



Clara Ellis, 12, attended a summer youth program at The University of Southern Mississippi in which she took a class on creative writing. Each day, the class had a "free write" with a limited amount of time to complete the assignment. Ellis wrote a few short stories and a couple of poems. "The best work I did was a poem called 'Full Swing' It is about war, and about what happens to those who fight in war and about those who are left behind during war," Ellis said. She has yet to write a book, but she hopes to one day realize her dream. // Grace Sanders photo

#### FUN WITH FANFICTION

Kylie Holmes, 12, writes fanfiction ("fanfic" for short) on some of her favorite books. Fanfiction is writing about characters or settings from an original work of fiction and is created by fans of that work rather than by its creator. Holmes has an account on Archive of Our Own, an online organization for fanfic writers. // Grace Sanders photo

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**Gabrielle Jones**, 9

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"I like regular books because I like having the actual book in my hand and being able to feel the pages. Megan Grissom, 11

\*163 students were surveyed at various lunches.

### What Five Sophomores share their favorite books they read in class and on their own **IS YOUR FAVORITE READ?** "Julius Caesar is a great story

because it conveys a universa message, such as the dangers of having too much ambition and the dangers of lying. It is extremely impressive that it continues to be influential, considering how old the work is." Gean Louigie Za

to work with people and how to succeed in life. It is strategic." Jessica Roberts, 10









### BORROW, RENEW. RETURN

With more than 14,000 accessible titles in the library, Tiffany Yawn, 11, marks them off her list one by one. "I love being able to get books that I like, and my librarian is the best ever," Yawn said. // Kamron Mitchell photo

### NETFLIX AND CHILL

reading: "I like to read the descriptions on TV shows on Netflix before I watch them." // Grace Sanders photo

### **BIBLE STORY**

On Oct. 6, Riley Barber, 11, participated in National Bring Your Bible to School Day. Her favorite Bible character is Joanna, who was healed by and a follower Jesus Christ. "I have a lot of respect for Joanna because she had her life made." Barber said. "She was wealthy and able to have amost anything she asked for, and she gave all of it up Jackson Ford, 10, openly expressed his disinterest in book to follow Christ. That is a really tough thing to do. I have a hard time even giving my phone up to listen to my pastor." // Grace Sanders photo







"The Book of Five Rings is about martial arts, but it teaches how

"Just because someone does not believe in fairytales does not mean he or she can not believe." **Rachelle Speights**, 10



"Even though the characters in Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief are fictional, they deal with real life situations like dyslexia and ADHD. fitting in, and trying to figure out who they are." Myah Kelly, 10

"I like how Lord of the Flies shows how kids can handle themselves without their parents. I relate with Simon because I try to support people and help them any way I

Quoc-Bao Le, 10



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