

Writing from the Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club

Winter Alliterations

Alliterations are a phrase or sentence that uses the same consonant sound at the beginning of each word. They are used to write tongue twisters and to add interest to writing. If you are writing a sentence you may use a small word like “and,” “on,” “in,” and so forth, to help with clarity.

By Kalabe Daigle

Candy canes keep me crunching constantly.
Tiny trees twinkly ten times.
Silly santa smiles big.
Sara slides on a slippery snow.

By Brittany Teeple

Skating slippery very slow.
Cocoa can collapse on a cupcake.
Snowflakes look silly falling on Sheena.

By Scott Fischer

Sleds move slowly sliding on snow.
Snow fights have slippery snow on someone.
Slippery snow slow snow.

By Kitanna Sylvester

Snowmen have snow fights.
Three trees turn into Christmas trees.
Some children get coal for Christmas.
Winter is a wonderful white world.
Icky ice is always icy.

Ichthyosaurs

By Cody Rindy

Mary Anning was born in 1799. She was only 10 when she and her brother, Lyme, found the first ever discovered fossil of an Ichthyosaurs. Even though water erosion had eroded the fossil, paleontologists were still able to estimate the remains to be 180 million years old. Most Ichthyosaurs are found in North America, South America, and Europe.

The Ichthyosaur was a whale-like creature more like a big dolphin. The largest one ever found in a fossil form was 40 feet long. The smallest fossil found was 70 centimeters long. The Ichthyosaur weighed somewhere around 1200 pounds. It had sharp teeth and a long jaw. These creatures had four crescent-shaped fins. They also had a stabilizing fin or dorsal fin. The tail was

fish-shaped with two steering fins on either side.

Ichthyosaur lived close to the surface so they could breathe. They ate meat like fish, octopus, and other swimming animals. These animals were fast strong swimmers that did not move on land. The Ichthyosaurs gave birth in the water instead of laying eggs. Paleontologists have found bones of babies inside of pregnant mom Ichthyosaurs. An interesting fact is that this creature's eyes were surrounded by hard bones.

Paleontologists have found eye bones to support this fact. These animals lived during the Triassic Period. The animals have been extinct for over 95 million years. The dinosaurs were not extinct when the ichthyosaurs lived.

Top 10 Winter Activities

By Darryl Cameron

1. Sledding
2. Making snowmen
3. Playing
4. Snowballs
5. Skiing
6. Tubing
7. Hot cocoa
8. Ice skating
9. Snow angels
10. Snowboarding

Happy New Year

By Spring Sage Medicine

*New Year's Eve
Everybody is excited
Wow
Yeah_
Everyone is surprised
A New Year
Ringing in the New Year
So much fun*

My Cat

By Spring Sage Medicine

Fast
Always lazy
Tearing up furniture

Cat
Always meowing
Taking food from the garbage

She is cute
Hugs people
Eats fish
Likes me
Bothers me too
You are my little princess

SHELBY LEAPLEY'S ADVICE —

By Carla, Grade 6, F.M.S Middle School, Fontana, Calif.

— Should students wear uniforms? My opinion is 'no' because with the clothes we wear normally we feel more comfortable. At the school I go to, we have to wear uniforms. Uniforms don't allow us to be ourselves. They can be good, however, so that students can't be show-offs and say they wear better clothes than someone else. What do you think?

Reply: Students should wear uniforms. The students should because people could brag and tell other students that their clothing is ugly and stupid. I think there is less people trying to steal clothing from someone else like hats or sweatshirts if

everyone wears the same thing.

By Jennifer, Grade 8, Christian Assembly Jr. High, S.C. — Ok, I would just like to know what is up with Nickelodeon? I mean, it use to be one of my favorite TV channels, but now they replaced all of the good shows with dorky cartoons. I mean what kind of shows are Sponge Bob and Fairly Odd Parents? What happened to Hey Dude, Salute Your Shorts, and Double Dare? I say bring back the good shows!!

Reply: They put those cartoon on for little kids like 8 year olds. I think Nickelodeon was made for little kids, not 8th graders. That's why I think Nickelodeon put those cartoons on. Try watching a different channel!!

Poems

The following poems were submitted by Miss Jorja Carrick.

I'm Still Gonna Shine
The face I see
may not make a magazine
but I'm still gonna shine.
This face you see
may not be the best
you'll ever see
but I know..
I'm still going to shine.

If tears could build a stair case
and memories could build a lane
I'd march my way up to heaven
And take you home again
Dedicated to Grandpa Ben