

# 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 kindergarten  
classes read more than  
191 hours!

### Kindergarten Art Stars:

1. Shawn Chin
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## The Park ♦ By Pushapman Brar

I live in Superior. There are many parks and trails. I often go to the park with my parents. I saw many animals and birds in the park. One day I saw a coyote in the park. I was surprised to see that the coyote looks like a dog. It is a dangerous animal. By our school it attacked three dogs. They usually attack dogs and young children. So I learned that if you want to go to the park go with your parents. Have a good day. Thank you.

## The Fourth of July ♦ By Yasmin Felfli

Once upon a time there was an owl, a horse, a dog, and a cat. It was the Fourth of July. They were excited to see the fireworks! Their friend Bunny came inside. "Hi," Bunny said. "Hi," the owl, the cat, the dog and the horse said. Bunny was excited too about the Fourth of July. "We can't wait to see the fireworks," "Neither can I." said Bunny "I wonder what kind of colors there will be?" says Kitty. "Maybe there will be pink fireworks" says Owly. "And maybe there will be purple," says Horsey. "I can't wait to go the Central Park."

## Makenna's Adventure ♦ By Mia Prater

Once there was a girl named Makenna. She was hiking in the mountains. She saw a big scary bear! She ran really fast so the bear could not catch her. Makenna decided to check to see if it was real so she went to see. The bear ate her! Makenna tasted yucky so the bear spit her out. Makenna went home and had hot chocolate. She never went hiking without a grownup again. The bear went and ate some berries.

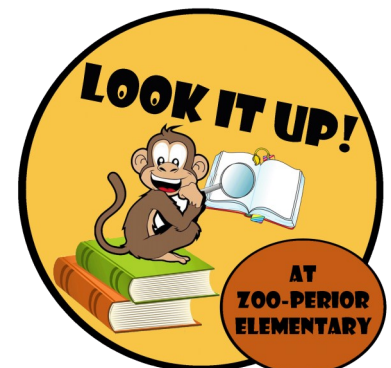
## The Three Sea Friends ♦ By Prerana Vishwanath



Once upon a time..... There was a dolphin and a turtle. They were very, very best friends! A big blue whale wanted to eat up the dolphin so the two friends were not together. One day the whale got trapped in a fisherman's net. Could the friends save him? They thought of a way to save him. They called their friend the sawfish. She cut open the net and made a hole. The whale and the fish swam out. The whale and the fish thanked the dolphin. The turtle and the sawfish and the dolphin became good friends and lived happily ever after!



"Hey, look at this poster. It has fireworks on it, too." said Doggy. "At the Central Park we will eat, after that we will see the fireworks." said Kitty's mom. "Time to see the fireworks." Kitty's mom said. The colors are spectacular. There was fireworks and music and they lived happily ever after.



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## The Giraffe Story ♦ By Hivin Wijesekara

Once upon a time in Africa there was a giraffe family. They had a boy giraffe and he turned 6 years old. It was his birthday. He had a friend giraffe who lives next door. They always play together. On the birthday party day, they wanted to go outside to play. They ran and ran, jumped up and down and they wanted to eat leaves from tall trees. They couldn't catch the leaves from tall trees because the trees were very tall. They came to a big lake. They saw a big fish trapped in a net and the fish was crying for help. The two giraffes used their long neck and pulled the net. And they started to bite it. The net was broken and the fish came out of the net. The two giraffes rescued the big fish. The big fish thanked the giraffes and said, " Since today is your birthday I'll give you a big present. You can make any wish you want.". The giraffe wished for big trees with lots of leaves, fruits. The next moment, the whole Africa was covered with humongous trees with leaves and fruits. All the animals were soooooo happy and thanked the giraffe. The big fish swam away to the ocean. The end.

## The Mermaid and the Dolphin ♦ By Hiyumi Wijeskara

In the big ocean there was a dolphin castle and a mermaid castle. There was a beautiful girl dolphin named Sophia and a mermaid friend named Jessica. Both had the same birthday. They had a big birthday party in the middle of the two castles. They had big balloons made of jelly fish. Their birthday cake was made of sea shells, sea plants, and lots of colorful little fish. They invited lots of mermaids and dolphins and played with a doll house made of sea shells and corrals. While they were playing, they got caught in a big net. Then they cried for help. But a big fishermen boat started the engine and nobody can hear it. King Dolphin and queen mermaid could not catch them because the boat was super fast. Dolphin Sophia and mermaid Jessica disappeared. The whole ocean was crying sadly and a friendly shark heard their cry and saw the big boat. The big shark cut the net with it's sharp teeth and rescued the dolphin Sophia and mermaid Jessica. They swam to their kingdom and their moms and dads were very happy to see them. They all thanked the friendly shark. The End.

## 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! 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, please 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

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### Third Grade Writing Stars:

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