

# My Dad: Coach of F.P. Junior High Rangers Golf Team

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My dad is coaching the junior high school golf team this year. He is being the coach of the golf team in replace of Chris Tretter.

Chris Tretter has been a part of this Forest Park Ranger golf team for quite a long time, and my dad said that over the long years of the Forest Park Ranger

golf Chris has just made it better and better. My dad and Chris are really good friends, and I'm really good friends with Chris. Without Chris or even my dad I would not be as engaged in golf as I am now.

I also like Chris Tretter because he was the one who gave my dad the honor of coaching and helping out with the golf team. Chris could have had maybe like 4 other replacements on his mind but he picked my dad. Don't you think that's pretty cool? And one of the best parts of my dad getting to join the golf team to coach for the season is that I

get to go. When I say I'm going, I mean that I get to go to the practices, and I get to play with them! We are going to do contest such as... a chipping contest, a putting contest and a long drive contest.

And guess what, I get to participate in all of them, and whoever wins gets a prize! If the golf team wins the regional this year, it will be huge.

Someday I hope that I will get on Forest Park Golf Team. I think that if I keep on trying I might just have a chance. I'm happy for my dad and I am excited for this golf year.



## How I Got To The USA From China

BY MAXIMILIAN CARPENTER

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My name is Maximilian Carpenter and the way I got to the USA is I was adopted from China. I lived in an orphanage for four years and I had a lot of fun. In the orphanage I would build stuff with blocks, play with toys and my friends that also lived in the orphanage. One day when I was four

years old, the orphanage took me to a hotel in another city. I saw two people standing by a bench but I was nervous, they were my new parents. I had a backpack with some art I had drawn. I took it out so they could see it and they gave me toys and snacks, my favorite toy was a little red truck.

While we were still in China my parents and I went to a lot of places, it was fun. When I was hungry my mom and dad got some food and I ate it no matter what because I liked it. When we got back to the hotel I mostly got out

the beach ball and a long shoe horn so my dad threw the ball and I would hit it and I laugh until my dad got the ball and we would do it over and over again.

It was time to go to United States so we went to Arizona because my parents lived there and grandma wanted to see me so we stayed there for some time. We lived right next to the park so we would go there and play, ride my scooter, and feed the ducks and geese. The thing I hated the most was there were so many mosquitoes, so bring

bug repellent. My grandma has a pretty nice house and I went there so much I know every part of her house and has a swimming pool.

When we got to Ferdinand we lived in a rental house. But soon we found a house that wasn't for rent so we could stay in it forever. The first day at school was weird at first but I met a lot of kids on my first day. My first day going to my sitter Kathy I was nervous and met my best friend there. I knew that I had friends that I can trust.

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## Wonder

BY KATE PUND

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Have you ever been laughed at or bullied by how you look or what you've done? August (Auggie) Pullman was born with Treacher Collins Syndrome and had 27 surgeries for his syndrome, but none helped. He was always homeschooled because he never liked when people made fun of him. His mom always

taught him.

One day Auggie went to a school to look around with Principal Tushman, but instead Mr. Tushman had three kids take Auggie around the school. Their names were Julian, Jack Will, and Charlotte. Julian was mean, Jack Will was nice, and Charlotte was talkative but very personable.

The first few days of school were rough for Auggie because people made fun of him and always pointed, whispered, and backed away. At lunch he didn't know where to sit, so he sat alone. One day a girl named Summer

came over and sat by him. They got along very well and their names went together because they are both summery names.

Auggie talked about how he liked Halloween so much and how people wouldn't know who he was if he wore a mask and nobody would see his face. On Halloween, Auggie dressed up in a Scream costume and everyone was nice to him because they didn't know who it was under the mask. One day when Auggie got to his class, he heard Jack Will say "if he was Auggie, he'd kill himself."

Auggie walked away because he felt sad and didn't want to be friends with Jack Will anymore. Later in the day Auggie faked his illness and went home. Via, his sister, tried to get Auggie to go trick or treating but he wouldn't.

The family had a dog named Darth Daisy or Daisy, but one day she was acting weird so they took her to the vet. They had to put Darth Daisy down. At school though it was going good. People were getting along with Auggie and Auggie was doing well in school. He and Jack Will



were friends again.

The meaning of this book

is not to judge a book by its cover.

## TEACHERS

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4-GOFFINET

Terrific writers  
Educationally active  
Awesome at expressive reading

Caring for their students  
Helping students when they're stuck  
Exciting to learn from  
Really great spellers  
Sick at math (in a good way :- )

## St. Louis Cardinals

BY RHEYSE FLECK

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Have you ever watched the St. Louis Cardinals Major League baseball team on TV? They're fun to watch! The St. Louis Cardinals are centered in St. Louis, Missouri. The Cardinals Stadium is called Busch Stadium. The Cardinals have won the World Series in the years 1926, 1931, 1934, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1964, 1967, 1982, 2006, and 2011. The team has not won a World Series since 2011.

The current manager for the St. Louis Cardinals is Mike Matheny. Mike Matheny started coaching in 2012, and has been for six years. He has never won a World Series with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cardinals current team colors are Cardinal red, navy blue, and white. The Cardinals are sometimes referred to as the "Redbirds." The original name for the Cardinals was the St. Louis Perfectos. The name St. Louis Perfectos was changed in 1900. The name became the Cardinals when Willie McHale, a columnist for the St. Louis Republic, overheard a girl from the stands say that

the color of the Cardinals uniforms reminded her of the color of a Cardinal. Willie McHale admired the name so much that he started referring to the Perfectos as the Cardinals along with many other people. So that is how the name got changed to the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cardinals are currently playing, so maybe you can watch them on TV. You can even buy tickets to go see one of their games. You would most likely enjoy it!

These are facts about the St. Louis Cardinals Major League baseball team. I hope you enjoyed learning about the team!

## How You Can Change the World!

BY KAELYN BACKER

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4-WENDHOLT

Do you want to help the world? There are many ways you can make the world a better place. There are so many bad things happening all over the world such as pollution, starving children, and animals going extinct. But you can help in more ways than you might think.

One way to help is through a UNICEF Kid Power band. It is like a Fitbit, but it does much more. When you get so

many steps, you get a power point. When you get enough power points, you donate a packet to a starving child. The packet has all the vitamins needed for this child. So far, I have donated 18 food packets. I recommend getting a UNICEF Kid Power band!

Another way you can help to change the world is by donating money or other things to endangered species, or perhaps you can adopt an animal in need. You can also take care of land that is home to an animal. I want to help endangered species and you should too.

Some ways to stop pollution is to pick up trash at your local park or just in your front

yard. We should want to stop pollution because it could get into the water we drink and make it unhealthy.

You might think that global warming is harmless, but it's not. Global warming has caused many animals to lose their homes. If this keeps happening, animals such as the polar bear could go extinct. Some other endangered species include the three-toed sloth, the Indian elephant, killer whales, and many, many more.

You might think one person can't make a difference, but it will. If we all work together to do all these things as a team, then we can make the world a better place!

## Chickens

BY LANCE BOEGLIN

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3-JAMES

Chickens are popular farm animals. One fact about chickens is that when they are chicks, sometimes they

don't like to eat. You have to train them how to eat. Also, when they are chicks they need a heat lamp to make them as warm as a blanket. A heat lamp is kind of like a furnace to them because they don't have feathers. A chicken's feathers make them warm. They need a little bowl for the feed and one for the

water. When they are chicks you can put them in a box because they are small. I know a lot about chickens because I am raising them to learn how to be responsible. I also want to learn about chickens and what they need to thrive. Raising chickens can be hard, but if you stick to it you can succeed.

## Don't Litter!

BY ADRIA PAULIN

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3-RASCHE

You should not litter. Littering destroys the environment. It would really help the community if everyone

would clean the trash they find around them. Around the world, an estimate of one million birds and 100,000 marine mammals and sea turtles die each year when they become trapped in plastic or eat it! Humans, animals, and plants all need unpolluted water to survive. Litter can also clog storm-

water drains and cause flooding. Littering simply means leaving trash on the ground instead of disposing of it at a trash bin. People could get sick because of littering. That is why it is good to stay healthy and stop littering. When you see trash always pick it up and throw it away!

## Travel Baseball

BY PEYTON GRAY

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If you want to play baseball in far away places then sign up for a travel baseball team. These teams go to at least 6 tournaments and play. The best part is when you win and get a trophy. My team

also goes out to eat together. It is a lot of fun. I'm going to Panama City to play and this is our family vacation. I bet we are going to have a lot of fun. Although, the practices are hard, they are worth it and make you so much better. My team is going to play at Evansville, Owensboro, Panama City, Branson, MO and a lot more places. The players on my team are from a lot of different places like Kentucky, Indiana and Il-

linois. The teams we play are going to give us a challenge but I hope we can come out on top. The coaches are phenomenal. They are the ones that really help our team win. They make us push ourselves to get better and they teach us what we need to learn. When we warm up if we drop a ball then we have to run a foul pole. They're the best coaches you could get. I love my team Southern Illinois Team Dinger.

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