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Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

We hope you enjoy this issue of Treasures and Dreams as much as our staff enjoyed putting it together. Inside you will meet bad pirates, brave heroes, lovable pets, scary monsters, leaf folk, able athletes and other assorted characters. I'm sure you will agree—University School students are wonderful writers!

As always, thanks to the teachers for their support. A very special thank you to this session's talented and dedicated staff for giving up their fun Friday activities to be a part of this project.

Sincerely,

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Catch a Hit
My All Star Baseball Team

My all star baseball game is right now. I am going to play my best and try to win the game. If we do we will become the winners.

by Michael Morse  Grade 1

The Important Game

Have you ever won an important game for your team? Well, I once helped to win a game for my softball team, the Blue Jays.

My team was the visiting team so we were up first. One of our best players was up at bat. She came up to bat and hit a double right through the short stop's legs. There was a five run limit. We scored five runs and the Marlins came up to bat.

My coach decided to take our pitcher out next inning, and put me in. I was truly honored to be pitching in this game.

In the second inning, I struck out two people and caught a pop fly. The Marlins were very surprised that I was pitching so well.

I won the game for my team by making a great play at the plate. I was playing catcher and there were two outs. There was a runner on third base for the Marlins. The batter hit the ball to the third base man, then, the third baseman threw it to me. It was unbelievable, but I got the runner out! I saved a run for my team, and we won!

I won an important game for my team by making that great play. Although we were still in second place, we were still proud of our win!

by Stephanie Simon  Grade 5

The Game

Wonderful
Outstanding
Rules
Lucky
Dazzling

Super players
Excellent players
Really cool
Incredible
Exciting
Super

by Bobby Fields  Grade 3

The Game

It was the bottom of the ninth, two men were down, the whole crowd was standing, they were very proud.

The pitcher looked in to see what to throw. The catcher was confused, but he threw the ball.

The catcher was ready for the pitch to come, there it came and went like a bomb.

It was out of the park and everyone said Boo, the coach did not know who, but he looked up while everyone sneered, then he said to them, "Just wait till next year."

by Ben Morrison  Grade 4

Baseball

Winners
Outstanding baseball players
Really good
Loving to watch
Dynamic

Smart players
Exciting
Ready to win
Incredible
Extra effort
Smart baseball

by Billy Blumberg and Jared Postal  Grade 3
Halloween Happenings

Costume Party
It was a costume party and I was all dressed to go
My friend was an abominable snowman covered in snow
To get there I made a right and then a left turn
We passed a sign that said "Point of no return"
Phantom of the Opera singing with a band of witches
Frankenstein dancing with a face full of stitches
There was a swamp monster with a nice tan
Later that night I saw the invisible man
Witches, ghosts, monsters, werewolves, and goblins galore
It makes me want to scream for more
When the party was over I went to my house and turned on the light
I realized the costume party was tomorrow night.

SPOOKY, ISN'T IT
by Daniel Marino

Pumpkin
Orange, funny
Flickering, smiling, grinning
Sparkling like a candle.

by Sarah Forman

Halloween
Halloween is fun
Scary costumes make you run.
I like to get candy
It makes me feel real dandy.
Pumpkins can be spooky
You can make them look kooky.

by Lorne Schwartz

The Mystery of Halloween
It was Halloween and two kids were trick or
treating by themselves. They went into a forest
and saw a haunted house. They were scared but
they went inside. There were cobwebs and they
went up the stairs. They saw a vampire and they
ran out the door. They saw a monster and then
they went to a better place. Both of them got a
whole basket of candy. They went to the last
house and knocked on the door. A woman opened
the door and gave them candy. She told them her
husband was very sick and took them up the stairs.
There were a lot of kids tied up. She tied them
up and they saw an ugly disgusting man. They had
to sleep there. The next day they tried to escape
but they couldn't. The doorbell rang and it was
the police. They ran up the stairs and into the
room and untied the ropes of each child. The kids
ran away home and they were safe!

by David Simon
**Danger Hunt**

Tommy was very average. Not bad, not good. He gets As in school. He’s very kind. One day he moved away next to an old disco. He had a nightmare about him in the disco. He turned into a cool bad guy. He woke up and said, “It’s just a dream.” He was scared. He did not want to go back to sleep. In the morning his mom woke him up. But he was already up and he was off to school. The disco was knocked down. “YES!” he cried. But that was bad because of the bad guy. He went downtown because his disco was gone. That is when Tommy saw the bad guy from his dream. There was a sword case. He got a sword and fought back. “You will die,” said the bad guy, “It’s pointless to resist!” But Tommy burned the bad guy and ran home. But...is the bad guy really dead? I guess Tommy will find out in his dreams!

_by Josh Behar Grade 2_

**A Spooky Halloween Story**

Once upon a time there was a bat and it was a huge bat. It was eating a person. There was more than one person, there were two people. The bat was about to eat them. They got scared and ran away!

_by Kevin Hersh Grade 1_

**Pumpkin**

Orange, scary
Flickering, sparkling
Lighting up the Halloween night.
Lantern.

_by Brett Witlin Grade 3_

**Monsters in the Attic**

One dark and lonely night as I was dusting off my broomstick, I heard the strangest sound. I tip-toed into the attic. I turned on the light. I went to the creepiest place I could find. Then I found something. It was a ghost. Ahhhhh!!!! I hurried into my mom’s room. She said I was dreaming. I thought for a second. Then I went to the attic again. I turned on the light. I went to the creepiest place. I saw another monster but it was not another ghost. It was worse. It was a witch. I did not scream. I just stood there. I touched the witch and then I noticed something. The witch and the ghost were not real. I was so happy. I was even jumping up and down. But then I heard another strange sound!

_by Allison Cohen Grade 1_
I am grateful for many things. The thing I am most thankful for is my family. I am thankful for my family because they love me and care for me. Without them I don’t think I would be able to live because they provide me with everything I need. I love my family.

Also I am thankful for the food that I eat. Without food I would starve and die. Food also gives me the power I need to go to school, go horseback riding and everything else I do.

The last thing I am thankful for is a horse named Honest Injun. I am thankful for him because he cheers me up when I am sad. Also I can love him and ride him whenever I want to. Without him there would be a hole in my life.

by Mallory Plaks Grade 5

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I am grateful for lots of good food. If you eat junk food you will become fat and weak (unless you exercise a lot!). You should also have three meals a day, no matter how small breakfast is! That is why I am grateful for good food.

by Ben Wald Grade 5

Things I am Thankful For

T- T.V. for watching at home.
H- Holidays for celebrating.
A- Apples to make you healthy
N- Naples to have a fun vacation.
K- Kids to play with.
U- Uncles to travel with.
L- Light to see.

by Mohamed Jaffer Grade 2

I am Thankful For...

True friends and a turkey to eat.
Happy people that I live with.
Amazing things I can do.
Niceness of other people.
Kids that I play with.
Fun days with my family.
Uncles that are nice.
Love and a good life.

by Jillian Goldstein Grade 2

I am Grateful for Many Things

I am grateful for many things. I am very lucky to live in a developed country. Some things I am grateful for are a house, a family that supports me, and lots of good food.

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by Ben Wald Grade 5
Turkey Time

Dessert Turkey

This year do you want to make a really delicious turkey? Well, now you can by following this simple recipe. First you have to go to the store and buy a turkey. Then you season it with chocolate syrup. Next you stick it in the oven for two hours. An hour before you serve the turkey you might want to add chocolate chips for a little extra flavor. Then ten minutes before you serve the turkey you stuff it. Instead of doing bread crumbs, this year you're going to use ice cream. After you stuff the turkey with ice cream, you add some more syrup. Finally you get to eat the turkey!

by Lauren Weiss

How to Have a Turkey for Dinner

1. Go out to the woods and get a live turkey.
2. Put it in a room for later.
3. Cook vegetables, potatoes, and soup.
4. Put out five chairs.
5. Check on the food.
6. Put out silverware, bowls, plates, cups and napkins.
7. Get the turkey out of the room.
8. Have your family sit at the table, as well as the turkey.

by Shari Grunspan

Cooking a Turkey

The first thing you have to do to make a turkey is look in the phone book for a turkey store. Then pick up your phone and dial the number. While you're waiting for the turkey get out your cookbook and find the ingredients. When the turkey comes put on the seasonings and decide if you want your turkey rare or well done. If you want your turkey well done turn the oven on 475. If you want your turkey rare put the oven on 350. After you did that take out the turkey and set the table. Finally you can eat your Thanksgiving turkey.

by Rachel Friedman
Believe It Or Not

Humans Transformed

Did you know that humans can turn into other life forms? They can become monsters, ghosts or even aliens from other planets. When humans become monsters, they are ugly and scary. Sometimes they have green skin and nails in their necks.

When humans become ghosts, they can fly anywhere they want. It would be fun to be a ghost because they are invisible. When you are a ghost it is really neat that nobody knows where you are. It is great to be a ghost.

When humans become aliens, it is not fun at all. When you are an alien, you do not have a real life on Earth. The bad thing is that you look awful. Aliens have three eyes, no neck and green skin.

Last night an alien walked up the path toward my house. He knocked loudly on my door. I slowly opened it and he said, "I've got you where I want you and now I'm going to eat you." I ran to the other side of the house and was surprised to see a ghost and a monster there. They said the same thing as the alien. I was trapped and scared out of my wits. I closed my eyes and, POOF, they were gone! When I opened my eyes, I realized that I had been dreaming.

Can humans turn into scary ghosts, monsters and aliens? My dream seemed so real that I think they can. Dream of nice things just to be on the safe side.

by David Fishman

The Life of a Pirate

My name is Captain Kidd. I am going to sail across the seven seas all the way to India to get my treasure. I have already crossed two seas. I am at Australia right now. I am about to kill some people. They are scared of me, but I am not scared of them. Now since I killed them I will go look for India. Today I saw a sea serpent. I was about to get really scared, but instead I shot it with my pistol. It is dead now.

I have already crossed four seas, and I am at Africa. Today we will hunt because we are running out of food. Well I just shot a buffalo and three rabbits.

Well it seems shorter but we've already crossed seven seas and we're almost there. Well here we are in India and I'm digging for my treasure. I found it today and it is a beautiful sight. There is gold, silver, diamonds, gems, necklaces, rings, bracelets, and twenty-four karat gold on one coin. Boy I'm surely happy I found my treasure.

by Matthew Wender
Be "leaf" It Or Not

The Leaf Man

Once upon a time there was a leaf man who tried to fly so he built a leafmobile. It was made out of leaves. He tried to fly it but it didn’t work. It crashed into the runway because a tuscan bug ate the wings. Then the tuscan bug rode back home. Meanwhile the leaf man fixed the leafmobile into a carmobile. Then he tried to make it go. And it worked!

by Kyle Moyant Grade 2

The Leaf Man and the Giant

Once upon a time there was a leaf man who was a gardener. There were a lot of flowers and plants in that village. When the giant came he liked the smell of the plants. The giant said, “Fe, fi, fo fum, I like the smell of these flowers.” The doodle bugs came next. They liked the smell too. They said, “Oh please could we have some flowers and plants, oh please?” The leaf man said, “Yes, I’ll only give you a little one.” The doodle bugs said thank you in a nice way. They liked the flowers and the plants very much. All of them became best friends forever.

by Brittany Fox Grade 2

The Leaf Man

Once there was a tree who only had six leaves. When it was October 1 all the leaves fell off the tree. On November 2 the leaves came together and made a leaf man. He had a head, body, legs and arms. The leaf man missed his own tree. He decided to live back on the tree. They lived happily ever after.

by Andrea Behar Grade 2

Leaf Boy

Once upon a time there was an old woman and an old man. Once the old woman planted a garden and she made a leaf boy. He had fall colors like orange, red and yellow. He liked the old woman and the old man very much but he could not tell them because he couldn't talk. So he ran away because he was not like them. He was searching for his family. He searched everywhere but he could not find his family. He finally found them. He liked them but he wanted to go back. So he did. And it doesn’t matter how you talk.

by Amanda Migicovsky Grade 2
Lions, Tigers and Cheetahs

I like tigers, cheetahs and lions. Tigers can camouflage with the leaves. The heaviest tiger in the world can weigh 500 to 600 pounds. That tiger is only found in Africa. I think the name of that tiger is the African tiger. The African tiger has very good eyes. It also can run very fast. It was nice learning about tigers, cheetahs and lions. It was fun!

by Joshua Mervis Grade 2

A Jewel of a Cat

One day I found this unusual cat. It was so smooth that I picked it up and took him home. My mother told me to tell her the truth of where I found it, as it should be returned. I said "I refuse to return it, as it would be cruel." My mother made a smirk and said "That was not an excuse." I gave the cat chocolate which it loved, and it drank my orange juice. It had beautiful huge eyes and a talent to meow to music. It even looked at the newspaper. I knew I would keep this jewel of a cat.

by Harry Narkes Grade 4

Never Leave Your Cat in the Bathroom

It was a beautiful day, and we had just got a new cat named Timon. We were looking through the daily newspaper for something to do, because it was Saturday. We sat at the table and had a glass of juice while we were reading. Then mom said "Let's take the monorail somewhere and go for a ride on it."

Because Timon was new, before we left we locked him in the bathroom. We did not think that it was cruel because he was kind of scared of our house. Then we left.

When we got home, it was very unusual. The bathroom door was open and there was Timon. He had got out. He must have thought that the toilet paper was chewable, because it was all over the house. Mom and I vacuumed it up. While we were doing that, Timon disappeared and we found him in the bathroom, with the toilet paper again. He had no excuse for doing this, but mom and I decided to never leave the cat in the bathroom again.

by Andrew Glickman Grade 4

My Teacher's Cat

My teacher likes cats, She thinks that they're fun, So one day she went out, and came home with one.

That cat was not sweet, And very tough too, That cat wasn't neat, So my teacher was through.

My teacher liked cats, She thought they were fun, So she went out again, And took back that one.

My teacher hates cats now, She thinks they're a bore, Then she went somewhere else, And brought home fish galore!!!

by Jamie France Grade 4
Amazing Animals

A Trip to the Winners Circle

Have you ever ridden into the winners circle? Well, I have, and I would like to tell you about it. The people who were involved in this event were Timber (my horse), my mom, my dad, the other competitors, and myself. This story is about going to a horse show. It takes place in Plantation Acres.

It all started when I entered a horse show. The first class I was in was equitation. I tried to ride the best I could. It all paid off. I got first over all the other competitors.

The second class I rode in was Pleasure Class. It was judged on how much you looked like a hunter jumper. This class was hard for me. I really had to work harder than usual. I got a third place award.

The last class I was in was Jumping Class. Everyone had to jump four jumps. This for me was really easy. I placed a second in this class.

After my class, I got off my horse. I waited to hear my results. I got the highest score, Grand Champion. It was certainly a big honor, so I told my parents. They were very proud of Timber and me.

From this experience, I learned to be a good sport while showing my horse. You have to be a good sport if you want to have fun and even maybe win. I also learned that it is fun winning, but it is hard work. If you ever have a chance to go into the winners circle be proud. It's a great honor.

by Lindsay DiMattina

Snakes

There are all kinds of snakes in the world. Snakes are slithery and slimy and some are very large. And they can almost eat anything. There are some snakes that are poison. Snakes have twelve babies at a time.

by Devon Goldberg

Jingo

Jingo is my dog. He's a puppy and he's three years old. Jingo is very playful. Every day when I come home I play with Jingo. I taught Jingo a lot of tricks like flip over and to roll over and last but not least swim in a kiddie pool. I love Jingo and I never want to lose him.

by Gabriela Perez
Comedy

The Rat

When I awoke one morning
A rat was on my bed.
I asked, "What are you doing there?"
It looked at me and said
It said, "I don't have a place to go
Because my parents kicked me out."
"I guess you can stay here as long as you don't give me rabies because
I do not want a shot.
There's one more thing you should know
If my mom sees you then you will have to go.
He ran off into the kitchen and I forgot
To tell him that my dad hunts rats. Splat!

by Alex Glasser

Clover Leaves

Once upon a morning I found a clover leaf
Instead of giving me luck, it gave me lots of beef.
And suddenly out of nowhere it gave me a coral reef.
I couldn't understand how
But then it gave me a cow.
Suddenly while playing around
It gave me a dog from the pound!
I was going to kill it when it took the tail off a bunny
When I woke up from my dream and I said, "Whey, that was funny!"

by Sebastian Zaragovia

Fatso

I have a big fat mermaid
And trust me because I know.
She sat on a big fat snow cloud
And it began to snow.
She jumped in the air and shouted whee
But the place where she landed was on me.
While I was drinking my evening tea.
She broke my bones in every way
And I remember it till this day.
I cried and cried and cried some more
And then I put her down upon the shore.
She swam off and I cried some more.
While she was swimming in the deep blue sea
I waved bye-bye and she blew a kiss to me.

by Eric Schlososberg
Tragedy

Dear Mama,

I went to a party on Saturday night,  
And after the party I had quite a fright.
I listened to you, I didn't drink at all,  
But I saw someone drinking in the downstairs hall.
I looked at my watch, it was 10 o'clock,  
And to get to my car was a very long walk.
The guy who was drinking left as I began to leave,  
His car was near the door, that I couldn't believe.
He was drinking and driving, I wanted to say  
Something because it was wrong,
But it was 10:15 and my walk was still long.
I was halfway to my car and in the middle of the street.
I tripped on a rock and fell head over feet.
I saw the drinker driving in his car,  
His body was there, but his mind was real far.
His car was coming at me and I was on the ground,  
If I didn't soon move, in heaven I'd be found.
I tried to get up, but my leg had been broken,  
The drinker couldn't see me so KABOOM...
dead had spoken.
It wasn't my fault, ma, still to heaven now I fly,  
But I didn't drink and drive, so why did I have to die?

by Alex Weissman

A Frightening Experience

I was sitting in the dining room doing a puzzle, when all of a sudden, the chandelier fell on my head and the table. There was blood and glass on the floor and broken table. My dad carried me to the sink and washed some of the glass out of my hair. Then my parents took me to the Emergency Room at the hospital. I had five x-rays of my head. The doctor checked me out. At home I rested. There's a scar to remind me. I was only seven at the time!

by Jonathan Pines

Dear Diary

This weekend I got very, very sick. I was coughing like a horse and sneezing like an elephant! I had a tissue in my hand every second. I always had big bags under my eyes, uck! It was a nightmare and I had to miss two days of school. All I could do was sit on the couch, watch T.V. and eat chicken soup. And on top of all that I had to go to bed at 6:30. It was awful. But now I feel a lot better.

by Lindsey Lehmann

by Grade 4
The Math Fly

Once there was a little math fly. He loved to do math. Math was his favorite thing to do. He was set on math no matter what. He could do it for hours and hours. But one day there was no math test in school. He got mad. So his teacher gave him some math. So he was happy again. His teacher was proud of him and he was proud of himself and his mother was also proud of him that he did all his math. He still liked math. Sometimes he dreamed of math. Sometimes he had really really hard math and sometimes he had really easy math. But it was okay.

by Marla Borkson  Grade 1

The Princess and the Ring

Once upon a time there was a princess. She loved rings so much. One day she lost a ring in a pond. She was sad but then her dad found it. Then she was happy. The ring was blue and pink. She liked it.

by Michelle Graff  Grade 1

Sailing the Seven Seas

Once upon a time when I was a lass my family and I decided to sail the seven seas. There were lots of sea serpents and sharks and other dreadful things. One fine day my Mom and Dad were cleaning the ship and I was in the crows nest. I spotted an island. Something under the water made a tsunami and I jumped down from the crows nest and made a sharp turn. Then the tidal wave hit. After the sea calmed down, we got off the ship and explored the island. I saw a paper wrapped with ribbon. It was a treasure map! It said to find a W. The moment I looked up I saw the W. I got a shovel and dug up a treasure chest. I kicked it open and gold was everywhere. We sang a song to celebrate and we lived happily ever after.

by Samantha Leibowitz  Grade 2

The Basketball Fly

Once there was a little fly who went to the Miami Arena. He saw a net. "What a pretty net," said the fly. Suddenly a herd of boys ran inside but the boys ran right past him. "Hey, come back!" shouted the fly. "Hey," said one of the boys, "Who said that?" Then there was a complete silence. Then the fly spoke. "It's me, your friend Tim Hardaway. You don't realize that I changed." "How did you change?" asked a boy Peter. "I am so small." Then the Bulls ran in and said "Let's play." The fly scored 800 and the Bulls scratched from the fly and scored zero.

by Hillary Schulman  Grade 1
My favorite month is December. I surely can remember. It has a special holiday. It's really not like May. Santa brings whatever you say.

by Donny Knowles Grade 2

Tooth Day

Hi! I'm Alex and I've got a surprise for you. Today my tooth fell out. I feel funny. I even talk funny. It's weird having your first tooth fall out. Now tonight when I go to bed the tooth fairy will come and sneak under my pillow and take my tooth. I will get money. So good day and happy tooth day. Bye!

by Alexandria Reese Grade 2

The Wedding

When I was three and my brother was six, we had a baby sitter named Kimmy. Then later on when I was five and my brother was eight, Kimmy got married. She picked my brother as the ring bearer and me as the flower girl. I was so excited! My dress was beautiful. Everybody loved it. My dress was all different colors. My family danced all night.

by Jodi Farbish Grade 4

My First Day at Karate

I was only a white belt first. Then I learned my kicking combinations. Then I tested for my first stripe. I learned my sparring combinations. Then I learned my three steps sparring. Pretty soon I was not new because I was an orange belt and almost a yellow belt. I had a lot of friends and I was very happy.

by Brittany Finder Grade 1

My Gold Medal Day

When I was eight years old I went to my competition. The competition was at a big gym. My parents, coach and team were there. At first when I went inside the gym, I was very nervous. I could see the judges taking a lot of points away from the morning competition. I did my routines on all the events. And I bet you can't guess what I got to take home with me! I came home with a gold medal around my neck. I was really, really happy! I love gymnastics!

by Alexis Adler Grade 4
Write your own story
or poem on this page!