A book I like is *Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon. There are five books in this series. The main character is called Dory. Other characters are Dory’s family, Mary the Monster, Mrs. Gobble Gracker, Mr. Nuggy, and Dory’s friends, Rosabelle and George. These are my favorite books because I like Dory’s funny imagination, how she always wears her nightgown, and how she always asks funny questions. I recommend that you read these books because they are so funny and amazing!

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Getting to Know: Mrs. Palazzo

In December 2020, for this issue’s Teacher Interview, the Gateway Gazette team voted to interview Mrs. Palazzo!! Read on to learn more about her time at Gateway, and her life outside of school!

Gateway Gazette (GG): How long have you been a teacher at Gateway?

Mrs. Palazzo (Mrs. P): I have been a teacher at Gateway since I graduated from graduate school in 2015. This is my sixth year teaching at Gateway—believe it or not! My first year I started as an assistant teacher with a woman named Mrs. Schachter. Then, I became a head teacher and worked with Ms. Lefferts before she started to lead classes as a Gym teacher. We had so much fun together! The following year I worked with a kind teacher named Ms. Coleman and now this is my third year teaching with the very beloved, Mrs. Entwistle.

GG: Why did you want to teach at Gateway?

Mrs. P: I learned about Gateway through a very close family friend. When I interviewed at Gateway, I actually got to see Mrs. Gleysteen teach! After that, I fell in love with the teachers and students that I met. Thankfully Gateway kindly offered me the position, so the rest is history! :)

GG: Have you taught anywhere besides Gateway?

Mrs. P: Before I started at Gateway, I took over for a teacher who went on maternity leave, or when a Mom needs to take some time away from her job to take care of her baby. I taught her second grade class at the Yung Wing School in Chinatown for the rest of the year and the following year I started at Gateway!

GG: Who was your favorite teacher growing up?

Mrs. P: What a good question, but I feel like it’s so tricky for me to pick! Luckily, I had so many great teachers throughout my school journey that made me feel supported, excited to learn, and helped me grow as a person.

GG: What do you like to do after school?

Mrs. P: If I am not too busy after school, I LOVE to spend time with my family and friends. Some of my closest friends in the whole world are some of the teachers that you know and adore from Gateway!

GG: What is your favorite class that you have ever taught?

Mrs. P: Reading! There is no greater gift as a teacher than helping a child learn how to read. I bet I even taught some of you during the beginning days of your life as a reader!

GG: Do you have any pets?

Mrs. P: I am SO thrilled that you asked! Mr. Palazzo and I just welcomed the sweetest and cutest puppy into our little family! Her name is Sunnie Girl Palazzo and she is named after my Mom’s, her Grandma’s, favorite flower—the sunflower.

(And here she is!)

GG: Do you speak any languages besides English?

Mrs. P: I wish! I took French all throughout high school and college, but I am certainly not fluent. I think if I could have a superpower it would be to speak any language so that I could connect and interact with people from all over the world.

Turn the page to keep reading our interview.
Getting to Know: Mrs. Palazzo (Continued)

**GG:** What was the first class you taught at Gateway?

**Mrs. P:** The first class I ever taught at Gateway was Math. I had three super strong Mathematicians in my class, who really enjoyed learning the subject. Can you believe some of these students are in the Middle School now?

**GG:** What is your favorite movie?

**Mrs. P:** My favorite movie of all time is a movie called, Remember the Titans, a film about football. I really enjoy movies about sports, but especially ones with stories that include two different groups of people coming together, sharing their experiences, and becoming stronger for it. I also love Homeward Bound - ask Mrs. Entwistle and Ms. Abrams. The ending of that movie, when the animals make it home to their owners, makes me cry EVERY TIME (happy tears of course)!

**GG:** What is your favorite animal?

**Mrs. P:** Dogs, dogs, and more dogs! However, if you mean an animal that is not a pet, I would OF COURSE, say otters, but I do really like sloths. I find that I share a lot in common with the pace at which sloths move through life and very much appreciate how they take their time. It often takes me a long time to complete a task because I never like to rush and naturally just move slower than others.

**GG:** What is your favorite color?

**Mrs. P:** I would say all shades of blue and especially those in the turquoise family.

**GG:** Where is your favorite place to go in New York City?

**Mrs. P:** During the holiday season, I get so excited to explore the little pop-up holiday shops and markets. For me, a perfect day in the city would be full of lots of outdoor activities with some nice weather.

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Congratulations to the Recipients of the December and January Community Leadership Badges!

**December 2020 and January 2021 Recipients:**

- William B, Class 2—Resilience
- Anna L, Class 3.1—Flexibility
- Southworth H, Class 3.2—Resilience
- Eva V, Class 4—Cooperation
- Daniel A-B, Class 4—Empathy
- Veer J, Class 5.1—Cooperation
- Ethan H-H, Class 5.1—Empathy
- Frankie B, Class 5.2—Resilience
- Nico V, Class 6.1—Resilience
- Declan C, Class 6.2—Resilience
- Antonio S, Class 8—Cooperation
- Ella F, Class 8—Resilience
How to Make Really Easy Slime
By Henry K, Class 8

Looking for an easy recipe to make slime? Here are some steps to follow.

Supplies
- 6 ounce bottle of Elmer’s Glitter slime glue
- 1/2 tablespoon of baking soda
- 1 1/4 tablespoon of contact solution
- Mixing bowl
- Plastic spatula
- Measuring spoons

Directions
1. Empty the glue into the mixing bowl
2. Add 1/2 tablespoon of baking soda and mix with a spatula
3. Add contact solution
4. Mix together to form
5. When it gets hard to mix with the spatula, pick up the mixture with your hands and continue to push and pull it together
6. If the slime is very sticky, add more contact solution a little bit at a time to make it less sticky
7. You can also add bright color sequins if you’d like
8. Wash your hands after :)
Women’s History Month Comic
By Cecily S, Class 5.1

Did you know that March is Women’s History Month? Students have learned about several important women in their classes. Below is an original illustration that includes different influential women throughout history. How many of these important women have you learned about?
Hawk Moth
By Ethan H, Class 5.1

Do you know who Hawk Moth is? Hawk Moth is a character from *Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir* on Netflix. The true identity of Hawk Moth is Gabriel Agreste. Hawk Moth charges a butterfly with energy and turns it into an akuma. The akuma goes somewhere where a person has a negative emotion. It helps that person get revenge, but in turn must bring Hawk Moth Ladybug and Cat Noir’s miraculous. The miraculous are powerful jewels belonging to Ladybug and Cat Noir. Cat Noir’s real identity is Adrien Agreste, and Ladybug is Marinette - but they do not know each other’s real identities. They transform into the characters using the akuami power - which activates the miraculous, and turns them into their superhero identity. I think Hawk Moth is a powerful character because he can send an akuma to anyone with a negative emotion - even you! (if he existed in real life). The akuma could show up at The Gateway School, and we might not even know! I recommend that you watch this show. If you watch Zac Stone it is the same people. I think Lower School students of all ages would like Hawk Moth.

How to Build a Gaming PC
By Max B, Class 4

I really want to build my own gaming PC so that I can play games, like Fortnite, without using my Switch. Below are the parts you will need to put together your own PC. I also gave some tips for putting it together. I found a [website](#) that gives instructions to build your gaming PC.

**Parts List:**
- PC Case
- Central Processing Unit
- Gaming graphics card
- RAM sticks (memory)
- Hard drive
- Cooling fans
- Motherboard
- Power supply

**These are some things you need to know:**
- Be *very* gentle with the central processing unit. Do not touch the silver part.
- Line up the gold corner with the corner on the motherboard
Panda Cam at the Smithsonian Zoo
By Andrew W, Class 5.2

Do you like pandas? If you do, you should look at Panda Cam. You can look at Panda Cam by going on this link (https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/panda-cam)

I like Panda Cam because the baby pandas are so cute and I can see animals that I don’t usually see in person. Panda Cam is a good thing to go on if you are bored. If you check out Panda Cam you will have an awesome time!

Mei Xiang, one of the baby giant pandas you can watch live!

PCs vs. Consoles for Gaming
By Jack H, Class 8

What would you choose - PCs or consoles for gaming? Consoles are systems like a Play Station, Nintendo Switch, and an X-Box, and PC stands for personal computer. It could be a Dell, Windows, or Apple computer. A PC is higher quality because the graphics card is better. However, consoles are less expensive than PCs because they have a lower quality chip set. PCs use a mouse and keyboard, but on a console you use the controller. A controller gives you 360 degree spin, while a mouse can only move in 8 directions. A PC can run games faster due to the processing speed. Additionally, the price of a console is typically $200 - $600, while the price of a PC is $600 - $2500. I would like to find out if Gateway students prefer to play games on PCs or consoles. I asked Gateway Lower School students this question: Which one do you think is better for gaming?

Results: Our survey ended in a tie! 32 LS students voted for PC, and 32 LS students voted for consoles! Check out the graph for a breakdown of votes in each homeroom class.
How to Draw *The Titanic*
By Willem D, Class 8

Here are steps to draw the *Titanic*.

1. Draw waves.
2. Draw half an oval in the waves.
3. Draw a square on the oval.
4. Draw a lot of mini squares in the square.
5. Draw 4 chimney stacks.

That is how you draw the Titanic!

Gateway Scavenger Hunt
By Jerome (JJ) C, Class 5.2

In March, students in the Lower School and Middle School participated in an exciting Scavenger Hunt! I (Ms. Lincoln) spoke to Class 5.2 student, JJ, to get more information about the scavenger hunt.

JJ shared that students participated in the scavenger hunt with their homeroom class during Specials. Teachers had a list of things to find, and your class had to take a picture with that item. JJ added that his favorite part of the scavenger hunt was trying to find the Gateway Lion. He also liked taking a group picture in front of Dr. Brockhausen’s office on the 6th floor.

*Class 5.2 found a Harry Potter book!*

*Class 6.1 completing their “selfie” in front of Ms. Seidel’s office! (they even found Ms. Seidel!)*