

The Misty Mountain Monthly

SEPTEMBER 2025



Reading

By: Levi and Elaina

Book highlight/ Read Aloud:

A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron

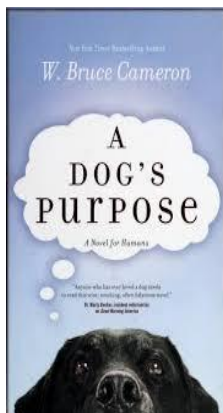
What's it About?

A Dog's Purpose is about a dog who goes through multiple lives. They are trying to find their purpose as they make connections with different people throughout their lifetime.

In the dog's first life his name was Toby, and he was a Labrador. He got taken to a dog shelter and eventually got put down.

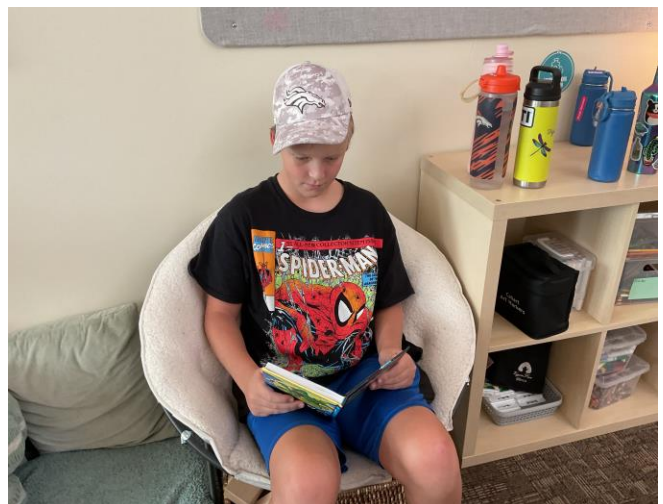
In the second life he was a Golden retriever and his name was Bailey. Bailey lived with a boy named Ethan.

In the third life she was a German Shepard and her name was Ellie. She was a police dog. And she retired and then eventually got put down.



What are the Misty Mountains Reading?

- I survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Investigators Take the Plunge
- The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Bendict
- The 39 Clues
- Mockingbird
- Two Degrees
- The school for Good and Evil
- Blended
- Secondhanded Wishes
- Philippia Fishers Fairy God-sister
- Camp Scare



Math

by Colin and Hyacinth

Math Crimson

In math crimson we are learning algebra, and inverse operations, working backwards, guess and test, and the cover-up strategy. We have also learned how inverse operations can undo each other. For example, division can undo multiplication, and subtraction can undo addition and vice versa.

Brain breaks

We've been doing brain breaks to help get our mathematician brains going. We follow a you tube dance tutorial of DJ Raphi.

Equation example

$$(N \times 10) + 3 = 10$$

To Work Backwards:

- Subtract 3 from 103, = 100
- Divide 100 by 10 = 10
- $N = 10$. Wow Hyacinth. 🌸

Math Gold

In math (gold) this month we have been working on converting fractions to decimals and percentages. Fun fact: to convert a decimal to a percent you just move the decimal point over 2 to the left or visa versa. For example, .63 would equal 63%.

Activity

In math we have been playing the game "I have who has" where you read an equation and whoever has the answer reads a different question and so on until you make a whole circle.

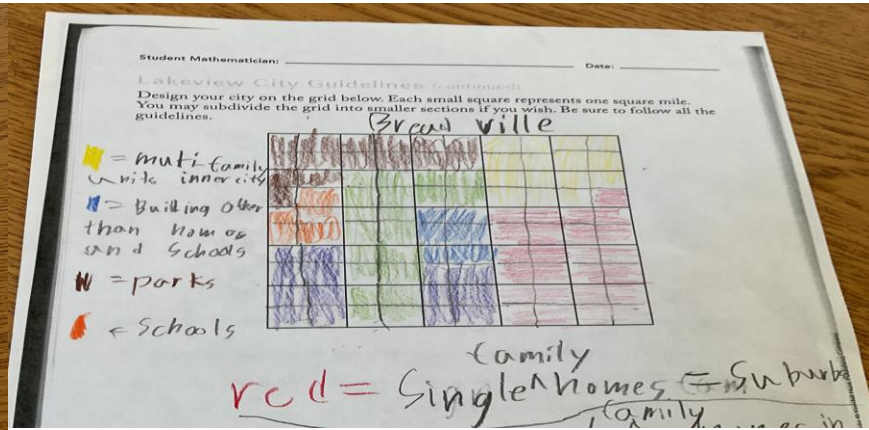
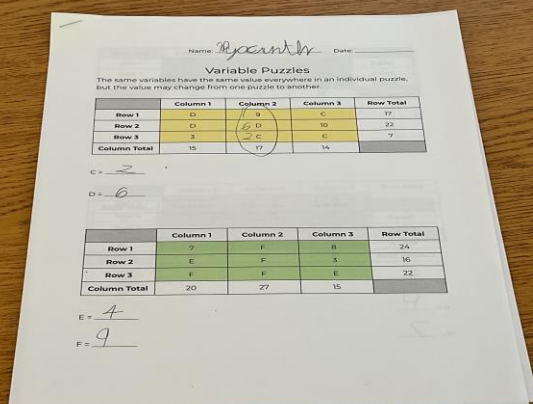
What's In Store?

In math we have a geometry unit, probability unit, and a graphs and charts unit.

Interview with Levi

"Planning Philadelphia" Activity

Levi said that he enjoyed the planning Philadelphia because of the certain amount of information we were given we were working with percents, fractions and decimals



What's up in Writing

By Stella and Nell

Gold

This month in writing, the gold group has been learning about different ways to brainstorm for ideas.

After the main lesson we have been doing free writes which have been a great time to come up with so many fun stories! We will be sharing little snippets of these stories from willing authors. After we finish our community building time, a span of around three or four weeks, we will start personal narrative. Some other things that we have been practicing are ways to build ideas. The more ideas the better. One of the texts we read in class was *Water Dance*, a beautiful book from the perspective of water. Another book we read was about Supreme court justice Sonia Sotomayor, and who she was as a kid. We have also recently been doing a two week short story.



Crimson

At the beginning of the month the crimson group was working on quick writes, brainstorming skills and writing stamina. Their next unit should be personal narrative. Right now they are doing their first unit, which is a few week short story that they started to write in their writers notebooks. Some things that have been enjoying in writing are writing with nondominant hands. One more thing is that the Crimson group may also be doing fiction instead.



Story Snippet

"I grabbed Rosalie's arm, and we ran to her parents' room."

- Margo

"We were switching teams in volleyball and we had to line up for high fives."

- Elaina

Unit

Written by Owen and Mimi

Welcome to Wilderness Survival

This month we made survival groups including names and logos. We have the Persistent Poppies and Puppies, the Amethyst Mountains, the Snizards, and the Wild Burds. Each group has it's own logo including a dog with a poppy in its mouth, a bear in front of mountains with a purple sky, a lizard on a rock surrounded by a snake, and a bird peeking out of a forest.

Field trip to O'Fallon Park

This month we went to O'Fallon park, where we were split into two groups. Each group went over the 10 essentials to wilderness survival (water, food, shelter etc.) After, each group went on a hike and learned about different things. One group built a shelter, and learned the difference between poison plants and not poison plants, while the other group learned how to build a shelter, and build a fire.

Field trip to Staunton State Park:

This month we went to Staunton state park, where we learned how to use a compass and how to use a map to navigate in the wild, and of course, about wilderness survival. After we took a walk to learn how to use a compass and map, we did some field journaling, where we each went and found something to really zoom in on and draw.



Languages, Connections and Inno Lab

By Alex and Beckett



Art

This month in art, we have been doing perspective drawings and it is really fun. First we were doing six-layer one point perspectives, and then we were working on two point perspectives. So far we have learned how to really make things 3D and from my (heh heh) PERSPECTIVE, it's really going well and everyone likes it. Our teacher is Ms. Absinthe, and everyone likes her, also, she has the "mystery scrap" every day, in which somebody picks up a mystery scrap (duh). Once we get to the carpet, Ms. Absinthe reveals who got it, the person who got it picks a number from 1-4, we chant the number, and then we get whatever prize was in that section.

Inno Lab

In Inno Lab we have been learning Python. We have been learning how to do basic stuff like Integers, Floats, Strings, Booleans, and making colors.



French

In French this month we are working on classroom objects, and genders and people. We also have some unexpected funny moments "lalalala pampers!" and Alex's quote, "Beckett got electrocuted!!" etc. Madam Bouchra is a very fun and she does Kahoot! Fridays.

Spanish

We've been doing mostly Quizizz and leaning from books and quizzes. Mr. Gallegos is also making us do motions for verbs and games.

Japanese

We've been learning about Japanese culture/geography and how to introduce ourselves. We've done some Kahoot, and also some basic Hiragana and how to ask simple questions like, Can I go to the bathroom?, and can I get water? We also learned how to write our first and last names in Katakana.

Community

Margo and Mia

Recess

Since this column is all about community we thought we could write about the most popular game that is being played at recess this month, and who better to tell you than the creators of the Dunununa bird game, one of the most played games this month! The two main creators that we will be interviewing are Mimi and Alex who, according to Mimi, invented the game in French class.

Mimi says that she was talking to Beckett and Colin when Alex walked up to her with his arms out, and said "dunanuna nuna." She grabbed his hands, and redirected him. This went on for the rest of French class, then at recess they advanced and developed the game. Next, Beckett and Colin joined and they started playing. The game soon developed a herd of players. Alex says that the dunanunanuna song was inspired by the Mario game music, Bowser's castle.

Something that I thought was innovative about the dunanuna game was that if there is ever a problem or miscommunication anyone who is confused or upset can just call "meeting" and everyone will gather underneath the playstructure. Alex says that overtime the game has become more advanced, and has even sprouted its very own micro game dunanuna in the middle!

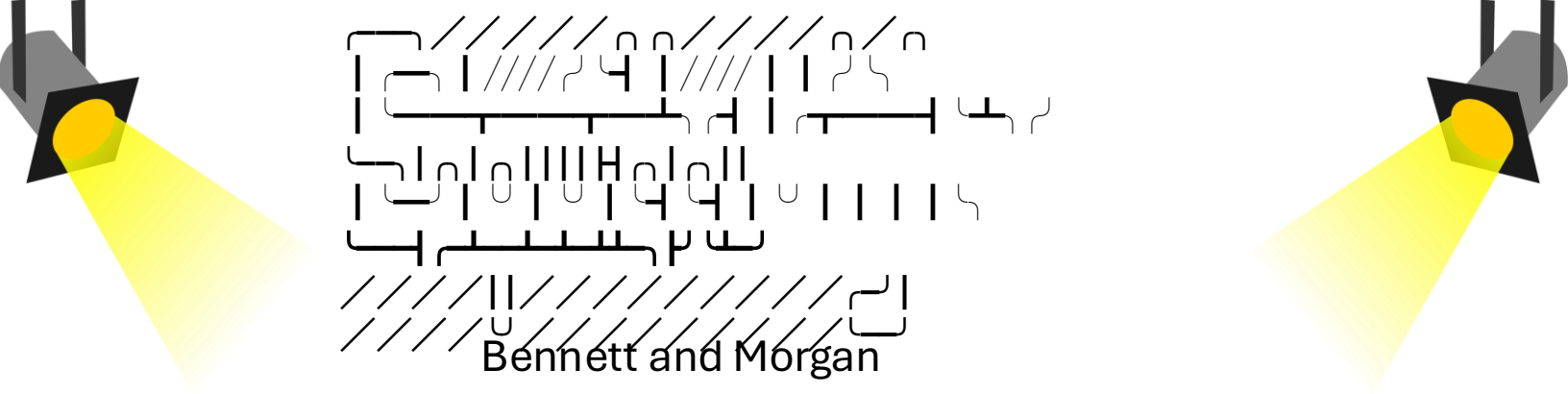
Long live the dunanuna bird!



Locker Community Project

With the changes this year, 5th graders were not able to get lockers. Our class made paper lockers to represent what we might have put in our real lockers. We included photos of ourselves, our families, our hobbies, our friends, favorite places, and more.





Jokes

Why did the bicycle fall over?

Because it was two tired.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything

Joke of the Month!

Why did the pencil fail 4th grade

He wasn't sharp

Quote

"I can smell *my* thoughts. I can see my thoughts. I can hear **your** thoughts."

- The French Dudes

Tips and Advice

- *Never give up.*
- *You are amazing.*
- *This day will be great.*
- *You can push through anything hard.*
- *Everything is awesome.*

Trending Games at Recess

1. *Dunununa Bird*
2. *Catch Ball*
3. *Swing Ball*