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Cartoons Are Healthy!!!

I think kids should be allowed to watch cartoons. The cause laughter and laughter is the best medicine. They teach kids wrong and right and they expand kids' imaginations.

Cartoons make people laugh and laughter is the best medicine. Cartoons are funny and cartoons exaggerate. They show things that can not happen in real life. Doctors say that laughing makes you healthy.

Cartoons educate you about right and wrong. Popeye teaches you that eating spinach is healthy. Tom and Jerry teaches you that bullying is wrong.

Adventure Time teaches you to imagine adventures.

Cartoons expand kid's imagination. They can teach you art and writing. They make kids want to draw. They are better than playing video games.

Some people might think that kids should not be allowed to watch cartoons. Some think it's a waste of time and that kids should be reading and not watch TV, because it rots your brain. But really, cartoons are fun and can make you healthier!

Abie S. 5B



RED

Red is...

The sunset

My red shirt

Red roses in the wind

A tomato squish

Spicy or sour candy

Cough drops

And Vitamin Water

A fire truck going to drench the blazing hot Fire

An ambulance siren

A cry for help

Insults

People crowding around me

Because I did something stupid

Angry

Someone hurt me

Red

Red

Red

A lollipop

Sweet and sour

Red

my favorite color

Rachel M. 6G

-Mom

From the day she told me I blink like a ballerina, to the day that I started kindergarten, my mother was always there for me.

The same question asked everyday: "How was school?" Always has the same answer: "Good." Unless it was horrible. She doesn't let go of it until she talks to me about it, and I feel better.

Her soothing kisses warm my heart.

Her soul is as pure as can be; her heart is made of gold.

I love my mother.

Rachel L. 6G

T.V.- Bad or Good?

Television is bad. TV can cause addiction and can cause wrong behavior.

Spending time on the TV is bad because you will hurt your head if you watch so much of it. If you watch TV, you will be wasting time that you could have been exercising, doing homework and socializing with friends and family.

When you watch a bad show you might say those words or do those behaviors. People are watching too much violence on TV. If you watch so much of it, you will start hurting people. If you watch an inappropriate show you will do those things. When you see shows and commercials you are addicted to doing all those bad things. If you do those things, you might get in trouble.

Sometimes people get addicted to shows, commercials and clips. Some people play and watch for hours, which is a sign of addiction. Another sign of addiction is when people watch too many commercials. It is very hard to get rid of an addiction.

TV can be good when people watch proper shows. People should watch shows like nature and PBS history. People should stop watching TV so much on weekdays. This will help everybody!

Elan B. 5B



UNIFORMS FOR EVERYONE OR UNIFORMS GONE FOR GOOD

Students should not be required to wear uniforms in school. One of the reasons is that students can express themselves from what they wear. It will provide more freedom to the students. Students will have greater freedom.

One of the reasons why I think students should not be required to wear uniforms is that students can express themselves through what they wear. Kids can dress themselves according to their mood. For example, if you're happy you will wear something bright. It will also allow children to be social with one another. For example, if two children wear a basketball shirt they will probably talk to each other about basketball. They will also express more confidence in themselves.

The second reason is it will provide freedom to the students. It will increase the happiness of the students. It will also make the school environment more colorful and more artistic. The children will also be able to define who they are.

My third reason is that it creates greater comfort. It will allow students to focus better in class. The children will have better attitude in class. Children will also be more relieved.

One of the reasons why people think children should be required to wear uniforms is because it's a time saver. You don't have to worry about what to wear to school. You don't have to worry about being late to school. You also don't have to keep up with fashion.

But I think that not having uniforms is a good idea because it provides freedom.

Jonathan M. 5B



Purple is...

Sick, embarrassing,

rude

Slimy goo

Plastic

Hard rough walls

A teenage room

Head phones

Cute lamps

Purple

Purple

Purple!

"Mom, stop, you're embarrassing

Me!

a teenage girl on the phone

Ewe,

yucky perfume

Daisies, paint, grape juice

Purple!!

Lexi L. 6G

Snow

Beautiful trees covered in a thin layer of white snow

Falling towards the ground so free

Little drops of snow, pure as an angel

Slow, steady, noise of snow, falling gently to the
ground

White covering the ground like sprinkles on a
home-made cupcake

Soft like a brand new teddy bear

Devora G. 6G

Kids Should Have Breaks

I think kids should have breaks. Kids need breaks for getting organized and for relaxing. Breaks could be helpful for kids. What would you rather see... kids being prepared when class starts or kids wasting class-time getting prepared during class?

Breaks can be helpful for kids. They can be helpful for them to get organized. Organizing themselves doesn't mean just getting organized for the next period. It means kids should organize their lockers and be prepared for all classes.

Breaks can also be enjoyable. Kids can eat snacks every once in a while, because they can get hungry and have headaches. They could also hang out and talk to each other. Kids can also take an enjoyable walk and have some time to themselves. These are some of the reasons I think it's enjoyable for kids to have breaks.

Having breaks can also be fun for kids. Kids can play games like board games or card games. The teachers can also take them to the gym for 15-20 minutes to play basketball or other sports. It can also be fun to watch (appropriate) videos on the computer, or even play (appropriate) games on the computer.

Breaks are privileges for kids. Some people think breaks are not good because during breaks, kids make messes. But, if they think about the benefits, people might change their minds. I bet teachers love when kids have breaks because it helps the kids by being prepared and feeling relaxed. It also helps teachers because their students are prepared and do not have to waste class-time. Breaks are important for kids and teachers!

Mark D. 5B



Do Video Games Make You Less Smart?

I think that video games make you less smart because I saw an article about a boy that played video games twenty- four hours a day. His brain was so damaged that he went to the hospital and became blind and deaf.

Video games can damage your brain. The radiation from the device can give you cancer. The knowledge that you learned may not still be in your brain if you play too many video games.

Kids spend more time playing video games than reading and writing all together. If you play five hours of video games without stopping, half of your knowledge that you learned that day will no longer be in your brain. Kids don't listen to others when they are playing video games. The kids get angry when you tell them something during the game. The boy or girl will scream at you because they think that what you are doing will annoy them if they lose. Kids want to play more until they win.

Parents are telling companies to have a remote to shut off the system. Parents talk to Microsoft to tell them to change the settings on all the systems so they can understand how to make it shut off in one hour. Kids disagree with the parents. Kids think that it makes them smarter. I think that the video games are a waste of time and most of the kids in the world are playing video games.

Morris C. 5B



Day in the Snow

**Snow on my coat like I am a bride
Our teacher puts two hands up and we all run around**

Having a snowball fight like

We are throwing crystals at each other

Teacher puts her hands up again

**I say, "Ow man!"
"I wish we can go again"!**

Yonina S. 6G

Winter

Snow falls on my glove

I see teacher raise her hands

WOW

A herd of wild animals have just been released

In the windows

In the windows children looked at me as if they wanted to join

Slippery ice

Oops! I fell people

Getting snow thrown at them

OUCH!! So white like a wedding dress

Freezing, brrr...

Touching my hands as if it just came out of the freezer

Coldness against my face

As if an ice cube is being rubbed on it

The wind, blowing

Blowing the snow in different directions

Like

Like a couple, just married swaying across the dance floor

The laughter of people

As they throw snowballs at each other

The cold, cold snow touches my tongue

COLD

Then melts

Like an ice cube in the burning sunlight

The snow touches my face

I'm in heaven

With friends, a teacher

Everything

Everything blocked out of my head

Only good, happy things remain

So Sad

Now we must say good-bye

Good-bye, Winter

Miriyam G. 6G

The More, The Merrier

We need more gym. I think we need more gym for a few reasons. Now the gym period is too short so people aren't getting enough exercise. Also it is a fun class. It is popular and that is always a good thing.

I think we should have more gym because it is popular. If kids like it they will attend and play in the games. If kids play in the games they will not get in trouble and not start misbehaving.

Another reason is because it is healthy. Now there are too many obese and over weight kids. If we have more gym there will be a lot less overweight kids. Gym is one of the few places where kids get the exercise they need.

One last reason why we should have more gym is because it is fun. We should be able to have more games (and give kids chances to win). That will encourage kids to exercise whether it is in school or not. Also you could do push ups in front of the television (which is a very easy way of getting exercise). But I think that is just not enough. That is another reason I think we should have more gym.

Lots of people think that any amount of gym is a waste of time, but I don't think it is. I think we need more gym. It is good exercise. Kids will like more gym!

Shmuel A. 5B



Video Games Rule

I think video games are helpful for both kids and parents so kids should get to play video games more often.

Kids need a break after working so hard. That's where video games come in. Kids have too much school work so they need to relax and do something they enjoy. When kids are given a chance to do something they enjoy, it will be easier for them to do work after.

It's a very fun thing for kids to watch, play and enjoy video games. Some kids aren't good at school or sports but they're good video gamers. It's good for self esteem. With some games like the Wii, you get some exercise which keeps you healthy and less obese.

Video games are also helpful to parents in many ways. Kids won't bother their parents as much so they could get some rest. Kids will do more household chores if their parents let them play video games longer.

Video games are also bad for kids. If you play video games too much you can lose your eyesight. Some video games are rated R and are inappropriate. Video games are also a big waste of time. I think there should be a limited time for playing video games. Some people say that video games are helpful for all people because it wakes up your brain.

Yair S. 5B



Stars

The night sky's twinkling jewelry

Blinding as the heat of spring

Can never ignore

Bright as a smile

Unique

Lighting up the dark gloomy sad sky

Precious as a ring

Of pure love

Singing a melody

A million shapes

Never to be counted

Free to search their dark home

Alissa M. 6G

A Cinnamon Stick

A cinnamon stick is like a straw

Covered in fine brown powder

Reminds me of Grandmother's

French toast every

Weekend I stay at her house

I feel a spice,

Dancing around in my mouth.

Samantha M. 6G

Bye TV- Hello Video Games

Imagine you're sitting in your house on a rainy day. There is nothing to do at all and you are getting extremely bored. All of a sudden you have an idea! You rush to your TV and turn on your video game. You play for a while and have a lot of fun. Some people think video games are bad, but that's not true. Video games are actually good for you!

For a long time, people have thought that video games are bad for your eyesight, but that's not true. Recent studies show that people who play video games have better eye coordination and better visual motor skills. Also people who play video games make 370 fewer mistakes than those who don't play.

Most parents think video games are violent, but that's only because they're thinking in the sense of games like "Call of Duty" and "God of War". A lot of video games like "Brain Quest" and "Backyard Football" teach children about sports, math, science and social studies.

Besides from being very helpful, video games are also very fun. Little kids and even some grown-ups enjoy playing video games. The excitement and suspense of a good video game are enough to last hours, which normally would have been spent watching TV. Video games also help kids socialize with each other. A handful of games have two players.

Although there are many reasons why video games are beneficial, there are also reasons why video games are bad for you. In some games, violence is the object of the game. This may teach kids inappropriate behaviors and bad language. Still, there are more positive reasons than negative reasons why people should play video games. I think kids should play video games because they are fun, educational, and good for the mind!

Daniel H. 5B



We Love Summer!

People are saying that summer vacation is bad and kids shouldn't have it. But I disagree! Most people that say this are not doing research on this or they are just being careless. Many kids in America have A.D.H.D. It is great for the kids to be outside with A.D.H.D. It makes them feel better. If the kids are cooped up inside all the time because they never have time from school work it worsens it. That is why summer isn't only good for relaxing and having time off. It also helps kids with A.D.H.D. So when people say summer is bad they're saying it's bad to help kids with A.D.H.D.

America has many overweight kids. Summer is a great chance to run, play sports, go hiking and enjoy the fascinating, amazing and beautiful world. So why would you want to take that away from us kids? We don't want the kids in the world to be unhealthy. It's going to be harder to get certain jobs if the kids are unhealthy and out of shape. They will be much less capable.

Summer is the best time for amusement parks, water parks, and vacation hot spots. That is when the kids have time off and they can go to all of those places. Each kid can spend a ton of money. This helps the economy a lot. America needs summer vacation to keep a major part of our economy. Now not only do the kids need summer vacation, America does too.

One problem about having summer vacation is that America is behind in math and science. Japanese students go to school for 230 days of the year, unlike American students who go to school 180 days of the year. I still stand for summer! We kids really need a break. If we don't have it, it's going to be so hard to function. So if you're so worried about our education then let us have summer! WE NEED A BREAK!

Ezra W. 5B



The Grayest Of Times

Gray,

Is black and white

What does this seem to mean?

How does this relate to you and me?

Gray is the sound of an ostrich squawking

Then you open your eyes,

And you are in your base

In the army, fighting,

far away from your home on the farm.

Today most live in white

Some people's white is more pure than others

They are gifted

They are practically free.

Still in my base

The war isn't over, it is all gray

an endless labyrinth, gray.

The General's yells and the smell of his tobacco, gray

The fact we're up so early, we can't see the sun, gray

The taste of dirt and rotten meat, and the thought of failure, gray,

Gray, Gray, Gray

It's the grayest of times,

When you are hiding

And at any moment

You can be the one, killed.

Never to see your family again,

The thought is gray.

Gray is black and white.

It is far worse than black.

For, when we are in gray, we are given the thought

That something white will happen.

Then it blackens.

Now that's Gray.

Hannah H. 6G

French Fries

**Mush inside and golden on the
outside**

Like the sun on a hot day

**A salty taste reminds me of
swimming in the ocean**

**They feel hot, like leaving your hands near a
fire**

**They get dipped a lot, like a
partner in ballroom dance**

Nikki F. 6G

Should School Start Later?

Did you ever wake up one morning and not want to go to school because it starts too early? My opinion is that school should start later. If school started later, kids would get more sleep, would have less work, and their families would save money.

Most kids wake up too early to get to school. When they get to class, they are still tired. If you are tired in school, you have a hard time focusing and you don't learn as well. If school started only an hour later, it would make a big difference for kids.

Another benefit to starting school later is that kids would have less work and more time to be kids. In most schools, kids are in class for around 8 hours a day. That is way too much work for students! If the school day was an hour shorter, kids would be much happier.

Kids who live far away from school have to wake up even earlier. Some kids have to get up at six o'clock in the morning or earlier. Because of this, some families have to move closer to school. If school started earlier they wouldn't have to move and their families would save money.

Though starting school later would be beneficial, here are some examples of why it may not work. Though kids would be happy with less work, teachers want them to learn more. If school started earlier, kids would get less work and therefore less education. At the end of the day, kids being less tired, having less work, and families saving money are reasons why starting school later seems the way to go.

Julian K. 5B



Install Sunscreen Dispensers At All Sun Spots

There are a lot of people who love the sun but they must protect themselves. Some people forget or can't afford it. It is dangerous if you don't have sunscreen. People are not aware of the future. The Board of Health should do something.

The sun's rays are dangerous because they can cause many sicknesses. You can have sunburns, chills, fever, and nausea, like the flu. There is also raw skin, blistering and loss of skin. If you get some of the sicknesses it can reduce white blood cells so they can't fight off the sicknesses. It can cause cancer, melanoma, actinic keratosis and actinic cheilitis. They can cause the skin to age, leathery skin, and wrinkled skin.

Some sunscreen ingredients work. zineoxide or titanium oxide reflect radiation. [Methoxycinnamate](#) or oxybenzone absorb radiation. There are 3UV rays. All sunscreen protects UVB rays. Some sunscreen protects UVA and UVB rays. You don't need to worry about UVC because it can't penetrate through the ozone layer.

The Board of Health should provide free sunscreen. They should install dispensers at sunspots like parks, beaches, pools and at amusement parks. The city already spends millions of dollars to prevent health problems, like free clinics, free vaccinations, fire prevention and x-rays. Why don't they do sun protection? They should install the dispensers because people forget sunscreen or can't afford it and don't want to spend the money. It can cost a fortune for a little bottle of sunscreen.

Although it must cost some money, the Board of Health is putting hand sanitizers in schools and hospitals already. They should put sunscreen in the dispensers so people can get free sunscreen. People might not have the money to buy the sunscreen in the bottles. The Board of Health might not think it is an important health problem. If the Board of Health would be able to give free sunscreen at sun spots they can save many people from cancers people can get from the sun's dangerous rays.

Max C. 5B



A Snow Day

Tiny white glowing fairies holding their wands,

Shaking

And

Shaking

Letting little white crystals gently flow to the ground,

Like a feather falling off a bird's wing

The snow falls on my tongue,

Then melts

Fall

Melt

Fall

Melt

Fall

Melt

A tingle, it's so cold

Swish

Swish

The snow falls like a cool breeze

The sky tucks the ground into bed,

With a white cover

As it says "Good night"

And give it a kiss on the forehead.

Lauren K. 6G

Jurquoise

Running through the ocean

While waves splash down the shore

What a beautiful day!

Dolphins squeaking,

Slippery and smooth

The sky on a perfect day.

Ocean, flowers

And nothing but air.

Sweet but salty

Laughing and singing

Bands playing loudly in the street,

Oh! what a perfect day.

Helena D. 6th

Young Kids Shouldn't Have Cell Phones

For a few months I've been hearing and seeing a lot of ways cell phones can affect your brain with radiation. Especially if you are a young person with a growing mind. So then I thought, hey, maybe young children shouldn't have cell phones.

Too much radiation is bad for your body. Especially for your brain. Full grown adults with thick skulls aren't as vulnerable to the radiation as much as children with skulls still developing. When the radiation reaches a child's brain it starts to switch their DNA causing malfunctions in the brain's systems. Another bad affect the radiation causes is brain cancer. We all know how terrible brain cancer is and none of us want to have it.

We know the economy is in a bad state right now. Prices are rising. There are more payments for the phone besides for just buying the phone. There are also extras that are optional, like internet and games. Kids take advantage of these things. This is costing parents money.

Children are clumsy, unaware, and oblivious. Children don't really need a phone for that much use. They aren't mature enough. They play with the phone when they are bored and just might break it. As I said before, all cell phone payments added up is very expensive. If the child breaks the phone, I don't think the parents will buy them another phone. If the parents paid for a warranty, OK! But a warranty costs money and every time you use the warranty you have to pay to use the warranty for the next time it might break.

Some people opposing my point of view might say children need to be in contact with their families. Sometimes parents might be worried about their child and call them to make sure they are okay. Or the child might be going somewhere with their friends and call their parents to tell them that they're going somewhere. Speaking of friends, a cell phone can help increase the growth in a child's social life. No matter what adults say, kids will always want to be like everyone else. So if a child's friends have cell phones, the child will want to have a cell phone. I defend my point by stating that a child won't be going anywhere without an adult. If a child is not going with an adult then they must be old enough to do so and if they are that age then they are old enough to have a cell phone. Regarding the child's social life, I think all parents in the United States should choose their child's safety over their child's social life any day. Parents probably don't want their child to have brain cancer. I'm pretty sure about that. Now, the big question is, should under aged children have cell phones? I say NO!

Raphi L. 5B



Music is Good for Children

Children should be exposed to music from a young age because evidence has shown that babies, young children, and teens can benefit from it. Instruments like the piano, the violin, and the clarinet can improve a child's learning abilities. I am going to focus on the reasons why people, throughout their childhood, should hear, listen and play music for their own benefit.

First of all, babies are more developed and better-behaved when they have been exposed to music in the womb. According to research from Donald J. Shetler, The- Inquiry into Prenatal Musical Experience: A Report of the Eastman Project 1980-1987, children have more solid language development and memory skills when exposed to music and literature in utero. According to a study of fifty-two premature babies and low-birth-weight, newborns at the Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Florida, playing sixty-minute tapes of vocal music, including lullabies and children's songs, reduced hospital stays for premature babies and low-birth-weight newborns. Also, crying babies would immediately fall asleep without a bottle or pacifier when exposed to lullaby music.

Second of all, young children that learn in a musical way or young children that train in music have a greater ability to learn. According to Sharlene Habermeyer in Good Music, Brighter Children, kindergarten teachers that sing sight words, help children learn the words faster than without singing. According to Martin Gardiner, Alan Fox, Faith Knowles, and Donna Jeffrey in Learning Improved by Arts Training, music training increases spatial-temporal reasoning skills, crucial for greater success in math and reading. Also, music programs cause children to be better at languages, to learn to read more easily, to demonstrate better social skills, and to have a lower level of stress.

Turquoise

turquoise,

ocean waves touching the horizon

turquoise,

early morning dolphin squeaking in my ear

turquoise,

soft jazz music in the background

turquoise,

a royal jester dancing his funny dance

turquoise,

rich as water after a nine-year drought

turquoise,

markings on my daily coffee cup

turquoise,

flowers parading in the wind

turquoise,

Opportunity

Rachelle B. 6G

Blue is...

Birds chirping in the summer air

Soft feathers from a pillow

Car alarms beeping

Talking about something emotional

Blueberries

Ocean water

And lollipops

Flowers blooming in meadows

Lullabies

The wind

And laughing

Enveloping in a fuzzy robe

Water splashing on my face

Bumpy

Yet smooth

A blueberry muffin straight out of the oven

The salty water in the sea

Blue is...

A balloon floating to the heavens

A bright blue ocean with a sunset view

A volleyball being tossed around by its players

Blue, Blue, Blue, Blue

Blue, Blue, Blue

Sarah L. 6G

Third of all, teens have enhanced academic performance when exposed to music. According to Profiles of SAT and Achievement Test Takers and The College Board in 1999, music students out-perform their non-arts peers on the SAT. Music also improves student behavior in areas such as taking risks, cooperating, problem-solving, and being prepared. According to N. Barry, J. Taylor, and K. Walls, in The Role of the Fine and- Performing Arts in High School Dropout Prevention, courses in music positively influence decisions of high school students not to drop out of school. Data from the National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 proved that music participants receive more academic honors and awards than non-music students. The College Board identifies the arts (including music) as one of the six basic academic subject areas students should study so that they can have success in college.

Although a lot of people say music is beneficial to children, some people think it can influence them negatively. People say that music harms children physically and mentally. They say that children experience damage to hearing, but that this is only if children listen to loud music. Experts also say that children feel more angry and depressed, but that is only if children listen to music with sad or angry lyrics. In conclusion, I think parents and educators should find a way to introduce music, somehow, to children so that children can excel more in every way.

Avi S. 5B



Drop and Give Me 20

Homework gets more and more heavy each year. Kids all over the world are losing chore time and time to sleep, but, most of all, they're missing time to play. That's why kids should have only 20 minutes of homework each night.

In the Jewish tradition, there is something called Shabbat, in which people can't work. This includes doing homework. This makes it difficult for kids to do all of that homework on Sunday. (For those of you don't know, Shabbat takes place on Saturday).

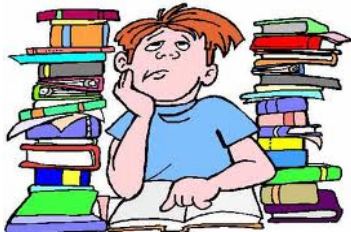
Homework's biggest enemy is fun. Kids have to play because playing can spread their imagination. Playing with others will help them communicate with other kids. Kids also need to exercise their bodies with sports or else they will grow up to be wimpy. Did you know at the age of 21, boys and girls stop developing? Their strength and height will be the most they can do when they're adult. It's true! What if they get robbed? Or can't go on a ride because they're too short? Kids need to play to build strength.

If a child stays up late because of too much homework, the "cycle" will happen all over again. However, the teacher may not realize that their student is lacking attention due to lack of sleep. The teacher may then assign that student more homework, not including the homework he or she didn't finish the night before. This is the most important reason.

The principal of a school might want the school day to be longer. Of course, a school day has to be, at the most, 8 hours long. A principal might think that the kids should learn for a certain amount of time, but they cannot because of the limited time schedule. Homework is then given to maximize the amount of time students learn.

Homework is beneficial, but as we know, too much can be bad. I showed you what the consequences are. We should only have 20 minutes of homework each night. Now the choice is yours. What do you think?

Yehuda D. 5B



The Leaves

Fall, the crisp smell of leaves,

Laughter, as 3 year olds throw rich colored leaves into each others hoods

I remember the time I was laughing,

I threw the leaves

I jumped in them....

I am back at my summer house

My younger sister and I were raking leaves to make a pile

To jump in

Young and carefree I am 8, she is 6

Raking the leaves

Laughing, jumping

My sister's scolding voice

"Make a huge pile, not a small one"

"Don't start jumping in them yet"

Joy, accomplishments

A huge pile

Pride

We had made it

It was our pile,

Oh, the excitement of jumping in the colors.....

In the country,

We volleyed the leaves until we couldn't run any longer

Too exhausted to move,

Too tired to talk,

Only able to lie down and stare at the sky and wonder

What it would it be like to be a cloud

Free of hardships and worries, though we had none.....

Thinking back at it now, I smile

I skip the rest of the way home

Grinning while I run

Estee G. 6G

DAD

Dad
Dad, Dad, Dad
What would I do without you?
Tucks me in at night
Checks under my bed for monsters
And then tells me a story
Comes from far away to see the smile on my face
Then gives me a hug and kiss
Everyday I see him
My face lighting up with joy
When I come home upset I know just who to go to
He brings me up when I feel sad
He'll turn my frown upside down
I come home and a fresh meal waits for me
Who made it...?
Dad
My best friend
Everybody loves their dad
Not as much as me
We go to the park, I get a bruise
He runs home to get me a bandage
He pays the bills
Rides the roller coaster of life
Going up and down and up and down
But nothing or nobody will ever, ever bring him down
He keeps me healthy
He buys me things I need (even things I don't)
Oh I love my dad
I keep saying that
But I do really, really love my dad
Dad, dad, dad

Danielle B. 6G

Calling or Texting; Which Is Better?

This essay is about Calling or Texting; which is better. Throughout this essay you will learn the pros and cons of calling and texting. I like texting much more than calling. I will focus on what calling and texting do to you. I hope you enjoy it, let's get started.

Let's start with texting (my favorite). Texting is good because no radiation gets into your head unless you text with your phone right next to your head. Texting is also good because it improves finger strength. Texting is also better because it's less disturbing than calling to others. That's my point of view on texting.

Now let's get to calling. Calling is worse because when you call, radiation gets into your head. Radiation is bad because it can give you brain damage and certain cancers. Calling is disturbing to others unlike texting. That's why I prefer texting over calling.

Both calling and texting are good in certain situations and bad in others. Texting is good for sending messages when you are in a rush. Calling is good to call your associates when you can't get to them right away. Texting is good for shy people when they don't want to talk. Calling is good for emergencies, for example, calling 911. Those are some examples of when both calling and texting can be beneficial.

While I still prefer texting, there are some important things to keep in mind while texting to keep yourself safe. If you are too busy texting you might not get to read every day. Also if you are too busy texting, you might not do your homework and improve in school. Also, if you are too busy texting in class, you may not learn anything! Texting has counterpoints and calling does too, but I'm on the texting side and so should you!

Amedeo H. 5B



Dogs Should Not Be Used For Fighting!

Dogs should not be used for fighting because then dogs are being abused. Dogs are not toys and have feelings just like people. It is illegal to make dogs fight but some people hide it from police and think it is ok to do.

It is not good for the dogs to fight because they are getting lots of injuries like cuts, scratches, blood loss, broken bones, shock, dehydration, exhaustion, or even dying.

The people who are making dogs fight are gambling on the dogs and are betting on them. They also sell drugs at illegal dog fights. Dog fighting is a felony offense in all 50 states.

The dogs that are not used are thrown out and become strays. Lots of communities like the ASPCA and many more take them in and help them. The ASPCA and the other communities take care of them and try to find homes for them. But if the dogs are not found by the ASPCA, they can die.

Some people think it is ok to watch dogs fight and think that dogs are worthless. Some people also think that dogs have no value and they don't care about them. Some people think it is fun to watch dogs fight. Wait, not all people think it is ok to watch dogs fight or even hear dogs fight. I think dogs should not be used for fighting and I agree with the people who think it is horrible to make dogs fight.

Danna R. 5G



WHITE IS...

**WHITE IS...
LITTLE WHITE ANGELS FORMED IN THE SNOW
VANILLA ICE CREAM
COLD
SLIPPERY**

**WHITE IS...
DOVES SLEEPING IN THEIR NESTS
CLOUDS
ERASERS**

**WHITE IS...
THE WHITE BOARD
SNOW
SICK FEELING**

**WHITE IS...
LIFE!**

Rachelli Z. 6G

Apple

***Smooth with many colors,
Like leaves in autumn.***

***A giant lollypop
With a tiny thin stick.***

***Inside, juicy,
With a few brown seeds.***

***It's smell brings back memories,
When I laid it on my teacher's desk***

Stephanie K. 6G

ipads in School

MDS should be a “paperless” school. All of our textbooks, handouts, and homework assignments should be available electronically. Furthermore, the school should provide an ipad to every student starting in fourth grade and up (because that is when students start getting a lot of homework) so that assignments can be accessed really easily and comfortably whether through the internet or through an app. We can benefit from this in three different ways: physically, academically and environmentally

Heavy backpacks can do a lot of damage to kid's backs. That is why all of our material should be on one device. We can bring it to and from school. In fact in 2001 backpacks were the cause of 7,000 emergency visits and countless complaints of muscle spasms, neck, and shoulder pains. Above all of that, kids are just gaining bad posture.

These days, kids are forgetting all of their homework and books in school, so they can't do their homework. If they had an ipad they could write all of their homework down and download all of their books, so they can't forget anything in school. Another reason why we should have ipads is because if you lose a book you have to pay for it and parents don't always want to do that.

We should also be thinking about saving the environment. No more paper should be wasted on textbooks, and no more trees should be cut down for pencils. Less paper would be thrown away.

Some people might ask why the school should pay \$600-\$800 each for about 200 kids when we already have textbooks at school. 1) It might distract students (they will buy games) and 2) It is too much money and the school probably would not be able to pay for it, because of the bad economy, and we can just recycle instead. Furthermore some kids still won't do their homework.

However, going paperless has great benefits. We can save the environment and students' backs at the same time, which will make students happier and also improve homework rates which should make teachers and administrators happier.

Sophie S. 5G



Think Before You Drink

On a hot, sunny day a cool can of Coca Cola seems like a refreshing choice, but think again. Is it really worth it? Coke is bad for your body and it's bad for your teeth. So why drink it? You might be wondering how something that tastes so good could be so bad for your body. Well you'll find out. Coke is useless, for your body, that is. Did you know that you can use coke to clean rust off things. You can also use it to clean dirty tires and pots and pans and stuff like that. If coke can do this imagine how bad it must be for your body.

There is no reason to drink coke. Coca Cola might taste good but when you see how bad it really is for your body I know you will stop drinking coke.

Coke is bad for your body in so many different ways. Fructose is syrup in coca cola. When you drink too much of it, it leads to an increase in blood pressure. By decreasing the calcium in your body, coke makes you have weak bones. Since there's so much sugar in coke, it increases the risks of diabetes. Coke may cause heartburn. Coca Cola also increases the risk of kidney stones. You should treat your body like a temple, so don't let this junk (coke) in there.

Do you want to be fat? I didn't think so. Well coke may cause obesity. Even though it only has 160 calories (which is still a lot) is directly related to weight gain. Just drinking a can of coke a day is like gaining one extra pound of weight a day. Even drinking Diet Coke which has artificial sugar can lead to obesity because it makes your body want real sugar. Your mouth tastes something sweet but its not real sugar. In the end, you eat more sugar.

If you drink a lot of coke you already know that coke is bad for your teeth. Coca Cola causes stains meaning it makes your teeth yellow. Coke eats up and dissolves your enamel. It hurts a lot to get cavities and coke causes them. Coca Cola has been shown to destroy ten times more teeth material than fruit juices. Coke is even worse than the solid sugar found in candy. Dental experts continue to urge people not to drink coke. So listen to the experts.

If you're really thirsty you'll probably want to drink coke, but coke doesn't even quench your thirst. Instead it dehydrates you. Coke contains caffeine and sugar. The sweet taste of sugar makes you even thirstier. Caffeine depletes (takes away) water from your body. Caffeine interferes with your sleeping system and you don't think properly. The caffeine in coke is worse than the caffeine in coffee. So if you're thirsty just drink water, not coke.

I wonder why people even drink Coke? There are a few (bad) reasons why people drink it. Coke is cheap and people tend to buy anything that is cheap. Coke also gives you energy. Even though coke is cheap, New York City tap water is free and much healthier. You can always drink Vitamin Water or Gatorade. They give you more energy and at least they have vitamins, unlike Coke. There is nothing good about Coke. Something as bad as Coke should never have been invented! The next time you reach for a can of coke, think about the alternative and how bad it is for you. It's your choice, just say NO to coke.



Gabrielle B. 5G

Winter Wonder land

White peas falling from the sky

The ground smiles

Accepts the marbles

Lets it form a blanket

I see footprints like a shoe stores' merchandise

I hear nothing

The birds flew south

Silence fills the air like an owl at night

Pure silence

I taste wet squishy liquid in my mouth

Swallow it

Tastes like water

Magical water

I feel toasty inside

But outside freezing

Esther S. 6G

The Things for Which I am Thankful

The world is big.

There is so much to do.

I am thankful for you, for what you do.

I am glad to have a supportive mom and dad.

I'm thankful for my persistence and effort,

With them I achieve my goals.

I am thankful for my reliable watch,

Allowing me to be on time.

I am thankful for my friends,

I always count on them.

I am thankful for living in a vibrant neighborhood,

Which teams with life and activity.

I am thankful for the special memories,

Of great times spent amongst relatives and close family.

I am thankful for my supportive and caring school staff,

Making me smile and laugh.

I am thankful for my many friends at school,

They are awesome and so cool.

I am thankful for living in our great country,

The United States of America.

Meir L. 6B

The Fight for Teachers

There has long been a discussion about whether public school teachers are underpaid considering the amount of value they add to the leaders of tomorrow. There are three reasons that can help this situation. Number one, people with similar training and education in other fields make more. Number two, if teachers are not paid enough then they will leave the profession. Number three, many people say teachers are being paid for only ten months but teachers really work more than that.

People with similar training make more. What do I mean by that? New nurses, public accountants, and field engineers all have similar training to a teacher. However they make more which is unfair. By not paying enough, we show education is not an important enough value. We need to show it is.

If teachers are not paid enough then they will leave the profession. Qualified people would rather work where they can make more money and then the students won't get the qualified teachers. The problem is without good teachers the school can't be good. You can have the biggest school ever that has art and gym and every other program. But if the school doesn't have good teachers it is not a good school. When Barack Obama was elected to be president of course he and his parents were proud. However, if his teacher was still alive I'm sure she would be very proud and Obama would have thanked her.

Many people say teachers are being paid for only ten months but teachers really work more than that. Many teachers prepare their curriculum during the summer. They also prepare their classroom. Teachers have to stay extra hours grading tests and reports. Some teachers go to school to be a better teacher and that costs them money.

Public school teachers get a lot of time off and they get very good health care benefits. They also get pensions. Public school teachers may get paid less than other professions but they also work less and get better benefits. Considering the great value that teachers add to our countries future they should be paid more. Who knows...we may be the leaders of tomorrow!

Gabrielle P. 5G



UP & DOWN

Have you ever thought that you are doing something wrong but you don't know what it is? Well here it is, the answer is: **ESCALATORS**. Yes that is it, that simple little word. When the word **ESCALATOR** pops in your mind, what are the first words that come inside your mind? Do the words unhealthy, electricity, wastes, damage, heavy and accidents sound familiar? Because believe it or not that is what the **escalator** is doing to our beautiful innocent world! Why not go use an elevator? Or you could start walking for a change.

The reason: escalators waste a lot of electricity because they run and run all day, until night, until someone who works there could turn it **off**. But on the other hand, when you press the elevator button the elevator just turns **on**. So the escalator wastes a lot of electricity.

Another reason: we shouldn't have escalators is because it's not healthy at all. **95%** of Americans are heavy and want to lose weight. They should start walking **up** the stairs. **Escalators** also come **up**. When a human walks up anything it's a lot of exercise. So what is the point of escalators? There are a lot of accidents on escalators. There are also some true stories about people falling off escalators and dying. Also, someone's shoe can get ruined by getting it stuck in the gap on the escalator.

Even though escalators are not such a good idea, they still help a lot with transportation. However, I feel that escalators should be banned/vanished from the world! They do not help people that are unhealthy, they waste electricity, and they escalators cause a lot of damage. Something this horrible should not be allowed in this world.

Yael S.

5G



The Grateful Child

I am grateful for many things

My cats making a ying/yang symbol sleeping together

The way I can communicate with the world

Or even the way I see the earth and it's glory

From the intricacy and beauty of a little flower

To the majesty of a formidable tower

The way I can go on vacation

Seeing friends from far and near

The way a scrumdiddliumptious dinner can fill you up

From a big steak to a little bowl of rice

It's just amazing how simple things can have such beauty

Jacob B. 6B

Snow Day At The Park

Studying for a test

Mrs. Dahan walks in

“Put on your coats!”

I think we’re going up to the roof

Even better

We’re going to the park, leaving the school

Slipping on the snow below me

Falling snow looks like feathers

The angels were having a pillow fight

Trees covered in snow like they were ‘pie-ed in the face’

I enter the park staring in awe

The ground looks like it is covered in paper

I run down the hill, not knowing it’s ice

I scoop off some snow

It’s ice! An abandoned ice rink

Standing silently, I hear cars driving by

Wind in my face

Snow sticking to the ground

A snow fight with my friend

I taste the snow he throws in my face

I slip and fall on my bottom, tasting winter

The beautiful winter

Yoel B. 6B

Kids Lounge Should Be Allowed

Should there be a **kid’s lounge** in school? I, Amanda Dweck, think that there should be a kid’s lounge in school. We do so much work that we need time to relax! Also the teachers have a lounge so why shouldn’t the students! We should have a kids lounge because it’s a REWARD! Your grades and behavior have to be acceptable to be able to go in the lounge. There would be a girl’s lounge and a boy’s lounge. It would be 6th – 8th grade only. Older kids are entitled to special privileges.

It’s NECESSARY! We have a very long school day, (8:00 – 4:20) and we need relaxing time because we do lots of work and if we have a kids lounge we can do our homework/work in the lounge.

It will make MDS MORE POPULAR! MDS will become more popular with its students. The school will get lots more students wanting to come to MDS.

Some people (parents, teachers) might think school is not a place to relax. First, there’s no room. Second, the students may not behave in the kids lounge. Last, it’s expensive to furnish. So what do you think? Should a kid’s lounge be allowed? I think that a kid’s lounge should totally be allowed in school!!!! So let’s make that happen!!!!

RULES:

Only allowed in the lounge for one period a day only!

You need a ticket to get into the lounge which your teachers will have!

NO sneaking in the lounge. If you do then you will never be allowed in the lounge for the whole year!

You need to behave in the lounge. If you don’t then you won’t be allowed in the kids lounge for a very long time!

Colors for the kids lounge: The girl’s lounge colors would be pink, purple and a little white. The boys lounge colors would be green, blue and a little white.

So what do you think? Let’s get a kids lounge!!!!

Amanda D. 5G



Cell Phones Should Be Allowed In School

I think cell phones should be allowed in school. Cell phones can be used in case of emergency and students will pay more attention in class and possibly get into less trouble.

Parents sometimes need to contact their children in school if something important comes up. If a child left homework or an important assignment at home, they could easily call the house and someone could come and bring the homework to them. Having a cell phone in school could solve problems.

My second reason for supporting the use of cell phones in school is that students would pay more attention in class in order to use their technology afterwards. Students would realize that there would be consequences if they use their phones during class so they wouldn't.

My third reason is that allowing cell phones in school could help students get into less trouble. Many students need to use their phones during school. For some reason, if they get caught, they could get punished. If phones were allowed in school, kids wouldn't have to sneak their phones into class, and principals wouldn't have to punish them and have a pile of phones in his/her office.

Some people think that students could get distracted during class, having their cell phones on. Having their phones on, children may not learn as much as they could. Students could text each other and not pay attention. I think if phones were allowed in school, it would be very useful for everybody and students would pay more attention in class!

Ariella R. 5G



Winter Snow

Cars slowly drifting by like ice skaters

Skating gracefully on the ice

Ice

Tricking my friends into falling onto the ground

Pigeons

puzzled by the snow

I hear sounds of the busy city

Mothers calling their children

Cars, trucks and buses

Honking and skidding on the filthy snow

I taste snow melting on my tongue

Cold air is slowly trying to get into my mouth

I felt drops of ice dropping from the sky

Hard snow being pelted at me by my friends

I feel surrounded by friendly flakes of snow

But really

It was wicked slippery ice

William E. 6B

A Winter Forest

I gaze

An ocean of snow

Covering what once was a park

Now a winter forest

Snow fell like sugar being poured into tea

I stared at a single leaf as it fell off its branch

The cool air stroked across my cheek

A single snowflake upon my hand

Like a star fallen from the sky

Ice skaters glide

Enchanted

I watch

Noam St. 6B

NO SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A lot of schools have uniforms. Many students (and parents) find their school uniforms boring, uncomfortable, and dull. Do uniforms actually help kids with their studies? No! In fact, a uniform does more harm than no uniform. Here's why...

No two children are the same. Everyone has a different personality. Sarah likes rainbow and tie-dye, Pat likes flowers, and George likes animals. No one is alike. So why should their clothes be? A child's personality is the most special part about them. Uniforms don't let kids express themselves. Uniforms also don't let kids think for themselves as individuals. Think about it, day after day, they know exactly what to wear and they don't even have to think! No uniform teaches you to appreciate the individuality of your friends.

A lot of kids care about being comfortable. If kids wake up and have a bad headache or stomachache, I'm pretty sure they would rather slip on a comfy t-shirt and loose sweat pants instead of an ugly polo and a tight pleated skirt. Wouldn't you? Uniforms are also not practical. Gym class is part of the school daily schedule. Uniforms are not clothes for gym and students will not be comfortable running around in the type of clothes they make you wear. Research has shown that students learn better when comfy. Some schools are so attached to their uniform that they try to solve this problem with bean bags instead of desks. This isn't smart because it makes their studies harder for their students since they have no where to lean. That's one reason, but that isn't the type of comfort I'm talking about. I am talking about the kind of comfort that kids have when they're on the move and sitting down. Uniforms are not what kids want in their school day.

Without a uniform, kids can also develop the ability to make decisions. They can learn for themselves how to choose clothes appropriate for school. No uniforms can help kids with subjects that you need to have creativity in, such as writing. It will also help kids when they grow up and get jobs, too. They could get a head start!

Jackie T. 5G



Made In America

More things should be made in America because people are losing their jobs. It is getting harder to get jobs because a lot of things are not selling. Even those little plastic American flags are not made in America.

If more things were made in America then more things will sell. We wouldn't have a problem with making money and losing jobs. Factories are mostly out of the U.S., in other countries like China, Europe, and Taiwan. Most of the time you will see a sticker saying, "Made in China". But we want to start seeing, "Made in America".

If more things were made in America, families would make more money. They will at least get jobs and sell things. If things didn't sell we wouldn't have any jobs or money. We will be poor because nothing is sold.

No one would be able to make money for their families. Kids wouldn't be able to go to school (private) they would have to go public school and make new friends. This is all because there are no factories in America and barely anything is made here, maybe some furniture or little toys.

Some things might be made in America but we just don't know it. We are paying other countries for their stuff but we should start looking around here. Some rich people might not care about this because they already have a lot of money. Some people don't want to "waste" land and build factories. MORE FACTORIES, MORE MONEY, MORE MADE IN AMERICA!!!

Jade M. 5G



A Snow Day

Snow is falling like a thousand pounds of baking powder

Snowballs are flying, kids biffed in the face

Snowmen, with carrots as noses and buttons as eyes

Children yelling, dogs barking at the snow

There's an eerie silence as I stand in the park

Alone

The snow melts on my tongue

My fingers numb after making a snowball

I like snow

So white and pure

Benji F. 6B

An Icy Day in the Park

Little mountains of ice

Covered by a thin layer of snow

Big and small trees with no leaves, also covered by that thin layer of snow

Buildings

Covered by the mist and the angels' dandruff

Cars

Zoom by like a snowboarder speeding down a steep hill.

The ice below cracking and cracking and cracking, slowly

I feel the wind blowing in my face as I stand there alone

The angels' dandruff fall on my hands and feet like the water falling on me in the shower

I taste the dandruff as it falls onto my tongue

I feel cold as I stand there on the small humps of ice

Noam Sl. 6B

MDS Needs Shorter School Days!

MDS needs a change! We need shorter school days. School should start later and end earlier. Some of the reasons school should end earlier and start later are that kids are tired, we need more family time, and us "kids" work all the time. I think school should start at 8:45 and end at 3:25.

Since school starts so early, many kids are tired. Children are growing and need sleep. If you look at it like a math equation, it's quite simple. More sleep equals kids paying more attention in school, which equals a life easier for teachers. Also, some kids need some extra time to get ready for school.

Another reason school days should be shorter is because kids work all the time. School is eight hours and kids need a break. I realize that we get breaks, but they are not long enough. Children work in school, at home, and during the summer. Often times, children get stressed because of doing so much work (like me). Getting stressed isn't good for anyone!

Family and friend time is really important. If we had shorter school days, we can spend more time with the people we love. If you live far away, then you get home late and you have no time to "cuddle" with mommy since you go straight to homework. We spend more time at school than we do at our own apartment or house. Also some kids can't have play dates that late. Now that is unacceptable!

The big problem is that there are some people in this world that actually, and I mean actually think that a lot of school is good for you! Crazy! Am I right? People might think school is good, because you get smarter and learn more. Also schools have enough time to learn. Maybe some of that is true, but I (Sarina Kofman) rest my case! Shorter school days are better for all children, and parents can "hang" with kids!

Sarina K. 5G



New School Lunch

School lunch is a daily battle for kids. They want tasty, not healthy foods, but the teachers and parents want healthy foods to make the kids pay attention in class. The cafeteria should serve both healthy and tasty food. It's time to change the school lunch menu!

There are many good things about tasty food. The kids will pay more money and there will be no waste. Some of the tasty foods may have healthy ingredients, like pizza. Kids will eat anything if it's on pizza. Desserts can be healthy too. Fruit salad is healthy. Certain desserts with no sugar are healthy. There are a lot of good things about tasty food.

There are good things about healthy food also. Kids will pay more attention in class. They will get stronger and thinner. The parents will be happy. There are some healthy foods that are tasty. Salad, fruit, and soup are perfect examples of healthy foods that are tasty. Chocolate milk is healthy too. There are a lot of good things about healthy food.

It is good to have both healthy and tasty foods because too much of each can cause problems. To throw out the healthy food is making a bad example, and too much tasty food can make you fall asleep in class. Therefore, we should have both foods served for lunch.

But of course there are bad things about serving both tasty and healthy food. The kids may only eat the tasty food and throw out the healthy food. It will cost more money to buy both foods. But kids should be happier with their lunch. They should eat a full meal to get them through the afternoon. Lunch should be more kid friendly!

Chana R. 5G



A Day in the Snow and Ice

The angels fighting in the air,
Bringing down what I think is dandruff, but it's
really snow

So cold that the snow froze under the flakes that
had freshly fallen

All I felt was cold,
Cold as a Popsicle,
Nothing else but cold and numb

All I smelled—the putrid smell of the dirt and
snow mixed,
The smell of the snow that was freshly fallen,
Which was neutral

Max L. 6B

The Forecast Today

The ground of the park, covered with tears of the gods

The snow whipping

The air like a hurricane

The wind hollering away

Kids throwing snowballs

"OUCH my eye!," one kid cries

That's the end of play

Snow is sticking to the ground, like a magnet

I taste the slushy snow

"Whoops" that's dirty

Then

The ice melts like water going down the drain

The play's is done, the kids scurry home

That's the end of play

Avi B. 6B

No Littering

Littering is bad for three reasons. One reason is it's bad for the environment. The second reason is that it's bad for animals. The third reason is that it's bad for plants.

Littering is bad for the environment for many reasons. If the litter gets into the water we drink, it won't be good for us to drink anymore. Another reason is that it pollutes the air with toxins and chemicals. The last reason is that the litter dirties the land we live on.

Littering is very bad for animals because they try to eat the litter and choke and die. When the litter gets in the ocean, the sea animals get strangled. Also the trash can leak toxins and chemicals into the river.

Littering is also bad for plants because when the garbage is dumped on the plants it can kill or stunt plant growth. The litter takes out the oxygen from the water and therefore suffocates the plants who need oxygen to breathe.

Littering is SO BAD but we can stop it. People need to become more active, stop littering and start recycling. Then we can help the environment, animals, and plants.

Kayla F. 5G



Down With Summer Homework

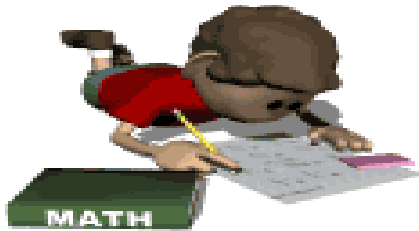
Kids should not have summer homework because we have a whole school year of doing work and we don't need any more during the summer.

Summer homework is way too much work. It's not so good for kids to have too much work. During the summer we have to bring home big packets of summer homework to work on over the summer. I think that kids don't get enough free time which is not good at all.

It's our free time to be active and to have fun during the summer. It's depressing to have to come home every day to summer homework instead going outside and having fun. As an educator recently said, "Summer should be summer." Edutopia took a poll of educators to see if teachers should assign homework over the summer, so 14% said yes, 32% said light work (summer reading), 51% said no, and 3% said none of the above.

Our parents always have to help us and that takes a lot of heir time. After a long day of work our parents have to take their time to help us with our homework. It ruins a lot of important time parents need to have with their families. Some people might say it's a loss of skills if children don't have summer homework. In math children often lose their skills if they don't have summer homework. But in reading students from educated families usually keep their skills even without summer homework. Unfortunately, students from poor families lose their skills. These families should have light homework, such as reading a few books. Kids need free time to play and run around. Summer homework is ending that.

Lily S. 5G



Snow

Snow coming from the sky

So cold

Melting in my hands

Swirling around like a tornado

Hitting my jacket

Drip

Drip

Drip

Drip

Drip

Ice falling in my hair "Whoops- that's cccc-old!"

Benches covered with snow, abandoned and wet

I leave the park

Cold and wet after playing in the snow

So much fun

I hope it snows again soon!

Alex W. 6B

Pen

Liking the paper as it runs along the page

Spitting out ink in a never-ending way

Until it gets parched

Put in some more ink

And it will drink it right up

Max M. 6B

An Easier Way to Learn

I think that school should start at 9:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. It would lead to a happier and healthier day. When I wake up for school I'm tired and get to school late. After school I'm hungry and tired. I would like to have time to just hang out.

When I wake up I'm tired and get to school late. I make my parents late to work. It also may affect my grades.

I'm hungry and tired after school. I cannot concentrate well during the classes at the end of the day. I'm also grumpy.

I would have time to hang out after school. I could be with my friends. Maybe I would be able to have sleepovers on school nights more often.

The problem is that if we had shorter amounts of school time we would get less work done. Maybe if we made classes shorter we would be able to fit many classes in a day. This should help people have a more pleasant day.

Shelomzion S-S. 5G



30 Minutes Is Enough!

Homework is an unfortunate part of every student's life. After a long day at school, students come home and face hours of boring and annoying homework. Kids should not have more than 30 minutes of homework a night.

Many students have other things to do after school. Some students have extra curricular activities, such as sports or art. Other students may have appointments such as a doctor or dentist. Students also have fun activities that kids might do after school.

Homework also takes away from family time. Almost all of a student's awake time is at school so we don't have a lot of time to spend with our family. It is very important to spend time with your family. Students have less than a half a day to spend time with their family and homework takes away more of that time. Also, students have no time for family activities so when families want to do activities they have a very limited time or even no time. Students have no time to visit their relatives. If their relatives come to visit, you want to spend time with them. But you can't because you have to finish your homework.

Many students end up going to bed way too late. Sleep is an important part of growing and developing. Students need to sleep because without sleep students will not be able to concentrate. If you don't concentrate you don't learn and then you can't do the homework the next night. When you sleep your body and mind are resting and if they don't rest you won't be able to participate in school. Some kids are going to bed as late as 12:00! That shows that we should have less homework.

Many people feel homework is an important part of education. Homework allows students to review or practice what they learned that day. Also, homework motivates students to pay attention so that they will not be able to complete their homework. With homework students are more prepared for a test. Even though there are good reasons for homework, it should be limited to a half an hour a day because there are other important parts to a student's life.

Sophie H. 5G



My Places

Down below I see a country, what country is it?

Is it China?

Is it Russia?

It is Spain.

The ocean touches the beach.

Now I am in Holland in a boat flowing down the canal, munching a fresh pancake.

I turn around. I am surfing on a surfboard in Brazil.

I look up and see the Eifel Tower.

I go to a vender to buy a baguette.

But when I arrive at the vender, I am in Israel.

I smell the falafel.

It is so hot. I wish I were on a roller coaster.

My wish came true.

I am at Euro Park.

It is one of the popular amusement parks in Germany.

I feel the wind blowing, but I am not sitting.

I am standing on two skis zipping down the Alps.

I am tired of skiing. I go to get some chocolate.

It is so delicious!

The alarm clock rings.

Time to go to school.

Ariel D. 6B

Blue

When I taste blue, I taste blueberries, all round and juicy. I taste bright blue Slurpies, all frozen and sweet, that give you brain freeze if you slurp them too fast.

When I hear blue, I hear the waves of the ocean beating against the shore. I hear the sound of all the Israeli flags waving in the wind during the Israeli day parade, a sea of blue and white.

When I see blue, I see the blue of my grandmother's eyes, crying when she talks about her past. When I see blue, I see the thousands of Dodger fans cheering in the stadium wearing their blue caps.

When I feel blue, I feel sad and I remember the time that my kitten died. When I feel blue, I think of all the soldiers that died in all the wars.

When I smell blue, I smell blueberry flavored Ice cream dripping down the cone. When I smell blue, I smell blue Sourbelts candy with sugar coating on the outside.

When I touch blue, I touch the soft blue carpet in my mother's bedroom. When I touch blue, I touch my mother's blue cashmere coat that she wears on Shabbat.

David B. 6B

Putty Forever!

Kids like **putty** but teachers don't. Well I think we **should be able** to use **putty** in class! Here are three reasons why. **Putty** helps you to **refocus**, it helps **frustration**, and it helps **build up your muscles**.

Putty helps you to refocus. It helps you **concentrate** when **squeezing** it. Some people are shy, but by smushing this **putty** you get the courage to speak up. If you're having a hard day in school and you're so tired, you **can't pay attention in class**. Your mind is somewhere else, but if you squeeze the **putty** and you'll get back on track.

This **putty** also helps frustration. It helps to **release your anger** while squeezing. Most mushy things break like balloons filled with flour, but not this **putty**! You can squeeze as hard as you want to and **it doesn't break**. Some times your class work is very hard or you don't understand it. Instead of being frustrated mush the **putty** until you're **calm again**.

Sometimes you're writing too much and your hand gets stiff. You need to **exercise**. This **putty** helps to **build muscles** in your hand just by **squeezing and mushing** it. **Putty** also could **increase your motor skills** by playing with it. The magic **putty** also keeps you **active** which is very important.

Some people think that **putty** can be **distracting**. You could get too involved with **putty** and **not pay attention**, which would cause **teachers to yell** and parents to be disappointed.

All in all, **putty is great to use in class!** If teachers would allow kids to use **putty** they would be much more **focused, interested and successful in class!**

Talia G. 5G



No Uniforms

Does your school have a uniform (dress code)? Well many schools do. Having a uniform means that you have to wear the same boring clothes everyday. The clothes you wear are the same clothes that everyone else wears. It's not fair to children! They can't express themselves through clothing and they can't show they're style of clothes.

Kids don't like uniforms. They have to wear the same boring clothes everyday. It gets annoying for kids to wear the same clothes and colors every day of school. They can't wear the patterns or designs which they may really like.

It's important for kids to express themselves through clothing. They can't do that with uniforms (dress codes). With uniforms, kids can't just look at another student's clothes and see the things that they like. Also, kids can't show their style of clothing and the things they like to wear or do.

Also, kids have to wear the same exact clothes as everyone else. They can't wear their own style of clothes. They also have to look exactly like their classmates, all dressed in blue or white, or in whatever colors their uniform is. If there's a kid who wants to be different, then they're out of luck! They still need to wear the uniform and look exactly like their surroundings!

Some people might say uniforms are needed to make sure kids look well dressed. Without uniforms kids may wear dirty, not well made, ugly clothing. They also may say kids could wear inappropriate clothing. Although that is possible, I think those things will probably not happen. I think there shouldn't be uniforms, but now that you know all this information, think about whether you think there should be uniforms or no uniforms!

Talia L. 5G



Purple

Purple is like nothing else

The sweet smell and smooth touch of a grape

The comforting scent of lavender

Is the soft touch of velvet.

Purple, pop music, the Lakers.

The chanting at the game

The excitement of a concert.

Purple to me tastes like coffee.

Strange? Perhaps.

Purple is an amazing color.

Max S. 6B

Red

I see hearts

And blood

I see red drums like a fire

I see horror

I smell love

And blood dripping from a face

I smell fresh roses

I feel scared of the screams from out my door

I feel safe with my folks like an eagle to its mother

Why Both?

Why?

Max H. 6B

The Effects of Bullying

Bullying has become a serious problem mostly in schools. 75% of students think that teachers intervene in bullying situations. Research has shown that bullying occurs every 7 minutes. Together we can end bullying.

Most victims are afraid to speak up and tell a teacher. Bullies get the kids not to tell anyone by beating them or other violent threats. Most kids are so scared that they won't even fight back.

Teasing is the most common form of bullying. People get teased for race or religion such as black, white, Jewish and more.

Bullying has become a serious threat to teenager's lives. Some people are so unhappy or mad that they've been bullied, so they jump off a bridge and kill themselves. This is called committing suicide. It's a terrible thing but people think it's their only escape out of being bullied.

Many people believe that bullying is not the bullies fault. While growing up you need a lot of love. Some bullies feel that they were neglected of love which causes them to get mad at others. If a bully has family issues at home they take their anger out on other kids at school. Also some bullies have serious behavioral issues. Every school should start a stop bullying program because together we can put a stop to bullying.

Debra S. 5G



Uniforms or Not?

Should there be uniforms? This is a question asked by many schools. Most kids dislike uniforms, and would rather wear the clothes of their choice. But still, should there be uniforms?

Creativity is an important reason not to have uniforms. Kids usually express themselves through what they wear. Uniforms don't let them do that. They can't design them either and that gives no use for imagination.

Uniforms, unlike other clothes, are more expensive. Parents also need to buy clothes for out of school, so no uniforms means spending less money. It's good for the parents too!

Uniforms can be too formal and can be uncomfortable. Then kids won't focus as much as they would when they are comfortable. Uniforms are also too hot/not warm enough for hot/cold days.

Peer pressure is a reason that makes uniforms good. Peer pressure is when one kid feels he must do something he is not ready for just because everyone else is doing it. So if one kid starts wearing designer clothing, then other kids will feel they need to buy that brand even if they have perfectly fine clothes. But, kids could start a new trend, by wearing different clothing.

There shouldn't be uniforms. Kids would be happier. That's as important as school work, right?

Temima Y. 5G



Blue

Blue is the sky

Blue is the sea

Blue is something cold

Jumping into water is blue

A cold winter day is blue

Eating ices on a hot day is blue

When I think of blue,

I see

The horizon,

The Ocean,

And sometimes even spilled ink

When I think of blue

I taste

Fresh, cold, water,

Ices,

And berries

I smell fresh air

And sweetness

Blue is liquidy,

And smooth

Jake N. 6B

Green

In the color green I see a vast green ocean.

In the color green I see a mellow meadow stretching
far as the eye can see.

In the color green I feel calmness rush over me.

In the color green I smell a refreshing mint.

In the color green I taste a sweet sourness like a
green apple.

In the color green I hear laughs and happiness.

And when I touch the color green it feels like a spike
on a blade of grass.

Aaron S. 6B

Ben Franklin's Inventions

Did you ever think about learning about Ben Franklin? Well, if so, here it goes. Ben invented numerous things that are still being used today. He invented blue swim fins, metal stoves and red, yellow and green traffic lights. If Ben didn't invent anything, how would we be able to swim, how would we be able to cook and how would we be able to drive safely? Thanks to Ben, we also have electricity!

Ali P. 5G



Takehito's Tango

Takehito didn't have any friends and his teacher said he had to do the talent show this year. This made him feel scared and upset. Takehito felt better when he spoke to Manny and decided to learn the tango with Manny's daughter, Melinda. Takehito also felt a little nervous because he was dancing with a girl who was four years older than him and people were watching them. Now, he couldn't wait for the talent show! He might still be a little nervous because he might have stage fright. Will Takehito be able to dance without messing up during the talent show? Stay tuned to find out!

Vered K. 5G



Snowy Park

I look around

All I see is white

White trees

White ground

White sky

The snow flutters in my mouth

It tastes like winter

A bucket of snow dumped on me

Melted snow drips down my face

Drip

Drip

Drip

Sad and cold

I leave

Returning to school after a fun time

At the snowy park

Wishing I could stay

The whole day

Andrew H. 6B

Beautiful Snowy Day

Look up
Snow flakes falling before me
The geese
Flying far away
I look down
Kids
Playing in the distance
Getting hit by snowballs
WHAM!
Right in the face
The trash covered by a thick layer of ice
AH!
What a beautiful snowy day

Alex K. 6B

Rosalind Franklin

Rosalind Franklin changed the lives of other women. When there were no female scientists, Rosalind decided to be a scientist. She worked very hard. One of her projects was to figure out D.N.A. While studying, one of her pictures, Picture #51, was stolen. It was the clearest picture of D.N.A.

Rosalind died at age 37. After she died, her work helped to change the lives of other women. Now men and women have equal rights. She published her work and showed women that they are as good as men!

Riva C. 5G



My Memory of Mexico

My family and I cruised to Cancun, Mexico. As the ship docked, I noticed the crystal clear blue water. I felt as if the water was inviting me to dive and swim.

A cab picked us up with our thirteen pieces of luggage. We all squeezed in and drove to our hotel, *The Mexican Plaza Hotel*. The hotel lobby had lots of restaurants. I was surprised to find even kosher restaurants. There were lots of children activities such as a large arcade room filled with games, rides and prizes.

After two nights in the hotel, it was time to board the ship again. I was sad to leave but I hope to return to this fun-filled hotel that made me feel so happy and special.

Cookie S. 5G



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