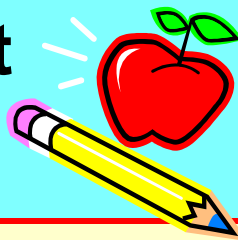


Ridge Street News

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What's Happening at Ridge Street?

Broken Wrists

By Aliza Kibel and Lauryn Weintraub

How many students at our school do you think broke their wrists in 2011? Believe it or not, the answer is nine BMP Ridge Street students. We interviewed the School nurse, an Emergency Room doctor and a Ridge Street student who broke his wrist to learn more about broken wrists.

BMP Ridge Street School Nurse Hilde Kalish was kind enough to share some information about broken wrists at our School. According to Nurse Kalish, ten students a month pay a visit to her thinking that they broke a bone.

Interestingly, students more commonly break their wrists out of school than in school. When Nurse Kalish sees a student whom she knows broke his or her wrist, she first examines the student's range of motion (ability to move his or her wrist). Then, Nurse Kalish has the student ice his or her wrist and keep his or her wrist in an elevated position. Nurse Kalish informed us that she has seen more broken wrists in 2011 than ever before.

So what does having a broken wrist actually mean to a medical professional outside of our School? Connecticut Emergency Room Doctor Jeff took some time out of his busy day to discuss broken wrists with us. Doctor Jeff shared that his Emergency Room sees about two children a week with broken wrists. We learned that more adults come to Doctor Jeff's Emergency Room with a broken wrist than children. According to Doctor Jeff, the most common bones broken in the wrist are the Radius and Ulna bones. Doctor Jeff advised us that broken bones heal better in children than adults.

Since neither one of us has ever broken our wrist, we wondered what it is like to experience breaking one's wrist. We spoke with a 4th grade BMP RSS student who recently broke his wrist this past semester in school. Although he was in excruciating pain at the time of the accident, this student did not immediately know that he broke his wrist. Ultimately he learned that his wrist was broken and he was casted. When we asked how difficult it was to make it through a school day with his cast, he replied, "It was different at first, but then I got used to it." We are happy to report that after six weeks of having the cast, he recently had the cast removed and replaced with a removable splint in time for winter break!



Ridge Street School Student Council By Evan Dogus

We are very busy in Student Council at RSS. The class reps introduced themselves to all the classes. We are organizing a letter drive to our brave soldiers in the military. All the classes are involved. We are asking every student to donate a book to the school organization in Exuma. Mrs. Esposito is the representative we are working with. She will bring the donated books to the Exuma kids. This drive will be held during our book fair and will continue throughout the school year. Another event is the Tree of Warmth. We will be donating pajamas, hats, mittens, and scarves to kids at the Carver Center who need them. Thank you in advance for all of your support.

New Discoveries in Fourth Grade **By Sabrina Vuong**



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Second Grade Trip to TD Bank **By Josh Rosenblut**

All of the second graders went on a trip to TD Bank. One of the bus drivers, Wagner, drove us. He works on bus 1. We went to the TD Bank in Rye. When we got there we were hosted by one of the managers. He said hello and we said hello back. We got split up into two groups. There was a woman who was with my group. I can't remember her name. She showed us the Penny Arcade. What we did was put in our coins and the machine counts it up and gives you the total. The next thing that she showed us was the vault. What you do is bring most of all your valuable stuff like your passports and your jewelry there. Then we went inside the teller's office. She said, "This is the teller's office. This is where I work. This is where I keep all my money and keys to get into special places." She told us when a robber comes there's fake money to give them so when they get outside the ink in the bag explodes so they get ink all over them and the police know who the bad guys are. Last, but not least, we got our party bags. There were two lollipops. One was purple and one was green. We got a folder and a book with stuff to do and a TD bag to put all the stuff in. That was mostly it. We enjoyed our trip to TD Bank.

States

By Sammy Knee

This year the third grade learned "Fifty Nifty United States." The song is about the fifty states in alphabetical order. Some of us even sang it at a Board of Education meeting. It was a fun way for us to learn the states. Now we are making posters on every state. Each poster has important information like the capital, flag, state bird, population or other facts about famous people.



In fourth grade, we are reading a book called Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. It is about a girl named Opal and her dog named Winn-Dixie who was found in a Florida supermarket called a Winn-Dixie. Opal was first friendless, but because of Winn-Dixie Opal ends up making a lot of friends.

We are also learning Wordly Wise. Wordly Wise is a workbook that teaches better, more adult-like words. For example, instead of using the word try, you could use the word attempt. Let's say you made the sentence, I tried to make a toy boat. Instead, you could say, I attempted to make a toy boat. It sounds more grown-up.

Native Americans in New York is a big unit we have. We are focusing on the Iroquois and Algonquians. They lived in longhouses and never plays games just for the fun of it. They always did it to practice a skill. They always prayed after they killed an animal and used every part of it. In art, we made Native American bottle dolls. We have the choice between baby or bow-and-arrow. We will go on a field trip to the Bruce Museum that will enhance our study of Native Americans.

Third Grade Recorders **By Laura Penn**

This year in third grade, for music, we got our recorders! We got to pick what color recorder we got! The choices were purple, green, blue or red. Mr. DiMiceli is really teaching us about the recorders and I know a lot already! I think by the end of the school year, with a lot of hard work and practice, my class will make beautiful music together.

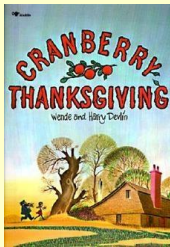
State Posters

By Jordyn Erenfyrd and Becca Beal

In our third grade class we have been working on making these really cool state posters. We have to draw the state and write lots of facts about it. We have to work with a partner. We also have fun and learn about the states!

Making Cranberry Bread **By Danielle Cappelli**

In second grade my class and I made cranberry bread. A few moms came in to my classroom to help us. We followed the recipe from the book we read called Cranberry Thanksgiving. In the story a grandmother and granddaughter invite people to Thanksgiving dinner and Grandmother thinks one of the guests stole her recipe for cranberry bread. It turns out it wasn't who she thought! We measure everything carefully. When the bread was baked it looked really good and smelled delicious! At the end of the day we tasted it while we watched the movie of Cranberry Thanksgiving. It was fun and the cranberry bread tasted yummy! I wonder if it tasted as good as Grandmothers?



Blue Birds Fly High! CHIRP! **By Ryan Campbell**

At Bruno M. Ponterio Ridge Street School, we learn to C.H.I.R.P.!

You should always follow the rules of chirping. Each day no matter where you are, you should always chirp!

Compassionate – Compassionate means that you care about someone's needs.

Honest – Honest means that you tell the truth, like if you tell them something good or bad, but you should tell the truth in a kind way.

Independent – Independent means that you work by yourself and you don't ask for help 100 times in a row.

Respect – Respect means that you are kind to others and you don't make them feel sad.

Positive – Positive means that you do it your own way, as in you don't have to like anything other people like.

Always remember to C.H.I.R.P. wherever you are!

Sum Dog Math Contest **By Koji Kimura and Dominick Accurso**

Some of our third graders competed in a math contest on the website sumdog.com. It started on December 5, 2011 and ended on December 15th. We were against a bunch of other schools. If your school answered the most math problems correctly you won. If you were on the top ten people who answered the most problems, you get a certificate. Sammy Knee, Nicholas Telesca and Koji Kimura all finished in the top ten! The grand prize is computer software for our school. Sumdog.com is a cool website. You can change your animal ranking by earning points. You can design your person and their hair and clothes. There are many different math games. It's a fun website and you should try it!



YMCA

By Brooke Wallenstein

There is a place called the YMCA. It is a safe, fun day care at Ridge Street School. There are lots of field trips and more stuff. YMCA has lots of Arts and Crafts in case your kids are interested!

Principal Taylor **By Laura Penn**

I am really glad that Mrs. Taylor is our school principal. I love how we do the Blue Bird Assemblies and learning about CHIRP. These assemblies are teaching the students how to be helpful, independent and honest, which will make Ridge Street a better school and the world a better place!



Ridge Street Bluebirds

By Shira Mallah

Every day I go to school with my friends. When I am there I follow the bluebird traits. The traits are to be compassion, honest, respectful, interdependent, and positive. The beginning letters of all of those words are C-H-I-R-P. That spells chirp.

We are called the Ridge Street Bluebirds. The principal of the school is Mrs. Taylor. The assistant principal's name is Mrs. Oppenheimer.

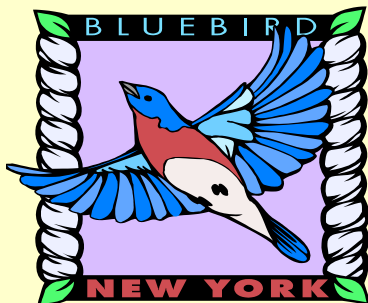
In the morning when we say the pledge we also say I am ready to respect myself, I am ready to respect others, I am ready to learn, I am ready to have a great day because bluebirds fly high!

In school I do math, reading, writing, science and social studies. I like going to the Specials. The Specials I go to are music, library, computer lab, Spanish, art and gym. I like school and I like my friends!

B.M.P. Ridge Street School

By Lauren Kim

I like going to B.M.P. Ridge Street School. We are called the Bluebirds. We often chirp. The C stands for compassionate. The H stands for honest. The I stands for independent. The R for Respectful and the P stands for Positive. I think another H word could be helpful. I like going to school. My favorite thing to learn in school is math.



Blue Birds Fly High!

My Terrific School

By Emma Kron

Let me tell you about my hard working school. B.M.P. RSS is a fantastic school. People are nice to each other. It is a good place to learn how to read and write. The wonderful teachers make it fun to learn. There are men teachers and women teachers at Ridge Street School. We have Specials like gym, art, music and you can join the band or chorus if you are in 4th or 5th grade. We have Kindergarden , 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade in our school. You would love this school if you were me. We are called the Blue Birds. We have feathers to show that we are good in class. I got two feathers. We have lots of websites like Star Fall. I love my outstanding school because it feels like I can do anything here.

Advice from Caitlin and Olivia

By Caitlin Bedell and Olivia Lombardi



Have you ever had trouble making friends? Here is some advice that will help you. One way to make friends is to start a conversation on the lunch line, maybe you will make a friend. It worked for us! We got to know each other on the lunch line in second grade! Another way is to look for a lonely looking person on the playground at recess and ask them to play with you. You can look for each other each day at recess and play with each other all the time. You can make a friend by showing compassion for someone when they get hurt. If someone falls on the ground or is struggling, you can help them up and it could be the beginning of a lifelong friendship! We've even started conversations when waiting for the bathroom. Most importantly remember a friendship can start anywhere!

The Talking Cat

By Zachary Breault

One day a boy named Eric Schrultz went to his kitchen to feed his cat, Splinter. As usual Eric gave Splinter his breakfast.

“Thank you!” said Splinter. Eric was so stunned that he fell over. “Are you O.K.?” asked Splinter. “H-how long have y-you been able to t-talk?” asked Eric. “Umm.. today’s Thursday, so... umm... I don’t know,” said Splinter.

After a crazy, crazy morning, Eric asked Splinter if he would like to take a walk. “I would love to get some fresh air,” said Splinter. So Eric and Splinter took a walk. They walked past an ice cream shop, a pet store and a seafood restaurant. It took Eric awhile to get Splinter away from the restaurant.

Just then a dog came out of nowhere. “Hello!” yelled Splinter. When the dog heard Splinter, he ran away in fright. “Wait, come back!” yelled Splinter. When Eric and Splinter came back, Eric saw a sign at the pet shop saying: Missing Parrot Eggs, Last seen November 2, 2011. If seen call 555-7257.

The next day Eric took Splinter to the vet. “Vet? No! No vet, no vet!” yelled Splinter. “Oh, come on we need to see why you’re talking.” Eric drove to the vet when Splinter started singing, “99 bottles of cat food on the wall.” When they got there Ms. Gazana, the vet, called them in to see what the problem was.

Eric warned her that she might not be able to fix this. “Nothing is too hard for me. I once fixed a millipede with athlete’s foot and a giraffe with a sore throat,” said Ms. Gazana. She bent down to see what was wrong. “AAAAA! Yikes! Not parrotongue!” yelled Ms. Gazana “Parrotongue?” asked Eric and Splinter. “Yes, parrotongue,” said Ms. Gazana, calming down. “How long has Splinter been talking?” “A day,” said Eric, “but what is parrotongue?”

“If anyone, usually just pets, eat’s a parrot’s egg or eggs, they start to talk. Splinter here, has a bad case of it.” Eric and Ms. Gazana looked at Splinter who had just dozed off. “How can we get rid of it?” asked Eric. “Try mice,” said Ms. Gazana. “O.K., mice. Let’s go Splinter.”

They drove to the store, got mice and went home. Eric gave Splinter three mice. At 2:03 p.m. Eric found a strange rainbow colored hairball. Soon he found out it was a baby parrot! Eric said hello to Splinter.

“Meow?” said Splinter.

Eric took the parrot to the pet shop and they gave him a reward of \$2.98. Eric went home and took a nap with Splinter. But, two blocks away Ms. D’ejei is giving lunch to her cat, Meeder who says, “Thank you!”



Letters to Soldiers from Mrs. Caldwell's Class



Dear Soldier,

Thank you for saving our country. You are so special to me. You are very brave. I hope you get to see your family. Thank you for fighting to keep me safe. I'm in first grade. I am a girl. I like to go to school to learn.

Your Friend,
Dylan Bierig

Dear Soldier,

Thanks for fighting for our country to be safe. Thanks for all the protection you give us. I bet it's hard work. I hope you get to see your family some time.

Your Friend,
Alexa Grossman

Dear Soldier,

Thank you for fighting for our country. You are very brave. I am a first grade girl. I love wrestling.

Your Friend,
Abby Breault

Dear Soldier,

Thank you for fighting for our country. You are very brave. What do you do in the army? I am a first grade girl. I like to go to school. I love dogs, do you?

Your Friend,
Isabella Casino

Dear Soldier,

Thank you for all of the hard work that you do for all of the people. I hope you see your family. I am in first grade and I am a boy. I like to play baseball and draw. Do you play baseball? I hope you have time to play.

Your Friend,
John Paul D'Inverno

Dear Soldier,

Thank you for fighting. You're courageous and you are really strong and you are really brave. You're cool! Thank you so much for saving our country. I love football and baseball. I am in first grade.

Your Friend,
Lucas Montesano

Dear Soldier,

I know a lot of soldiers have died. Why do you love the USA? I am a first grade boy. I like to play with my hot wheels. I collect hot wheels cars.

Your Friend,
Joshua Levy

Snow By Nick Laterza

Snow is falling all around.
Snow is falling all over town.
I really want to play in the white, white snow.
Then I would drink some hot cocoa

Candy By Brooke Funtlyder

Candy, candy, Jolly Ranchers, Kit Kat,
candy, candy,
Laffy Taffy, Tootsie Roll, candy, candy.
Starburst, lollipops, candy, candy,
Hershey Bars, Twix, candy, candy.
Jelly Beans, Snickers, candy, candy,
Reese's, Butterfingers, candy, candy.
Nerds, Gummy Bears, candy, candy...
I love CANDY!

Math By Brooke Marsico and Ashley Telesca

Math rocks, math rules.
I would do math in a pool.
Math is fun.
I would do math while I run.
Math is awesome.
I would do it watching a flower blossom.
You can divide while you ride.
You can add with your dad.
You can subtract while you act.
You can measure by the shore.
You could do math in the bath.
You can multiply.
Now it's time to say good bye!

School By Rachel Wallenstein

Roses are red and violets are blue,
It is time for school.
I like you and you like me,
So it is time for school.
Come on, come and get your bag,
Out the doors and into your classroom.

Three Wishes **By Ryosuke Inomata**

A genie has landed in the lunchroom at BMP Ridge Street School and has granted me three wishes. I will pick a birthday party, Japanese books, and more math time than ELA time.

These are my three wishes. I only have three wishes to choose. I do not just wish my wishes to the genie. I will give her some candies. One of these wishes is a birthday party. I pick this wish because I never had a birthday party. My second wish is a Japanese book because I like books. I don't have so many books at my house here in New York. My last wish is more math time than ELA time. I have two reasons. One is I like math. Another one is ELA is too hard for me because I can't speak English so well.

I think you will say my wishes are boring because you have many books and you had a birthday party, but in my opinion, this is not boring. I like my wishes and I hope they will happen. I don't think my third wish will come true. I believe my other wishes will come true. I think having wishes is a good thing.

A Color of His Own **By Leo Leoni** **Book Response** **By Naoko Inomata**

This book is about a chameleon turning colors. I liked when the chameleon found a friend. This is my favorite part of the book because I have two best friends too. Their names are Erika and Ayaka. I met them on my first day in America last year. Erika taught me to speak English at school. Ayaka teaches me when Ms. Giard is talking and she changes the English to Japanese. I feel like the chameleon because I changed too.



The Bridge **By Dean Moschitto**

Long ago there was a huge bridge with four little houses on it. One day two families wanted to build big houses on it. The family's living there said the bridge will collapse. It was only made of wood and a little stone. They did not listen. The construction began. The four families got so worried. The construction was done after one year. One family heard a crack. The family was too late. The trucks already came with everything they owned. One rich family said, "Make a train track go down under the bridge." They built a track and the four families said, "Take it down." But they already build it and it was too late. Their furniture and houses were already done. The rich family said, "Ha!" Days went by with families hearing cracks, but not eh rich ones. One week later, crackle, crackle, crash! It had split in half. The beams on the left broke and two of the little houses slid down in to the river. One person was hanging on the bridge, dangling for life. The rich family said, "What's happening," and stomped. "I do not want," rahhhhh... the floor broke when he stomped. Choo choo, the train going so fast drove rapidly in to the water. Two small houses collapsed down. The front cracked leaving no exit for the bridge. The houses collapsed into the ocean. Today people still say that one door of the house is on a rock. It came to the end because of the rich people, so the lesson is to listen.

Anna's First Time at the Beach **By Olivia Zahl**

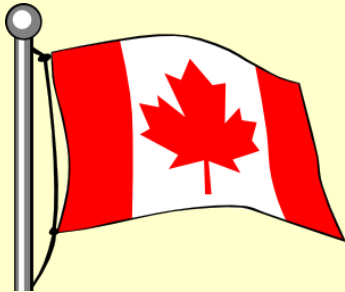
Once there was a girl named Anna. Anna loved to swim. One day Anna's mom took Anna to a beach. Anna, said her mom, this is a beach and you can swim right over there in the ocean. Anna dashed for the water. Wait Anna's mom yelled, but Anna was already half way there. You forgot your sun screen. Suddenly Anna felt something. OUCH! Anna said charging out of the water. Anna ran to her mom. It is stinging Anna said to her mom. Maybe it was a jellyfish. What is a jellyfish? Anna asked. It is something that stings you when you get near it because it thinks you are going to attack so it protects itself it by stinging. Do you know when jelly fish come out? Anna asked. I do, mother said. When the waves get big in the ocean it means it is pulling big waves out of the sea and in the sea there are jelly fish. So when the waves get big in the ocean there is a chance of jellyfish being in the water. Ok Anna said I'll just wait until the waves get smaller.

Enjoying Canada By Ayaka Yamamoto

On the day before Thanksgiving I went to Montreal, Canada. I went there with my family. My dad drove for about seven hours. It was a long drive. When we got to the hotel, I was tired because it was 10:00 p.m. So I slept and rested.

The next day we went shopping. We found a shop that sells lots of Christmas ornaments. We bought a snow globe with a snowman and silver sparkles inside. It was so pretty. In the evening we went sightseeing. It was beautiful because there were so many Christmas decorations. The day after that, on Saturday, we went to a gift shop. I bought a magnet of a black bear. Black bears are popular in Canada. After that, I swam in the indoor heated pool. Dad swam with me.

My favorite part of my vacation was sightseeing because I like to see the beautiful Christmas lights in the night. I liked going on vacation to Canada for five days.



Recess Fun at The Ridge By Josh Richard

During recess at the Ridge Street School you can do a lot of fun things! You can run around on the playground, play kickball, go on the field, swing from the monkey bars, slip down the slides, smash a tetherball, ride a swing and try to touch the sky. What I am trying to say is that there are a lot of fun times to experience at recess!

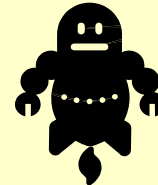
A Game of Star Wars By Blake Sloves, Ben Goldstein and Keith Konigsberg

IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR, AWAY...

I'm Ben and I play Anakin in the Star Wars game. There is a lot of dangerous stuff like... bad guy potions, bombs, electric walls, gates, floors, and there are invisible doors. These doors are super hard to find. It is an extremely hard life. Sometimes we have to sprint to get back to the ship.



My name is Blake and in the Star Wars game I play R2D2. He is a robot. R2D2's powers are electric bolts that shoot from his head and fly boosters. R2D2 also has hand cuffs. When he walks he rolls on wheels. The most valuable thing R2D2 has is a ghost watch that only good guys can use.



My name is Keith. My person is Peachu. He is one of the Pokemon characters. If he evolves he will become Peacachu and that means he is an electric type.



Recess By Spencer Weinhank

Recess at school is a blast!
It always goes by so fast!
The greatest thing is to play and hang
out with your friends!

The Scary Elevator Ride By Daniel Croce

This summer I discovered something about myself that surprised me. Last summer in North Carolina, my brother and I stepped into the noisy, crackling elevator in our vacation house which my family rented. I turned to my right and saw all of the green glowing buttons on the elevator wall. Then, I felt the Braille lettering as I pushed into the tiny, plastic circle.

As I stepped into the unsteady, brown elevator, I felt the instability as it shrilled down the gigantic elevator shaft. The elevator began to shake a little and then, screeeech! The elevator came abruptly to a stop! I started freaking out so much that I felt like I was going to faint. My heart began to beat like a mad dog on the run. Then I felt a stab of fear inside me. I shrieked to my brother "The elevator stopped!" I felt my brother tap me softly, but I was so scared I could not even turn around. I was paralyzed with fear!

I heard grown-ups talking outside, attempting to help. Trying to get their attention, I banged on the hard wooden door. Boom! Boom! I sensed my cold, shaky finger uncontrollably pushing the 3rd floor button. I finally heard a screech, and the elevator went shooting up the shaft like a mouse that has been in a trap all day and finally escaped. As the elevator began to ascend, I thought to myself that I can already taste the salty Outer Banks air!

When I finally got out of the elevator and collapsed into my mom's arms, I exclaimed, "I can smell the beach again!" Later that night, I found out the reason behind the elevator stopping. The elevator control panel blew out. That's what caused the commotion. I learned a very important lesson- never to go into an elevator without an adult. However, the most significant thing I realized about my brother and I is that I freak out in an emergency. On the other hand, my brother remains really calm.

Book Nook By Jesse Zimmerman



Are you looking for a really great book to read? Well, I want to recommend the book, How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey. It is a great story about an eight year old boy named Robbie York who has a bully named Bo Haney bullying him. Robbie is very upset and scared that he is in the same class with the bully. Robbie learns the reason why Bo (Elmer Clyde) Haney has become a bully. I think that this book could help kids who are being bullied learn how to deal with a bully. I really liked the ending, you will too!

Ridge Street School By Courtney Faustino

Ridge Street School is an AWESOME school to be at. There are men teachers and women teachers. There are SO many students. One reason why Ridge Street School is amazing is because there is a preschool very close by. Did you know that there are 6 years of grades in Ridge Street School? This reason is because there is kindergarten there too. Yes, Ridge Street School is awesome. The principal's name is Mrs. Taylor. The assistant principal's name is Mrs. Oppenheimer. Ridge Street School is in the suburbs of New York. I am predicting that there are 527 students in Ridge Street School. THAT'S A LOT OF CHILDREN !!! I am also predicting that there are 48 teachers in this school. In this school you can do fun activities. There are specials such as, Gym, Art, Music, Computer, Magic Circle, Library and Spanish. Kindergarten, and grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 have Mrs. Saglibene for art and grade 1 has Mrs. Murphy as an art teacher. Kindergarten does not have computer. You go to school for about 10 months. You have summer vacation for about 2 months. I know that summer vacation might be a little small of a time for you but trust me, it seems like FOREVER ! I love this school very, very, VERY much! I am in grade 2 right now. In 1 year I will be in grade 3. This school is FANTASTIC!

Hello Ridge Street! By Amina Hamawy



Amina (right) with new friend Darah (left)

Ridge Street is the best school ever! Hello, my name is Amina. I used to live in Washington State in a small town on the beautiful water called Gig Harbor. I went to the Harbor Montessori School. I used to take long walks by the water when I lived there.

Moving across the United States from the west coast to the east coast was very exciting. Can you believe that I drove across the United States? I have been to a lot of the fifty states.

I was a little bit scared on the first day I came to school. I did not know anyone, I never took a school bus before, and I did not know the school building at all. Luckily I have met some very nice new friends at Ridge Street. I am not scared anymore. I am used to this place and I can call it home now.



Gig Harbor, Washington

Mr. Mancuso's Class By Ava Pallotta

Being in Mr. Mancuso's class for 3rd grade is the best! It's the best because we have free time minutes. We get free time by getting a compliment or a good report. On Friday, if you have 30 or more minutes, you can go outside. We also have math tournaments, when you play against your classmates. Mr. Mancuso is also very funny and has the best ideas. I think Mr. Mancuso is the nicest teacher ever. If you ever have him as a teacher, I hope you like him too!

Who Stole the Daylight?



By Darah Greenbaum

Ridge Street is a fabulous school to go to. The children here get to study so many interesting topics.

Have you ever wondered why the days seem to be getting shorter and shorter as we move from September to October to November and now December? In third grade we chart Sunrise and Sunset times once a week. We have been losing a few minutes of daylight every day. It is fun to see what time the sun comes up and what time it goes down every day. It is also very interesting. Scientists use math to figure out when the sun will rise and set. The numbers are based on the orbit of the Earth around the Sun. Be sure to stop up to the third grade wing and check out our chart in the hallway.

If you are feeling sad about so much darkness, don't worry. After December 21, the Winter Solstice, we will start to get back a few minutes of daylight each day. Before we know it, it will be the long hot days of summer!

Research is a Blast!! By Abbie Wolkind

My class and I have been working very hard on a research project. Everyone is doing a state poster. That means each person chooses a state. I chose Florida. I have been reading a book on Florida from the library. It is full of interesting facts. I have been taking lots of notes. Our class will also do some of our research on the computer in the lab. So far I have learned that Tallahassee is the capital and Florida's nickname is the "Sunshine State". I have been doing my work independently and I just love learning new things about different places.

Physical Education Has All the Moves! **By Greyson Goldberg**

If you stop by at the Bruno M. Ponterio gym you will see a lot of action there! Mr. Forzaglia has the third grade moving! He is really nice and has taught us so many things. For example, dodge ball, floor hockey, soccer, hula hut, obstacle stations. Physical education is good for your heart and brain. It gets the blood pumping and the oxygen flowing!

Third Grade News **By Jake Morrisey**

Third grade certainly is a lot more work than second grade. The reading is harder, the writing is longer and the homework is a bit more too. We are learning new things. I know how to read a map, all 50 states and their capitals, the water cycle and much more. Currently, I am working on an informational poster of a state, North Dakota. I have taken out a book from the library and am doing computer research as well. It is interesting to learn about a state. I am enjoying the challenges of third grade!

Third Grade Reflection **By Amanda Kornblum**

Third grade is very different from second grade in a good way. First, the work is harder, but I am older and can handle it. Second, we are learning to write in cursive, which is a lot of fun and a fast way to write. Third, we are learning about the water cycle which is very interesting. Last, in third grade we are learning all fifty states and the capitals too. Third grade is harder and different from second, but I am loving this new and exciting year.

Math is Great! **By Meghan Kerrick**

I love math class because I get to learn a lot about how math is all around me. Numbers are cool. I use math every day in my life. Math is everywhere! From telling time, to counting money, to figuring out how much a sale item is, I love it! Especially a challenging problem that takes me time to figure out!

Holiday Time **By Abe Baker-Butler**

The ground is snow-covered, the trees are bare.
What is so happy?
Holiday time is here!
It is the greatest time of year, getting presents
and such, and it is so long –
It lasts over a month!

At holiday time, there are all sorts of foods –
Holiday stuffing, and even macaroons!
Your heart will fill with joy,
You will also get toys,
And it is all because of holiday time.

Some say it is magical.
Is it true?
Maybe you will find out,
And not keep the secret
Just for you.



Where in the World is Julia Zarkower? **By Julia Zarkower**

Third graders are learning a lot about the states and capitals in the United States of America. I have made flashcards to help me memorize them. I love to have my friends test me on them. We make jokes about them so we can remember!
What did “Delaware(Della wear)”? Her “New Jersey”
“Do you know (Juneau) the capital of Alaska?”
Juneau.

