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Make a Pitch!

News from Thursday, April 13th

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Flag football may be headed to the Olympics. A final vote on adding this super-popular, non-contact sport to the 2028 games in Los Angeles will take place in October.

If you were in charge of the Olympics, what sport would you want to add? Write a short speech to convince the rest of the International Olympic Committee to include it in future competitions.

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Test it!

News from Tuesday, April 4th

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Mamathi Vinoth, a nine-year-old girl from Canada, is a hula hooping superstar with six world records to her name. Among them, most hops in one minute while spinning a hula hoop on her ankle. To train, Mamathi spends hours practicing every week.

Design an experiment to see how long you (and your friends or family) can keep a hula hoop going under different conditions. For example, how long can you hula hoop while standing on one foot? With your eyes closed?

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Design It!

News from Friday, April 14th

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A popular Disney attraction is getting a massive makeover. Splash Mountain has already been torn down at Disney World in Florida, and May 30th is the last day to ride it at Disneyland in California. The change is happening because the ride is based on a 1946 Disney movie that many people believe is racist.

Design your own amusement park ride that could replace Splash Mountain. Choose a theme for the ride and draw a map that shows its features.

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If You Ran Things

News from Thursday, April 6th

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The city of Chicago has a new mayor, Brandon Johnson. While running for mayor, Mr. Johnson focused on neighborhood schools. He will replace outgoing mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Imagine that you were just elected mayor of your hometown. Make a list of the first five changes or improvements you'd make to benefit your community.

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