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THANKS to JARED ECK for making us think about penguins. See his story on the back page of this newspaper!

(Jared is in Mrs. Buchanan's 2nd Grade Class - Maize Central)



Vladimir Villiam Vulture I
(Grandpa)

Vladimir,
what's black and
then white; then black and
then white, then black and
then white, then black
and then white...

I know that one,
Grandpa!
It's a PENGUIN
rolling down
a
HILL!



Vladimir
Villiam
Vulture III

CONTEST WINNER(S) for the MONTH of JANUARY, 2014

THE OFFICIAL TOTAL SNOWFALL in WICHITA - 3.0 inches

FIRST PLACE: TIE --- Each of these classes missed by only 0.1 inches

Cathy Dilt's 2nd Graders @ Earhart Environmental - 3.1 inches
Tammy Venning's 3rd Graders @ Wheatland (Valley Center) - 3.1 inches
Sharon Beck's 3rd Graders @ Peterson Elementary - 2.9 inches

FOURTH PLACE: Forecast of 3.2 inches

Sharon Bateman's 2nd Graders @ Benton Elementary

FIFTH PLACE: Forecast of 3.3 inches

Carey Elsbernd's 2nd Graders @ Prairie Creek (Andover)

KANSAS ANIMALS

ANTELOPE & DEER



**Oh, Give Me a Home, Where the Buffalo Roam,
And the DEER and the ANTELOPE Play;**

EVERYONE knows the Kansas State Song, don't they?
Well, why does the song mention the deer and the antelope?

WHEN KANSAS WAS BEING SETTLED,
BACK in DAYS of LONG AGO;
THERE WERE LOTS of GRASSY PRAIRIES,
THAT WAVED WHEN WINDS DID BLOW.
AND GRAZING in THOSE PRAIRIES,
THOSE PRAIRIES GREEN and VAST;
WERE MANY BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS,
AND SOME COULD RUN SO FAST!
THERE WERE ANTELOPES and BISON
and SEVERAL KINDS of DEER;
And THESE ANIMALS WERE VERY PLENTIFUL,
IN the LAND of the PIONEER!



PRONGHORN ANTELOPE

ADULTS weigh between 75-100 lbs.
DIET is usually grasses and forbs.

During the early 1800's, it is estimated that 10 to 15 million antelope roamed across our Kansas prairies. Now, it is estimated that only 5,000 live in our state.



WHITE TAIL DEER

ADULT MALES can weigh up to 400 lbs.
DIET can be numerous plants (grasses and forbs) and grain (corn) and acorns.

(Deer can be very adaptable)

The deer population dropped tremendously in Kansas in the early 1900s but now is growing rapidly again.

The white tail deer is more common in eastern Kansas because they prefer a more wooded habitat.

NEW WORDS:

VAST - Large; Huge; A **vast** prairie is a (Adjective) prairie covering a large area.

PRAIRIE - A broad area of level or rolling (Noun) land that is covered with grasses.

FORB - A herb or plant that is NOT a grass. (noun) Clover, milkweed and sunflowers are examples of forbs.

The ADVENTURES of MORGAN P. MOUSINGTON

THE CONTINUING STORY of an ADVENTURESOME MOUSE and HIS FAMILY



In our last episode, Morgan had just found a glass bottle with a key inside. He could not get to the key because the hole in the top of the bottle was too small. He then yelled to his father that he had a great idea of how to get the key out of the bottle.

His father wanted to hear Morgan's idea.

"Morgan, why don't you think I'm going to like your idea?"

"Well, Dad," replied Morgan, "because it involves my sweet older sister, Melanie."

Melanie heard this and immediately stood up and looked down into the hole.

"What do you mean by that, Morgan? How does your plan involve me?"

"Well, family," started Morgan, "my plan involves Melanie coming down into this hole to help me."

Mr. Mousington started shaking his head.

"Absolutely not, Morgan," said Morgan's father, very sternly. "I'm not having both of my children trapped in a deep hole and not able to get out."

"But, you didn't hear all of my..." replied Morgan.

"NO! A hundred times NO!" interrupted his father. "Melanie is not going down into that hole. That just **will not** happen!"

"Wait a minute, Dad," said Melanie. "Let's hear his idea. I know what you're thinking...most of Morgan's ideas are so stupid that we shouldn't even listen, but maybe he will surprise us and this will be a gem of an idea."

Before Mr. Mousington could speak, Morgan yelled up to his sister.

"Thanks, Mel," said her brother. "I'm glad that you are willing to listen. By the way, Mel, every one of my ideas are gems, but sometimes they are too complex for simple-minded people to understand. Anybody you know, Mel?"

"I wouldn't be calling the person that might help you out of that hole any names," said Melanie.

"Now that's a good point, Mel," said Morgan. "I guess if I want your help, I should be nicer to you."

"Yes, that's my advice to you, Morgan," said Mel. "If you want my help, you're going to be nice to me for a long, long time."

"Mel, you're making this a very difficult decision. I'm trying to decide between being nice to you or having to stay in this hole for the rest of my life. This is not an easy decision."

Melanie giggled a little as she looked at her father.

"Let's hear your idea, Morgan," said his father.

"Okay," replied Morgan. "The reason I want Melanie to come down is this: she has little, skinny fingers. Everybody knows that! I am sure that her fingers are small enough to reach inside the bottle and get that key."

"Well that does make some sense," replied Mr. Mousington. "But..."

"I know what you are thinking, Dad," said Morgan. "You are wondering how to get Mel down inside this hole safely. Well, I've thought about that. I believe that if you tie a rope around her waist and lower her down slowly, I can then grab her and make sure she has a soft landing."

"Well, Morgan, that makes sense, too," said his father. "It seems you've thought this out very well."

"I think it is a stupendous idea, Morgan," said Mel. "I'm glad you thought of me to help you out of that hole you are in."

"Okay," said Mr. Mousington. "It seems everyone agrees that this is a good idea. Let's get started."

Just then, as Mr. Mousington started to walk over and pick up his back pack that had the rope in it, something happened that the Mousington family **could not believe.**

TO BE CONTINUED !



YOUNG WRITER'S DIGEST

The following story was submitted to us by Jared Eck, and he is in Mrs. Buchanan's 2nd grade class @ Maize Central. You will find this story very informative and quite interesting.

Learning About Penguins

by Jared Eck

Penguins are very interesting birds. They live south of the equator, along the coastal areas of South America, Australia, South Africa and Antarctica. They live in groups called rookeries. They huddle together to keep warm. I thought it was amazing that they have wings but they cannot fly. They eat krill and fish. They toboggan down hills to get there quicker. Penguins have a brood pouch where they keep their eggs warm before they hatch. Then the baby penguin stays there until it's about eight weeks old. Penguins are good swimmers. It's fun to waddle like a penguin.

ANOTHER PENGUIN JOKE:

A lady walks by a car and notices that there are three penguins sitting in the back seat. She asks the driver about the penguins and the driver says: "Yeah, I found them in my back seat and I don't know what to do with them." "Why don't you take them to the zoo?" asks the lady.

"That's a good idea!" replies the driver.

The next day the lady walks by the same car and sees the same three penguins in the back seat. "I thought you were going to take the penguins to the zoo." says the lady to the driver.

"I did!" says the driver. "And we had such a good time I think I'm going to take them to the movies this afternoon."