

Covina Bethel English Class
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Studio Classroom
Let's Talk in English
Saturday, 9:00 am- 11:30 am
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Covina Bethel English Class Newsweek

Upcoming Events:
3/28 – 11:00 am Change Performance at church.

Today's newsletter is about the Iditarod. It is a dog sled race from Anchorage Alaska to Nome Alaska. What is a dog sled? When Alaska was first settled by Americans it was very difficult to travel in the winter. It is very cold, the days are very short, and the ground is covered with snow. It is also a long distance between towns. It is too cold and the snow is too deep for horses to pull sleds (the normal way it was done back then.



But dogs are light enough not to break through the crust of the snow, and they are able to withstand the cold. So dogs were used to pull the sleds. This was how mail was taken to cities and gold was brought out of cities during the Alaskan Gold Rush in the late 19th century. It is also how gold prospectors traveled in the winter. In January and February of 1925 dog sleds were used to deliver a serum for diphtheria to Nome where there was an epidemic. This saved many lives in Nome. By 1973 the art of dog sledding was being lost, so the Iditarod was started to commemorate the role of dog sledding in Alaska's history. The Iditarod starts on the first Saturday of March each year and is billed as the 1,049 mile race (1000 miles in the 49th state), but, in reality, it is more like 1,200 miles long. Last Saturday my daughter and her family were able to watch the start of the 2010 Iditarod race. In the first picture you see the starting line. In the second you see that Charlotte had a great view of the race. In the third picture, one of the teams races by. The last picture is a close-up of a couple of the dogs. Notice that the dogs are wearing booties. This is to keep them from getting cut on the ice as they run. The race usually takes from 10-17 days. Each sled has one driver (called a musher) and 12-16 dogs and must carry supplies for the entire journey. There are 27 check points along the way. There are competitors from Alaska, the rest of the U.S. and other countries, too. This year one of the racers is originally from the tropical island of Jamaica!

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Psalms 33:6

諸天藉耶和華的命而造；萬象藉他口中的氣而成。詩篇 33:6

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March 13 Let's Talk English Puzzle

S H I N E T W G E R O A S M N
C N O E R M Z R X O R C I U L
A V O I G L Z A P L D T G S B
R G K G Z U P N L L I I H E A
E S U H M D P D A E N V T U E
D I E B A K T D I R A I P M E
B L C O I C H A N S R T D K J
D O R R A A O U V K Y Y I T E
C B Y R A S N G D A N H S C S
A O T F S A E H P T N E I U H
M T M O R R S T F E R V G S E
A E R M A I T E E E R E H T E
B C A E O I E R T E T G O O P
A T B N A N G N E A W Q S M S
S T U P I D I S D D T Q T C Z

Find these hidden words in the above puzzle:

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| 1. abroad | 11. explain | 21. ordinary |
| 2. across | 12. ghost | 22. rollerskate |
| 3. activity | 13. granddaughter | 23. scare |
| 4. attract | 14. green | 24. seervice |
| 5. bear | 15. hike | 25. sheep |
| 6. boyfriend | 16. honest | 26. shine |
| 7. common | 17. interest | 27. sight |
| 8. custom | 18. mean | 28. skirt |
| 9. date | 19. museum | 29. stupid |
| 10. die | 20. neighbor | |

March 13 Studio Classroom Puzzle

D D B I L D U R A B I L I T Y
Q Y Z E N O T S E L I M D E S
R J E S N V R T P A D A E C P
I I Y N P E A E V R L N N N E
A N A L R E F L D A K R W U C
U U S P E U C I U N Z P O O I
C S D P E S O I C A O L N N F
T H O U I R N J M I B P E N Y
I E I T H R V E S E A L R A D
O R R C B C I O T R N R E W W
N N E I E N N N C N M R Y W K
V B P S Y O C Q G M I T C I V
W T A I U G I T S A R T N O C
D E C S I T N E M P I U Q E F
L L O R T S G E C N A L A B L

Find these hidden words in the above puzzle:

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| 1. adapt | 10. inspiring | 18. ponder |
| 2. announce | 11. intensely | 19. renowned |
| 3. auction | 12. invaluable | 20. repair |
| 4. balance | 13. journey | 21. specify |
| 5. beneficiary | 14. lease | 22. specimen |
| 6. contrast | 15. milestone | 23. stroll |
| 7. convincing | 16. period | 24. usher |
| 8. durability | 17. poisonous | 25. victim |
| 9. equipment | | |