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Quarantine Week 20

WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 THINGS YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC?

Submitted by News on the Hill Contributors

ELSA

1. Nothing in life is as easy as flipping a coin.
2. I've learned to enjoy playing with Aine.
3. My friends are still there for me even when I don't get to see them.

AINE

1. Life's not always fair.
2. I love my dog a lot, a lot, a lot.
3. Masks are really stuffy.

ELIZA

1. How to wear a mask for a long time.
2. How to distance learn.
3. How to social distance play with your friends.

EMERSON

1. How to go on Zoom / be online.
2. How to be OK with not seeing friends regularly.
3. How to be a part of a community newsletter.

STEAM

Submitted by Aine Watson

STEAM

Slipping, sliding
Through my finger tips
Coming

from

my

hot

TEA

EDIE

1. I am good at writing.
2. My cat tolerates wearing a leash.
3. I learned how to grow fruits and vegetables.

JEWEL

1. Wearing a mask all day when it's hot, can give you a face rash.
2. It's just as fun to swim in the ocean as it is at Bayside.
3. I should hide when my mom asks for help gardening.

PAIGE

1. Masks are terrible.
2. People are going stir crazy.
3. I get to cuddle dogs more.

IONA

1. Homeschooling is really hard.
2. I hung out with my friends more than I realized.
3. I learned how important it is to wear a mask during a pandemic.

READING

Submitted by Elsa Watson

Art is **ART**.

Love is **LOVE**.

But I want nothing **ABOVE**.

But I love **READING**

Beyond the **LIGHT**.

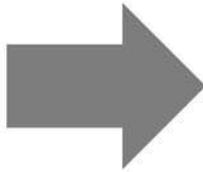
MASH UP MADNESS

Submitted by Edie Culver

Mulandalorian is a mashup of the Star Wars character The Mandalorian and Mulan. Her favorite color is brown, her favorite food is steamed sushi, and her favorite animal is a panda. She is currently working for the Minalse Trading Company. She enjoys sword fighting and not much else.



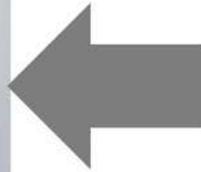
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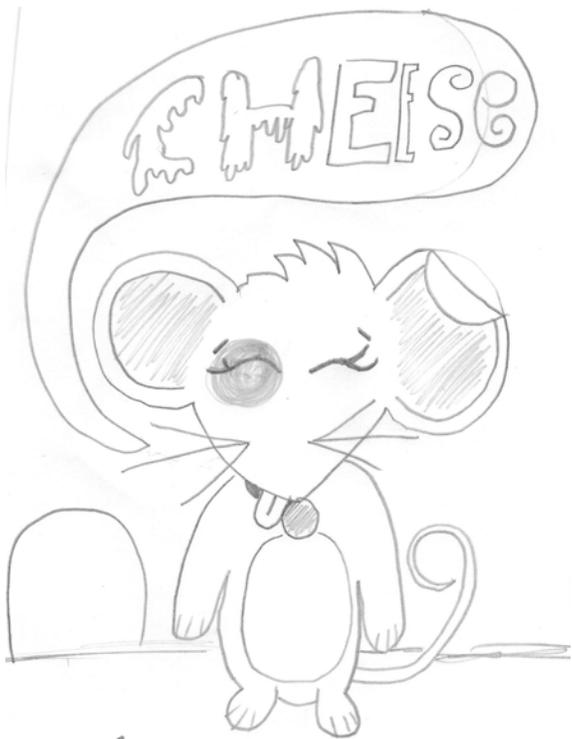
"Mulandalorian"



Mandalorian



Now accepting suggestions for next week's mash up character!
Please send ideas to Edie directly at culvediooo@bellinghamschools.org



CHEDDAR MOUSE
Submitted by Elsa Watson



Sirene
Submitted by Aine Watson

SWAMP RUMORS

Submitted by Jewel Bryngelson

Rumors abound about the bitter creature who roams the swamp. The swamp monster rises from the creepy soup of Louisiana's almost impenetrable swamp. This was the perfect environment for a swamp monster to exist outside the reach of regular humans. Sightings of the beast come mostly from alligator hunters.



Some folks say it was once a vampire. The vampire was a human that was bit by a vampire, deemed dead then buried in the swamp. Unfortunately, the swamp waters rose and thrust the coffin up from the muddy earth. The vampire emerged and discovered it had the terrible power to hypnotize the innocent and suck their blood.

Others say the creature can transform into a werewolf at will: it is said to hide in the night. This swamp monster has the body of a human and the head of a wolf. He lives in the swamps and roams the sugar cane fields of southern Louisiana at night, waiting for its next victim. During the day, the creature is in human form, so it could be anyone . . . but at night, it transforms into the werewolf on the prowl for blood. Where it searches for naive travelers to consume. No one has managed to banish the



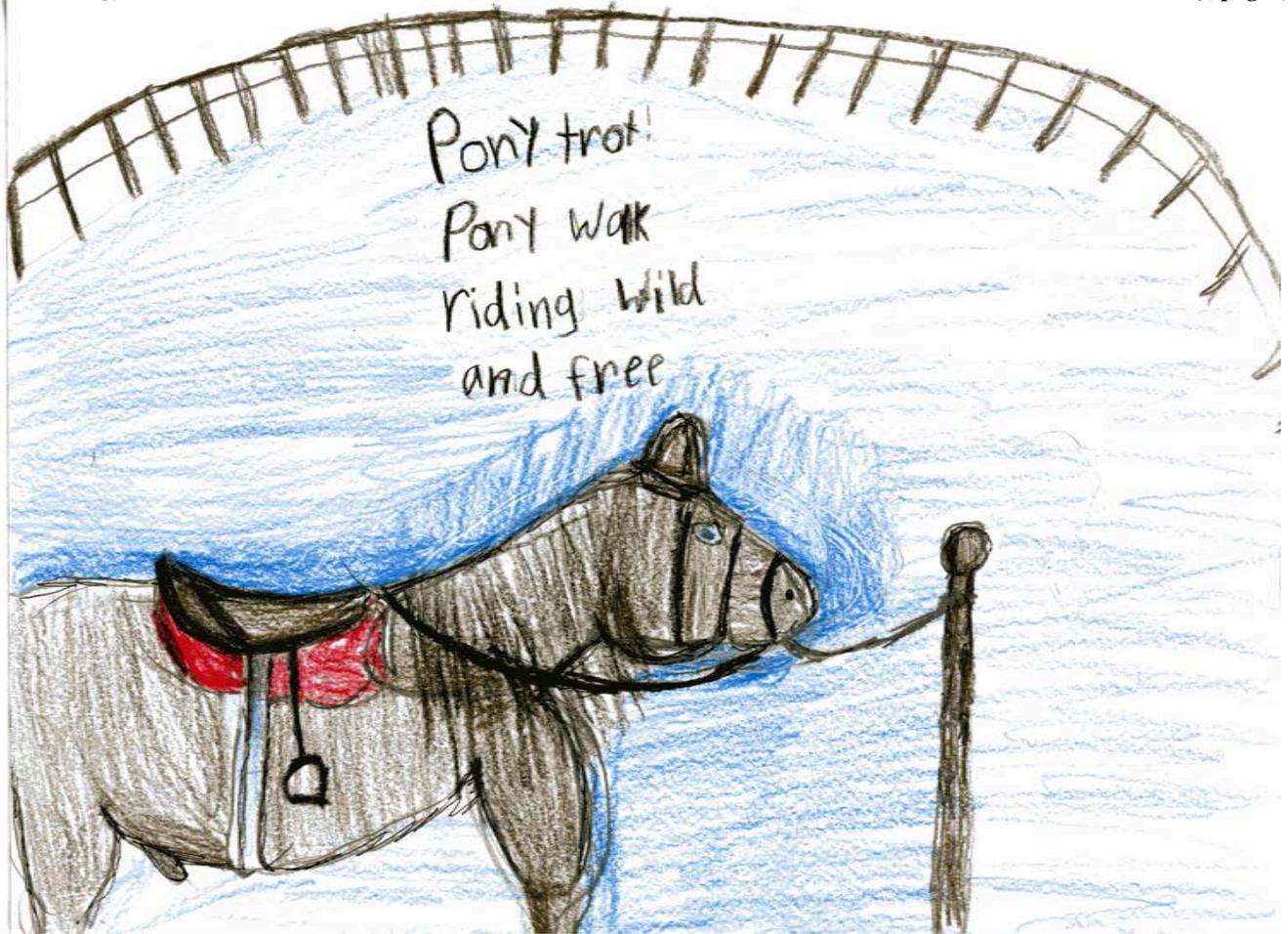
beast though many have tried.

But those are just cursed rumors. This is the true story: in reality, the creature is a human alligator hunter, not a creature of folklore. Long ago, a brute stole the creature's treasured razor and drove the hunter crazy. So, the hunter began to search the swampy Louisiana labyrinth it inhabited to bury the fool who stole its prize. To this, day he wanders the land seeking revenge on the brute or anyone who chances to cross his path.

The end

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH BOOKS THESE CHARACTERS ARE FROM?

1. This cute and snuggly sloth named Abacaxi (Portuguese for pineapple) is Lila's pet. His nickname is Baca.
2. This little mouse named Benjamin is the nephew of a famous reporter and lives in New Mouse City.
3. Tonks is always chancing the color of her hair. She's a fierce wizard who marries Lupin.
4. Dr. Bob Jordan is Alex and Connor's caring stepfather.
5. Mimi is the grandmother of Claudia and Jeanine and loves to cook and drink tea.
6. Luna is a girl who grew up with a nice witch and a monster and a dragon.
7. Digory is a magician's son and one of the first persons to discover this magical land with the help of a ring.
8. Lily is a girl who just wants to be a hero just like her brother (who died saving her life) but she finds out she's cursed to never be a hero.
9. This furry hamster is royal and her name is Harriet Hamsterbone.
10. Leila is a girl who knows how to pick locks. She lives with her stepdads and in the end of book 2 she finds out who her mother is. Her friends are Carter, Ridley, Theo, and the twins—Izzy and Olly.



ONE CRAZY SUMMER Submitted by Emerson Hiltner

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This story is about three sisters who travel to San Francisco to meet their mother. Once they arrive, they realize that their trip is nothing like they expected it would be. My favorite part was the ending.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK (Use the key below to decipher the coded message.)

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DOLL DRAMA

Submitted by Elsa Watson and Edie Culver



Is this a ukulele or a guitar? Whichever one it is, it's huge!

I have no clue. Also, where's my other shoe?

