

ZOOPERIOR NEWS

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Superior Stats

Our students read
200,674
minutes during
Read-A-Thon!

That's more than....

- 3,344 Hours
- 139 Days
- 19 Weeks

**Our students
raised over
\$7,000**

*The first grade
classes read more than
476 hours!*

First Grade Art Stars:

1. Kristen Sheng
2. Annika Holecek
3. Luke Tobin

First Grade Writing Stars:

1. Deepa Sunkad
2. Divya Sunkad
3. McKenna Selby

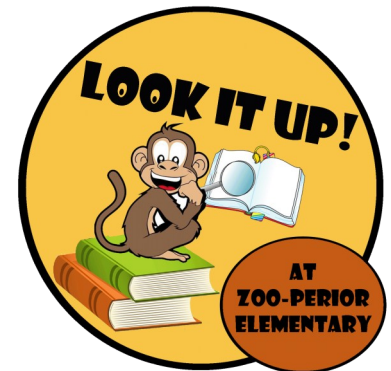
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Appu's Biggest Adventure ♦ By Deepa Sunkad

Once upon a time there was a baby elephant called Appu. Appu lived in the Bangalore zoo with his family. On my trip to India we went to the zoo with my cousins. Appu was such a cool baby elephant we all loved him right away. We really wanted to bring him to Superior to share with my friends and teachers. Appu had a hard time leaving his mom and dad behind. So me and my sister told him about the wonderful friends and teachers he could have in Superior. He loved the idea of playing in the snow and going ice skating with us in the winter. Riding our bicycles playing in the park and doing cartwheels and eating ice cream cones in the summer. In the spring we would go on egg hunts dressed up in pretty dresses. In the fall we could jump on the crunchy leaves and dress up for Halloween. Then Appu's mom and dad reminded him of his cousin Molly in the Denver Zoo. Me and my sister begged Appu to come over to be a part of our 100th day of school celebration. Appu finally said yes. We were so happy we had a little dance in the zoo. We helped Appu pack his bags for the long, long journey to Denver. Appu gave his family a BIG hug and said goodbye. Appu did really good on the plane. He ate lot of food and had many drinks. The air hostess was tired of bringing food and drinks to Appu. In the Frankfort airport all the kids wanted to play with Appu. Finally we got on the plane to Denver. Appu loved watching movies on the plane. We landed in Denver in the evening. Appu gave us a ride to our home in Superior. We were so tired and happy to be home. We all ate dinner and went to bed. The next day Appu me and my sister were all set to go to school. Appu was a little scared to meet all my friends at Superior Elementary. Appu wanted to walk to school and play in the snow. My sister and I got a nice ride to our school. On our way the kids were surprised to see Appu. They wanted to ride on Appu. Once we reached school I took Appu to the principal's office. Mrs. Hausermann was excited to have Appu in school. She asked Appu to be on morning announcements. Appu told all the children he would visit them in class and celebrate 100th day of school. Appu announced mac and cheese for lunch. The children cheered. Appu went to Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. L'Orange, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Huffman's class. Mrs. Huffmans asked Appu to do the calendar and talk about his family and trip from India. Appu told all about it but it made him a little sad as he remembered his family. It was time for the 100th day celebration. Appu and the kids started counting to 100 and then we put on our party hats and made silly noises then it was time to eat the big cake with 100 candles on them. Appu loved eating the cake with all the kids. Now it was time to say goodbye to Mrs. Huffman and the first grade class. Appu had a nice time in school. Appu spent the rest of the time with his cousin Molly in the Denver zoo. Appu missed his family and wanted to go back home. He promised to be back next year to visit his friends in Superior Elementary. We are all looking forward to Appus visit next year.



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Adler's Fun Trip ♦ By Divya Sunkad



Once upon a time there was a special boy eagle named Adler. Adler had special powers. He could fly around the world without getting tired and also could talk. One day when he was flying over Superior, Colorado he saw some kids walking to school. He had a good idea of taking the kids on a fieldtrip. He followed the kids to school and asked the teacher Mrs. Hynes for permission and the teacher said yes. Adler selected Divya Sunkad, Deepa Sunkad, Connor and Mrs. Hynes. First Adler took the group to Disneyland in Los Angeles. Adler and the group went on lots of rides and all saw Mickey, Minnie and Phineas and Ferb. The kids were a little scared of Shrek because he looked scary. That night they ate dinner with the princesses Bell, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty and slept in the castle. The next day they flew to the Golden Bridge in San Francisco. They could not believe the bridge was so big and red. They flew over the bridge end to end seeing the blue water all over the place. They landed on the bridge surprising other people. They had a tasty dinner by looking at the sun set. Since Adler never gets tired the group slept on Adler and flew to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. In the morning, everybody was surprised to see the Grand Canyon. It was beautiful. Connor was a little scared but Adler told him not to be afraid. At night it was really cold so Adler spread his big wings everybody was nice and cozy. Next they went to Washington DC to see the president Barack Obama. The president was surprised. Barack Obama's kids played with Adler that night we spent the night in the White House. The next day we flew to India to see the Taj Mahal. The ride was really long. Everybody was amazed that anybody could build such a big and beautiful building. We then went to see the Great Wall of China. When we arrived in China it was night. The wall was lit up with lights. In the morning we walked on the wall. We got really tired and Adler flew us to the end of the wall. Went to our school and told our friends about our journey. Adler said bye to all the kids and flew away searching for a new group of kids to take them on a new and exciting trip.

Kindergarten Art Stars:

1. Shawn Chin
2. Yasmin Felfli
3. Rushil Ghirmire

Kindergarten Writing Stars:

1. Pushupman Brar
2. Prerana Vishwanath
3. Yasmin Felfli

Second Grade Art Stars:

1. Siddharth Bharthulwar
2. Chloe Smith
3. Maddie Fox

Second Grade Writing Stars:

1. Ferial Felfli
2. Blythe Sales
3. Jamie Zhang

Third Grade Art Stars:

1. Avery Conaghan
2. Josie Fox
3. Maddy Bridge

Third Grade Writing Stars:

1. Etyan Markman-Oz
2. Maddy Bridge
3. Katy Sun

The Koala Bears ♦ By McKenna Selby



Once upon a time there was a koala bear. The koala bears name was Puffer. Puffer lives in a gum tree, near the river. One day while Puffer the koala bear was in her gum tree eating up thousands and thousands of leaves she heard a gigantic CRACK and a gigantic BOOM. Then she saw a big tree fall down. Next to the tree there was a spark and then a flame of fire. "I need to get out of here," Puffer said out loud. All of Puffer's friends had heard and saw the flames too. All of the koala bears rushed down there gum trees and ran as fast as they could across the woods but then stopped at the edge of the river. "We can't swim," said one of Puffer's friends. "We will drown if we try. We're going to have to swim," said wise grandfather Oak, the leader of the koala bear pack. All of the koalas took a deep breath and stepped into the deep, wet and long river. The koalas swam frantically trying to get to the other side of the river. "We made it" Puffer cried as she reached the other side of the river. The koala bears all climbed out of the river and dried off. They all watched the flames crash down into the waves then suddenly melt away. After the fire had died and the waves had calmed down a little bit the koala bear pack swam back to the other side of the river and climbed back into there gum trees. They had a great new adventure.

Fourth Grade Art Stars:

1. Tie: Wyatt Sales and Maya Vought
2. Youngbin Yoo
3. Henry Rock

Fourth Grade Writing Stars:

1. Max Shen (Mr. Currie)
 2. Maya Teaforad (Mr. Currie)
 3. Laura Ruby (Mr. Currie)
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1. Jacob McGann (Ms. Belasco)
 2. Ian Greene (Ms. Belasco)
 3. Bridget Duncan (Ms. Belasco)
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1. Oz MarkmanRaffeld (Ms. Mallet)
 2. David Wait (Ms. Mallet)
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1. Karen Zhang (Ms. Sanders)
 2. Austin Armstrong (Ms. Sanders)
 3. Tie: Nyree Christianian and Peyton Cullaton (Ms. Sanders)
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1. Wyatt Sales (Ms. Shelby)
 2. Youngbin Yoon (Ms. Shelby)
 3. Kyle Sylvester (Ms. Shelby)

Fifth Grade Art Stars:

1. Tie: Rachel Fu and Sahba Setareh
2. Emily Gallegos
3. Makayla Jacobsen

Fifth Grade Writing Stars:

1. Rachel Fu
2. Reilly Ernst
3. Emily Smith

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Sarah, The Best Horse Ever ♦ **By Kristen Sheng**

Ten days ago I had a dream about a horse named Sarah. She was brave, friendly and helpful. Sarah is pretty. Her whole body is brown. She is about five feet tall and six feet long. She is only three years old but she has strong legs. She was playing with her friends on the grass. Suddenly, a wolf was sneaking at Sarah and her friends. The wolf was walking towards them. It got very close. Sarah noticed the wolf. She went off to fight the wolf. Sarah's friends were scared. They stood still for a few minutes. Then they started joining Sarah to fight the wolf. Finally they drove the wolf away. One of Sarah's friends was hurt during the fight. She could not walk anymore. Sarah went to get her friend's mother. And the mother took care of her daughter. Sarah and her other friends also went back home. The next morning when I woke up I realized it was a dream. It was so good. I loved the horse Sarah! I also want it to come true someday.

Two Happy Kittens ♦ **By Caralea Holmberg**

Once there was an orange cat who lived with some kittens. Someone bought two of the kittens. They went to live in a new house and they loved it. In the house was a little girl who loved the kittens. They played with string and took long naps together. And they lived happily ever after.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie ♦ **By Sarine Christianian**

When mousey and I went to my sisters D.I. meeting, (D.I. stands for destination imagination), Mousey and I exercised. First we did our routine. So first for our routine, we did pick up the hat. You drop the hat on the ground, you put your foot in the head of the hat, and you lift up your foot and catch it six times. Then we did a different exercise. I made up all of the names of the exercises. The next one is called wiggle the cones. You have two cones and you have to pick them up with one finger. Last but not least, you do six pushups on the ground. All of the exercises were not hard for me but they were for mousey, so I cut him some slack.

The Owl Who found the Ivonimubull Snowman ♦ **By Kaitlin McDonnell**

Once upon a time a little owl flew out of his nest. He looked for a mouse. When he did not hear anyone he said where did everyone go? So he went off to see where they went. He flew through blizzards and sandstorms finally he reached a cave it looked *Creepy!* He did not want to know who lived there. But suddenly he saw who lived there. It was the ivonimubull snowman and he had all the mice. He stole the mice from the owls. The ivonimubull snowman screeched "Wut do you want! Ples Ples Dont hurt me squeaked the owl. I just want a mouse so ples dont hurt me. Heres your mouse now go! yelled the ivonimubull snow man. The owl flew away and never came back again.

When My Dog Was Made in My Imaginary World ♦ **By Eliot Krams**

It all began when there was a loud boom and my imaginary world was born. A puppy was standing when I picked him up and I said don't worry to him. We walked for a long time until I heard his tummy growl at me. I said, "Wilson, are you hungry puppy?" he nodded. I took him to a restaurant called the café. He had bones. After we went home. The End

Miyoe The Two Horned Horse ♦ By Annika Holecek

Once there was a horse... who had two magic horns and its name was Miyoe. Well Miyoe was a very unusual horse and did *not* like to eat hay. So Miyoe decided to change the town Coeey with her two magic horns. After she had changed her town she decided to look around. She loved her town now. She saw things like huge chocolet covered strawberry trees, bushes with huge raspberrys with honey and cream inside, cotton candy bushes and trees and ice cream cone bushes. Soon people discovered Miyoe and her magic. Now Miyoe was very famus and was already in newspapers. Soon people made a museum just for Miyoe. Miyoe soon started giving tours of her museum for people in the town of Coeey. She gave out magic horns to people for five dollars that she had made with her magic. Three days later Miyoe had a baby boy and named him George. But there was one thing that was different... he had one horn instead of two horns but it was still magic. That was good. When George was three months old he went far away to a different land for three months. When he came back he was in a group of other one horned horses. In fact they all had one horn. But there was something a little sad ... Miyoe was very old now she only had one more day and then she'd die. But... there was a big celebration and each one horned horse got a museum of their own too. Just then there was a huge BANG! Then the museums turned into sparkling pink museums and ... Miyoe was gone! But a girl named Annika came and said "it's okey we will never forget Miyoe . . . we can build a statshue of her." So after they buit the stashue they decorated her. They put a flower neckoklis and jewls on a pink sadle and after that the people in Coeey town lived happily ever after.

Thank you...

This year's Read-A-Thon focused on Zoo themed activities with an emphasis on Colorado State Animals. Each class contributed their reading minutes into blocks to shape a grade level animal across from the office. The kids were entertained each day with an animal mishap (ie: snakes in the cafeteria, trout in the toilets and scat on the playground!) Literature was planted in the library each day for the students to "LOOK IT UP" in efforts to show the kids how many resources exist to help them solve any curiosities. We had visits from Gary Gorilla each morning, and the energy at SES for reading went ZOO-ey! Be sure to ask your child about the state animal names they can recite with 5 fingers (Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep, Green Back Cut Throat Trout.) The art and writing submissions were terrific displays of all the creativity that abounds in SES and the reading efforts were a new experiment in "appropriate times" of reading opportunities that could be hopefully be repeated in weeks to come! Thanks for all the support and energy for another successful FUNdraiser! We would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers and supporters of our annual Read-A-Thon.

Special thanks to: ♦ Catherine Davis of the Davis Financial & Insurance Group who sponsored The Canyon Critters' wolves (Harper and Lupa) who were the special guests at our celebration on February 10th. ♦ Jen Tucker and Tami Fox for the beautiful animal incentive wall, Michele Muckle and Lisa Kyle for all the fun animal prizes, Kathryn Messman, Jenn Barsky and Stacey Hartmann for the art and writing contests coordination.

We are already thinking about themes and ideas for next year's Read-A-Thon. If you would like to help or have suggestions, pleas contact Kate Sales (katebsales@comcast.net) or Beth Robertson (bethr1997@comcast.net). We would love to hear some fresh, new ideas!

Sincerely, Kate and Beth