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## Should Students be allowed to have Fidget Toys in Class?

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A few months ago, fidget toys like popits and needdoughs became popular on social media. Fast forward a few weeks and students at Sallie Jones are bringing fidget toys to school. A question formed: should students be allowed to have fidget toys in class?

So, how and why are students bringing them to class? Some students bring small backpacks to school to contain their fidgets in. Others simply keep them in their backpack. Students say they bring fidget toys because it allows them to focus better and provides entertainment during recess or before and after school.

A teacher stated that students should be able to use fidgets during class if they don't make sound. A 5th grader said, "If the student is stressed, the fidget could calm them down." However, others have a different view on this. When another teacher was asked if students should be allowed to have fidget toys in class, she replied that only if the student has an issue focusing that they should be allowed to use them. A SJE student noted that the fidgets could be distracting during class "because most fidgets are colorful or make sound."

Whatever your view may be on this matter, the decision is in Ms. Gosser's and Mrs. Hoke's hands. So, don't be afraid to express your opinion!



**How do you survive & thrive**

**In kindergarten?**

Get ready it is going to be a blast. (Nico)

It is a nice place. (Mia)

Make smart choices. (Luke)

Learn your "teen" numbers. (Sofia)

Be kind to others. (Rosie)

**My favorite part of kindergarten is...**

Learning to read. (Carson)

Doing math with Mrs. James. (Zooney)

Learning math. (William)

Earning my pirate necklace in math. (August)

Keep your dear teacher happy! (Gaby)

**K**

**I can't wait to be in 1st grade**

**because...**

I can get a new AR shirt . (Adam)

I can come back and visit my kinder teacher.  
(Bryce)

So I can meet my new teacher. (Evron)

I want to become smarter. (Jerrett)

**What I plan on doing this**

**summer...**

Celebrating my sister's birthday.

(Rosie)

Playing. (Mia)

Going to a hockey game. (William)

Going on a plane to see grandma. (Adam)

Going to Yellowstone National Park. (Carson)

## How do you survive & thrive

### In 1st grade?

It's important to get your work done so that you can earn time for fun.

(Marisa R.)

You will have to study hard because you will have to know a lot of things.

(Malina S.)

First grade is a lot of work. You have to know things like how to count to 120, write your numbers and spell big words. (Bryan E.)

## My favorite part of 1st grade is...

Playing Kahoot games in math and working in free-choice centers on Fridays. (Bryan E.)

Playing outside at recess with my friends. (Landon B.)

Reading books, learning how to tell time, counting money, and writing my numbers. (Payton B.)

Reading books and earning my AR shirt. (Adelynn R.)

# 1

## I can't wait to be in 2nd grade because...

I want to go to college when I'm older. (Landon B.)

I want to learn my multiplication facts. (Marisa R.)

I am excited about getting older and catching up to my big sister. (Bryan E.)

I want to learn big kid things like my brother and sister. (Malina S.)

## What I plan on doing this summer...

I plan on playing with my dog, Freckles. (Bryan E.)

I am going to Texas to visit my family. (Payton B.)

I am excited to go to summer camp. (Malia S.)

I plan to swim and go to the beach. (Marisa R.)

## How do you survive & thrive

### In 2nd grade?

Push your limits. (Oliver P.)

Walk in line quietly in the hallways.  
(Madison J.)

Use reading strategies to find a word's  
meaning. (Shaylie H.)

We do a lot of fun things and our teachers  
are nice, but I would give advice to be quiet  
when the teacher is talking. (Emma G.)

Don't give up! (Chase A.)

You really have to think about what  
you're doing. (Tim D.)

## My favorite part of 2nd grade is...

Math time. (Zane A.)

Reading because you get to learn vocabulary,  
grammar and poems. (Abram W.)

When I earned my AR shirt. (Everett D.)

Math is my favorite. My favorite part of math  
is measurement. (Holden H.)

Learning new things and meeting new friends.  
(Madison J.)

When we do fun things on the holidays.  
(Emma G.)

# 2

## I can't wait to be in 3rd grade

### because...

There are more challenges. Lillienne B.)

We can read more stories and do cooler  
projects. (Kently C.)

One of my favorite teachers is going to be  
there! (Arieona F.)

There will be harder work. (Davis R.)

I get the same reading and math teacher.  
(Emma B.)

Ms. Simonik is the best teacher ever. (Tim  
D.)

## What I plan on doing this

### summer...

I am going to Yellowstone. (Zane C.)

I am going to New York to visit my mom's side  
of the family (Lilly M.)

I plan on staying at home (Cesar A.)

Going to Universal. (Oliver P.)

Going on a boat with my dad. (Shaylie H.)

I plan on going to the mountains with my  
mom's friends. (Emma G.)

Play baseball all day. (Zane A.)

### How do you survive & thrive

#### In 3rd grade?

Believe in yourself and you can do anything, like get your AR shirt or pass 50 iReady lessons. (Deandre W.)

Do your homework all the time and do your best. (Joanna E.)

Listen to the teacher, always make good decisions, and always complete your tasks. (Caden B.)

Study hard and do your homework for better grades. (Giovanni G.)

### My favorite part of 3rd grade is...

Mrs. Lathers reading aloud to the class. (a LOT of students!)

Finger flashlight reading. (a LOT of students!)

When I learned to compare and contrast stories. (Cheyenne G.)

My teachers because they were amazing. (Dallas W.)

# 3

### I can't wait to be in 4th grade because...

I want to see all the new stuff upstairs and my new teachers. (Jonathan W.)

I heard the teachers are nice. (Brianna Z.)

Reading and math will be harder, and it takes more brain power. (Cheyenne G.)

I get to read more books and take AR tests. (Rylie S.)

I might get to learn science and math and learn about chain reactions and more. (Brayden B.)

### What I plan on doing this summer...

Go to the pool house out of town. (Xeavier A.)

See my auntie and her baby. (Onisti S.)

Read a bunch of books and sleep in and hang out with my friends and get better at math. (Jada J.)

Work at the food truck and play with my friends. (Alexander C.)

Go see my dad in Oklahoma and see my family. (Deandre W.)

## How do you survive & thrive

### In 4th grade?

The key is to stay on task, never give up, try your hardest, and be a leader. (Nevaeh F.)

You should come to school and be nice. (Jaya J.)

Do what the teacher says, listen, do your best, and do not give up. (Anianna K.)

Listen, do your work, have good attitudes, do your homework, study. (Jakai KS.)

## My favorite part of 4th grade is...

Math and reading. (Lucas C.)

Recess because you can relax and have a good time with your friends. (Miguel D.)

The teachers. (Kaleb A.)

Science because it is fun. (Cali T.)

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## I can't wait to be in 5th grade because...

I will face harder challenges and new ones, too. (Tessa A.)

I want to meet new people and learn new things. (Nevaeh F.)

It means one year closer to middle school. (Jakai KS.)

I want to be pushed harder. (Miguel D.)

## What I plan on doing this summer...

I plan to go to New Jersey (Kaleb A.)

Playing basketball and going to The Keys. (Cali T.)

Going to Discovery Cove to swim with the dolphins. (Katlyn P.)

Relax, play with my friend that lives near my house, and go on my hoverboard. (Annabelle H.)

Going on my boat, swimming, sleepovers, and lots more. (Presley S.)



## How do you survive & thrive

### In 5th grade?

Just be yourself and don't start drama with other people. (Olivia C.)

Do your best and try not to stress too much. (Eamon T.)

You have to study a lot and encourage yourself. (Malia T.)

You need to try hard and pay attention. (Laurianna S.)

## My favorite part of 5th grade is...

Being able to see my friends and teachers. (Amaya S.)

Recess and field day. (Rowan P.)

Science class because we get to do cool projects and we have flexible seating. (Ariella R.)

Coming to school and knowing it's not that hard, I just really need to do my best.

(Laurianna S.)

Do clay in art club! Also all of the fifth grade teachers are very nice. (Rachael L.)

# 5

## I can't wait to be in 6th grade

### because...

You can wear whatever you want, it just has to be appropriate. (Keelie R.)

We are going to have 6 classes plus our electives! (Olivia C.)

I leave home later. (Eamon T.)

I will be able to learn new subjects. (Avery K.)

## What I plan on doing this

### summer...

Studying, babysitting, riding and playing games. (Kinzley R.)

I will start working on the house we are building and my first baby cousin is coming down to visit. (Avery K.)

Hang out at the water park with my friends and have fun. (Keelie R.)

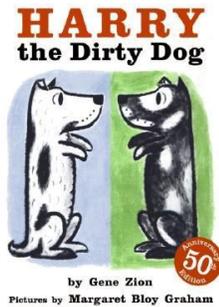
Fish, guitar, shoot driving, and swimming. (Michael F.)



# The BEST BOOK I read this year was...

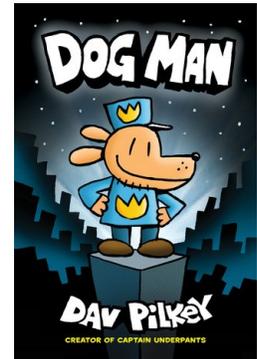
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Bad Cat (Ethyn)  
 Dirty Dog (Kinsley)  
 Grumpy Monkey (Colt)  
 Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Nico)  
 Recess Queen (Gaby)



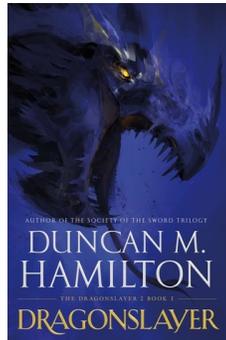
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Dog Man  
 Elephant and Pig books  
 Biscuit books  
 Junie B. Jones books  
 Captain Underpants  
 Granny on the Fan



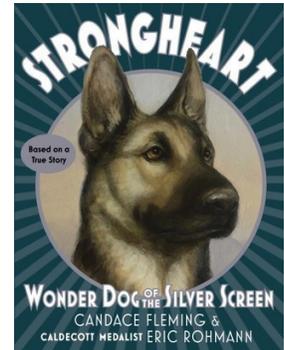
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Dragonslayer  
 Smile  
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
 Wings of Fire  
 Sisters  
 Harry Potter



3

True Story of a True Hero  
 The Fourteenth Fish  
 My Weird School series  
 Patches  
 Strong Heart  
 Dork Diaries



4

Planet Earth is Blue  
 It Only Looks Easy  
 Harry Potter series  
 Wings of Fire  
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
 The Girl Who Drank the Moon



5

Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
 The Hunger Games  
 Strong Heart  
 Wildfire  
 Caterpillar Summer  
 Swiss Family Robinson  
 Supergifted

