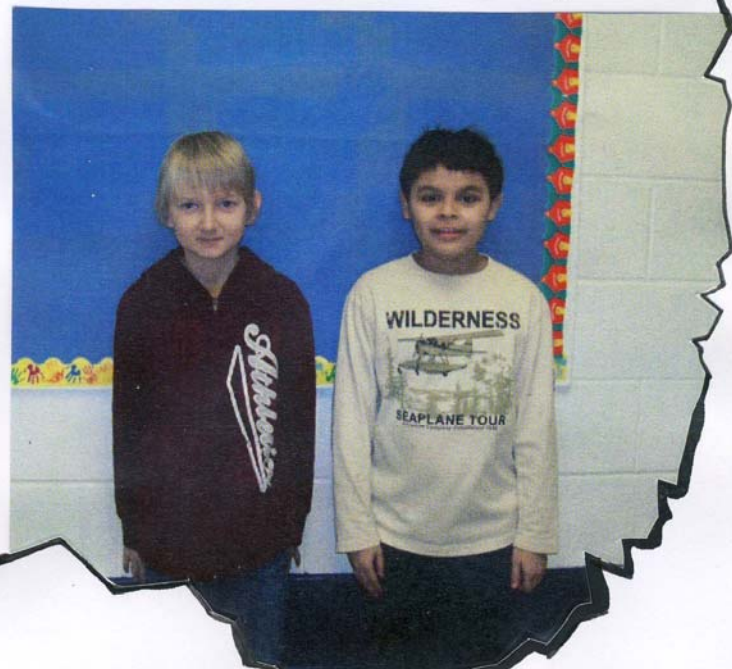
Students in third, fourth and fifth grade are enthusiastically using the internet, encyclopedias, library books and other resources in order to conduct an inquiry search about the country that they are assigned to. They are also learning about the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and are looking forward to see which countries will excel in their particular winter sport.

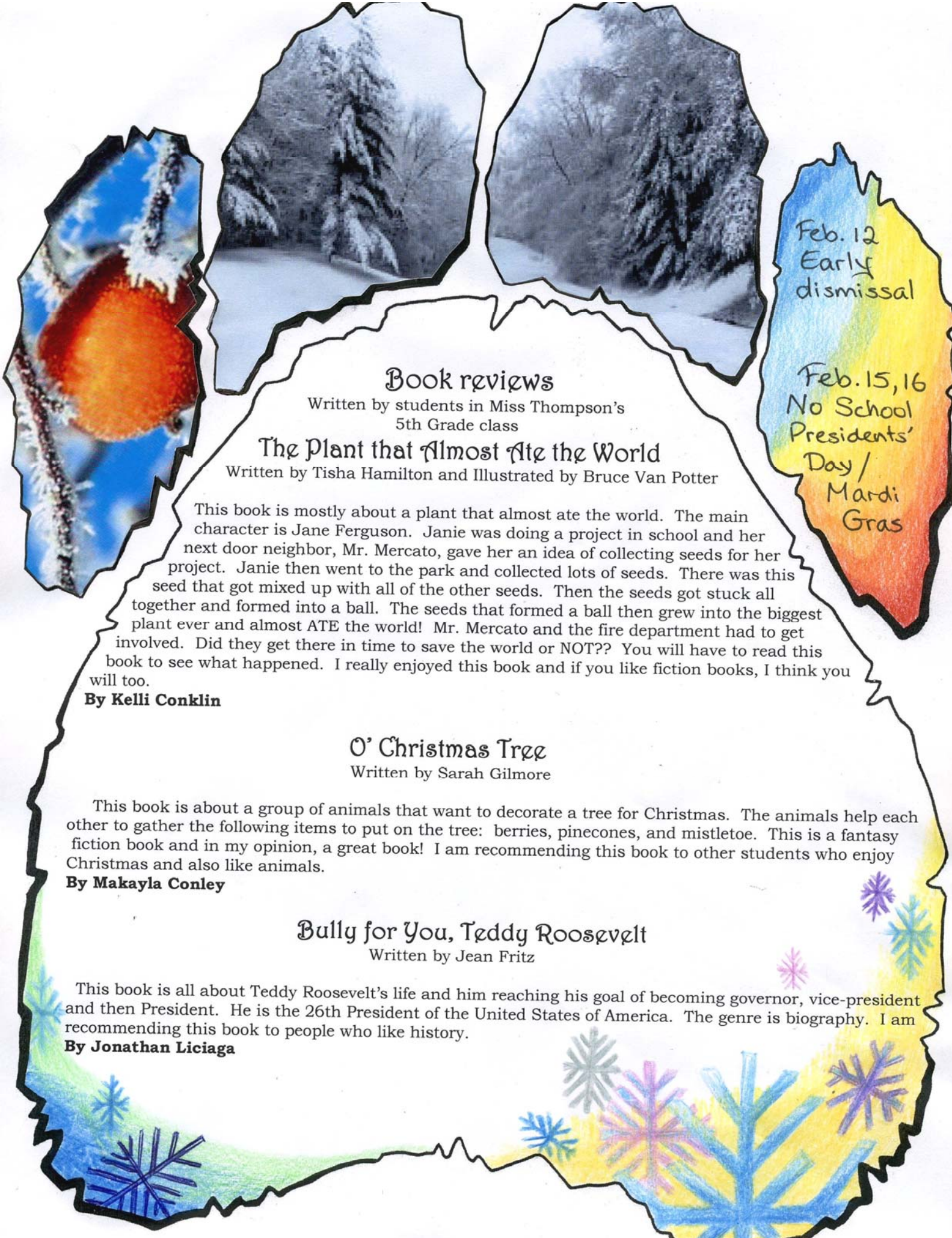
American Revolution Web Quest

Students in the Enrichment class, American Revolution Web Quest, have completed their final projects and they can be found on Mrs. Landau's Q-file and student shared drop box. Please look in the American Revolution folder.

Students in the class are Ashley Feldman, Destiny Bridges, Patrick Sikorski and Scott Hughes from Mr. Cordisco's class and Patryk Lalewicz, Bryan Granadas, Benjy Francisco, and Sharon Alejandra from Mr. Prestianni's class. These students worked on a web quest on the thirteen colonies first, with each pair of students gathering information on the different regions. They completed four power points on their assigned region.

The next task was to answer questions regarding the American Revolution. The final product for this task was a photo story completed by the group. It was my pleasure to work with these dedicated students, and I thank their teachers for allowing them to participate in this activity.





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Book reviews

Written by students in Miss Thompson's
5th Grade class

The Plant that Almost Ate the World

Written by Tisha Hamilton and Illustrated by Bruce Van Potter

This book is mostly about a plant that almost ate the world. The main character is Jane Ferguson. Janie was doing a project in school and her next door neighbor, Mr. Mercato, gave her an idea of collecting seeds for her project. Janie then went to the park and collected lots of seeds. There was this seed that got mixed up with all of the other seeds. Then the seeds got stuck all together and formed into a ball. The seeds that formed a ball then grew into the biggest plant ever and almost ATE the world! Mr. Mercato and the fire department had to get involved. Did they get there in time to save the world or NOT?? You will have to read this book to see what happened. I really enjoyed this book and if you like fiction books, I think you will too.

By Kelli Conklin

O' Christmas Tree

Written by Sarah Gilmore

This book is about a group of animals that want to decorate a tree for Christmas. The animals help each other to gather the following items to put on the tree: berries, pinecones, and mistletoe. This is a fantasy fiction book and in my opinion, a great book! I am recommending this book to other students who enjoy Christmas and also like animals.

By Makayla Conley

Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt

Written by Jean Fritz

This book is all about Teddy Roosevelt's life and him reaching his goal of becoming governor, vice-president and then President. He is the 26th President of the United States of America. The genre is biography. I am recommending this book to people who like history.

By Jonathan Liciaga