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# In Touch

Winter 2013



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# Principal's Ponderings *By Mr. T. Postma*

As I write this article, I note that we have just passed the half way point of the school year. Christmas is already behind us. We enjoyed the wonderful presentations of our choirs and band at various venues. We enjoyed the Christmas assembly and the many skills and gifts our students displayed. Above all, we enjoyed the message of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. One of the privileges of Christian education is that we may focus on and celebrate the Christ in Christmas.

We are preparing for the new school year already. The registration forms are being collected and staff members have submitted their intentions in terms of employment. The registration forms help us to determine enrollment and class size in September; the intention forms help us to anticipate employment changes. A newly drafted school budget primarily relies on both files – one for revenue and the other for expenses. A big challenge that recurs each year is one of keeping Christian education affordable. Our main revenue source is tuition; however, other revenue sources are very important as well: fundraising, Willing Workers, golf tournament, capital drives and the Thrift Shop.

We have decided to resume our capital drive but with a different focus. In the past, we raised money to pay off the mortgage on our beautiful building, and we thank the Lord that our goal was achieved. This year, we wish to focus more on addressing our reserves (bus and building). Major expenditures occur when buses are bought and when costly building components need to be replaced. It is very important to prepare to meet those expenditures with the help of the CCS community. Another potential new source of revenue is the re-Source Thrift Shop. Please visit the Thrift Shop at 625 Greenhill Ave – Unit 5 and drop off your donations or purchase a product.

At the fall membership meeting, we were privileged to review a report from the Adhoc Full Time SK Committee. The report was very capably presented by Aaron Schat, the Edcom chair. The full details of the report can be found

on our website (click on the left tab - SK Report). The committee completed a detailed analysis on various studies (including longitudinal ones), it implemented a survey and evaluated the results, and it considered the CCS facilities and tuition structure. The recommendations, as stated in the report are as follows: that the BOD not implement a full time SK at this time; that the BOD reconsider the issue in three years; that should full time SK be offered, the BOD consider offering it in addition to the current SK program and make it a user pay system with a minimum enrollment required to run the program. Subsequent to the membership meeting, the BOD approved all of the recommendations. This means, we will continue with our current SK program, i.e. full days every other day.

As the school year moves along, we will continue with the task of educating and nurturing God's children. The task is both daunting and awesome. We are blessed and honoured to be used by the Lord for equipping his children for good works (our vision statement). There is so much at stake regarding values, skills, attitudes, talents, knowledge.... We appreciate your prayers and we pray for you and your children.



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## Mission Statement

*The mission of Calvin Christian School is to assist parents by providing for each student a Bible based elementary education in a supportive Christian classroom community that nurtures growth in knowledge, maturity and commitment to God for sharing in the life and work of His people in the world.*

## Calendar of Events

<b>March 8-15</b>	March Break
<b>March 19-21</b>	Book Fair
<b>April 18</b>	JK/SK Orientation Day
<b>April 30</b>	Open House Day
<b>May 1</b>	Grandparents Day
<b>May 1</b>	Spring Program (evening)
<b>May 2</b>	Spring Program (evening)
<b>May 3</b>	Curriculum Day (no school)
<b>May 22</b>	Field Day (rain dates: May 23, 24)
<b>June 1</b>	Walkathon
<b>June 8</b>	Golf Tournament

# A Delayed Gratification – Embracing the Blessing of a Long Term View

By Mr. T. Postma/Mr. H. Koorneef

*Our society increasingly tends towards instant gratification. “Buy now, pay later” feeds into this tendency. Delayed gratification is counter-cultural, and a worthy objective.*

**I**t is important to meet present needs quickly. A Christian school may at times implement fundraising campaigns through capital campaigns, bazaars, walkathons, etc. The money raised is urgently needed. A potential operating budget deficit or an outstanding building mortgage needs to be addressed. It is important that the results are immediate and measurable. Throughout its history, immediate and measurable results from annual gifts and fundraising have blessed Calvin Christian School. We have been amazed by our community’s generous support. We have built and rebuilt our facilities, made other necessary capital improvements, purchased buses, computers and Promethean Boards, etc. We thank God for blessing us through these efforts.

Currently, CCS is partnering with the Foundation for Niagara & Hamilton area Christian Schools in promoting, encouraging, and arranging planned gifts, growing endowments, etc. This partnership is an example of “delayed gratification”. While our capital campaigns and fundraisers exist to meet present needs with immediate outcomes, the Foundation partners with us and complements our efforts with necessary programs that focus on our future viability. When a supporter includes CCS as the beneficiary of, for example, a will bequest or a life insurance policy, the gift most likely will not be realized by the school for many years. This is a beautiful long term view which we pray that many CCS supporters will embrace as they designate God’s resources towards His school.

About six years ago, Mrs. Grace Geerts-Meester updated her will and named our Foundation as the beneficiary of a bequest, with the eventual gift to be shared equally between our school and our partner secondary school, Hamilton District Christian High. This wonderful long view gift was realized several months ago when Mrs. Grace Geerts-Meester went to be with her Lord. Mrs. Geerts-Meester attached a request to her last special gift: the school is to use the funds over a period of three to four years towards bursary purposes. As a school we are happy to honour her request. We will apply the funds towards situations of legitimate need in the event a family experiences a temporary difficulty in meeting their tuition commitment during the course of the school year.



*Generation to Generation*

Mrs. Geerts-Meester’s donation represents one of several accounts with our Foundation specified for CCS. A computer endowment fund holds donations for information technology equipment. A donor established this account with an initial donation of \$8,620 in 2009, and a subsequent gift of nearly \$14,000 a year later. The account has grown through interest accrued. The school can use accumulated earnings as needed. A very recent development is our new special education account. We were saddened to say farewell to a special needs child who was moving with her family to B.C. Out of appreciation for the efforts and consideration of the students and staff at CCS toward meeting their daughter’s needs, this child’s parents donated \$15,000 for the special education program. Here too, a long term view will provide us with benefits in addition to the earnings available yearly from our growing general endowment!

Will you also partner with Calvin Christian School and embrace the long term view with your support? As a school, we genuinely embrace “delayed gratification” as much as we are grateful for your immediate and regular financial support. Please contact me, Ted Postma (Principal), Melissa VanderWier (CCS Finance Manager), or Henry Koorneef (Foundation Executive Director, Certified Financial Planner™) at 877-340-9555 or [office@schoolfoundation.ca](mailto:office@schoolfoundation.ca).

# Student Council Report

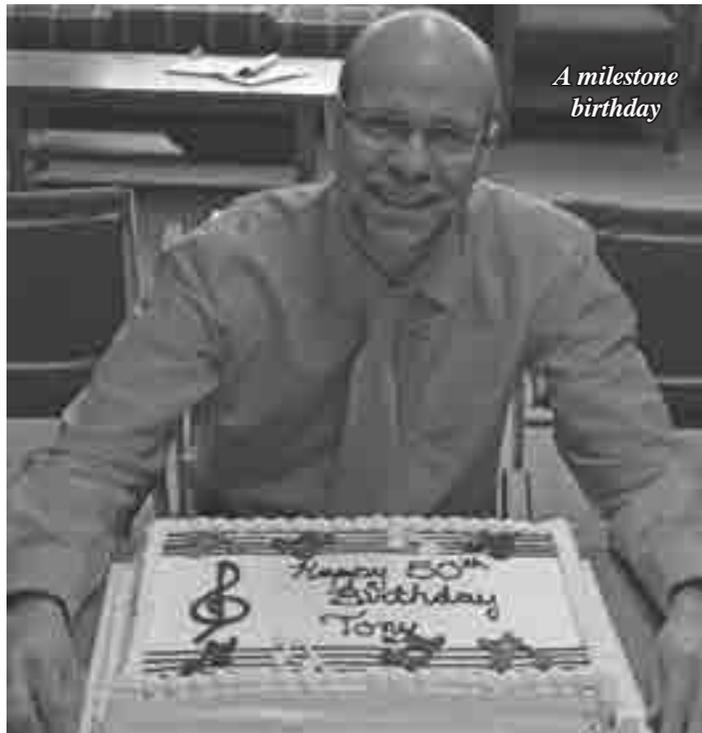
By Mrs. W. Wiebenga

## Pajamas and Hot Chocolate Keep Everyone Warm

Student Council has been busy this year, making school even more exciting and interesting than it is already! Pajama Day kept everyone comfy all day long. A "Christmas-y" dress up day saw students in many interesting outfits and hats. On this day, we also sold hot chocolate with marshmallows to keep everyone warm. Proceeds from this event were given to our World Vision sponsor child, Ades Maria, who lives in the Philippines. In February, we showed our love to others on a *Random Acts of Kindness Day*, as well as hosting a non-food drive for Neighbour to Neighbour, our local food bank. Students were encouraged to bring in toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo to help others less fortunate. In March, a BIG EVENT is being planned that will involve the whole student body in teams. Let's just say that it may involve a stopwatch or two...



*Mrs. Breimer  
braves the  
high ropes*



*A milestone  
birthday*

## Jean Hong

Jean is an intern who will be working in a variety of grades from February to June. She grew up in Busan, Korea with an older brother who is a student and parents who are both highschool teachers. She majored in journalism and broadcasting but became interested in Christian education through several mission trips to different countries. From August to January she attended a college in Pennsylvania as an exchange student. Last year she enjoyed taking pictures and travelling around the United States and this year she hopes to hike across much of Canada. She is enjoying her varied experiences in grades 2-8 as well as her time in a Canadian church and Bible study.



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# Sports at CCS

## 2012 Cross Country at CCS

*By Mrs. J. Greidanus and Miss R. Fluit*

Tryouts and training for the cross country team began early in September. We were blessed with excellent weather for this as well as for our meets. Practices were held two to three times a week and included running near the school and at Captain Cornelius Park. Our 32 member team, from grades 4 to 8, competed in Brantford and at the CCS Invitational Meet.

All students ran well and some of the highlights include top ten finishes by Aiden R., Hannah W., Jamie H., Justin V., Aaron H., Lindsay B. and Mary W. Overall, the junior boys' and the senior boys' teams had top five finishes. Congratulations to all our runners. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the CCS meet possible including Mr. Boonstra who is now the convener of this event.



*Teachers vs. students flag football game*

## Boys' Volleyball Teams

*By Mr. E. and Mrs. J. Bosveld*

The 2012-2013 volleyball season began with a large group of boys attending the tryouts. Thankfully we were able to run two separate teams, Team Maroon and Team Gold. We enjoyed a full season of practices, exhibition games and two tournaments. The coaches appreciated the hard work of the student-athletes and were impressed with how quickly they learned more about the game and how to serve God through this exciting sport. Thanks for a great season teams! Team members were Alex B., Evyn B., Wesley B., Griffin D., Marcus E., William F., Nathan H., Joseph L., Justin L., Justin V., Dustin W., Matthew W., and Jacob W.

## Girls' Volleyball Team

*By Claire V. & Lindsay B.*

This year the girls volleyball team had a great season. In both tournaments we made it to the semi-finals and lost to some tough teams. We had a great time playing together and cheering on our teammates. Way to go CCS Cougars!

Team members included: Ava M., Chelsea B., Claire V., Esther L., Hannah H., Jessica S., Kirsten E., Lindsay B., M. W., Michelle K., Rebecca V., Zenze G., O. V.

## Hockey Team

*By Mr. A. Boonstra*

In February the CCS hockey team competed in the Niagara District and the Barrie tournaments. At the district tournament the team played well, but was outclassed by some more experienced teams. We tied one game and lost the other two. In Barrie we were a little more competitive. We won our first game, lost the second and narrowly lost the third game by a score of 2-1. I really appreciated the team's positive attitude and their hard-working mentality. Team members included: Will F., Lindsay B., Simon R., Josh H., Hannah S., Ryan F., Jacob W., Marcus E., Wesley B., Philip D., Michelle K., Aaron H., Noah S., Dustin W., William G., Ben W., and our stalwart goalies Justin V., and Matthew C.

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*Violins at Wellingstone*



*Josh Vanderlaan signing autographs*



*Building towers*



*Snowshoeing at Glen Fair*



*Indoor recess fun*



*Bowling in Jubilee*



*The wisemen*



*Painting in SK*



*Fun on the ice rink*



*Celebrating multiculturalism*



*Try again*



*Indoor recess*



*French clowns*



*City Harmonic presentation*



*Reading in SK*



*Oops!*



*Pioneer girls*



*Recorder choir*



*Playing telephone*



*Christmas music*



*The rink 2013*



*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*



*Making snowforts*



*Chamber choir*



*Building structures*

# Student Submissions

## Beginning of Wisdom

### A reader's response to R. Fields' *Beginning of Wisdom*

It's an evil way to show you don't care,  
You're quietly ignoring the person over there.  
You're judging and hating them so  
I watch and I'm sure they know.  
Sometimes I wonder why we hate  
For God's love is so great.  
A difference of money or skin or race,  
But with God we all have a place.  
Therefore, we must show love to one another,  
And treat each man like a brother.  
In our heart injustice we keep.  
I'm wondering how we sleep.  
All through the night our mind will fight.  
We have a choice but we feel tied like a kite,  
Tied to the ways of our father's house.  
When he judges we lay quiet as a mouse.  
Who are we to judge our brother?  
- Elysha S. 7A

## Prejudice

Prejudice is another word for being biased, or judging the appearance, not the inside of a person. Prejudice is caused by a person judging a group of people because of stereotypes, religion, their ethnic origin, culture, race or language. In the story *Beginning of Wisdom* Ora is judged based on her family's lifestyle. Ora is an eight year old girl who lives in a migratory camp where they live in tents surrounded by barbed wire to prevent them from interacting with the people native to California. When Ora was invited to her friend Hester's birthday party, Ora's mother dressed her in the nicest clothes they had, but when Ora reached the front door to the Burt Ranch, she overheard Hester's mother and grandmother talking about the type of people she lived with. "Ma, look! Do you see what is coming up the path?" Hester's mother says. "Yes, daughter, maybe it's the rig she's got on, but I don't seem to recognize the child," says Hester's grandmother. "Of course you don't! She's one of them, from the migratory camp. If Hester's asked her here after what I said...." says Hester's mother.

Hester's mother judged Ora before she even said hello. They saw her and right away judged her because of her lifestyle and who she lived with. In the first sentence, instead of calling Ora a person, she is called a "what". They considered her not an equal, but someone of less value to

them; someone not as worthy as them because Ora was not from California and she lived in a migratory camp.

People today are still prejudiced about people they don't know. - Anna G. 7A

## Skiing

I slowly go up the ski lift, my heart pounding in my chest. At the top, a sign says "Beware." We're at the top of the monstrous hill. We touch the ground with our skis.

"Ready," I say.

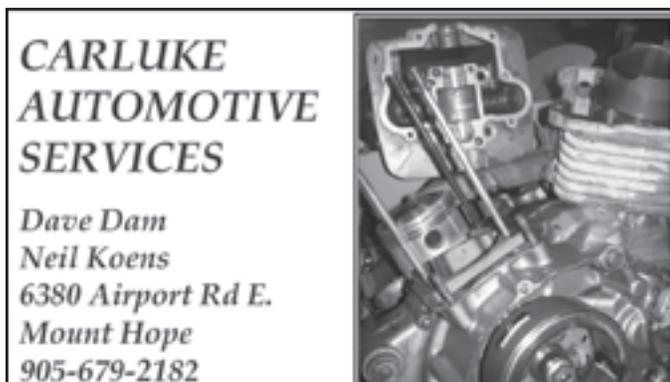
"OK!" says my dad. I shoot down the hill with amazing speed. I swerve in and out. We're at the jump. I soar over the jump and get at least five feet of air. At another jump, I leap off and I'm almost flying! Now the moguls. Uh oh! I jump, leap, and fly over the moguls. Now for "Tree Alley." I curve in and out of the trees. This is awesome! Now at a regular hill, I go straight down, never stopping, shooting down the hill as I go. We're almost at the end! We fly to the bottom of the hill and reach the end. Excited to go again, we get on the lift to have more excitement. - Jamie H. 5B

## Riding

Thump, thump, thump, thump. My horse Whisper's solid hooves padded the soft grass in the vast, open field. Whisper nickered as I clicked my tongue and nudged her sides to make her jog. The swift horse sped up without hesitation, and I couldn't help but smile from ear to ear. Riding a horse with your hair in the wind gives everyone a brilliant feeling. It makes you feel excited, with not a care in the world. It's like you're soaring or gliding. You're away from all your worries, all your troubles. You're set free from the rest of the world. Yes, that's why I love to ride. It makes me feel...free. - Annika R. 5B

## The Dive

I was about four years old at the time. My uncle zipped on my life jacket, and I set foot on the diving board. I walked to the edge, absolutely terrified. My family kept encouraging me, but that only made it worse. Finally, my uncle got fed up and said, "One...two..." The pressure was on! "Three!" With a brave leap, and a mighty splash, I was under water! I thought I would drown at first, but then my head popped up to the surface.



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# Student Submissions

My family thought that I wished I had never done it, but then I exclaimed, "Wow! That was great! I want to do that again!" So, I did it over and over again until swim time was over. - *Julia S. 5B*

## The Game

The whistle shrieked and I pelted towards the ball. The enemy got there before me. I ran viciously after him and caught up. Then, I slide-tackled him and stole the ball. I passed it to my teammate who went up-field. He booted it back to me. I was running as fast as I could. Then, I gave my most powerful kick and shot it right near the top right corner in the net. The goalie dove for it and missed. The whistle blew, the game over, 6-5 for us. We had won. - *Nicolas B. 5B*

Ice cracking.  
Ice skating.  
Snowflakes falling.  
Snowflakes melting.  
Snow melting.  
Snow falling.  
Snowballs flying.  
Snowballs soaring.  
- *Devon M. 3B*



I roll the ball  
Even though I am small.

The snow seems to glow.  
It's pretty, I know.

It's a new day.  
It's time to play,

This is my friend, Nate.  
Oh no, he ate his skate?

The snow is deep.  
I tried to leap.

My snowman has a broom.  
His belly's as big as my room!  
- *Jacob V. 3B*

Snow falling,  
Snowballs flying,  
Snowflake gliding,  
Ice slipping,  
Skates piling,  
Skis gliding,  
Snowball fighting,  
Icicles aligning,  
Snow piling,  
Ice cracking,  
Hot chocolate boiling,  
Snowforts supporting,  
Bears hibernating,  
Squirrels hiding,  
Cars tipping,  
Kids falling.  
- *Spencer S. 3B*

Snowman  
white, big  
freezing, shivering,  
building  
I play with him  
Frosty  
- *Jacob K. 3B*

Snowman  
white, cold  
smiling, playing,  
rolling  
I play with him,  
like.  
- *SuAh C. 3B*

I like making snowforts.  
I dislike getting cold.  
I like a snow necklace.  
I dislike cold backs.  
I like a snowball.  
I dislike snow hats.  
- *JiWon K. 3B*

I walk up the stairs to school  
stomp stomp  
I type on the computer  
click click  
I talk to my friends  
gab gab gab  
I go on the bus  
vroom vroom  
I went on a sled  
whoosh  
I went skating too  
yahooo  
- *J. J. 3B*



## Westfield Heritage Village

I went to Westfield Heritage Village. My favourite parts were the train station and the theatre. At the train station I got a ticket to Scotland, Ontario and "rode" in a caboose! At the theatre I got to see a picture of the gazebo that was out the window and I got to watch part of a Charlie Chaplin movie. - *Anna B. 3B*

My favourite at Westfield Heritage Village was the general store because there is a lot of candy and a lot of toys. We got to go in the train. We went to the theatre and we watched part of a black and white old movie! I had fun there. - *Ryan B. 3B*

I saw an old phone at the general store at Westfield Heritage Village. I watched a funny movie. I went on a train. I saw coal. I went in a small house. - *Toby U. 3B*

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# Events @ CCS

## Fair Glen

By Jessica S. and Alyssa H.

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 finally arrived, and the grade 6 class was ready to go to Fair Glen. After a short stop at a donut shop, we arrived around 12:30. We ate our lunch and got ready to participate in three different activities.

Cross country skiing was a new experience for many of us, but we all had a lot of fun skiing the forest trail. The high ropes were scary for some and easy for others, but in the end everyone said they enjoyed it. The third activity was team skills/low ropes. We first talked with our team and learned a few more things about each other. Then we had to swing across "lava" using a rope, and depend on our classmates to help us when we got to the other side. The same was true of our experience crossing the "Grand Canyon". We learned a lot about the importance of team work! Other organized activities included orienteering (map reading), animal instincts for survival, and snowshoeing.

In our free time we could go snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and skating. In the evening we had a bonfire. Both nights ended with group devotions in the basement of Trent!

The meals were delicious, and there was a great variety of food including spaghetti and meatballs, grilled cheese, bacon and eggs, chicken and veggies!

Here are some of the things that our classmates said about Fair Glen:

"Fair Glen was awesome because the teachers encouraged us and the meals were great!" *Matt C.*

"I was awed by the beauty and serenity of the night sky. It amazed me that God so carefully created and hung the twinkling stars in place. It taught me to take a break from



*Hanging  
in there*

my busy life to stop and smell the roses, or in other words, to enjoy God's creation." *Abby M.*

"I liked going cross country skiing for the first time." *Noah V.*

"I think Fair Glen's highlight was the high ropes. It was scary, but you know that the workers won't let you fall. It is kind of like our faith. We may shake and feel scared, but God will always catch us." *Nadine S.*

"Fair Glen was great this year. We skated, skied, and played lots of games. My favourite part was the animal instincts game. I was a squirrel!" *Dylan V.*

A special thanks to our chaperones for making this an enjoyable trip that we will remember for a long time.

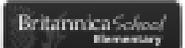
## Library News

By Mrs. A. Benjamins

Teaching students to conduct research with reliable sources can be an interesting challenge in this age where the internet is the first go-to stop for information. Google provides a lot of answers to our daily questions, but for academic research, Google does not always provide authoritative and reliable information quickly and efficiently. Thousands of options come up for most searches, and rarely does anyone venture past the first page of "hits."

We are very excited to be offering *Britannica Online School Edition* to our students. This is a comprehensive PK-12 Reference Resource that can be used from any computer with access to the internet. *Britannica Online School Edition* offers three levels of content for elementary, middle school, and high school students, plus multiple reference tools, making this a time-saving tool for research. The information on *Britannica Online School Edition* is comprehensive, authoritative, and reliable.

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## Music at CCS

We have lots of musical talent at school, and sometimes we take it beyond our own walls and into the community. Our chamber choir, primary choir, bell choir, recorder choir, violin group and band had opportunities to participate in our Christmas assembly. Highlights included performing at different places such as Limeridge Mall and Wellington.



## Fine Arts Festival

By Ms. J. DeJong

During all of January and the first part of February, students and their coaches were busy working on a variety of musical selections. Then on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 90 CCS students and some of their coaches attended the Fine Arts Festival in St. Catharines. Together with students from four local Christian schools, our students performed in band, choir, rounds, duets and solos. The majority of the performers achieved a second or third place standard. Well done! We wish to thank the students for all their hard work. It was great to see how well they did in using their God-given talents. We also wish to thank all the coaches- Mr. Boer, Mrs. Breimer, Ms. DeJong, Miss Fluit, Mrs. Goodwin, Ms. Moerman, Mrs. VanderHeiden, Mrs. VanEgmond, and Mrs. VanVorst. Above all we wish to thank our Lord for giving the gift of music and voice for all of us to enjoy.

### Quotable Quotes:

Primary student: "I'm not going to work when I grow up. I'm just going to do what my mom does. She puts a card in a machine, and out comes the money!"

Gr. 1 student after a fire drill on Tuesday: "I thought we only had these on Mondays."

Gr. 1 student: "I got new lifeguards for my skates."

A gr. 1 student was trying to open the lock on the gate with her finger.

Teacher: "You need a key that's just right to open it."  
Student: "But it works in the movies."

Gr. 3 student on the date 12/12/12: "Today is national microphone testing day - 'Testing 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2'".

## T.R.I.P

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# Student Submissions

## Have you read a good book lately? We have!

I read a good book. It is called *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. The first page is about fish. Some are bad and some are glad. Some are old and some are new. Some fish are thin and some are fat. In this book funny things are everywhere. You should read this book. - *Amy K. 2B*

I read a book called *Daisy-head Mayzie*. It is about a girl, Mayzie. She was sitting in class when she felt a twitch on her head. She looked up and saw a daisy sprouting on her head!!! When her teacher saw this, she ran poor Mayzie to the principal, Mr. Gregory Grumm. He knew more than anyone else in the nation. "Why I've never seen this before," said Mr. Grumm. And if you want to find out what comes next, you just have to read it. - *Kaitlyn T. 2B*

Hi. Today I'm going to tell you about a book called *Hooper Humperdink . . . Not Him*. A boy wanted to throw a party. He got a lot of people to come to his party. He even wanted a band to come to his party. He DID NOT invite Hooper Humperdink. He invited so many people it went from A to Z. Finally he invited Hooper Humperdink! - *Kaitlyn R. 2B*

I read a book called *Please Try to Remember the First month of October*. It was about this month called

*October*. This kid will give you everything you want in this month, like a big green kangaroo or a skateboard, TV, EVEN PICKLES. Yummm, yummy, yum! I liked it because it was funny. - *Cole T. 2B*

(The books mentioned above were all written by Dr. Seuss.)

## I Like Winter By Grade 1B

### If I slept through winter like a bear, I would miss...

...building a snowman because it is fun to roll the balls.

- *Micah H.*

...Christmas because I like opening my presents!

- *Deanna G.*

...drinking hot chocolate because after I play in the snow it is a yummy drink to have. - *Caleb B.*

...skating because I like playing hockey. - *Jordyn V.*

...watching my dad put up the Christmas star because it is special. - *Jada V.*

...playing with my dog because it likes to dig in the snow.

- *Anna N.*

...fun in the snow because I love snow. - *Samuel H.*

### If I flew south for the winter like a bird, I would miss...

...sledding because I like to go down hills. - *Justin P.*

...snow because it is beautiful. - *D. J.*

...cold weather because I like how it feels on my skin.

- *Aiden S.*

...lighting a candle because it is fun to blow it out. - *Eden W.*

...snow because I like building snowmen. - *S. J.*

### If I hid in the mud for winter like a frog, I would miss...

...decorating a Christmas tree because it looks so beautiful.

- *Alexia M.*

...sledding because you go fast down the hill. - *Adam S.*

...playing in the snow because it is fun to make snow forts.

- *Levi C.*

...cuddling around the fire after playing in the snow.

- *Deborah-Peace D.*

...skating because I can go very fast. - *Hannah K.*

### I like winter because...

...that is when Jesus was born. - *Andrew O.*

...it is fun to make snow forts. - *Lyon S.*

...snow falls on the ground. - *Alexandria M.*

...my birthday is in the winter. - *Evelyn D.*

...I like drinking hot chocolate. - *L. B.*

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