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'Fall or Fly' Poetry in 5eme:

The 5eme students are studying poetry related to family, and have been doing an incredible job. They've been using the website storybird.com for inspiration, and last week wrote poems in pairs with the theme of 'Fall or Fly.' Here are some of their poems:



SCHOOL OF LIFE

The bricks of this building are so important, it is the school of life.

It is here that you learned the keys to the future and it is here that you were prepared for the world, or it prepared the world for you.

You were guided through the years, maybe to grow up without knowing it, in the ignorance of your mind

Goodbye,
After all these years
Waiting to leave
I hold back my tears
Trying to breathe
Waiting to see the world

I pack my bags
Full of memories
Down the stairs I drag
All of my miseries
Waiting to see the world





But then I think
Of the opportunities
And my sadness sinks
I feel the breeze
Of life

I won't cry
I feel the sun
I have to try
Here I come,
Fall or fly?

WARMTH OF A FAMILY

The warmth of a family,
Is like a fire,
It never lasts;
Oh, the joy of a family!
If only this warmth could
stay forever,
Instead of fading little by
little.

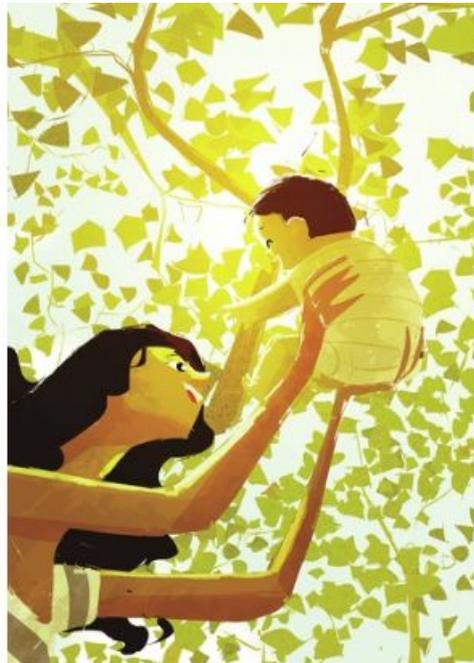


Amanda, My Daughter

Only a few days ago my little girl arrived on earth
A day full of love and warmth
All the feelings of fear and nervousness were swept away at the sight of her
Responsibilities piled up on my shoulders,
But the weight of it all was nothing compared to the love I carried in my heart
Excited I was at the thought of all the things we could do together
Picnics, Parks and Pools



My mind was overheating with all the thoughts and questions that ran through it
Will she like me? Will I be worthy of being a good mother?
All these questions will have an answer
Once she's older.



The Festival of Lights

The festival of lights has many stories surrounding it, not all of them true. For example, The story of it being related to the plague is a legend, not a fact.

The real story begins in 1850. The religious authorities in Lyon decided to install a statue at the top of the Fourvière Hill. They held a contest to select the best statue of the Virgin Mary. Joseph Hughes won the contest and built the statue he proposed. The inauguration was supposed to be on Septembre 8th 1852, but it rained so much that the Saone overflowed. They moved the date to the 8th of December. But it rained too much again! When they were about to cancel the inauguration again, it stopped raining. They could then inaugurate the statue as planned. Spontaneously all the inhabitants put candles on their window sills. When night came, all windows were shining, making for a marvelous spectacle, which has continued to this day.

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1ere US A Thanksgiving



We celebrated Thanksgiving in the OIB US section this year. The students worked hard all weekend and brought in some gorgeous traditional (and some non-traditional!) Thanksgiving treats. The students made cornbread, pecan pie, pumpkin pie, muffins which were delicious! We also had some vegetarian Indian treats made by Harsh Singh, which added some variety and were equally tasty! Well done to all the students who took part.

Reindeer

scientific name: Rangifer Tarandus

family: Cervidae

distribution: North America, Greenland, northern Europe and Asia

habitat: Forests close to the Arctic tundra

length: 1.2 - 2.2 m

weight: 120 - 300 kg

lifespan in wild: 12 - 15 years

average litter size: 1 calf born in May-June

diet: Herbivore



The reindeer, known as the caribou in North America, is a hoofed mammal that lives in herds for protection against predators. Its predators are humans, bears and wolves. It mainly feeds on grass, herbs and berries. Reindeer's hooves adapt according to the season, their footpads becoming spongy to provide them with extra traction in summer when the tundra is soft and wet, and shrinking and tightening during the winter months, which exposes the rim of the hoof and enables them to cut into the ice and snow to prevent them from slipping. They also use their hooves to dig into the snow to feed on lichen and fungi. Unlike other deer, both male and female reindeer have antlers, which are shed and regrown each year. They are specially built for cold temperatures as their noses are designed to warm the air before it gets to their lungs, and their coat has two layers of fur: a thick woolly undercoat and a longer-haired overcoat. Reindeer are excellent swimmers, and when migrating they will not hesitate to swim across a lake or river that is in their path. They can also reach speeds of 80 km/h.

Unfortunately, reindeer are now a vulnerable species, so if you don't want our loved Christmas emblem to die out, you must be careful!

Did you know?

- ❖ Reindeer hooves expand in summer when the ground is soft (to act like snowshoes) and shrink in winter when the ground is hard.
- ❖ Some subspecies have knees that make a clicking noise when they walk so they can stay together in a blizzard.

Timothy and Sam's Gaming Corner

Clash Royale 3

Over the last few months, Clash royale has had a few major update such as challenges, new cards, and more! Challenges are probably the best thing, in my opinion, that has happened to this game. In a challenge, your cards are set to tournament level (commons lvl. 9, Rares lvl. 7, epics lvl.4, and legendaries lvl.1). This means that if you have a common card lvl.10, it will put it to lvl. 9. This doesn't mean that lvl.8 commons will be set to lvl.9 though.

The goal of a tournament is to get the highest amount of victories possible in order to get cards and gold. This may seem fairly easy to do, but if you accumulate three loses, the challenge stops and you get your challenge chest. In order to get as many victories as possible, you need to use a good deck, and this is what i'm going to talk about here.

Deck #1: Giant; Bowler; Lighting spell; Mega Minion; Musketeer; Tombstone; Arrows; Zap

This deck is a great deck and with it, you are going to chip away his tower using the lightning (when he puts troops near his tower, like a wizard or a musketeer) and then, throw in a giant bowler musketeer mega minion push. Just put a giant in the back and add troops behind it or defend what he puts and put a giant in front of your troops.

Deck #2: Miner; Princesse; Log; Skeleton Army; Minion Horde; Inferno Tower; Furnace; Arrows

This deck is a slightly complex deck and requires a good amount of skill to play but is extremely powerful (I myself did 12 victories in a challenge a few times with it). The goal is to chip away the opponent's tower with the furnace and using the miner and goblin barrel. This kind of deck is also called "zap-bait" because most of the troops in it can be counterable by zap, which means the moment your opponent places his zap, you can throw a huge push on his tower and the odds are you're going to destroy it.

Deck #3: Lava Hound; Ice Wizard ; Miner; Mega Minion; Minions; Tombstone; Lighting; Zap

This deck is a hound deck, so you're going to want to place your lava hound in the bash (behind your king's tower) and slowly add troops behind it. You don't want to place all of your troops at once because your opponent could fireball them for a positive elixir trade. Once your lava hound is close to dead, send your miner on the tower. He will act as a mini-tank for all of your troops.

Clash Royale #4:

The Clone Spell

The clone spell has recently been added to clash royale. It works like so: All troops within the clone spell's range will be moved copied. Let's say you have barbarians and minions on the map and you want to clone them. You place your clone spell so that all the troops you want to clone are inside it, then your original troops will be moved a few tiles to the right to leave some space to your cloned troops.

Important things you need to know before you start using the clone spell:

- Your original troops will always be moved to the left, no matter where they are*
- The cloned troops only have one life point, which means anything (even an ice spirit) can destroy them. This also applies for cloned tanks (such as the PEKKA)*
- The cloned troops keep their special abilities (a cloned princess can still shoot from far away)*
- When you clone a troop, that troop stops moving for the duration of the clone.*
- Troops are reseted when cloned (a prince will lose his charge and a sparky will reset his attack)*
- Buildings can not be cloned*
- If you can get a giant skeleton to the other tower, you can clone it so that two bombs explode to deal double the damage*

The clone spell can also drastically change the way you use your deck: If, in a lava hound deck, you replace the miner by the clone spell, you will send your lava hound, then your minion army to make your opponent use his fireball, zap, or arrows, then clone the lava hound so that when it pops, you have twice as many lava pups on the tower. The original lava hound can also tank for the cloned lava pups.

With a bit of training you can use the clone spell to:

- change the lane of a troop (since it will be pushed to the left if your troop is close enough to the middle of the two lanes you can make it switch)*
- force your opponent to use his arrows or zap to throw a deadly push*
- make a giant skeleton survive barbarians (by cloning it, the bomb of the clone will destroy them)*

*I'm sorry if any of this was unclear but it really isn't easy to explain by writing...
I recommend the video of Orange Juice, a Youtuber, who explains all of this with more detail.*

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