On Saturday, May 7, six girls from the third grade went to the State House to interview Victoria Jamieson. Victoria is the author of the graphic novel *Roller Girl*, which is also the Read Across RI book of the year. We asked Victoria questions about the book, and we learned that…

1. Victoria actually touched a dead squirrel!
   (In the book, the main character, Astrid, touches a dead squirrel)
2. It took her two and a half years to write *Roller Girl*.
3. She is not originally from Oregon.
   (In the book, Astrid lives in Portland, Oregon)
4. The book is sort of based on her life.
   (She moved, and so did Astrid in the book)
5. She loves roller skating.
6. She decided to write a graphic novel because she could fit more of the story on one page.
7. She felt VERY excited when her book was chosen for the Reading Across RI book of the year.
8. She is not going to write a sequel to *Roller Girl*.
9. Her character, Astrid, is in middle school because that's the age Victoria was when she moved away.
10. The character Rainbow Bite was based on a real skater that Victoria knew when she was younger.

The third graders enjoyed interviewing Victoria, and reading *Roller Girl*. (If you haven't read it, you definitely should!)

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This is a busy month for third grade with so many exciting activities going on. Planning, setting up, and hosting the Bob Shea visit was one of the highlights. It was so exciting to host Bob Shea here in the Lower School on Friday the 13th of May. There were many activities at the Bob Shea event. The first event was when Mr. Shea showed everyone there (the kindergarten, first, second, and third grade) a picture of Ballet Cat, the star of the Ballet Cat series. Shea told everyone to say, “Bob Shea is my favorite author!” whenever they saw the picture of Ballet Cat. Bob Shea then asked for a third grade volunteer to come help him, and called on Carmela. He then gave her a math test, and she had to name shapes that he projected on the screen. After that, she had to use the shapes to make Ballet Cat on a piece of paper. When that was all over, Mr. Shea talked a bit more about his books. Then Iris and Indira unveiled Bob Shea’s picture that he drew when he was last here at Lincoln. When that was done, Mr. Shea signed his books *Dance! Dance! Underpants!* and *The Totally Secret Secret*. When the celebration was over, the third grade handed out cupcakes. It’s safe to say that the Bob Shea event was a success!
**Sports**

**Lacrosse**
by: Ellie

This year two third grade students are doing lacrosse. Ellie is on the Barrington Eagles and Julianna is on the Providence Panthers. The Eagles have won once and the Panthers have won three times. The Eagles played at half time for a high school team in the rain. These girls seem to really like lacrosse!

**Girls on the Run**
by: Julianna and Tessa

Many girls in third grade joined Girls on the run this spring. Girls on the run is open to girls in grades 3-5 who attend Providence schools. Our coaches are Coach Christine, Coach Krysten, and Coach Paige. They are all wonderful coaches. We enjoy meeting new girls from all different schools, and Girls on the run is not just about running. It is about being kind to others and media’s effects on self image and negative self talk. After training for 15 weeks we participated in a practice 5k. Finally we will run the 5k on May 22nd at Colt State Park at 9:00AM.

**Dance**
by: Tessa

Two girls in the third grade are dancing this year. Ava is taking hip hop, jazz, tap and ballet while Tessa is taking jazz, ballet, and two competition classes. Tessa had a competition on the weekend of 5/14. One of her classes got gold and the other got high gold. Ava has a recital in June. They cannot wait to perform their dances.

**Cheer**
by: Indira

Indira is a member of Elite Cheer in Cumberland. She has been a member for half a year training with the Super Stars team. She has cheered at competitions as far away as New Hampshire. About 500 teams participate in a competition. Her team recently won second place at a competition and she was very proud of the good job her team did.

**The May Concert**
by: Iris

On May 12, the Spring Concert took place. Lower School’s Voice Box class sang Einini with the Middle School Chorus and did an interesting performance of Consider Yourself from the musical Oliver by Charles Dickens. The third grade also played the recorder to Iko Iko, Scotland’s Burning, and 500 Miles. The Middle School Chorus performed a number of songs both vocally and instrumentally. It was an outstanding concert!

**Water Conservation**
by: Tessa, Ava, Ellie, and Julianna

Water is an important resource we depend on. We use mainly fresh water. Some things that people don’t think about is 3% is fresh, while the rest is salt water. We need to start conserving fresh water. Here are some ways we can do this:

- Brush your teeth with the water off
- Take a short shower
- Get a half cup of water and finish it
- Bring a smaller water bottle to school
- Use reusable water bottles
- DON’T pollute water
**Book Review:**
The Tail of Emily Windsnap: #1
Written by: Liz Kessler
Illustrations by: Sarah Gibb
Reviewers: Ellie & Ava

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap** is part of a series that most of our class enjoys reading. Ava and Ellie both read it and enjoyed it! The main character is Emily, a girl that soon discovers she’s a mermaid. She goes to swim class for the first time in her life and is surprised to have a mermaid tail. Emily lives with her mom on a boat called the King of the Sea. Emily meets a mermaid named Shona, and they soon become best friends. Emily’s and Shona’s task is to find Emily’s long lost dad who is locked up in prison. Her dad Jack, a merman, was sent to prison for falling in love with Emily’s human mother. Will Emily find her long lost father? Read it to find out.

**Spotlight on Ms. Calenda**
Interviewers: Aniessa and Carmela

Ms. Calenda has been a teacher at Lincoln School for a very long time. She has been a Studio teacher for eighteen years! She wanted to be a teacher since she was a little girl. She loves working with other people, and that is part of the reason why she loves teaching. She believes that when you teach, you also learn many things that you didn’t know before. Her favorite part of teaching is being with the children.

Ms. Calenda first got interested in starting an edible garden at our school because she did a lot of gardening with her friends and thought that young children should be able to garden. She then decided to open a garden for the students to learn in.

In addition to gardening, Ms. Calenda likes to create and make things with her hands. She also loves to read. She reads a lot, including reading to children. On a scale from one to ten, one as the worst, and ten as the best, she rates her job more than a ten. We all love our wonderful studio teacher, Ms. Calenda!

**3rd Grade at Save the Bay**

**Poetry**
By Kate and Lena H.
Our class has been learning about and writing poetry. The first poem we read was *Who Has Seen The Wind?* By Christina Rossetti. It was mainly focusing on the question ‘what does the wind do?’ and showing that no one has ever really seen the wind, but we can see its affect on the things around it. Then, we went on to reflect about the poem. Some of the questions we had to answer were: What is the poem about, how does the poet feel about the subject, what literary devices does the poet use, and how do you feel about, or connect to, the poem. Later, we wrote shape poems. Shape poems are poems written in the shape of the thing they’re about. We had lots of fun writing them. One of our favorite poems, although not a shape poem, was *The Manx* by Douglas Florian. Here it is:

Who always yanks
The tail off the Manx?

Soon, 3rd grade will be writing our own anthologies, and at the end of our unit, we are looking forward to a Poet’s Tea celebration.
The Rube Goldberg Challenge
By Sofie DeForbes

The 3rd graders took on a Rube Goldberg challenge. They were divided into groups of four, and each group was supposed to take a simple task and make it difficult. Some materials that were used for the challenge included, paper towel rolls, marbles/balls, cardboard boxes, and dominos. The contraptions had at least 5-8 steps. Group A: Tessa, Sofie, Carmela, and Lena A started with a Hot Wheels track and sent a marble spiraling down into two paper towel tubes. Group B: Iris, Indira, Ava, and Julianna’s main material was a long plastic blue track, and at least four marbles were to roll down at an increasing speed. Group C: Kate, Lena H, Aniessa, and Ellie’s main goal was to use a

Theater
by: Iris

This fall, Iris started taking a theater class along with some of her friends. They spent several months rehearsing for a May 21st performance of The Wizard of Oz. Iris plays the role of the Wicked Witch and is looking forward to a tragic death on stage. She loves singing and dancing and can’t wait to sing her heart out!

Day of Service Barbecue
By: Lena Alawi and Indira

May 19th was the all-school Day of Service. Our class did our service work in the Edible Garden as we are accustomed to doing every Friday afternoon with Miss Calenda. We planted beans, tomatoes, cauliflower, eggplant, cucumbers, radishes, carrots, Swiss chard, and flowers in the beds we prepared earlier in the spring.

After school on the 19th, the entire Lincoln School Community was invited to the All-School Barbecue held on the Dwight House lawn close to the Edible Garden. Ms. Calenda hopes that families will visit the garden and sign up to volunteer sometime to work in the garden this summer.

The Third Grade Class
marble to knock a ball into a can. Every girl learned about teamwork and collaboration throughout the process. Each group had some ups and downs, but the challenge turned out to be a success!