

# The Eagle's Nest



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*Miss Heather's K/1 students were asked to write directions for how to decorate for the Holidays.*

**Cooper:** First, set up the tree and put up Christmas lights. Next, make snowman and Christmas tree cookies. Then, go down to the high school field to sled. Last, decorate outside.

**Elia:** First, get your tree from Menards. Next, decorate it with ornaments. Then, put the star on. Last, put lights on.

**Lila:** First, you get your tree from a place that has lots of trees. Next, put it in the house. Then, decorate with snowflakes and lights. Last, put bulbs on the tree.



**Alexis:** First, put the Christmas tree in the living room. Next, put the lights on the tree. Then, put the ornaments on. Last, put on the star.

**Natalya:** First, put up the Christmas tree in the living room. Next, bend the branches. Then, put on the lights. Last, put on the ornaments and put the star on top.

**Carson:** First, you cut down the Christmas tree. Next, put on the ornaments. Then, put the star on. Last, open presents.

**Nealie:** First, you take the Christmas tree out of the box. Next, you put the Christmas tree up. Then, you buy Christmas ornaments at the store. (I don't know where I bought my Christmas tree.) Last, you put the Christmas ornaments on the tree.

**Jaxson:** First, you buy the tree at the place by the Mexican restaurant in Faribault. Next, you set it up. Then, you put the lights on. Last, you put the star on.

**Collin:** First, we put up the tree. Next, you put the lights on. Then, you put the ornaments on it. Last, I go to school until Christmas is here.

**Shawn:** First, you buy a Christmas tree somewhere outside. Next, you put it up in the living room. Then, hang decorations on it. Last, put the star on.

**Amelia:** First, you put your Christmas tree in the living room. Next, you put the lights on. Then, you put the ornaments on. Last, you put the star on the top.

**Braxton:** First, set up the Christmas tree. Next, set up the lights. Then, decorate it with Christmas lights. Last, plug it in.



**Daphne:** First, you bring the tree in the porch. Next, you put the lights on. Then, you put the ornaments on. Last, you put the star on.



**Bella:** First, set your tree up. Next, put Christmas lights up. Then, ornaments go up. Last, put the star up.

**Lynus:** First, you put the tree up. Next, put lights on it. Then, put the ornaments on. Last, put up the star.

**Ava H.:** First, I put lights on my Christmas tree. Next, I put ornaments on my Christmas tree. Last, I put up my copper on the Christmas tree.

**Myra:** First, buy it at the place that is half in the ground and half out. Next, mom puts on the lights. Then, I put the star on the top of my Christmas tree. Last, we put the angel on.

**Nate:** First, you put the tree up in the living room. Next, you put the lights up. Then, you put the ornaments up. Last, you put the lights up outside.

**Tristan:** First, you put the tree upstairs. Next, you put the Christmas lights up. Then, you put the ornaments on the tree. Last, you put the star or an angel on the tree.

**Anika:** First, you the tree up by getting it in the house. Next, you put the lights on it. Then, you put the ornaments on it. Last, you put on the star.



**Logan P.:** First, we shop for anything to put on the tree. Next, hang them up. Then, put some more on. Last, you look at it in the dark to see it glow.

**Kate:** First, I put my tree up. Next, I put my lights on. Then, I put on my ornaments. Last, I put on my angel.

**Jacob:** First, I buy the Christmas tree. Next, we put up the lights. Then, we put up the ornaments. Last, I put the star on and an angel on the tree.

**Ava S.:** First, I get a Christmas tree. Next, decorate it with ornaments. Then, usually you water the Christmas tree. Last, put the star on top.

## HOW TO MAKE THE GRINCH SMILE

By Paula's K/1 Students

By Aneliese

To make the Grinch smile I would give him two presents. One a cake.

Olivia

To make the Grinch Smile I would show the Grinch how Christmas is a special day. I would tell him that you can be with your friends and family.

Eli

To make the Grinch smile I would give him a basket of cookies.



Kaylie

To make the Grinch smile I would make my funny voices and funny faces.

Nick

To make the Grinch smile I would give the Grinch a present.

Abby

To make the Grinch smile I would give him a new toy robot.

Dominic

To make the Grinch smile I would make him go to Nerstrand Elementary. The kids would greet him one after one.

Madalyn

To make the Grinch smile I would give him a Panda. I would also give him a monkey and a cat.

Kizzy

To make the Grinch smile I would give him lots of presents filled with surprises.

### **THE DUST BOWL**

By Ava, gr. 5



You are looking around and it seems like endless dust. You also see a few farms but no crops. There are barely any clouds in the sky. It's not the desert, it's Kansas. You are there during the Dust Bowl. The dusty places weren't dusty at first. Actually, they were green and great for growing crops. Many people wanted to move there. But sadly, after many people moved to those nice green places, they mysteriously turned dusty. Those places were Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arkansas. The Dust Bowl was during the Great Depression. Often during the Dust Bowl, big, black dust storms came through the fields. Dust storms are storms made entirely out of dust. Sometimes the dust storms were so dark, you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. Sometimes people hung wet cloths over their doors and windows to try to keep the dust out. It never worked.

The dust was very unhealthy. If you got too much in your lungs, you could get very sick. Sometimes in dust storms, dust could pile up to a foot high! People moved to the places such as Arkansas during the Great Depression because they weren't dusty at first. Those people had been hit the hardest by the Great Depression and thought they could make a living growing crops. When the Dust Bowl began, though, they still thought they could grow their crops. But no matter how hard they tried, their crops would always either wither up in the hot, harsh sun or they would just not grow. After a few years, most of the people left for California, where it was green and there were jobs for them. But the few people who were left persevered and kept going, for they knew it would soon be over. And finally, a few more years later, it was over. They finally had plenty of rain. I would not like to live in those places during the Dust Bowl. We are lucky those places aren't as dusty as they were back then.

### **CHRISTMAS SIMILIES**

By Sarah's Class



Bella, gr. 3

A Christmas tree is as bright as a shooting star.  
Santa is as jolly as a kid with a present.  
On Christmas day I am as pretty as a house with lots of Christmas lights.

Emma, gr.3

A Christmas tree is as beautiful as a dove.  
The bells sounded like a ringing violin note.  
On Christmas day I am as happy as a new bouncy trampoline.  
The ice crystals were as see through as crystal clear water.  
The pine tree with snow on it was as beautiful as a cardinal eating berries on a snowy branch.



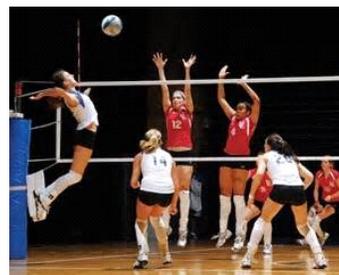


**BMX**  
Caydon B, gr. 5

There are different kinds of gear like the helmet and gear pants and shirts but to go on the track you must have long sleeves and pants on. But if you wear short sleeves or shorts you must wear elbow and knee pads. Bmx is a fun sport especially when you make it fun for yourself. In BMX anyone can join no matter what age. There are different groups separated by age and by what place you're at like novice which is a beginner, intermediate and expert. You can join different teams but the owner of the team can ask you at any time. You don't know when but you could be on a team. If you join when you race focus on other people but don't focus on them too much because then you won't be focused on the race. You could crash if you don't pay attention to the race and the people around you. When you race if you win or lose make sure you have good sportsmanship or you're not a sore loser. When you are racing there are these things called mottos. They are the things that show you when you race and what people you are racing. When you join you might want to get a bike once you first join though you might want to use your street bike first because that's the bike you're used to but after a little bit you might want to get a lighter bike. If you get a lighter bike you could ride a lot better but you might want to practice on it before you use it in a race so you know what it feels like to ride it.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
By Darla G, gr. 4

Today I will be talking to you about volleyball and all the things you do like bump, tip, over hand serve plus a spike. First I'll tell and show you how to do it. A bump is where you make a fist with your weaker hand and put the other hand around it. Once you have your hands like I said DO NOT cross your thumb because if you do and bump the ball with your thumbs crossed you could break your thumbs. So what you want to do is put your thumbs side by side. A tip is where the ball rolls over the net. You can jump if needed then you barley touch the ball with you fingers. Then it rolls back over the net. You could get a point if the other team misses the ball. Over hand serving can be difficult if it's your first time. Hold the ball in your opposite hand you write with. Put it out. With our other hand you have to put it by your ear. Then throw the ball up not very high. Then when you throw it you will swing throw and hit the ball over the net behind the serving line. One last thing is a spike. Do your approach left, right left jump spike the ball over the net. You call 999, 222 or 555 when you do your approach. Volleyball can be dangerous because you can get injured sometimes. I hope you enjoy playing volleyball. It's a fun sport.



## **ANIMALS**

By Grayson C, gr. 4

Most people don't know that a peregrine falcon dives at a speed of 275 mph. Animals are interesting and there are many different kinds of animals. Reptiles are interesting animals. Unlike mammals reptiles do not have fur, they have scales. Reptiles can survive without large amounts of food and water. Reptiles are cold-blooded: Meaning that they need to sun bath to heat their core temperature. Amphibians are interesting and unique because they can breathe through their skin. One of the types is a frog that has bright colors as a defense mechanism. Some frogs can be frozen and will still survive. They are one of the only animals that live pretty much everywhere. There are many interesting facts about mammals. They are warm blooded: which means they produce their own heat and have a core temperature. Mammals give birth to their young. Mammals will have hair or fur. Animals are interesting and they're everywhere. You just need to know which kinds of animals live where.

## **CHRISTMAS SIMILIES**

Lottie, gr. 2

Santa is as sweet as a lollipop.  
The present was as good as ice cream on a hot day.  
The present was like a sparkly beautiful crown fit for a king.  
My family loves me like a leprechaun loves his gold.

Ethan, gr. 3



A Christmas tree is as prickly as a porcupine.  
The bells sounded like little drops of rain falling on your window.  
Santa is as sneaky as a robber.

## **HOCKEY**

By Jaimi T, gr. 4

When I play hockey I use good sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is when even if you lose you say good game or good job or something. My team might not use good sportsmanship. They might not be nice to the other team. That can make people feel bad. That is why it is important to use good sportsmanship. Hockey is something that is kind of hard. You can't give up though. If you give up, that might make you lose. You can't score any goals if you don't try. If you don't score any goals, your team will be unhappy. You don't want that do you? No, you don't want that. If your team is sad, you will probably be sad too. You will be hot when you get done unless, you don't try hard. You have to wear a lot of pads so you don't get hurt. Hockey is a fun sport to play. You should try hard when you play hockey. Because like I said before, you cannot give up. If you win you should be nice like say "keep trying" or "good job". Nice things like that. So let's review: use good sportsmanship, be nice when you score goals, remember not to brag, and try your best. Oh, and the most important thing is to have fun. Because if you don't have fun, you won't want to play anymore. Well I think the time's up. There is a lot more to learn about hockey, such as the positions, and stuff like that. But I am not the only one in the world that can tell you about hockey so, maybe you could go ask someone else if they will tell you about hockey. After that you could get out there on the ice and try hockey. I hope you liked learning about hockey.

## **MORE CHRISTMAS SIMILIES**

By Sarah's Class

Amelia, gr. 3

The bells sounded like coins jingling together.

On Christmas day I am as crazy as a wild horse.

The candy cane was as sticky as two bottles of glue.

Will, gr. 2

Santa is as fat as a 1,000,000 page book.

On Christmas day I am as happy as a king with a castle full of gold.

The present was as red as a red shiny apple.

Austen, gr. 3

A Christmas tree is as green as Yoda.

On Christmas day I am as happy as a jumping June bug.

Rudolph's nose is as bright as the light bulbs from a lighthouse.

Olivia, gr. 3

The Christmas lights are as bright as Rudolph's nose.

The bells sound like people singing a carol song.

On Christmas day I am as happy as a princess who had a famous prince kiss her.

The candy cane was as sticky as glue.

Asia

On Christmas day I am as excited as a dog getting a chew toy.

The Christmas cookies smell as sweet as bright yellow frosting.

The snow is as white as a panda's face.

Lauren, gr. 2

I'm as cold as Olaf the snowman.

A Christmas tree is as sparkly as a crown.



Kelin, gr. 2

On Christmas day I am as happy as a fish in the ocean.

Rudolph's nose was red as a cherry.

Santa is as fat as a warthog.

Mara, gr. 2

The bells sounded like water splashing in the sea.

On Christmas day I am as happy as a dolphin.

The reindeer was as fun as a bird in the sky.

Aubrey, gr. 2

The bells sounded like a bird singing.

On Christmas day I am as happy as a jolly elf.

The snow is as white as the sky when it is foggy.

The Christmas ornaments are as shiny as the sun.



## **MY CHRISTMAS BREAK**

By Hannah M., gr. 2

On Christmas Eve I went to my grandma's house. I also went to Iowa and went to my uncle's house. I went to the Miller's and watched t.v. on New Year's Eve. I had Christmas food and opened presents at my grandma's house. I played with my baby cousin and I played outside.



### MY WINTER BREAK

By Nora, gr. 2

On my winter break I did many things. On Christmas Eve Santa came to our house. On Christmas Day Mom, Dad, Ava and I opened presents. The next day we watched the movie ET. Then on New Year's Eve we went to my uncle's house and stayed up until midnight. Two days later we went to the Science Museum. We saw the old toys and all the old stuff. I hope you had a good winter break. Mine was very busy.

### MY WINTER BREAK

By Damian, gr. 2



Boy did I have a great winter break! On Christmas I opened presents. I got a tablet and some pokemon cards. I played on my tablet because I had Minecraft, Clash of Clan's and Dragon Vale on it. Six days later my big brother, little brother, my dad and me watched Transformers.

### MY WINTER BREAK

By Dexter, gr. 3

On my winter break I went swimming in a hotel with my family in LaCrosse. My dad and I went to a movie. On Christmas morning my sister and I got up at 6:30 a.m. and opened presents.

### MY WINTER BREAK

By Malachi, gr. 3



My family and I had Christmas at my house. I got lots of presents. I got a Nerf Gun, some art stuff, and...a SNOW BOARD!!!!!!There were eleven people there. I played a lot of video games. It was so fun! On New Year's Eve we went to a party. I played bingo and won four Goosebumps books.

### MY WINTER BREAK

By Emma, gr. 3

On winter break I did a lot of things. First we have a Christmas Breakfast. We bake up pancakes and bacon. After that we opened presents in the morning. I got an American Girl Doll. It was Isabelle and she is a dancer. Then we had lunch; meatball, lefsa, buns and beans. Then we had presents and I got a Bake Shop like a little stand. Then we had dinner.

### SHARK HUNTING

By Noah, gr. 5

If you want to be a shark hunter you will have to have bravery, toughness, and guts. Being a shark hunter takes a lot of courage because a shark will bonk you about and drop you into the water to eat you alive. Did you know a killer whale is technically a shark? Did you know the only reason for sharks to attack is because they think everything is a seal or an angered seal. You are going to need the proper equipment to track down a shark. You are going to need a battery powered TV and some weapons. Did you know you can catch sharks on your boat?



## **BALLET DANCING**

By Paige K. gr. 5

This will be about learning dancing techniques. Before you join dance you might want to know a few tips first. There are lots of types of dancing. There is jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, and high kick. They are all very different because ballet is a slower dance. But right now I'm going to tell you about ballet. There are lots of different moves in ballet like, spins, jumps, leaps, and more. They are all very similar moves. All different dances require different paced music. Like most of the other types require faster music, but ballet requires slower soft music. I think that if you like dance you should join dance. You don't have to do ballet; you can do many other types too. Because you know a few tips, now you can go outside and do some moves and join dance if you want to!



## **CAT NOISES**

By Zach H., gr. 4

Purring is a rumbling sound cats can make deep in their throats. It's their way of saying we're happy and calm. Why shouldn't they be? Their loved, well cared for and fed. So all they have to do is sit back and purr. Petting them is a good way to get them to purr. When cats start purring they might lick you a few times. Cats make a great pet! Cats meow because they have a lot to say. They might meow if they want something or are hungry and thirsty. Cats hiss when they are uncomfortable or scared. Sometimes cats say no, no, no and then hiss when they are scared! Cats make different noises depending on how they feel.

## Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 16th No School

Monday, Jan. 19th No School– Teacher work day

Wednesday, Jan. 21st F.H.S Play in a.m

Friday, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00p.m.PTO

Carnival “Winter Wonderland”

Monday, Feb. 2nd After School Auditions for Peter Pan-Prairie Fire Theatre

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd After School Rehearsals for Peter Pan

Wednesday, Feb. 4th After School

Rehearsals for Peter Pat

Thursday, Feb. 5th After School Rehearsals for Peter Pan

Friday, Feb. 6th 7:00 p.m. Peter Pan

performance

Saturday, Feb. 7th 1:00 p.m. Peter Pan

performance

Friday, Feb. 13th No School-Teacher Comp

Day