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Guinea Pigs

The guinea pig is curiously miss-named. It is not a pig but a rodent and is related to rabbits and hares. Secondly, it comes from the Andean highlands of Peru and other parts of South America, not Guinea. The guinea pig's real name is cavy. It was tamed in the 16th century in Europe and it is sometimes seen in the United States. The cavy is about six inches long. Some cavies are tan and white. Others are black and white, and some are a mixture of all three. Some have short hair and some have long, curiously ruffled hair. The guinea pig or cavy is a gentle animal. They are amusing and are bred as pets for children, who find them easy to care for. For food cavies eat vegetable foods. When they eat, they generally sit on their hind feet. The wild guinea pig lives in burrows and feeds at dusk, and on dark days. The guinea pig breeds rapidly. A guinea pig has babies when only a few months old. Its scientific name is *cavia parcellus*.

Patricia Carini-411

Eggs are Very Tiny  
Terry Provost - 406

Female house flies lay eggs in batches as many 120 at one time within hours they hatch into small white wingless maggots, that feed on what ever food or garbage the eggs are laid upon. In five or six days, a maggot becomes a pupa which looks like a small grain of wheat. About five days later, the pupa case splits open and the adult house fly comes out.

Few flies survive the winter. In cold climates, house flies die when freezing wheather comes. A few live through the winter in houses or other warm places. In the spring, those few multiply so rapidly that it takes only a few day's for the house fly again to become one of our greatest pests.

In Science we're studying insects. In Social Studies we're studying about people. This is my first year in West Avenue. I think it is a nice school.

Susan MacDougal-405

## Autumn Leaves

Down, down, down, they go,  
Hurrying down before the snow,  
The colors are gay  
In a splendid array,  
When the leaves come floating down

Kim Gleichauf

## The Life of Caterpillars and Moths

As a child, a moth or butterfly is a caterpillar. This early form of the winged insect is called a larva. They eat a lot in their child days. They also grow very fast. Some caterpillar eat crop and clothes. But the silk worm makes valuable threads. They are harmful yet helpful. When they are grownups, they are valuable for their beauty.

Sally Bassett-406

## Bees, Bees, Bees

Most plants depend upon insects to carry pollen from one flower to another. This is a necessary step in growing healthy food crops, especially fruits. The honeybee carries pollen from flower to flower as it gathers its food. Some people earn their living renting colonies of bees to farmers for this purpose.

One female in each hive is much larger than the other bees. She is the queen, whose main job is to lay eggs. Up to a million in her lifetime (of three to four years). Any female will become a queen if she has been fed with royal jelly, a very rich food produced by the workers.

The strongest queen in a hive kills all the other.

Kyle Mengel-406

Did you know?

On Friday, September 20th, Miss Hamilton's and Mrs. End's rooms went on a field trip to Midtown Plaza. The classes went to see the Space Exhibit. The first thing you see is a few slides and then some satellites and a Gemini capsule. This exhibit was very interesting.

Kathleen Peck-414

Did you know?

Grandpa Greene, he is like a bean. He is very keen. That is not all he is very clean. Gee I wish you new Grandpa Greene.

Debbie Jerome-405

Did you know?

Miss DeMond is a new teacher at our school. She is very nice. She went to Brockport College. Some of her hobbies are, Music, Swimming, Football and Soccer. Her major in college was Math. She is from Port Jervis, New York.

John Hargather-419

Mummies in 420

In room 420 we are studying ancient Egypt. We are studying mummies and pyramids too.

We are making replicas of real mummies with paper mache and letting them dry; painting and giving them hieroglyphics.

If you don't know what hieroglyphics are, they are the ancient inscribing of the Egyptians. I just hope our mummies don't come alive. After all twenty-eight mummies are a lot to put up with.

Paula Stelluto-420

A New Boy in Town

My name is Robert Breese. I came from St. Augustine School. I live at 23 Larkspur Lane



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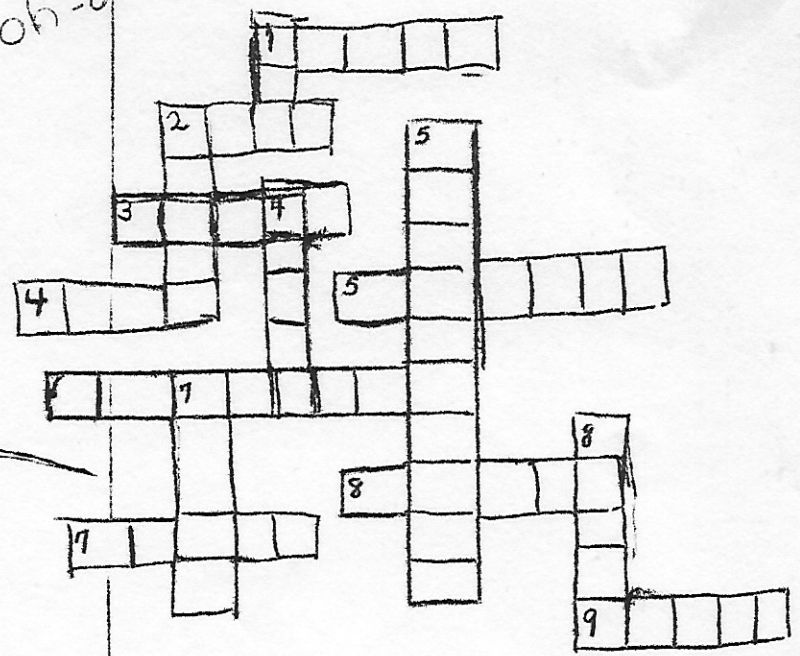
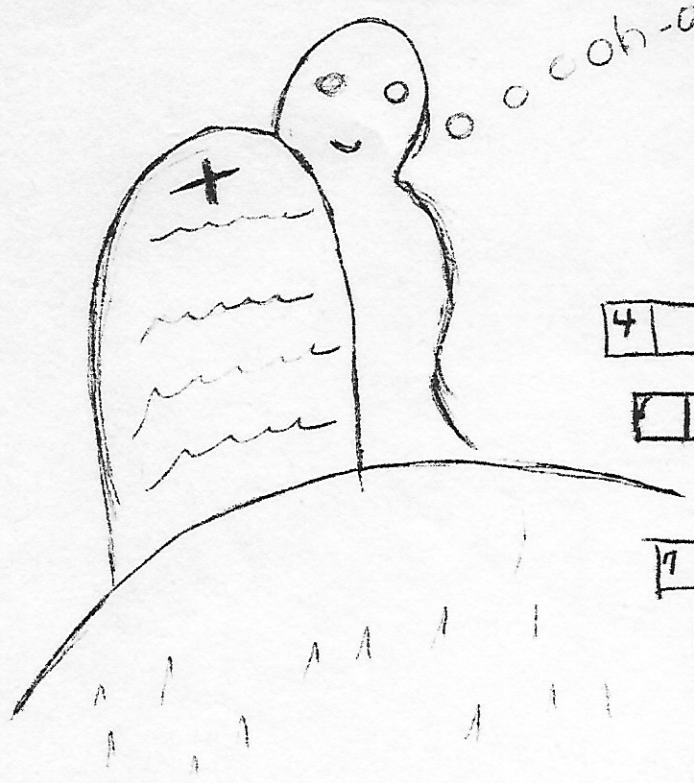
The Fastest Rabbit in Morocco

I am a rabbit. My name is Morocco, which means the best, fastest, most sure footed racer in Morocco. Morocco is where I live in Africa. I was the strangest looking thing the natives ever saw so they thought I was some sort of god and now I'm leading the natives. I will make Morocco well known for great racers. I raced around Africa with a Kangaroo. He took the lead in the beginning and stayed in the lead for one quarter of the race. Then I got ahead and took the lead. I was getting hungry so I stopped at the best restaurant I could find. He was still seventy to one hundred fifty miles behind. Later I went on. You know I only beat him by five hops!

Boy, I only lost one race in my whole life. That was with a dumb turtle, because I got tired and went to sleep. I ordered that we do it again, and in a month we had another race. But that time I won, and I never lost another race again.

I'm also rich. I bought and now own Morocco, Africa. And if you don't believe me ask the people of Morocco.---Steve Petter-421

# TOMBSTONE HILL



ACROSS

1. unscramble this: NYADC
2. flying animals
3. Let's go to a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Funny Face
5. unscramble this: ONBGIL
6. Jack-o-lanterns are made from these
7. Ghost
8. She rides on a broomstick.
9. Trick or \_\_\_\_\_.

DOWN

1. Witch's pet
2. very dark
4. \_\_\_\_\_ or treat
5. The witch rides on a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Shines at night
8. unscramble this: HSOGT
9. \_\_\_\_\_

Answers are on page 6

Helen Keller

Helen Keller was blind deaf and dumb. This meant that she must spend her life in silence and darkness. When she was not quite two she came down with a sickness that made her this way. When she was six, she had had many tantrums. One night she threw her baby sister out of the cradle and sat in it. Luckily her mother caught the baby before she hit the ground. Her father caught her by the arm and held her tight. After awhile her father let go and her mother put her to bed. Then Helen's mother went out with her grandma, and asked what they would do. After awhile, they decided what they would do. They would ask for a teacher for Helen. So they sent word to Mr. Aganos, a blind deaf and dumb teacher. About six months past. Helen did not know this was the most important day in her life. She would be meeting her teacher that day. Miss Sullivan had been blind when she was a little girl, so Mr. Aganos thought she would be a good teacher for Helen.

Karen Petty - 403

Q. Why is a Model T Ford like a schoolroom?

A. Because there's lots of nuts with a big crank up in front.

The Halloween Witch

It was Halloween night. The head witch handed Pinky and her other sisters their bags of tricks. "Here," the head witch crackled. Pinky got on her broom and flew away. She used up one trick. Then she saw some Trick or Treaters running to a house. They went in. She landed and went in. She played with the children. Later she went outside, got on her broomstick and flew to the witches den. She was already ready for another Halloween.

Ellen Wurzer - 402

George on Venus

George is a conspicuous guinea pig. Harry is his brother. George is as conspicuous as well as a curious guinea pig. When George's family moved to Cape Cod, he got caught by a man who worked at the rocket center. They made a space suit with lead boots. One day they loaded him into a rocket.

Off he went! Meteors were flying around. George's rocket got hit by one and zoomed off course toward Venus. He soon landed on Venus. It was hot there but his space suit had air conditioning.

As George was exploring he fell into a huge crater-well he was looking at his broken leg hundreds of creatures ran about him. And suddenly he noticed the creatures look like him but smaller. And they fixed him up and they showed him the caves they live in. George was so kind to them they made him King. That's why he is a conspicuous guinea pig.

Bobby Pollard-402

Valuable

My name is "Valuable." I have rich friends. They call me Val. I live in Make Money, Texas. And I've just struck it rich. I inherited a famous painter and as usual I have a greedy look on my face. Now I have eleven uranium mines, seventeen gold mines and 100 "karat" patch. I made the gold shortage. I own the gold! If you go shopping get me a diamond mine, a gold mine etc., or just "gimme" money I prefer hundred dollar bills.

Rick Falzone-421

Flowers

Flowers are blue, yellow and red. But pretty flowers are not ded, When raindrops fall down. The pettles fall to the ground, But flowers have so many colors. I wish I could have a bouquet of Flowers!

Amy Sullivan - 405

Dolls

I had a doll,  
 She was my pal,  
 She had a friend,  
 Sorry to say but that's the end.

Michelle Malucci-412

A Walk in the Woods

As I was walking in the woods  
 I saw a rabbit jump. I heard a  
 bird sing and saw a squirrel run  
 up a tree. The leaves started to  
 crackle as I walked on them. The  
 leaves were all different colors.  
 I saw some leaves fall, they look-  
 ed so pretty. Oh, I just love to  
 walk in the woods.

Lisa Balliett - 414

Poetry in Room 415

In room 415 we have a poetry  
 club. Every Friday is the day for  
 the Poetry Club. To get an A+  
 we have to get 100 points. Be-  
 ing able to recite a poem is 50  
 points, creating a poem is 20  
 points, illustrating the poem of  
 the month is 20 points. Septem-  
 ber's poem of the month was Silver.  
 We have had some wonderful poems.  
 Miss Dodd started the Poetry Club.  
 In September the subject for  
 writing poems was the Moon. We  
 all enjoy the Poetry Club.

Debra DiPaulo - 415

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

Across

Down

- |             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| 1. Candy    | 1. Cat   |
| 2. Bats     | 2. Black |
| 3. party    | 4. Trick |
| 4. Mask     | 5. Broom |
| 5. GHOST    | 7. Moon  |
| 6. pumpkins | 8. GHOST |
| 7. Spook    | 9. Treat |
| 8. witch    |          |
| 9. Treat    |          |

So! This is Sixth Grade

This isn't quite what I expected  
 it to be. I thought for the first  
 few weeks we would just review  
 what we learned last year. But  
 we started right off with new stuff.

I like reading the best because  
 you're not always stopping to do  
 work. Math is twice as hard as  
 last year. English is a little  
 harder than last year. Spelling  
 isn't too hard, yet.

I'm getting better marks because  
 there's not as much time to play  
 and more time to work. I think  
 I'm going to have a good year.

Scott Cunningham-416

Fliberty: "Arthur hasn't been  
 out one night for three weeks"!

Gibbet: "Has he turned over a  
 new leaf"?

Fliberty: "Nope. Turned over  
 his dad's new car"?

Mother: What did your father say  
 when you told him you smashed up  
 the car"?

Son: "Shall I leave out the swear  
 words.

Mother: "Certainly"!

Son: "Not a thing".

Magic Square  
 Find the Missing Numbers

8		6
3	5	
	9	2

You will get a total of 15 in any  
 straight line direction

16		3	13
5	11	10	
	7	6	12
4	14		1

Total of 34

Witchcraft

Witchcraft began in the 1600's in Massachusetts. One girl named Tituba was a reason for starting a belief of witchcraft in Massachusetts.

Tituba loved to tell voodoo stories of her people. When the other girls were examined the doctor said they had been bewitched. Tituba and two women disliked by the community were accused of witchcraft.

One girl Mary Webster was hung and buried in snow in 1683. She survived both of these and died later of natural causes. So witchcraft was a big part of Massachusetts.

Tom McLain - 414

Making a Salt and Flour Map

First you get your material like salt, flour, a cardboard box and a pail (or something to mix it in). First you draw the shape you want on the box (a clothes box is best). Then you dump the salt and flour in the pail. Rush water in the pail. Then mix it with your hands. Then you take a handful from the pail and put it on the drawing. Mold it in the shape and then let it dry for two days. It is finished.

John Ferrin

Answer to puzzle on page 2

Mr. Marafino

Mr. Marafino is a senior at Brockport. He is a Math major. He lives in Rochester. He is teaching with Miss Cammer in room 421. His next assignment is teaching math at East Rochester's Junior High School.

He enjoys sports.

Chess Reports

On October 3, 1968 boys came over from school #2 from Rochester.

Some children had their pictures taken and they will appear in the Fairport Herald Mail.

The tournament officially started at 10:00 A.M., but school #2 came late. No prizes were given, but it was fun just playing chess.

Barbara Panasevich-418

Animals and How Smart They Are

Our class is having an experiment with Guinea Pigs and Gerbils. Scott Winfield brought in five Gerbils and I brought in mine. Mrs. Reid let us use her Guinea Pigs. We are going to run them through a maze. Our teacher, Miss Kistler made charts to mark down how fast they go each time. Maybe some will remember and maybe some won't. Today 10/9/68 we ran them through the maze. Guinea Pig A got 2 minutes and 28 seconds. Guinea Pig B got 2 minutes and 21 seconds. My Gerbil (gerbil A) got 1 minute 21 seconds. Gerbil B got 1 minute and 10 seconds. I hope my gerbil will do better next time.

Tom Donahue-401

