

INTERESTING SUBJECTS

Raul V., 6th gr.

One of my favorite subjects is **math**. I like math because it's interesting and fun. Math is interesting because you learn a lot of new things. I never knew I could solve these kinds of problems. Some of the things we are learning in math are four-step equations. We are also learning inequalities. When I know the answers, I want to participate. Many of the people in my class are doing well. On my report card, I got an A in math.

Another subject I like is **P.E.** I like it because I get to be active. We run, we exercise, and we learn about our health. Today (12.2.2021) we played **soccer** in P.E., and it was fun. I'm quite good at soccer. I used to play on a team, but now I don't.

Today we played soccer inside, in the gym. We have two classes of kids in a gym. There was my class and another class. We were just practicing. I was an outfielder. Then we switched positions, and I was the goalie. I blocked a shot from the other team. Guess what? Our team won. You can see why I like P.E. and math.

Shashi R., 2nd gr. (dictated to her tutor)

My teacher talked about something we could do, that we could do drawing. I like to draw. We draw in school. I don't know what I like to draw. I just like to draw everything. I drew a unicorn today. I drew other things, such as a brown bear. I drew a donut, with a horn on it, like a unicorn. I like to draw with a pencil. Sometimes I draw with colored pencils. My mom and dad like what I draw.

By William, M., Kindergarten. With tutor Sydney V.B.

(The highlighting is some activities starter words the tutor used.)

Jack and **Will** like going to the park. It was sunny **outside** and they wanted to go to the park. When they got to the park, they were super excited to start running around. **Jack** and **Will** go to play on the slides. **Jack** and **Will** had lots of **fun** on the slides. After the slides they ran to the swings. They had so much **fun** on the swings. After the swings they go to climb. **Jack** and **Will** **loved** climbing. **Jack** and **Will** had such a **fun** time at the park that they were now hot. They decided to go and get some **ice cream**. **Jack** got strawberry **ice cream**. **Will** got chocolate ice cream. They both **loved** their **ice cream**.

Jonathan C.-C., 1st gr., written by his tutor

The thing he likes the best is playing outside. “We play hide and seek. The kids hide everywhere. Some people are ‘It’ and some people try to find the person.” (He lives on Malicott.) “We play at the park.”

At Goudy School, he likes playing hide-and-seek and playing tag. “We play on the playground. Sometimes I’m ‘It.’ I can tag people when I’m ‘It.’ My teacher is Ms. Yun.”

By Himaneesh D., 2nd gr.

Write about what you want to learn about in science this year.

I want to learn a lot of animal science and biology because I love animals.

I want to learn about wolves. I would like to know why wolves are mammals.

When wolves and dogs meet up, do they fight or be friends? I would like to know if wolves will be friends with other canines.

Who would win wolf vs dingo? I know that wolves live in packs. I need to know if dingos live in packs.

Who would win wolf vs alligator? I would learn which animal had stronger jaws or claws.

Who would win wolf vs raven? I would want to know if the raven had a bigger advantage because it can fly, or the wolf has strong **jaws** and **claws**.

By asking these questions I will learn more about wolves!

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR by Uriel M., 5th gr.

“Interesting Subjects”

Math is a subject that is most interesting to me this year. I like adding, multiplying, and dividing decimals. It is easy. It is like breaking a case down which makes it interesting. Another subject that is interesting to me this year is writing. I know how to write an essay and it is fun writing.

“What I Want to Learn” I want to read about video games this year because they are fun and cool to learn about. I want to learn how to do division better in math. I want to be level X (highest writing level) at school. I want to learn how to make a little volcano in science this year.

“Concentration”

- Write about three things you are going to do to study better this year. I am going to practice more math problems. I am going to learn how to improve my writing and write some paragraphs.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR By Tanish A., 2nd gr.

Interesting Subjects

- Math is the most interesting subject for me.
- Math is the most interesting subject for me because I learn new strategies.
- The reason why learning new strategies is interesting for me is because when I learn new strategies, I have more varieties to add and subtract.
- Gym is the 2nd most interesting subject for me.
- Gym is the 2nd most interesting subject for me because in gym I learned to balance a book on my head.
- The reason why learning how to balance book on my head is interesting for me is because it is challenging and fun.

“What I Want to Learn,” by Tanish A., 2nd gr.

These are all the things I want to learn.

I want to learn more spelling.

I want to learn multiplication and division more.

I want to learn 10-letter words more.

I want to learn more about Abraham Lincoln.

I want to learn more.

Those are all of the things I want to learn.

“Concentration,” by Tanish A., 2nd gr.

- Write about three things you are going to do to study better this year.

These are all the things I will study better this year.

I will study my memory better this year.

I will study division better this year.

I will study multiplication better this year.

I will study engineering better this year.

I will study coding better this year.

Those are all the things I will study better this year.

- **Carl A., 3rd gr. (dictated to tutor Beth P.)**
- He wants to have a YouTube Channel. He wants to play games. Mine Craft, Fortnite, and RoadBlock. These are his favorite games.

- In school, he likes recess the best. He plays. (He doesn't have any friends.) He plays Gaga. It's fun. That's outdoors. Indoors he plays Goolkit. (?) He is about to move to a different school.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR: "Interesting Subjects"

By William M., kindergarten (dictated to his tutor, Sydney V.B.)

My favorite subject this year is reading. I like reading class because it is the most interesting to me.

I also like gym class because it is really fun, and I like my teacher. In gym class I like to exercise.

"What I Want to Learn"

In reading class this year, I want to learn about how to read story books.

To do better in math this year, I want to learn how to count to higher numbers.

In order to do better with my writing this year, I want to learn more letters in the alphabet.

In science class I want to learn about plants and how they grow.

"Concentration"

Learn how to read words in a book

Learning more numbers

Learning how to write new words

Rithwik N., 4th gr., dictated to his tutor Peter A.

Science was an interesting subject this year because I got to learn how to light up a bulb and it was fun to light it up. There are other ways I found out. I figured out there are more ways to light the bulb up. Also, I feel like there are more ways to light it that might work or not work.

The next thing I want to learn is how to build cars and shoes that can fly. Also, I want to invent to make some things easier to do when it is hard to do. When I am inventing, I need a partner to help me out by passing tools and giving ideas how to a thing and give me list of things that people would use. I would make a phone and make a lot of emojis for people, which

would talk with them, and people would easily talk to people who do not speak the other person's language. I am going to study math, science, and computer so I can be great at them.

When I grow up, I want to be an artist because my art can be in a museum so everyone can see my art and I would make money somehow, and I am interested in how I will make money and earn money.

Art is also a subject I am interested in because art is everywhere in a museum and there are old things you can learn about, and if someone draws something and puts it in a museum someone would tell who made it and everyone will be interested in it, like everything in the museum. Some drawings might be like George Washington and him painted.

Interesting Subject By: Mushtaq D., 8th gr.

The subject that is most interesting to me this year is Reading, because right now, the book that we're reading is about Phineas Gage. The title of the book is also called Phineas Gage. This book is about a man that got shot through the head with an iron rod and apparently lived to tell the tale.

Phineas was working at the train tracks and there was black powder inside the hole he dug. You have to crush it very carefully, so the black powder doesn't explode. But something/someone distracted him which caused him to let go of the iron rod, and when he did, the black powder exploded, which shot the iron rod through Phineas's left cheek bone and came out at the top of his forehead.

Usually when that type of stuff happens you die, but Phineas didn't and the most surprising thing was, Phineas was still conscious after all that! He kept talking like nothing had happened. The reason for that was because there were no nerves in your brain, so it didn't hurt when the iron rod went through him. There is a lot more to this story, but, unfortunately, it's getting too long, and I have to stop here. The main thing is there was a lot of stuff that happened in reading this which was interesting, and it's the most interesting subject by far. BYE-BYE! 😄😄😄😄😄😄

Going to School “Remote” vs. Going to School “In-Person”
by Raul V., 6th gr. (Dictated by Raul, and typed by Beth P.)

When school started on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, there was an announcement about people going to school “in-person” and people going to school “remote.” People who were not vaccinated had an early dismissal. People that were vaccinated stayed in school.

I'm in the 6th grade. In my grade, there are 15-20 people who are going to school "in-person," including me. We have to wear a mask "in-person" when we are in school. The students going to school "remotely," don't need to wear a mask, because they are at home. The thing about going "remote" is that they don't really teach well in remote. There's less time in "remote" than in school. When you are "in-school," you actually have active learning in the seven hours you are actually in school. In "remote," you have only half of those hours. The reason why you only get half of those hours is because when they're done teaching, they just tell you to do independent work.

On Friday of this week is "Record's Day," when there are no classes. Next Tuesday when we go to school all the students will be coming back, even those who are not vaccinated. I hope no one gets sick.

"Concentration," by Jordynn J., 6th gr.

- Write about three things you are going to do to study better this year.

Three things I am going to do to study better this year are: moderating my time on Tiktok, pay more attention in class to feel more confident when completing my homework, and when the work seems too difficult, I don't want to stress about it rather ask the teacher for more help.

To help manage my time on Tiktok, instead of going on it right away when I get home, I can spend some time on my homework assignments and take a little Tiktok break to break up the work for myself.

When I'm in class, I find myself distracted by others or even myself, so maybe separating from my friends to focus a bit more would help me complete my homework with more confidence and even faster.

If I am struggling to finish my homework myself at home, I can try asking my mom for some help, or even email my teachers to let them know that I am trying, just a bit stuck.

WHAT I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR, by Raul V., 6th gr.

What I want to learn in reading and literature is to read more novels. I want to want to read more inspirational novels. I have read some inspirational novels already. *The Bread Winner* is one that I have read. I liked it a lot. ↓ It's about a family from Afghanistan. I want to read inspirational novels because they give me advice.

I would like to do better in math this year. In math I want learn more challenging things. I want to learn algebra, fractions, and slopes. In math I'm the top person in my class in solving problems.

In social studies I'm learning about Abraham Lincoln. He was on the Union side in the Civil War. He stopped slavery. He was important.

The other Presidents I want to learn about are George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt. They are important people in history.

INTERESTING SUBJECT, by Baron F., 3rd gr. My parents have tried and tried to help me be able to write better. But no matter what they do, they are unable to help me to write better. Because no matter how I hold the pencil, it wouldn't matter because it wouldn't help. It's not the size of the pencil or how I hold it, it's how fat the pencil is. [Ms. Beth P. says, "Baron, you are very articulate. Articulate means expressing yourself very well as you speak." Actually, Baron is writing now, on his own. Baron says:]

Right now, I have a little "book" of paper. I am writing a story on the little "book" of paper. The story is called "The Cursed Letter." The book is about someone who found a wand and is using it to save their friend. *But it turns out the person has powers, but the one is used to upgrade the powers, and give someone else powers.* This is the first part of the book. I haven't made the rest of it yet.

My Favorite Subject: Art, Dictated by Max A., 5th gr, to Beth P.

My favorite subject is art because I get to do anything I want. My creativity is free to run. I can also do whatever I want, and not have to worry about people judging me about what I make.

I like clay. I make in clay whatever I can. I have made an image of a man wearing a top hat. I have it in my room, and I look at it and think about all the memories I have had in third grade. A couple of weeks ago I made an illusion of a dragon looking at you wherever you go.

LEARNING IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR, by Jaylen S., 5th gr.

I'm reading books in the series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. I've read the first one, and I've also read "Rodrick Rules," "The Last Straw," "The Get-Away," and "Big Shot." The author is Jeff Kinney. I like the books because they are very entertaining, and they are easy to read. Some of these I bought from the store, and for others, my teacher has a section where you can check out books. I want to read all the 17 books in the *Wimpy Kid* series. I might buy some of them, and some of them I can get from the school library.

When I get older, I want to write a book, just like the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books. I will think about the topic in the future.

In science I want to find out about some of the myths. I want to see if some things are real or not. Like, aliens. Are aliens real?

Interesting Subjects, by Rianna J., 1st gr.

Actually, I like reading. Right now, I'm reading "Rock." The book is about rock music, music of a long time ago, 1950.

What I Want to Learn This Year, by Tanisha S., 2nd gr.

I would like to read books about nature and write some sentences. I would like to study math a lot (adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing). I want to write neatly and with correct sentences. I would like to do some experiments in science.

Interesting Subjects, by Hassan D., 7th gr.

Math is an interesting subject to me this year in school. I like multiplying because I just like doing it. Multiplying is a combination of adding, subtracting, and dividing. I'm getting a good grade in math because I like it.

Science is also interesting to me this year. We are learning about the digestive system. I didn't know about the esophagus before. When you eat, the esophagus adds food into your stomach. There are chemicals in the stomach which break down all the foods.

By Shashi R., 2nd gr. (dictated to Beth P.)

In school this year, I like math. I do measuring. We don't do centimeters. We only do inches and feet. I also like subtraction and addition. I don't like word problems that much. I really like measuring.

Another subject I like in school is social studies. Today (February 28, 2022) we read about people who started the Red Cross. We also talked about people who helped the people in the war when they got shot. We were talking about the people in Ukraine, but we weren't talking about the people who got shot. I know that everybody wants to help Ukraine, but we can't do that because it would start a third world war. How we are helping is giving them armor and guns so they can fight back against Russia. I also saw this on my mom's phone, that Russia is losing. We are helping Ukraine because Russia is trying to take over Ukraine, and they took some parts of their land already. American doctors are coming to Ukraine to help people because Russia is putting bombs over Ukraine, and people are getting hurt.

I also learned about polio in social studies. When you have polio, you can't walk. One of the Presidents got polio. Now people are vaccinated so they won't get polio. In poor countries they don't have the vaccination, so they might get polio.

Our class is the best class of all the second graders—but I think it might be of the whole school! Mostly everybody says that.

By Shashi R., 2nd gr. (dictated by Shashi to Beth P.)

I like nonfiction and fiction. A fiction book I liked was called "Piggy and Gerald." A non-fiction book I liked was about a dog named **Balto**. The book was about when a kid was sick, and at that time they were far from the medicine. They walked through the snow to get the medicine, and they used a sleigh to move, because there weren't any cars back then. The dog was real, and there is a statue of the dog in one of the libraries. I actually read that book with one of my tutors. I have the book at home, right now.

The dog was the leader of the dogs. People who had that dog looked to see why the dog stopped moving. They saw the leader dog—his hand (paw) was wet. His hand (paw) would freeze if they let it stay a little longer, so the person who owned the dog used a towel to make sure it didn't freeze.

So his paw got better, and they kept going. Then they reached the village, and they gave the medicine to the kid who was sick. So the kid got better. If he hadn't got the medicine, the kid would have died.

The dog was the bravest dog, because his paws would have been frozen if his owner hadn't put the towel on them. And the dog brought the medicine to save the kid.

WOLVES, By Himaneesh D., 2nd gr.

Pack of wolves = 7-8: father, mother, and offspring. Wolves leave to start a new pack at age two. Wolves travel in packs. If there is danger, they howl to warn other packs.

Do other packs come to help? Wolf packs can attack each other. – They stay silent when they attack.

Communication is central to the wolves' survival: They yelp and howl. When a pack of wolves howl, it can be heard for as many 4-10 miles.

When wolves are scared, they tuck in their tail and flatten their ears. Confident wolves hold their heads and tails up

Why do wolves howl more at the full moon? They are not howling at full moon. They raise their heads when howling to be heard from farther away.

How many wolves are there? 200,000-250,000 Most wolves have healthy populations, but some are endangered.

How are **timber wolves** different from **dogs**? – They both have five claws. The wolf's ears are point and stiff. Wolves have one litter per year.

Could a dog live in a wolf pack? We could not find an answer, but I would assume they could because they are related, and they can have children. Wolves are related to **dogs**, foxes, coyotes, jackals, and hyenas.

Wolves Are Like Monsters

I am really interested in wolves because they are strange creatures. When people think of monsters, they say werewolves, not werefox or werewhales. I think this is because of their howl. It is scary when they howl. I saw a photo of a wolf jumping at something and its canines were sharp. What would you do if a wolf was coming at you baring its teeth? People would be even more scared if they knew the force that wolves have when they bite. The wolf's jaw is so strong that it can bite through a moose's femur.

Wolf Packs

Most wolves are not solitary. They live in packs with 7-8 members, including mothers, fathers, offspring, and alpha. They communicate with other packs by howling. They warn other packs by howling. Wolves communicate to take down other animals, such as moose, which is their favorite food. They can attack other packs. When they do this, they stay silent.

Wolves' Communication The body communication of wolves is that a scared wolf flattens its ears and tucks its tail under its beneath. The confident wolf will pick its ears up and straighten its tails. They yelp and howl to communicate, and their howls can be heard from 4-10 miles away. Many people think wolves howl at the full moon. But that is not true. They put their head up so they can be heard from far away.

How Many Wolves Are There?

There are currently 200,000 - 250,000 wolves. Most wolf populations are healthy, but there are some endangered wolves, and that's why they are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

How are Wolves and Dogs Different and the Same?

Wolves and dogs can both wag their tail. They bare their teeth when they are angry. They both can live and travel in packs. Wolves and dogs can have hybrids. Wolves are related to dogs, foxes, coyotes, jackals, and hyenas.,

I think about wolves too long and then I think about werewolves.

By Rithwik N., 4th gr.

READING: In reading I want to learn paragraphs because that is what I am learning in school. Also, I have learned more than that and I do not want to learn for my whole 4th grade learning about paragraphs. There's more to learn in reading when you are in 4th grade.

MATH: In math I want to learn a lot. I learned lattice and fractions and a lot more. Also, I want to get all good grades on my report card.

SOCIAL STUDIES: In social studies I am learning about the States. I am good at it, so I do not need to worry. In social studies I also have some problems like doing a summary or making a 5-w's worksheet. The 5-w's are who, what, when, where, and why. I am also learning about regions. The regions are the Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and West.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, by Marwan D., 10th gr.

“Interesting Subjects”

- Write about a subject that is most interesting to you this year. Art
- Write about some of the things that are interesting in it. The Creativity you can do
- Write about what makes them interesting. The projects and working together and what's interesting is that we sit at the same table and do the same project

- Write about another subject that is interesting to you this year. computer
- Write about some of the things that are interesting in it. Using the computer to find new things, but it's also hard because you have to do database work so it's not really fun
- Write about what makes them interesting. The new updates, downloading, and playing games

By Pranathi Y., 2nd gr. My favorite subject in school is art class because you can do lots of projects and you can paint !

My other favorite subject in school is gym because there are a lot of sports like tennis, scoops, and soccer.

Max A., 5th gr., dictated to Beth P.

I want to read a novel, something like Captain Underpants. I have some novels at home, but they're very short. I would like a longer novel.

In social studies, I would like to learn about stuff in art—art in different countries and different centuries.

In math I would like to learn how to do the quadratic formula, because it is interesting.

In science I would like to learn about how to clone animals.

As for writing, I would like to write a random story about survival, a survival story. The person would have to survive in the ocean. The person would be on a raft with his two friends. They found an island and claimed it as their own.

“My Dog,” By Max A., 5th gr., Dictated to his tutor, Beth P.

My dog's name is Fi-Fi. My dog came from a puppy mill. We got her a couple of weeks ago. She was at a puppy mill. She's a dachshund, which actually costs a lot if you buy them. You could sell them for at least half a million dollars.

My dog is really lazy. She's about 8 years old; actually, she's about 49 years old. She's kind of an old dog.

To get a dog from a puppy mill, you go to a rescue center. The people have to see inside your house, to see if it's safe for a dog. If it's a dachshund, then you have to do an entire process to see if it's safe enough.

Either me or my brother takes care of my dog. We have to feed her. Like any other dog, of course you have to feed her. We feed her chicken with

rice, or whatever she can eat. Also, we sometimes feed her canned food. That was the biggest mistake of my life. She threw up all over the floor. We also have another dog. The other dog is my stepdad's dog. Its name is Chico. He's about 7 years old.
I love my dog.

By Harasha P., 2nd gr.

In school one of my favorite subjects is math, where we do 2-digit subtraction. 2-digit subtraction is easy, but not really. I work on word-problems, but not 2-digit word problems.

By Harasha P., 2nd gr.

My family and I came from India. In India it is kind of hot. That is why people in India always go outside. There is no day that is cold, including in the north.

There are hundreds of languages in India.

In India they give a lot of homework. That's why kids don't stay free.

The India national animal is a tiger. The India national tree is the banyan. The India national flower is the lotus.

And a god put the name for India. And that's what I know about India.