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Welcome

Dear Readers:

This week, the Gazette turns over its pages to the youth and students.

We asked principals and teachers from area schools to encourage students to contribute their words, pictures and photos for our annual Children's Issue.

The response as always was enormous. While we were unable to publish every piece we received, we did our best to put together a paper with a fair sampling of the submitted stories, poems, drawings, paintings, photographs and other works of art.

We appreciate the extra effort made by school staff to gather the materials during their busy time leading up to the holidays. We'd also like to encourage both schools and parents to mark their 2011 calendars for early December, the deadline for submissions for next year's Children's Gazette. Please keep us in mind as your children continue to create spectacular works of art and inspiring pieces of writing in the coming year.

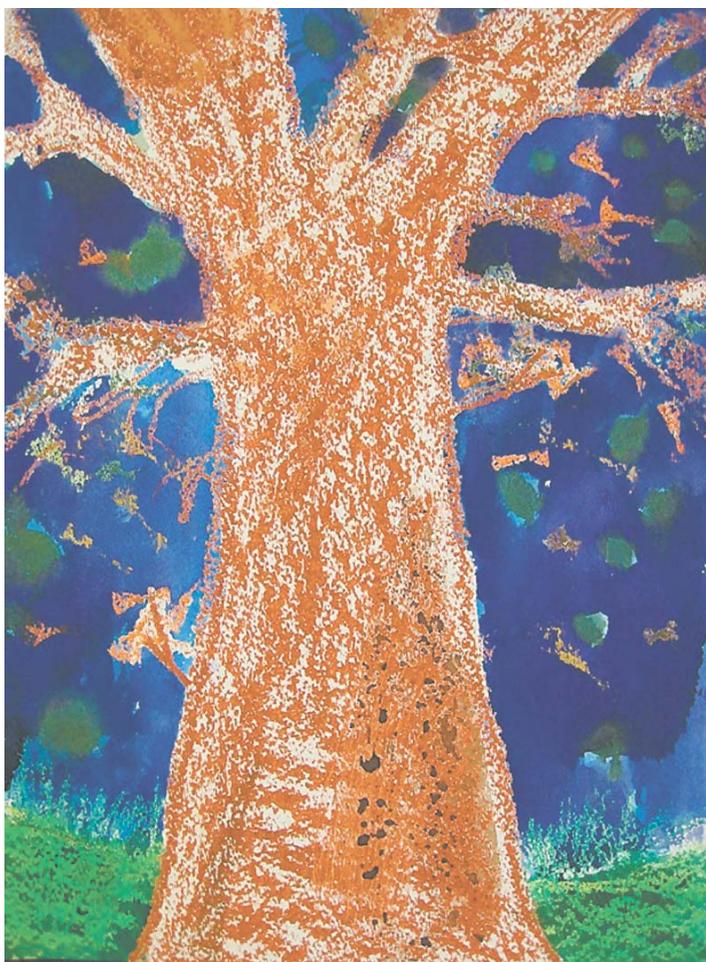
The children's issue is only a part of our year-round commitment to cover education and our local schools. As always, the Gazette welcomes letters to the editor, story ideas, calendar listings and notices of local events from our readers. Photos and other submissions about special events at schools are especially welcome for our weekly schools pages.

Our preferred method for material is e-mail, which should be sent to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com, but you can reach us by mail at 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or call 703-778-9415 with any questions.

— EDITOR STEVEN MAUREN



Leah Argot,
6th grade,
Belle View ES



Martin Espinola,
1st grade,
Fort Hunt ES



Katherine Reyes,
2nd grade,
Mount Vernon
Woods ES

POEMS

Hot Chocolate

Chocolate
Swirly, warm
Good, tasty, hot
Kids, drinking, happy, and more
Fun, sticky, creamy
Sweet, messy
Cocoa

— **Christina Ha,** 3rd grade, Woodlawn ES

All about Seasons

In Fall

In Fall leaves turn colors to yellow, red, brown, and orange. People rake up the leaves.

Winter

It snows in the winter. People throw snowballs!

Spring

In the spring flowers grow.

Summer

In summer we go to the beach.

— **Damien Trevino,** 1st grade, Woodlawn ES

My Heroes

My parents are my heroes. They are my heroes because they protect me and they love me. I am spoiled and I like it. My parents really don't have to do spoil me because they give me stuff that I don't need. I have a lot of video games but I really just need shelter, food, and water.

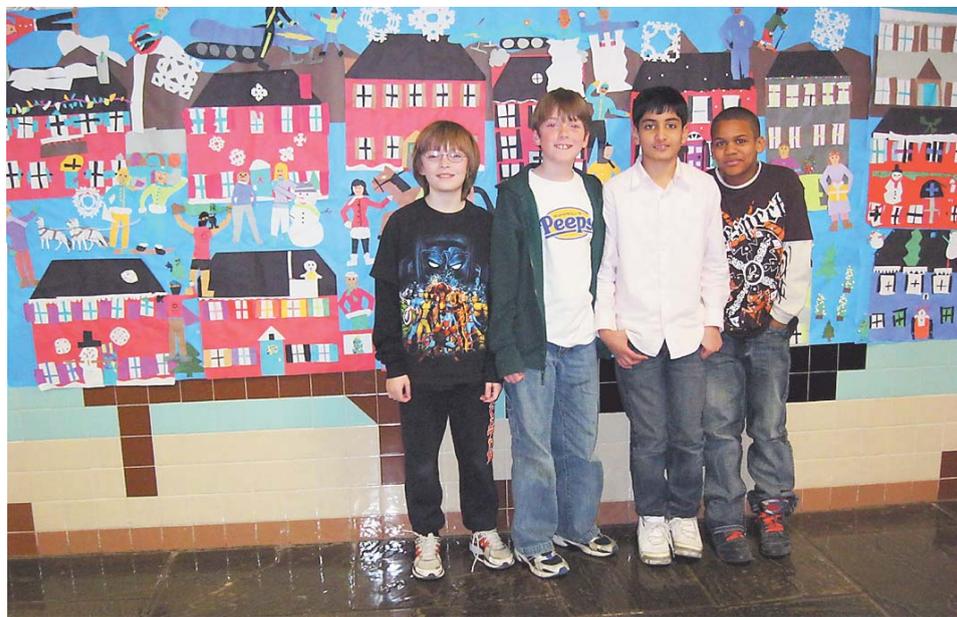
I respect my parents and love them so much. My brother loves them too. Don't you know he's kind of bad? He is spoiled too but still thinks my parents are heroes!

I am my parents' hero because I do the same thing. I love them and will never let go of them. So heroes are excellent to be and my parents will always be heroes.

— **Darius Saldana,** 3rd grade, Woodlawn ES

WORDS & PICTURES

Snoopy by Emma Klein, 6th grade, Stratford Landing ES



Winter mural created by Stratford Landing ES 4th and 5th Grade Students — Gabriel, Julian, Hassan, and Avery.



"Snowman Weaving" by Ellen Fontanella, 2nd grade, Stratford Landing ES



"Reindeer Portrait," Student Shannon Artman, 1st grade, Stratford Landing ES



"Reindeer Portraits" by Mrs. Dittman's 1st grade class, Stratford Landing ES

WRITINGS

Apples

By Fiona Cather, 5th Grade, Woodley Hills ES

An apple is an amazing fruit. They come in many different and beautiful colors. Most apples feel the same but it is still a shocking touch. Each apple has a wonderful taste that will blow you away.

Apples are one of the best looking fruit in the world. They are all heart shaped and the bumps on the bottom help it stand up straight. When you look at them their

skin is so glossy and shiny it seems to glow. Their beautiful colors are also what makes them look so good. Red, yellow, green and gold are just some of their amazing colors.

The way apples feel is another great characteristic of apples. On the outside an apple is as smooth as a desk. When you cut open an apple the inside feels soft and wet. In the middle about five small black seeds lay in a star shaped formation. Though small the seeds feel hard as rock.

Even though they feel and look great an apple's taste is best of all. Most apples have a sweet and crispy taste. There is one apple

called the sour apple that will make you pucker. An apple is always juicy inside and out. When you bite into an apple be careful or you will be covered in a sticky mess!

If you do not like one type of apple try another. They are one of the best fruits ever. My family and I love apples. We would be living in a tasteless world without apples.

Sorrow and Pain

By Malcolm Porterfield, 5th Grade, Woodley Hills ES

It was a late afternoon Friday. I was trudging home from school. I opened the door and closed it. I went to see if my mom was okay because she has cancer. My mom was beautiful, intelligent, humorous, strong, brave, and hard working. She had brown-blackish hair, brown glittering eyes and she was wearing her blue night gown.

I opened my mom's door and I saw that my whole family was there. Grandma, Grandpa, sister Crystal, Nay and espe

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DRAWINGS



"I am playing outside in the backyard."
Sofia Pereira, 5, Kindergarten, Hollin Meadows ES



"I am playing with my dog and it is running after butterflies and giving me flowers."
Niya Gantt-Carter, 6, Kindergarten, Hollin Meadows ES



"I am jumping in the snow."
Yamilieth Bermudez-Escobar, Hollin Meadows ES



"I am collecting acorns in my plastic bag outside."
Natalie Goel, Hollin Meadows ES



"I am sliding down a hill."
Rylie Finnegan, Hollin Meadows ES



"I am sledding near a river."
Wyatt Burkhardt, Hollin Meadows ES

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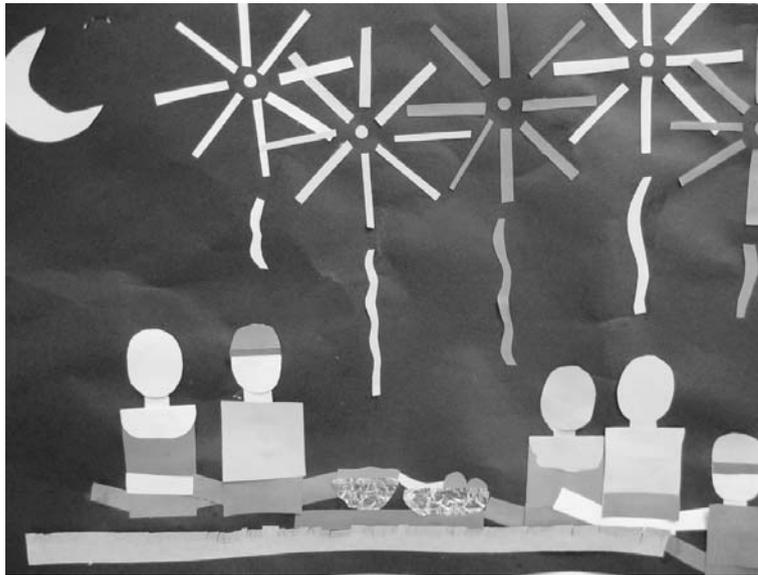
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Duaa Khan, Woodlawn ES, Grade 6



George Joshua, Woodlawn ES, grade 3



Leyla Turner, Woodlawn ES, Kindergarten



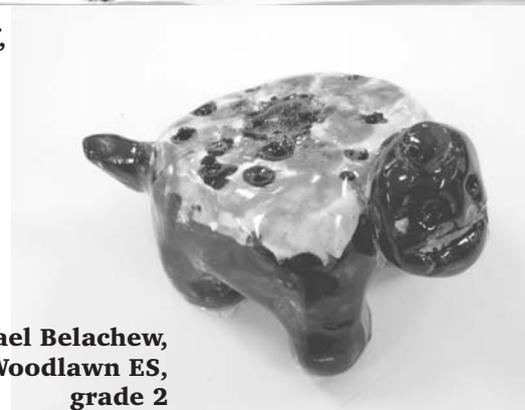
Veronica Flores, Woodlawn ES, grade 6



Leyla Lopez, Woodlawn ES, Grade 3



Madison Bartholf, Woodlawn ES, grade 1



Nathnael Belachew, Woodlawn ES, grade 2

Snow Land

One day I woke up and I looked out the window it was super snowy! Then my brother woke up and said, "Wow!" So did I. After breakfast my brother asked my mom if we could play in the snow. My mom said yes but after lunch. So we finished our lunch and went outside. My brother and I rolled up some snowballs. I made a big ball, my brother made the small ball. We put them together to make a snowman. We made 4 snowmen. Then we used sticks to make houses on the ground. It was where the snowmen lived. We also made snow angels, and drew a car, an airplane, and a train in the snow. We also put our hand in the snow and we put our names because we were the creators.

By Roberto Pacheco,
2nd grade,
Mount Vernon Woods ES

Get Ready for ... Winter

Have you ever jumped out of bed and looked out the window and seen snow falling on the ground? You want to go outside to play, but you don't know how to get ready to go outside. Just read the rest of this story to find out...

What to Wear in Winter

In the winter you wear lots of stuff to keep warm. In the very, very inside you wear a short sleeve. Then you wear a long sleeve. Next you wear a jacket. Then you wear a scarf. Then you wear a hat. On the bottom your wear pants. The last thing is to wear an extra pair of pants to stay really warm.

What do to when it's Winter

Now you know how to keep warm and on this page you are going to learn about what to do in winter. You guys out there reading this you could do a lot of stuff in the winter to play and have fun! You can build a snowman, and if you do build a snowman make sure you make the eyes with raisins, the nose with a carrot, the mouth with raisins, the arms with sticks, and the buttons with buttons. You can make snow angels too, and you could make a snow salad and pretend you are eating it. Then most fun of all is to build a snow playhouse. If you don't want to go outside you could stay inside too. You could drink hot cocoa, watch T.V, and eat a good meal.

By Areerat Kitijarurat,
2nd grade,
Mount Vernon Woods ES

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SHOES



Bad Day

One sunny day, sunrays gleamed down on a horrible messed up pair of shoes. They were so ugly they made a rainy day look good. It seemed that the shoes were used for plenty of activities. They were ripped from the inside. I think it is unlikely for shoes to be ripped but then again they might have been used for another bad reason.

One day Alex went to the store to get a new pair of shoes. When he turned around there were a pair of shoes in front of his face. He knew they were the

ones for him. He bought them. So he wore them everywhere at school, store, funeral. After school on a Tuesday he forgot that Michael's dog comes out and bites people he sees. So then the dog springs out of the fence and attacks the shoes. They are all ripped and have slobber on them. When he got home his mother asked how was your day and he said bad.

— **Larry Almdarez**, 6th Grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES

The Hideous Shoes

One day, Junior was school shopping for his brand new shoes. He was at the mall and spotted a pair of brand new radiant shoes. He decided to buy them. His mom specifically told Junior to not wear them until the first day of school and he promised.

One sultry afternoon, Junior invited some of his friends to skateboard. His friends arrived and his mom went shopping for groceries.

Since Junior's mom wasn't home, he decided to wear his brand new shoes and then he went to skateboard with his friends.

While junior was skateboarding, he accidentally dipped his shoes into dry mud but he didn't notice. When all his friends heard the ice cream truck, they all went racing to get some, and while he was eating it, it was also melting and it dripped on his shoes, but still Junior didn't notice.

Finally Junior went back to skateboarding. He fell and scraped his knee and his shoelaces on the top were wearing out. He looked at his new shoes to see if they still looked brand new and he burst in tears and yelled, "What is my mom going to say!?" And when his mom came back from shopping, he confessed to her and she said, "Sorry but you're going to have to go to school like this," and he did.

The shoes were hideous and repulsive. Junior learned his lesson and made sure to never do it again, even though he was outraged.

— **Cindy Sanchez**, 6th Grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



A Crazy Night Out

Every shoe has once had a story. We all ask for its beauty, its pleasure or just its foxy style. But this shoe has a special story.

It was a sunny day at June Bug high. All the students were doing their usual school activities, except four girls named Jasmine, Samantha, Tracy and Libby.

They were talking about a girls night out at the Maryland Mall. The night to be was December 15, 1940. When the night finally arrived, the girls were all rushing over to Jasmine's house. When they got to her house, they saw Jasmine rushing around the house yelling, "I can't find my shoes."

Libby said, "Why don't you use your mom's shoes, I don't think she will mind." So she rushed to her mom's room and she opened her mom's closet then she saw mountains of shoes. It didn't take long for her to find the right pair of shoes. Her shoes were red with little snowflakes on them. The shoes matched her red dress.

So off they went to the Maryland Mall. When they got to the mall, they hit 22 stores in 20 minutes flat! When they were about to hit the next store, they heard a large crack. Everybody slowly looked at Jasmine. She looked shorter. They slowly observed her. When they saw what was wrong they all gasped and yelled, "What are we going to do!" Then Libby said, "My mom's friend is a cobbler."

So they rushed to the cobbler's house and when they got to the house they knocked on the door and a nice man answered, "How may I help you girls?" May you help us, we have a broken heel. Sure said the old man. After he was done the girls thanked him. As they left they rushed home to put back the broken shoe. When they got home they were lucky her mom wasn't home. The she put the repaired shoes back in the closet and sat down to watch a movie. When she sat down, her mom walked straight to her room and fell asleep. Then the girls started to giggle, then they started to watch a movie.

The End

— **Area Rheams & Lidia Medrano Villalobos**, 6th Grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



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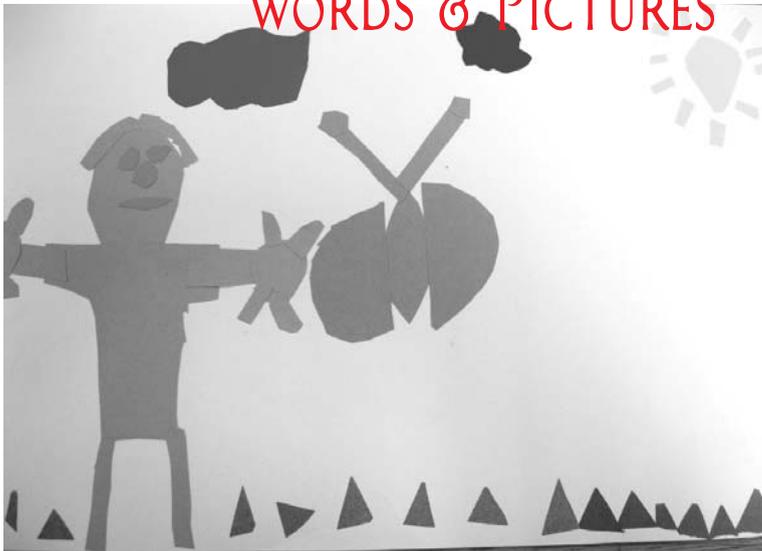
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WRITINGS

Pearl Harbor

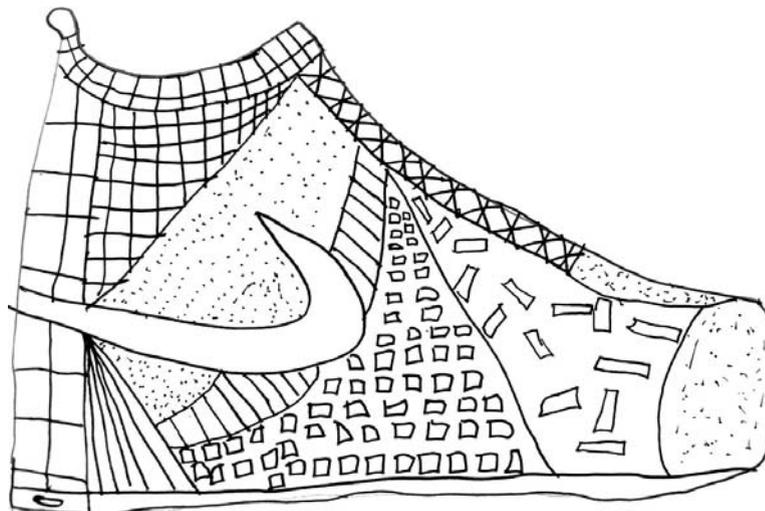
When I lived in Hawaii I went to Pearl Harbor with my grandparents. We went to see the U.S.S. Arizona memorial. The U.S.S. Arizona is one of the most famous ships in Pearl Harbor. When we went to see the U.S.S. Arizona memorial it was sad because a lot of people died. I got to throw flower petals where the ship sank. There were fish swimming all around it. Part of the ship is out of the water.

At another part of Pearl Harbor they have a submarine that you can go inside of. It is small—only about two people can fit inside of the kitchen at one time. The rooms are really small and the beds are only about a foot wide. After that we went to get something to eat and we went home.

— **Keagan Turner,**
Woodlawn ES



John Rey Tangaron, 4th grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



Johnie Martinez, 5th grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



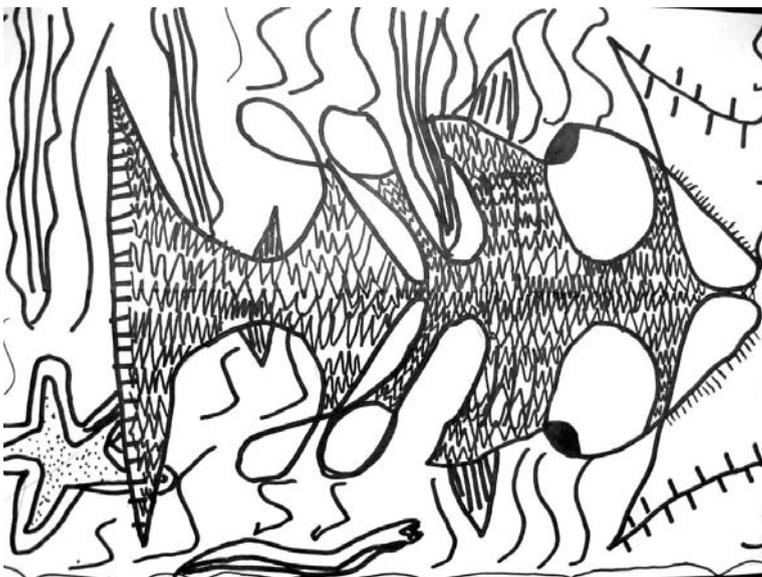
Julia Barua, 3rd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES

My Two Twin Kittens

I have twin kittens. Their names are Moon and Star because one has a moon shape on her tail and the other has a star on her stomach. My mom loves them, but I love them more. Do you want to know where I got them? Well I got them in the Virginia state shelter. I got them for free because the kittens were not going to survive if they were stuck in there. So now they're happy and big. They are one year old and are going to turn two this year.

The end

— **Cindy Granados,**
Woodlawn ES



Jorge Miranda Perez, 6th grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



Justin Rey Tangaron, 2nd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES

My Fishing Trip

In Alabama, when we went fishing, my sister caught an eel. She got scared and my brother and I got scared too, but my mom and sister were scared the most. My dad was laughing really hard. It looked like my sister was about to scream, "What is that!" I was the first to calm down, then my brothers, then my sister and mom. By the time we all calmed down, we all felt goofy to be scared of an eel.

After my dad let it go, I was trying to catch the eel that my sister got scared of because it wasn't far and I wanted to make my sister freak out. My mom told me to stop because she was still a little scared.

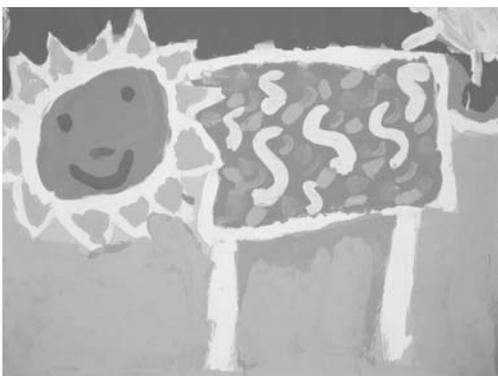
— **Jaden Maturey,**
Woodlawn ES

The Snowman

The snowman stands strong, tall
It's amazing he was once a small snowball

He is happy, the children love him
Until...
A sunny day
The ground beneath him melts away
He gets smaller, and smaller
And then he is gone
But not for long...
Another snowy day,
He is stronger and bigger
He is happy again
Until another sunny day
When he will melt away
But don't worry
He will be back next winter

— **Abby Mills,**
5th grade,
Home Schooled



Neha Farooqi, 2nd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



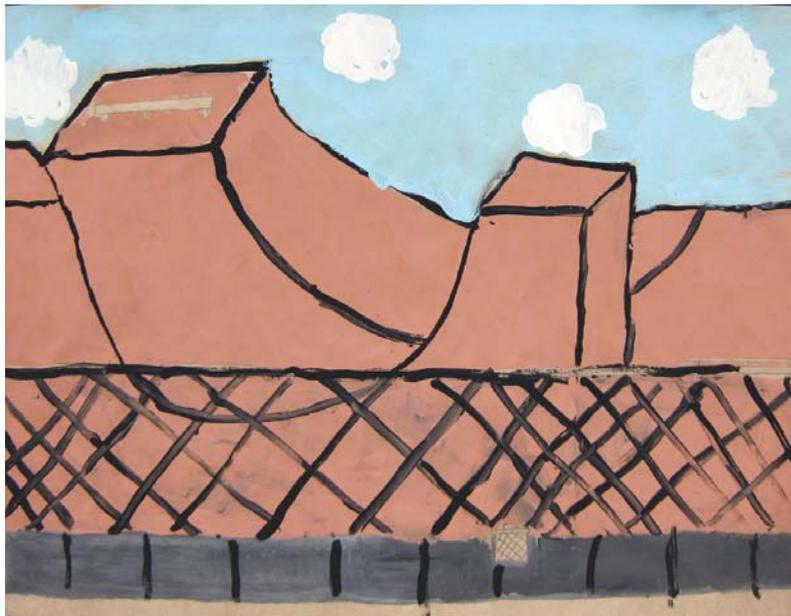
Markell Jackson, 2nd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



Ricardo Reyes, 5th grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES

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Hunter Baldwin,
6th grade,
Belle View
ES



Sarah Hoback,
6th grade,
Belle View
ES

WRITINGS

FROM PAGE 6

Animals to Hunt

There are many animals to hunt in the woods. There are a thousand animals but they are very smart! Animals are special in the way they are. Did you know that we eat animals and they eat us? It is very exciting for a hunter when they get to kill a real animal. Animals have to be chased and that is like a video game. How would you feel? I would feel good if hunting were really like a video game. Hunting is not for people

under 7 years old, but bigger people than that could go and have some fun. Some people like hunting, but it is also dangerous too. There are many, many things to hunt in the woods. Even in China hunting is very fun for most people. I'm not joking.

By Yeymi Portillo Guevara,
2nd Grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES

My Aunt's Graduation

Me and my mom and some of my aunts and uncles went to my aunt's graduation.

She was graduating from Strayer University. It felt like 2 hours or 3 when we got there. Also when I got there, coming out of the hotel were my cousins — their names are Matt and Mack — and right behind them my aunt, her name is Lisa. And on the way we got lost because we had two directions and we made the wrong turn. We asked a woman for directions so we took them. Then we got lost again.

By Kayla Grutierrez,
3rd Grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES

My Vacation

Me and my mom and brother went on a vacation. We went to New York where I was born. There's a lot to do. You could shop at the mall and stores. There are a lot of people because it is a big city. My mom had a job there. My family is in New York I miss New York. I went to the beach with my family. My vacation was the best!

By Jennifer Rubio Romero,
3rd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



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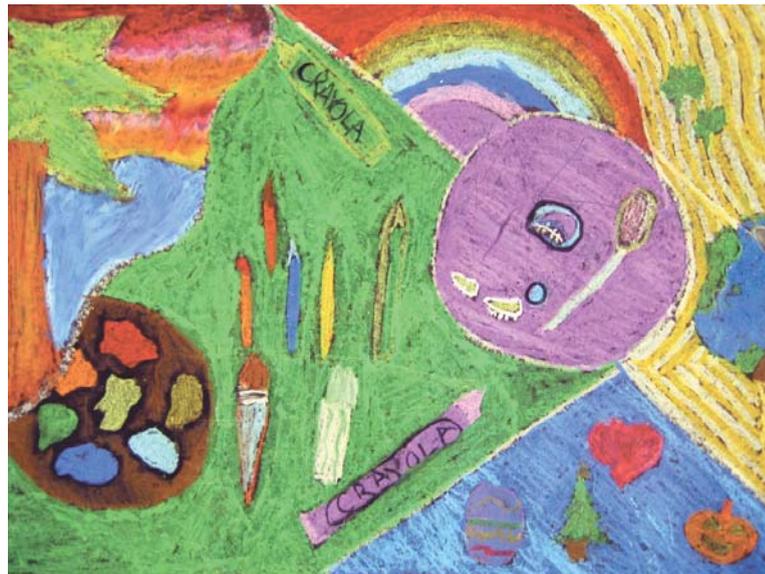
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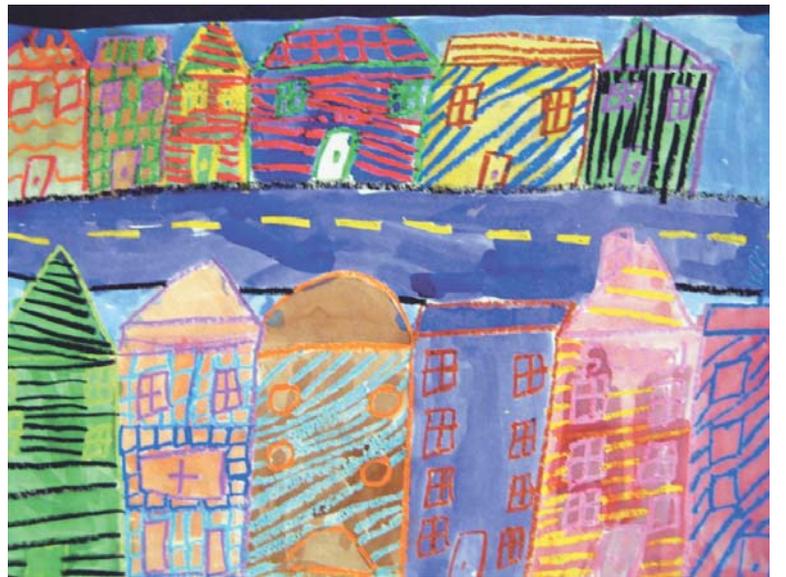
Camryn Scott, 4th grade, Fort Hunt ES



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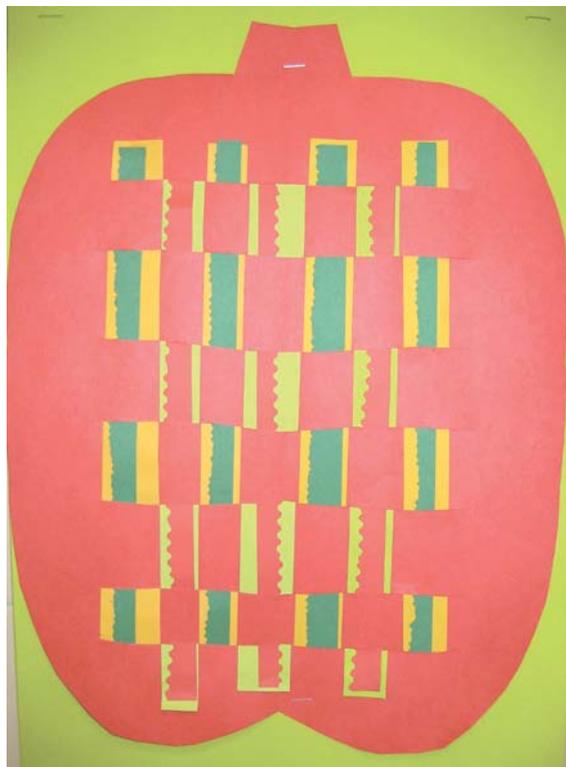
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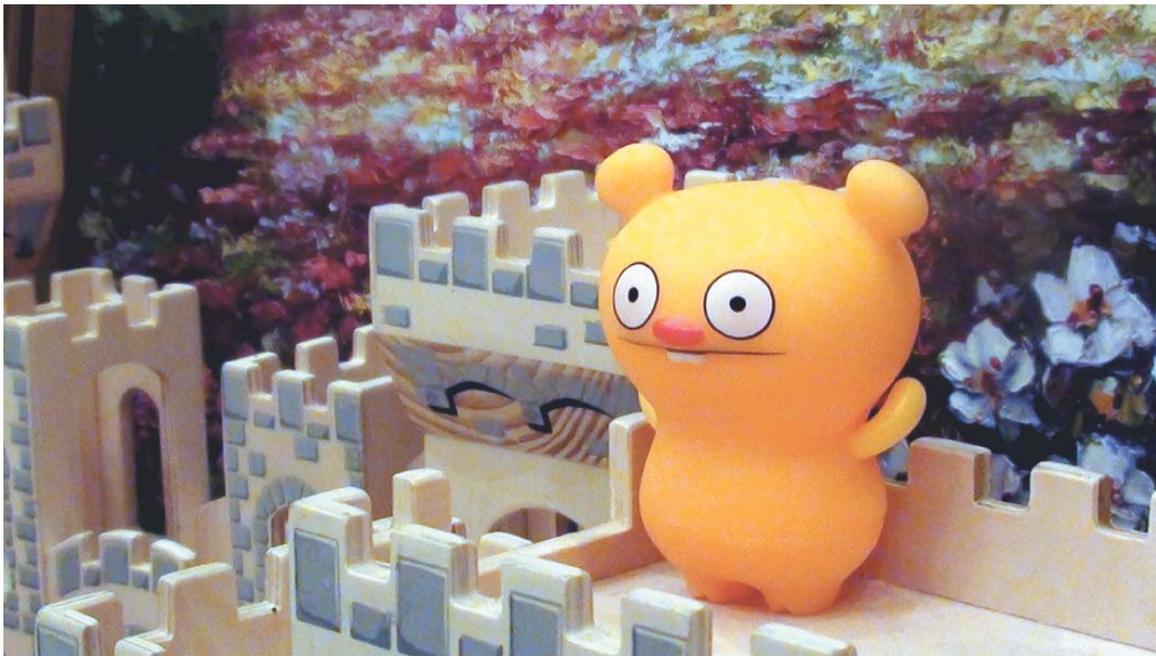


Jillian Ward, 1st grade, Fort Hunt ES



John Dinkle, 2nd grade, Fort Hunt ES

WORDS & PICTURES



Cartoon Sentinel 1 by Thomas Bruno, 3rd grade, Waynewood ES. It's part of his photography for his stop-motion videos.

Why Do Volcanoes Explode?

BY ZACHARY COHN, 2ND GRADE, WAYNEWOOD ES

Most people think lava comes up through the Earth and breaks the mountain top but you're wrong. A beast called Satra, a fire breathing beast, will shoot a massive thing of fire when they are born. They are born in volcanoes and will destroy the top of the mountain. They are able to turn invisible.

They can fly up to 25 miles an hour. They have very sharp teeth. Only three have been discovered in three different countries in the 4.7 billion years that the Earth has existed. The countries are Africa, Hawaii and Alexandria, Virginia. They have gotten a picture but it's not good. All they get is it's tail. You can never see it's body because it's too hard. You can only see the tail because it's medium hard to find!

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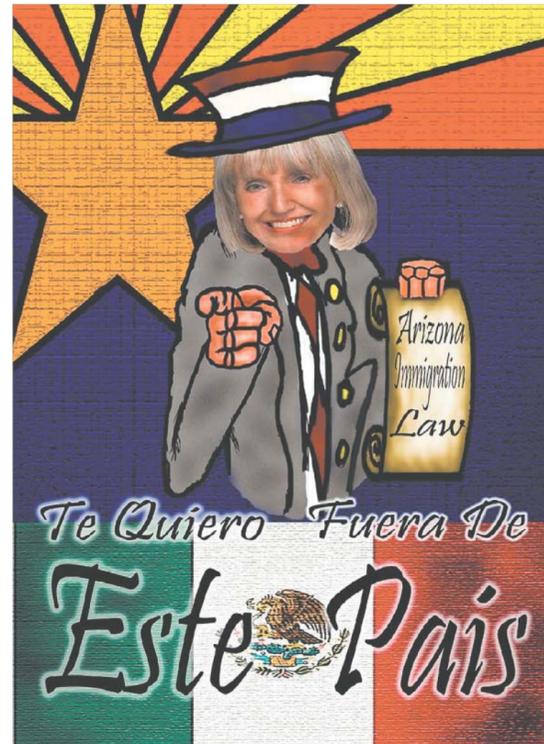


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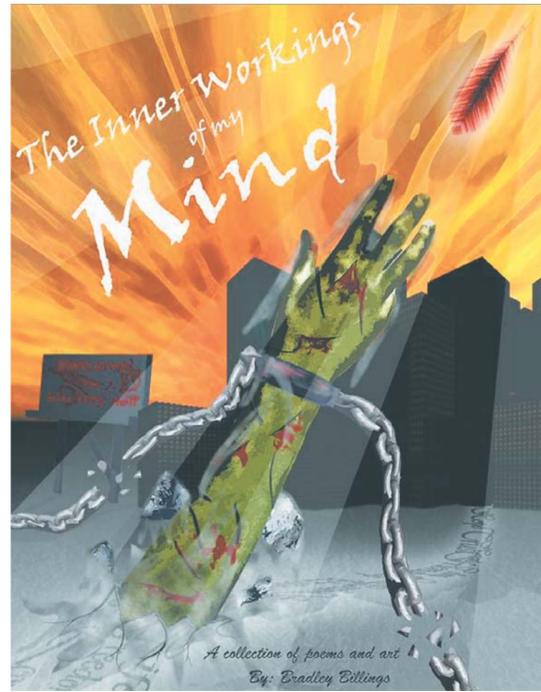
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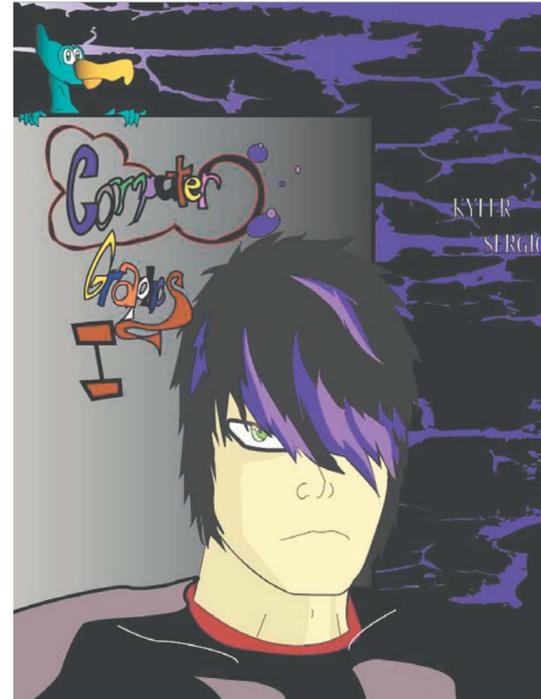
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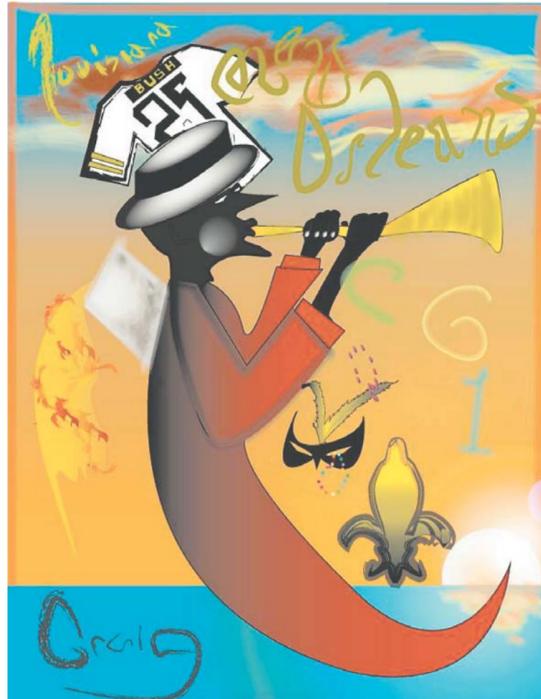
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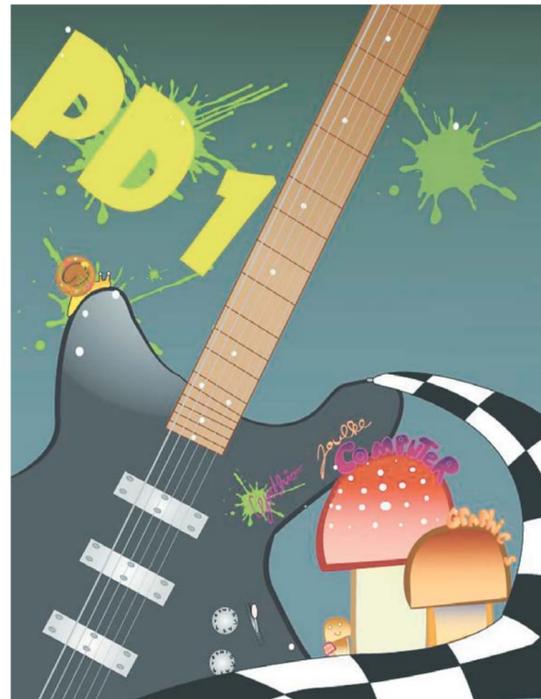
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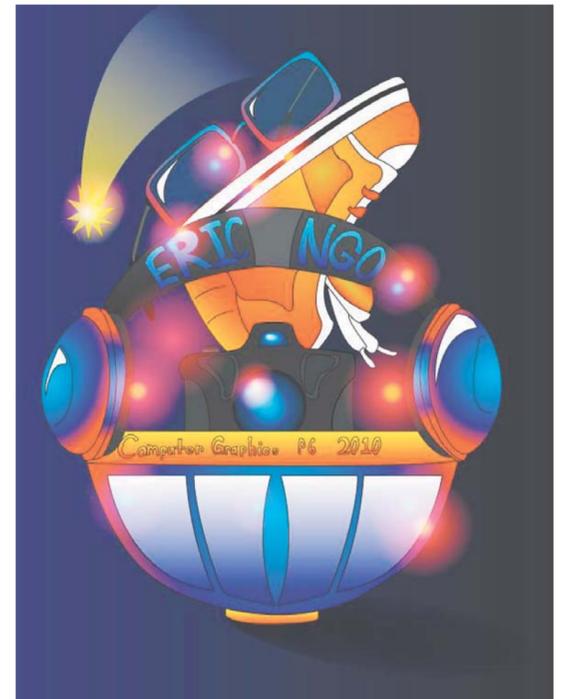
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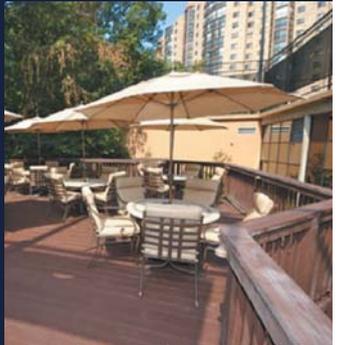


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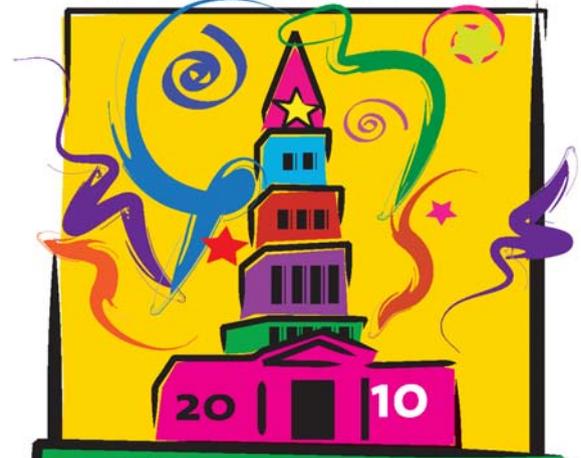
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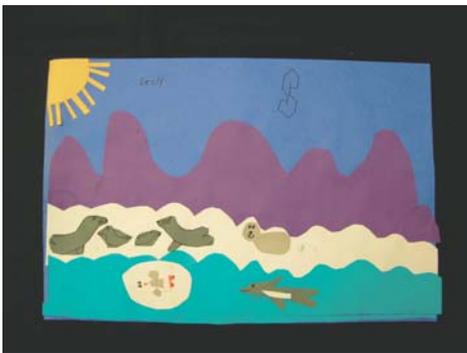
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The True Meaning Of Christmas

By Anastasia Pierce, Walt Whitman MS
December 22

"Oh, boy! It's almost Christmas!" I screamed as I ran down the aisle at Wal-Mart.

I was having a blast! It was so exciting! Christmas was in three days! I'll get thousands of presents, and I won't even have to share with my little sister Jessie. She always ruins my make-up, my Barbies, and my clothes. Well, I'm getting tired of it; she'll never ruin my stuff again!

Christmas, December 25

"MOM! DAD! WAKE UP! TIME TO OPEN PRESENTS! Jessie? COME ON!" I screamed as I ran down the stairs.

I got to the tree and looked for my pile . . . but all the tags said "Jessie." Maybe mine were in the kitchen. I went in to check and - nothing. My mom came in seconds later.

"Where are my presents?" I cried.

"Well, I guess Santa had a naughty list and you were on it," my mom said with no emotion.

"What? How? How am. . . Am I NAUGHTY?" I screamed.

Then Jessie walked in with a box in her hand.

"Here, open mine," she said with a wide smile on her face.

"But I'm always mean to you! Why are you being nice to me? Why would you give me one of your presents?" I asked.

"Because we're sisters, that's why. You're my best friend! Of course, I'll share with you," she said with an even wider smile on her face.

"Awww. Little sister! I love you. You can have anything of mine. Let's go watch you open your presents," I said, with tears welling in my eyes.

I was shocked at what I saw when we walked into the living room. There were more presents under the tree, all with my name on them!

There was also a letter. It said:

Dear Christine,

You've learned the true meaning of Christmas, and I have put you back on the nice list.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Santa

Snowflakes

By Elizabeth Craine, Walt Whitman MS

Snowflakes dance upon the wind,
Spinning, swirling through the air,
Their arms stretch out to the others,
But to us it is nothing but a speck.
Slowly landing upon a green pine,
Its delicate structure resting upon the needle,
And then another falls upon it,
Then another, and another,
Until the first is covered up by its brethren.
Then the snow begins to melt,
The pattern dissolves into nothingness,
Until it is but a droplet of water,
Weaving its way down the thin leaf,
Dropping onto the ground where more snow falls,
And when it settles down on the white,
It will freeze over,
Until it is snow once more.

Christmas Wake-Up Call

By Joseph Hood, Walt Whitman MS

You're in your bed sleeping and having dreams,
when you suddenly realize that today is the day,
the one special day of the year.

Tossing your covers off, you get up and out of the bed.

Full of excitement, you rush down the stairs and run to the room, then stop.

You gaze in excitement at the tree with the colored boxes in different sizes underneath,
at all the funny balls and glass decorations.

You look outside and all you see is white.

It is snowing!

This is a wake-up call to go downstairs and have a Christmas surprise.

Santa's Secret Wish

By Alhassan Kamara, Walt Whitman MS

To be loved, you must love back.
To get recognition, you must give it.
To have faith, you must show your faith.
To enjoy the season, you must enjoy the people around you.

To make Santa happy, you must be happy!

WORDS & PICTURES

I Blink

I Blink
Waiting.
Wishing I was elsewhere.
Drumming my pencil.

I Blink,
Transported to an island.
Palm Trees sway.
A cool breeze in the wind.

I Blink,
On a submarine.
Rocking back and forth.
Slicing through the water.

I Blink,
Now a spaceship.
Gliding with the stars.
Searching for new galaxies.

I Blink,
Back home now.
Waiting.
School will never end.
I Blink ...0

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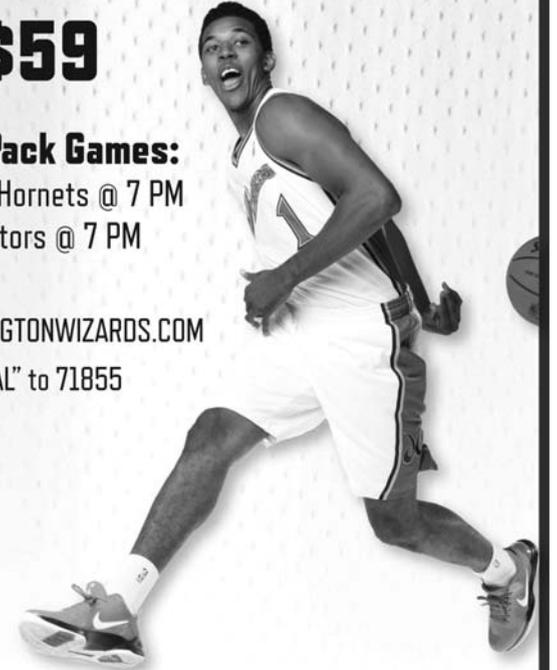


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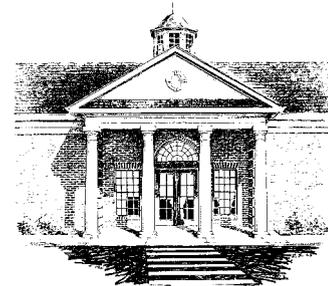
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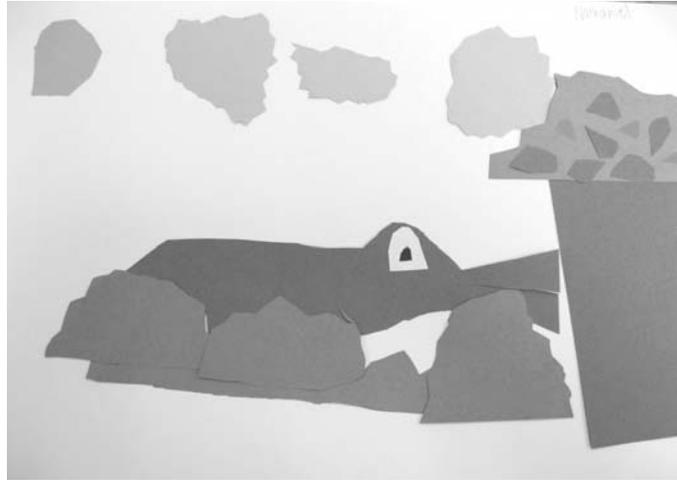
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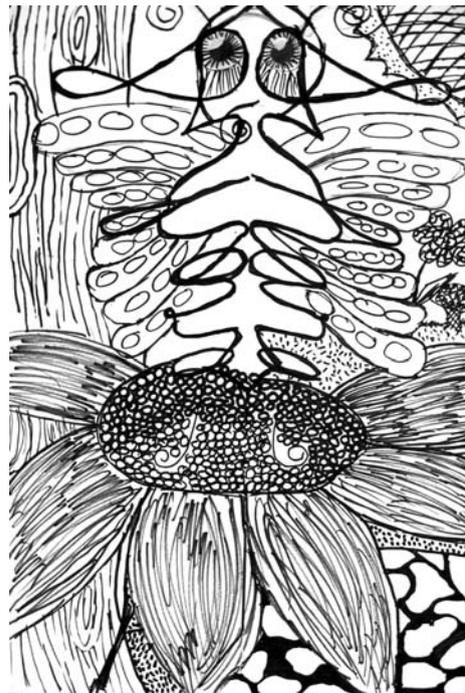
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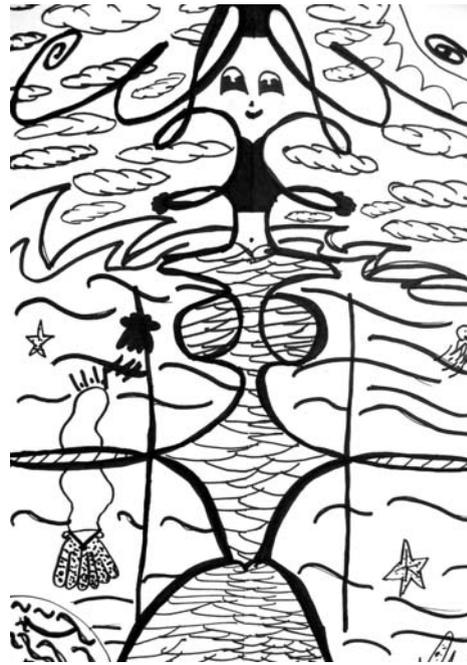
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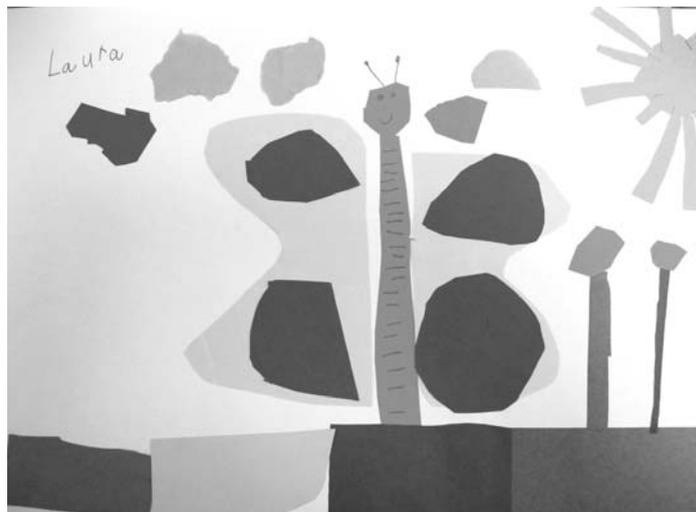
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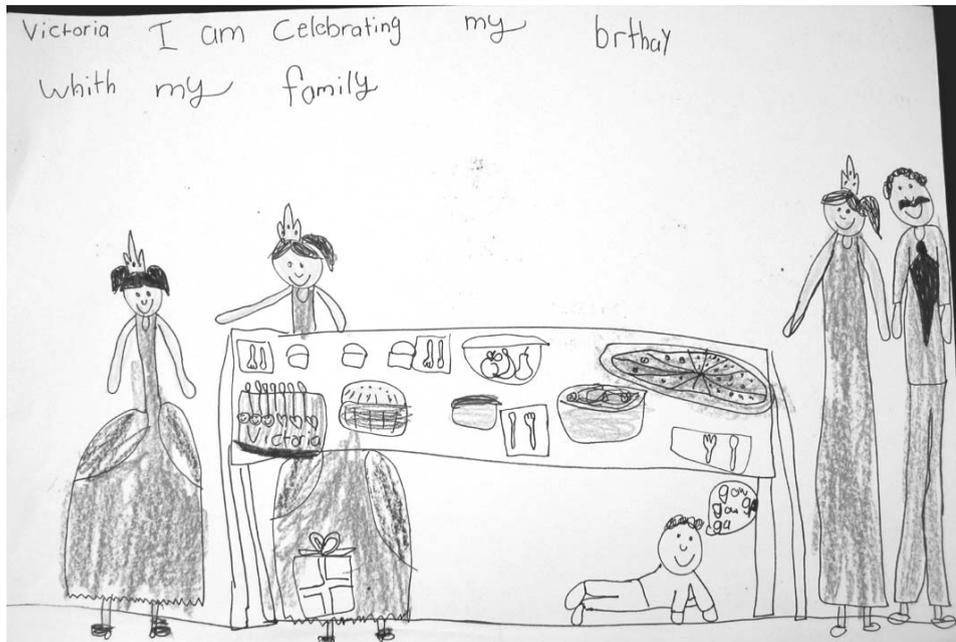
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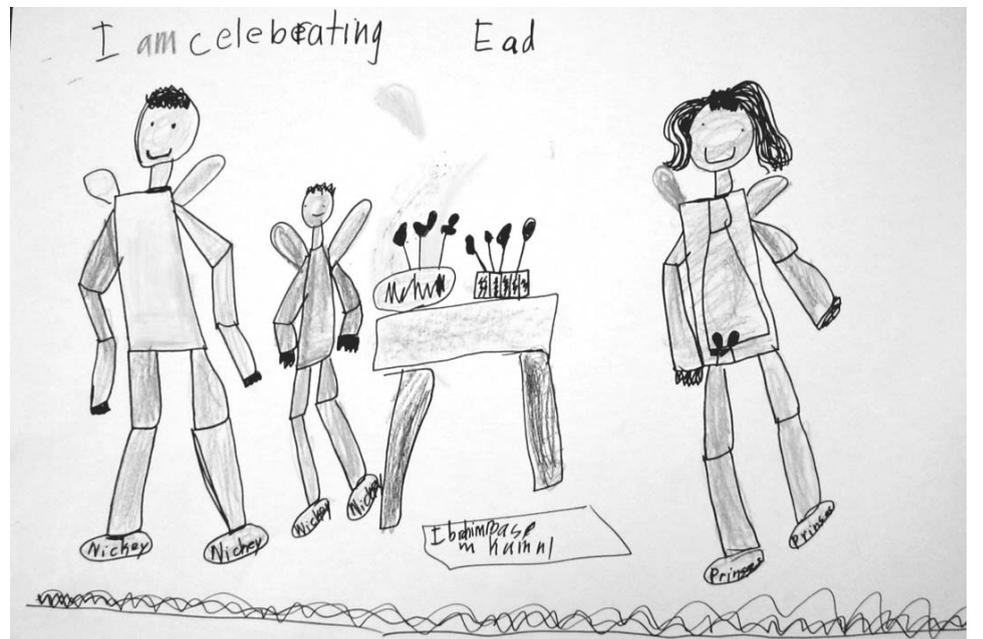
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WRITINGS

FROM PAGE 4

cially my mom, but something was different about my mom. Her eyes were closed. I couldn't see her glittering eyes anymore.

"NO! NO!" I said mournfully. Me and my sister exchanged depressed looks. I walked over to her, brushed her hair out of the way. I kissed her and said, "I'm sorry and I love you."

That same afternoon, the ambulance was here. "Why are they taking her away?" I said in a croaky voice. "Because they're going to burn her into ashes," my Grandpa said looking back. "Nooooo you can't take her!" I said. I scurried past them, I accidentally touched the gurney and I got rust on my hand. I went to wash my hands when suddenly, I saw a note. I walked over to it. On the cover it had my mom's picture and it also said, "Smile, Laugh, Dance, Love." On the back it said, "Sunrise 1976, Sunset 2008." I opened it and it read:

"Smile, it's what Kim did the best.

Laugh until your stomach hurts, it's a good workout.

Dance like you've got rhythm even if you don't.

And most of all, please love, love hard, love like you've never been hurt before and never regret a second.

Smile, Laugh, Dance, Love.

Always,
Kimmy"

The Lightning Racer

BY MARGARET VIROSTEK, 5TH GRADE,
WOODLEY HILLS ES

The best roller coaster at Hershey Park is The Lightning Racer. The screams and all the other noise was so loud. It felt so cool riding on it. The structure of the coaster is so awesome.

The noise was so loud in line and on the ride. The coaster is a race, so people were chanting thunder and lightning. The screaming people were really loud not the loudest noise I heard. I thought the loudest

noise was the roaring coaster.

The feeling on the ride was crazy. The best feeling is the wind in your face. The only bad feeling I felt is that my belly goes up and down. After the ride you feel really dizzy.

If you look at the roller coaster you will be really excited. The coaster is big and wooden. I went at night, so the lights were beautiful. Also I saw a bunch of hands raised on the big drops.

It was really fun. My sister Lauren felt really dizzy towards the end. The coaster was so cool I went on twice. My other sister was scared. I went with my cousin Nate, my brother and my sister. That was the best coaster ever.

Ice Cream

BY QWENADA MOORE, 5TH GRADE,
WOODLEY HILLS ES

One of my best-liked desserts is ice cream. Ice cream is so good, the first time you see it, you want to eat it. There are so many

different flavors and toppings. It has a lot of textures, too.

Ice cream is my favorite dessert because when you look at it, it makes your mouth water. It looks cold and creamy with stacks of chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla ice cream. It has many toppings. My favorite toppings are chocolate syrup and sprinkles.

Ice cream tastes creamy and sweet especially with chocolate syrup. My favorite flavors are vanilla and strawberry. I like to eat chocolate once in a while and strawberry and vanilla most of the time. My favorite combination is chocolate and vanilla stacked with chocolate syrup.

Ice cream has different textures. It feels bumpy with sprinkles. It also feels soft, creamy, and smooth with no topping. It's cold and thick, and watery when it is melting.

Ice cream is delicious because there are so many different flavors. It's my most favorite dessert I've ever eaten. It makes a good cold dessert for the summer time. I love ice cream!

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A Wish for Peace

My wish for the world would be everlasting and unconditional peace. Dictionary.com defines peace as, "a state of mutual harmony between people or groups." The idea of world peace is a bit of a cliché. However, this idea can be achieved if everyone viewed each other's differences as advantages. For example, if someone is unfamiliar with a certain religion, he or she may ask an individual who studies that religion about the subject. This kind of dialogue would allow a further understanding of that religion in our daily lives. In addition, a community practicing that religion would be interested to know that others are interested in their society and in understanding their traditions and customs.

World peace also means having happiness, freedom, and empathy among individuals. By stating the word empathy, I imply that not everyone may agree on one ideal or another. If everyone practices the idea of compassion and understanding towards others, we will not only feel a new understanding for those individuals, but we will be able to truthfully respect their differences, as well as their similarities.

The majority of individuals may believe the idea of world peace to be the opposite of war, which is wholly correct. The idea also means to value others who may not have the same preferences or beliefs as you. While you may not understand how someone else may have a certain faith that you do not possess, you need to keep in mind that everyone is diverse through background and ideas. After all, if we all enjoyed the same luxuries, life would be tiresome and monotonous. Remember, some of the greatest inventions and ideas came from individuals with various minds and perspectives.

— **Alexandra Cline**, Browne Academy

The Prestige

There are always three parts to an illusion:
The Pledge
The magician shows you something—
A deck of cards; a man
Asks if it is out of the ordinary,
And promises to amaze you.
The Turn

The magician takes something ordinary,
And does something extraordinary.
Now you are looking for a secret,
But you will never find it.
You aren't really looking
Because you don't really want to know.
You don't want to figure it out;
You want to be fooled,
To be tricked by the illusion,
To believe that it's not an illusion.
Then there is the hardest part;
The third act
Because you always need to bring it back.
They call it
The Prestige.

— **Amanda Keiser**, 8th grade, Browne Academy

Homeless

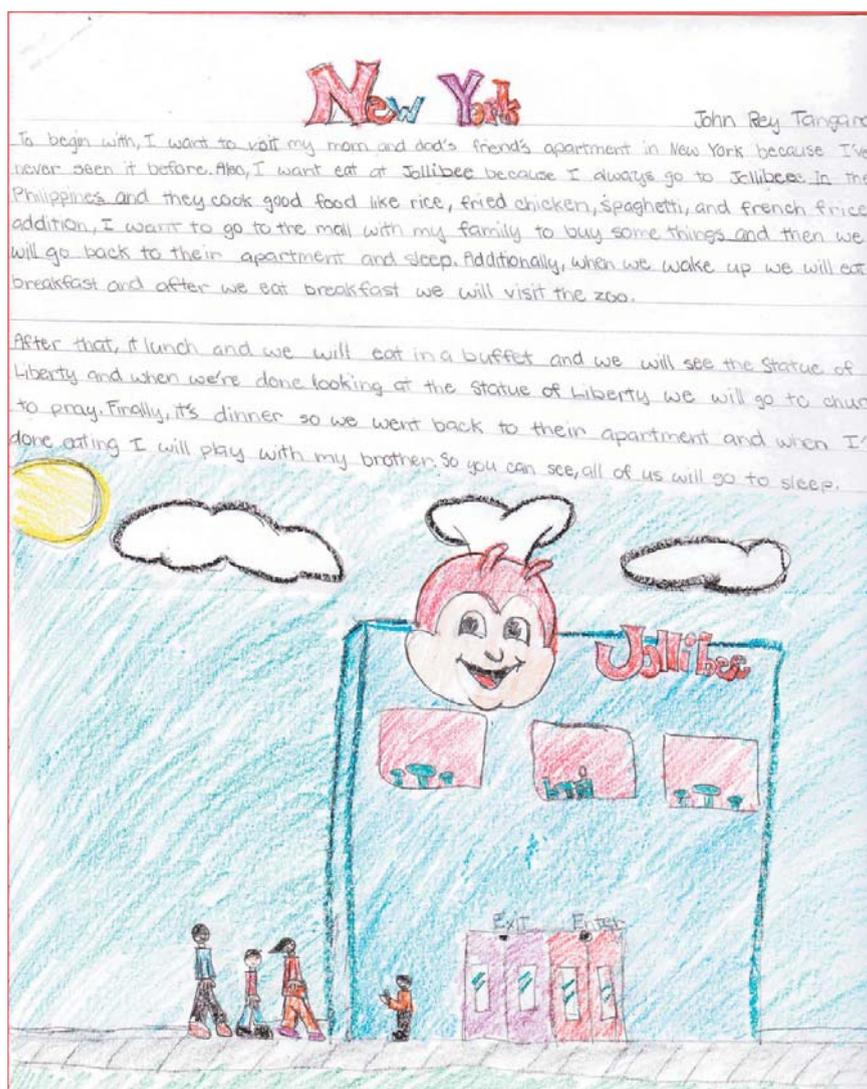
This homeless person on the street,
I see him every day.
He carries everything he has,
not knowing where to stay.
I always want to say to him,
don't worry it's ok.
How did he get there?
I'll never know;
I just have to give thanks and pray.
No one ever knows how their life will turn out,
so they spend every moment,
trying to find out.
Whenever a gift or opportunity comes around,
remember that homeless person.
He had a life and then he lost it,
not knowing what to do next.
Be grateful that you have a life,
And will do your absolute best,
to make every moment count and every moment last.

— **Charlotte S.**, Browne Academy

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Can you see?

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I can see everything up high.
But what would it be if you and me
couldn't see?
It'd be a definite mystery.
We couldn't see the birds fly high in
the sky.
Or read the words that want to make
us cry.
Watch the people we love pass by.
Or most importantly, watch ourselves
strive to the sky.
— **Francesca Goe**, 7th grade,
Browne Academy

Six Million Voices Lost: I Am One Found

Just for being different,
Just for practicing a religion,
We didn't get a say in what we
thought, or we wouldn't live —
Get taken away from homes and fam-
ily and friends.
Might not even make it to where we
were supposed to go,
But I survived.
Most didn't.
Under control by men with blue eyes
and blond hair,
The "ideal" people.
Where we lived for months was brutal,
Challenging,
And we fought our own war each and
every day.
Trapped behind a large fence and
couldn't get past it.
I had my own number for identifica-
tion.
That pointed out what we are,
Jews.
We didn't get a say, no one could hear
our voice.
No one cared about our voices lost.
Six million voices are lost.
This is was the Holocaust.
Yet, I am one found.
— **Hannah Miller**, Browne
Academy

Knowing Love

Only when love's last breath is near
Or absent in closeness,
Do we realize the extent,
Or rather profound presence, of love
That we feel painfully
Inside us.
And we henthforth should cherish
Every bit of it;
For as fast as fate may gift it,
It may just as quickly take it away,
So I say leave loved ones with loving
words
And leave with loving replies
— **Iliana Herrman**, 8th grade,
Browne Academy

Gatsby

Oh, Gatsby you fool!
Have you not heard what they said?
You were a fool to fall for her,
Thinking Daisy would be yours.
She's not worth it, I told you,
But you would not stop.
You wanted to achieve your dream.
I applaud you for that.
Going after your American Dream.
If you hadn't got
Caught up in it all,
You would still be here.
You loved too much!
You loved Daisy,
A price that was too high.
Your dream was not achieved,
But it will live on.
You will not be forgotten or missed;
I will remember your dream.
— **Jeremy Jackson**, Browne
Academy



Patricia Garcia, 3rd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



Evelyn Nunez-Benitez, 3rd grade, Mount Vernon Woods ES



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Woodley Hills ES



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Nieda Munoz, 5th grade,
Woodley Hills ES



Marilyn Bonilla, 3rd grade,
Mount Vernon Woods ES

My Trip to Africa or so I Thought

I looked around the room. Nothing
seemed unusual, but then a mysterious
man came out of the dark. And he
grabbed me but I freed myself and as it
all was happing I was transported to
Africa. I met a guy and we went on an
elephant ride back to his house. It was
amazing how it all happen so fast. While
I was riding the elephant the trees were
swaying back and forth. And it made a
great breeze. "It felt so good." The man
said I had to find the "Blue Brick" which
is a sacred stone. So I headed out the
find the stone. It took me hours. I
searched up and down. I searched side
to side. But when I finally found it I took
it back to the man and he said it was the
wrong stone so I went and searched
again. Then I took the new stone back
to the man and he said to make a wish.
I closed my eyes and made a wish and
when I opened my eyes I was at home.
I was so happy to be at home. So I
jumped on my bed and laughed so hard

that my face turned bright red. Within
five minutes my mom came in and said
what is wrong with you. I said I was in
Africa all morning. But it turned out I
was just dreaming. I was so amazed
because it felt so real and life like. The
next morning I went to school and told
everyone about my dream and how it
felt so real. I wish I could go to Africa for
real one day.
— **Sydnee Bryant**, 6th grade,
Browne Academy

The Storm

Softly and slowly
The rain begins
A gentle pitter-patter
On the white stone walk
Then the trees start to sway
And the wind starts to howl
Like a lonely coyote
Who's lost a good friend
Thunder and lightening
Have a huge fight
Their tempers flare
And the Sun disappears
Finally, late at night,

The moon shows its face
The stars start to twinkle
And everything is calm
— **Savannah J.**, 7th grade, Browne
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My Special Place

I have a place
Inside my head
Where I can go
Without leaving my bed
I'm in the woods
With enemies near
I'll use this sharp stick
To jab as a spear
I have a tree
It's my lookout post
You'd better look up
Otherwise you're toast
There is a ditch
With wide, steep banks
I lay across it
Some thick, wooden planks
Then the woods
Start to fade away
Now I have to wait
Until another day
— **Savannah J.**, 7th grade, Browne
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Aren Alvarado-Monjaras,
5th grade, Woodley Hills ES



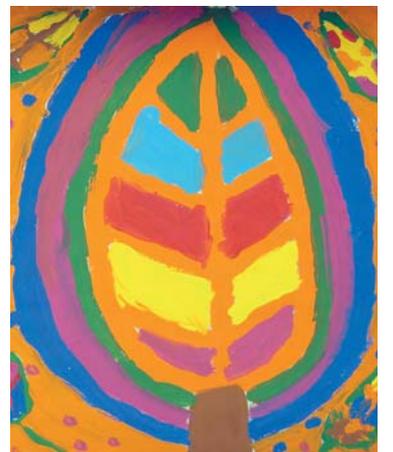
Wilmer Amaya, 4th grade,
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Linda Gallo-Oseguera, 4th
grade, Woodley Hills ES

Courageous Carrie

Courageous Carrie had
An outrageous friend
Named Harry
He wasn't much fun
He didn't even like to run
Then Courageous Carrie
Met vivacious Mary
But she was too spunky
And was too chunky
To fly or even jump up high
So what could
Courageous Carrie do
She got back with
Outrageous Harry.
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