

My School Year, by Rithwik N., 5th gr.

This school year I have been learning about all the subjects. I have also switched schools from Chicago, USA, to Aurora, USA. The most interesting subjects are math, English, social studies, and science. What I mostly like in school is that we switch for math. It is a thing that I never ever had done before, but the problem is that I have to stay outside of a classroom for 5 minutes. It's fine if I have to stay outside a classroom for a few minutes, so I can talk to my friends until math.

I want to learn more about grammar rules and vocabulary in reading this year. Sometimes I don't know the meaning of some words. Sometimes when I read, I don't pause when there is a period which is something I should do. I also like to read about history.

I want to do better with decimals and algebra learning because it is kind of hard for me to do right now. Sometimes when we are doing conversions into decimals, I get confused about where to put the decimal point. One time, it was a little hard to do a problem because I needed to know algebra but did not understand it completely.

This year, I want to learn where to put commas and other punctuations. I also want to learn about spelling. I like all types of writing.

I want to learn about the age of exploration in the 1400s up to the 1900s. I am interested in this period because a lot of things happened during this time, and I want to know what killed the Aztec emperor. I want to learn about life before the American Revolution. I am curious about who discovered the states.

In science I want to do more experiments like life cycles.

I am thinking I am going to have a nice year at school. Maybe even next year when I am in middle school.

A Profession I'm Thinking About," by Hassan D., 8th gr.

- Write about a job/career/ profession you would like as an adult.
 - I would like to be a businessman. I want to own a store where I sell shoes.
- Write about why you would like that.
 - I want this job because I can make a lot of money and I like shoes. I want to sell Adidas, Nike, Jordans, and shoes similar to these brands.
- Write about the subjects in school now that you would have to be good in to prepare yourself for that job/career/profession.
 - Reading would prepare me because I would need to know a lot of words in order to succeed. Math would also help because in business, you have to estimate a lot of things and track spending and revenue.

A Profession I'd Like, by Farhan A., 4th gr.

The career I want when I grow up is to be a doctor or a scientist. There are many reasons why I want these careers. I would like a job that keeps me busy. I would also like a job that gives me a sustainable salary. The main reason I like these two jobs is because they both help other people.

I want a job that lets me work even after retiring age. I think this is because both jobs are very important. If I am a doctor or a scientist, I do not have to stay in my house all day doing nothing. I will always be busy, so I will not be bored. If I do not retire, I can still work, instead of being bored.

Another reason I like these jobs is because the salary is very high. If I am rich, I can buy stuff like a car and a house. I can also travel and go to Rubik's cube tournaments. Also, I can donate to charity. Donating helps other people.

The main reason I want to be a doctor is because I think it is the best way to help other people. I think this because safety is first, and doctors help other people be safe. Scientists also help people, because the more we know about science, the more helpful things we can make. Doctors and scientists help other people every day, so I think those are the best jobs for helping people.

I want to be a doctor and a scientist for these reasons. I will be happy being a doctor or a scientist.

Interesting Subjects, by Hassan D., 8th gr.

This year science is most interesting to me because we do a lot of interesting chemical labs. We test all the chemicals. I did some stuff about movement and kinetic and potential energy and velocity. We had to do a test after we finished the lesson where we were going over the tests that we chose and what was the point of learning about that lesson.

Social studies is another interesting subject because we talk about history which brings back a lot of stuff. We are learning about US History. It talks about amendments. I did a project about amendment rights and I learned about the different amendments. For the project we had to make a big box that has a definition of what each amendment is.

BAND CLASS, by Mushtaq D., 9th gr.

Prompt: Write about a subject that is most interesting to you this year
My favorite subject is band. At the beginning of the year, the teacher played all five instruments for us. She said you can pick whichever instrument sounds best to you. And that's how I picked the flute. I chose the flute because it was the only instrument that had a melodic tune to it. The other instruments sounded so dull 🙄. However, when we played all of the instruments together, it sounded nice. Sometimes I feel jealous that I don't play other instruments besides the flute because their parts sound so cool.

My band teacher is Ms. Gallery. She's one of my favorite teachers in Lake View High School. Her personality is funny because she makes the class laugh a lot and her vibes are cool. I'm improving my flute playing skills because she helps me with both

naming the notes and playing them. Sometimes when grades are due, she tells us to get our Chromebooks out and firmly tells the people who have a bad grade in her class to do better 😞. I'm excited to have her as my band teacher for the next three years 😊.

I have one friend in band. She is a good friend and she's there every day so I'm not lonely. We both play the flute, so we can relate to each other in that aspect. She is very joyful and happy every day. She also has a good sense of humor. She makes me laugh and tells funny jokes 😜. Overall, she has a nice personality and is a kind-hearted person.

We have some concerts for the students at the school in which their teachers have to RSVP. We also have concerts for the community and families. We have a concert every 2 months, and we perform at least 3 to 4 songs each. It gets nerve-wracking to stand in front of the audience and see all those people staring at you. But hey, at least I know how to play an instrument! There are also embarrassing moments during concerts like dropping your sheet music. One time, we played the first song on stage and since we were playing 2 songs at that concert, I had to get the other sheet music ready. I grabbed the first one to put it behind the second and then all my papers fell. The papers were crumbled in the first place so that's probably why it dropped. The class started playing and I was just left there to look like a complete fool picking up my papers. I grabbed the papers, made them look straight as quickly as possible, and put them back on the stand. I started playing and I was shaking from then on because the experience was traumatizing.

Overall, I love band because it's cool to have an experience of learning how to play an instrument. It's also cool to see how good we are at playing compared to the beginning.

“Interesting Subjects,” by Noshitha Y., 2nd gr.

- o I love art.
- o You can paint, you can make splashes, you can make messy things, you can make books about art.
- o Making splashed means you can mess things up. Books about art get to make papers of any kind.
- o I like music
- o You get to play flute, you get to play a violin, you also get to play the harp.
- o You get to blow into a flute, you get to hold the violin handle, and you get to play the harp.

“What I Want to Learn,” by Noshitha Y., 2nd gr.

- Write about what you want to learn about in reading and literature this year.
 - learn about vowels and consonants. I want to learn about verbs and past tense and present tense.
- Write about what you want to learn to do better in math this year.
 - multiplication and division. Keep learning about lines and curves.
- Write about how you want to write better this year.
 - more neatly by writing slower. more practice writing.

Write about what you want to learn about in science this year.

- I want to learn about experiments and how to do experiments.

“Concentration,” by Noshitha Y., 2nd gr.

- we do recycling.
- not looking or talking to other people to listen better in class.
- focusing on the teacher.

Interesting Subjects, by Pranathi Y.

My favorite subject this year is art. In art, you can do arts and crafts, you can talk, you can use your creativity, you can use your imagination, you can draw, you can glue, you can use glitter, you can color, you can eat, and you can cut. You can show whatever is in your mind and let out your wildness with art.

Another subject I like is PE, or gym. PE has interesting things that are similar to art. You can learn different sports, you can play, you can team or partner up with others, and you can be on different teams.

Most Interesting Subjects, by Pratiksha P., 3rd gr.

The most interesting subject to me this year is gym. Something that is interesting in gym is hockey and mushroom game. Hockey is interesting because it was my first time playing it with my classroom and I was starting to like it even more. Mushroom game is interesting because you get to hit people with a soft ball so they can sit down.

Interesting Subjects, by Uriel M., 6th gr.

Social studies is a subject that I want to learn about, because you get to know about what happened, or their country. The Titanic was scary.

MY FAVORITE TEACHERS AT SCHOOL, By Arya M., 1st gr.

Ms. V. and Ms. Leila are my two teachers at Swift School. Ms. V. teaches math. We're learning adding and subtracting over 10. We have a little packet to take home that has the numbers to add and subtract. This math is easy!

We also have reading. We take out books from the library at Swift School. One of the books I took out is "I Am Going." Another book I took out is "The Pigeon Wants a Puppy! I Really Do."

We also have spelling. I'm not that good at spelling.

When it's library period, Ms. Harmon is the teacher. We get to take out books, but we don't pay for them. When it's the library period again, we return the books

I am a pretty good student at school.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, by Arya, 1st gr.

The school I go to is Swift Elementary School. I've been going there since I was in preschool.

The most interesting part of school is Daily Five. In Daily Five I go on the computer and do Raz-kids. I like to do that.

I also like Word Work. I'm pretty good at that. I do that every single day when I go to school.

I always do math at school. I'm not really good at math, but it's important.

The book I'm reading in school is Cinderella. I like reading about Cinderella.

I like to go to school—except when it's raining! I have to carry an umbrella when it's raining. I love my school so much.

Learning in School This Year, by Hassan D., 8th gr.

- Interesting subjects. Math is my most interesting subject this year. Some of things that are interesting in that subject is that I learned about slope and other stuff which I learned stuff from.
- Another subject that is interesting to me is science. I learned a lot about animals.

LEARNING IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr.

I like doing math and writing this year in school.

I like to do writing because it's fun. I like to write about new things, such as the weekend. On the weekend I like to play and watch TV. Sometimes I write about this.

I like to write about national days, such as National Ice Cream Day, National Donut Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day, and New Year's Eve.

I like math in school because we get to play math games, such as 24-Cards. We also play Money Changer. In school I'm fairly good at math.

I like math and writing in school this year.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, by Adithi G., 3rd gr.

“Interesting Subjects”

The most interesting subject this year is computer science because I get to play Minecraft.

Write about some of the things that are interesting to you.

The book I read in class called From Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow was very interesting. Butterflies can see patterns we can't see in pollen and on their wings, which helps them recognize each other.

Art is very interesting to me.

- Write about some of the things that are interesting in it.

Painting beautiful patterned pictures and animals like penguins.

The paintings come out unexpected and pretty.

“What I Want to Learn”

- Art: I want to learn how to paint realistic pictures like my art teacher.

- Write about what you want to learn about in reading and literature this year. I want to learn how butterflies can see certain ultraviolet patterns that humans cannot see.

By Devesh C., 3rd gr.

I am interested in math because it makes me smart. When I am doing multiplication and division, I get smarter. Getting smarter makes me feel happy. a

I like reading because I like learning new facts about the book. I found out that a spinosaurus can swim faster than a human. The spinosaurus is my favorite dinosaur.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR (2nd essay)

Interesting Subjects, by Devesh C., 3rd gr.

I am studying math. It is fun and good for your brain. I am studying fractions. It is super fun to do. That's why I like math so much.

I like reading. Reading is good for everyone. If you read you can be super smart and you don't have to worry about anything. That's why I like reading.

In science I study dinosaurs. It is fun to study about dinosaurs. We can study their bones, teeth, skulls and more. That's why I sometimes like science.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, by Krithin R., 3rd gr.

A subject I like is Math. I like in and out boxes because they could be easy or hard. If 5 was the "in," and the rule was +5, I would add 5+5 to get the "out."

A topic I also like is social studies. I like learning about cultures in Social Studies because I like learning about ancient Italy. Ancient Italy is an old place where different things like gold are found.

A subject I like a lot is science. I like it so much because we get to do projects. A project is discovering the age of a tree by looking at its heart. In the middle of a tree there is a heart. There are circles in it. We see how many circles are in it. That's how we find the age of a tree.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR by Mokshith E., 1st gr.

"I am doing a good job in the Nancy Young School. I like the double numbers, like $1+1=2$, $2+2=4$, ... $9+9=18$, $10+10=20$. My mom taught me how do to this."

“I also like to play games on the TV. Also, I read all of the pages in a book my friend had. It was a dinosaur book.”

“What I Want to Learn,” by Pranathi Y., 3rd gr.

I want to read about animals in books about animals.

I want to learn more about multiplication and division this year. I also want to learn about decimals and fractions.

I want to learn cursive this year.

I want to map the world. I want to learn about places in the world.

I want to learn more about planets and space. I also want to learn more about animals this year.

LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, by Pratiksha P., 3rd gr.

An interesting subject is writing, because in writing I'm learning the main idea and I am starting to get better at it. Another interesting subject is math. I am learning other multiplications you can solve by using 5, 2, and 10 in the multiplication problems.

I want to be better at multiplication in math.

I want to be better at sewing in art. Now I am at the sewing table, in which I have to sew whatever I want.

I also want to be better at the main idea in writing.

In reading I want to learn why characters have character traits and not just normal feelings, like normal humans have.

In math I want to learn expressing multiplication, and why do we have to use helper facts to help us find the hard multiplication, and why can't we just use doubling to solve hard multiplication.

In writing I want to learn how we can use oreo writing to help us in our conclusion in opinion writing.

Interesting Subjects, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

The subject that interests me the most this year is Science because it has many different experiments and plants or different energies like thermal energy. I like Science for its learning experiences and the different projects or things I do to understand it.

I am interested in Art because in art I get to make lots of artwork and crafts and each one is different from the others which makes them unique. It is also educational because the art has meaning and the artists that make the art are famous and have made many artworks other than the ones I see.

I am also interested in Writing because I get to make a presentation on a county. It's interesting because it has lots of facts and I learn new things about what I chose every time. I like doing it because it is relaxing and also fun.

LEARNING IN SCHOOL THII YEAR, by HARASHA P., 3rd gr.

I'm thinking about a job of building bridges. I would be a civil engineer and build bridges, I want to do this because it would be kind of fun. In order to do this I have to be good at multiplication and division. I want to learn multiplication this summer.

A Profession I'm Thinking About, by Hassan D., 7th gr.

I would like to be a doctor when I grow up, so I could help people. I'd like to be a family doctor. To be a family doctor takes a lot of time to succeed. I'm going to have to be good at science and math. I will have to go to four years of college. After that, there's med. school. Part of med. school is seeing patients. If you want to be a doctor, you have to be prepared for a lot of work and patience.

Letter to Santa. Dear Santa: My name is Mourya B. I live in Arlington Heights, Illinois. I am six years old and go to Ivy Hill school. For Christmas this year, I would like an electric bicycle. I would like it to be orange. Thank you, Mourya

Math Makes Life Easier, by Tanish A., 3rd gr.

Throughout your life math will help make things easier. It helps you know how much money you have to pay and how much money you have.

Math helps you survive; if a magician in a tank of water 80% filled has a better chance to get out compared to a tank 100% filled.

Math lets us get a probability of anything. Math lets you sort things like in a cabinet.

You can measure almost everything from how tall a table is to liquid.

Throughout your life Math will make your life much easier. For example, math helps you to plan things like your class is at 3:10 then homework starts at 5:00 then reading at 6:00. Without a clock you would just have to make a guess when class is. Also, Math helps you measure practically everything like how much liquid is in a bucket or how tall a door is to get a replacement. This makes our life because knowing how much liquid there is you know how much medicine to drink. Math helps us buy a new door because it gives us a precise measurement, so we know if the door we bought is too big or too small or if it is even the same shape. Finally, math lets you know how much money you have and how much you have to pay. For example, you have \$1,000 and you have \$50 in phone bills, \$100 in electricity bills, \$50 in rent, and \$300 in taxes. Now you have \$500.

Math helps you understand time, measurement, angles and money, which makes life easier.

“What I Want to Learn in School This Year,” by Pranathi Y., 3rd gr.

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WHAT I WANT TO LEARN THIS YEAR, by Tanish A., 3rd gr.

1. I want to learn how to code because I want to be a software engineer like my dad.

2. I want to learn more about math.

3. I want to learn about the history of India because that is my heritage.

4. I want to learn a 4x4 Rubik's cube because I have one, but can't solve it.

5. I want to learn the axis 3x3 cube.

This is what I want to learn this year.

This year I want to learn five things. First, I want to learn how to do coding because I want to be a software engineer like my dad. Coding also involves math, which is my favorite subject and like a game to me. And Rubik's cubes are another type of game to me. Learning the 4x4 and axis 3x3 Rubik's cubes will help me make algorithms. That will help me do coding because it involves algorithms too.

I also want to learn about the History of India because that is my heritage. Both of my parents immigrated from India. My brother and I were born in the USA. When I was four, I went to India. I was interested in the culture a lot. I was interested in food and the sport cricket. I still want to learn the history of India. I know Gandhi freed India, but I don't know what happened before or after that. By learning more about India, I will know more about culture, and by learning coding, it will help me learn about my profession.

“What I Want to Learn” by Harasha P., 3rd gr. I would like to hear the history of World War I, because many books of old people in history say there was a world war, because in the books, like Amelia Earhart said there was a world war and other books. It was also a big war because it in other books said a character moves to a city or state or country or a continent. And also, in books, it said over 200,000 people got wounded or died.

When I Grow Up, by Aadish SK 2nd gr.

When I grow up, I want to be a doctor, because I want to be healthy and strong. And I want my community to be strong as well. If I were a dietitian, I could make everybody healthy. To become a doctor, I should go to extra classes. This is what I want to do when I grow up.