How To Create A Bear Plush
By William P.

Materials needed (pictured below):

1. Bear Body Pattern and Bear Nose/Eye Pattern (Attachments included at this link and this link)
2. One piece of material about 11" x 17" for Bear Body (an old pillowcase would work well)
3. One piece of material about 4" x 4" for Nose/Eye Pattern (should be a different color from the body material)
4. Poly Fill Stuffing
5. Scissors
6. Pins
7. Needle and Thread

Directions:

Step 1: Print the patterns (see below)

Step 2: Fold 11" x 17" material in half to form an 8 ½” X 11” rectangle. Place Bear Body pattern on top, and pin together with material in two or three spots INSIDE the bear’s body. This will help to hold the material and the pattern in place while you cut.

Step 3: Cut BOTH layers of material at the same time, following the dotted lines along the outside of the bear shape.

Directions continued on page 9!

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Getting to Know: Ms. Kelley

Prior to Spring Break, The Gateway Gazette team voted to interview Ms. Kelley, Middle School Head Teacher! This was the first time in Gateway Gazette history that a Middle School teacher was selected! Read on to learn more about Ms. Kelley!

Gateway Gazette (GG): How did you find out about The Gateway School?

Ms. Kelley (Ms. K.): A friend told me about a recruiting site and Ms. Seidel emailed me.

GG: What made you want to work at Gateway?

Ms. K: I was teaching in Massachusetts in a classroom of 16 students and I really fell in love with my students who had different learning needs. I learned about Gateway which has all students with different learning needs.

GG: Where did you go to college?

Ms. K: I went to Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

GG: Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

Ms. K: I was born on Huntington, LI. I grew up on Long Island.

GG: When is your birthday? What is your zodiac sign?

Ms. K: My birthday is January 29th. I am an Aquarius.

GG: What was your childhood like?

Ms. K: I think it was great. I grew up on LI near a lot of beaches so I spent a lot of my time on beaches with my friends, riding bikes with my friends. My mom is a librarian so I spent a lot of time reading with my family.

GG: Do you have any siblings?

Ms. K: I have 2 sisters and I am the middle sister.

GG: Do you have any hobbies?


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Getting to Know: Ms. Kelley (Continued)

GG: What is your favorite show?
Ms. K: *Parks and Rec*

GG: What do you like to do in your free time?
Ms. K: *In my free time, I like to play board games and card games with my friends.*

GG: What is your favorite food?
Ms. K: *Rice and beans with toppings.*

GG: Do you like to travel? Where have you traveled to?
Ms. K: *I like to travel. I lived in Ireland. I used to be in an orchestra where we traveled around the world. I’ve been to Morocco, Spain, France, and Italy.*

GG: What is your favorite color?
Ms. K: *My favorite colors are blue and yellow.*

GG: What is your favorite fruit? Vegetable?
Ms. K: *My favorite fruit is blackberries and my favorite vegetable is carrots.*

GG: What is your favorite book?

GG: Do you like the Gateway Gazette?
Ms. K: *Yes! I love the Gateway Gazette! One of the reasons I love it is that 3 of my math students are on the Gateway Gazette.*

GG: What is your favorite restaurant?
Ms. K: *My favorite restaurant is a restaurant that doesn’t exist anymore. It was on Long Island and called The Barge. It is my favorite restaurant because of the memories I have of going there with my sisters, mom, and dad.*

Yo Yev! Advice Column

**LS Student:** I’ve been spending so much time with my siblings and we are fighting more. Any advice on how to stop fighting so much?

**Yev:** Either play some video games that you all like and you think are cool (preferably multiplayer games). Or you could find some TV shows that you all like and spend some quality time watching them together.

**LS Student:** I am so bored in quarantine and wish I could go outside more. Can you give some advice on things to keep me busy?

**Yev:** Try cooking. It’s nice to make something that people like or sometimes don’t. It’s satisfying when you get something that you like and you and your family feel happy with.

**LS Student:** I haven't been sleeping very well ever since quarantine started and now I feel so tired in my Zoom classes. Do you have any suggestions?

**Yev:** Try listening to audiobooks on Audible when you go to sleep. They are really relaxing and you can find books that you like or find new books that you didn’t know that you would like. I like the whole Fudge Series by Judy Blume. Maybe you’ll learn something as you drift off listening to the actor’s or writer’s voice.

**LS Student:** I miss going out to eat at restaurants. Any advice on how to make eating at home feel more fun?

**Yev:** My family has found that cooking Chinese food is very satisfying and so we have been doing it every Sunday. Try looking up lo mein noodle recipes - my family has found that they taste great and you want to eat more afterwards.

**LS Student:** I miss my friends and having playdates! How can I still feel close to my friends without seeing them?

**Yev:** I use Skype to chat with my friends. Or if they have a phone we text or FaceTime.
Too Far News - How Some Students in Japan are Having Graduation Ceremonies

By Lila Z.

It’s been hard in this pandemic. I have to do virtual schooling, as well as not seeing family, but I was curious about how other kids were doing around the world. So I chose Japan, my favorite country.

I found out that kids in Japan are also having a hard time. Children graduating elementary school and moving into middle school can not have a ceremony. But a group of Japanese elementary school students found a very creative way to have graduation ceremonies! Here’s how they did it.

Using Minecraft they made a big room with chairs, a red carpet, and stage, then they walked down the carpet to get their virtual diploma.

I like the way they are thinking. They didn’t let the pandemic get in their way.


Lev’s Real Lemonade

By Lev J.

Quarantine is a great time to try out a new recipe. Here is the recipe to make Lev’s Real Lemonade!

Time to make: 10 minutes—Makes 5 cups

Ingredients:
- 7 lemons
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 1/2 cups of cold water
- Ice

Directions:
1. Cut lemons in half
2. Squeeze lemons with juicer
3. Mix lemon juice with water in a bowl
4. Add sugar and stir until sugar disappears
5. To serve, add ice to glass and top with lemon mix.
6. Enjoy!!!!!!
How to Build a Fort
By Archie C.

One of my favorite things to do during the coronavirus quarantine is to build a fort with my brother Theo.

Here is how you build an awesome fort.

First, you pull all the sofa cushions off the sofa. This is my mom’s least favorite part.

Then, you position the cushions so you can crawl under them and create a cave.

Next, you need to get blankets and extra pillows to drape over the top and make the inside super comfy.

Then Theo and I bring flashlights inside and hang out. Sometimes we bring our iPads too. You should try it sometime.

Restaurant Review: Black Tap
By Faaris A.

Looking for a new restaurant to try out when we restaurants can open up safely after quarantine? Check out this review:

Black Tap is a great restaurant for kids and adults. As soon as you walk into Black Tap you see that it is clean and bright. When I sat down, I thought it was comfortable, but it became really cramped because I was with eight people and the table was too small.

The waiter seemed friendly. He took our order right away. Unfortunately, the food took a really long time to come.

But, it was worth waiting for. The burger was scrumptious and juicy. I got a cookie shake to drink which was vanilla ice-cream, a bunch of cookies, chocolate chips, whipped-cream and chocolate syrup. The shake was huge. I was not able to finish it.
Being quarantined can get boring. I am sick of watching Marvel movies. I love superheroes but watching *Iron Man* over and over gets tiring. So, I found three different options from Marvel I would like to share.

1. **Assembling a Universe** gives you the background of the how Marvel movies are made. You can learn how the idea was started, how actors sign on, the costumes, everything. It is well worth watching if you love these movies.

2. The second movie option is the history of Marvel, **Pulp to Pop**. From its beginnings to how it became a huge company. Marvel was not originally a company of heroes it was a cartoon company and began in New York City as Timely Comics.

3. The last suggestion is the **The Hero Project**. It is a movie made by Marvel that awards kids who do amazing stuff. It might sound boring but is worth your while. These kids are really superheroes.

My favorite was **Assembling a Universe** because I loved learning how someone has just an idea and it becomes a whole movie that we all watch over and over. Happy watching! (Click the links to find the videos.)

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**Top 5 Creative Activities To Do in Quarantine**

By Benjamin H.

Since we are all stuck at home and doing remote learning, I have made a list of some enjoyable activities you can do at home.

- **Activity 5:** Do yoga
- **Activity 4:** Stare at a wall
- **Activity 3:** Have a mini dance party
- **Activity 2:** Paint
- **Activity 1:** Play a simple “board” game

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**Cars 3 Movie Review**

By Faaris A.

*Cars 3* is a movie about a famous red car named Lightning McQueen who won a lot of car races and many trophies in his career. But one day, while he is racing a high tech car named Jackson Storm, Storm started winning and had more speed than Lightning McQueen. Lightning McQueen got super upset and crashed in one of the races. After a few months, Lightning wanted to train like Jackson Storm in order to get better, so he went to the new “Rusty’s Training Center.” He met a coach named Cruz Ramirez where Lightning taught her to be a good race car driver and latter Cruz Ramirez joined a car race like Lightning. After the training, Lightning got super-fast but was it enough to beat Jackson Storm and not retire?

If you want to learn more about what happens then watch the *Cars 3* movie for rent on your TV or for free on Disney+.
Tips and Tricks for Quarantine—for Kids and Parents!
By Beatriz D.

Do you need a bit of a pick-me-up? Are you feeling down? Then listen to this article.
Do you have an adult with you? Do you have spare time? Try baking with your parents

Here is a secret recipe from my Nana—Sour Cream Pound Cake. Why make Sour Cream Pound Cake? Here are some reasons:

1. It is very delicious
2. It is easy to make
3. There is a secret ingredient: lots of love and extra sugar.

Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 cups butter, room temperature
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Powdered sugar

1. Butter and flour tube pan
2. Cream butter in food processor. Add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time
3. Add eggs 1 at a time. Stir in sour cream
4. Sift flour, baking soda, and salt together
5. Add flour mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, until just blended
6. Stir in vanilla extract
7. Pour into tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours.
8. Cool down, in pan, for at least 15 minutes. Remove from pan
9. Sprinkle with powdered sugar when cool. Enjoy!

Tips for Parents in a Pandemic:
1. Do yoga classes on YouTube (“Yoga with Tim”)
2. Take some alone time
3. Read to your children
4. Walk around the block
5. Make a garden, if you have space
6. Do a hobby, like knitting or making jewelry
7. Play with your children
8. Do the laundry
9. Read books (especially the Percy Jackson series!)
10. Drink lots of tea and coffee!

Yoga ClipArt from: http://clipart-library.com/clipart/406454.htm
Baking ClipArt from: http://www.clipartpanda.com/clipart_images/cooking-clip-art-1776131
Lego Invention—Vending Machine
By Antonio S.

What I like to do in my free time is build Legos from my Lego bin. This vending machine offers drinks like juice, water, and milk. Each item costs $1.00, 1 coin, or 1 gold bar. It’s fun to create using my imagination!

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Congratulations to the March and April recipients of the Lower School Community Leadership Badges!

**March 2020**
- Kate G. (Cooperation)
- Ben H. (Resilience)
- Api L. (Cooperation)
- Parker L. (Cooperation)
- Gabriel O. (Flexibility)

**April 2020**
- Liam A. (Empathy)
- Leon B. (Empathy)
- Matthew C. (Resilience)
- Layla E. (Cooperation)
- Jack M. (Flexibility)
- Charles P. (Resilience)
- Dylan S. (Empathy)
- Evalyse V. (Cooperation)
How To Create A Bear Plush (continued from cover)
By William P.

**Step 4:** Using the 4” X 4” material, cut one nose and two eyes by laying your pattern on the material and cutting as above.

**Step 5:** Take ONE layer of the body pattern you cut, and sew on two eyes and a mouth to the front side.

**Step 6:** Flip this piece over and lay it on top of your other body pattern material so that your eyes/mouth are facing inside (like a sandwich).

**Step 7:** Starting along the bottom near the left foot, sew all along the edges, about ¼” away from the edge of your material. Continue sewing until you reach the right foot, leaving an open space about 2” wide (see the pattern where it says “start” and “stop”). We used a sewing machine for this part to make it faster, but you can sew it with a needle and thread.

**Step 8:** Turn your plush outside in, using a pencil or chopstick to reach the ears.

**Step 9:** Stuff your plush with poly fill stuffing so it becomes as full as you’d like.

**Step 10:** Once fully stuffed, sew the bottom closed and you are ready to enjoy your plush!

**Attachments:** Download the attachments on the Gateway Gazette cover to make your own bear plush!
What is the color of Coronavirus?
By Olivier K.

The short answer is that there is no color to the Coronavirus. Let’s first talk about how we see colors.

Sir Isaac Newton discovered that pure white lights such as sunlight, are composed of visible colors. The human eyes and brain together translate sun or artificial lights into color with millions of photoreceptors within the eyes. The electrical signals transmitted by optic nerves and the brain produce the familiar sensations of colors and turn the signals into the images we see.

The reason of ‘no color’ is because the super small size of coronavirus (at 50 nanometers) that no lights can be reflected. Visible lights are far too long in wavelength to be sensitive to the virus. Scientists have to use electron microscopes to view particles this small.

Images of the latest coronavirus are recognizable, with vibrant scary red, icky green, shining blue and purple…a spherical particle with spikes, resembling an alien invader or throw-up. The dressing up might be to feed unfamiliarity and possibly fears.

COVID-19 impacts everyone’s life. Kids cannot go to schools so they, along with their teachers, have to learn new technologies like Zoom for learning. We are concerned of getting the virus and are concerned of our friends or families who might get it or have it. Although we are able to connect with our friends via technologies to chat and play games together, I prefer to go out and play with them physically.

Many people work hard to help defeat the virus. Since March 31st, I have been joining NYC’s neighborhood tradition to clap and solute the essential workers at 7 PM every evening. Let’s cheer for them together at 7 at your neighborhood tonight!