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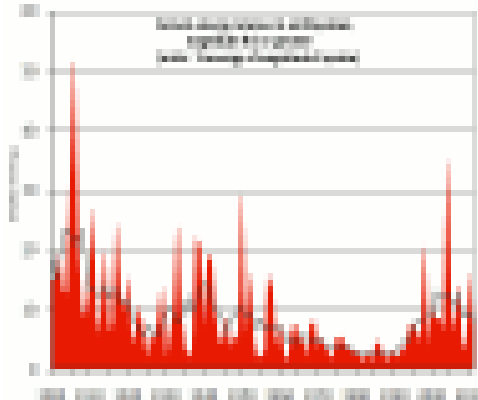
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## Japan Earthquakes

By: Our 5th Grader and 6th Grader



Over the years the people of Japan have gone through numerous earthquakes and tsunamis, but none more devastating than the earthquake which hit the northeast corner of the country on March 11, 2011. The earthquake's magnitude was registered at 9.0, one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded. The country has continued to experience quake activity every day since then.



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Japan has up to 1500 earthquakes a year, all which are measurable, but may not be felt by the people.

The tsunamis generated by this latest earthquake caused major destruction for the homes and towns of many families.

Also, nuclear power plants in Japan were severely affected by the quake and tsunami. The radiation level is considered a 7, which is the highest possible level.

Ever since the earthquake, followed by the tsunami, there has been an issue with the nuclear reactors leaking radiation. A nuclear reactor controls the energy being released from the splitting of atoms and of other elements. If it leaks, radiation can cause many problems.

## Nuclear Reactors and Radiation

By: Our 6th Grader

One of many concerns is leaking radiation into the Pacific Ocean and perhaps killing marine life. With the ocean currents and winds, it is possible that some radiation could come towards the United States, but current levels are considered "Low:Not Harmful," but we should stay alert. The state of Illinois has 6 active nuclear power plants with our nearest being

in Braidwood near Joliet. Officials say that the major damage to the nuclear plants was from the tsunami, something not likely to happen in Illinois. Most nuclear facilities are located outside of designated or known earthquake zones.

**Current Events**

By: Two of Our 6th Graders



**Soukal's Florist**

By: One of our 6th Graders

Soukal's Florist and Greenhouse was founded in 1916 by Frank Soukal. His great-grandson, Jerry Soukal, is the manager and treasurer. Both his father, who is the current president, and his grandfather, who is 95, still work there. They only have one location, but two separate stores. There is the florist section and the greenhouse.

They hand-plant most of their plants in the greenhouse. Soukal's has mostly annuals, which are plants that only grow for one year. They don't have many perennials, which are plants that come back every year. Mr. Soukal said this is because annuals bloom all summer and perennials only bloom for a short period. His favorite annual is a petunia because it is hardy and strong. Petunias come in many colors.



The best time to plant flowers is in the middle of May because that is when the frost is usually gone. There may be times that you would plant a little earlier or later depending on the weather.

Soils with a lot of peat moss are best because they contain nutrients. It is also softer so the roots can take hold better. Organic soils usually have peat moss and are better because they are more natural.

While all flowers are good for the environment, certain flowers grow better in certain areas and times of the year. For example, poinsettias, considered a Christmas flower, are planted at Soukal's in July. The flowers which you are currently buying were planted in January.

Mr. Soukal says "Different seasons have different flowers so work isn't always the same."



Soukal's greenhouse has vegetables and fruit along with the flowers. Soukal's Florist is located at 6118 Archer Avenue in Chicago, with their greenhouse just around the corner on Mason Avenue.

At the end of the school year, the 8th graders went on their annual field trip to Springfield, IL. While there, they saw Lincoln's grave and the Lincoln Museum. Also, the 8th grade were able to see the House of Representatives and Senate. In 2nd grade, Ms. Shadley and Ms. Grzenia worked with the students for their First Holy Communion on May 7th. The 2nd graders learned the parts of the mass and different prayers. The 8th graders, along with the 2nd graders, have been preparing for May Crowning, too. These two classes will present the Blessed Mother with roses.

**Mayor Rahm Emanuel**

By: One of our 6th Graders

Rahm Emanuel was born on November 29, 1959 to Martha Smolevitz and Benjamin Emanuel. His siblings are Ezekiel, Ari and adopted sister, Shoshanna. He attended Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, Roma School, Locust Junior High, New Trier West High School and Sarah Lawrence College.

Mayor Emanuel plans many changes for Chicago. He wants the Chicago Public Schools to have a longer school day and school year. He's already selected a new Police Chief and Public School Superintendent. He is also hoping to balance the city budget.

## White Sox

By: Our 5th Grader



Opening day was on Thursday, March 31st. The Sox started the season off by beating the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Last year's record was 88 wins and 74 losses. During the off season they traded 8 players to improve weak positions.

There were high expectations as the season started with many sportswriters predicting the team's return to the World Series. Unfortunately, their start is the worst in team history, with the bullpen falling down. Hopefully, their young pitchers like, Thornton, Crain and Sale, will start to improve.

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

### Rodrick Rules

By: Our 6th Grader

If you've been reading the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney, then you definitely want to see this movie, the second in the series. Greg Heffley (the Wimpy Kid) is as usual having problems with his older brother Rodrick. Their parents want them to become closer, but that's not going to happen.



Watch the movie to find out how Greg and his friends manage to get out of one problem after another and how Rodrick again gets Greg into trouble.



## The Chicago Cubs

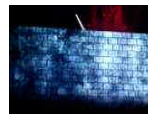
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After 34 games, the Cubs have a 15-19 record. They are 7/11 at home and 8/8 on the road.

The season has started with some pitching problems. Ryan Dempster, who looked so good in spring training, pitched the opening game= but for a loss. Looking back in history, opening day pitchers who lose end up with terrible seasons.. Unfortunately, the rest of the pitching staff; including Carlos Zambrano and Matt Garza haven't been throwing well either.

## Roger Waters: The Wall

By: Our 6th Grader



"All in all, it was all just bricks in the wall." That was just one of the songs you would hear at the Roger Waters, The Wall concert. Roger Waters, the original lead singer of Pink Floyd, toured the United States in 2010 and is now touring the U.K. I was one of the lucky people who was able to see this amazing concert. During this concert, they perform while the wall is being built right before your eyes. Songs included at the concert were, "In the Flesh, Another Brick in the Wall (parts 1, 2, and 3) and Goodbye Blue Sky."

On May 12, 2011, the surviving members of Pink Floyd reunited for the first time in 30 years at the concert in London. Great news for fans of Pink Floyd.

## NCAA March Madness 2011

By: Our 6th Grader

This year's March Madness Tournament was full of nail biters, Cinderella stories, and surprises.



The first surprise came when #4 Louisville lost to 13th ranked Morehead State. Then #5 Vanderbilt fell to #12 ranked Richmond. While Vanderbilt had a history of losing early in the tournament, they were expected to go a little further because of their strong season. Then #11 VCU, Virginia Commonwealth University defeated #6 Georgetown at the United Center at a game played in Chicago. VCU went on to the Final Four and will be remembered as one of the greatest surprises of NCAA Basketball history.

The greatest Cinderella story of the year went to Butler. The Butler Bulldogs went all the way to the championship game last year as a #8 seed, but fell to Duke. This year the team came back as a #9 seed and the determination to go back and win it all.

The team made it to the championship game again this year, but lost to #3 ranked UConn. The Huskies beat the Bulldogs 53-41 in a low scoring game.

UConn was crowned champion of NCAA March Madness Tournament.

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## Chef's Corner

### Puppy Chow

By: Our 5th Grader

#### Ingredients:

2 cups of powdered sugar

1 cup chunky peanut butter

½ cup of margarine

12 oz pkg. of semi-sweet chocolate chips

12 oz.pkg. of Crispix cereal



In large microwave bowl, melt margarine. Then add chocolate chips and peanut butter.

Heat until melted and then stir to blend.

Stir in cereal until coated.

Place cereal and powdered sugar in a large plastic bag and shake to coat cereal.

Store in tightly covered container.

## Summer Word Merge

Words in each line are merged together. Find the original words.

Hint: The letters that make up each word are still in their original order.



Clhilclaingis       o     o

St. Rene's city and state

Srngfield  p  i

state capital

Squhrieudmd      A  a

famous museum

BrZookofelod        i

animals live here



CeFluilaer          l  d

home of the White Sox

WiFglielyd  r       e

home of the Cubs

iTolwiesr  W

tallest building in Chicago



SFIlgxs    a

amusement park

By: Two of Our 6th Grader

## Josh's Joke Corner

By: Our 6th Grader

Teacher: Class, we will have only a half day of school this morning.

Class: Hooray!!!!

Teacher: We will have the other half this afternoon.

Teacher; Why is the Mississippi such an unusual river?

Pupil: Because it has four eyes and can't see.

What did Noah do while spending time on the Ark?

Fished, but he didn't catch much. He only had two worms.