

# The Back Page

*Kids: Invite your parents to help you do the following activities!*

## Word Power

Here are some "words of the day" that the children have learned. See if you can guess the correct meaning of the words!

If you are **CURIOUS**, are you:

- Hungry?
- Alone?
- Interested in finding out about something?

If you **PERSIST**, do you:

- Quit doing anything?
- Fall asleep?
- Keep trying?

If something **SPARKLES**, is it:

- Something without color?
- Something with a good taste?
- Something shiny?

## What's Cookin'

### Ladybugs on a Stick

**Gather together:** Red Grapes, Strawberries, Mini Chocolate Chips, Honeydew Melon

**Step 1:** For each ladybug, push half of a red grape onto a trimmed wooden skewer (for the head).

**Step 2:** Next, push on a hulled strawberry body and score the back to create "wings."

**Step 3:** For the "spots," use a toothpick to gently press mini chocolate chips, tips down, into the fruit. Arrange the skewers on a honeydew melon half.

## Word Search

A	R	E	A	D
Z	X	P	U	R
W	R	I	T	E
A	D	H	H	N
X	B	O	O	K
S	T	O	R	Y

### WORD LIST:

BOOK	WRITE	AUTHOR
READ	STORY	

## The Book Report

See if you have them at home, or if you can find them in your local library!

**Mrs. Honey's Class:** *A New House for Hermit Crab*, *The Very Grumpy Ladybug*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*: all by Eric Carle

**Miss Tina's Class:** *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, *Knuffle Bunny*, *Leonardo the Terrible Monster*, *Edwina the Dinosaur*, and *The Elephant and Piggie* books: all by Mo Willems

**Mrs. Jones' Class:** *No David*, *David Gets in Trouble*, *David Goes to School*, *Alice the Fairy*, *Duck on a Bike*, *A Bad Case of Stripes*, *The Rain Came Down*: all by David Shannon



# THE FLOWER AND THE SUN



*A Newspaper by the children of the Montessori Children's Garden Summer Writers' Workshop*

## Welcome to Our "First Edition!"

The children have been hard at work this week gathering stories and information for our first edition of our newspaper. In Mrs. Honey's class, some of the kids have written some terrific stories about hungry dinosaurs and hungry fairies, and they've sat in the "author's chair" to share their stories with their friends. "Mr. Todd helped me write a book about eyeballs and diapers," says John (Mrs. Honey's room). In Miss Tina's room, they got a new fish tank, did cave art, and talked about what a Caldecott Award was. "I think it (*Leonardo the Terrible Monster*) didn't get an award because there was too much room on the pages," said one student, talking about all the blank space that was not used in the book. In Mrs. Jones' room, the kids made fairy wands, fairy puppets, and sunglasses, and did a lot of work with the fuse beads.

We'd also like to extend a hearty and special THANK YOU to Ava Warkentin's mom and dad for their generous gift to the Montessori Children's Garden.

## Studies Show!

*Our intrepid reporters went out to get their friends' opinions on various issues.*

*Here are the results of our polls:*

### What is your favorite ice cream?

Results by Max: 16 chocolate, 6 vanilla, and 14 strawberry.

Results by Keiko: 1 chocolate, 2 vanilla, 3 strawberry, 4 mint or other ice cream.

### What is your favorite food?

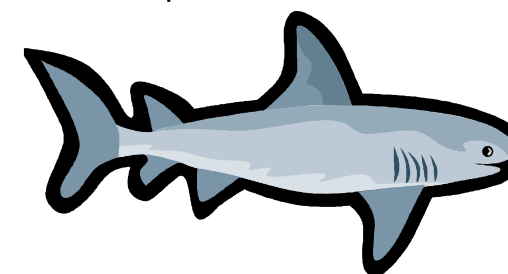
Results by Bill and Andy: 1 Chinese, 2 Japanese, 3 English, 4 Spanish

### What is your favorite David Shannon book?

Results by Jack: 13 liked *No David*, 1 liked *Alice the Fairy*, and 5 liked *A Bad Case of Stripes*.

## Shark!

By Brick Kabela

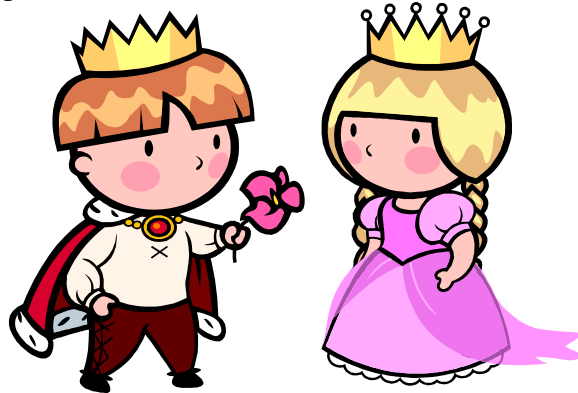


Once upon a time, there was a shark. He had friends and he liked to play games. He went to school. He was big enough. Knock, knock, the shark is green and his friends are orange. They all played tag and ran around the track.

## *The Princess and the Fairy*

By Sophie Medin

One sunny day, the princess went to the pool. Once there was a prince that came to the pool, too. They swam together. And then the princess drowned and the prince helped save her. Then they both went home together. And then the fairy flew over the pool, and the prince and the princess asked, "Who's that fairy?" The fairy came down in to the pool with her swimsuit on. And then the fairy said "Hi," to everyone at the pool.



## *Me and My Dad*

By Izzy Dykstra

We were just driving to school and then our car started to run out of condition. We had to go to Steve's and get Lola. Lola is a gold truck. It's kind of a van and a truck. My dad had to get Lola fixed because after it rains a lot and the windshield wipers are used a lot it makes a sound like a bell "ding, ding, ding." Donnie's car is a blue car. It has air like a plane it has a cool spot for a car seat we made for dolls.

## *Daddy*

By Nate Kincade

We take a nap. Then we play. Then my Mom picks me up. We go potty and there's the wind blowing at my Mommy's door and my Daddy's door. Then I go to come home.

## *Batman*

By Carly Ephraim

I like Batman. He likes to pop his wings up. He has to push to pop it out. And then he moves his hand around. He can push on his belly to push his wings out. Batman flies.

## *A Boat*

By Logan Pentecost

Me and Daddy skied together. I was on this side, he was on this. Mason told Mommy whoever felled and nobody fell. We skied in the boat water. The boat was bigger than me when I was skiing. There are some sharp things in back of it and it turns. It's a spinner, and it makes the boat go. If you jump in the sharp thing you can hurt your foot. And after that Mommy was pulling a rope and she was pulling me in. And then Daddy because he was too big. Daddy kicked his legs and then he climbed up the ladder with his skis.

## *A Fish Named Strip*

By Nolan Ketelsen

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Nolan that had a sister. Her name was Alice the Stripes. She had a goldfish that was named Stripes. He was a super fish that had a black. He had some friends. His friends were rainbow fish. They liked to swim. They liked to play games. When it turned night, and they woke up in the morning, they saw a trampoline on their fourth bunk bed.



## *An Interview with Miss Blair*

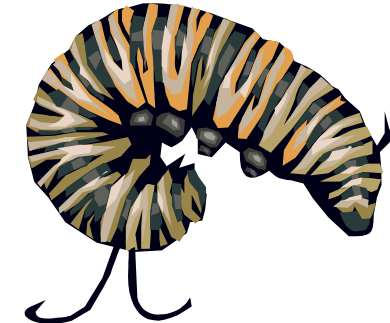
By Poseybelle Stoeffler

**What is your name?** Miss Blair  
**How old are you?** 23  
**Where do you live?** Mount Vernon  
**What's your favorite color?** Red  
**What's your favorite animal?** Cats  
**What's your favorite kind of flower?** Tulips  
**What's your favorite person on SpongeBob?** Patrick

## *A Caterpillar and a Butterfly*

By Fischer Dykstra

Once upon a time, there was a butterfly and a caterpillar. The caterpillar ate one leaf and turned into a butterfly. Then he went to bed in an egg. There was a little boy and then he saw a trampoline on the ground. They got up and told their mom. They saw the caterpillar turned into a butterfly. They decided to plant something. This side was for the butterfly. This side was for the boy. They painted two butterflies and cut them out and gave them to the butterflies. There was a marker and it drew by itself.



## *An Interview with Miss Rochelle*

By Lucy Benedek

**Who are you?** Miss Rochelle  
**What do you do?** Teacher, Social Worker, Graduate Student  
**Do you have pets?** 3 cats  
**Where do you live?** By the lake.  
**What is your favorite color?** Purple  
**What is your favorite food?** Corn