

Molly Wiggle's Stone Soup

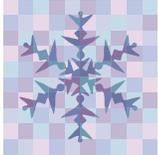
Prepared for you by Ms. Bazoo's 6th Grade Class

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Molly Wiggle Middle School, Baypoint, MN

Return from Winter Break

by Jeremy B.



After two weeks of dead silence, the school hallways are filled with noisy students and teachers again.

Are you happy about being back in school? Maybe you are and maybe you aren't. If you didn't get to see your school friends over the holidays, then you are probably glad to see them, but you might not be ready to start doing homework again!

The 6th grade class is going to be working on many exciting projects during the winter and spring. We will be reporting on them in the Stone Soup newsletter each month, so keep your eyes open for more information.

One thing that we are going to start doing right away is learning how to photograph snowflakes! We'll tell you more about this project next month. We hope that you will check out our Web site in February to see the snowflake pictures we've taken.



The Warm Pinkie Project

by Molly H.

We recently heard about a town called Water Tower that has had a lot of people move there recently from the Middle East.

These families don't have enough warm clothing for the cold winter. Our class decided to do something to help them.

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Big Cat Tales

by Geoffrey A.

Ms. Bazoo's class had the chance of a lifetime last Friday! We were able to see some lions, tigers, and panthers up close at the Waterfront Zoo. We also got to talk to the people who take care of these big cats.

Our class went to the zoo as part of a science unit on mammals. We had heard that a lioness at the zoo had cubs in November. The zoo people let us see the baby lions and told us a lot about lions. Did you know that lions like to live in groups? These groups are called prides and each pride can have 30 or 40 lions in the group. There are more females in a pride than male lions.

One thing that I didn't know before our zoo visit was that when the lions eat, the male lions get to eat first. Then the females eat, and finally the cubs get to have their dinner. If there isn't enough for every lion, the cubs might starve.

There are African lions and Asian lions. Most lions are found in Africa. There used to be lots of lions in parts of the Middle East and Asia, too, but now Asian lions can only be found in a national park in India.

Lions can also purr like housecats, but they only purr when they exhale, instead of continuously like my cat at home.



**A Reminder for Parents
Field trip permission slips
must be returned by
January 15th!**

Really Cool Web Sites!

by Myokari J.

Surfing, surfing, surfing ...

Our 6th grade class has been checking out a number of different Web sites to help us with our schoolwork. Here are the ones that we like the best.

PBS Pyramids

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/pyramid/>

Check out this Web site for information about the pyramids. Our class is studying Ancient Egypt. This site let's you wander through the chambers and secret passageways of the Great Pyramid, and learn about the pharaohs. It's really cool!

Angelfire Writing

<http://www.angelfire.com/wi/writingprocess/>

This is a good site for information about writing. It's says they are there "to provide a user-friendly online resource, for students or teachers, no matter what they are being challenged to write."

Ask Jeeves

<http://www.ajkids.com/>

A Web site where you can type in a question and ask Jeeves for the answer! You can also peek at what other kids are asking Jeeves right now. The Ask Jeeves Web site has won a Teacher's Choice Award from Learning Magazine.

Cool Math 4 Kids

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

This site says it's "an amusement part of math and more." With lots of games and brain benders, this site is sure to be a hit. We hardly know we're learning math, because we're having so much fun!

School Supplies

Students often run out of pencils and paper, lose scissors, etc. by this time of year. Please check to see if your child needs any of the following:

-  Wide-lined notebook paper
-  Four function solar calculator
-  Several #2 pencils with an eraser
-  Two pens – one red and one that is black or blue
-  Markers – a set of 8
-  Scissors
-  Glue stick & tape
-  Common/Metric ruler



I wonder what
the 6th grade
class will be
doing next?

(Pinkie Project continued from page 1)

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, who own the Pretty Yummy Bakery, donated baking supplies and made space in their big kitchen, so that we could go over there on a Saturday and bake cookies all day.

We were able to buy 40 pairs of mittens and 20 scarves from the money we earned selling our cookies!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our project a big success!