

# THE SOUTHWEST SCOOP

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*MAKE IT A GREAT DAY OR NOT--THE CHOICE IS YOURS!*

## Twas the Night Before The SCOOP...

Twas the night before The Scoop and all through the classroom all the kiddies were busy and the Head Editor was dizzy. The journalists gathered their information with care in hopes that good stories soon would be there. When what to our wondering minds appeared, so many great stories to write this year! Here's a taste of what you'll read in The Scoop. There's interviews, and sports to keep you in the loop. Cheers and Library, Health and Community News! Read, read, read, whatever you choose! From all your SCOOP writers, Happy Reading to all and to all a good day!

SCOOP REPORTERS Ali & Riley

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## WRITING CONTEST

Do you want to write for the Southwest Scoop?

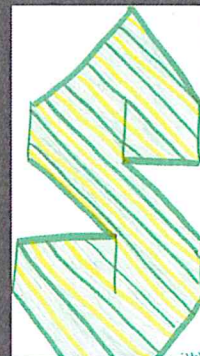
Well now is your chance. All you need to do is write a winter poem! All grades can enter! Please make your poem less than ten stanzas (or sentences). All entries must be turned in by Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can turn it into the newspaper box in the office. Make sure you include a title, your name, your teacher, and your grade.

Be original and creative and please include an illustration!

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# HAPPENINGS BY GRADE

## Kindergarten News!

SCOOP REPORTER Nathan

The kindergarteners are learning lots of new things! They are learning math and counting to 100. They are also learning things like tying their shoes, reading, and recognizing their phone numbers. One kindergartener likes P.E. the best. Another kindergarten student liked to read the book Valentine's Day. Wow! Kindergarten sure is busy!

## First Grade News!

SCOOP REPORTER Abby

In first grade, the kids will be meeting with Mrs. Rickman to learn how to use the Promethean Table. The kids also did 100 day activities the last week of January. The 100th day is a big deal in first grade. Many of the kids look forward to eating the 100 day Monster Mix. On the 100th day they also make necklaces made of fruit loops. They do many other activities, too!

## Second Grade News!

SCOOP REPORTER Kaitylin

They are big. They are little. They are meat eating, plant eating dinosaurs! Second graders will learn about all kinds of dinosaurs. The students will write a report about the dinosaurs they have picked. They are also learning how to write beautiful cursive, good summaries, and openings and closings for letters. Miss Kittl's class is working on pronouns, antonyms, and synonyms. They are also working on narrative papers! Second grade is learning how to add and subtract three digit numbers with regrouping. All of the second graders are working hard to get on the Math Star Board. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring, 2nd grade!

## Third Grade News!

SCOOP REPORTER Marissa

In January, the third graders started switching classes. That's when they leave their regular teacher to go to another teacher's room and learn about a certain subject. The third graders go to Miss Myers' classroom for grammar, Miss Schlagheck's room for social studies, and Miss Wilkey's room for science. A lot of the third graders enjoy switching classes for the first time!

## Fourth Grade News!

SCOOP REPORTERS Cora & Quinne

4th graders are leaning about lots of things in different classes. 4th graders switch for social studies and are learning about the regions of the United States. They also switch for science and are learning about measurement and capacity (pints, quarts, etc.). Then they switch for language arts where they are learning about parts of speech. In math they are learning about division and estimating. During reading, all of 4th grade is reading one of six books! These books are Mr. Poppers Penguins, Shiloh, Matilda, The Boxcar Children, Hatchet, or Castle in the Attic. As you can tell, 4th grade is is busy no matter what time of year!

## Fifth Grade News!

SCOOP REPORTER Charlie

5th Graders are doing math and learning fractions. In writing, they are finishing a five paragraph story. In social studies, they took a test about the Spanish moving to America. In reading, they finished Inside Out. In science, they are learning about stars. They are writing letters to people in retired homes, and they had a pizza party! In art, they are drawing a one point view of the city. 5th grade is awesome!

## TEACHER TRIVIA



Which teacher's dog is this?

- \* Mrs. Craig's
- \* Miss West's
- \* Mrs. Reakes'

Check out the March issue of  
The SCOOP for the answer!

## TEACHER INTERVIEW:

### Mrs. Stone

SCOOP REPORTER Allie

Reporter Allie talked with Mrs. Stone and heard a lot of things like Mrs. Stone's favorite book, and interesting things going on in the library. The library has started something new. Instead of finding a book by the author's last name, like in the M's or N's, now you can find them more easily by genre, like "Historical Fiction". Mrs. Stone's favorite book in the library is Diamond Willow and Wolf Brother. Mrs. Stone's favorite genre is Paranormal. Do you know what that is?

## MYSTERY NEWS

SCOOP REPORTERS Landon & Nathan

In the book "Capture the Flag" the American flag has been stolen by somebody . . . but who? They are at a airport and 3 kids think that the criminal is at the airport. They also think that they saw them in line at a restaurant in the airport.

Can you read the book and solve the crime?

## TEACHER INTERVIEW: Mr. Moe

SCOOP REPORTER Holly

This month I interviewed our gym teacher Mr. Moe. I had some tough questions for him and this is how he answered them.

Q: What's your favorite part of teaching?

A: When a student can do a skill for the very first time.

Q: What's your favorite sport to teach?

A: Dance

Q: When did you decide you wanted to be a P.E. teacher?

A: When I was 19-- a Freshmen in college.

Q: Is there anything else you wanted to teach?

A: In High School I wanted to teach High School Math.

Q: How long did you "train" to be a Gym teacher?

A: About 4 years.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Northern Illinois University (NIU)

Q: What do you like best about Southwest?

A: All of the teachers and students.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: No.

Q: What's the hardest part of being a P.E. teacher?

A: Coming up with fun and new activities.

Q: What are your hobbies outside school?

A: Reading, running, biking, and disc golf.

## LIBRARY NEWS

SCOOP REPORTER Allie

Kindergarten new books: Lego Books by Daniel Lipkowitz

1st grade new books: Dr. Seuss Books by Dr. Seuss

2nd grade new books: Rainbow Fairies Series by Daisy Meadows

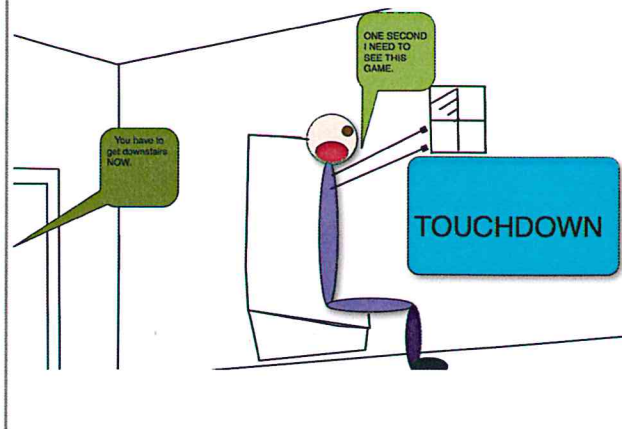
3rd grade new book: Out Of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

4th grade new books: The Book of Elsewhere & The Book of Snow

5th grade new books: 8 Keys by Suzanne LaFleur & Bread Crumbs by Anne Ursu

## COMIC

SCOOP REPORTER Landon



Thank you Mr.Moe!!!

## COMMUNITY INTERVIEW: Suzy Heaton

SCOOP REPORTER Abby

Suzy Heaton is the manager of Central Theatre.

Q: How long have you worked in the theater?

A: 8 and a half years

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: Watch kids, go to the movies, and go out to eat at Applebee's

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Disney and Pixar movies

Q: Is this your main job?

A: No, daycare is my main job.

Q: About how many people go to the theater in a week

A: If it's a popular movie about 600 people.

## COMMUNITY INTERVIEW: Fire Chief Mike Rusk

SCOOP REPORTER Ella

There are lots of important people in our community. This month I chose to interview Fire Chief Mike Rusk. Chief Rusk said that he worked for the fire department for 20 years. He became a fire fighter because he wanted to help people. Chief Rusk's favorite thing about being a fire fighter is driving the fire engine. Chief Rusk's job has changed because now he has more paper work and more responsibility. The fire department receives about 14 calls a month. Also, you have to be 18 years old to join the fire department. Currently, the fire department has 32 fire fighters total, and 2 of them women. They also have ten trucks and one ladder truck. The fire department was built in 2010. Chief Rusk and the fire department work hard to keep us safe.

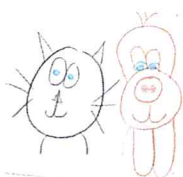


## COMMUNITY NEWS: The Geneseo Humane Society

SCOOP REPORTER Ella

The Geneseo Humane Society is a good temporary place for animals looking for a forever home. The staff makes sure the animals are well cared for. One of our own Southwest students was one of these important volunteers. She told us that she volunteered at the humane society for 2 years. She volunteered by taking care of cats. Also, her favorite thing was to take play with the cats.

Sometimes working got hard but most of the time she liked it. The Geneseo Humane Society is building a new facility. The humane society would love to have more volunteers. They are also happy to receive donations. The Geneseo Humane Society wants to thank you for all the great years.



## COMMUNITY NEWS: The Seth Ernst Memorial Soccer Slam

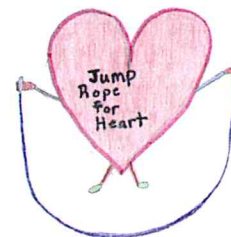
SCOOP REPORTER Riley

The seventh-annual Seth Ernst Memorial Soccer Slam tournament for U8-U11 and the high school division is scheduled for February 22nd-24th. This tournament is fun to be in and to watch, but it is also in memory of Seth Ernst. Seth Ernst was a soccer player for the Geneseo High School team and his parents were at every game to support the team. Then a tragic car accident happened. Seth Ernst, a sophomore, and two other of his classmates died on October 15, 2000. To honor his name, his family holds this soccer tournament every year for anyone who wants to play. They even give a \$500 scholarship to two senior girls and boys from the money of the tournament! Even if you don't play soccer, come on down to the Geneseo Foundation Athletic Center, next to the high school, to support this fundraiser and to watch some soccer!

## Jump Rope for Heart

SCOOP REPORTER Riley

February 11th-25th students will be jump roping in gym. Students will also have the chance to raise money for the research and education in the fight against heart disease. You can earn a prize for each amount of money you raise! This is a great way for us to stay in shape and to help those with heart disease. Let's set our fundraising goal high and go beyond everyone's expectations. Go Southwest School!



## BOOK REVIEW: Frindle by Andrew Clements

SCOOP REPORTER Hannah

For my book review I decided to do the book Frindle by Andrew Clements! The story takes place at Lincoln Elementary School with the main character Nick Allen stuck in it. Nick has GREAT ideas. One day, Nick has a little assignment in Language Arts on words. Nick will soon find out he can make his own words. This particular word is Frindle!

I have read this book a few times. I recommend it to a fourth or fifth grader!

## BOOK REVIEW: Fly Guy by Ted Arnold

SCOOP REPORTER Abby

Many first and second graders love the book Fly Guy. Fly Guy is about a boy named Buzz and his pet fly. His fly is named Fly Guy. Fly Guy and Buzz go on many adventures and meet lots of people. What a great and fun story!

## BOOK REVIEW: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell by Lucille Colandro

SCOOP REPORTER Nathan

This book is about an old lady who went to the beach and swallowed a bunch of stuff and one thing was a shell. While reading the book it explains why she swallowed the other stuff, but not the shell. I enjoy reading this book and I think it is great for Kindergarteners and 1st graders! I think you should read this book because it is fun and entertaining and it has challenging words.

## SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

SCOOP REPORTER Megan

Here is a piece of advice of how to be more successful in school. My advice is that when you are doing research, you need to make sure that the information you read is true.

To make sure that the information is true, the same fact should be on different websites. If the fact is not on a different web site – listed in another “source”- it is probably not true.

For example, when I was in Miss. Kant’s class, I had to do a report on a person from the Titanic. I had to get information at home. I made sure the information was true. Be sure to be careful when doing research.

## HEALTHY HABITS

SCOOP REPORTER Emily

Eating healthy is important for many reasons. One reason is because it makes you more strong. The second reason is because it gives you more energy. The next reason is because it keeps your teeth clean and strong. Another reason is that it will make you live longer. Those are some of the many reasons eating healthy is important. Here is one healthy snack for you to try!

Ants on a Log:

All you need is celery, peanut butter, and raisins. Spread the peanut butter on celery and place raisins on top. Enjoy!

## MY TURN: Recycling

SCOOP REPORTER Marissa

Do you think recycling is important? If you don't you should. In 2012 we used about 50 billion plastic water bottles. Only 20% of all those water bottles were recycled. The rest were burt into gasses that could be harmful or put into landfills. If we don't start recycling more often, some serious problems will occur. One problem could be a resource shortage. We would run out of things we could have saved . Eventually, our earth will not be a safe place to live, with gasses that cold be harmful and litter on the ground or in our clean water , rare diseases related to harmful air and litter will become more common. Plants, animals and humans will get sick and even die. Those are some problems recycling could help prevent. If you don't have a recycling plan, you should get one. There is probably a good recycling plan that is in your area. I know everything can not be recycled but, we need to recycle what we can.



## MY TURN: Skiing

SCOOP REPORTER Megan

Skiing is the best sport ever because it gets you to exercise, you get to go new places, and it's great if you like winter.

Exercising in my family is important because we need to stay fit and healthy. You can also run to become a better skier.

I like going to new places to ski race because the hills are different in many ways like steepness, how long it is, how many gates are on the race course, and who is there to race against.

Skiing is great if you like winter – because that's the only time you can ski. Winter is my favorite season. I love skiing! It's the greatest sport ever.

## HERO BOARD

SCOOP REPORTER Ali

At Southwest School we really care about Citizenship. In December, the teachers picked one student from each grade who really shows Citizenship. The students are featured on the front bulletin board with their picture and how they show Citizenship.



Here is a list January's Heroes! Congratulations!

**Kindergarten:** Talisa

**First grade:** Sam

**Second grade:** Sienna

**Third grade:** Taylor

**Fourth grade:** Mitchell

**Fifth grade:** Keaton

## SCIENCE TIMES

SCOOP REPORTER Sylvia

Sometimes there are storms. Sometimes there are snow showers. But sometimes there are things called blizzards. What exactly is a blizzard? A blizzard is a lot of snow with wind and it is usually below freezing (32 degrees or below). A few blizzards have made it impossible to see the sky or the ground! Did you know that the city of Rochester, New York gets at least 94 inches of snow each and every year?

Most people that have lived through it remember horrible blizzards a long time ago in the eastern states. Did you know, that in the year 1888, 285 people died in a awful blizzard? Be careful if you are ever stuck in a blizzard and if you hear somewhere that one is coming make sure you stay inside until it is over.



## SPREADING THE JOY!

Cheers to all those winter details like rumpled snow that some kids played in or those fresh smiles you see when a new fallen snow is coming down. Those are the details that really matter.

Cheers to those cold winter snow flakes that fall on your head for hours and hours. Then you finally go inside to get cozy while having a mug of hot cocoa, your blanket, and you sit by the fire. Perfection!

Cheers to Valentine's Day! Valentine's Day is a great time to become your parents' favorite by making them a homemade Valentine's Day card. The Valentine's Day classroom parties are scheduled for February 14th, 2:00-2:45. Let's eat a lot of candy and go crazy!

Cheers to The Superbowl! NFL playoffs it is down to the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens. The two brothers Jim and John Harbaugh go at it. The game is February 3rd, 2013. Whoever wins gets the great Superbowl ring!

Cheers to three consecutive years Southwest has had at least 90% of the students meet their goal or exceed state standards in both reading and mathematics on ISAT Tests. Our school is one of the 438 schools that has done that!

## PARENTS CORNER: Helpful Links

SCOOP REPORTER Ali

Computer links can be fun and educational at the same time. These are teacher recommended links for you and your kid to do at home!

**Kindergarten:** [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

**1st Grade:** [pbskids.org/arthur/games/storyscramble/index.html](http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/storyscramble/index.html)

**2nd Grade:** [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/english/games/penguins\\_on\\_ice/big\\_sound/full.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/english/games/penguins_on_ice/big_sound/full.shtml)

**3rd Grade:** [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com)

**4th Grade:** <http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/comic-creator-30021.html>

**5th Grade:** <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters>

## SPORTS COVERAGE: GHS Wrestling

SCOOP REPORTERS Charlie & Tannen

Teams from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa kicked off the 38th annual Geneseo Wrestling Tournament Friday, January 11 at Geneseo High School. This was the first day of the tournament. First up was Clayton Kennedy who lost. Next was Tumbo Tumberello who lost for The Leafs. Then we saw Hunter Grau who won. Then we interviewed Coach Murray who said they were doing good in the season. Then was Cody Bormann and he lost. Last we saw Jared Bruce and he won. Overall Geneseo has had a good start to the tournament, which ran through Saturday, January 12.

## HISTORIC DAYS OF FEBRUARY

SCOOP REPORTERS Kelly & Quinne

On February 6th, 2012, just last year, the second worst earthquake happened in Asia at the Negros Oriental in The Philippines. It had a 6.7 magnitude! This natural disaster killed 113 people and injured 100 people. It cut off water, electricity, transportation, and communication lines.

The Underground Railroad was established in February 1838. It went through 29 states. 100,000 slaves were freed because of The Underground Railroad!

# MEET OUR WRITERS!

## Abby



My name is Abby. Both of my parents are teachers. I am an only child and people that have siblings might think it is fun to have none, but I think it is very boring. I have a cat named Bubba and he is very naughty. When I was little, Bubba wrecked all of my toys and now Bubba has learned not to mess with me!

## Ali



Hi! My name is Ali! I am 10 years old and I am in fifth grade. I have twin brothers and one sister. I also have a fat pug named Roxie. I love to play soccer and write! I can't wait to be on the newspaper team! My favorite color is purple. I can't wait to be on the newspaper team and write for you!

## Allie



My name is Allie and I love to play in the snow. I have two brothers and one sister. My parents names are Travis and Kris. My sister and brothers have snowball fights and make snowmen. For vacation, we like to go to Minnesota, The Ozarks, and sometimes Colorado.

## Charlie



Hi my name is Charlie. I'm in Miss Rank's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. My favorite things to do are play sports and hang out with my friends. I have three brothers. Liam is four, Finn is six months, and Payton is twelve. I also love being outside instead of inside. Last, I love playing with my brothers.

## Cora



My name is Cora. I'm 10 years old, and I live in Atkinson. I love playing softball on my team Green Xtreme! Being creative isn't a struggle for me. I rearrange my room constantly! This is my last year at Southwest, so I'm enjoying it to the fullest! Also I'm loving being one of the oldest kids in school!

## Ella



My name is Ella and I am in Miss Rank's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. We do lots of fun things in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, like having 4<sup>th</sup> grade movies and wearing socks all day. In my free time I build and play with lego sets. Also, I play piano and doodle. I am very excited to write articles for the Southwest Scoop!

## Emily



Hi, my name is Emily. My favorite color is neon green. In my free time, I like to do and practice and play soccer. My favorite food is ramon noodles. I am a fun, loving, hardworking, caring piece of magic.

## Hannah



My name is Hannah. I live in a family of 5 with my Dad, Mom, brother, sister, Lola (my crazy dog) and Leia (the never dying fish)! In my spare time, I love to do creative writing and be outside. I love school! I am creative, reliable, friendly, and love being silly! One thing people like about me is my smile!

## Holly



I am a fifth grader. I have a dog named Eppie and a cat named Kirby. I am ten years old and I have two brothers. I have been taking dance classes since I was four years old. I was born in South Carolina. I'm so excited to be on the Southwest Elementary School Newspaper Team!

## Kaitlyn



It was a chilly day when I was born. I was born on March 19, 2003. When I was 8 years old (in Miss. Myers class) my two brothers, Andy and Buddy, came over to see our new dog, Daisy! I am now in Miss Vensel's class. I cannot wait for the rest of the year.

## Kelly



I love animals. My favorite animal is a wolf. I also love writing and drawing. When I grow up I want to be an artist and a writer. My favorite food is pizza and cheese potatoes. I love playing with my friends and family. I have a turtle named Mystery and a husky. I love sports, too. I am so happy to be on the newspaper.

## Landon



I am Landon, but some of you know that already. I have always liked writing. I'm very trusting and very responsible. Sometimes I'm funny. The thing about me, I'm never down. I'm always happy. That is all about me.

# MEET OUR WRITERS!, cont.

## Marissa



Hi, my name is Marissa. I am ten years old and I am in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. My teacher's name is Miss Hoekstra. I like to draw and do gymnastics. People say I am very creative. My favorite subjects in school are writing and science. I am very excited to start the newspaper!

## Megan



My name is Megan. My favorite sport is skiing; my favorite color is blue; and my favorite food is chicken. I have a brother named Nathan, a sister named Hannah, a mom named Jean – a school nurse, and a dad named Loren. I love them all for the things they do for me. I'm excited to write for the school newspaper!

## Nathan



I am 10 years old. I play rec. baseball, football, and basketball, and I am on the G-Sox traveling baseball team and the fifth grade traveling basketball team. I love to spend my spare time reading Dan Gutman books and watching sports center. I also like to play games with my Kindergarten brother, Braden.

## Quinne



Hi! My name is Quinne, and I am very excited to be on the newspaper! When I grow up I want to be a Dracooligist which is a person who studies dragons and an artist. I have two sisters and two cats. My favorite animal is a wolf. I'm very excited to write a piece for you!

## Riley



This is all about me, Riley. All about me you see, isn't easy to write in the required number of sentences, so I have written a poem about the most important things to me.

When I grow up, I want to be an author to express creativity. I can throw a softball, but what I really love to do is to kick soccer balls and run my heart out! In my house, outside of town, there aren't many misters, just my dad, who is good with a cooking pan, and my two dogs, whose best friends are each other or a stick. I also have three sisters that I love very much, and a mom who is the cleaner of the house. Though I can't forget to say thank you to everyone who encourages me to do such a job, like the newspaper!

## Sylvia



Salutations! My name is Sylvia and I will be writing parts of your newspaper. My eyes are blue and I have freckles. My hair is dirty blonde and I am a little tan. I have two brothers and a mom and dad. I have six cats named Boomer, Baby, Percy, Lilly, Marissa, and Sweetheart. My favorite subjects are Math, Gym and Art.

## Tannen



Hi my name is Tannen. I live in Geneseo, Illinois. I have a brother and a sister. Some of my hobbies are reading, sports, and swimming. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My best experience is going to Florida and my worst is getting hit by a truck and my three concussions.

## JOKES!

Q: Why couldn't the girl watch the pirate movie.  
A: It was rated arrrrrrrrr!

Q: You're trapped! Behind you are a lion and a tiger. On the side of you is a cliff and on the other side of you is a tall mountain that is impossible to climb. In front of you there are two horses going the same speed you are. How do you get out alive?  
A: Ask the operator to stop the carousel!

Q: Why did your mom pour water into her RV?  
A: She wanted a carpool!

Q: Why did the computer squeak?  
A: Because somebody stepped on the mouse!

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?  
A: To save the world!



## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

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Mr. Eaker-- Computer Genius  
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Miss Rank-- Head Editor

Southwest Teachers, Parents & Students  
The Families of our Writing Staff

All our marvelous readers!



# JOIN US FOR A SCOOP SCAVENGER HUNT!

Can you find a jump roping heart?

Find the word marvelous. What does it mean?

Who did writer Megan have as a 3rd grade teacher?

Who was the 2nd grade January Hero?

What two teams are playing each other in the Superbowl?

How many plastic water bottles did we use in 2012?

What are 1st graders learning about with Mrs. Rickman?

In what year did 285 people die in a huge blizzard?

What is Mrs. Stone's favorite book?

What temperature is below freezing?

What happened on February 6, 2012?

What SCOOP writer has a pet named Mystery?

What book has a main character named Buzz?

What three ingredients do you need to make Aunts on a Log?

In what year did The Underground Railroad start?

Who is Suzy Heaton?

What is Chief Husk's favorite part of being a firefighter?

Where did Mr. Moe go to college?

What's a great new series in the library for Kindergarteners?

When are the Valentine's Day classroom parties?