

## Stories, Rhymes, and Good Times!

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### Have You Heard? Writing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**By: Mr. Schwan**

In fifth grade this year we've "published" our work in many ways. We've done a little blogging, some podcasting at [smls5.com](http://smls5.com), and we've printed some of our work for the class bulletin board. We've collaborated on writing projects using the free Google docs online. Now, we're wrapping up our writing year by publishing here in *Stories, Rhymes, and Good Times*. Even our artwork is original, drawn on the computer. We hope you enjoy!

### The One Shoed Man

**By: Natalie Alechko**

There once was a man who had only one shoe. He stumbled around but knew what to do; this one shoed man was going to eat you! Though the man was not mad but sad, he said to me "I am sad what to do, what to do but eat my shoe!" This is the story of the man who ate his own shoe, aren't you glad that it wasn't you!!



### FUNNY

**By: Ryan Curtis**

This is a funny story about a funny person on a funny island called Funny on the country of Funny on the planet of Funny in the solar system in the Funny, but there isn't really a story. Isn't that funny?

### Today, Tomorrow, and Yesterday

**By: Adrian Dougherty**

One day, mommy said to me, "Honey, you have to write a poem for school." And I sarcastically said, "What fun!"

"It's due tomorrow!" she said.

"Even better!" I replied. I stomped up to my room and started my poem. *It's due tomorrow!* still rung in my head. I was very worried about tomorrow. This is what I wrote:

Tomorrow I will have worried about today, which tomorrow will be yesterday. Today I'm worrying about tomorrow, but tomorrow, today will be yesterday, and tomorrow, yesterday will be today.

The next day: I'm not worried anymore because yesterday I got my paper back and had a great score on it, but the day that I wrote it was two days ago, so today was tomorrow and . . .



### Green Heroes

**By: Geraghty Anne**

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are green turtles mutated by ooze. They were bought from a pet shop, dropped into the sewer, and raised by Master Splinter who was forced to live in the sewers. Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello, and Michelangelo are the four Ninja Turtles. Their goal is to rid the world of evil, or at least New York City where they live. They thrive on pizza and train underground. They were taught the art of Ninjitsu and are invisible to the human eye. I know they are not real, but I someday hope that they will be real because they're awesome!



### My trip To Boston

**By: Connor Fewster**

I never thought I could do it, but I did. The thing is going to Boston. I just went to Boston on April 3 – April 5. I went to the oldest tavern and restaurants in the country. The oldest tavern is from 1717 and the restaurants are from 1737. The tavern is named *Bell in Hand* and there is a bell in a hand. The restaurant is named *Ye Old Union Oyster House*. Then we went to the Boston Bruins game to watch Tim Thomas. He hit someone in the back of the legs. Then he went to the hotel and relaxed and watched *Twilight*. Then the next day we packed and went sightseeing and went into a fresh goat kill place. Then we went to the airport. We played eukure in the airport. Did I mention we stayed in a five star hotel? It was the best trip ever.

### The Five Eyed Monster

**By: Josh Gagliardo**

It all started when I went outside to play and I saw this giant box with noise coming out of it. I didn't know what it was, so I decided to open it.

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I found this thing that looked like a weird, green, squishy airplane. I picked it up and it felt all slimy, so I dropped it on the ground and it exploded into a red triangle and grew to about 6" long. It was pretty creepy, so I put it back in the box, came inside for lunch, and went on with my day. But, the next day when I woke up the triangle had a face and was staring at me. I picked it up and threw it out the window and it came back. Then it got angry and tried to pelt me with ice. At this time I locked my window again and thought I had gotten rid of the annoying little thing, but a few weeks later when I was sleeping I thought it came back because I heard it under my bed. When I looked it wasn't there. Pretty soon I just got used to it because it does that every night.

**The Big Game*****By: Holly Hagan***

Last Saturday, there was a big soccer tournament and we were in the championships. There was only about a minute left and the game was tied 0 to 0. My friend on my team

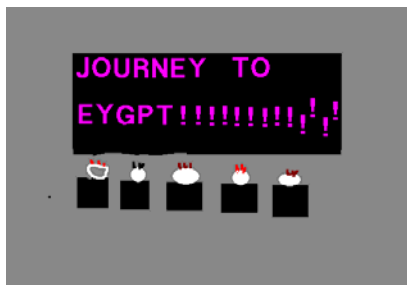


was dribbling toward the goal and shot it really hard. But the other teams goalie was really good and stopped it. But she didn't stop it completely. It hit her hand and then went out of bounce. It was a corner kick. Angela always takes the corner kicks and kicks it very good. But this one was high; and it was coming at me! Coach always says not to close your eyes when you head it, so I hoped for the best, hoped I wouldn't get a headache, headed it in, and we won the game! It was very exciting and I got ice cream afterwards. YUM!!!

**My Space Camp Experience*****By: Hallianne Hobson***

On January 20th both 5th grade classes loaded up the bus to go to Kennedy Space Center in Titusville.

Everybody was excited and ready to go. We said bye to our parents and loaded in our seats. I sat near the back and Nino sat next to me.



Nino was very nice and kept telling me how stupid his MP4 was and that his favorite songs were *Numa, Numa* and *Mr. Roboto*. But, he also shares my passion for *Mario Kart DS*. After a little while we went to Wendy's in Titusville. Wendy's was very good. The classes got back onto the bus and traveled to the *Astronaut's Hall Of Fame*. It was very interesting and I learned that there were 3 big missions: Apollo, Mercury, and Gemini. Each mission had a lot of training. We also got to go on rides that astronauts train on, such as the G – Force ride.

After the *Astronaut's Hall Of Fame*, we went to the visitor's complex and through a long line of security. When we were done we went to a theater and listened to astronaut Jon McBride. He talked about Newton's 3 laws and how they affected the KSC and what they do. I realized that when a shuttle takes off the engines produce fire and lift off, and that has to do with, "with every action there is an opposite and equal reaction".

After meeting the astronaut we saw the capsule. Dinner was next. For dinner we ate sandwiches, corn on the cob and fruit.

Later we watched an IMAX movie about space. It was in 3D. It was awesome. You wear special glasses and if you do not wear them the screen looks weird.

After the movie we went to the buses, got our stuff and went to the firing room. We watched a movie and the control panels came to life as they reacted how Apollo 8 was. The KSC moved the real panels from the lift off to the theater.

Later we saw the Saturn V rocket. It was huge and we were sleeping under it. I was afraid it was going to fall on me. But the instructor at the KSC assured us it wouldn't. But I was afraid it was. There were pretty lights to light up the rocket and we called them the disco lights. We got ready for bed, and went to bed. It was cold.

**The Alien*****By: Lindsay Holzauer***

I looked around the room. Nothing seemed unusual, but then... I saw it, it was almost completely camouflaged. It was an evil, six-legged alien!!! It had come to suck the lives out of innocent little children!!!



I started to run but it had seen me. It came after me. I grabbed a frying pan and whacked away at the evil alien, but this did not seem to harm it at all. So, I saw a piece of bacon and yelled, "Fetch!" and threw it as far as I could. It landed on the other side of the room and the six-legged creature slithered after it. I saw my chance, ran out of the house,

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grabbed my cell phone out of my pocket and called the alien control. They were there within minutes and I led them to where the alien had been, but it was gone!!! Or at least that was what it wanted us to think.....

All of a sudden it jumped up from where it was hiding and attacked me!!!!!!! I looked around but everyone had vanished. I was alone with the alien and this time there was no bacon.....

**Fishing Fun****By: Connor Jenkins**

One early morning I went to get my fishing rod. My dad saw me walking out the door and said, "Where do you think you're going?" "To catch some fish for dinner." So I walked out the door to my johnboat. I hopped in, started the motor and rode off looking for a good spot to fish. There it was, the perfect spot to fish. So, I threw my line out and caught a bass — a nice-sized one, too. Two hours later I came back and surprised my parents. That night we had a great dinner. It was the best fish I had in a long time.

**Junior Olympics****By: Coco Kurland**

Last year I went to junior Olympics with my brother for swimming. I didn't swim in the meet but I watched my brother swim. Junior Olympics is a special meet where kids all over Florida compete against each other. To get to Junior Olympics you have to have a special qualifying time. The time is really fast. When you get the qualifying time to go to junior Olympics it is called a JO. My brother has almost all his JO for the 13 and 14 age group. Any time you turn an odd number you age up and are the youngest in your age group. The winter JO are held in Gainesville. The pool they swim at is huge and indoors. It was an awesome experience. Some of the kids there were so fast and my brother beat some of them. I got to stay up in Gainesville for four days. That is how long the meet is for. It was eight hours everyday, plus finals were another two to three hours.

**The Serious Newspaper****By: Barrett Leake**

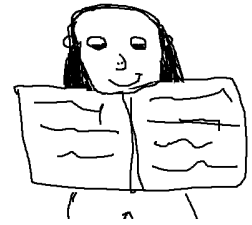
One day a girl named Cara was writing in her journal. The English teacher went up to Cara and said to her, "Cara, every day I see you writing in your journal, why don't apply to be a journalist?"

"Ok," said Cara, "that sounds great. Can I write a newspaper article?"

"Sure," said Mrs. Welter. Then, when she got home, she went outside and looked for things that were serious.

She found out that her next store neighbor was choking on Jell-O, so she called 911 and wrote a story about it. She was so happy that she finally got to write about something that happened in her life.

When she went to school she told her teacher about what happened to her neighbor and her teacher felt really bad. So, Cara spent the next five years working on that project.

**The Fish****By: Gavin Leake**

It all started when my sister Barrett, my dad and I were on our family's boat throwing chum so bait can eat it.

When my dad threw the net he caught the fish. The next time he threw the net out he caught 20 fish! We had a big dinner that night.

The next morning we went out on the boat again and tried to catch more fish, but we only caught 1. We tried again and this time we caught three. We didn't know why we weren't catching so many fish. We went home and ate the 4 fish we caught.

The next morning we went to the store to buy fish and there weren't any. My sister and I couldn't figure out why there weren't fish anywhere.

**Stranded****By: Alex Mansfield**

My family—Alex, Bill, Caroline and Will—went on a vacation to Hawaii to take a tour. When we got

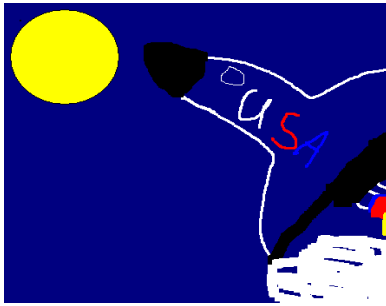
to the tour we bought some snacks. Then we went on a remote Hawaiian island while visiting one of the volcanoes. I got lost. When the family left I was afraid because the ground trembled. Then, I panicked and some Natives saw me panicking. So they tried to help me, but I ran, because I thought they were going to capture me. I fell into a pit, then the Natives, through sign language, said, "We are trying to help you." So, I escaped just in time. The Natives dropped me off to a populated island where I was sent to my family in Florida.



## My Space Camp Experience

*By: Madison McCord*

I learned a lot of fun things during my Space Camp experience. First we went to the Astronaut's Hall of Fame to see a life-size time line. Then some



people went on the rides. Next, we went to the visitor's complex and checked in with security. Then, we took our bags to the bus.

After that, we talked to Jon McBride. Jon McBride is a former astronaut who flew the space shuttle once and rode in the space shuttle a few times. He told us interesting stories about his space travel experiences.

Next, we saw an IMAX movie about space travel. Then, we took the space camp bus to the Saturn V building. On the way we saw the 21 story American flag on the vehicle assembly building. The stripes were as wide as the bus we were riding in. It was an amazing sight!

At the Saturn V building we watched a movie about what it was like to be in the firing room when they launched a space shuttle. We learned that in a shuttle launch, the engine thrust pushes against the earth's gravity and the shuttle wins, so the space shuttle goes up. This is an example of Newton's Third Law that says "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction".

Then, we split up into groups and built a communication tower for the moon, but there was a catch! The catch was that there were moonquakes on the moon so we had to make a sturdy tower that could stand up against moonquakes. Newton's laws that go with this experiment are "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction" (Newton's Third Law) and "an object in motion stays in motion" (Newton's First Law) because you had to make a tower that wouldn't fall down when there was a moonquake.

After that, we went to sleep under the Saturn V rocket second stage. It was really cool sleeping under the rocket but it was so cold I thought my nose was going to turn blue! In the morning, we had breakfast and then we went back to the visitor's center. Last, we got on the bus for the trip home.

Some of the things I learned at Space Camp were that all the rockets in the rocket garden were never used and can never be used. Also, I learned that NASA is starting a new space program called "Constellation". This program will send the U.S. back to the moon by 2020. By 2030, they hope to

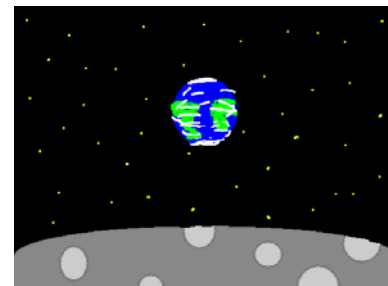
have landed men on Mars! I learned it is very hard to sleep in space because your arms float up and every 45 minutes the sun rises and sets with each orbit. Another fun thing that I did was to go on the space shuttle launch simulation ride. We were in a capsule inside the Payload Bay. They leaned the capsule back and then they shook it like we were in an actual launch. I think it would be cool to be an astronaut.

Space Camp was a really neat field trip. I liked that we got to see Newton's Laws of Motion in action. I wish I could go back to Space Camp next year. These are the things I learned at space camp.

## My Space Camp Experience

*By: Mallory McGovern*

We got to school on Tuesday morning a little bit before 6:30 a.m. After a while we started putting our bags under the bus.



Then we all said goodbye to our parents and we were off! When we got to Titusville, we walked into the United States Astronaut's Hall of Fame. First, we watched a short movie about people and their exploring. The movie was called *To Explore*. After the movie was over we walked into another room that had many time lines. While we were in there we took a ton of notes. Besides the time lines there were lots of displays. The displays were usually by the time lines that gave information about what was happening while they were being used. After we took notes, pictures, and learned a lot about space, we went into another section. This section by far was my favorite. There were some rides there. One was called G-Force, which prepares astronauts for take-off. There was also a game that projected your bodies onto a screen. In the game you have no gravity, so the game was a little hard. There was also a game you could play where you sit in a tiny capsule and press buttons just like astronauts do, but no take off. After we finished we made our first podcast. Then we rode to another exhibit about early space exploration. There, we learned about the original seven and other things that happened in space long ago. After that, we went through security. Then, we saw Jon McBride. Jon McBride was a pilot in space. He told us that if we wanted to be astronauts we should stay in school and work hard. After that, we saw an IMAX movie. The movie was about space, what we have accomplished there and what we

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could accomplish in a couple years. Then, we went into the building we would be sleeping in. Before we got to the room we would be sleeping in, we watched a show. It showed us what happens in the control room when things take off. Then we went to the room we slept in. In there was the Saturn V rocket. When we heard we were sleeping under the rocket, some people thought it would fall on us. We learned about rockets and how that rocket never went into space. We also had a contest to make the tallest satellite that could withstand a *Moon Quake*. Then we slept, hoping the rocket wouldn't fall on us.

In the morning, we ate breakfast, got dressed, packed up, and left for the buses. On the buses, we toured the space center and our tour guide told us about the big building. The building is the vehicle assembly building. On the building is a huge American flag that is 21 stories long. He also showed us the launch pads and where VIPs and family of the crew sit. On Launch Pad A there was a shuttle that would take off in March. After the bus ride we went through security again and made our second podcast. Then, we were off to learn about space. We saw a movie about the international space station. The movie was about how they are working up there so we can live up there and how we can make life on earth better. I really liked seeing how they could move heavy things easily. Another thing we did was the shuttle experience. The shuttle experience taught us about take-off and training for take-off and space. It also showed how Newton's Third Law works on shuttles with equal and opposite forces. Learning all about Newton's Laws before Space Camp made many things that we learned easier to understand. Space Camp taught us a lot about science, math, and space.

**My Space Camp Experience*****By: Zoe Michael***

When we got to Space Camp, we came to the Astronaut Hall of Fame first. It was really cool because they had a space ship that was like a ride and you went inside, sat down and had a screen so it would feel as if you were in a space ship. It was so cool.

They also had the G- force, which is a little box that spins you around and around so it feels like you launching inside a space shuttle.



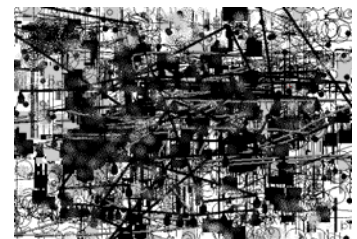
After we looked at all the things in the Astronaut's Hall of Fame we did podcasts and talked about what we learned.

When we were done at the Hall of Fame, we drove in buses to the visitor's complex. The security checked our pages and then we were settled in the lobby waiting for the rest of the kids to go through security. When we did that we got to talk to a real astronaut and his name was John McBride. He was really nice and he told us what it was like to be in space, and what he had to go through. He said that he could stand up to five G-forces. Whoa! After that, we walked over to a cafe and ate dinner. I had chicken, salad, corn, and coke. It was good. After that, they walked us into what was a room where all the people were getting the rocket into place and where all the countdown timers were. Then, we watched a video on space and the moon. They showed us the rocket we would be sleeping under. It was so huge. I slept under stage 2 of the rocket. So, we set our stuff on the floor and the tour guide said that we were going to have a contest and see who could build the tallest and sturdiest information satellite. We didn't win but it was still fun. After that, we changed into our pajamas and went to bed. It was really cold and I couldn't get any sleep. When we woke up, it was six thirty in the morning. We got changed and had breakfast. It wasn't that good so I just had some fruit. After that, we packed up and drove back to the visitor's complex.

When we got to the complex, we got in our groups and our group went to the shuttle experience. It was really fun because it was like you were in a real shuttle taking off. The G-force was acting on me because my face was blabbing back. Then we got to see stuffed wildlife so it wasn't real. Newton's third law relates to the shuttle taking off because it is each action has an equal and opposite reaction, so when the engines come on it makes the rocket go off. After that, we went to the gift shop and I got a space monkey. Then, we all loaded on the bus and headed home.

**The Dog*****By: John Mihok***

There was a dog  
It was gray  
His name was Smog  
His bed was hay  
He had a friend  
She was a cat  
Her name was Pend  
She always wore a hat  
It was pink  
It had a feather  
That was also pink  
Her mom was Heather



**The Fish That Was Too Inquisitive**

*By: Noah Miller*

**The Gurgle**

There once was a big fat Gurgle  
 It was full of woe  
 It had pet Smurgles  
 One day it stubbed its toe  
 And that's why he gurgles

**The Old woman who lived in Peru**

There was an old woman, who lived in Peru,  
 She had a dream she was eating a shoe,  
 When she awoke,  
 she found it was true!



**The Fish who was Too Inquisitive**

"Eat your seaweed!" they would say.  
 Yet, all he would do was laugh and play.  
 "He is too Inquisitive" they would criticize  
 Then he built a machine to make them minimize.  
 One day a shark came, and Johnny (the Fish)  
 thought to make him into a dish.  
 He; of course; he was eaten; now he spends the  
 rest of his days bleatin'.

**Poems**

*By: Maxwell Norleans*

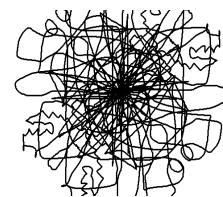


"Roses are black, Violets need bleach, take a trip and go to the beach!"  
 "Dogs are brown, Cats are white, tease them and you'll start a fight!"  
 "Boys are tall, girls are short, but ants are good at making forts!"  
 "Computers are complicated, don't cook meat raw, if you do, you'll find a flaw!"  
 "Why do this when you can do that? Why do you eat? You'll grow big feet!"  
 "Elephants are big, mice are small, if you don't know how to fly, you'll start to fall!"

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*By: Nino Monserrate*

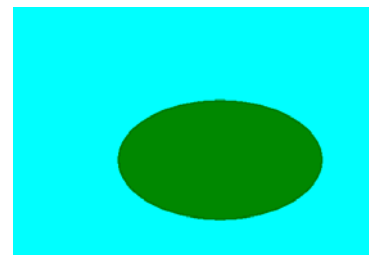
"Roses are blue, Violets are red,  
 Tear them up and put them in your hair."



**Sweets Island**

*By: Tori Owen*

I got up in the morning and did the same thing as every morning. I get up and look for chocolate chip pancakes, get the toppings, like peanut butter, from the peanut hills and make them into peanut butter. I brought the chocolate chip pancakes and the peanut butter bake to the village. The people were glad, but they said I didn't get milk. So, I went to the milk river, but there was NO MILK! I ran back to tell the people, who said, "No! Are you saying the milk river ran out of milk?"



"YES!" I took the people to the milk river and they saw that I was right, the milk river was out of milk, which meant we had to go over the Hill of Dots and the Candy Can Bridge and through the vanilla ocean and finally we found MILK (YEAH)! They lived happily with milk and sweets.

**Stranded**

*By: Nathan Powers*

I was doing research on coral reefs off the coast of Africa when my boat had a leak in it. As it sank I swam to the shore of a small island. When I got there I made a shelter out of tree branches and palm fronds. There were a lot of snakes and alligators. I couldn't drink the water because it was too salty. Thank goodness I had put water bottles in my pockets before my boat sank. Some days passed and as I was exploring I saw that my boat was washed up on the shore. Now I could make spears because I had a red pocketknife on the boat. Now that I had a spear I was going to hunt because I was hungry. When I was hunting there were two baby gators, so I stabbed one and it made a calling sound for help. I was so happy that I started dancing, but then the mom came running. It was so fast I had to hide in a



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tree. I'd thought she would leave, but she didn't, so I ate the baby in front of her. She called her friends and they stayed for the whole night. In the morning they finally left, but I stayed in the tree another two hours just in case. As I walked toward my shelter I heard something, a biplane, and it saw my boat wreck. A boat came later to pick me up and I was relieved. It was fun living on an island, but dangerous.

**The Suni Island****By: Anthony Rodriguez**

On an island a long time ago there was a village called the Suni Village. There were many people in that village. The men



were hunters and the women cooked and made clothing from fur from the animals the men hunted.

One winter morning it was so cold everything started to freeze. Many of the animals died because the lakes froze and they had nothing to drink. The men went out to hunt and they came back to the Village with nothing, so days went on and still no food. Some people died of hunger.

More time passed and finally they found some food, but not much. The people in the village started to fight over the food the hunters had found. The more time that passed the more food they found.

It was getting toward the end of winter and the lakes started to unfreeze, so the men went to catch fish. Since the fish were back the animals that ate fish were back, so the men could hunt again. The hunters came back with enough food to feed the village. With the animals the hunters brought home, the women cooked. So the men started hunting more and the women were able to cook more and from then until the next winter no one died or starved.

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**The Evil Pizza****By: Brooke Schweers**

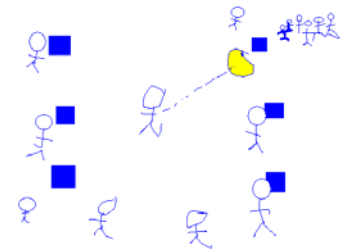
There once lived an evil pizza who came in pizza boxes. When he was delivered he ate the people. The pizza was named Rick. He was cheese. Everyone in the city loved cheese pizza, so they kept ordering him. One day a kid named Jessie went to the pizza place and ordered the evil pizza. When he got the pizza it ate him. Everyone was so sad when they heard, that they all got together to get rid of the evil pizza. Everyone was eaten except one person, Henry. That is how the world ended.

**Russian Baseball****By: Steele Spinosa**

On February 4, 2009 my class played Russian baseball in the Gym. It was fun! First, we stretched and then ran. Next, the captains chose the teams. My team captain was Brooke.

Then, we started playing.

There are six bases in Russian baseball. You have to touch every single one, but in any order. The other team batted first. They got no runs or RBI's. Then, our team was up. Nathan was up first. He got a single. Next, I was up. I brought Nathan all the way home. At the end of the first inning it was 4-0 and our team was winning. At the end of the second inning it was 4-2. Throughout the game we went back and forth. After a hard fight the end of the game score was 11-9.

**The Flight to America****By: Henrik Seibert**

On the day when my family and I flew to America we went to the airport and went in the plane. On the flight over the Atlantic Ocean we relaxed. It was very cold, but cool. We only watched movies. When we finally came to the airport we were tired.