

MOTHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY MAY 10

Ask Children If You Want To Know Ingredients Of A World-Class Mom

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As one of the biggest hearts-and-flowers, chocolate-box holidays of the year, Mother's Day may also be the only one when the choice gift is a crayon drawing, crooked and primitive.

This gift, which shouts "I love you" louder than a diamond bracelet, comes from the small fry for whom Mother is the center of their world.

The Brunswick Beacon surveyed some of these Mother's Day promoters, first graders in Ollie Hickman's class at Union Primary School.

"What do you like about your mother?" they were asked. While most immediately offered, "She's nice!" with a shy smile, they proceeded to dig deeper for reasons why Mom is so beloved.

Here are their answers, verbatim: Tara Marie White likes a lot of things about her mother, Colleen White. "She lets me bring my lunch box to school and lets me wear pretty clothes and lets me pick them out sometimes," she said. Tara said they play games together, too.

"I love her," she said, adding, "She lets me have snacks, like candy after dinner." Bryant Anthony Price (he loves his middle name, because it's Dad's name, but that's a Father's Day story), was vocal about his admiration for his mother, Perita B. Price. "She teaches me about Africans," he promptly responded, "and about black people."

There was more: "She's sweet; she lets me do things and go places I've never been, to the Washington Monument and Charleston."

Kelly Padgett is fond of her mother, Tina Padgett, because, "She be's good to me; she buys me stuff, like toys."



PADGETT

Lindsey Graham's mother, Terry, is generous, like Kelly's.

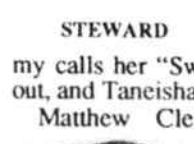
"She gives me good stuff: candy and toys," said Lindsey.

But that's not all.

"She helps me when I'm sick. She gives me medicine."

Now, how many mothers are extolled for that?

Little Taneisha Seward flashes a snaggle-toothed smile a lot as she talks about her mother, Rosa Seward. "She had a baby and it was a boy," she relates proudly. "She always lets me hold him." The woman she calls Mommy calls her "Sweetie-Pie," it turns out, and Taneisha likes that, too.



SEWARD

Matthew Clemmons obviously enjoys being on the go, and his Mama, Teresa Clemmons, is a great mother because she makes this possible.

"She carries me shopping sometimes and lets me play at my friend's house and lets me go to the park where I can play baseball," he commented.

Then came the big kudo. "She

even let me join a team!" Occasionally you find a 6-year-old who is just naturally quiet and not very talkative. There are even boys of this nature and one of them is George Gillette, who has beautiful big eyes, but not much to say. His mom, Jean, beyond being "nice," is valued because she takes care of him.



GILLETTE

"She buys me clothes," George confided.

Another clotheshorse, like George, is Kenneth Gore, who is grateful that his mother, Vanessa Gore, buys clothes for him. But Kenneth goes on to greater depths.

"She wants me to go to school every day...and I do...so I can learn," he reported.

Then Kenneth added, "I love my Mama."

Pretty Kristi Clemmons speaks affectionately of her Mommy, who is Kim Clemmons.

"She reads a story to me sometimes at night," she said. "She lets me sleep with her sometimes, too, and we play games together."

One of the best things this Mommy does is allow her daughter to hold the babies for whom she is babysitting. With no siblings of her own, this is important to Kristi.

Nine Brunswick County mothers are sure to have a happy Mother's Day, whether or not they get a work of crayon art or even a box of chocolates. Any day with these loving, appreciative youngsters has got to be a great day!



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They Do Battle With Books

This team of readers from Shallotte Middle School placed second in the April 30 regional Battle of the Books competition in Kenansville. Competition revolves around answering questions about a reading list of 24 books participants are required to read. These students, from Marsha Benton's language arts class, are front (from left) Brandy Capps and Jennifer Polomis; middle (from left), Todd Wilson, Marianne Dickson, Danny Hales and Charles Van Winkle, and back (from left) Kim Baston, Jessie Winfree, Ashley Ware, Misty Bryant and John King. The annual Battle of the Books is directed by Kay Coleman, media center coordinator.

Help Graduates Celebrate Safely

The Graduation Celebration of Brunswick County Committee made up of volunteers from across the county has planned its second annual drug-free, alcohol-free graduation party for May 29 at the government center in Bolivia.

The all-night party is open to graduates of all three county high schools and their dates, with music,

games, food and prizes on tap for a fun-filled celebration.

To provide a successful party, the committee is seeking help.

"We need donations of money or prizes from citizens around Brunswick County," said Sherry Ivey, secretary/treasurer of the group. Checks should be made out to Graduation Celebration of Brunswick County

and mailed to the same name at P.O. Box 1082, Leland, N.C. 28451.

"All donations will be of great help toward the seniors having a safe and good time at the party," Ivey said.

The party is scheduled in advance of all three county high school graduation exercises.

Lincoln Students Showcase Work At Fair Thursday

Lincoln Primary School in Leland will hold its curriculum fair today (Thursday) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the gym and other specified areas.

Science Fair projects will be displayed in the media center and a wide variety of student work will be displayed from all subject areas, a news release indicated.

Student authors will be on hand to autograph their books, to be sold at the fair. Funds raised with this project will be used by classroom teachers to purchase high-interest reading materials.

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"WAY OUT THOUGHTS"

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Joshua Hilz

If I went out into space, I would take some food, a camera and a dog. I would carry food because their food does not taste good. I would carry a camera to take pictures. I would take a dog so I won't be lonely.

Tyler Champion

If I went to outerspace I would go to Pluto, but I would freeze, because it is not close to the Sun. I will take a toothbrush and a rag.

Amelia Long

Graham Davis

If I went out into space, I would take a space suit, a friend, and a coat. I would take a space suit because I would be killed. I would take a friend because I would not be alone. I would take a coat so I would not be cold.

Joshua Hilz

Jancy Hewett

If I went to outer space, I would go to Pluto where it is very cold and I would freeze to death. I would take 100 shirts, 100 pants, 100 sweaters and a space suit and some scarves. I am going with my mom, my dad, and my sister.

Graham Davis

Baxter Cheek

When I went to space, I saw goblins. They took me to Mars. Then some other goblins took me to the Sun and I got hot. They started to melt. I got in the space shuttle and went away. I crashed on the Moon. I ate cheese. It was good. I ate it all gone and went to the others side of the Earth. I could not get home. It was not fun. Then I saw another space shuttle, but the goblins were in the here and I ran away fast. It was night.

Baxter Cheek

Alexandra Morrison

If I went to outer space, I would bring food. Pluto is the cold planet. The ones close to the Sun are very hot. Mercury is hot. Saturn has a ring around it. I would not like to be an astronaut.

Alexandra Morrison

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