

Kaleidoscope

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Sun-kissed Poppies By Varsha Premnath | Grade 3

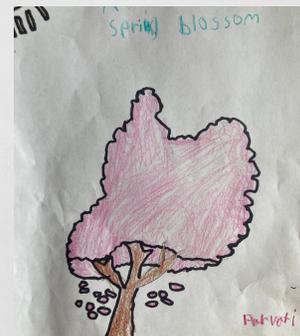
Foreward

Presenting the second issue of Kaleidoscope-the hub of our young ICA-ites! This issue has much to share-the first Kaleidoscope activity, exciting ICA news and events along with a plethora of creativity of our young friends! This initiative cannot be a success without the encouragement of parents. Humbly request your continued enthusiasm and support.

Please feel free to share your comments and suggestions at contactus@icaiowa.org.

Look forward to a fun journey together!

ICA Committee



Artwork By Parvati Ajay | Grade 2

What just happened?? ...short stories

A trip to outer space!

What just happened? Where am I? I am in outer space floating around (my rocket parked on the moon), when I saw something cute! "Hey wait!" I called out. I paddled through the air, and when I finally caught up, I saw it was a BABY UNICORN! The baby unicorn said, 'Hi! My name is Uni. I am lost, will you help me find my home?' I said, 'Hi Uni, my name is India and sure I'd love to help.

We did not go to the sun; it was way too hot! So, we started at Mercury. Uni landed on the hot side and I on the cold. We screamed and leaped off. Then came Venus. We floated around in circles; this one burnt our feet/hooves! We saw the Earth next, and felt happy seeing fruit trees, lush green rainforests and even MY HOME! "IT'S PERFECT!", Uni said and shyly asked 'Can I please live with you? I smiled and said 'Of course!' and we headed home.

Parvati Ajay | Grade 2

Meowww!

What just happened? I woke up one day and my mom told me we were getting a new kitten for my tenth birthday. I was so excited and I was jumping around the house screaming CAT, CAT, CAT! I could already imagine the moments I'd have with her. We got her in two days, she was only 8 weeks old and I named her Marshie! Marshie is a ragdoll cat, which are known for how cuddly and affectionate they are. When we hold her she lets us pet her, like a ragdoll.



She had all white fur with little to no pigmentation when we got her. Now, she has some darker pigmentation on her face, tail, and her back. She loves to explore new things around the house and will play with anything she finds. Marshie's favorite spot is hiding behind the curtains on the windowsill or resting on the dining table. She also likes to lay down on top of the couch so she can observe everything going on. When I'm sleeping, she comes up onto my pillow and sleeps there leaving no room for me! She also likes to go on a pursuit every time she gets into the garage.

She is very social and always greets new guests. She is always around us and if not, she's doing her business. One time she needed people so much that she busted into my bathroom and sat on the toilet while I was showering. When she hears the garage door opening, she runs to the front door to give us bunts.

Last of all, when I'm eating she's always trying to eat my food with me! Despite all these, she is the perfect sweet cat and the best companion.

Nikhil Sirigireddy | Grade 4

Local Diaries

Lockwood Cafe

Lockwood Cafe is a local cafe in Ames which I rate 4.5 stars. The building itself looks so notable that there is no way that you would think of it as a cafe since it's in a repurposed grain elevator. One of the things I like about this cafe is the seating, it has both indoor and outdoor seating. The table, chairs, and sofas are a vintage style which makes it unique from other cafes.

The landscapes around the Cafe and how they decorated it inside give it a cozy and homey ambiance. The menu is really simple and they serve food that is not only American but is a mix of Asian and European food. The main menu items are coffee and crepes. The crepes are very gourmet and delectable, when you eat them you'll taste richness and lots of flavor.

While you're waiting for your order there is a retro-style typewriter where you can pass time by writing suggestions for the restaurant. Once you get your food, there is a nice view from the window for you to look out of or you can enjoy the artwork on the walls. I wish parking was easier but otherwise, I always have a pleasant experience at Lockwood Cafe and hope you will too.

Savi Sirigireddy | Grade 6



The woods by Mihika Banerjee | Grade 2

Travelogue

A trip to Washington D.C

Last fall, for Thanksgiving I and my family went to my cousin's place in Virginia. During our visit, we also went to the city of Washington, D.C, our nation's capital. D.C. was nothing like Ames, there are way more people from all over the world, as many as 6.8 million live there.

Check out all the places I visited!

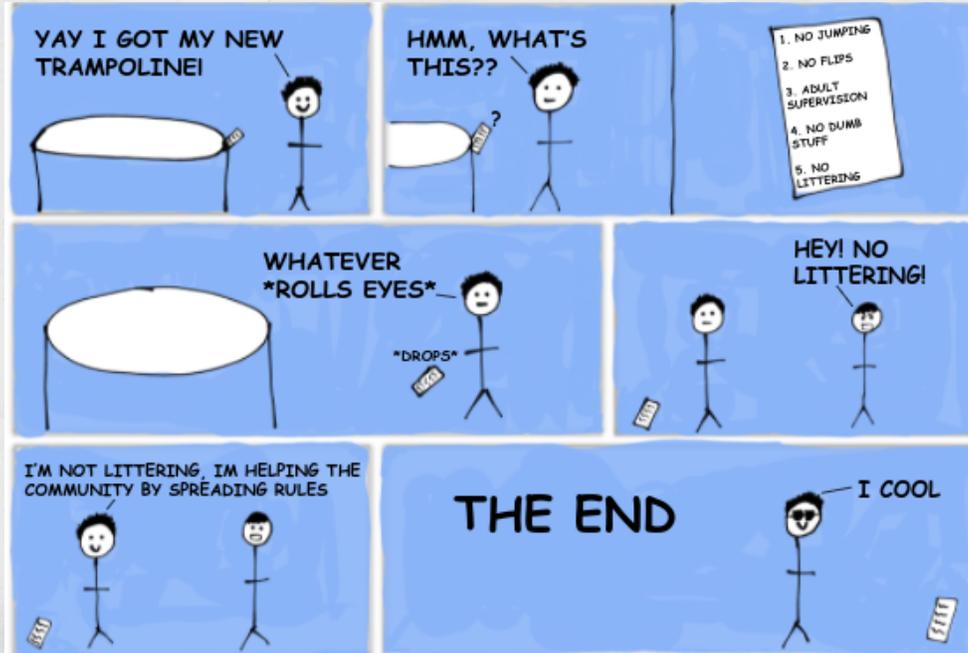
1. The White House: You all know this one, it is the house of all our Presidents except our first one.
2. Capitol building: I learned that this is the meeting place of all lawmakers of our country
3. Washington Monument: A obelisk (you say it like AH-buh-lisk) shaped structure made in honor of our first president, George Washington
4. Air and Space Museum: Here, we got to see the Discovery space shuttle which flew into space 39 times. WOW, that's a lot!
5. National Museum of Natural History: One of the 16 museums of the Smithsonian Institution, this place had amazing exhibits of dinosaurs and other animals.
6. Lincoln Memorial: We got to see a very cool statue made from the marble of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln

I can't wait to go to D.C again!



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Nikhil Sirigreddy | Grade 4



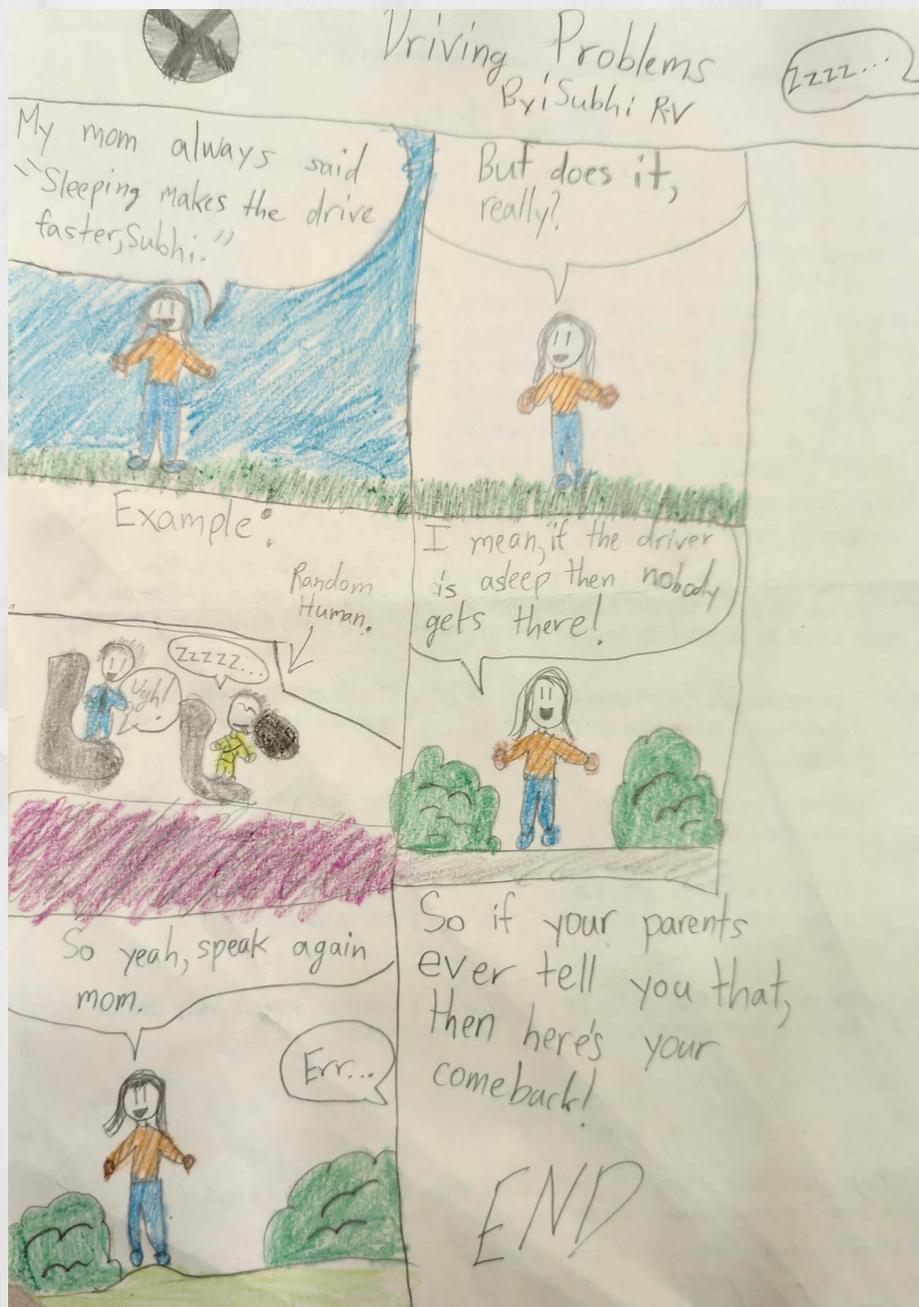
Brilliant Butterfly By Anish Premnath | Grade 6



The red fox by Mihika Banerjee | Grade 2

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ICA Updates

Family Nite

A successful family nite with a cook-off for adults and youth and a fun dumb charades!



Talent Nite

ICA talent night was a night to remember. It was a celebration with singing, dancing, food, fun and socialization. Many people came to showcase their talents with dances like Sia's rockstars and solo performances. The youngsters danced to upbeat songs to shaadi squad, a large dance with kids of all ages to visco kids, a group dance with kids from 8 to 12 years of age. I also participated in a dance. It was upbeat and energetic but we had to practice once or twice a week for 2 months. In the week before all of the acts had a stage practice which went smoothly then that brought us to talent nite but dont think its all about dancing. The instruments were plentiful with instruments like the guitar, violin, viola, grand piano, cello and even the ukulele. There were also singers with varying ages.

The grand finale was a fashion show with people of all ages showcasing different places in India from Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat to Tamilnadu. The grand finale showcased their day to day outfits with style.

With all the fun, socialization and talent, ICA talent nite was an event not to miss

-Arya Sharma | Grade 5



ICA Updates

Acting Workshop by Robbyn Anand

1st Kaleidoscope event

A fun workshop to chisel out the inner actor was held at the Ames Public Library led by Robbyn Anand. It was well attended by both parents and kids who participated in various exercises to explore the world of emotions. We hope there will be many more in this workshop series for our community to enjoy!



Upcoming Events

- Chai Tunes - May 8, 2022
- Bharatnatyam Recital - May 15, 2022
- Kaleidoscope Event#2 - A day in the life of a horticulturist - May 21, 2022
- Mind Reader - June 18, 2022
- Musical Concert by Misha - August 13, 2022

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