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## **Our planet**

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Florence Scribner

The planet on which we live is a great place! The animals dig in the soil, it helps keep them safe like a badger or a fox. Occasionally we have earthquakes. An earthquake is a sudden violent shaking of the ground caused by movements within the earth's crust. We recently had an earthquake, everyone thought it was the train passing!



## **Films**

Thomas Kingsbury

Oppenheimer is a 2023 epic biographical thriller film written, directed, and produced by Christopher Nolan. It follows the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist who helped develop the first nuclear weapons during World War II. Based on the 2005 biography American Prometheus by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, the film chronicles Oppenheimer's studies, his direction of the Los Alamos Laboratory, and his fall from grace after his 1954 security hearing. Cillian Murphy stars as Oppenheimer, alongside Robert Downey Jr. as the United States Atomic Energy Commission member Lewis Strauss. The ensemble supporting cast includes Emily Blunt, Matt Damon, Florence Pugh, Josh Harnett, Casey Affleck, Rami Malek, and Kenneth Branagh.



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## Films (continued)

Tom Cruise to star in Alejandro G. Iñárritu's next film at Warner Bros. and Legendary!

Sources tell the deadline that Warner Bros. and Legendary entertainment are in negotiations for an untitled Alejandro G. Iñárritu movie with Tom Cruise. The project would mark Iñárritu's first English language pic since this 2015 smash *The Revenant*. The film is produced and directed by Iñárritu with a new script he co-wrote in 2023 with Sabina Berman as well as Alexander Dinelaris and Nicolas Giacobone, his co-writers on *Birdman* reuniting 10 years later. This also marks the first film for Cruise following the announcement of this strategic partnership with Warner Bros.



## Poems by Patty

Patty Keenan

Roses are Red, violets are blue.  
You are a very special person in my  
life, forever in my life. My heart is  
filled with love and happiness. You  
are always in my heart.



## Holiday!

Ivanka Garber

I chose to write about St.  
Patrick's Day! On this day, I like  
to wear a green turtleneck. I try  
to find all my other green  
clothing as well to match!



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# Wednesday!

Kevin Giordano

Wednesday is an American coming-of age supernatural comedy mystery television series based on the character Wednesday Addams by Charles Addams. Created by Alfred Gough and Miles Millar, it stars Jenna Ortega as the titular character, with Gwendoline Christie, Riki Lindholme, Jamie McShane, Hunter Doohan, Percy Hynes White, Emma Myers, Joy Sunday, Georgie Farmer, Naomi J. Ogawa, Christina Ricci, and Moosa Mostafa appearing in supporting roles. Four out of the eight episodes of the first season were directed by Tim Burton, who also serves as executive producer. It revolves around Wednesday Addams, who attempts to solve a murder mystery at her new school.



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## Kim's Cooking Corner

Kim Russo

*This month I decided to write a recipe for Macaroni and cheese!*

### Ingredients needed:

- 8 ounces macaroni
- ¼ cup salted butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 ½ cups milk
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese
- salt and ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons salted butter
- ½ cup dry breadcrumbs
- 1 pinch ground paprika



### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Make the macaroni and cheese: Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add macaroni stirring occasionally, until noodles are done.
3. Drain pasta into a baking dish.
4. Melt 1/4 cup butter over low heat. Mix in flour and stir.
5. Mix in 2 1/2 cups milk into the flour mixture and bring to a simmer. Stir in shredded Cheddar and finely grated Parmesan cheese, season with salt and pepper. Cook and stir over low heat until cheese is melted, and sauce has thickened.
6. Make the bread crumb topping: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add breadcrumbs; cook and stir until well coated and browned. Spread breadcrumbs over macaroni and cheese, then sprinkle with paprika.
7. Bake in the preheated oven until the topping is golden brown and macaroni and cheese is bubbling.

*Enjoy*