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Cold vs. Flu



One very busy place at the PVMS this winter season has been the office of our school nurse, Mrs. Layefsky, R.N.. According to Mrs. Layefsky, many students have come to her with cold and flu-like symptoms. She has had to send quite a few students home during school hours. According to her, since the December holiday has passed, absences have been unusually high. In fact, *she* was even out sick for 2 weeks! Mrs. Layefsky recommends that if you don't feel good or have cold or flu-like symptoms, it is best that you stay home and rest. For more information on the common cold and the flu, please **click on the video link below** to view a presentation created by Adam Andreani, grade 5.



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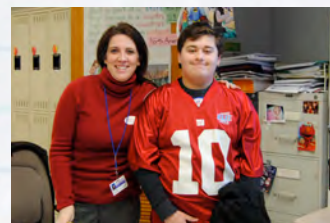


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Read to Feed is a reading program run through Heifer International, a non-profit organization that works to help hungry people feed themselves. Heifer International provides the livestock and training to families around the world to help them achieve self-reliance and sustainability. Mrs. Pasquale and Ms. Reverri's class raised a total of \$320. The class voted to buy two trio of chickens, a goat and a llama. The eggs, milk and wool provided by these animals will help families to feed themselves. They can then sell the extra eggs and milk or wool to earn money to buy what they need. For more information please visit www.heifer.org and click the tab "Get Involved".



RED for Valentine's Day
AND a day
To Remember ED, Ed
Schmitt, a dear colleague
of PVTf





Putnam Valley Students Community Awareness



The "Souper" Bowl?

By Sonya Garcia, Grade 6



He goes for the ball...oh...oh...and he makes the catch! Wait...what? Sorry, I have been informed that this is the wrong Super Bowl. The soup challenge is the "Souper Bowl." Putnam Valley Middle School decided to collect soup cans for the Food Bank of Westchester. With so many kids in school participating, it will be almost impossible not to get enough soup. The challenge, though, is whatever grade brings in the most soup wins a prize at the end of the year. All there is to it is to donate cans of soup, and bring it to the library during your home base. This competition is from Monday, January 28th to Friday, February 22nd. The grade that wins won't be the only one winning something; we will be helping the less fortunate. You don't have to be an excellent athlete to be in the "Souper Bowl".

Putnam Valley Winter Break destinations

By Joseph Lewis, Grade 5

I asked 12 people where they went for the winter vacation and here are the results:

Paul Keesler- Grandparent's house in New York
Tristan and-Tayla Mazzocchi-Grandparent's house
Keiko Waters- cousin's house
Brandon Guerra- stayed at home
Adam Andreani- Vermont
John Pecorino-Grandma's house
Nick Rottjier- stayed at home
Ryan Hollis- stayed at home
Elizabeth Mao- stayed at home
Jackie Pedoty- stayed at home
Sonya Garcia- North Carolina
Michael Reichardt- Long Island
According to this survey, most people went to see family during the winter break.



No-Name-Calling Week

By Michael Reichardt, Grade 5

"No-Name-Calling Week" took place the week of January 22-25 in PVMS. This is a week of no bullying and making good decisions. The quote for the week was "Be More **Heroic**." The purpose of "No-Name-Calling Week" is to encourage people to try and stop bullying.

We had visitors from the high school that week; members of *SADD* (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Students from *SADD* talked to us about making good decisions like going to college and saying "no" to drugs. But their big emphasis was placed on reminding us to not be a "by-stander" but to be an "up-stander".

During that week we also had the chance to watch videos about "No-Name-Calling Week". Aside from anti-bullying, there are other things about No-Name-Calling Week. You can look them up at:

[PVMS - No Name Calling Week Videos for Parents and Students - YouTube](#)

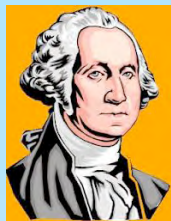
I hope you had a great No-Name-Calling Week. Remember, "Be More **Heroic**".



George and Abe

By John Pecorino, Grade 5

President's Day is celebrated this year on February 18th and 19th. The presidents we celebrate are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We celebrate these two presidents because George Washington is known as the "father of our country". Abraham Lincoln is famous for freeing the slaves and he wrote the Gettysburg Address, which is considered one of the greatest speeches of all times.



Here are some fun facts on
George Washington and Abraham Lincoln:



	George Washington	Abraham Lincoln
Full Name	George Washington	Abraham Lincoln
Born	2/22/1732	2/12/1809
Died	12/14/1799 age 67	4/14/1865 age 56
Legacy	Face on the \$1 bill and quarter	Face on the \$5 bill and penny
Background	From a wealthy family	Not from a wealthy family
Contributions	He led the country during American Revolution	He led the country during the Civil War
Place of birth	Virginia	Kentucky
Education	7-8 years of tutoring	18 months & Law School
Profession	Tobacco farmer and plantation owner	Country lawyer/legislator
Presidency	1 st president	16 th president

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Student of the Month Honorees:

Congratulations to our 2013 Student of Month academic achievers! While enjoying a special breakfast, each student received a personalized letter of accomplishment for their academic efforts so far this year! Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

November



December



Front Row: Finbar Cronin, Kristine Grimes, Eric Rein, Jenna Staten, Vanessa Recine, Megan Borchick, Shannon O'Toole, **Second Row:** Olivia Roman, Luke Zadrina, Alexander Sirico, Lauren Seiler, Kristina Turner, Emily Gragert, Justine Fritz, Alyssa Eickler, Ashley Dring, Riley Porteous, Avery Thorpe, Mr. Kane, **Back Row:** Mrs. Bale, Mrs. Castrillon, Ratu Bolenaivalu, Darnel Shillingford, Jonathan Valle, Jessica O'Hare, Nicoletta Scorgia, Lia Frekel, LilyClaire Gesson, Aleks Pilmanis, Mr. Hallisey, Mr. Hanna, **Missing:** Cassandra Kuttruf, Jelani Bridges-Butler, Damian Cossetto

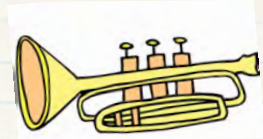
Front Row: Mr. Kane, Shannon O'Toole, Joseph Cioffi, Daniel Clements, Jack Longden, Francis Curran, **Second Row:** Kelsey Schiavone, Maya Simpson, Rita Ndreu, Ava Vukelj, Angie Uribe, Elizabeth Mao, Omnea Elgandy, Gianna Carlin, Jenna Groseclose, Karinna Martorano, Maria Dedvukaj, Eva Ahmetaj, Jillian Hartnett, Sarah Annabi, Jaclyn Pedoty, Brandon Ivezaj, John Burlingham, Keanu Gouvea, **Back Row:** Mrs. Bale, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Hallisey

5th and 6th Grade Band Concert

By Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 6



... Suddenly music erupted from the Putnam Valley Performing Arts Center. What was it? Why, it was the PVMS 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert. All of the students had to arrive before 7:00 with black bottoms and white tops. All of the students looked phenomenal! Soon after the students arrived, they had to get their instruments, gather their music, then get in line. The fifth graders went on first. Their songs were "Sunset Dances", "Nocturnal Dances" and "Jingle Bells". I heard that they were great. Unfortunately, since I am in the sixth grade band I could not see them perform. Then, came my grade with the songs, "Troika", "51 Pegasus" and "Round and Round and Round". I thought we were great too! The entire audience was applauding for both grades. I talked to a few students about how they felt before the concert. The students unanimously decided that they felt nervous but excited for the concert. Afterwards, they said that they felt happy but sad it was over. Don't worry though; there is more to come in the spring concert coming up in May! The students will keep on working hard as they always have to impress people with their amazing music.



Global Warming

By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6

Global Warming is when the Earth's atmosphere keeps the heat in. Carbon dioxide is a part of the reason for temperature rises. Humans are sending 2.4 million pounds of carbon dioxide each second to the atmosphere. Each year, 38.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide is released from car exhaust. Greenhouse gas and fossil fuels such as coal and oil also add to global warming. In order to reduce the carbon dioxide, plant trees, reduce the use of fossil fuels, conserve water and reduce garbage. These methods can really help the Earth keep the temperature at a normal level.



**Calling
out to all
students!**

By JohnHenry Weise,
Grade 8

You, as a student in PVMS, know we have many sports and clubs that are offered to us. You may also know that there is not a lot of money for new clubs. I have wanted to make a new club but have been told countless times that there is not enough money for them or not enough people to chaperone them. Also, some people don't want to come to these clubs because they don't want to be without their friends. Let me tell you a story. On December 14, I was the only 8th grader to join the newspaper club. But I still went because it was something I wanted to do and try. So, just to get it clear, we need students to come and join the clubs!

TECH TIPS

By John Pecorino, Grade 5

Here are some technology key shortcuts that will make your typing experience easier:

How to undo: command/z (press both keys at the same time).

How to save: command/s (press both keys at the same time).

How to hide windows: command/h (press both at the same time).

How to delete windows: command/- (press both buttons at the same time).

How to shut down faster: control/media eject- press both buttons at the same time.

Sing, Sing, Sing

By Keiko Waters, Grade 5

Chorus is a really fun Special! I think everyone in chorus did great for the winter concert! Our hardest song to learn was probably "We Need A Little Christmas". It was one of the hardest songs because there were different parts being sung at the same time by the altos and sopranos. But it was my favorite song. For the winter concert we worked really hard to learn

the songs, especially the students who take band and chorus. Right now in chorus we are working on our songs for the Spring Concert.



Kindles=Popular

By Sonya Garcia, Grade 6



One of the things that made Kindles a huge success was Cyber Monday. A Kindle is an electronic device that is used for reading. The Kindle is from Amazon. The Kindle made Cyber Monday a huge success because Amazon.com let people have a special deal; because

normally the Kindle Fires are \$159. This time the Kindle Fire was only \$129. The customers loved this so much that they flocked to the deal. There is so much technology these days and there are many different kinds of Kindles. Instead of going to the store, people could just buy it on the Internet. With different Kindles, Amazon and everyone who sells Kindles are bound to get a lot of money. The Kindle Fire HD 8.9 4G has a high-end large screen. Another Kindle called the Kindle Paperwhite is the world's most advanced e-reader [not everyone might think that] for only \$119. These amazing Kindles can be used for reading, going on the web, and playing games. This is basically what a phone does except the Kindle doesn't make phone calls. The new model Kindles have a great feature called text to speech. This helps you read. These Kindles are truly amazing!

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Sugar, Sugar Everywhere!

By Elizabeth Mao and Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 6



In Mr. Turner's first period health class, sugar was everywhere. His class did a project showing how much sugar is in common daily foods. The aim was to find out what major health risks can be linked to the consumption of too much added sugar? The students' objective was to create a lab measuring the sugar in popular foods. They made a list of foods, candy, drinks, desserts and sports drinks. They had cups that they filled with sugar to represent how much sugar went into each food item. They then had to make a meal and add the sugar together to show the amount of sugar in that meal. The students had to hand in a sheet showing how much sugar they used, the items and the amount of sugar that was in their meal. It seems the classroom was having a sugar rush that day.



SNOW DAY

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

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One day in the winter.....

INSIDE

Nooo . . .
not another
snowday!



Outside....

Yay, a snow-
day!



Down the street....

SNOWBALL FIGHT



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iPads or No iPads

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

Did you know the district might get students iPads? But they have to find educational apps for the iPads. Do you guys really want to only play educational games at home (if you get to take them home)? We should really get to pick 5 games of our choice. Getting iPads would be fun because we will be getting something for ourselves.

Here is another idea: the 5th and the 6th graders should get the recycled MacBook Pros and the 7th and 8th graders should get the iPads. The school should sell the old Macs to the residents of Putnam Valley. Look forward to a StudyWiz vote for iPads or no iPads.



The Book Fair

By Michael Reichardt, Grade 5

The wonderful PVMS PTA had an awesome book fair during the week of December 10th. The books were great! There were tons of hit books and it was a near sellout. Some books did sell out like, "The Hunger Games" and "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series. The Book Fair included books for little kids, adults, and kids in the Middle School, like us. They also had other types of items like bookmarks and posters. There were sports posters, and some pictures of bands.

We had some questions for the PVPTA women and here are the answers. The most popular book sold was, "Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel". The Justin Bieber "Boyfriend" poster was the most popular poster (what a surprise!). The fifth grade purchased the most books and the eighth grade purchased the least amount books. A lot of adults bought books for their classes and kids and/or grandchildren. The Book Fair made \$938.00 altogether. The money will be donated to all grade level events and will be used for Arts in Education events like assemblies, guest speakers, and holiday reads.



The History of the Sweethearts

By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6

Producing over 100,000 pounds of the little heart shaped candies named Sweethearts each day, they must be the most popular candy during Valentines Day. Daniel Chase and Oliver Chase invented these popular hearts in 1866. Oliver Chase created a machine to pound sugar and cut the candy. Daniel Chase also invented a machine to stamp the letters on the candy with vegetable dye. Believe it or not, Sweethearts used to be in a shape of a scallop shell and was in a fortune cookie like design with a message. They used to have advice on the messages such as, "Married in White, you have chosen right." They also used to have advice in them. Now, new messages on these little candies match to the modern world such as, "tweet me" and "text me". Different languages like Spanish are also placed on the candies. The Sweethearts recipe incorporates corn syrup, sugar, gelatin and food coloring. You could say the Sweetheart is very old and has a big heart.



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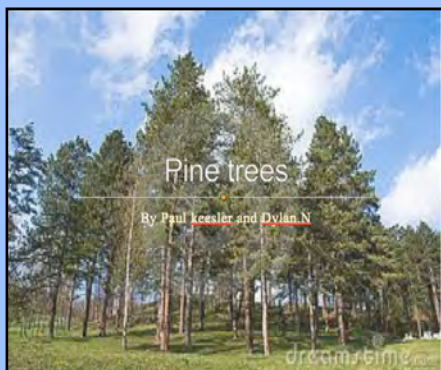
<http://www.necco.com/Candy/Sweethearts.aspx>



"Tree"search Project

By Paul Keesler, Grade 5

I am a fifth grader and in Mrs. Nadell's math and science class. One of our recent projects was a tree research power point. We each had a partner and had to do research on a particular tree. The tree that we researched was the pine tree. We had to put a picture on each slide. Then me and my partner chose the color backgrounds. Then we had to present it to the class and a lot of other people presented it before us. We all had to give feedback to the other people's power point. Me and my partner got our feedback on our power point. My partner and I were satisfied with our feedback.



New Teacher Interview



By Keiko Waters and Tristan Mazzocchi, Grade 5



We have a wonderful new teacher in our school. Her name is Ms. Olsen. She teaches 8th grade special education in our Putnam Valley Middle School.

Us: Welcome, Ms. Olsen. Why did you pick our school to teach at?

Ms. Olsen: I picked this school because of the 1:1 laptop program and your technology. Also, because it is so close to my home.

Us: Why did you want to be an 8th grade special education teacher?

Ms. Olsen: I wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little. I love to teach. I chose to teach 8th grade special education because of my experience with my brother.

Us: What made you want to teach?

Ms. Olsen: What made me want to teach is my love of learning. I want to pass this feeling on.

Us: Do you like our school?

Ms. Olsen: Yes, I love your/our school!

Us: Have you taught in any other schools before here?

Ms. Olsen: Yes, I have taught at 3 other schools in Westchester.

Us: Do you co-teach?

Ms. Olsen: Yes, I co-teach 4 core subject areas.

Us: What College did you go to?

Ms. Olsen: I went to a private college. It was called Manhattanville College.

Us: What are your favorite hobbies?

Ms. Olsen: I like to play soccer, coach soccer, run, and bake.

Us: What do you like about any one of your hobbies?

Ms. Olsen: What I like about one of my hobbies, actually, it goes for all of my hobbies and maybe your hobbies too, are they let you just relax.

Us: Do you have a special strength in a certain subject?

Ms. Olsen: I think I'm good at all of them. I love math and I got a bachelor's degree in education and math.

Thank you for your time Ms. Olsen. We are very happy to have you as a teacher here at PVMS!

The Origin of all Horoscopes

By Jaclyn Pedoty and Sonya Garcia, Grade 6

The first zodiacs were created in ancient Babylon and Egypt around 3,000 years ago. Then they were studied more in ancient Greece. Today they are now called horoscopes. There are exactly twelve horoscopes also called sun signs. The horoscopes are named after various stars or constellations in the sky. Ancient inventors determined these names that we now follow.

People today can find their daily, weekly, monthly and yearly horoscopes in newspapers and are available online. These horoscopes usually tell, or predict, about love and success in work. People usually believe that these horoscopes are accurate due to their mindset on that day. Individual horoscopes are based on birth dates in a month that determine your fate for a specific period of time.

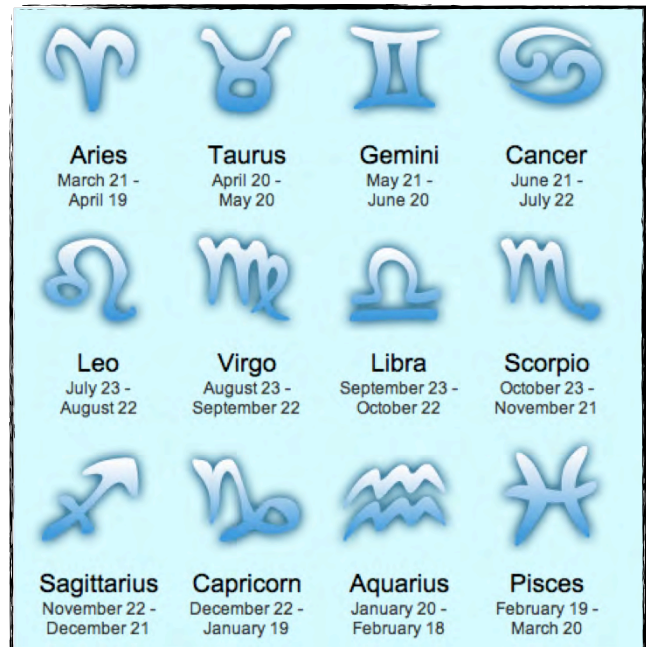
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This is a statue of Ancient Mesopotamians studying the stars.



All of these images are sun signs for each particular month and date so every one has one.



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In Ms. Diaz's Forensics Science Class

Preparing to use the art technique of Pen and Ink, students search for inspiration to practice in Mrs. Racanelli's art class.



Olivia Schmidt takes the "Mr. Gallo Challenge" to learn the Declaration of Independence and recites it to her class.

Future teacher, high school student, Nicole Porter, takes a day to be in the classroom to get the feel for teaching as a career.





Sports Update



NFL Sports

By Brandon Guerra, Grade 6

On Sunday, December 9, 2012 both the New York Giants and the New York Jets played.

The New York Giants played the New Orleans Saints. The New York Giants won the game 52-27.

It was a big win for the Giants. This win put the Giants in 1st place for the NFC division. The wide receiver Victor Cruz made 2 touchdowns. This was also a big game for the running back David Wilson. He got a touchdown and a big kick return.

The New York Jets played the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Jets won 17-10. This was a big game for the quarterback Mark Sanchez. He completed 12 of his 19 passes and got 111 yards. The Jets had 42 rushing attempts for 166 yards. New York shined that week. Lets go New York!



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David Grunfeld, The Times-Picayune

NFL (continued)

December 2nd and

By Brandon Guerra, Grade 6



This week the Giants versed the Redskins. The Redskins beat the Giants 17-16. Pretty close, one point. One. The final point was a touchdown in the 4th quarter with 12:00 min. left. Then Redskins kicked a field goal. All the Redskins had to do was not to let the Giants score, and they didn't. Sorry Giants for that one point lose.

The Jets were playing the Cardinals. The Jets won with a rookie T.D. pass. The Jets scored there with a rookie named Greg McElroy. He was on the run and he and he threw it into the touchdown zone. Another close game. Congrats to Greg for his first T.D..



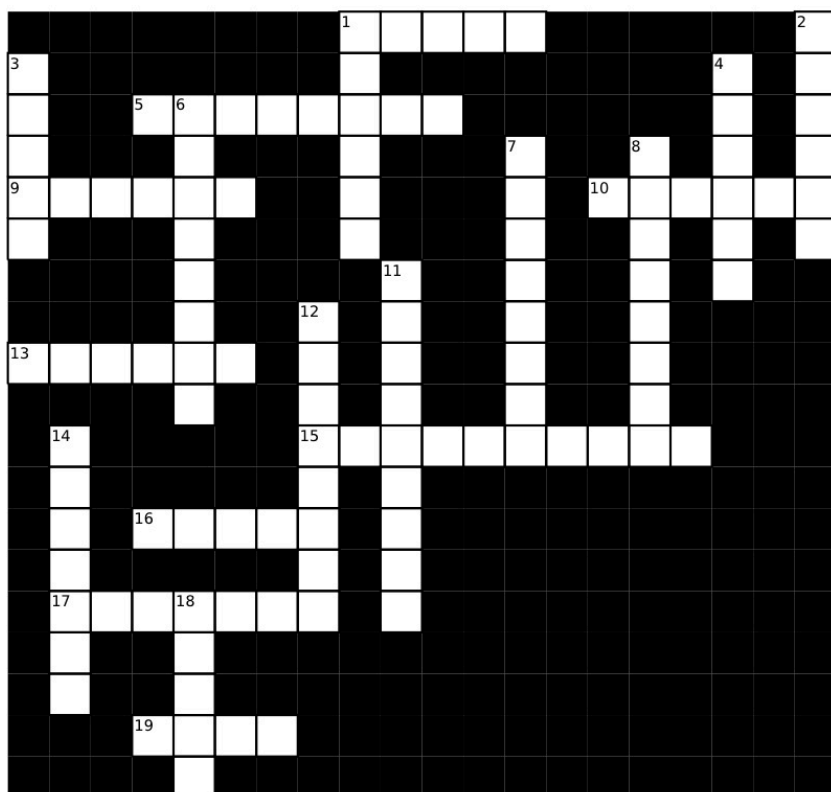


JUST FOR FUN



Putnam Valley Middle School Teachers

Joseph Lewis and Paul Keesler



- Across
- 1 male 7th and 8th grade social studies teacher
 - 5 computer technologist
 - 9 female 5th grade science and math teacher
 - 10 male 5th grade math and science teacher
 - 13 female 5th grade ELA and social studies teacher
 - 15 male gym teacher
 - 16 male instrument and band teacher
 - 17 female 7th and 8th grade math teacher
 - 19 female 7th grade ELA teacher

- Down
- 1 male 8th grade all subject teacher
 - 2 music and chorus teacher
 - 3 our vice principal
 - 4 female 8th grade math teacher
 - 6 our principal
 - 7 female 5th grade ELA and social studies teacher
 - 8 female 5th grade math and science teacher
 - 11 female 8th grade ELA teacher
 - 12 female 6th grade science teacher
 - 14 female gym teacher
 - 18 female band teacher

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MINECRAFT

By Paul Keesler

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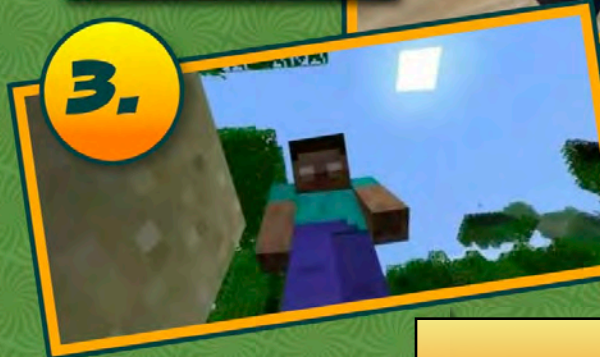
It was a peaceful day in the Minecraft world/seed.

Then Steve hears a sound and starts to run.



2.

3.



He falls in a hole and looks to the right and sees...

...To be continued

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Just for Fun

Answers to the crossword puzzle on page 11.

