

VIKING NEWS

Learn About Mrs. Dooley, the 6th Grade Teacher

By Jasmine Lopez and Nicole Nogavich



Want some facts on the cool, funny, yet awesome sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Dooley? Well, here are some neat and interesting facts.

Mrs. Dooley's favorite colors are pink, black, and red. Her birthday is on August 27, 1978. Her favorite Christmas present was a bike she got on her fifth cool birthday.

Mrs. Dooley says she likes being a teacher. Her favorite subject to teach is math. When Mrs. Dooley was little, she wanted to be a chef when she grew up. On her free time, she stays away from the mall and crowds! Instead, Mrs. Dooley spends time with her awesome family and friends.

Her favorite music is from country to rock to reggae and all the stuff in-between. Mrs. Dooley does not have pets. Her favorite book is any novel by John Grisham. She also likes the book Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan.

Yes, Mrs. Dooley played sports as a kid. She enjoyed soccer, golf, softball, and swimming.

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Those are the facts about St. Martin School's awesome, rocking, cool yet funny sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Dooley!



Lily and Her Pony

By Francesca Smith



One summer day, Lily was planting in her garden. Her mom came outside and said, "You have to get ready." Lily was going horseback riding. Lily was so excited because her friend Sally was coming too. They were also going to have a sleepover!

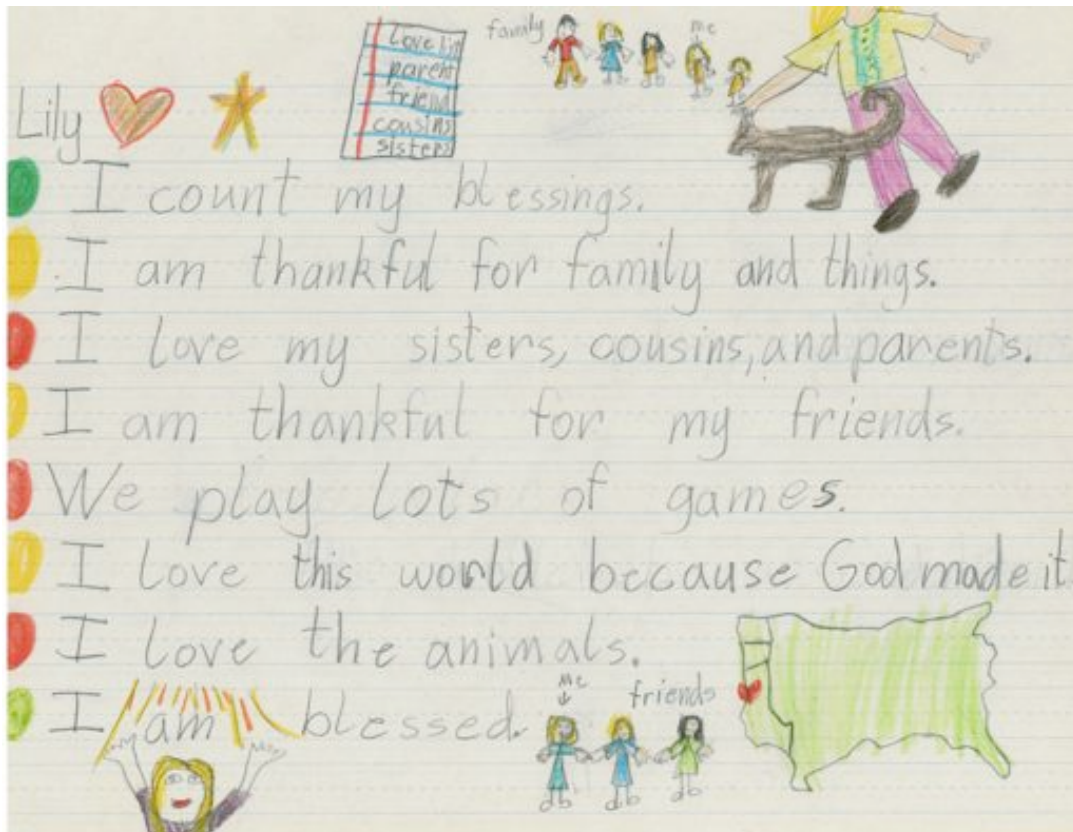
Lily was getting ready for horseback riding, and her mom said that Lily should bring clothes. So, Lily called Sally and said Sally should bring clothes. Later they went horseback riding!

Lily wanted the white pony. Lily asked her mom for a pony, and her mom said no. Later they went home and had a sleepover. Lily was dreaming about her white pony. The next day, Lily was getting ready for the day. Her mom said, "Come here!"

Lily was following her mom. She got a pony. Lily was surprised! She thought that she would never have a white pony. So, that day, she played with her pony.

My Blessings

By Lily Johnson





I Am Thankful



By Tam Hoang

There are people and things I am very thankful for.



One thing I am thankful for is the Earth. The Earth is a home planet for us. Without this planet, we wouldn't have a place to live. Earth is like a place for us to take care of, like our own pet. If global warming goes overboard, no one knows what will happen. That is why we must keep Earth clean.



This unique cross that was given to me by my grandpa is very special to me. The reason why is because he made it by himself. Also it makes me feel safe. It makes me feel safe because I always know that he will be with me forever. Who knows it might not be long until he goes to heaven. Anyways, I should just cherish the moments I have with him.

Last but not least, there is my family. They are very special to me because I can always trust them. Also I know if I fall, they will always catch me. Finally I always know they love and care for me. Also, I know that I can always run to them.

Overall, I am very thankful that I have the best things to be thankful for.

By Matthew Mendoza



There are many things that I am thankful for and here are some of them. One thing I am thankful for is my dog. My dog (who is Scooby Doodle) always comforts me when I am sad. Next, Scooby is always playful so if I am bored, I can play with him! Finally, Scooby always is in a good mood, so you can pet him and play with him anytime! In the end, Scooby is the best dog in the world!

Another thing I am thankful for are my friends. They play with me a lot, like baseball, football, or basketball! Also, most of my friends play in a fantasy football league, but we are trying to get more! My friends are the best friends anyone could have!

The last thing on my list that I am thankful for is my family. They are always there for me and are fun to be around! My older brother, Alex, is full of ideas and is very smart (and a little annoying at that)! My younger brother, Lucas, is silly, but nice! My mom is always nice to me and is very kind when I forget to do my chores (sometimes). My dad is always willing to take me to places like the comic book store and Gamestop! In the end, my family is great!

All in all, I am a very thankful person!

The Best Christmas Ever!

By Brianna Ressa and Claire Woo

It's Christmas time! It's the first day of December, and families and friends are starting to put up Christmas lights, decorations, and Christmas trees.

"Everybody, its time to start shopping!" said the radioman. "The tremendous sales are here!"



Santa and his elves were already preparing for Christmas. While Santa was checking the naughty and nice list, Santa saw Toby, Carmine, and Nicky's names on the very top of the nice list. He was surprised by their wish for a 100-inch plasma TV, but he decided that he would make that present no matter how extreme it seemed.

What Santa did not know was that Toby, Carmine, and Nicky were on the top of the nice list because they were doing a lot of charity, such as helping at orphanages and animal shelters every day. The charities paid them \$5 an hour, and Toby, Carmine, and Nicky were hoping to pay their sick mother's doctor bills. Their mother, Micholina, has cancer. Although she has the best doctor, he is expensive. Toby, Carmine, and Nicky want their mother to be 100% better for Christmas.

At Santa's workshop, Santa was looking through his magical snow globe. He saw them crying and wanted to help. What could he do? He was not allowed to reveal himself. Instead, he decided to send them a professional guardian elf to watch over them and make sure their family was safe. He also sent them lucky magical bracelets, and he would still give them their 100-inch plasma TV.

Toby, Carmine, and Nicky continued to work very hard. By the time it was December 17, they had saved some money, but it still was



not enough to pay the whole bill. Then, a miracle happened. It was their mother's birthday! The doctor gave them a discount, and the charity raised their salary to \$15 an hour. As you can see, their luck had changed because of Santa, the guardian elf, and their lucky bracelets.

The day before Christmas, as people were doing last minute shopping, Toby, Carmine, and Nicky went to bed early. They were exhausted from working so hard. At the North Pole, Santa's reindeers were ready, and the presents were loaded on the sleigh. There was only seven hours left till the clock struck midnight. First stop was China. Next, it was Europe. Finally, it was the United States.

When Santa got to Ohio, he took extra time there because it was where Toby, Carmine, and Nicky lived. Santa noticed them asleep on the couch. He wished them a Merry Christmas, gave them each a kiss, and dropped off the big TV. Toby, Carmine, and Nicky were in for a big surprise!

After working non-stop to raise money for their mother's doctor bills, they found that they could pay their mother's bill and still have some money left over. The doctor called on Christmas Day, and the doctor said their mother was cured. Toby, Carmine, and Nicky were so happy to see a smile on Micholina's face. Although they hadn't had time to go shopping, they got the best present ever - their mother's health. Now, she had time to be with them.

When their mother got back home, she said, "How did you manage to pay the medical bill?" They said, "We got jobs to pay the bill, and we had special help." This truly was the best Christmas ever!

Holly's Christmas Surprise

By Lara Fernandes

It was a cold and snowy day at the North Pole. Santa and his elves were getting ready for Christmas. Out of all the elves, only Holly had a special surprise. While Holly was wrapping toys, she and everyone else heard Santa's voice over the speaker.

"Holly, please come to my office," he said.

As Holly walked to Santa's office, she wondered if she was in trouble. She wasn't.

Santa said, "Holly, if you work hard, you will receive a special surprise."

Holly was so excited that she accidentally put seven eyes on a gingerbread man. Holly didn't know that baking wasn't as easy as it seems. One time, she set a Christmas cake on fire!

Next, Holly had to make presents on wish lists. One boy asked Santa for a toy car.

The problem was that Holly had no idea how to make it. After reading an instruction manual, Holly built it in five minutes. Just when she was about to wrap it, the toy broke. Holly quickly taped it together and left to get a snack.

A few minutes later, Santa called Holly to his room.

He said, "Holly, I have observed how you have been working."

Holly was so nervous that her heart skipped a beat.

"Since you have been working hard, follow me for your reward."

Holly was so surprised when Santa gave her a reindeer! Holly would never forget her Christmas surprise.



Winter Wordsearch

By Madeline Aguirre



Word Bank

- Santa
- snowman
- penguin
- snowflake
- cicle
- Christmas
- rosty
- presents
- snow
- sled
- stockings
- mistletoe
- decorations

Christmas Wordsearch

By Lara Fernandes, Jordan Tachibana, and Kendra Gonzalez



ornament
tinsel
tree
hot cocoa
mistletoe
angel
reindeer
presents
candy cane
Santa
snow

cookie
sled
ski
fireplace
stockings
winter
snowman
snowball
snow fort
snowflake
elves

wish list
milk
eggnog
peppermint
caroling
ribbon
partridge
holly
manger
jingle bells
joy

hay
Christ
nightingale

wreath
gingerbread house
gingerbread man

red, green, white
poinsetta
gingerbread

sleigh
bell
cake

Cartoons

By Jasmine Tran



A Surprise for Tess

By Claire Woo and Ashley Craig



It was the day before Christmas when the Clarks were getting ready for a Christmas party at their house. They were baking gingerbread cookies for Santa. The mother of the Clarks, Tess, suddenly heard her newborn baby, Haley, start to cry. Tess ran upstairs to Haley's room. Haley's older brother, Timmy, was pulling at Haley's hair.

Tess said, "What are you doing to Haley!"

"She was chewing on my favorite toy," said Timmy.

Tess thought this was not a good excuse. Tess was very mad at Timmy, but then she thought that it was Christmas and just told him not to do it again. Haley stopped crying and was now laughing.

Tess told them to start getting ready for the Christmas party at their house. Timmy was dressed in his fancy suit while Haley was dressed in her little red dress. Everything was going smoothly until they brought out ham.



Then they saw that the dog, Kryptonite, had eaten half the ham. They didn't know what to do. The mom and dad thought that there would not be any ham left at the store but the mom decided to try Safeway. By the

time they got there, it was only a half hour until the party. When they went to the deli at Safeway, there was a huge line all the way through the store.

Then, the butcher said, "Sorry folks, that's the last ham that we had."

There was a sudden "aw" through the line.

Tess said, "Now what am I suppose to do?"

Just then, she thought of something else they could eat. They could have macaroni, lasagna, squash casserole, and cookies! Tess bought all the things she needed.

When she got home, everyone yelled surprise! Tess jumped in shock.



She said, "What!"

Timmy said, "We planned this surprise party for you instead of the Christmas party because we wanted to thank you for taking such good care of us. Even Kryptonite helped by eating the ham!"

"Oh, thank you everyone!" said Tess. "This truly is the best surprise party ever!"

Jojo's First, Dad's Last

By Bailey Vickers

There once was a family of three, the Featherstones. In the Featherstones is mom named Beth, dad named Larry, and little three year old Jojo. The Featherstones live in New York City in a small apartment. They're not the richest family in town, but they love each other and that's all that matters.

This Christmas is really special because it's Jojo's first Christmas where he can make a list, open presents, and decorate a Christmas tree. All Jojo wants for Christmas is for his father to get better. Larry is in the hospital because he has pneumonia. Jojo is keeping his dad in his prayers.

One day, Jojo and his mom were at the sledding park, which had different size snow hills.



Jojo was sledding on the little kid hill until his mom told him that they had to go to the hospital to see his father. Apparently, Larry was unconscious. When Jojo heard this, he started to feel scared.

When they got to the hospital, Jojo rushed to his dad's side. He held on to his dad's hand.

"Daddy, wake up! Wake up!" Jojo said to his unconscious dad.

Beth went to her husband's side and held on to his other hand. Then, Beth pulled

Jojo out of the room. The doctor came out of the room. He pulled Beth aside. She came back with her eyes full of tears.

"He's gone," said Beth.

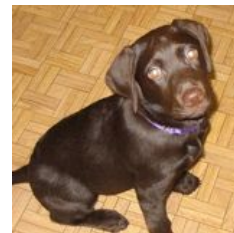
Jojo went to the doctor and asked him, "Is he really gone?"

"I'm so sorry!" said the doctor.

Jojo started to cry. Larry Featherstone died on December 24, 1992.

The next day was a really sad day even though it was Christmas. All of Larry's side of the family came over. Then Jojo spotted a huge box with holes on the top, and there was whining noises coming out of the box. The box had Jojo's name on it, and it was from Santa Claus!

Jojo started opening the box. Then out jumped a beautiful, brown lab puppy!



"Oh, my goodness, a puppy! My very own puppy!" cried Jojo. He started jumping for joy.

Beth looked and read what it said on the dog tag. It said "Larry Jr., or L.J. for short!" Jojo thought for a moment, and then he realized that his father's name was Larry! He hugged L.J. and then started crying for joy. It was Jojo's first Christmas, but unfortunately Larry's last! Jojo loved L.J., and L.J. will always remind him of his dad!



Drawing Contest Winner

Congratulations to Audrey Smith in 3rd grade who won our drawing contest! Audrey wins a free dress pass for her colorful picture of Santa and his reindeer!

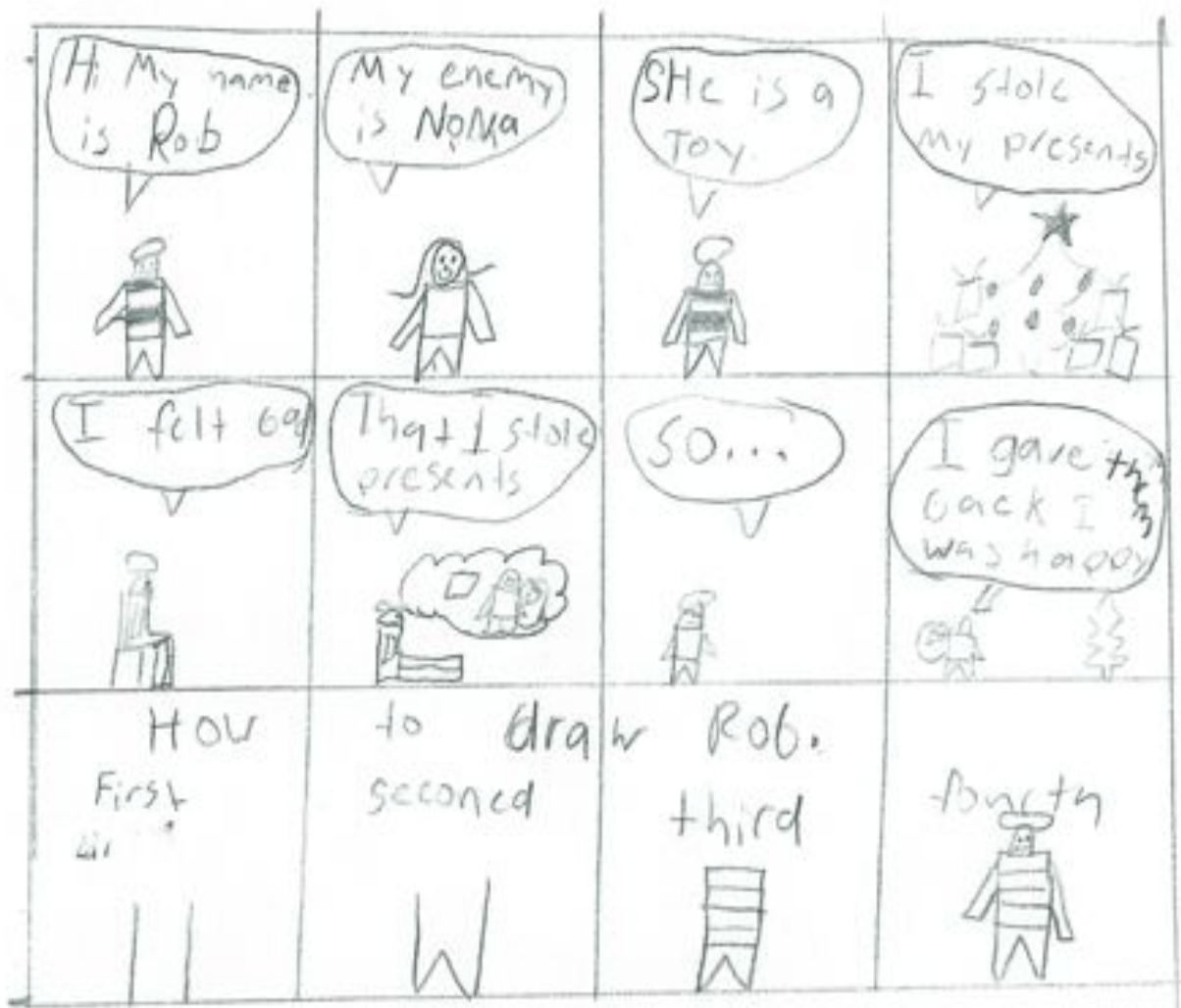




Comics Contest Winner

Congratulations to Tyler Rebelo in 5th grade who won our comics contest! Rob, the robber, learns a lesson, and Tyler wins a free dress pass!

ROB THE ROBBER'S FIRST CHRISTMAS



Christmas Wish List

By Kendra Gonzalez

2nd grade

- Mrs. Muller: MacBook Air

5th grade

- Mrs. Lee: Another dog, and a gift card for a massage
- Ian: Video game
- Jasmine L.: Black Uggs

6th grade

- Mrs. Dooley: One million dollars
- Carlos: Gift cards and money
- Catherine: Puppy

7th grade

- Mrs. Doyle: A safe flight home from Ireland

7th grade (cont.)

- Kendra: iPad
- Joshua: Xbox 360

8th grade

- Mrs. Smith: To wake up in the morning and have all my family there
- Chalini: Trip back to Sri Lanka
- Chris Mapa: Basketball signed by Shaq

Science

- Ms. Wynia: Trip to Italy

Principal

- Mrs. Lydon: My St. Martin families to have a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday



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