

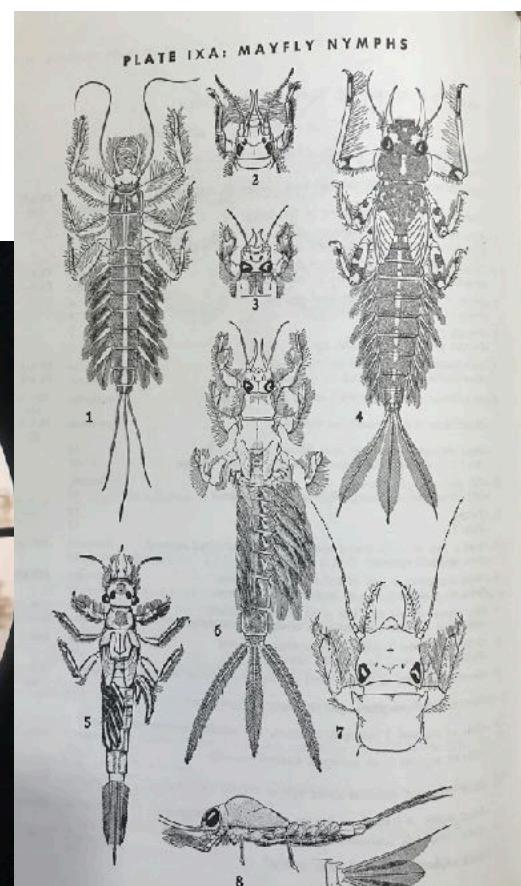
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A mayfly nymph
under the microscope



The Secrets of the Moon

By Jackson M.

It was night, the sky was black and the stars were out, and the full moon was out. When a wolf howled and woke Sophie up and she looked out her cold hard window and saw the...moon she was curious but tired, too tired so she went back to sleep. When she woke up Sophie went to school, all day she was, for the first time ever, eager for bedtime. When she got home she slept because she knew she needed sleep if she was to stay up tonight. When she woke up it was dinner time so she ate diner and waited for it to be night. At bedtime she changed into her pajamas and went to her bedroom. Her mom kissed her on the head and said goodnight, Sophie fake slept until her parents left her room. Lucky for her, it was a blue moon so there were two full moons in a row. So she waited until her parents fell asleep and snuck out of her room, grabbed her coat, and left the house.

Outside it was cold even with her coat on. She looked up and saw the massive moon just then she heard a sound and turned around, there was a boy.

"Hi!" he called.

"Hi," she said kind of nervous.

"What's your name?" He asked.

"Sophie," she said "what's yours?" she asked.

"Jackson" he answered. He was wearing a red fleece and blue jeans. "My dad told me," he started to say, "that every blue moon there is a secret you can find. That is why I am out here tonight, to see if I can find a secret. I never can though. My dad says that somewhere up on that hill, that goes to the moon, there are tons of wolves. That's why I don't go there to find the secret, but tonight I haven't heard any howls so I am going to check it out. Do you want to come?"

"Sure, the moon has always fascinated me," she said.

They climbed up the hill. There was nothing different about it, it was just an ordinary hill, but they investigated anyway. While they were looking around they noticed at the top of the hill the moon was becoming parallel with them. It was moving fast enough for them to notice. When it was completely parallel with the top of the hill, they climbed the rest of the way up and it looked like there was a door in the moon.

TO BE CONTINUED....

Student of the Week:

Luci



The student of the week is my friend Luci! Luci is kind, funny, and good at cheer. Luci is a ten year old Taurus who lives in Marilla with her mom, dad, sister, and a dog named Josie. She hopes to live in New York City as a brain surgeon someday in the future. I think she'd be very good at this because she cares about other people. The coolest place Luci has traveled is Turks and Caicos. She speaks English and is learning Spanish in school. She also does sign language, Italian, and French in her free time. Her secret talent is playing the ukulele behind her back. The things Luci enjoys most about Mandala, are being able to play the piano and write. Luci's worst fear is being forgotten and if she could change anything about herself in the past she would want to be happier. Luci is the resident barista at Mandala! She loves making all sorts of different coffee for the teachers and some of the students. She has learned to use the espresso machine like a pro. Here are a few of Luci's favorites:

Place: East Aurora Healthy Ice Skating Rink

Animal: Her dog, Josie

Song: Boys will be bugs

Book: *Anne of Green Gables*

Sport: Soccer

Movie/TV Show: *Riverdale*

Color: Gray and white

Subject: Writing

Food: Broccoli cheddar soup

Drink: Pina Colada

By: Kate



Devin and I invented a government system and there is an election every two months and I am the current president until January 7th. We also made a money system. Parrot stands for five dollars, llama is eighteen, nautilus is eight, and monkey is fifty two. We have two veterinarians and two scientists who are trying to bring back dinosaurs. - Juan



We were writing down facts about the water cycle. I learned that sleet is rain and snow mixed together. -Sia

