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California Supreme Court Justice Patricia Guerrero

By Donna M., Freddy D., Yanishka S., and Luis V.

Student reporters of Parmelee Elementary School interviewed California Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero. As the first Latina Justice to sit on the California Supreme Court, the students were eager to learn about the ins and outs of her job, and increase their knowledge of the legal profession.

Guerrero explained her daily duties as a judge, comparing it to the students' lives in their classrooms. "That's primarily what I spend most of my day doing," she said. "Thinking through difficult issues that

affect all Californians, and families like yours."

Freddy D. learned that those in the Supreme Court are responsible for doing many difficult and important tasks such as reading, writing, and helping others. "I admire her ability to do difficult tasks," said Dionicio.

Luis V. was curious about her job, and her most interesting cases. Guerrero mentioned an instance in which two people were arguing over time spent with a dog, which the students found amusing. "[It's] something that doesn't happen very often in court," Guerrero said.

Since she was the only female Latina judge, Luis thinks it could be scary, and he admires her bravery. "If my dream as a pediatrician doesn't work out," he said, "I want to become a Supreme Court Justice judge like Justice Patricia Guerrero!"

Donna M. and Yanishka S. learned that despite the difficulties, Guerrero really enjoys her job. Donna also stated that despite some people's hate towards her due to her obligation to choose one side during a case, she seems to be a very good, fair judge who stands as an important role model for many young children. ❖

Justice Patricia Guerrero

By Ezequiel B., Harley H., Kevin M., Katerin M., and Roselyn L.

Patricia Guerrero is a judge. She enjoys her job of being a judge.

Her parents are immigrants and are Hispanic. They moved from Mexico in search of opportunity. As a kid, she wanted to be someone impactful such as a doctor. In order for this to happen, she practiced writing and reading every sin-

gle day. Her teacher, the only African American staff member at her school and herself mutually supported each other eagerly. She went through many trials in her life but still, despite the hard challenges and struggles she was able to successfully get into college and go to Stanford.

Gradually, she took the

path of being a lawyer and then a judge. In court, there always is a challenge having to choose one side over the other.

As the first Latina justice on the California Supreme Court, she made history, but she is here to tell her story to inspire all kids that it is possible to achieve their dreams. ❖

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Supreme Court with a Supreme Justice

By Armani C., Rafael M., Jayden S., and Abigail M.

The students' of Parmelee's favorite part of interviewing Justice Guerrero was getting to know her.

The most important thing they learned when interviewing Justice Guerrero was why she wanted to go to college. Justice Guerrero was inspired to go to college by her eighth grade principal. If she had never met that principal, she might have never gone to college.

If there weren't judges, people wouldn't know

who was guilty or not. Judges have to listen to reasons and clues to figure this out. Being a judge is hard. If both people have good reasons, it may be difficult to decide. Closely examining the evidence has to be used to decide.

Armani thinks the job of being a judge is easy. He thinks it's easy because they get to sit down and look at cases.

Rafael says that if you look at someone's heart rate, it may be easier to tell who is guilty. Armani

and Jayden said if they are sweating and shaking, you can also tell.

Justice Guerrero said that it took a lot of time, reading, and effort to be where she is now. The students admire her for all of the time she put into school.

Justice Guerrero said that she didn't have much money but she was smart enough to make it into college. Overall, the students really enjoyed getting to talk to the Justice and were very inspired. ❖



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Supreme Court Interview

By Angelique M., Daniela C., Jayleen C., and Daniel M.

Daniela, Angelique, and Jayleen learned that Patricia Guerrero was the first Latina Justice on the California Supreme Court.

Angelique thought that it was interesting that Justice Guerrero was a judge.

Jayleen thought Guerrero was cool because she wouldn't stop working to solve problems until she was fully satisfied.

Since Daniel wasn't there at the meeting with Justice Guerrero, he guessed that she was a busy woman because she had a lot of work to do everyday.

Angelique was surprised about all of her work on the Supreme Court. It involves a lot of reading and writing.

A fact that they had was that she started working in high school when she was 16 years old.

Another fact was that she inspired people to go to law school, including one of the parties to a lawsuit that she heard as a judge.

She was recommended to go to a good college by her principal, who inspired by her to study up on good universities.

Justice Guerrero's favorite part of school was recess—just like Daniela, Angelique, Jayleen, and Daniel. ❖



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The Interview: California Supreme Court Justice Patricia Guerrero

Justice Patricia Guerrero was appointed to the California Supreme Court as an Associate Justice on March 28, 2022. She is the first Latina Justice to sit on the California Supreme Court. Justice Guerrero was born in the Imperial Valley and raised by immigrant parents from Mexico. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School.

PressFriends reporters from John Mack Elementary, Foshay Learning Center, and Parmelee Avenue Elementary interviewed Justice Guerrero during national Law Day/Week, which celebrates the role of law in our society and to increase understanding of the legal profession.

Donna M. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): What do you do daily as a Supreme Court justice?

Justice Guerrero: Part of my job is, day to day, a lot of what you do in the classroom. I remember being in fifth grade, just like you, and I have a lot of fond memories of a lot of reading and a lot of writing. That's primarily what I spend most of my day doing - thinking through difficult issues that affect all Californians, and families like yours.

Some days can be quiet except for the meetings that I have with my research attorneys - as in all aspects of life, it's not just an individual thing that you do, you

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have a team of people, and I'm blessed to have a team of people who help me to try to do the best job that I can do.

I also participate in what we call oral arguments. Oral arguments are an opportunity for the lawyers to present their cases and make their arguments to the seven justices on the California Supreme Court. The justices then get together to discuss the cases. I again am blessed with wonderful colleagues. Everyone's fabulous here. I'm just

starting out, but I have observed all of my colleagues for quite some time, and I have a lot to learn from all of them, and hopefully, I can also contribute to the court.

The outreach efforts, like today, are one of the most one of my most favorite things to do because I have an opportunity to talk to people who maybe don't know a lot about the courts, and I think it's important. The skills you are gaining will be really helpful to you. Regardless of whether you decide to

be a lawyer - and I hope there are people who maybe want to be lawyers or judges - the skill set that you are gaining can help prepare you for really any career.

So that's just a very broad overview of what I do on a daily basis.

Emely M. (John Mack Elementary): Did you know you wanted to be a Supreme Court justice at a young age?

Justice Guerrero: I never would have imagined that I would be here today. I didn't

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know any lawyers when I was growing up, so I can't say that I wanted to be a Supreme Court justice at a young age. I was always encouraged by my teachers, and I have parents who were very supportive and taught me the importance of an education. I always knew in the back of my head that I wanted to do something important, something meaningful, and something that I thought would make a difference in people's lives.

At a very early age, I thought probably that would be a doctor; that's really the only thing I had exposure to. Then, around middle school, I had very encouraging teachers who planted a little seed in my head about two possible career paths for me. They said, based on my skills at the time, that I would be a good teacher, or I would be a good lawyer. And I think it was because they said because I could argue well, but I think they meant that in a good way. I was able to debate and present my position both in writing and orally, so they thought that I would be a good advocate. They were the ones who really encouraged me because I

didn't have an exposure to the law. I didn't have any role models that I could look to.

It wasn't until I started college that I met lawyers when I majored in Legal Studies. I started to learn about this career, and it really was for me. It was wonderful being a lawyer, and then I then I knew I wanted to become a judge eventually. But there are a lot of steps along the way and a lot of obstacles to overcome.

In fifth grade, you may not know specifically what you want to do, and you're not really expected to, so you shouldn't be worried that you don't know, but I would just encourage you to follow your dreams because you can do whatever you end up wanting to do.

Megan L. (Foshay Learning Center): Thank you for being a role

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model to young Latina. My question is, is being a judge nice or boring for you?

Justice Guerrero: Thank you for your comment, and I hope to be a role model to you and to others like you and to really all students throughout California.

Being a judge is never boring. And I'm lucky that I found something that I love. It doesn't matter really what you decide to do, but it's important that you find something where it's meaningful to you and this job is meaningful to me. It's not boring because I love the work. I've always loved school, so it feels kind of like going back to school because you read a lot of books. We still have books, although most of it is electronic now like I'm sure it is for you, but I like being able to sift through the issues.

And my colleagues, the other justices, are another reason why it's never boring. I have such amazing colleagues. We talk through difficult issues; we make decisions; and we try to persuade one another. Going back to what my middle school teacher said - try to argue your

point but not in a way that is a negative; just try to be persuasive and present your positions.

So being a judge is never boring because I enjoy what I do. I imagine that it would not be ideal for everybody. You need to try and find something that would be a good fit for you.

Rodolfo M. (Foshay Learning Center): I wanted to thank you for doing an amazing job as a judge. My question is, what was one of your favorite cases?

Justice Guerrero: It's hard to pick. There's really no good answer for that. You have favorite parts of each case. If I try to find something about each case that I enjoy, it's really the feedback that I get from the cases.

I think what stands out to me, as an example, was an assignment in family court, which can be very challenging because of the issues that we deal with.

I had a situation where I ran into one of the people who wasn't represented in court because he didn't have an attorney. The individual had appeared before

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me in court and had a situation where he kept coming back because there were a lot of there were a lot of disputes that needed to be resolved. He approached me at an event at a law school. I immediately recognized him, and asked how his child was doing, and he said that because of the experience that he had in the courtroom with me, he was now in law school. He recognized the importance of the law and he thanked me for listening to him in court.

So, we do the best job that we can to help people understand the law and make sure that the process is a fair one for people.

Sometimes I share

some fun facts with my kids about different cases. I'll share with you one case that they got a kick out of the most. It was also in family court where there are a lot of arguments over really significant issues like dividing property or custody disputes. One of the cases though, was about spending time with a dog. Resolving their disputes about spending time with a dog is something that doesn't happen very often in court, so that was something that my kids thought was amusing.

Angie (John Mack Elementary): Have you ever been hated on while doing your job?

Justice Guerrero: In life, you learn to have thick skin, and I think being hated on as a judge probably isn't uncommon, especially because in legal cases, because one side loses and one side wins. There are always going to be people who may not be fully satisfied with the outcome of a court case. But what I try to do is to explain ourselves and our positions and rulings. So that even though you may not be happy with the outcome, you won't hate on me because you'll understand the basis for my ruling. And you'll see that we've tried to do and even though you may not be happy with the result, you will feel that it is a fair one.

David G. (John Mack Elementary): What is your best memory of fifth grade?

Justice Guerrero: Fifth grade doesn't seem to us like it was a long time ago.

I have a lot of wonderful memories of fifth grade. He was a fabulous teacher. I recently got in contact with him. He remembered me, and he was a wonderful role model for us. I grew up in a primarily Hispanic community, and he was

the only African American teacher that I had. It stands out to me that there was a student in our class who was also African American, and I just remember him being such a wonderful role model to all of us, but especially to that student, who needed guidance at the time.

I wouldn't have thought of it then, but the importance of representation that came to mind. When I was thinking about this question, it dawned on me that I never had any Hispanic teachers, which is remarkable for where I grew up. I think it's important to have teachers who are representative of the students and whom you can look up to as role models; the teachers don't have to be from your same ethnicity or background, but I think it's meaningful when it is. My fifth grade teacher was a really good teacher, and that stands out as a very positive experience for me in fifth grade.

There are other things that came to mind when I thought about your question. We used to have some opportunities to help the teacher, and I always enjoyed that. I always wanted to



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be as helpful, so I would be tasked with little things like cleaning blackboards - which you may not even have anymore. And I would volunteer to get chalk.

We would have Citizen of the Month that would be one designated student for demonstrating qualities that you all have yourselves - being good role models for others and being good peers for your fellow students and being good students. And we would get flags that we would be able to take home to show that we were Citizen of the Month to put up outside of your homes for that month. At the end of the year, there was just one student who had to be picked and would be able to keep the flag, so that really meant a lot to me when I was picked.

Recess was also one of my favorite things. You probably wouldn't be able to do this now, but I was thinking back on how our play area looked. We had parallel bars that were just on dirt, and we used to do different tricks on them that would not be allowed today for liability purposes, and I wouldn't encourage it, but it stands out in my memory.

Rebeca R. (John Mack Elementary): My question is, did you struggle in school, and what were your previous jobs?

Justice Guerrero: Rebeca, those are both great questions. They are kind of related and I'll get to that.

I always really liked school, so I wouldn't say that I necessarily struggled in school, but I always worked hard. For some people, it's just natural, and they don't have to do any homework and or spend a lot of time doing homework, but I always worked really hard. I took it seriously, and always did all my homework. It doesn't just always come easy.

I started working when I was 16 years old and in high school. I was also involved in a lot of extracurricular activities - I played all different kinds of sports. cheerleading, ASB - while I was working. That was difficult and somewhat of a struggle.

Working required sacrifices that maybe other people who didn't have the need to work didn't have to think about; one of the sacrifices was playing softball, which I had played for a long time but could not play during my senior

year because it conflicted with my work schedule and my coach wasn't willing to accommodate the conflict. But I was able to join the golf team, because I knew the coach for the golf team, so I played golf in my senior year.

It was a trade-off and the experience that I had at the grocery store as a bagger - I would bag groceries - and later in the deli. When I went

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to college. I went to the closest grocery store I could find, and I just showed up and said I need a job, so I worked through college as well as high school to help pay for my education.

Working in a grocery store was a very valuable experience. I learned to manage my time now and it really helped me in college to use that experience to manage multiple

tasks. And that is something that I continue to do.

Besides working in a grocery store during high school and college, I eventually I started working as a lawyer and I worked in different capacities for a private law firm. I also worked as a prosecutor for the US Attorney for the federal government, and then became a judge. [Justice Guerrero was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in 2013 in the family law division and then to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, in 2017. She was appointed to the California Supreme Court on March 28, 2022.]

Luis V. (Parmelee Ave. Elementary): What challenges did you have growing up as a daughter of immigrants and what did it teach you?

Justice Guerrero: Thank you, Luis. That's a question that I think it's important to share and to talk about. I imagine that my experiences maybe similar to some of yours.

My parents immigrated from Mexico. They had struggles when I was growing up,

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and we had a large household and very little money and resources. They faced challenges when they came to this country, but they did so in hopes of a brighter future for my sister and for me; they hoped that we would have more opportunities, which is why they emphasized the importance of education.

I grew up also in a community that was largely Hispanic and there was a lot of unemployment, high illiteracy rates, and poverty. We experienced some of that, but we didn't feel like it was a burden. I think it actually made me stronger. You don't need a lot of money; you don't have to have designer clothes. You make sacrifices that are important, and you help other people. So even though you may not have a lot of money, you may be able to help someone that has even less than you do.

Growing up in that type of environment, my parents taught me that we had family in Mexico and Mexico, so we would go very often to visit them and to help them as well. Those types of experiences helped me learn what's important. It's not the

material things that are important; it's really your family, your community, and the opportunity to help other people.

Angelique M.

(Parmelee Ave. Elementary): How did you learn about college and how did you prepare for going to college?

Justice Guerrero:

Thank you Angelique. I really appreciate all the thought that all of you put into preparing for today. I didn't have the same resources that I understand students have now on the Internet. I think really what prompted me to look at specific schools that was my principal in eighth grade. I was the co-valedictorian of our class and the principal met with me and the other co-valedictorian and sat us down and said, I expect you to go to a really good school. I think you should look at schools like Berkeley and Stanford.

Well, I had never really heard anything about that, because it was in the days before the Internet. I started looking at those schools and then sent out letters requesting applications; I didn't have anyone to guide me through that

process. I didn't know anyone who had gone to those schools. I had not even heard of them, so that was a little bit difficult for me.

I am hoping that things are different now for a lot of you and that your guidance counselors spend a lot of time guiding you through the process.

I applied to Berkeley and got in; I didn't even tell my parents that I was applying because they wanted me to go somewhere closer to my sister in LA.

But I wanted to go to Berkeley and they obviously they were very happy for me when I got in.

I had to do it on my own, but you don't have to. There are more people who are willing to talk to you about the process and guide you through the process.

I now have a son who is in high school, starting to look for colleges. I started preparing a spreadsheet of information about different colleges and their acceptance rates, location, school size, and then I realized there are websites and programs that do all of this for you.

On one website, you can do virtual tours. It's like a video so you can

go walk through the actual college campus. You don't even have to go and visit in person, although it's fun to do that too.

My experience was much different, but it doesn't have to be that way now for you because you have so many resources available to you. If you don't, I would encourage you to reach out because there are so many people who would want to help you and guide you through this process.

Amilcar H. (Foshay Learning Center): What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

Justice Guerrero: My favorite thing to do is spend time with my kids. I don't have a lot of free time, but my free time is spent doing things that they like.

As an example, today I'm going to my younger son's track meet. I like to do what they like to do. And you know, it changes as they grow up. You have a little bit less time to focus on everything and so you have to sort of pick the things that you really like.

I also like to golf, and I like to go to the beach. ❖

Meeting with Justice Guerrero

By Angel C., Abigail M., Gerardo G., and Guillermo M.

The kids of Parmelee Avenue Elementary School interviewed a Supreme Court judge, Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero.

Abigail thinks it's cool to be a judge because she can make powerful decisions that can put people in jail.

According to Gerardo, Justice Guerrero helps many people.

Angel says that it would be nice to be a

judge because you can get a good education.

On the other hand, Guillermo would not be a judge because it's too much work and there is a lot of pressure on your decisions.

The students said that Justice Guerrero passed college by herself, without needing help. They also said that Justice Guerrero worked really hard to get her job as a judge.

When asking Justice Guerrero questions, the kids learned many things about a courthouse. For example, Gerardo learned that the judge sits on a seven-foot-high bench. Similarly, Abigail added that the judge has to sit high up to see who's behaving and who's not.

The kids of Parmelee Ave/ Elementary School learned many things about Justice Guerrero. ❖



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Our Future Careers

Inspired by our interview with California Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero, we thought about the jobs that we would like to do when we grow up.

CEO and President

When I grow up I want to be CEO of a really massive company and I want to be the President of the USA.

I want to work with other big businesses to get more money and sell stocks.

I also want to reach the goal of \$100 trillion dollars and to be the President of the USA.

I would make really good choices, but I want a bunch of protection around me so I won't die.

I don't want to give speeches because I don't want to be at the risk of me being hurt. I will try to make myself a secret but I will still show my face and I will give money to the poor. I will have smart people build protective

gadgets to protect my military.

The last thing I will do is help countries in need.

These are the reasons why I would like to be a CEO of a big company and the President of the United States of America.

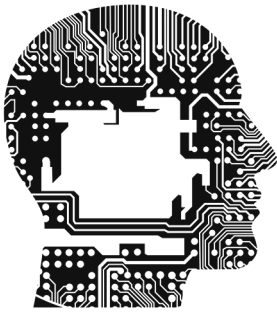
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Technology Scientist



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When I grow up I want to become a technology scientist.

When I become a scientist, I would like to create the newest computers like monitors and laptops. I would like to create codes to be cyber safe from viruses and hackers. I would hire computer game creators to create my new game. Then, I would like to create a proper video chat platform so anybody can talk virtually.

The reason why I want to be a technology scientist is because the person who coded

Google inspired me to become one. I admire his work .

When I discovered that technology existed, I wanted to become a scientist that studies and creates technological devices. For me, if I wanted to become a creator of devices; the initials on the cover of the device would be mine— “DM”

Another thing is that if I had a company of my own, it would be all around the world— Paris, Spain, London, Germany, and all of Central America. Also, it will be super high

tech. If you wanted to turn off your monitor with a single clap, it would be off by one clap of the hand.

If you had any suggestions it would be sent to an email or by cell phone.

I would also like to have my own airlines, named “Danny's Boy Airlines” because my friends and parents call me Danny for short.

I would make my own airline because I want people to try a new experience in a relaxing plane.

By Daniel M.

Pediatrician



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I want to be a pediatrician when I grow up.

I'd like to be a pediatrician because I want to help people, most importantly children.

As a pediatrician, I will have many responsibilities. I'll need to check their height, heart, and lung function, vision and hearing abilities, weight, blood pressure, heart rate, temperature, head cir-

cumference, BMI, and oral health.

In order to become a pediatrician, I will have to study for about twelve and a half years. Maybe I'll help find a cure for every diagnosis that doesn't have a cure! But if I don't get hired immediately, I'll be a Supreme Court Justice like Justice Patricia Guerrero and work hard both as a pedi-

atrician and as a member of the Supreme Court.

However, the job I want to do the most is be a doctor so that I can find cures for every diagnosis that doesn't have one.

I know twelve years of studying might sound like a lot of years, but if I can get through 12th grade, I can do another 12 years of school!

By Luis V.

Our Future Careers

Convenience Store Owner

My future career is an owner of a convenience-store that is open whenever.

I will have new drinks and food every week, and restock daily. I would sell sweets and other types of foods like ice cream, cold drinks, and frozen waffles. I would also sell bugs for people to do something with them. I would have a whole entire lottery section, or even a game area and a section for little kids when their parents are busy shopping.

I would even create a "convenience-arcade store". It would be like an arcade combined with a store so that then some-

body can play games, as well as shop for games, toys, tickets, tokens, and maybe some clothes as well. Also, if the store ever got loud, we would have a cool giveaway for whoever does the best speedrun on a hard game. They would get 100 tokens or tickets!

There would also be other unique things, such as washing clothes. That's right! I would clean some clothes once every two hours before closing time so that people would have clean clothes.

I would also let people write essays and do homework, and help them whenever they

come to my store. They most likely would pass since I would be a big, smart guy.

But if things don't work out, I would just sell bugs full-time, earn two million dollars a year, and have a better lifestyle instead of selling convenience-store items. It can be very painful when trying to get rare bugs, but when it comes to getting a lot of bugs, I'm always the person!

Overall, I think I would be a very good convenience store owner since I would sell a lot of things including chips and drinks.

By Freddy D.



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Future as a Doctor

Iwould like to be a doctor because I want to save people to help people with cancer, people who are sick, and people who have medical conditions. I

also want to be a doctor because I can help people who have diseases and viruses.

To be a doctor, I have to study books about how different people react to diseases and viruses.

I also have to be careful with the tools I am using around other people. If I am too close to other people and I have my sharp tools, they can get hurt. That is why I

need to not be so close to other people so they won't get hurt.

If you break your leg go to the doctor and I will put a cast on your leg and you will feel better.

By Jayleen C.



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Steps to Becoming an Anime Creator



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These are the steps to become an anime creator.

Step one is to learn how to draw and take some animation courses or get a degree. I Googled it, and discovered that for most people, going to school is the first step to becoming an animator.

Step two is to then learn how to color the photo and learn how to blend and pick the perfect color.

Step three is to get a variety of work experience.

Step four is to explore animation programs and courses.

The reason why I got into this anime creator career was because one time I was watching Naruto with my brother and that is how I got into anime, because I like to draw. I put those together and I think of an anime creator.

If I had to create an anime it would probably be about how this girl and her friend go to this shop where they sell ramen and rice and

her and her friend go there everyday to get some ramen. One day she and her friend go to get some ramen and the owners are going out of town and she and her friend get sad and they decide to make their own ramen shop to sell ramen.

First, they learn how to make ramen and rice and other things and when they learn how to, they start selling it to people in the town and they become great chefs.

By Abigail M.

NASA Engineer



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When I grow up I want to be an engineer for NASA.

I want to take the risk of messing with wires and trying to make something new.

I want to help build more than just rockets. I would like to build oxygen tanks and other things that help get humans around in space. I would also like to build

rockets and improve the ones we have now.

I would like to build a more advanced and realistic space simulation for new astronauts. I want to make a certain place in the rocket ship to make astronauts feel more like they are at home.

Then, I would like to build a jetpack that helps astronauts get around space way easier.

These are the reasons I would choose NASA instead of any other company because a lot of improvements can help NASA more than just a little bit.

These improvements might help NASA more than you think. That is why I want to be an engineer for NASA.

By Luis V.

Our Future Careers

Dreaming of Being a Judge

Justice Patricia Guerrero inspired me to be a judge when I am an adult.

I want to make powerful choices for people. I could determine whether they would go to jail or get to go free.

I want to go across the world to judge and to help people. I also want to do paperwork to sign

so I can let people free or keep them in jail.

If I were a judge, I would get to sit in the judge's chair that is 7 feet and 5 inches tall to see the facial expressions of the parties.

I will have to write a lot and read a lot to see who is guilty or who is good to go. I also have to

hear what the lawyers say; if someone is guilty or good to be free. And, if you are a bad person you will go to jail and you'll be there until you are good.

I'm not a judge yet, I am still a kid. I will work hard in school so I can be a judge.

By Abigail M.



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Architect

When I grow up, I want to be an architect. This is because I like drawing and printing. I like helping people. I can give the construction workers ideas to build good houses.

Being in the architectural world would be a

dream and it would make my family very proud. I like drawing and being creative. I have good ideas to make houses. I like inventing new things.

I think being an architect is the best thing that can happen in my life. I would love it if my

dream comes true and I become an architect.

If I become an architect, I'll be loving my life. It would make me very happy and that would benefit both my family and myself.

By Roselyn L.



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Professional Basketball Player

When I grow up I want to be a professional basketball player because on Christmas Day, my dad bought a basketball hoop for me and my sister, and I have been playing basketball ever since.

I enjoy basketball for

two reasons. The first reason is that I am very good at the sport but I still need a lot of practice. I played with my dad and was blocking him, but his shots were so high that I couldn't reach it. This really inspired me to get better at the game.

I want to be a professional basketball player to get better, and I truly enjoy the sport. The game is intense and upbeat and very fun. Whenever I have free time, I am always thinking about the sport or watching it.

By Ezequiel B.



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Our Future Careers

Being a Doctor and Helping the Injured



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For my future career I want to be a doctor because I want to help injured people. Although it might be hard, helping injured people is worth it.

It takes eleven or more years of studying to become a doctor, which is a little intimidating. However, I think I can do it. Also, I am not scared

of blood, which will help me on the job. Once, I was playing basketball when I fell. My knee ripped and I started bleeding a lot. But I was not scared at all, and I went to the office to get a band-aid. I have also seen a dog bleeding, but was not scared.

Since I am not bothered by blood, I think I

could be a good, skilled surgeon.

Lastly, I want to be a doctor because they earn a lot of money, and I want to give it to my parents so they can live comfortably.

These are the reasons why I want to be a doctor!

By Donna M.



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Future Career as a Lawyer

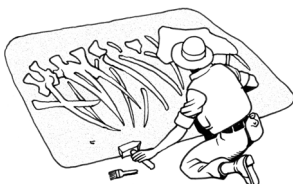
When I grow up, I want to be a lawyer. I think law is interesting. I am interested in fighting for who's right.

Also I think being a lawyer will be interesting. This is probably because I like learning about law, debate, research, law and justice.

Law is a great major because lawyers earn a lot of money, and I think that it would be fun to debate about who's right and who's wrong. I will learn about law every time I read a book and enjoy the experience. I will enjoy helping people when they are innocent.

I have a goal to go to Stanford, like Justice Patricia Guerrero. She inspired me to follow my dream to be a lawyer because she told us you can be anything you want to if you put in the effort—even if the odds are against you.

By Harley H.



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Paleontologist's Know Dinosaurs and More

To become a paleontologist can take between 6-10 years. You must be strong enough to lift rocks and to pick up bones.

Here are some fun facts: fossils of cavemen show that they were big-

ger than the average human and that velociraptors could run 25 mph!

I want to become a paleontologist and go all around the world to discover new things.

Some bones can be extremely huge—bigger

than houses. It can be extremely exciting but tiring if the bones are big. They also use heavy machinery and tools to get the bones out of the ground.

By Rafael M.

Our Future Careers

WWE Superstar

Being a WWE Superstar means you have to be strong and smart. One requirement is to submit an application. Then if the invitation is accepted, you can tryout.

If you pass the tryout, you can begin your WWE Superstar journey. After your journey begins you should train a

lot to be stronger and so you can be one of the strongest WWE Superstars.

One of my favorite WWE Superstars is Edge. He is one of my favorites because of the way he acts and he is also very good.

One reason I want to become a WWE Super-

star is because I want to win the WWE Championship belt.

The second reason is that WWE Superstars make good money, like \$500,000 a year or if you're really good (like John Cena) you can make \$10 million dollars a year..

By Jayden S.



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Becoming a Singer and Dancer

I want to be a singer/dancer because it is fun and I can earn money. I want to become like Billie Eilish. I can see how she has fun making her songs. She inspires me to be a singer/dancer.

I also want to have this job because me and my friends can do this

together. We can help each other.

If I was a singer/dancer, my name would be Ruby. If people don't like me, I would not care because I can be whoever I want to be.

I would rap about my friends because I love them. I would go on a

tour to New York, South Korea, and Japan.

To become a singer/dancer I would need classes for dancing and a teacher to teach me how to sing. I would love for my friends to come with me and help me with my career.

By Daniela C.



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How to be a Boxer

Being a Boxer involves a lot of training and strength. In boxing you knock people out. You have to train at least 15 hours a day. Boxers train so they can get better.

I want to become a boxer because when I watch the fights, all the

boxers inspire me to become a boxer. I have been watching boxing since I was two years old.

My favorite boxer is Mike Tyson because he is one of the best boxers in the world.

It would be pretty hard to be a boxer be-

cause it takes a lot of time and work to become a boxer. You need to train a lot of hours a day and it takes a lot of time to learn. I hope I can get where I want to be in the future. I hope I can be a boxer when I get older.

By Armani C.



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Our Future Careers

Fisherman



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I would like to be a fisherman when I grow up, because it is peaceful to sit around and fish.

Another reason is that you could catch fish to eat. The fresh catches you get can serve as fresh food.

The fish you catch just get bigger and bigger

the farther you go to sea, so you would need a boat.

As a peaceful person myself, I am calm. I like to see the ocean and the fish passing around me. I could get stronger by pulling in the fish nets.

I also I like to wear rain jackets, but only if it's raining.

I could get money by catching fish and selling them.

I would like to be the best fisherman in the entire world so that I could catch every type of fish in the ocean and pond.

By Kevin M.

Librarians Love Books



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When I grow up, I want to be a librarian because I love books, I enjoy reading, and I love libraries.

I think the fun part is getting to read to little kids. I think another reason that the job is fun is that I am going to have tons of books to read to millions of kids! I know

that a librarian manages, stores, and organizes the books, and I think it will be fun because they can read tons of books during the job.

When I visited the school library, our librarian Ms. Willis helped me find books that I might like, and I think I could do the same as her.

When I earn tons of money as a librarian, I would spend it on charity, books, and send some to my family.

Overall I am very interested in books and reading, so I think I am going to do a great job as a librarian!

By Yanishka S.

Summer at Los Angeles Public Library



Summer Badge Book

This year the Los Angeles Public Library has something new! Kids ages 4-11 can pick up an awesome Summer Badge Book filled with stickers and lots of fun activities at any of the LAPL locations while supplies last.

Activity Ideas

Check out the activities page (<https://www.lapl.org/summer/activities>) for fun family projects and ideas from local cultural institutions. Also, free downloadable coloring sheets, and a video tutorial from artist Man One on graffiti lettering using simple tools like pencils and markers.

Book Reviews

Captain Underpants and Professor Poopypants

If you like funny books, this review is for you. Have you heard of the book *Captain Underpants and The Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants*? The book is about a scientist named Poopypants who gets made fun of because of his name. So he decides to be a science teacher at Jerome Horwitz Elementary School. But the students made fun of him which made him angry. So, he built a giant robot and shrank the school but

then Captain Underpants came and defeated him and Professor Poopypants got arrested.

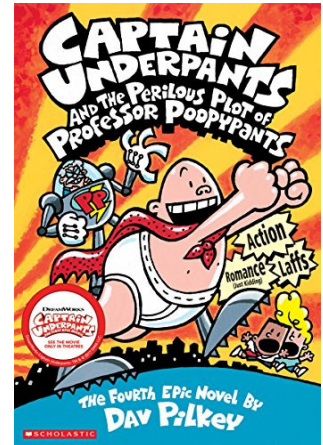


Dav Pilkey (Photo by Shawn Miller/Library of Congress—<https://www.flickr.com/photos/library-of-congress-life/48904566777/>)

In my opinion this book is really good because it's funny. If you like funny books this book is for you. The creator Dav Pilkey made more books like this like *Dog Man* and other books and that's why Dav Pilkey is my favorite author.

So, in my opinion you should check it out and if you like funny books, this book and Dav Pilkey's other books are for you.

By Jayden S.



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Diary of a Wimpy Kid is my favorite book. It is written by Jeff Kinney. It is a good book because the book is like a comedy show but on paper.

The good thing about this book is that a kid named Greg Heffley talks about his life in his journal and all the things that happen in his life.

The most embarrassing moment in the book was when his brother Rodrick took his diary while Greg was in his

underwear while changing. Then, Rodrick ran while he took Greg's journal and Greg ran after him in his underwear and saw his crush. He then ran into the girls' restroom by mistake.

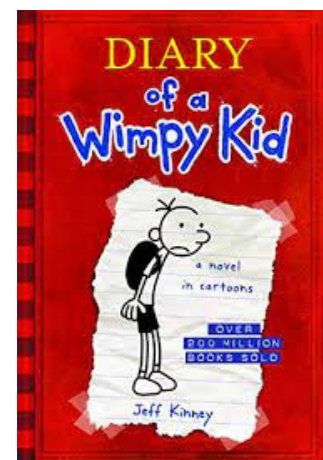
Another part that I liked was the part when Greg invited his friend Rowley over, and Rodrick decided to mess with Greg and Rowley. Rodrick took the laptop that Greg and Rowley were watching a live stream and added that "Mom said



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that this guy is a bad influence for you."

By Daniel M.



Book Reviews

Read the *Dog Man* series



I'm going to be reviewing the *Dog Man* series. The first book of the series that I like is *Dog Man: Mothering Heights*. The book is very funny, especially when Dog Man makes jokes, because he has the urge to not talk due to being a dog inside a normal man's body.

Also, the jokes are really funny because whenever he makes a joke about violence, he always makes it about the fish that he ate.

I really like Dog Man because he always knows how to get out of trouble.

Another book of the series that I like is *Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties*. It was a cool book, especially because there

was a new character. He was a cat that knew how to speak when he was barely born, which was interesting.

Mainly my favorite book in the series is *Dog Man: Prologue* because it was very cool. I was very happy to see my boy Biggie Cheese in action once again, such as when he was able to find out how to unlock a door and when he discovered how to use a water gun to spray kittens, who ended up running away.

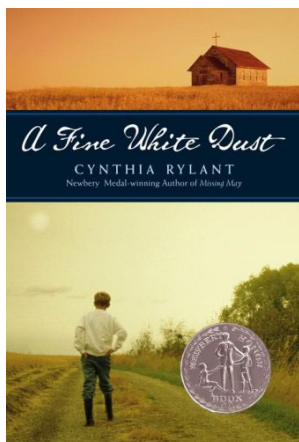
I also found out that the author decided to put a secret Easter egg! He was building something in the very corner of the page. It continued for about three more books, until it stopped right after Book 7, showing the in-

vention failed. In Book 8, they remembered a character's failure and showed the very same invention. Once I saw what it was, I was very shocked.

I enjoyed the three books because they were very nice and funny due to having a whole bunch of good jokes. The page animations were also amazing. The FLIP-O-RAMA made reading even better since you could turn pages and make them seem like an animated film, but in a book.

The characters' personalities were also really good and interesting. Personally, I think there is nothing bad about the *Dog Man* series!

By Freddy D.



A Fine White Dust book review

A Fine White Dust is my favorite book. The most important part of the story was the main character meeting the Preacher Man, who he thinks is his friend and companion who will stay with him until the end.

The main character

leaves town to travel with the Preacher Man and go on a great adventure, but the main character's other friend later tells him that the Preacher Man left him for a girl.

My favorite character of the book was the main character Pete because he

gave important details of the story and his own life-story which was very interesting! Also, I admire how Pete was very caring. He loved his friends and cared about the Preacher Man and Rufus very much. you."

By Yanishka S.

Book Reviews

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series

The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series is about a kid named Greg Heffley getting over his crush and enjoying the summer in his house and going to the beach every day because his crush's mom is a lifeguard.

One time, Greg was really mad because his mom made a book club and invited all his friends to the book club and Greg felt embarrassed.

Another time, after summer break, everyone stayed away from him because he had this thing called the cheese touch—you only get it by touching the rotten cheese on the basketball court and

the only way to get rid of it is by touching someone else to pass on the cheese touch. When he went to school everyone stayed away from him and he asked why. Then he remembered and gave a new kid the cheese touch without knowing.

The way the cheese touch started is when a kid touched the cheese and everyone ran away. Then he gave it to someone else and the last person that got it was an exchange student and went back to Paris.

I liked it because it had a lot of funny parts in the books. One time Greg's friend ate the

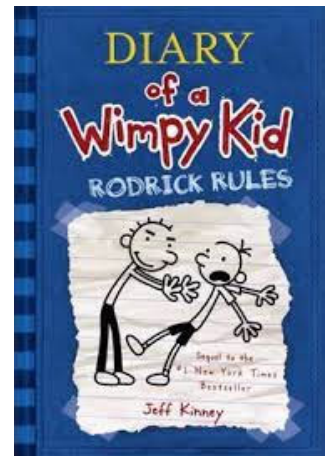
cheese and didn't even try to fight back even though he knew karate. He ate the cheese because some teenagers forced him to eat it.

Greg's main goal was to be famous and for everyone to work for him and obey him. He wanted to be the most famous person in the world.

My favorite characters are Dad, Rodrick, and Greg. My favorite part is when they camped at a game store and got nothing because there was no competition.

Greg is my favorite because he is so funny.

By Luis V.



One of my favorite Naruto books

This book review is about *Naruto* by Masashi Mishimoto. It makes me laugh. I started reading this book a week ago.

In the book, Naruto grew up without parents. In one part of the book, he tells people he has no parents.

Naruto's powers are rasenshuriken and a cloning jutsu. I would recommend this book to other

people because it is a good book and it entertains you and makes you laugh.

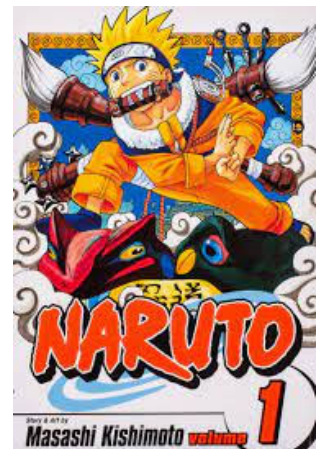
The best character in the book is Naruto because of how fast he uses his powers and he can disappear into another place so he can defeat the person that he was battling.

Every part of the book was good. The graphics of the book had

no colors. That is one thing I would change. The color is just brown. Naruto is a comic book. It has speech bubbles and there is more action.

Comic books are better than regular books because they are more entertaining in how they write the words down. When you read it, it makes you more relaxed than regular books.

By Armani C.



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