

Craven Literacy Council

Computer Lab is OPEN!
Next class is April 11,
3:00—5:00. Need Help?
Need a different time? Call
252-637-8079.



Going Home to See Family

By Juana Hernandez

I wish I could visit my family for vacation in Spring. The fruit trees are in bloom. Everything is green. I miss my family very much.

The Dog and My New Floor

By: Janya Sawangsri

In November we had a new floor put in our house. We hired someone to do the job. We picked oak wood flooring. My husband stayed home from work. He moved the furniture to one side of the room. They took up the old carpet. The workers put new floor on that side of the room. The next day the furniture was moved back so the other side could be finished. They did two halls and were finished in three days.

Our dogs could not walk on the new floor. It was slippery and their nails made a tapping noise. Our big dog, Junior, could not walk good on the new floor.

I bought him two sets of dog shoes. He likes his new in door shoes. He likes to walk on the floor now. We like the floors too.

Our tradition is to take our shoes off when we come into the house.

Our dog has to put his shoes on.



Weekend Vacation to Alaska

By Bonifacio Hernandez

I want to go to Alaska. I want to go to the snowy mountains to see the view. After, I would like to go see the polar bears and seals. This would be a fantastic and exciting weekend.



Read All About It!

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Student Stories

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

Write a story or poem for the next newsletter.

Becoming a Citizen

By: Pannaputh Smith (Pan)

When I came to America my English was very bad. I had a lot to learn. I didn't want to become a citizen because there was so much to learn. I started classes with my tutor in March 2009. I felt bad because I didn't know English very well. We studied reading and writing. I also learned about American history and government. In February 2011, I went to Raleigh to take the citizenship test. Everyone told me I would do great. I thought I would fail. I did very well. On March 11, 2011 I became a new citizen. I am happy and proud.



BLACK HISTORY

By Omar Epps

Black History Month is in February. I read about our great African Americans.

I read about Malcolm X a black Muslim leader. I read about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was a great civil rights leader. Sojourner Truth was born a slave in New York State around 1797. When she was free she tried to get her son in Alabama free. The judge returned little Peter to her. She won the case.

I like to read about Jackie Robinson the first Black player in pro baseball. Jackie was great at every sport he tried at U.C.L.A. He was the first athlete to earn four letters. In 1962 he was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

An Unusual Day

By: N.N.

My day started out late. I woke up at 8 a.m. When I should have gotten up at 7 a.m. I had to wake my son up but he just didn't want to wake up. We both had to get ready. Then I still had to bring him to daycare and get myself to work.

I dropped him off at daycare and continued on my way to work. Looking down the street I noticed the train was coming that meant that I couldn't get to work until it went by. This made me thirty minutes late. Waking up too late really made me have to rush through the morning. Usually I am always on time.



Customs / Laws

By: Mireya Payan



In the U.S.A. the residents can use the flag whatever they want is not restricted. They can put the flag outside of their houses, schools, businesses and cemeteries. We can see the flag and tshirts. In Mexico the residents can't use the Mexican flag anywhere except on Sept. 16, Independence Day in Mexico. You can carry a small flag on this day. You can also put small flag on the antenna of your vehicle. If you want, to use the Mexican flag for any other purposes, you can't do so. But you would have legal problems in the future. Schools can fly a flag on Mondays during our Pledge of Allegiance. After that, they take the flag down, fold up and put it away. This takes around 30 minutes because students sing the National Anthem. On November 20th Mexicans celebrate the anniversary of Mexican Revolution with big parades. All the school children are walking. Each school carries the Mexican flag and has a band with trumpets, tambourines, and flute.

These are the only uses for the Mexican flag.



Building Houses in Haiti

By: Jimmy Tootle

My favorite job this year was going to Haiti and helping the Haiti building homes. I have been a carpenter for about 30 years. I have retired and just wanted to give something back. If you have a God given skill to be able to help someone else, it is a blessing to be able to do so.

Some of the jobs I did there were building rafters and put in windows, door locks, frame wall, put on siding. One of the most rewarding jobs was to build rafters. No one wanted to build them because it was time consuming. Each rafter had to have precise cuts to get the right pitch for the roof. You have to be skilled with a bevel square and a miter saw. You have to be able to read a tape measure correctly. One of the rafters was measured wrong and I was asked what to do.

I told him we were working for God not man so we took it apart and redid it. I was glad that I had a chance to help be a part of God's plan to help the Haitians rebuilding their homes and start a new life.