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Paper Time Machine

The old Kent Elementary is different from the one we attend now. First of all, the old Kent Elementary had a male principal named Mr. Fibs and now we have a female principal named Mrs. Ulland. Also, there are more kids now than there were at the old building, which is now being used as a Christian school. Take a look at the following sections about Classrooms, Technology and Recess to find out more interesting facts about the history of our school.

Classrooms

In 1990 the amount of students in a class was approximately less than nine-teen; however, classrooms were double the size in length and width. The classrooms had huge windows that could be opened. Imagine young kindergarteners having to climb up long sets of stairs to go to their large, cold, classrooms.

Technology



What kind of technology do you think was available back then?

Well, they didn't have Smart Boards or Senteos or even digital clocks. Instead, they had a variety of out dated technology. They had a Xerox machine that, when copying paper, would use a lot of ink.

They also used an overhead projector in the same way we use an Elmo today. An overhead projector is a machine that would project writing that was written on clear transparency paper. Unlike our elmo, they could not project student work or anything on regular paper. Lack of technology, like smartboards, meant it was not as easy to have students interact

with problems given by the teacher. Teachers had to work out problems using white, screeching chalk that was hard to erase.

Recess

At the old Kent Elementary they played almost the same activities we do at recess today. They played hand ball, (which is much like soccer, however your hands are used instead of your feet) baseball, four square, basketball and much more. Even with a smaller playground they enjoyed recess much like we do today. However, the school was so aged that the playground had holes. They were so bad that you had to be very careful when you ran around during recess because you could easily trip and fall.

Years	Name	Position	Old Building
0	Higgins	Counselor	No
1.5	Richards	PARA	No
2	Dvorak	Office.Admin.Asst	No
2	Iwen	Intervention coach	No
2	Vickers	S.E.P	No
2	Wilkerson	VICE.PRIN	No
3	Hillary	S.L.P	No
3	Leaf	P ED	No
3	McGuire	2 nd grade	No
3	Reid	S.L.P	No
4	Lavine	4 th grade	Substitute
4	Tesoriero	IP/ 4 th grade	No
4	Wells	3 rd grade	No
4.5	Dempsey	nurse	No
4.5	Sheahan	psychologist	No
5	Hernandez	5 th grade	No
5	Bell	IA	No
5	Cook	3rd grade	No
5	Reeves	A.C.S	No
6	LaFavor	I.P	No
7	Austell	S.P.E.D	No
8	Ulland	Principal	No
9	Lopez	Data processor	No
9	Saucedo	6 th grade	No
9	Sweetser	PE Teacher	No
10	Engele	Preschool	No
10	Ryan	PED	No
10	France	3rd grade	NO
10	Smith	5 th grade	No
10.5	Martin	Music	No
11	Schram	5/6 grade	No
11	Eccleston	Office.Admin.Asst	No
11	Fiedorcyk	2 nd grade	No
11	Rivas	IA	No
11	Schram	5/6 grade	No
11	Williams	K grade	No
11.5	Howard	S.P.E.D.	No
12	Hill	6 th grade	No
13	Kelly	3 rd /4 th grade	Yes
16	Baldwin	p.prof	Yes
16	Ortiz	P ED	Yes
16	Pfefferkorn	ITS and 4 th grade	Yes
19.5	Brin	4 th grade	Yes
21	Hall	1 st grade	Yes
21	Pool	Office mgr.	Yes
23	Armitage	Kindergarten	Yes
24	Duffy	1 st grade	Yes
25.5	Wright	Librarian	Yes

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Mathematics

Lunches

In the old school students would have lunch in their classrooms, unlike today. The lunches were similar to ours except that there was either salad or hot lunch instead of four choices like we have now. Miss Pringle would take her cart around the school delivering lunches to all of the students who ordered lunch. When thanksgiving came around the first and second graders would have a feast in the hallway and would eat along the wall.



Click on picture to go to Kent School District link.

SUDOKU

9		1						8
3		5	7	6		2		
4			5		1	6		9
	9			3			6	
	7		9				8	
	3	8		1	4		7	
7		3	1		5			6
		9		2	6			7
6								5

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small row 9-box square within a larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from one through nine. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide; complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution.

We are all unique

In our own different way.

Learning from our mistakes is what we do every day.

Dedicating ourselves to reach success.

Cooperating with each other to reach new heights.

And always trying our very best.

Telling ourselves to never give up.

Staying strong when afraid of falling.

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Blast into Math

Math seems like it has changed a lot, but it hasn't. So how has math changed in the past years?

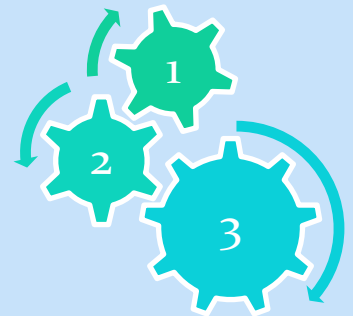
Well, nowadays certain challenging things are required to be understood at a younger age. Algebra has gone from being taught in high school to elementary school. Mrs. Clancy, who is a 6th grade teacher, believes that 6th graders are taught foundational algebra skills to help them solve more difficult algebraic equations later. Many people have mixed feelings about algebra being taught at a younger age. Mr. Craft (a volunteer) says that it would be better if children in lower grade levels mastered the fundamentals of basic math before being introduced to algebra because he believes that a lot of students aren't getting basic math to be successful in algebra. What do you think about algebra being taught at a younger age?

6th graders are required to understand word problems involving operations with fractions and decimals. However, it's also harder for some parents to understand word problems that their children are learning because they were taught more computational word problems, and now we are being taught more strategies than they were taught. Elizabeth Pauley uses word problems in her head; like when she travels she thinks, *I am leaving at 10 am Pacific time and landing in Atlanta, GA at 7 pm Eastern Time zone. How long was the airplane ride?* Then she would figure out that the trip was 6 hours long. So as you can see word problems are important to understand because it will be important in your everyday life.

Children in Elementary school do more mental math than in the past. We are taught mental math because it will be useful in

life when you won't always have a pencil and piece of paper. For example, when people are in a grocery store and have a certain amount of money they would add the price of the things they're planning on buying in their head to make sure that they have enough money. Also when you're in a restaurant and need to give the waiter a tip you would give them 15% of the total amount, and you'd do that mentally.

As you can see, math hasn't changed a lot, only its appearance and the way we are taught it. So remember to always listen to your teacher when he or she is teaching new things.



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Q&A with Mrs.Fiedorczyk

Mrs.Fiedorczyk is a second grade teacher at KE. We interviewed her and collected information on what her class is doing in math and what she enjoys about math.

1. Q: What did you used to teach in math that you don't teach as much anymore?

A: I don't teach as much with parallel lines and perpendicular lines.

2. Q: What is the hardest thing to teach in math?

A: Telling time is hardest to teach because most kids have digital clocks now.

3. Q: What do you like to teach the most in math?

A: I enjoy teaching geometry and shapes.

4. Q: What are you going to teach in the next several weeks?

A: I'll be working with creating and solving story problems.

History and Facts about Math

- Early math started with the cavemen.
- Drawings have been found that indicate early practice of geometry as well as recording of time.
- Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks, Hindu mathematicians, and Mayans had important places in study of mathematics.
- Famous Greek mathematician Euclid wrote a multi volume set called Elements.
- The geometry was named after Euclid.
- Mathematics is still being studied in various areas.
- People are still trying to figure out what the volume of pie is and the next largest prime numbers.
- The great Arab mathematician Alquizriz may introduced Hindu Arabic numbers 0-9 into North American Europe and created new procedures for computation.
- These algorithms could be written on paper and over centuries learning the algorithms became the hallmark of an education and students were taught to compute long columns of figures, borrow, carry, and do long division efficiently and reliably.
- They could now keep records of these procedures and check results.
- In math now, in order for students to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to pass algebra, it is important for them to have a solid math foundation in the early grades.

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Timeline of Math

530 BC-[Pythagoras](#)'s group discovers the irrationality of the square root of 2.

300BC-[Euclid](#) proves the infinitude of prime numbers.

200 BC-[Eratosthenes](#) finds out that the number of primes is infinite by using his sieve algorithm to isolate prime numbers.

250 BC-[Diophantus](#) uses symbols for unknown numbers in terms of the syncopated algebra.

1070-[Omar Khayyam](#) begins to classify cubic equations.

140 BC-[Hipparchus](#) develops the bases of trigonometry.

1960-[C.A.R. Hoare](#) invents the quick sort algorithm.

2000-[The Clay Mathematics Institute](#) establishes the 7 millennium prize problems of unsolved important classic mathematical questions.

2002-[The Indian Institute of technology](#), present an algorithm to determine whether a given number is prime.

Need Advice?

Are sports, school, or friends etc., stressing you out? Just write us your question on a piece of paper, without your name on it and slip it in the box outside of Mrs.Saucedo's door and your question will be answered in the next issue.

Please NO Dating Advice!!!!

Did You Know?

➤ Did you know that Benjamin Banneker (a famous mathematician) put wooden pieces together to build a clock? Also he was the first black man to publish an almanac!

➤ Did you know that people named a military computer language after Lovelace, (Lovelace is a famous mathematician)!

Did you know that the game of basketball is 90% mental?

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5th and 6th Graders on Math

Math Games and Websites

To all of those people out there who do like math, or even people who don't, there are a lot of fun and astonishingly excellent math websites and games out there at all levels, from easy to difficult. Those math websites and games can help students begin to improve in math. 5th and 6th graders that took the survey said that the 2nd place favorite math game was "Rock, Paper, Scissors" with integers. The 1st place favorite math game was "The Game Show". Most Students from 5th and 6th picked coolmath.com for their favorite math website. This may be because it has entertaining math games that are helpful and educational but fun at the same time. An unbelievable 72 students chose it as their favorite. The second favorite math website 6th grade students chose was cpm.org. This may have

been chosen because it has homework help and math information for students and parents. We wonder how many other sites are out there that we don't know about. If you know of any make sure to share it with us or a friend, there is enough cyber time to go around 😊

Ups and Downs

5th and 6th grade students have picked adding, subtracting and multiplying integers (a positive or a negative whole number) as the easiest part about math. Students picked algebra puzzles, fractions, division and also coordinate graphing as the hardest part about math. Students in 5th and 6th grade picked multiplication and algebra puzzles for the favorite part of math.

Pig race

Directions: Roll 4 dice then try to get your target numbers in a time limit. Then record your number sentence on the piece of paper

Example: If you roll a 6, 2, 3, and 1 with a target number of 37 you could do, for example, $6*2=12*3=36+1=37$. Use 2 dice for little kids and 4 for older kids.

What you need:

- 4, 6 sided dice
- A Piece of paper
- Target number
- Clock or timer



As team members of Kent Elementary we are:

Life-long learners who
Engage in education
Appreciate our differences
Respect community
Nurture our growth
Encourage our best and
Reach for goals to
Successfully prepare for our
future!

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All About Writing

From caves to skyscrapers the human society has always depended on writing. How has it depended on writing? Well, because, without writing we would still be cavemen, living in caves, eating nothing but vegetables and

meat. Do you like pizza? Well you wouldn't have it without writing. Do you like McDonalds? Well you wouldn't have it without writing. There are many things we wouldn't have without writing, like cell phones, television,

computers, video games, play stations, etc. Basically writing was, is, and will always be important to the survival of our beloved English language. Also, it is a significant way to communicate, learn, and, use your imagination

The History of Writing



Writing used to be the art of expressing language by using marks or body language. English has an alphabetic writing system based on the Roman alphabet brought to Anglo-Saxon, England in the 600's BC.

When asked how she would communicate without talking or without writing, Mrs. Clancy replied with using sign language; but, how would you be able to use sign language if no one knew

what it meant? People had to communicate to create sign language, and they had to communicate to create the alphabet to know what letters made what sound or what sign made what letter. So, did Mrs. Clancy have any struggles with writing growing up? She said she never felt like she was a good or an effective writer therefore she had to overcome her insecurity of writing so that she could become better at it.

When Mrs. Saucedo was asked the same questions she said that without writing she would use pictures, body language, and facial expressions. As far as her struggles, she said that she loved writing but was a horrible speller because she spent more time focused on what her words said rather than how they were spelled.

Literacy

Influential Writers

Research says that the top 10 female authors are:

- **J.K Rowling**
- **Jane Austen**
- **Virginia Woolf**
- **Sylvia path**
- **Val McDermid**
- **Meg Cabot**
- **Joanne Harris**
- **Marion Zimmer**
- **Gail Carson**
- **Emily Bronte**

And the top 10 male authors are:

- **Mario Vargas**
- **William Shakespeare**
- **David McCullough**
- **Derek Walcott**
- **Paulo Coelho**
- **Mark Halperin**
- **Douglas Coupland**
- **Stephan King**
- **Henry Louis**
- **Joseph Brodsky**

*1. Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear,
fuzzy wuzzy had no hair,
fuzzy wuzzy wasn't very
fuzzy was he?*

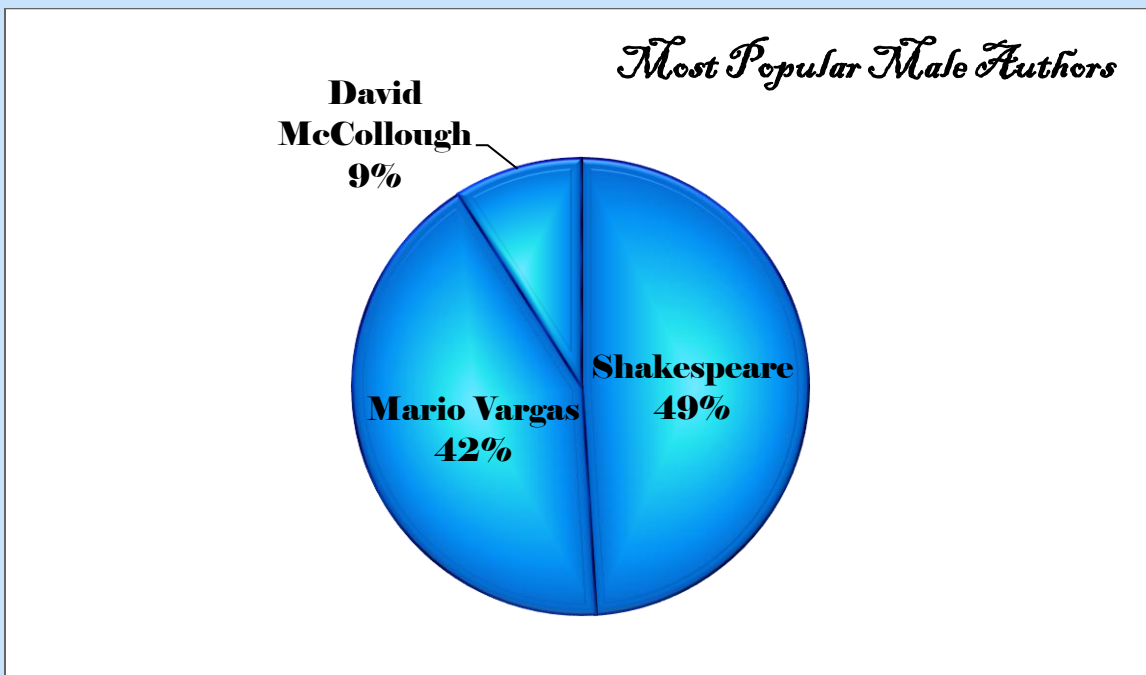
*2. How much wood would
a wood-chuck chuck if a
wood-chuck could chuck
wood a wood-chuck? A
wood-chuck would chuck
wood if a wood-chuck
could chuck wood. A
wood-chuck would chuck
a lot of wood if a wood-
chuck could chuck wood.*

*3. Sally sells sea shells
on the seashore.*

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Survey!

We surveyed 6th graders on who their favorite male author was. The following graphs are the results:



To some Shakespeare's work makes them want to sing, but to others it makes them want to fall asleep. But what if it makes you want to do both? Like my friend who wishes to remain anonymous, fell asleep after the 1st half. But she said that the 1st half was wonderful and exciting. The way she said it didn't make me want to watch a play, but to actually be in one. So did my friend hunter who said that William Shakespeare's work gave him a feeling he couldn't put in words, for it is one of the most amazing feelings. You would feel warmth but coldness at the same time. I want to know how that feels.

Literacy

The Importance of Writing

Research says that writing helps you express yourself, prepare for school and employment (both of which require a lot of it), writing is how much of the world communicates, it can be a great tool to help you know more about the way you think... writing can solidify ideas and thoughts and allow you to reflect on them better than if the ideas remained in your head. Writing is also one of the ways that we translate ourselves to other people. Some people are better at expressing themselves through writing than any other way and you thus get a better translation when you read what they have to say rather than hearing them speak. Writing assists you with other language tasks as well... Writing helps you learn how to form language, how to spell and how to put together a plot. You learn how to make a logical argument or how to persuade. Speaking can help you learn those things as well, but it's easier to self

Examine and evaluate how to improve when you have something concrete in front of you.

Mrs. Saucedo says, "Writing is very important to me because it is something I do every day. I enjoy writing things like poetry and reflections." Mrs. Clancy says, "I don't keep a journal and, I don't write for fun but I love reading other peoples writing."

William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was a terrific author, he wrote some of the best quotes ever like, "What the dickens", "Oh Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo", "To be or not to be", "All that glitters is not gold", "Nothing can come of nothing" and "OFF WITH HIS HEAD!!!!!" But let's not forget "Knock, knock, who's there?".

If you still don't believe that writing is important then here

is an example from a anonymous student. She says that writing is very important for several reasons for instance without writing it would be very hard to communicate with people who don't live near you and books wouldn't have been created. Think about it, without writing many famous authors would be jobless or homeless. Without writing we wouldn't have text books in class, now for some that would be great. But for those who love texting how would you text without letters? As a matter of fact phones probably wouldn't have been invented; we would still be drawing on cave walls and talking like monkeys or babies. I don't know about you but to me that doesn't sound very fun.

Now sit down and ask yourself... is writing important?

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Dr. Seuss and Andrew Clements

There are many authors that have put their mark in history and in the eyes of many readers. Dr. Seuss and Andrew Clements are just a few of those authors.

Dr. Seuss had many books, 44 to be exact. Some of the most popular books are, "Green Eggs and Ham" "The Sneetches" "Oh the Places You'll Go" "Fox in Sox" "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", and of course "The Cat in the Hat". But before these books could even be a realistic thought, he needed a first book, that book was a less popular book but equally important book "And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street". This book didn't just pop up out of mid air, this book went through a lot to be published. This book was rejected 27 times. They saw something in it unlike the others before Vanguard Press published it Publishers. Most of Dr. Seuss's books are based on his hometown and his childhood memories. He got a lot of inspiration from rhyming from his mother. She used to read him nursery rhymes and tell him rhymes from when she was little. Also she made some that she told him. His first book has some things in his hometown in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Seuss has made his way into numerous of his readers' hearts and favorite authors list. He made the #1 spot on our favorite author list. This is just one example of the ways that Dr. Seuss has made his way into the hearts of many of his readers.

Andrew Clements has many novels. These include "No Talking", "Report Card", "Lunch Money", "Laundry News" and much, much more. His most popular book is Frindle. There was something he had to do before writing all the great novels he had written. Andrew attended North West University. A professor who taught nearby who had saw

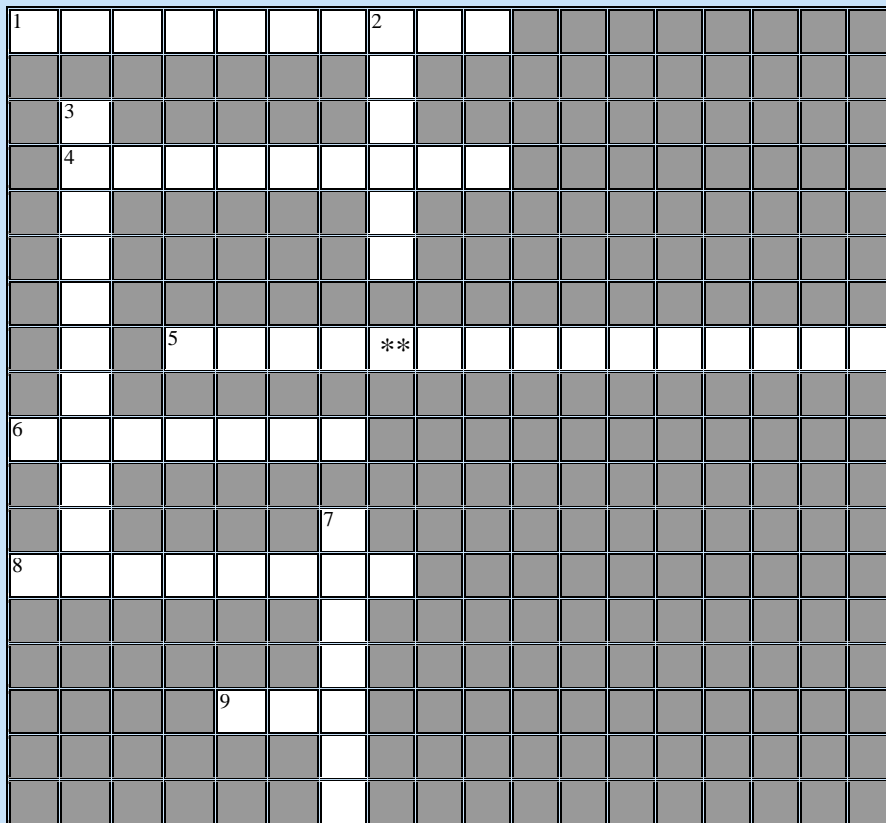
some of his writing. She invited him to teach him a creativity writing class. He then became a teacher. After that he, began to write children's books. But then he wrote Frindle, his first novel. Then, Frindle became his most famous book and it turned into a full time writer.

Dr. Seuss and Andrew Clements are just a few *amazing* authors.

In Mrs. Fugate's Class

Mrs. Fugate is introducing letters, sounds and beginning fluency and comprehension such as: picture walks, questions etc. Her class goals are to have everyone reading and comprehending on first grade reading level. Her tip for reading for the younger kids is to sound out words then read the sentence again. We asked her what she enjoys about reading. She answered "each time different adventures take you places without actually going." We also asked her what she motivates students to read. She said, "Students like to be independent like to do things on their own because friends and family can." And that is what Mrs. Fugate and her class are doing for reading.





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| <p>1. We must be _____ to everybody because they are either older or younger than us or because they are kind to us</p> <p>4. *e_u_a_i_n* fill in the blanks</p> <p>5. Our school name!</p> <p>6. Our school mascot</p> <p>8. People who teach you new things everyday in your classroom.</p> | <p>2. People who will protect you and love you more than anybody else. *starts with F and ends in Y*</p> <p>3. "Be respectful, _____, and safe, and treat others the way you want to be treated"</p> <p>7. 1 syllables and rhymes with pretends</p> <p>9. 1 syllable and rhymes with run.</p> |
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