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Upcoming Events/ Holidays

- Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 5th – Lunar New Year
- Feb. 18 – 22 Midwinter Recess

An Interview with Ms. Hunter

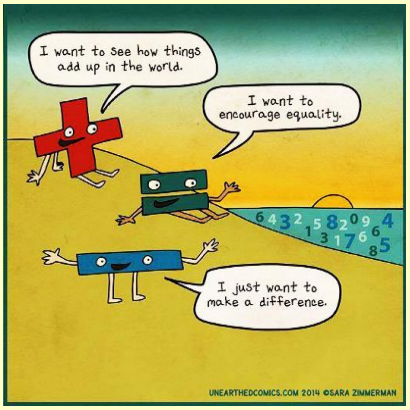
by Abdramane S.

Where are you from? Or where is your family and heritage from?
I am from Brooklyn, NY.
What schools/universities did you attend and for what degree?
I went to Audrey Cohon College for a Bachelors
What was one of your first jobs? What did you like most about it? What did you like the least about it?
I worked at McDonalds when I was 19 years old. I liked the fact I could get free food. I enjoyed that the most. What I liked the least were the customers.
Why did you decide to work in the education field? Was there a special moment or person that inspired you?
I have always felt more of a people person. I think I have always felt empathy for others. I knew that being behind a desk and in front of a computer was not a choice I wanted to do. I was inspired by teachers who treated me with respect and believed in me. They saw something even when I did not.
Is there someone you look up to and why?
I look up to my father who was such a caring and giving man. He taught me lessons that now as adult I am beginning to understand. He passed away and I miss him every day.
What are some of your hobbies and interests?
My hobbies are reading, meeting new people and the biggest of all traveling all over the world. I have been to some really neat places.
If you could be a superhero, who would you be?
I always wanted to be Superman because he could fly anywhere.

An Interview with Ms. Tyler

by Noah R.

Where are you from? Mount Vernon, NY.
What schools/ universities did you attend and for what degree? I received 3 degrees: 1 in Business Management from Morgan State University, Elementary Education from Fordham University and Administration Degree from City College.
What was one of your first jobs? What did you like the most about it? What did you like the least about it? One of my first jobs was telemarketing. I enjoyed being able to speak to many different people on the phone.
Why did you decide to work in the education field? Was there a special moment or person you look us to and why? My math teacher Mr. Cugglietto was my inspiration because he always encouraged me to persevere and not quit. He also tutored me in his home on the weekends.
What are some of your hobbies and interests?
I enjoy shopping at premium outlets as well as reading fiction novels.
Who's your favorite superhero? I used to love wonder woman, she was beautiful, she had bright gold shiny bracelets to fight crime.
What was your favorite game growing up? I loved to play Monopoly as a child and continues to play with my daughter and nephews.
What are some of your favorite things to eat? Mac and cheese as well as salmon with butter sauce.



Learn a New Language!

English – Earth

Arabic –

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'ard

Chinese –

地球

Dìqiú

French – Terre

Italian – Terra

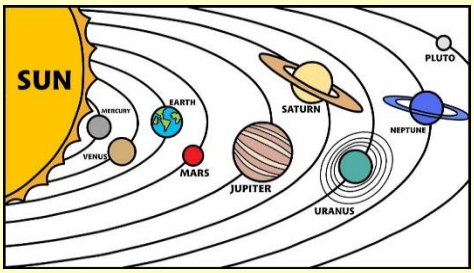
German – Erde

Spanish – Tierra

Swahili – *Dunia*

Our Solar System

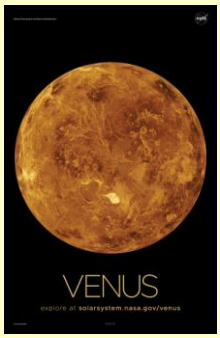
by Erick D.



We have nine planets in our Solar System. These planets circle around the sun.

We have eight planets in our solar system, each one circling the sun at a different distance. These planets are very different from the planet we live on. Our solar system has two parts. We have the Inner Solar System which has Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. These planets are the closest to the sun and called terrestrial planets simply because they have very solid rocky surfaces. Then there are the outer planets that are made up of mostly gas. Those planets are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

The closer and farther away a planet is from the sun can change how hot or cold it is. The **hottest planet in the solar system is Venus** with an average temperature of 864 degrees Fahrenheit or 462 degrees Celsius. The **coldest planet in the solar system is Uranus** with an average temperature of -356.8 degrees Fahrenheit or -216 degrees Celsius.



The hottest planet in our solar system is: **Venus**

Venus (even though it's not the closest planet from the Sun), mercury is, we need to look at its atmosphere. Even though Mercury is, by far, the planet that is most exposed to the Sun's radiation, because of its lack of atmosphere it doesn't keep much of its warmth. So, Mercury is not the hottest planet. In fact, it is a cold planet where average temperatures are over -100 º F (- 73.33 º C). That position is reserved for Venus where its' active volcanic activity and other factors make the average temperature 863 º F (462 º C).

The coldest planet in the solar system is: **Uranus**

Some might say Neptune because it is the farthest away from the Sun 4.5 billion kilometers instead of 2.88 kilometers for Uranus, however this is not true. The coldest planet is Uranus. One thing is that scientists say that Uranus is not generating any heat. Uranus hits the coldest temperatures of any planet.

If we looked at our solar system it might seem easy to guess which planet could be the hottest and which one would be the coldest. We might say the plant the closest to the sun would be the warmest and the planet farthest away from the sun would be the coldest, however, this is not the case.

African American History Month

Dorothy Johnson Vaughan

By Fanta C.

Occupation: NASA Mathematician

Known as a "human computer," Dorothy Johnson Vaughan was part of a team that did mathematical calculations to help launch satellites—and later humans—into space.

The group used math to help engineers figure out how wind and gravity affects aircrafts. Six years after she was hired, Vaughan became the manager of her division and its first black supervisor.

Mae Carol Jemison

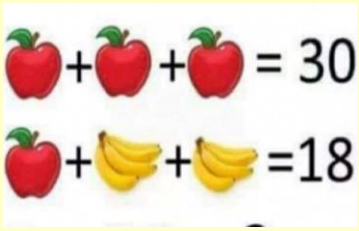
By Abdramane S.

She is an American physician and NASA astronaut. She became the first African-American woman to enter space when she served on the crew of the Space Shuttle Endeavor in September 1992.

Jemison worked at NASA from 1987 to 1993. She later founded The Jemison Group, Inc., which developed ALAFIYA, a satellite-based telecommunications system. This system was to be used to improve healthcare delivery in developing nations.

She also was a professor in the Environmental Studies Program at Dartmouth College. There she directed the Jemison Institute for Advancing Technology in Developing Countries. She has studied astronomy, zoology, archaeology, and many other studies.

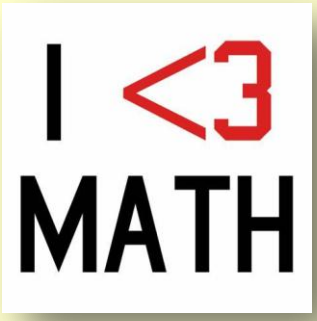
Math Problem of the Month



What do the apples and bananas represent?

Be the first to answer correctly and your name will appear in the next issue. Must show all work and explain your answer.

Turn in your answer to Ms. Fagan or Mr. Kroenert.



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Recipe to Try: **Beene Wafers - Sesame Seed Cookies**

Ingredients

- 1 cup sesame seeds
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 1 ½ cups packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Directions:

1) Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2) Place the beene (sesame) seeds on an ungreased baking sheet and toast for 10 to 12 minutes, until light brown. Watch closely so that they don't burn.
3) In a large bowl mix the brown sugar, melted butter or margarine, egg, vanilla extract, flour, salt, baking powder and toasted sesame seeds together until combined.
4) Drop dough by 1/2 teaspoonfuls one and a half inches apart onto a lightly greased baking sheet.
5) Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 4 to 6 minutes, until light brown. Let cookies cool for about 2 minutes before removing from baking sheets to a wire rack to cool completely. Store cooled cookies in an airtight container.

Nutrition facts (Per Serving):
107 calories; 6 g fat; 12.6 g carbohydrates; 1.3 g protein; 15 mg cholesterol; 52 mg sodium

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