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### Finishing Strong!



**Anita Chu**

The school year 2021-22 marks an extraordinary journey for the Garvey community!

It's a year we face major disruptions and limitations that compel us to think outside the box to create innovative possibilities.

A year we experience discouraging divisiveness that draws us to deep reflection and ultimately recommitment to our shared mission.

A year we confront extensive learning loss that urges us to maximize all opportunities to accelerate gains.

A year we struggle with anxieties and uncertainties that help rekindle our empathy, care and support for others.

**Garvey has indeed risen above adversity!**

As we approach the conclusion of this historic year, Garvey is committed to creating exciting, memorable celebrations.

We will celebrate the promotion of our young leaders for their unprecedented accomplishments amidst the pandemic.

We will celebrate their proud parents whose self-giving support is instrumental to their children's success. We look forward to greeting our parents in the promotion ceremony and saying "Thank You" to them in person.

We will celebrate the Educators Appreciation Week to showcase our exemplary "educators," all of whom in their specific roles (e.g., teachers, counselors, food services staff, custodians, office staff, and health staff) contribute to the village that educates and nurtures our young leaders and their families during these difficult times.

We will celebrate the summer with an array of exciting learning opportunities for learners of all ages. Students will participate in academic acceleration programs and high-interest enrichment clubs, such as art, cooking, robotics, coding, film production, dance, and field trips. Staff will also engage in training and collaboration events to invest in their own and others' professional growth. **Garvey will remain a happy learning community!**

**GARVEY will be FINISHING this year STRONGER THAN EVER!**

We greatly appreciate our "village" – students, families, community, and staff for their inspiring commitment and partnerships in realizing our vision of developing leaders during these challenging times.

Please visit our schools' and the District's websites at [www.gesd.us](http://www.gesd.us) to learn more about our programs and services in supporting our students, and community and partnership opportunities.

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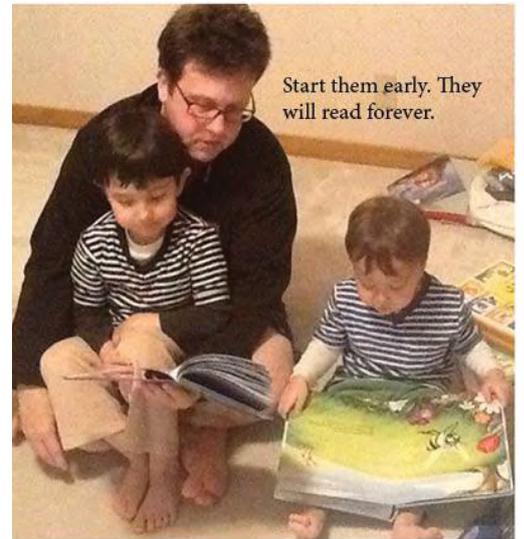
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Superintendent Chu begins this issue with her positive message on page 2 and information for the summer.

In this issue the articles and beautiful pictures are examples of the student's delight in being back in their classrooms.

We have included our popular student book reviews on pages 15-16. Also, the word search contest is on page 15 (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is November 2. Have a fun summer and please remember to include the library among your activity choices.



## Curious George Goes to the Zoo—Word Search Contest

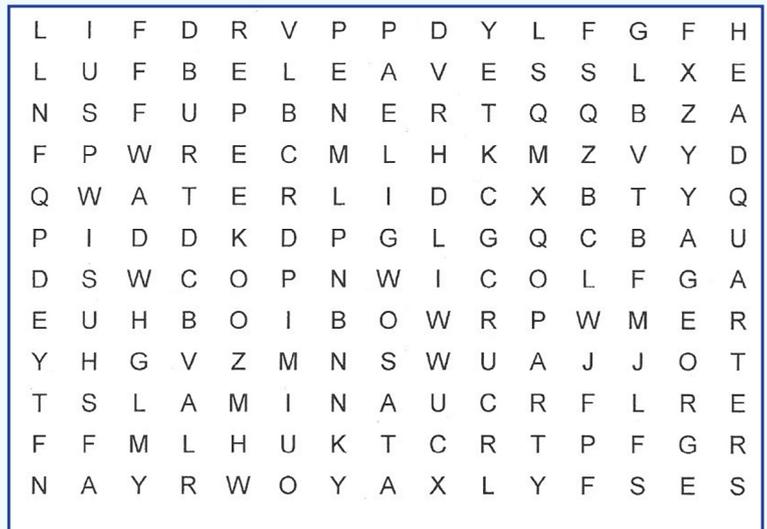
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Entries must be received by **July 15, 2022**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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|--------------|-----------|
| Amazing      | Leaves    |
| Animals      | Park      |
| Climbed      | Party     |
| Curious      | Rhino     |
| Danced       | Water     |
| Fun          | Wild      |
| George       | Wonderful |
| Giraffe      | Zoo       |
| Headquarters | Zookeeper |
| Hippo        |           |



# Head Start / State Preschool

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**Dr. Rosa Guerra**  
*Principal*

## Our Early Head Start Students Starting Strong and Finishing Stronger!

The Garvey Child Development Program held a Red Ribbon Ceremony celebrating the opening of four Early Head Start classrooms at Williams Education Center on Friday, March 11, 2022. Parents of our Early Head Start students joined us, along with members from our Policy Committee and Board of Education. Rosemead Councilmember Sandra

Armenta spoke on behalf of Senator Rubio and awarded us with a certificate of recognition. Our first day of school was Monday, March 14, 2022. Our 32 students ranging in ages from 18 months to 36 months were left in the care of our caring, compassionate and competent staff. Although some tears were shed, most of our little ones were quickly engaged in eating breakfast and making new friends! It was a successful first day! We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the cities of Rosemead, San Gabriel and Monterey Park with a high quality early childhood program!



## Independent Study

<https://www.garvey.k12.ca.us>



**Alberto Alvarez**  
*Assistant Principal  
on  
Special Assignment*

### Building the Plane While Flying It....

What a journey! This year, Garvey School District's Independent Study Program Teachers received a call to action via an opportunity to do something special. We, the independent Study Team, feel that the following are highlights as a result of the IS AB 130 program:

- Provided an alternative quality educational program for Garvey's students and their families during a time of need!
- Third grade students' iReady scores outpaced the District's average!

- Second grade student's iReady scores were comparable to Statewide results!
- Teachers created their own Independent Study Social Committee!
- Teachers planned, designed, and co-created their own FOSS/Next Generation
- Science Standards NGSS unit plans and lessons!
- Teachers held 2 Academic Excellence and Student Recognition Virtual
- Assemblies!
- Average student attendance for 2021-2022 (so far): 96.52%!

We are grateful for the opportunities and challenges we faced this year. The experiences gained helped us to finish strong....

## Arlene Bitely *Elementary School*

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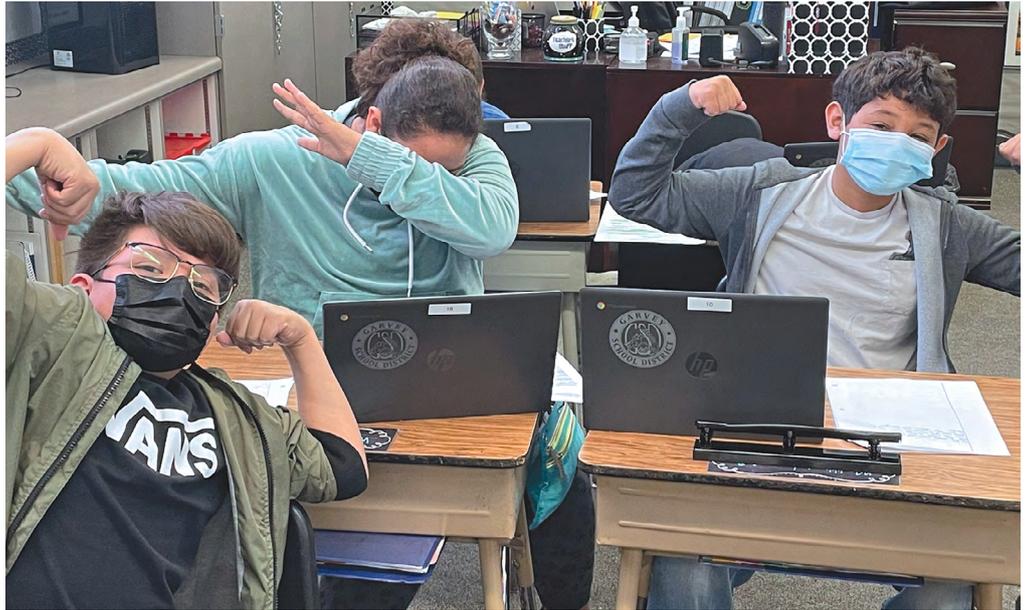
**Rudy Torres**  
*Principal*

### **“Let’s Finish Strong!”**

As the school year comes to an end our Bitely Bears are finishing strong! For so many of our students, this was the first full year back after a long period of school closure and uncertainty. Many of our students faced

academic and social challenges by embracing adversity. Our counselor provided our students with the skillset to reengage in school. Our wellness center was a space to socialize and work through feelings to make school a safe place. Our students sought out opportunities to grow, make new friends, and become even better students. They enjoyed extra-curricular activities, sports, and computer coding.

The key difference was a relationship built on the synergy between our students and staff. Your mindset prepares you to build mental toughness. Bitely Bears are finishing strong, #Bitely\_Grit!



**Our fifth-grade Bitely bears are finishing strong!**

## Dewey Avenue *Elementary School*

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**Denise Williams**  
*Principal*

### **Dewey Dolphins FLIP!**

Our Dewey Dolphins have shown great resilience in adapting to new changes this school year. However, one thing that has not changed is the FUN

of learning. Incorporating “fun” school activities continued to inspire, motivate and make students more involved in their learning. Activities such as a Character Parade, Door Decorating Contests, Spirit Dress Up Days, Performance Assemblies, and Read Across America Literacy Spirit Week were some of the highlighted activities this year. Dewey Dolphins had fun showing their school spirit as we had great participation. We look forward to incorporating additional “fun” activities next school year.



# Duff Language Magnet Academy

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**Dr. Benson Kwok**  
Principal

## In the Home Stretch

Spring is in full swing and the entire Duff staff is enjoying seeing the social-emotional and academic growth in our students over these past months. As the countdown to summer begins, we reflect, review and celebrate all that has happened in this first year back to in-person instruction. As a new school, we have implemented traditions and continue to add engaging activities for our school community. This year, Duff

Dragons began our Leader in Me Journey to promote the 7 habits for children to instill leadership for their futures. We had an incredible Lunar New Year celebration where students were able to experience traditional Chinese lion dancing and we look forward to involving more parents as we make progress in the formation of the PTA. Our student mural is almost complete and there are additional campus beautification projects on the horizon that will include a large community mural and the groundbreaking of new green spaces for our students to explore. The Duff community looks forward to new partnerships and a successful finish to the school year. #DragonsRISE.



**Our Kinder student mural is almost complete. Thank you Mrs. Duey for leading our students in designing and painting our beautiful new butterfly wings!**



**Students enjoy a traditional Lion Dance for Lunar New Year.**

# Ralph Waldo Emerson *Elementary School*

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**Ethan Stocks**  
*Principal*

## The Best is Yet to Come!

The 2021-22 school year has marked a return to normal for our extended Emerson family. It has been exciting to return to in-person learning in a safe, supportive environment, and to provide an expanding array of intervention and enrichment activities in order to create the best possible school experience for our students.

2021-22 has been a year of firsts. In October, Emerson introduced its first

ever pullout intervention program, providing extra support in Math, Reading, and English Language Development. In January, Emerson launched the IDEA Club, a student group dedicated to creating fun, engaging activities for students and staff. In June, Emerson School will hold its first in-person promotion ceremony since June 2019. We are proud of all we have accomplished this year.

And the best is yet to come! In the fall, Emerson will open its long-awaited Makerspace and Wellness Center. We can't wait for you to see them!



# Richard Garvey *Intermediate School*

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**David Alarcon**  
*Principal*

## Return to Excellence

Garvey Intermediate has come back strong in the 2021-22 school year. After being named a California Distinguished School in the 2020-21 school year, we have continued to celebrate many successes over the course of the year. We had two students that placed 2nd and 3rd in the International Academic Competitions qualifying for both National and International competitions in their respective fields. Garvey's Science teams have participated and excelled in many competitions including fifteen of

our students placing in the top three spots in LA County's Science Olympiad. Also, a four-person team from Garvey Intermediate took 1st place in the SeaPerch Competition Technical Design Report, which is an underwater robotic competition. Most recently, Garvey's Science team took the top prize of Grand Champion at the Mark Keppel High School Science Field Day. Finally, our Garvey Garden was just featured in the Theodore Payne Foundation Native Plant Garden Tour and was highlighted by KTLA news.

We hope to build upon these successes as we prepare for the upcoming school year and come back even stronger. Mustang Pride!



**Garvey Intermediate Science Club**

# Congratulations!

# Hillcrest Elementary School

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**Laura Quintana**  
Principal

## Leader In Me Habit

We are very proud of how our Huskies have grown this school year as leaders, scholars, athletes, artists, bilingual speakers, and global citizens. Student test scores in iReady ELA and Math continue to rise, more than 65% of our students have been recognized as Students of the Month, Leaders of the Month, or “caught” practicing a Leader In Me Habit. From

Student Clubs and Assemblies, to Spirit Weeks and Fundraisers, Hillcrest students keep demonstrating global citizens are collaborative, creative, critical thinkers, and communicators. As we wrap up the school year, we are proud of our Husky Community and the 2021-2022 accomplishments. We invite you to come see all the amazing work and meet our dedicated Staff on May 25th at our Virtual Open House.



# Monterey Vista *Elementary School*

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**Hing Chow**  
Principal

## Finishing the Year with Performances

Monterey Vista will finish the school year with students prepared for the 2022-2023 school year. Teachers are not just preparing the students for the SBAC testing but with readiness skills for their next grade levels. Students are working collaboratively in classrooms on culminating projects in demonstrating their competencies of the common core standards, the 21st Century

skills through scientific experiments, PowerPoint projects and performances.

Monterey Vista students will have an opportunity to give a VAPA performance to other students to show off and demonstrate what they have learned during this school year. We also have students who worked collaboratively for the “King Midas” play from the start to the end of the production. Way to go, Monterey Vista as we are approaching the finish line of the 2021-2022 school year.



# Eldridge Rice *Elementary School*

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**Judy Gonzales**  
*Principal*

## Be the Hero of Your Own Story, Work Hard, and Finish Strong!

When the times got tough, we got tougher! This global pandemic deeply impacted our students academically. To support the hard work of our teachers and students, we put in place several school-wide measures, including an intervention schedule to ensure that each grade level has a specific time where no new instruction takes place to review, re-teach, or extend learning. Mr. Nguyen, our intervention teacher, and Mrs. Mendoza, our Title 1 assistant, support our K-6th grade struggling readers with a program called SIPPS, Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words. In addition, Mrs. Blanco, our part-time intervention teacher, recently started working with the students who need support with reading comprehension and fluency. Lastly, to motivate and encourage our 2-6th graders to learn their math facts, our students “play” on Reflex Math every day until they earn their green light. As a result, we have grown from 36% to 86% in our math fact fluency. Yahoo!!! Rice Rockets work hard and finish strong!



# George I. Sanchez *Elementary School*

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**Gabriela Benitez**  
*Principal*

## Soaring Above Adversity

It appears that our small daily attempts at progress have added up to promising results. Sanchez has had a fantastic year with a lot to be proud of and cherish. Our littles have grown in so many ways, some easily recalling their strengths, some needing a bit more guidance. Despite our deepest concerns, we have succeeded in making this challenging year one of the most memorable in the

history of our careers. Grateful for the myriad of moments in our hardworking classrooms that lead us to benchmark growth, to the ongoing devotion of our health care team that assist us with continuous campus safety.

An integral part to Sanchez' success is attributed to the energy, love and care our staff brings to school every day along with our unwavering attempts to build connections and trusting relationships with our amazing and resilient students. Sanchez Eagles took flight this year!



# Roger W. Temple *Intermediate School*

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**Dr. Robert Boyd III**  
*Principal*

## **We are On Our Way Back!!**

The 2021-2022 School year has been a challenging one. Students and staff have struggled to adjust after an almost two-year absence from regular instruction. In addition, Covid-19 protocol presented an additional set of challenges, in that many of our past practices that made us special were no longer permitted. This was the reality of returning from a pandemic.

However, as we have continued to regain form and Covid cases have continued to decrease, we are now finishing strong! A fine example of this is our recent participation in Math Field Day and Science Field Day at Mark Keppel High in Alhambra. These were in person academic competitions that our students haven't attended since 2019! Not only did our students attend this year, but they also competed very well. Congratulations, Temple Knights! We are on our way back!



# Frances Willard *Elementary School*

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**Jeff Maljian**  
*Principal*

## Crossing the Finish Line with Gratitude

As we approach the end of the year, we have so much to celebrate and reflect on. This year has presented challenges but also opportunities to make an impact in our school. Our students have been amazing settling back into school, rekindling friendships and igniting a fire for learning. Our teachers have been leaders, encouragers and supporters to our entire school. We are grateful for the visible accomplishments

and those still to come. First, our student leaders have stepped up in ASB, as student greeters or on the Yearbook team. Also, we have updated our library with new books and flexible furniture. We also are preparing our Wellness Room for 2022-2023 to create a place for students to slow down or take a break when they feel overwhelmed or anxious. Looking forward to the last weeks of school, we have our all-school BBQ and Carnival day, Field Day Games for 6th graders, and in-person promotion. This year has paved the way for an amazing upcoming school year and for that, we are grateful!



## Daniel's Review



**Daniel H.**

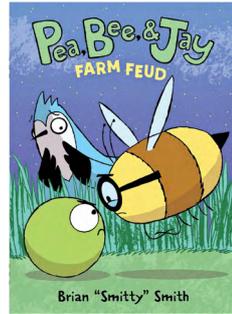
### Best Friends Forever?

Title: *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Farm Feud*

Author: Brian "Smitty" Smith

Best friends

Pea (a pea), Bee (a bee), and Jay (a bird) are back in this fourth book of the Pea, Bee, & Jay



series! Pea and Bee are arguing so Jay decides to go find new best friends. Then Pea and Bee try to find new best friends too. At the same time, there is a hungry snake who wants to eat them all! I really liked this funny book with cute characters who are silly and have good hearts. Read this book to find out what happens to them and also to learn the lesson that you should never forget about the friends you have.

Daniel is in second grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

## David's Review



**David H.**

### A Tortoise and Love

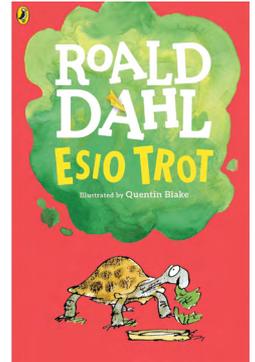
Title: *Esio Trot*

Author: Roald Dahl

*Esio Trot* is about

a very shy man named Mr. Hoppy and the woman he likes, Mrs. Silver.

Mrs. Silver loves her beloved pet tortoise Alfie and will do anything to make him grow. Mr. Hoppy comes up with a clever plan to make Alfie bigger and have Mrs. Silver fall in love with him. Read this book to find out what happens and if his plan works. I liked this story so much that I've read it multiple times! If you like tortoises and a little bit of love, you should definitely read this book.



David is in fourth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

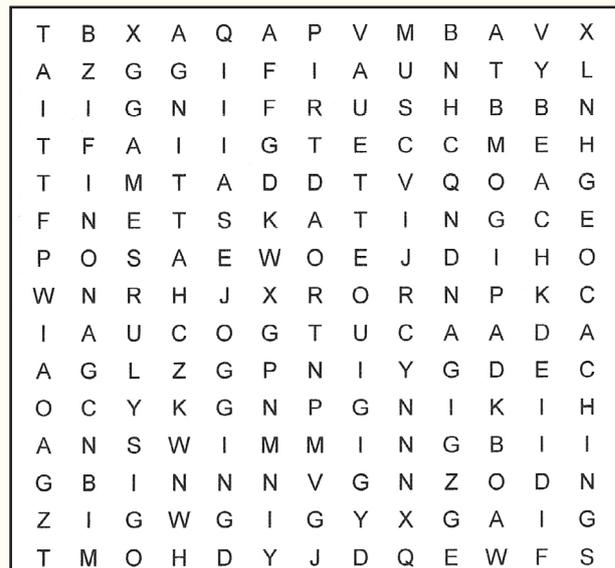
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HIKING	ROAD TRIP
WALKING	HANGING OUT
JOGGING	SWIMMING
RUNNING	DIVING
READING	WATCH TV
TEXTING	IPAD
SKATING	GAMES
PICNIC	INSTAGRAM
SURFING	GEO CACHING
SHOPPING	

Entries must be received by **July 15, 2022**  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.



**Congratulations to Michelle Rodriguez**  
Winner of our February Word Search Contest!

## Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

### Who is BOB?

*Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead is a magical fiction about a girl who helps an old friend find home. Olivia (Livy) is 10 years old when she travels to Australia to visit her grandmother she hasn't



remember much from her last visit to grandma's, but when she sees Bob, she has a feeling she may have known him. Bob is a short greenish creature in a chicken suit. He doesn't know who he is. He doesn't remember anything about his family or where he came from. When Livy was 5, she promised she would help him find home. Bob has been waiting in her closet at grandma's house for Livy's return ever since. Livy and Bob become closer friends as they try to unravel the mystery of where Bob came from.

This book is sweet, emotional, and magical with a touch of suspense. I also learned more about friendship from the book. I give this book 5 stars.

Kailani is a 4th grader who loves to read. When not playing with her brother, Kailani likes to listen to music, ride horses, and play board games. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

## Taeyoung's Book Review

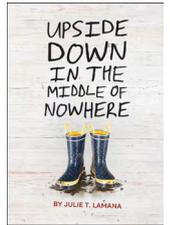


Taeyoung K.

### Love and Courage

Title: *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*

Author: Julie T. Lamana  
Alex, Betsy, Donna, Elsa, and Fiona. Do you know what these are? They are not the names of my friends. They are all hurricane's names. This



book is about a girl and her family who lived in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans where 'Hurricane Katrina' hit.

Armani Curtis is waiting for her 10th birthday. She is very excited for her birthday and looking forward to it. It seems that everything goes well. However, Hurricane Katrina hits her town on her birthday. What will happen to her and her family? Can she go through with this hard time? What do the boots in the book cover mean for her?

This is a realistic fiction story for upper graders. As you read the book, I am sure that you can find yourself cheering for Armani.

Taeyoung K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

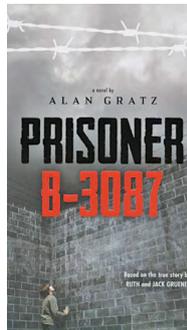
## Tegan's Book Review



Tegan

### True Courage

Based on the true story of Jack Gruener, *Prisoner B-3087*, a beautifully written realistic novel by Alan Gratz, describes a young Jewish boy's life which slowly breaks apart as Nazi soldiers



invade his city. On top of being snatched from his home and forced to work in 10 concentration camps, Yanek Gruener persevered through his hardships by never relinquishing his drive to survive. For example, even when Gruener suffered the pain of starvation and being tattooed, he did not flinch nor express his despair. In the end, he was rescued and reconnected with his neighbors and relatives by the American army; the story teaches readers about determination and self-control. Readers who enjoy sorrowful war tales will enjoy this historical fiction. I am reminded to have a heart of gratitude and to remain strong in challenging times.

Tegan Y. is a fourth grader who enjoys art, mountain biking, tap, writing and reading.

## Yoona's Review



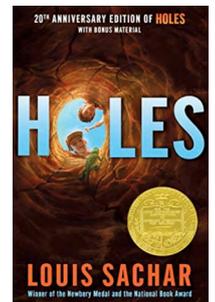
Yoona C.

### Holes of Everything

Title: *Holes*

Author: Louis Sachar

This book has lots of themes like friendship and more! The main character of this book is Stanley. He was a 14 year old boy with no friends.



He was bullied at school. He goes to a horrible camp just because he did "something" without any evidence. The horrible thing about the camp is you have to dig very big holes. I mean big. The worst part, it's in the desert. You might think you could just have water to survive, but you have limited amounts of water! Stanley finally gets friends in the camp! He makes deals and has fun with his friends, although some "friends" turn out to be fake. He does get in trouble lots of times in the camp still without evidence. He experienced lots of hardships, but he survived. Yes, the camp was horrible, but there were some good parts! Find out what happens next!

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.