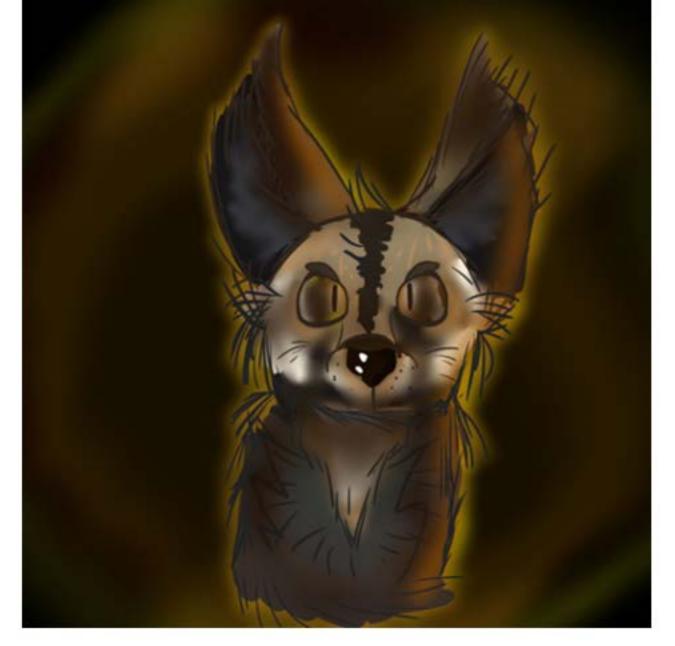


I think that Dumbledore (as in Albus Dumbledore from the Harry Potter series) is a great name choice for a newborn Mexican gray wolf pup. These wolves have been on the endangered species list since 1976. However, they fought hard to regain their population, and succeeded, even though they are only in low numbers. Like this, Dumbledore was brave, fighting for there to be good. Dumbledore represents Mexican gray wolves because the wolves are highly intelligent, and Dumbledore was one of the wisest and most brilliant people ever. If a pup were to be named Dumbledore, it would show that these wolves are powerful leaders of the southwest, just like Dumbledore, who was the headmaster,

the ruler, of a highly celebrated school. One of the most recognizable characteristics of Dumbledore is the twinkle in his bright blue, sparkling eyes. This sparkle is the sign of hope and opportunity for the endangered Mexican gray wolves, who were

killed a record number of times last year. The white of Dumbledore's long hair represents light, goodness, and safety for the wolves. The magic of Dumbledore would be gifted upon this next generation of Mexican gray wolves. Dumbledore would be a magnificent, incomparable name for a Mexican gray wolf pup.

Andrew S. 6th Grade



Llave

I have chosen the name Llave for a wild Mexica gray wolf pup. Wolves are a keystone species. This means they are critical to the ecosystem, and other species rely on them. Without wolves, the ecosystem goes through extreme changes and becomes unbalanced. Animals like elk would overpopulate, trees would become bare. Llave means "key" in Spanish. So I chose Llave because this pup is key to Mexican gray wolf recovery and wolves are a keystone species in the ecosystem.

Eleanor Wilhelm 6th Grade

Animo

The wolf's name should be Animo. It should be animo because the word animo in latin means courage. Some facts about the grey wolves is that they like to travel in packs, can eat up to 22 pounds of food, and generally feed 5-7 day (Pup Naming Contest-Resources, Introduction 4). Also it seems like an elegant name to give a wolf. If you disagree with me you are wrong because "animo" seems like an easy name to call out. It's not a name that's 2 first name 3 middle names and 1 last name or something like that. I mean imagine saying that out everyday or writing about it in a journal. Also if you were to tell it to a co-worker it also would be hard to memorize and you might stumble your words so that's why I think that it's name should be Animo because it's a short name, it's an extravagant name, and also it would save you a lot of time if you were to write it or say it.

Hyrum Madsen and friend 7th Grade

Bilbo Baggins

Bilbo Baggins. A master thief yet good friend. Travels far and wide for acceptance. It is in front of him all along.

A Wolf. A master killer yet good friend. Travels far and wide for food. It was behind him all along.

Bilbo Baggins is a human. A Wolf is a wolf. They are both alike. They are together. They both are not alike. They are separate.

Every wolf is different. Every Hobbit is different. Every creature is alike.

Abel Maravilla & friends 7th Grade

Forest Gump
We chose this name because wolves usually like to be in forests . Also we thought adding gump would make it a little bit better.
Izzy Gurley & friends
Night Wolf
I was thinking that my wolf could be called Night Wolf because it's a cool name for a wolf and would make the wolf seem like it is strong, because it is strong. The name Night Wolf, isn't common to be used as a name. I chose that name because not many people think of names like Night Wolf, but think of more normal names like Fluffy, or Max. The reason we chose that name is because it's not very common to use as a name, and it sounds good.
Cole W. and Wyatt Knight 7 th Grade

Alpha
Alpha is the name of a leader of the pack. I picked this name because they were here long before dogs and humans. We need to be more aware that the beloved pets came from generations of wolves and they probably wouldn't be here if wolves were extinct.
Hussain Khader 7 th Grade
Scout
Because most wolves are adventurous and love scouting
I. Anderson 7 th Grade

Senor(ora) Espiritu

Espiritu means spirit in Spanish. I have always thought of any kind of wolf as a spirit animal. I feel that they are always very wise, and we have our spirits up that their species will survive. I thought adding senor or senora would just be a cute touch.

Ava Archer
7 th Grade
Grey

What a baby wolf should be called is Grey. This would be a good name because these Wolves are grey. Grey is a sad color or a dark color and shows that the Gray Wolves have gone through hard times. They have tried to survive but keep on getting hunted illegally in the wild. (https://mexicanwolves.org/index.php/about-wolves)

Grey wolves started out all over Mexico and around Texas. Now they are in a very small area next to Texas. They were all over Mexico in pre-1915 and got a lot smaller or a lot less wolves was around 2009. This is crazy to see that these wolves might disappear. (https://mexicanwolves.org/index.php/about-wolves)

Their population has dropped so much through the years. Some research has shown that restoration of wolves could be a positive effect on the Health of the landscape. These wolves improve the overall health of elk and deer herds. These wolves even help plants and the diversity of the ecosystems.(https://mexicanwolves.org/index.php/about-wolves)

The name grey would go really well with these wolfs. Grey is a very sad or "depressing" color that matches the wolves hair. It would go well because of all the sad things that the wolves have gone through. (https://mexicanwolves.org/index.php/about-wolves) These wolves are important to keep with us. We need these animals to keep helping the deer and elk to stay healthy. They kill the sick and old deer and elk witch helps stop diseases from spreading within the animals. This is why a wolf should be called Grey.

(https://mexicanwolves.org/index.php/about-wolves)

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7 th Grade	

Ashton D. Sollis

Luna

They are so bright.
They stalk the night.
They hunt with the light of the moon.

They hide all day and when the sun goes down and the moon rises out of the ground.

They get ready to hunt until they've found food to last a day or more.

The pups will wait in the dark With only light from the moon Until they have food to munch on For a day or more.

They do it all under the moon To help them see but still to hide From predators looking for them.

7th Grade

Chloe Steen

Perdu

The name I would like to submit is Perdu, which means lost in french. I think this would be fitting as they are lost in their own scarcity of population. The tragedy of how little of them are left, leads to the origin of the word lost, meaning to destroy or perish. If you take that into consideration, the Mexican gray wolves population has perished or become lost as time has gone on. If you consider its other meaning, to become unable to find, it would also be logical as there are so very few of them left that they could become hard to find.

Ethan Mensing-Bruno 7th Grade

Faith

One of the wolf pups names should be Faith. This would be a great name because it is empowering and reminds everyone to have faith that their community will survive. Many different documents like "Mexicanwolves.org" state things like, "they are critically endangered." That is huge. If no one has faith that the wolf population will survive it won't. No one would want to put in effort if they don't believe it will work. Naming a pup Faith will be a reminder to everyone that there is still hope that the Mexican Gray Wolf population will survive and continue to grow. Faith would be the name for one of the wolf pups because it is pretty cool too. Asking around Butler Middle 8 out of 10 students said that Faith is a good name. Antoinette Maturana said, "Faith is a really empowering name and makes me want to go and help save them." If that name can get a 7th grader to want to save them, it can definitely make older people want to help too. Naming one of the wolf pups Faith will in fact bring awareness to the cause and help save the population. Many more resources said many things like how the population is very endangered and need ways to raise awareness. If you name one of the wolf pups Faith the population will rise and awareness will rise as well.

Aunika H.	
7 th Grade	
Rain	

I know that "Rain" is a good name. It is in one of my dogs I had to give away and his name was Joey Rainbow Jackson. I changed rainbow to "Rain" because rainbow is to kiddish and Rain sounds stronger than rainbow. So, Rain is the name I would love to name a wolf.

Kira Jackson
7 th Grade
Maka
It means nature and earth.
Sophia Fisher
7 th Grade

Fuerte

You're a Mexican Gray Wolf named Fuerte, powerful, graceful, and wise. By day you travel with your pack, at night we hear your cries. You live within the forests, or sometimes on the plains. You move around so stealthy, little evidence of you remains. You like to hunt all creatures, both big and small. Your pack is your family, all for one and one for all. Your name was given to you because of your amazing strength, your ability to endure all things, and to survive you go to great length. Life has been tough for you, your species numbers are low. But with some help from your human friends we hope your quantity will grow.

McKenna W.
7th Grade
----Koatohee (Ko- Uh- Toe- Hee)
It's Apache meaning (Chief)
Torin Wright
8th Grade

Destello

Mexican Grey wolves are an endangered species throughout the world. A new litter of Mexican Grey pups are born each year in the spring. The workers in charge of the wolf packs feel that they should take input from the public to name the newborn wolves. According to the article"BASIC FACTS ABOUT MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES" it states, "The wolves are super fast due to their long legs and sleek bodies." Destello means flash in Spanish. Flash means a sudden burst of light. A flash occurs when someone or something moves very quickly. Destello would be a good name for a Mexican Grey wolf because of its speed like qualities and agility. This is why we think Destello would be a suitable name for a Mexican Grey wolf.

Ace Ehrhart, Tyler Defeudis, Jack Baird, Maddox 7th Grade



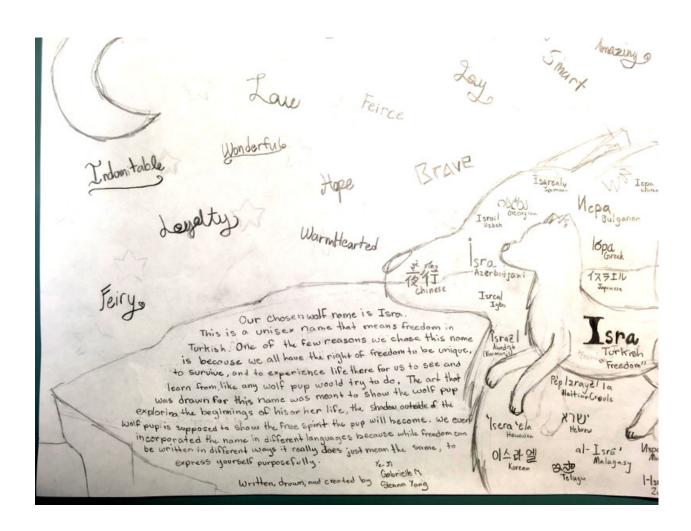
To name my wolf, I chose Fe. Fe is a good name because it is faith in Spanish, it is short and simple, and it is my great aunts name. First of all, Fe means faith in Spanish. I chose this because we have faith in the wolf population. According to Michael Robinson, "The number of endangered Mexican Grey wolves in the wild in Arizona and New Mexico dropped to 97 last year from 110 in 2014"Also, Fe is short and simple. According to bowwow.com.au, "Calling out "Jack" or "Zoe" in the park may be far less embarrassing than calling out "Death Breath"!" You can call to her when you need to, but don't have to say a big long name. It is also my great aunts name. She is sick, and we are surprised she made it this long. It would mean a lot to her for a wolf to be named after her. Therefore, Fe is a great name because we need to have faith in my aunt and the wolves.

Maggie McCarty 7th Grade



This is a unisex name that means freedom in Turkish. One of the few reasons we chose this name is because we all have the right of freedom to be unique, to survive, and to experience life there for us to see and lean from, like any wolf pup would try to do. The art that was drawn for this name was meant to show the wolf pup exploring the beginnings of his or her life, the shadow outside of the wolf pup is supposed to show the free spirit the pup will become. We even incorporated the name in different languages because while freedom can be written in different ways it really does just mean the same, to express yourself purposefully.

Ye-Ji, Gabi M., Sienna Yang 7th Grade



Artimis

Artimis is a fantastic wolf name because it refers to the Greek goddess, Artimis who was a powerful leader, very protective, and cared about nature. Being a powerful leader is a good trait for a wolf to have because they'd be a good role model for other wolves and a great leader in the future. Being a protective wolf is a great characteristic because they will care for their pack, other family members, and will be able to defend themselves. Caring about nature is an amazing quality to have because Mexican gray wolves are endangered so this would show that they care about their species' lives. Since Mexican gray wolves are the most endangered of the gray wolf species one being named after a Greek goddess who cared about animals would show that they are a powerful leader and protective of their fellow wolves.

Lucy Collins, Lia T. and Nellie Brown 7th Grade



Maximus

The best wolf name would be Maximus. Maximus is a Roman name that represents the romans, a very strong army that was very advanced for it's time. In a way this represents the wolves. The Mexican Gray Wolves are struggling, but with help, they will be strong and they will prevail, like the Romans. Maximus will be a strong a free wolf, he will always fight and be strong. His name represents the Romans, the strong fighters of the Middle East. He will hopefully be a good start to more Mexican Grey Wolves. Maximus will create his own kind of empire, and be a happy free wolf. Hopefully people will help and make the wolf population increase. While we try, hopefully Maximus will be free and have a good and peaceful life, roaming freely while he finds more friends along the way.

Veronica T. and Gwen Stanley 7th Grade



The name of one of the Mexican gray wolves should be Lupa. This name was chosen because Lupa is the mythical Roman she-wolf who sheltered the famous twin brothers, Romulus and Remus. There may be some other Mexican gray wolves with names that are basic and have no meaning, but Lupa provides a history and has a specific meaning that corresponds with wolves. In an article on Wikipedia, it explains that Lupa is very well-known and celebrated for her history. If the Mexican gray wolf was named Lupa, it would allow the name to be carried onto another great creature and for it to have a very important name to history.

Aubrey Campbell 7th Grade



The below children did not submit art or essays explaining their name choice.

Leal

Daisy Kollmorgen 6th Grade

Billy

Rex Fisher 8th Grade Greyson Isabela Patricio 7th Grade Mamske Sam Miller 7th Grade -----Liam Chase Jenna Claire K. 7th Grade Daydream Charlie 7th Grade -----Rosa Zahraa Z. 7th Grade -----Orion Alex Knobel & Alayna Dazley 7th Grade Wolf

Sophia Adams 5th Grade

The following entries were by students in Ms. Liz Douglass-Gallagher's 6th grade science class:

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Mia B. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Yellowstone
ESSAY:	I think that Yellowstone would be a great name for a wolf pup because of all the wonderful things that happened when wolves were reintroduced into the wild. When wolves were reintroduced they were brought into Yellowstone National Park. Before this happened Yellowstone's plant population was going away because the deer and elk kept eating it. This caused a lot of problems because every time the grass sprouted it was eaten almost immediately causing a lot of animals to die. When the wolves were reintroduced, the animals were more scared to go eat grass so it grew back quick. This even helped Yellowstone have more plants and animals. This is why I think Yellowstone would be a good name for a wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ava D. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Fid
ESSAY:	I chose this name because of a military saying in Semper Fidelis which means "Always Faithful" in Latin. Faithful because a wolf is brave and strong but Fideles does not sound much like a wolf's name to me. A wolf always sticks to their pack because their pack is their family. Fid is also a cute and fun name for a female wolf or a male wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Abbi F. and Clara S. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Cazador
ESSAY:	We think Cazador would be a good name because it is Spanish for hunter. Wolves are natural hunters so we think this name would be fitting. Cazador also sounds like it could be a name of an ancient warrior so it sounds good for a wolf. Cazador in Hawaiian is kanaka hahai holoholona but that is really long so we decided to go with cazador. Also a cazador is a mutated insect found in Zion canyon and Utah.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sophie G. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Storm
ESSAY:	I chose the name Storm because it relates with how the Grey Wolves help regulate our food chain. That is like how a storm helps regulate our water cycle. A Grey Wolf's diet contains mostly ungulates. Without Grey wolves, the food chain would have to adapt and there would be a lot more ungulates. There are more species of wolves, but even if one of them goes extinct then the food cycle has to change. That is like how without one type of storm the water cycle has to change to adapt to the weather. There aren't many Grey wolves in New Mexico. That is like how there aren't very many storms in New Mexico. That's why I think the Grey Wolf pup should be named Storm.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Michael H. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Valiente
ESSAY:	I think the best name would be Valiente because its a Spanish word for brave, courageous, valiant, bold, and gallant because I think a wolf is all of those things. The Mexican gray wolf is brave, courageous, valiant, bold, and gallant and should make a come back with the help of humans.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Miquela K. and Stella (Sophia) L. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Chief
ESSAY:	We chose this name because the leader of a Native American tribe is normally called a Chief and wolves are leaders of their pack. Wolves also keep their prey from over populating, like a chief is aware of his people in the tribe. The chief of a tribe should be strong and brave in order to lead his tribe, wolves are also brave and strong in the wild. They show this because even though they are smaller than their prey, they find ways to eat. Wolves teach the young pups how to get prey and live. The Native American people also teach the young children how to serve in their community. That is why we think Chief is a great name for a Mexican Grey Wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Gerald P. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Fuerte Juntos
ESSAY:	I think that a wolf pup should be named Fuerte because when it is translated to English it means "strong." The reason that I chose strong is because the wolf can crush a moose's thigh bone and that takes 1,200 pounds of pressure! They can also run 31-37 mph and the fastest person living can run 27.8 mph. Another reason I chose juntos is because wolves hunt together and juntos means together.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sofia S. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Bluf
ESSAY: Essay:	My wolf pup name would be Bluf, for several reasons. For one reason is the color of their fur is grey and Bluf. So we would have a mexican grey wolf that is not only grey but is also bluf and is called Bluf. Bluf is a gender neutral name as its not only for boy or girl. The name would also be very easy to remember because the name would be their coloring. I would imagine that the name would make the wolf sound strong and like a very good leader. Bluf is a color that's like vanilla. So Bluf is the name I am entering.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Max W. and Oliver T. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Spoke
ESSAY:	We have decided to name our pup Spoke because a spoke is a part of a wheel to keep it up and strong to support the bike so you can ride it. If we name the <i>Lobo</i> Spoke it would symbolize a strong supportive pup that's a part of the pack. The name will symbolize not only the pup but how he supports his pack and keeps it together. If you end up naming one of the pups Spoke, it shows how he is a part of a pack. That's why we want to name the pup Spoke and the name has not been used before.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Caitlin V. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Kóh
ESSAY:	The reason I would like to name a wolf pup Kóh is because in Jicarilla Apache Indian it means "water." A Mexican Grey Wolf is a lot like water flowing and moving. Also a Mexican Gray Wolf can affect the rivers because when they eat the deer, the vegetation grows strengthening the banks and preventing erosion causing the river to straighten.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Mix W. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Storm
ESSAY:	One of the main reasons for choosing storm, is because when Mexican <i>lobos</i> were reintroduced to Yellowstone, they actually triggered a chain reaction that caused the river to change, sort of like a strong storm might, (have you see what a hurricane can do to the environment around it?) and,
	Tell me this face

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Peyton W. 6E
Wolf Pup Name:	Ekon
ESSAY	I am proposing that one of these incredible wolf pups be named Ekon. I feel this is a great name for a young wolf pup because they are out in the wild sometimes with no food, shelter or even family. This means the pups must be strong and brave which is why I chose Ekon. <i>Ekon</i> is a Nigerian name which means "strong". These wolf pups are going through tough times but will grow into a big strong wolf and keep this amazing name through their life, Ekon.

The following entries were by students in Ms. Cathy Bailey's 6th grade science class:

Name	Paragraph
Lyka Sam S. 6C	I think <u>Lyka</u> would be a good name for a wolf pup. This name shows beauty but also strength. This name is given to wolves with a white rusty fur. This name shows the pack leader and the master hunter and the ability to take down deer and other animals. Lyka is a beautiful name it has passion and is a name for the leader of the pack. It is strong and fierce, with the courage to hunt. Lyka also is a name with love in it and good parenting. This name has been given to dogs in the army and in police forces. Like these dogs that protect us, the wolf protects his or her pack. Lyka is a strong, passionate, and beautiful name. This name shows what a wolf is. This is the name I have chosen for the contest, Lyka. Lyka (Li - kah)

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Quantum Wyatt W. & Anton J. 6C	Quantum is the name we have decided to use. Del cuánto (cantidad de energía) o relacionado con él. (a discrete quantity of energy proportional in magnitude to the frequency of the radiation it represents.) The reason that we choose the name Quantum is that it has power behind it, like ball of fire. Such power, such complexity for a complex wolf, such a name fit for a Alpha. A wolf that is limble. A wolf that is fast. A wolf that is smarter than you may think. For a wolf that is wise. A wolf that is a bullet, you may think of quantum.
	quan-tum

Quinta Luke L. 6C	I chose to name the wolf Quinta because it works for both genders and it sounds powerful. In my perspective it is a beautiful name and would work for any type of wolf. It would also work for a human which the wolf might deserve the name. The wolf would also be young which fits for a pup. The name means estate, which is for a pup that needs a home. How you pronounce it is Quin-ta not Queen-ta.

Renate Isabella Q. 6C	I would like to name a wolf Renate because wolves are really strong, and I knew someone that dealt with cancer and sickness that was name Renate. Renate never gave up, like how most wolves never give up. Renate tried to fight cancer, she was tough like wolves who have to fight prey. She put her best foot forward and always fought hard. To me, Renate means to be strong like a wolf. Renate (Ree-naa-tay)

Janus Ma'ayan B. 6C	I would like to name a wolf <u>Janus</u> because, in the book series, <i>The 39 clues</i> , one of the groups is called The Janus. Their symbol is a wolf because it symbolizes elegance and wisdom, but when they are threatened they can be mean and aggressive like wolves. I think these characteristics are very good descriptions of wolves because they hunt in packs and they do not give up until they get what they want. But at the same time, wolves are elegant and care for their young. Since Janus could be both a girl's name and a boy's name, I think it is a good name for a wolf. Janus: Jan-Us

Grace Lily M. 6C	I don't know what I would name a wolf typically, but I guess if I had to choose a name for a wolf it would be Grace because whenever I think of that name I see a gray color and that reminds me of a wolf. I know that wolves attack and kill but there mostly graceful and probably when they kill their food in order to eat it, they probably give Grace; and there are only 115 Mexican Gray Wolves in the wild and 300 in captivity and I believe all of the wolves are giving Grace and wanting a name - which should be Grace.

Aurora Dylan P. & Silas D. 6C	We are naming our wolf pup <u>Aurora</u> , because of the painting called <i>Aurora Borealis Wolf Painting</i> . This name for the wolf is gender neutral, so it doesn't matter if it's a boy or girl. We chose this name, because the Aurora Borealis is very beautiful and so are wolves. We hope this name get's chosen for the next wolf pups. Baby wolves are born blind and defenseless and the Aurora Borealis are extraordinary like baby wolf pups. Wolves curl up in snow and the Aurora Borealis comes to cold places. Since the name Aurora is related to wolves, and is gender neutral, it would be the perfect name for a wolf.

Lán sè Caterina S. 6C	I think that the name <u>Lán sè</u> fits perfectly for a Mexican Grey Wolf. Lán sè is Chinese for blue. For me, grey has always looked blue the reason is I grew up with a blue heeler. Her fur was grey but looked blue to me. Mexican Grey Wolves have this little tint of blue in their fur. Lán sè is also a gender neutral name. Blue is strong like when a Mexican Grey Wolf hunts a large hoofed mammal; blue is beautiful too as beautiful as when they run up to their prey in the snow. Blue is a color that brings comfort like when the newborn pups stay by their mother for they cannot see nor hear. After the passing of my blue heeler, I'd like to have her color come in a name of a young Mexican Grey Wolf. (Lán sè - Lá-en shè)

New Grey Mask Diggy E. 6C	I would name the wolf pup New Grey Mask. New Grey Mask means to a pup wolf that they are fresh to being here and since they are blind and can't hear when born. That when they open their cute small eyes and listen to the grassy wilderness. They are vulnerable to everything, as they watch their pack race after food and survive, knowing that will be their destiny. That when they walk up to their to challenges of being a wolf it is like "wearing" a mask. When born the pack shows the pups how to live in the wild. Their face with their eyes opening to the new world is like the alpha wolf of a their own pack protecting and loving the pack members. The leader see how they look, with their faces punchy browns, greys, creamy whites, and blacks all made together looking like a mask. This mask they keep on forever as a part of them to survive as a pack as soon as they open their eyes and ears to their New Grey Mask.

Luna	
Leah	L.
6C	

For my wolf pup's name, I decided to choose <u>Luna</u>, because the name shows a sense of power. I think it is important to have a fierce name that describes you. The name reminds me of the moon. Like the moon wandering across the sky, a young strong wolf roams through the night hunting for prey to feed her pack. A pack that she protects with her blanket of courage and faith. The name Luna shows kindness and leadership to lead in them in the right direction. Just like we look to the moon for guidance, a wolf pack will look to Luna to guide them through the tough times.

The following entries were by students in Ms. Sarah Hooper's 6th grade science class:

The following two students worked as a team to think of a name for a wolf pup, but they each (sort of) wrote their own essay. Please consider them as one entry. Thank you! ~Sarah Hooper (Science Teacher)

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Jacob A. (& Isa A.) 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Aja
ESSAY:	I think it would be smart to name one of the pups Aja. I think a pup should be named Aja, because Aja is the African god of the forest. This name is perfect because of its meaning and the name is catchy. Aja is also the patron of the forest. At Bosque School we take care of the Bosque forest so this name reflects on the school's nourishment of the forest.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Isa A. (& Jacob A.) 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Aja
ESSAY:	I think it would be smart to name one of the pups Aja. I think a pup should be named Aja, because Aja is the African god of the forest. This name is perfect because of its meaning it is connected to the forest and wolves play an essential role in the ecosystem. Aja is a term in Korea that means simply "never give up." Likewise we can never stop fighting to help wolves return to their healthy population.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Aidan B. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	baileyi
ESSAY:	I chose the name <i>baileyi</i> because it comes from the scientific name for mexican gray wolf, <i>Canis lupis baileyi</i> . This is also a good name because it is similar to the name bailey and once you get used to it it's not that hard to pronounce (bay-lee-i). Sorry if that was an incorrect pronunciation, the only place that told me that was questionable with the pronunciation. This was a great project and I learned a lot. I hope you consider my name for a wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Nick C. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Azul/Arancia
ESSAY:	I would like to name a wolf pup Azul. If you didn't know azul is a Spanish word for blue like the color of wolf the wolf pup's eyes. I think that Azul would be a good name for a male wolf pup because it describes the light blue of the wolf pup's eyes. Azul could also be a female wolf pup name, but I feel Arancia would be a good name for a female wolf pup name. Arancia is Italian for orange, like the adult Gray Wolves eyes. I like the thought of naming after something like the color of their eyes or the color of their fur or other things like that. Thank you for letting me and my classmates participate in such a wonderful event. I will look forward to your response (whether it be good or bad).

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Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sean C. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Nelson
ESSAY:	The reason I chose this name because of how simple and easy this name is and it's also easy to remember. This name is also the name of a very famous man named Nelson Mandela who protested for racial justice and equality for all people like people are protesting justice for wolves. Wolves are very shy and quiet animals and the name fits the quiet attitude of the Mexican gray wolf as the name is not to showy but it is a solid name. Nelson Mandela is also like a wolf because he resisted like Mexican grey wolves are resisting to being extinct. The name also makes the wolf more human making people not hurt wolves by respecting them. I believe strongly that this name represents a Mexican grey wolf because of how it fits their nature and their qualities because of how simple but strong this name is.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Asher T. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Nelson
ESSAY:	The reason I want to name the pup Nelson is because my old dog was a German shepherd and they are related. The name is not too simple but easy. I also think it should be Nelson because the name Nelson Mandela and he did great things and you never know which pup will do great things. It also sounds like a name of something that can move fast and grey wolves can run fast for a short amount of time. This is what I think the name should be.

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Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Simon C. (& Brody P.) 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Adolfo
ESSAY:	The name Adolfo translates directly to "noble wolf". <i>Adolfo</i> is Spanish for Adolf, which originates from old German. Mexican Wolves are a very noble species that deserve to be treated with kindness and respect. These noble creatures are a large part of their ecosystems, keeping the elk and deer species from overpopulating. Keeping these powerful, noble wolves from extinction is an important task that will allow our ecosystems to thrive. That is why Adolfo would be a strong name for a wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Brody P. (& Simon C.) 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Adolfo
ESSAY:	Adolfo means "noble wolf" in Old German. Wolves are a very noble and respected species. Mexican gray wolves deserve respect and kindness for what they are doing. Wolves are a big part of our ecosystem helping it thrive, by killing elk and deer from overpopulating. Wolves are very noble creatures that humans should protect from extinction. I think this name fits with its traits.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Rosemary C. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Avea
ESSAY:	I believe the pup should be named Avea. In my mind Avea could stand for a very endangered animal. Given the fact that Mexican Gray Wolves are one the most endangered animals in the world people should be aware of that fact. Most people aren't aware of how endangered Mexican Grey Wolves are. Maybe this could help spread the word, help get more protection for the Mexican Grey Wolves. In addition to that maybe we could help the population grow with more protection.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Claire P. & Bella C. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Valiente
ESSAY:	We wanted the wolf pup's name to be Valiente. We believe wolves are brave because they hunt and protect their families even if they could get hurt. This is why we chose this name. <i>Valiente</i> means brave in Spanish. We chose our name to be in Spanish because of where the wolves live. They live in Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico. All three of these places are very prominent Spanish speaking Areas.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Talia C. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Remus
ESSAY:	I chose the name Remus for several reasons. A man named Remus is one of the founders of Rome. and since I am half Italian, I thought that this was a very interesting fact. I wanted the name for a wolf pup to really mean something so I thought this name was perfect. There is also a Harry Potter character named Remus and I am obsessed with Harry Potter. The reason I chose the name Remus is because Remus Lupin is a werewolf with many wolf like qualities.

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Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Juli C. (& Charles S.) 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Kitchi
ESSAY:	We think that a wolf pup should be named Kitchi because in Algonquin (a Native American language) <i>Kitchi</i> means "Brave." Having a name that means brave is honorable for a wolf and we think that this name will make this wolf all the more brave. Wolves are a bit skittish and we think that bravery is a good quality for any wolf to have. This name says to people that wolves can be brave creatures. Plus Kitchi is a really beautiful name and came from a Native American language that was here before so many things, just like the wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Charles S. (& Juli C.) 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Kitchi
ESSAY:	We think Kitchi should be a wolf pup's name because it means "brave" in Algonquin which is a Native American language. Wolves are usually thought of as brave creatures. Wolves need to be brave to survive natural and human-caused problems like deforestation or natural disasters. We think that just having a name that means brave will make this wolf pup all the more brave. This name should show people how they shouldn't be afraid of wolves. The name Kitchi doesn't mean scary, it means brave.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ella H. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Tundra
ESSAY:	Tundra is a good name for a Mexican Gray Wolf because it is part of their habitat. Tundras are full of different plants, food, and water, which help them survive in the wild. Tundra sounds like a word that could be used to describe a Mexican Gray Wolf's life because of all of the living things that are in the forest with them that are fighting for survival. Tundra also sounds like a name that would be given to a female instead of a male wolf. Tundra is a great name for a Mexican Gray Wolf, and might even be good enough to be given to one of the wolf pups that are soon to be born.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Kayhaan M. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Tallulah
ESSAY:	I chose the name Tallulah for the Wolf Pup Naming Contest. One of the reasons I chose Tallulah is because it means "leaping water." This name originates from the Native American tribe, Choctaw. Another reason I chose this name is that it sounds very sweet. I think that the name should be nice and cuddly so people adore the pup more so that it can live a happy life in the wild. This name is a nature name and I absolutely love nature names. Also, another reason I chose this nature name is that Mexican Gray Wolves prefer (due to Defenders of Wildlife) mountain forests, scrublands, and grasslands. Those are the reasons I chose Tallulah for the Wolf Pup Naming Contest.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Isabella T. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Nakawé
ESSAY:	I chose the name Nakawé because it means "the owner of stars and water." Stars light up the night sky which is the time wolves are out at night. It is an indigenous Mexican name. I thought that using an indigenous name would make it seem more natural and be more respectful sounding to that culture and the values that they withstand. Water is what every living being on earth needs to survive.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sophia Z. 6A
Wolf Pup Name:	Gracie
ESSAY:	I choose the name Gracie because it means <i>beauty</i> and <i>kindness</i> . To me Gracie is a calm and not too overpowering of a name. It's the perfect name for a little wolf pup. The name Gracie was used along time ago and it's still used today. The people that used this name where the Puritans in the 17th century and they used it because they thought it was God's affection towards mankind. Wolf's are beautiful creatures and I think that the wolf pup that gets this name is going to be a strong and powerful wolf. This is why I choose the name Gracie.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sierra A. and Roland G. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Mowgli (male or female either works :)
ESSAY:	We would like to name a wolf pup Mowgli because in the movie <i>The Jungle Book</i> , Mowgli is a fearless, determined boy who was raised by wolves in the jungle. Mowgli is considered part of the pack because he has helped the wolves through many hard times and protected them from predators. Mowgli has come to understand the way of the wolves and their calls; he helps alert to prey or to danger. The pack has been hunted by Sher Khan, they have been decreasing in size ever since. Mowgli can run insanely fast clocking in at about twenty five mph, with wolves at about thirty seven. Mowgli is intelligent and good at figuring things out on his own.The emotional attachment between Mowgli and the rest of the pack is very strong. Wolves are courageous and so is Mowgli, this is why we think a wolf is worthy of this name.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ainsley C. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Koda
ESSAY:	For the Mexican gray wolf naming contest I chose the name Koda. I chose this name because in the Native American language it means the "ally" or "friend." This word originally comes from the Dakota Native American tribe. I used this name in a summer camp before and it always stuck with me. This is also a good name because since we declined their population and hunted them we have to remember that they are our friend, our ally, our <i>koda</i> .

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Alana C. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Thorn
ESSAY:	Every thorn has its rose. The numbers of these magnificent creatures are extremely low because we as humans saw them only for their flaws, their thorns. But we need to see the flower hidden in their souls, the lush life force they spread across the land. People have come to the conclusion that the world is made of balance. These wolves bring balance and meaning as much as we do. Balance is reflected in the rose itself. It's bitter beauty is displayed as a form of love and appreciation. That is what we need to give to these animals.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Miranda H. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Tierra De Lobos
ESSAY:	I chose this name because 'Tierra De Lobos' means "land of wolves" in Spanish, which symbolizes that where they are is their land, and no one can take that away. Also, it is saying that the little land where they roam belongs to them, and will continue to grow in the coming years. It highlights their Mexican heritage by having a name all in Spanish.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Julian L. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Sage
ESSAY:	I was asked to choose a wolf pup name. The one I chose was Sage. I chose this name, because the Sagebrush plant is a very common plant in the Southwest. For example, as Jay Gauna of USDA says, "Sagebrush is an emblem of the mountain West. It's gray leaves and pale yellow inflorescences inspire differing emotions in different people, or even the same people at different times." I think this name should be given to a more sensitive individual of the pack. Now you know why I chose Sage for a wolf pup name.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Mattie L. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Juniper
ESSAY:	Juniper is a fitting name for a Mexican Grey Wolf. Juniper is a rare name, and Mexican Grey Wolves are very, very rare. The name Juniper is gender neutral, so it doesn't matter if the wolf pup is male or female. Juniper bushes start out small, but in a short time with the right nutrition they will begin to grow and fill out, just like Mexican Grey Wolves. Also, Juniper bushes grow and thrive at a higher elevation, just like Mexican Grey Wolves. In Latin, the name Juniper is a combination of the words junio and parere, which mean <i>young</i> and <i>to produce</i> , respectively. Therefore, the name Juniper means youth producing. This name will fit a Mexican Grey Wolf pup perfectly, and will describe the youthfulness that the pup will bring to its pack.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Carmen M. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Piñon
ESSAY:	Piñon is a good name because it is New Mexico's state tree, also since the Mexican gray wolf likes to live in the mountain woodlands. There are probably a lot of Piñon trees up in the mountain woodlands. The name Piñon does not have gender so the name can be given to a boy or a girl wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Mason N. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Vanilla
ESSAY:	Vanilla would be a great name for a Mexican Grey Wolf because the color of Mexican Grey Wolves are not always entirely grey (ironic huh!) they are usually look more like vanilla ice cream. This would be a good name for a female wolf pup because mother wolves are sweet just like vanilla. Also, vanilla is just like a wolf pup because vanilla starts out as just a bean on a tree and becomes something great like ice cream, yogurt, or an extract. Just like how the baby wolf pup will grow up to be a mother wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Walker O. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Valiente
ESSAY:	The name I want to use to name a Mexican wolf pup is Valiente. I am naming my wolf this because of the meaning which means "brave." I like this definition because it shows us that we need another brave wolf to go into the world and survive. Not just for the wolf itself but for the whole species. The species had a near extinction time so Valiente wolves will survive and keep the species alive. Like they did in the past but with the help of others, AKA humans. So when Humans are not there to help them the brave wolf must lead the group. I put it in Spanish because that is a language that a lot of people use around that area. This is different than bravery because this is just talking about something that you will always have, not just an act here and there which is the definition of bravery. Brave is the name I entered, in other words Valiente. I hope you consider this name, thank you and good bye.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Nara P. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Cazador
ESSAY:	The name I chose is "Cazador", which means <i>Hunter</i> in Spanish. I chose this name because wolves hunt prey animals such as elk, rabbits, mule deer, javelina, white-tailed deer, and many other small animals. However, wolves never kill for sport. They only hunt and kill what they need to feed themselves and their pack. Although often they seem to abandon the carcass of the animal they just killed, the truth is, they return to the same carcass over and over again until they have finished the entire thing. Even if they do leave leftovers, other animals such as vultures, crows, foxes, coyotes, and ravens benefit from them. Extra meal! I also chose this name because from the 1870's through the 1930's, wolves were very heavily hunted to the near point of extinction, until they were reintroduced into the wild in 1980's. They were hunted for many reasons; during this time period according to popular belief, wolves were considered to be a danger to humans, when in truth, they weren't. Wolves are actually more afraid of us than we are of them, so they try to limit contact with us as much as possible. Incidents where wolves have harmed or killed humans have happened, but they are very rare. In the past 100 years, there have only been two recorded incidents involving wolves. That is why I believe that the name Cazador is a good name for a wolf pup.

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Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Austin P. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Hunter
ESSAY:	I choses Hunter because wolves have to hunt in order to survive. Also they live in a place that has a lot of animals. And they hunt a lot of different species of animals. They don't kill for sport but they do surplus killing. And they need to hunt to feed the pups when they are hungry.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Macy K. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Hunter
ESSAY:	I named my pup hunter because I learned that the Mexican grey wolf is an excellent hunter and they can hunt for crabs and track down their prey with a whiff with their nose.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Andrew R. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Athena
ESSAY:	My wolf pup name is Athena. Why did I choose that? The answer is I studied and figured out different wolf pack hunting patterns. Athena is the Greek God of Strategy. She is more cautious and lies in wait for the supreme moment to strike, like wolves. Wolves are genius at hunting using different patterns to hunt food for the pack. In the wild, wolves have adapted to hunting different animals, so every animal they hunt has been given a specific way to hunt them. Wolves are very intelligent animals, knowing exactly when and where to hunt in strategic patterns to kill those animals. This is why I think the wolf pup should be named after the god of strategy, Athena!

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Rea S. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Clark
ESSAY:	I would name a wolf pup Clark because in 1998 the US Fish & Wildlife Service led by Jamie Rappaport Clark, released 11 mexican gray wolves back into the wild of Arizona. Clark was Jamie's last name and he was very important to the wolf society because he released a lot of wolves into the wild that made a difference in the population. Clark is a good name for a wolf because when I think of the name Clark I can see a wolf. I would like the wolf to be a male with this name. Clark sounds like a strong name and wolves are strong and protect their pack.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Max Y. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Aspen
ESSAY:	I chose the name Aspen because the Aspen tree is very unique like the Mexican grey wolf. A lot of people think Aspen trees are usually dismissed and are taken for granted, but they are a very unique tree and are very different from other trees. The Mexican grey wolf is also dismissed as just another species of the basic wolf. The species is actually a survivor of a lot and is almost extinct but it has continued to fight. These are the reasons for the name I have chosen.

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Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Kate H. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Luna
ESSAY:	Luna is an appropriate name for many astonishing reasons. <i>Luna</i> in Spanish means "moon." Wolves don't howl at the moon, but they actually howl to communicate. They mostly howl at night because they are nocturnal and they howl toward the moon because it provides more light for navigating in the dark. Howling is the most direct way of communicating across long distances, and is especially important in areas where wolf territories are vast. A howl can communicate things like a wolf's location, warnings about predators, and the position of prey. "Wolves howl at the moon," is surprisingly a myth; they don't howl at the moon because that would waste time and energy.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Isabel R. 6B
Wolf Pup Name:	Luna
ESSAY:	The name that I am proposing is Luna. I like the name Luna for many reasons. First, The Super Blood Wolf Moon happened on Jan. 20, 2019 and was very beautiful and unique, just like each wolf. The Super Blood Wolf Moon has to do with the name Luna because Luna means "moon" in Spanish. The name Luna would be perfect because it would be a reminder of the moon, and the rare beautiful Super Blood Wolf Moon that happened in 2019, the same year the same year "Luna" was born. Next, wolves are known to howl at the moon or la luna. Another reason is the name Luna sounds very graceful, like wolves. Lastly, I feel like the name Luna sounds very nice. Loving Unique Nimble Admirable

Team Member	Elise A.
Name(s) & Section:	6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Luna

ESSAY:	Luna is an Italian and Spanish given name of Latin origin meaning "moon." So the reason I chose Luna because I thought the myth that I learned: Wolves howl at the moon is a very common myth. They have pictures of wolves howling when it is a full moon and but that's just a myth. Wolves have a special way to communicate with howling and have different tones to communicate. So that's why I chose the name
	Luna.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Avery A. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Estrella
ESSAY:	In Spanish <i>Estrella</i> means "Star." I think that Estrella is a good name because I heard that Mexican gray wolves howl in the starry night. I also think it is a good name because I feel like Estrella would be a good name for a Mexican gray wolf. I picked the name Estrella because some Mexican gray wolves have a spotted back and it looks like a starry night. Estrella is also a good name because Mexican grey wolves are beautiful and so are stars (Estrellas). Thank you all for reading my essay!

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ada K. and Hazel W. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Lucero
ESSAY:	We chose the name Lucero because it means "bright star" in Spanish. Lucero represents a Mexican Grey Wolf because they are extremely endangered, but they keep living and they stay strong. Just like a star shining bright when there are no other stars. In 1998 eleven Mexican Grey Wolves were released into the wild. They have been slowly recovering and in 2017 there were one hundred and fourteen. The wolf populations are still terribly low, but they are recovering. Wolves are needed to help keep Deer, Elk, and Javelina populations healthy. They will eat the old and sick animals in the pack and it will prevent overgrazing. Mexican Gray wolves are strong and hunt over and over again even though they catch things only 14% of the time. They always keep going no matter what. That is why we chose Lucero as a name for a Mexican Grey wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Tony E. and Trosper K. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Totoro
ESSAY:	We chose the name Totoro because <i>Totoro</i> is a forest god, and wolves live in the forest and survive in the forest. We think this name would work well and it is our favorite movie. In the forest, the wolf is an important part of the ecosystem and controlling the population. Totoro is also important in the movie. That's why we think that Totoro is a good name for a wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Tatum L. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Thunder
ESSAY:	I am naming the wolf pup Thunder, because Mexican Grey Wolves are grey like a thundercloud. The name Thunder would be a bold name choice for a boy or a girl and would also be a good name for a strong pack leader. Another reason why I chose Thunder was that Thunder makes noise just like wolfs howl. A wolves howl is long and loud almost exactly like a thunder cloud which is why I think Thunder is such an amazing name for a wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ruby M. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Yuma
ESSAY:	I chose the name Yuma (Y-oo-m-uh) because it means "song of the chief" in the Navajo language. Yuma would be a good name for a wolf pup because they howl and that's kinda like a song. Wolves are also the apex predator so they could be considered a chief of a tribe or in their case a pack. Wolves are strong and brave but they also are kind and gentle, these are some of the qualities of a chief. That is why I think Yuma is a good name for a wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Abigail O. and Maddie N. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Saturn
ESAY:	Saturn is what people called the Greek god of agriculture and liberation. And we think that is a perfect name for a majestic wolf, so we propose the name Saturn for a Mexican Gray Wolf in the contest. We believe this name would fit a wild wolf. You can see Saturn with a naked eye just like you could see a wild Mexican Gray Wolf in New Mexico, Arizona, or Mexico. Mexican Gray Wolves are not only gray they have a variety of colors just like Saturn. This is why Saturn is a great name for a Mexican Gray Wolf. In conclusion Saturn would be a majestic, beautiful name for a Mexican Gray Wolf.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Steven S. and Max R. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Ponderoso
ESSAY:	Ponderoso is a good name for a wolf pup for many reasons. One reason is that <i>poderoso</i> means "powerful" in Spanish. Mexican grey wolves are powerful because they survived even though they were at the brink of extinction in the early 1900's. Second is that they are a predator and are high in the food chain. Third wolves have a very strong bite force force of 1,200 lbs. In the end Ponderoso describes the wolf as the powerful and growing.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Reid M. and Sophia S. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Cassity
ESSAY:	We decided to use the name Cassity, because the Mexican grey wolves scientific name is <i>Canis lupus baileyi</i> . We also went for a more unusual spelling because we figured that would make it stand out a bit and that it would be harder to forget how to spell it. We couldn't use any name like Baily or Lupin because they already named other wolf pups things similar to that. This is a good and reasonable name, because it relates back to the scientific name, but is not so similar that the resemblance will be immediately traced back. And that is our proposal why we want to name a wolf pup Cassity. Please take our recommendation into consideration for this new wolf pup.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Maddie T. 6D
Wolf Pup Name:	Terra
ESSAY:	Terra for the land Mexican Gray Wolves have walked on for thousands of years. The land that guides packs of Mexican Gray Wolves through the long, hot days and the dark, starry nights. The land that has provided water and prey for their hungry stomachs. The land of the Southwest that has given shelter to the black, gray and cream colored fur that glimmers on every Mexican Gray Wolves body. The land that Mexican Gray Wolves have run 35 miles per hour on. Terra should be a name for a Mexican Gray Wolf pup because it is a name of appreciation towards the land that has and will be there to guide, feed and shelter Mexican Gray Wolves.