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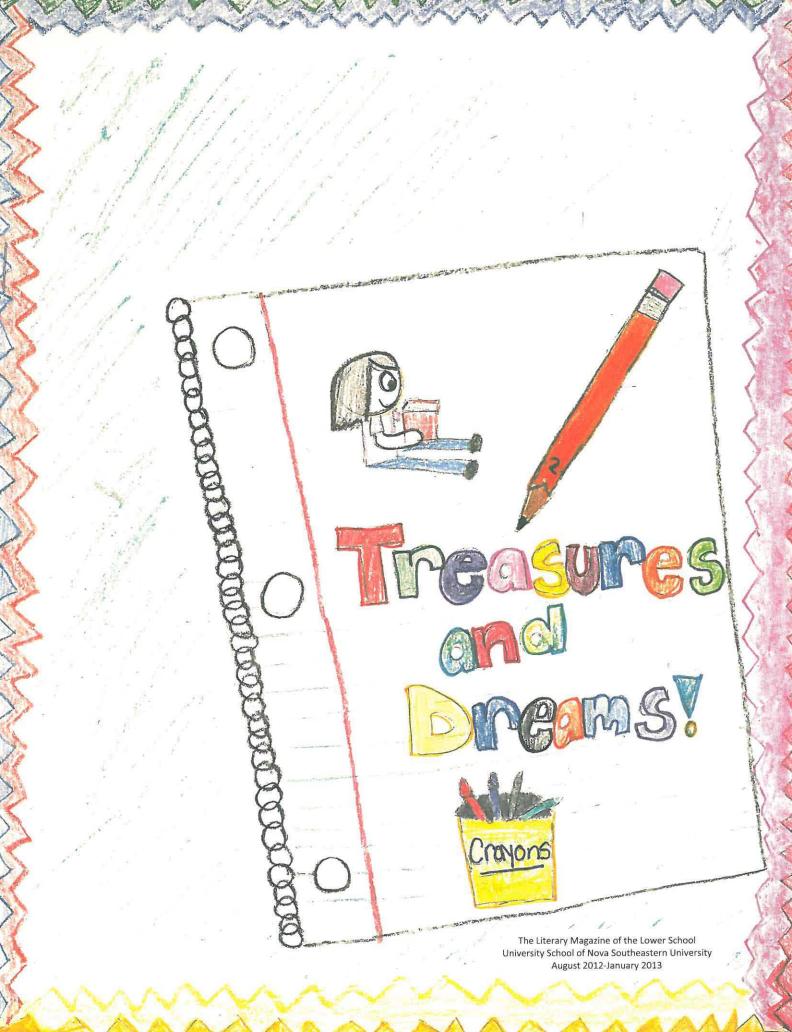
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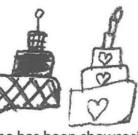














Dear Lower School Students, Parents, and Faculty,

Happy 17th birthday to Treasures and Dreams! Our literary magazine has been showcasing the best writing of Lower School students since 1995. Thank you to the teachers who inspire their students to write the beautiful pieces you will read inside this issue. Thank you to the administration for their continued support of this effort. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to this session's student staff. They have been a very hard-working, responsible, and extremely talented group of children. Their lovely illustrations enhance each page of this publication.

Choosing which pieces to include is always the most difficult task of my role as editor.

Below are two extras for your reading pleasure.

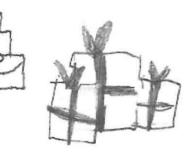
Sincerely,

Nancy Cantor, editor











I Know Hanukkah

I know Christmas.

I see Christmas decorations everywhere.

I hear sleigh bells ringing.

I smell peppermint, chocolate, and gingerbread cookies.

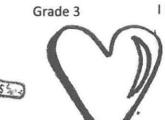
I taste peppermint candies and all the Spanish food we eat.

I feel happy that Christmas is here, and joyful that I have an amazing family to spend Christmas with!

I know Christmas.

Veronica Cedeno





I know Hanukkah.

I see all the wrapped presents under my mom and dad's bed and the beautiful menorah lit on the table with presents all around.

I hear all of my family members screaming "Hurray, Hurray!"

I smell latkes cooking in the oven and my mom's famous cookies and brownies.

I taste my grandma's yummy cranberry pie after dinner.

I feel all the wonderful happy feelings inside me, I feel so good that I'm with my family, and I can't wait to feel this good again tomorrow.

I know Hanukkah.

Joshua Bernstein



Grade 3



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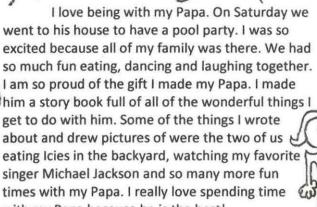


People Parade





When You Are Happy



with my Papa because he is the best!

Grade 1

When you are determined, I will give you a box of chocolates and flowers to make you happy and proud of yourself. I'll also give hugs and kisses until you laugh and have a huge smile on your face. Then you will keep on practicing.

When you are disappointed, I'll give you lots and lots of dad's delicious, dependable dumplings until you are delighted. I'll also give you lots and lots of hugs and also kisses.

My Baby Brother

brown eyes. He is very cute. He really wants to talk

and walk. He laughs a lot and likes when we tickle

him and play with him. I think his favorite color is

blue because he has a lot of blue things. When he finds things on the floor, he tries to eat them. One

time he ate a sticker! Sometimes he pulls on the tablecloth and pulls things right off the table. We have to watch him all the time. He can get into

baby brother, but sometimes it's a lot of work!

and his name is Mikael. He has black hair and

I have a baby brother! He is one year old

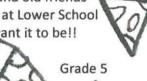
When you are proud, I will paint you a peaceful, polite, proper piano. I'll buy you a hundred Hershey kisses and paint you a gold trophy.

Olivia Kessler

Grade 3

I love school The teachers smiling at you every day Nurse June taking care of us Pizza every Friday Seeing new friends and old friends It's always a good day at Lower School And that's how I want it to be!!

Catherine Robinson



Grade 4

The Crumpled Building

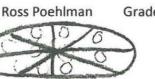
The oak tree's shadow glimmers in the water. Dark and leafless it stands. The lake shows reflections of eerie shadows. The moist ground and wetlands invade the wooden house, spreading like a virus, rotting the foundation. The house's windows are cracked and broken. The smell of ashes heavily fills the air. The house gives an eerie look and feel as it stares like a hawk, watching. The oak tree's skeletal-like shape rustles in the breeze Whooosssshhhhhhh!

Steven Gambardella



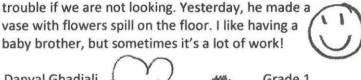
Danyal Ghadiali

I smell the pizza Right on the kitchen counter Eat up, it's yummy!



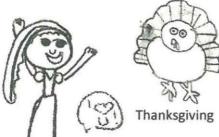












On last year's Thanksgiving I went to my grandma and grandpa's house. They live in Stuart and we always drive there. My grandma made cranberries and my mom made sweet potatoes. My sister and I played the piano. We had a great Thanksgiving!

Skyler Haynie



Grade 1



Joy rushes in like a waterfall through the charcoal door, as people flow in through the living room. Latkes are sizzling as a single person tells everyone it's not time to take the potato pancakes. A mountain of applesauce is sitting in a huge bowl. A brown, mouthwatering turkey hovers out of the oven. Cheer-filled children spin rainbow colored tops and gamble for chocolate candy. The stuffing is removed from the turkey. The person knew that the stuffing was the missing piece of a perfect meal, so she said the single word that made everyone swarm in the dining room like bees coming into a hive, "Dinner!" After a sensation of tastes and textures for the mouth, every soul in the house is gathered to add flame to the math problem of the miracle and military victory over the Greeks. Then all the gleeful children walk up the stairs to a room full of wonderful, fun games. Everyone stares at the tree painted on the wall with apples with every grandchild's name in the family. Everyone found theirs, and wondered where the next one would go. After hearing the call of "Presents!" all the children rushed down the stairs wishing they could teleport or make time go a little faster. For a half hour all you could hear was ripping of all the hard work and shopping the parents did. Then, all the children's eyes drooped as the final sparks of menorah fire flickered off.

Andrew Simon



Grade 4



Christmas Eve

We finally got our Christmas tree on Christmas Eve! I know it's really late to start decorating, but we made a lot of progress. Our Christmas tree was tall and thick, it had the scent of evergreen, and looked beautiful with the decorations! While my mom was putting the finishing touches on the tree, I poured myself a delicious and steaming hot chocolate. I sat down with my beverage, and five minutes later my mom asked for our angel. The angel goes on the top of the tree like the star. I grabbed the angel, and gave it to my mom. She put it on the top of the tree. I could not wait, Christmas was tomorrow, and our tree was looking great!

Kaiya Drake



The Thanksgiving Turkey

Gobble gobble! It is almost Thanksgiving and I need a hiding spot so I am not Thanksgiving dinner. I am as fast as a cheetah. I have feathers that are the colors of the trees in fall. I am fat so it is hard to find a hiding spot. I belong in the dark trees in the woods. I gobble up flies, grasshoppers, and leaves. I am fifteen years old. I need a hiding spot so I am not a feast for the hunters. I finally find a secret spot. I will stay as quiet as I can behind the bush. A couple of minutes later I hear something. "BOO!" the hunter said. He chased me until I was Thanksgiving dinner.

Ali Kuttler







Fishing

grandpa. I saw a stingray jump up so high out of

the water. It was so cool! I caught some smaller

a wonderful day because I spent it with my

grandpa. I love days like this!

Benny Kuttler

fish but I threw them back into the water. I still had

On a sunny day I went fishing with my

Life on Earth



I was born by one white chilly cloud that took me away with a cold breeze. It took me to a snowman and I got buried in it. Until...a dog came and destroyed the snowman. Then the wind came again and I landed on one big beautiful blue car. I stayed because I knew I was going to get wiped off when the wind would come. The woman drew a huge heart on the windshield. But as soon as she drew it, I started to get hotter and hotter and then I finally melted. But don't feel bad, I'll be back.

Autumn Leaves

Grade 1

The bright autumn leaves change their colors to red, orange, and yellow. They jump off the trees and land gently onto the ground. The ground is covered with colorful leaves. My feet crunch on the delicate floor. Down in the distance I see a beautiful waterfall. The only waterfall here is the leaves falling from the trees. It is as if the animals painted the leaves with a glowing paintbrush. Above me, leaves sway and hit the ground as I walk through the forest on an autumn day.

Ryan Hoffman

Grade

The Moose

Early in the morning the moose munches merrily on bright pink flowers. This piece of milk chocolate stares at you like he is waiting for you to give him something. The green grass is like a blanket covering the ground. Two huge horns on top of his head are like bowls at the dinner table. The beard that hangs down from his coffee face looks like it is about to drip down. The moose is a leather brown carpet with lime green wallpaper. Slowly the moose walks forward as if he was a grandpa. He sees a deer running and stops. The deer spots the moose and sprints into the bushes. Now he is the only one in sight.

Katie Heller

Grade 4

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Grade 3

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I saw fireflies outside while I was in the house and when I looked outside and saw them, I called my friends. I shouted "Fireflies, fireflies. Come and look at fireflies!" It was amazing to see all those fireflies. There were hundreds of them, maybe thousands of them. Then I heard loud footsteps of my friends who were coming to catch

maybe thousands of them. Then I heard loud footsteps of my friends who were coming to catch fireflies and look at them. They were dancing all around our heads. We jumped up and down to catch the fireflies. While my friends were outside catching fireflies, I went inside to get a jar.

Nigel Alexis

Jamie Ruth

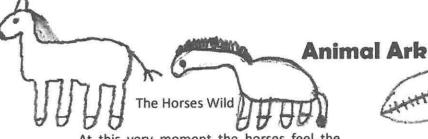
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The Four Harbor Seals Jump in the Water

The four harbor seals dive in the water.

Seeing a fish, one charges it. He catches it. Then he climbs up the rocks and shares the fish with his friends. They eat the fish. Not one piece of fish is left over except the bones. Then the seals go out for a swim. They find some other fish to eat—still, no leftovers. They go back to the rocks. When they are about to get back to their rock a shark sees them. The shark charges. The seals hop onto the rock. The shark misses—he bangs his head into the bottom of the rock.

Evan Herman



At this very moment the horses feel the breeze in their manes and the grass in their hooves as they are trotting across the meadow. breeze blows their fur, mane, and tails. When they canter in the green grass, they feel it tickling their hooves. They start to rear up on their hind legs. They are loving each other.

Savannah Serrano



Grade 2



The Cute Ones

On the forest-green grass lay the puppy and the kitten. The puppy's fur was vanilla white. Its eyes were the color of caramel. He had big floppy ears. His fur was as soft as a blanket. The kitten's fur was gray and brown with pearl-white stripes. Its eyes were navy blue. She had little triangular ears. Her fur was very smooth. Behind them were orchid purple blooming flowers. They

were as pretty as a bride and groom. Below them lay the pointy and poky grass. Above them was the powder blue sky. The clouds were puffy white pillows in the sky

Tobi Margolis



Grade 4



I buzz around with my fellow friends, blinking and flashing as I go. Suddenly I hear a boy yell, "Fireflies, let's catch them all." I zip around flying for my life while jars and hands go all over the place. Sadly, a boy catches me and puts me in a jar with holes. I buzz around trying to escape, but it is no use and my light fades away like the light of dawn. Finally, the boy feels my pain and lets me go free. I am so happy to be free. I feel the last evening breeze in my face. I feel like the luckiest firefly in the park.

Max von Kahle



Grade 3



My Dog, My Best Friend

You

I have the funniest dog in the world! Do you know why? When I play football with my dad, my dog named Gator wants to play too! He tries to get the ball by jumping on me to get my attention. He thinks I'm playing with him. It is funny, my dad laughs so hard he falls down. I fall down on him and we laugh together. It is hilarious! Gator gets excited and he jumps on the two of us! Gator is a wonderful dog. He is my best friend!

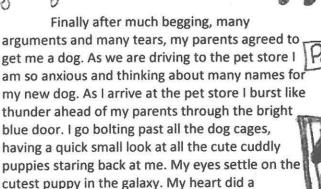
Jake Manasse



Grade 1



The Day I Met My Furry Friend



summersault, and my body felt weird. Here was the dog of my dreams and the beginning of a new and different friendship. During the ride home I

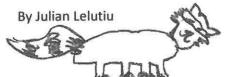
decided to call my puppy ZOE !!!





The Raccoon

The raccoon likes to climb in trees. It uses his paws to climb. The raccoon does not use its tail to climb the tree. The tail is orange and black. I like to see it.







Our Peaceful Planet

A Fall Cinquain

Autumn Breezy, Colder

Gleaming, Flickering, Fluttering Can feel the wind blowing

Leaves

Emily Cohen Grade 3

The Elements of Nowhere

This is the place where the wind is at high speeds and only crashes into big, vast trees. For hundreds of miles you'll see nothing but rolling hills, high top plateaus and grazing cattle. You'll rarely see a car unless they got lost going to Cadillac Ranch. When you look up, you'll see miles and miles of the clear, blue sky and puffy cotton ball clouds. The mountains are steep and pointy and the sun is boiling and beaming. These are the elements of nowhere.

Madison Epstein

Grade 5

Mountains

The rocky mountain stands tall in front of us. The bottom is a million miles away. Rough rocks are scattered across the road. I can see the sun glowing its light on the forest-green grass. A cool breeze hits me. Kicking the rocks as I walk, I see the beautiful view right in front of me. My parents lead the way to a small hilltop. As we climb it, we see pink and white flowers and grass. At the top, we realize the craziest thing! My uncle lives on top of that mountain! I see how different their lives are than mine. Suddenly, I saw puffy clouds forming together. I felt a drop on my shoulder. Many raindrops were hitting the top of the hill. The rain formed streams that were rushing down the mountain. When it stopped, we hiked down and got back into our van.

Yzabel Bahta

Grade 4

Nature to me is a good life! It makes me feel good and a part of nature. I love to hear birds singing and different animals running around. I smell the air and it smells like the salty ocean. When it is blowing hard, it tickles my hair. I would like to go to the rain forest because it has a lot of things that represent nature. I would like my family to go with me because we all love nature. But we have to watch out for snakes because they

are scary. That's the only part of nature I do not

Zane Green

like!

My Gift to the World

The gift I would give to the world is planting trees in my front yard. This is a good gift to the world because trees provide oxygen and a home for animals. Trees also make the world beautiful. So that is the gift I would give to the world.

Nicholas Bond

Grade 2

Grade 1

A Sad Day

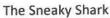
Do you have a pet? I did. My pet eel just died because he was old. I was so sad! I was frowning and felt like I lost a friend. My brother was crying. My dad took him out of the tank. My brother and I put him in a bag and then put him in the fridge to keep him cold so we could bury him later. We decided to bury him on the beach because we live in a condo near it. Later that day, my dad and brother went on the beach and buried Eelious. I wanted to go, but they went without me. I am still very, very sad about my eel. At least I still have Leo, my lizard!

Vaughn Rex





Splash Flash



At this very moment the cat shark is like a ghost. He is camouflaged. The coral is near. The shark sneaks up on a fish. He comes up and snap! His dinner is done.

He is waiting for dinner again. His whiskers are tingling. He is smelling a fish that is far away. He smells blood now. Snap! The fish is in his mouth but he is hungry for more fish.

Dylan Daniel

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Black Sand Beach

The water crashes against the shore, and the black sand feels warm under my feet. A cave is filled with racks and lava stones. I climb the rocks. The teal blue water crashes against the rocks and sprays a salty mist of ocean water in my face. It feels so cool and refreshing, I get the chills. I feel the grains of sand rubbing off my feet in the water. Black Sand Beach is a wonderful place to go.

Madison Kozel

Grade 4

I Love Florida

Nature to me is beautiful and there are flowers and the sun is shining on my face. I feel the wind blowing in my hair. I love the beach here in Florida because it is warmer than Los Angeles. I never cold go swimming in the ocean or touch the cold sand. I always had to wear a jacket. The beaches here are awesome. I can run in the sand barefoot and jump in the water and play for a long time. I learned how to boogie board and love doing this with my sister. When we finish playing, we sit on the beach and have snacks. I look out into the ocean and love what I see. I am very happy here in Florida!

Gavin Mouw

Grade 1

A Day on the Beach

The cool waves brush up against the toes of tourists digging into the golden sand. As the wind pushes the water up to the shore it also makes the palm trees sway gently in the background. It is obviously the most perfect day to be at the beach.

JoshuaGavsie 🖇

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Grade 5

My Day at the Beach

My favorite day is when I go to Fort
Lauderdale beach with my family. I love to go early
in the morning and sit way down by the water
where the water touches my toes. Skyler and I
have a contest who could jump over the waves
higher. We wait for a big wave. We scream with
excitement every time a big wave comes. My mom
watches us from the shore. I take a big leap when
the wave comes close. Sometimes the water pulls
me down but I quickly swim to the top and start
again. We are all tired from our great day and
ready to go home. As we walk back to our car I feel
the cool breeze on my face and my hair blowing. It
is the best way to end my day at the beach. I can't
wait to go back next week.

Brooke Haynie



Grade 1

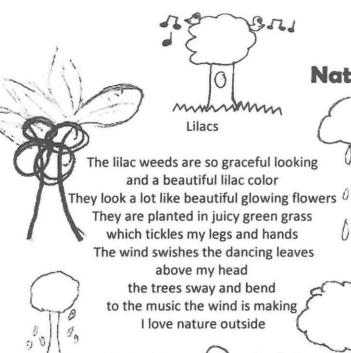


The trees are swaying peacefully. The family is enjoying the hot sand and cool water. The seagulls are picking at the tasty food. Whoosh! The waves pound on the sand. Splash! The bird dives to get a fish. The people are eating a yummy lunch in the shade of the trees. What a beautiful place!

Nicholas Pfister







Nature Notes



The Rain Came Down



The rain flashed in the marvelous moonlight. A vast roar of thunder went through the sky. The frightened little puppy hid under the cover of the bed. A flashlight of lightning struck 4 through the air. The rain knocked on the window. It charged through walls and ceiling. The street was like a pool of flowing water in the middle of the night. Rain crashed like a plane heading for the landing strip. The leaves on the trees flowed like a hula dancer in the night. In the morning, the kids head for school. The streets are still flooded but the rain stopped. Most people hardly noticed but

Amrita Roy Grade 3

My Amazing Yard

When I go into my yard I see wonderful trees and awesome plants. There are blue and red birds on the power line. I sit on the swing set. I feel the cool air on my body and it feels good. I hear the delightful small waterfall and birds chirping so loud I think I will need earplugs. I smell coconuts and palm trees. I don't taste anything because the avocados are not ripe yet but I cannot reach them. It feels like all my senses are going crazy.

Sam Szapiro



Grade 3

Grade 5



Everything looks so wonderfully peaceful under that sunset drenched sky. From far away the mountains look like they are just floating on water. Fluffy white cotton ball-like clouds slowly cover up the sun to soon reveal the moon. The lake is so thick, like a blanket covering up an underwater world. The castle towers above all other land so it can watch the pink, orange, and yellow sunset. One lone tree, branches bare, stands all alone in a lonely place.

Samantha Feder-Trosclair

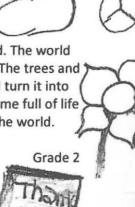


I am thankful for the world. The world gives us oxygen for us to breathe. The trees and

Then everybody goes to sleep.

plants take the carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen. The world is a peaceful home full of life and green. I am very thankful for the world. Liam Murphy





everybody was happy.

Cole Greenstein

A Beautiful Night

The sun is settling down to earth. The boats whoosh away before the sky gets darker. The moon peeks out before showing its beauty. The palm tree whispers to the stars "goodnight." If you listen closely you can hear the water drifting into the hot sun. As soon as the sun falls into the water the whole world changes. The stars sparkle like fireworks on July 4th. The moon is ready to begin his night watch over the green grass palm tree.

Chloe Koretsky

Grade 4

Grade 3

The World

The Great Wall of China

People and Places



What Makes Me Special

Big, green, and grassy mountains scatter across the land. It has a light, blue sky above. There is a long, white, brick wall that stretches from side to side. The huge, dirty rocks are planted all around the mountains. The scenery includes a bright, vellow light shining down on the ground. It is the beautiful, remarkable Great Wall of China.

Ella Berkeley



Grade 5

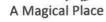
I Love School

I like to read stories in small groups and do classwork that's on the to-do list. I like to write in my journal about things I've done at school and at home. During math time, I like to count money. I like to do math homework on the computer. I enjoy playing outside with my nice, fun friends. I love school. It is fun!

Talia Rosenthal



Grade 1



Abracadabra! I was watching a magic show and the magician picked me as his volunteer. He put me in his magic hat. Presto! It took me to a magic place. There were flowers, talking flowers! I saw a rainbow and it had different colors than a regular rainbow. Everything was different! I heard a noise. Boom! Boom! It was a giant! I had to get out of there! I ran as fast as I could, but the giant caught me in a net. He asked me what my name was. I said, "My name is Jake." I had scissors in my pocket, so I cut the net and ran away. I stopped and looked at the giant. He was so sad. Suddenly, Wooosh! The magician brought me back to the show. I woke up and realized that I wasn't in a show and it was all a dream.

Mikey Sinai



Grade 1

My sense of humor makes me stand out. It makes me special because I always know the right time to say the joke and I can make jokes without hurting anybody's feelings. People always say I look like my dad and I get my humor from him. I guess you can say that. Part of my humor is my pranks. That definitely makes me special. Also I connect to a lot of people with humor and make friends using humor. Humor is the biggest part of my personality and character traits.

Jack Shechtman

Grade 4

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A Castle from a Distance

From a distance, over the water, and through the fog, I see a castle. In the sunlight, I see the castle is old and rusty but it is not abandoned. I want to go inside at least for a second. I feel as if need to see the shiny silver from the knights, the smell of the good food from the chef in the kitchen, the feel of the king's soft coat. But I can't go to the castle because of the water. So I will watch the castle from a distance.

Samantha Bimston

Grade 5

The Northern Lights

Sparkling emeralds shoot through the sky. Bright, just like the moonlight. I love the mixture of its beautiful snow white and beautiful light green. All night it seems to brighten my evening. It's as beautiful as mother earth. It is so upsetting only being able to see them once a year. They just seem like majestic green fireworks. Spinning around the Milky Way, they make the snow brighter than ever. You can't compare their beauty to anything. They shine on me like a star. The sparkling makes the night a beautiful sight.

Sophia Borzillo







Veterans: The Heroes of Our Country

may never come back. Imagine having to say

that you may never see them again. Imagine

goodbye to your family with the great possibility

meeting up with someone armed with the same

weapon you have. Imagine watching people die.

have done this. They wake up early, go to battle,

and hear gunshots, while seeing bullets whizzing

past. Then, many of them never return. These

people are truly heroes. If it weren't for them,

Adolf Hitler would have taken over the world.

Nobody forces them to do it; they do it because

they love America. These kinds of acts deserve even a little recognition. So when you see a

veteran, go up to them and say "Thank you for serving our country." Because of all of these acts of

Veterans Day

Our flag waves in the sky.

We hold it up so high.

Our soldiers are gone for a while.

They travel mile after mile.

They are so brave I give them an A-Plus

They will always be with us.

bravery, these people are truly heroes.

Ella Marshall

Imagine dying yourself. People called veterans

Imagine getting on a plane knowing you

Hurray for Heroes

Our Heroes

It is your choice You take the chance Bombs explode **Bullets** get fired

Some of you get wounded But you keep on fighting and fighting Until you win

You finally do

You come home and celebrate with your family

And when fights keep coming, you keep fighting for us Thank you

Happy Holidays

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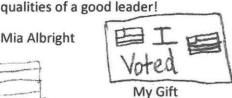
Grade 3



Election Day

Did you vote? We had an election day at school. It was fun to learn about voting. I will tell you all that I learned and the pretty cool things that I did. We had to choose one candidate to vote for and I voted for My Teacher. I voted for her because she has meetings with important people. She is also nice, responsible and very respectful of others. I think a leader should be trustworthy and always prepared, which My Teacher is. Election Day was exciting and I learned a lot about the

Mia Albright



Grade 1

Veterans Day

Madison Molina

Veterans Day is a day when we come together to remember the people who risked their lives for us every day. We hope and pray for the people who fought and ended up dying. We have sad and happy moments when Veterans Day comes. Veterans Day is a very important holiday to celebrate.

Naomi Raisman

Grade 4

Grade 3



The gift I would bring to the world would be food for the poor people. Some people in the world don't have any food and they are starving. Some people only have very, very tiny amounts of food. These people can get sick. Food will make them feel excellent.

Theron Osceola



Grade 2







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