



# H.I.T Squad Happenings

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## Fall HEY Classes.

**By: Jessica Gladis and Kirsten Stephens**

Welcome to Fall HEY classes. You'll have an experience of a lifetime here! First, there are many HEY classes to choose from. The school sends home notes and signup sheets about HEY classes that people can signup for. Second, it's more than learning, its fun!

Some of the classes that you can take are "Cooking for Kids", "Theater Club", "and Make Your Own Jewelry" and "Fun with Origami". "Cooking for Kids" is a class for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Mrs. Hillman will teach this class how to create delicious treats by reading and following recipes. To be extra safe, all the treats will be made without using an oven. Every student that participates in this class will be taking home their own cookbook.

In "Theater Club" Mr. Perry will teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders about acting by reading plays aloud with their classmates and studying the history of theater. This is a great experience for the kids to become great performers. Students will learn more about theater so that they can use it in their lives.

"Fun with Origami", which is taught by Mr. Perry, is a challenging class that teaches young students how to make beautiful masterpieces made out of paper. Because this class is difficult, it is designed for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Kids will love this class, passing an amazing Japanese tradition on to America.

## Rebecca Caudill

**By Fahim Mahmood**

Rebecca Caudill is a well known author, and many students from all different schools are reading some of her books for a prize. In Homestead school if you read enough of her books, you can get a ticket to go to Great

America. This challenge is for anyone. You've probably heard some of her books like Home of the brave, Crossing the wire, And a Crooked kind of perfect. These books are sold or checked out before you can say got it.

Some books are meant to trick you like shooting the moon, in it you don't shoot the moon. Some of her books are mystery like Jeramy Fink and The meaning of life. In this book the character can't find the key to a special box. If you like ghost stories try All the Lovely Bad Ones by Mary Downing Hahn. If you like action try crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs.

Those are just some of the books she wrote there're plenty more where those came from. You might find some at your library. Maybe if you are lucky you might find them at a book fair. If you like her books take the challenge.

## Kindergarten Buddies

**By Ryan MacNicol**

Homestead has a wonderful program that encourages reading. The program is called "Kindergarten Buddies" and it involves the third graders taking time to read with the Kindergarten students.

The third grade and Kindergarten teachers work together to arrange times and partners for their students to read together during school hours. Each third grade student works with the same Kindergarten child every Friday for 30 minutes. The program helps the third graders because they spend time reading out loud and asking the younger children questions about the story they just read. The Kindergarten children enjoy having someone read to them and it improves their listening skills and their understanding of the stories.

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## **Mr. O'Connell's Halloween Party By Valentina Tabares**

Mr. O'Connell's class had a Halloween party, in October 29, 2009. First, we got to our classroom and they we're a few snacks in our kidney table. They we're four parents came to help for the Halloween party. Then the party started.

Mr. O'Connell said that the table that was quieter will get a plate and get to pick candy, like candy corn, and Chocolate candy's, and even more things. The Bears got to go first then the Cubs went next, then The White Sox went next, Bulls went last. We all enjoyed our snacks. After that, it was game time! The four moms's had some bandanas to cover up our head because the game was to.....CREATE A MONSTER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Later on a "scientist" came to our classroom and read a paper to let us know what we had to do. My class was all chatty so the "scientist" had to stop like four or five times. So Mr. O'Connell said "the next time we get chatty we have to let the scientist know that he had to go and, go to another class and we had to do work. "AHHHHH" we said so we all agreed with Mr. O'Connell. The "scientist" said "that we had to touch other things like monster eye's the monster's heart and A LOT of other things. By the way they felt really smooth and wobbly.

## **Super Specials!**

By: Morgan Boardwine, Mackenzie Mollohan, and Alyssa Filicichia.

Do you ever get tired of hard school work? Do you ever feel like you need a break? Well at homestead we have 2 fun things that don't involve much brainwork. If you want to know what these 2 things are you'll have to read our story. We know you'll love the 2 things we're talking about.

The 1<sup>st</sup> super special we are going to talk to you about is P.E. If you love to do fitness stuff and exercise you'll love P.E. Mrs.

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Butcher is the P.E. teacher. Here is a little bit about her. She wanted to become a P.E. teacher because she wanted to help kids improve their skills and to make them become healthy and fit when they grow up. She loves to teach basketball. She also taught Glen Ellyn school and Lisle school. She was in cross country from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to high school, track from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to collage, and basketball from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. She really enjoys basketball. She also likes team sports.

The second super special is art. If you love to draw or paint you should probably check out art. Mr.Keuker is the schools art teacher. He teaches you how to make lots of cool paintings that turn out great. Here is more about Mr.Keuker. He wanted to be an art teacher because he enjoys art and loves working with kids. His favorite artist is Mark Rothko. His favorite painting is Starry Night by Vincent Van Gough. He loves any texture that is smooth and also likes line patterns! His favorite color is blue. He loves all kinds of art! His favorite shape is a circle.

Which special do you like the best? Why do you like it? Well we just told you 2 super specials so you should know. If you want to find out more about these super specials see Mrs. Butcher in the gym and Mr.Keuker in the art room. These awesome teachers can only be found at Homestead.