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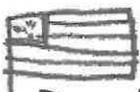
THE SURFERS WAVE DREAMS

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Dear Lower School students and parents,

There are four stages of expressive language development. The first is listening, the second is speaking, the third is reading, and the last is writing. Written expressive language, being the last to develop, is usually the most challenging for young children. Our masterful teachers at the Lower School teach expressive writing as part of their daily curriculum, but there are daily activities parents can use to increase their children's expressive language skills. Here are a few tips from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association:

For younger children:

- Talk with your child often.
- Read a variety of books (including wordless books) with your child and talk about the stories together.
- Help your child understand sound patterns such as rhyming.
- Talk with your child about his or her day.
- Talk about new words you hear.
- Do projects with your child like arts/crafts, folding laundry or washing the car. As you work together, talk about what you're doing.
- Give your child directions to follow.
- (This one is from me!) Watch my Video Storytime on the Media Center Blackboard page.

For older children:

- Find interesting books, magazines, and news stories for your child to read and discuss with you.
- Encourage active listening, like forming opinions and making judgments about daily life.
- Discuss how to solve problems.
- Read and write letters, journals, blogs, and short stories for fun.
- (Also from me!) Encourage participation in a book club, where *ideas* are discussed.

Finally, read and enjoy this lovely magazine with your child.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cantor, editor



Painting



Bahamas



Painting on the wooden easel I am in my play room. My hands are moving the paintbrush up and down, while my feet are glued to the brown carpet. I could smell the damp paint on the canvas. I see the colors of the paint on the canvas. My picture starts coming to life. I hear the paint PLOPPING on the canvas. I feel my hands gripping tightly on the paintbrush. Finally, I make a wonderful masterpiece of an oak tree.

Reese Glasser



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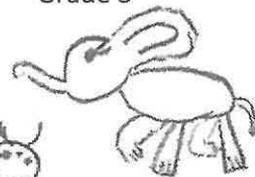
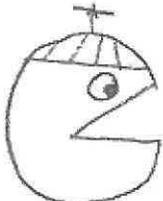
From high above crystal clear water, big majestic reefs are swimming with life. Gigantic sandy beaches and vast blue skies are abundant. There are no clouds and the water glimmers. The coral is vibrant with all the colors you can imagine. The sun is shining down, every day is perfect for the beach and snorkeling. It is the paradise of the world with its perfect scenery.

Dylan Rex

Grade 3

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Christmas



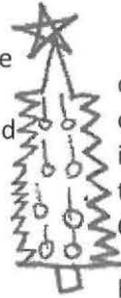
Happy Holidays



Christmas



The tree is gleaming bright. The aroma of the cookies is delightful. Presents under the tree are bringing excitement to the air. The night is silent and peaceful. The sound of hooves quietly going *click, clack...* then the sound of a bag falling down the chimney is delightful. A strong and bold voice says through the night, "Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!"



My favorite holiday is Christmas. My family decorates the Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. Santa brings us presents and puts candy in our stockings on Christmas Eve. I leave carrots for the reindeer and Christmas cookies for Santa. I love Christmas so much!

Hallie Turner

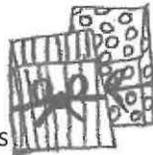


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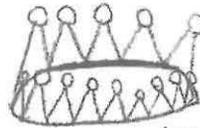
Maya Dinkins



Christmas



Grade 4



The Marvelous Menorah



My favorite holiday is Christmas. I like when we decorate the Christmas tree with stars and candy canes. I like the cold weather because I drink hot cocoa and snuggle up under warm blankets. Santa comes to our house and gives us presents. I like opening the presents! I hope Christmas comes again soon.

I am a beautiful metallic golden menorah. I am as gold as a king's crown. When I am burning, I smell like smoke and ashes coming out of a volcano. I have eight small candlesticks and one long one. As my body drops wax, I sound like raindrops hitting the cold hard ground. I feel as hot as the sun.

I get lit up on Hanukkah after the people recite the prayers. My wax drips down my golden body. It brings joy and happiness to all the people. It is the warmth and light of Hanukkah.

I have to make light for everyone! I have to be put on fire. When I'm burning, I'm very bright, and it hurts my eyes. Wax falls off my side like a rock falling off a cliff. Parts of my candles begin to burn and drop wax. It can irritate my body when it falls. The menorah has to be lit on every Hanukkah and Shabbat. I have to be used many times. People have to buy me new candles. I am the start of Hanukkah!

Kiori Cypress



Hanukkah



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I see the wax burning low on the menorah
I taste the sweet stickiness in my mouth

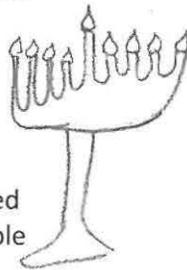
from the jelly doughnuts
I smell the delightful latkes
I see the latkes cooking

I feel the hot latkes in my mouth

I feel the wrapping paper

I hear the presents getting unwrapped

I hear the dreidel dropping on the table

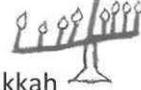


Daniel Kathein



I Know Hanukkah

Grade 4



I know Hanukkah.

I see my grandma's beautiful menorah.

I hear my magnificent mom wrapping my presents.
I smell my dad's cookies which are so amazingly yummy coming out of the oven.

I taste the chicken noodle soup made by my grandma.

I feel happy in my heart.

I know Hanukkah



Jack Schweiger

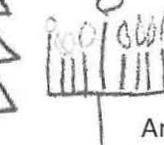


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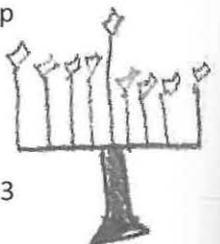
Christmas

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I bake tree-shaped cookies with my mom. I decorate the tree with fake snow and golden snowflakes with my family. On Christmas day, I open shiny presents. I love Christmas!



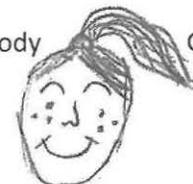
Andi Brody

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Nico Pineda

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The Homeless Pup

There was a homeless pup. He slept on anything comfortable. He played at parks. He usually ate food that people dropped. It was a hot day so he went in a pool. Just then a boy saw the dog. His mom would never let him have a dog. They played with some old shoes. The boy went to the store with his mom. He snuck some dog toys in the cart. His dad was a scientist. He was coming home from work. The boy called his dad and asked if he could make a potion that makes dogs talk. His dad said, "Why do you need it if you don't have a dog?" "I'll tell you when you get home."

Jake Gurevich



Grade 2



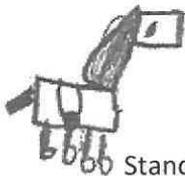
How to Love and Take Care of a Dog

First you have to make sure that it has food and water every day. You should feed him or her twice a day and they like fresh water. Next you have to take it for a walk five to six times a day. Then you have to play and care for it every day. Last you have to wash it two to three times a month. That is how it to love and care for a dog. P.S. Dogs are loving and playful pets. They will always be there for you.

Campbell Neal



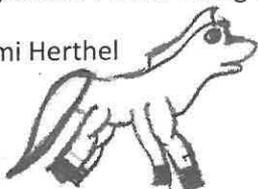
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My Day with Jah Jah!

Standing next to the dark brown horse, my hands and feet are shaking. I am about to get on Jah Jah for the first time! I am nervous and excited at the same time. I got a stool and put it directly in front of me. As I stepped on the golden stool I felt as if I was being a coward! Sitting on top of the horse, I began to pet it. My trainer took me to the circle. When I got to the circle, my trainer asked me if I wanted ride alone. I said yes! I smelled the breezy air and the fresh mowed grass. My legs dangled trying to touch the ground! I loved riding on Jah Jah so much!

Naomi Herthel



Grade 2



Furry Friends



Animals

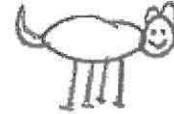


My dogs are Harry and Sally. Their names remind me of the movie When Harry Met Sally. Their eyes sparkle like the shining sun and their fur reminds me of puffy clouds. Sally likes it when I rub her tummy and Harry likes to lick me. When I come home from school they lick me all over. They are so cute! I love my dogs Harry and Sally.

Rubi Katz



Peacocks

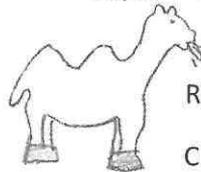


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Peacocks are large birds. They have plumage of feathers that have very colorful designs and colors. The beautiful peacocks eat fruits, berries, grains, small mammals, and reptiles. Peacocks live in wild habitats like Southeast Asia.

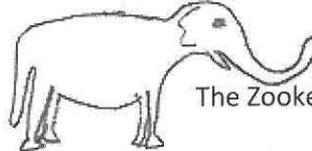
Hayden Liberty



Riding a Camel at Lion Country Safari

Climbing up onto the camel, I feel the bumpy hump. My hands are clinging to camel's hump. My feet are swaying up and down. I see the back of the camel's head. It looks like a fur ball. I hear the birds singing in the sky over us. My legs feel scratchy with camel fur. I love the camel I'm riding.

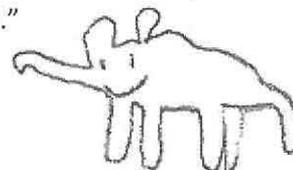
Natasha Hane



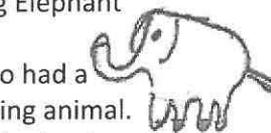
The Zookeeper and the Talking Elephant

Once there lived a zookeeper who had a conversation with the world's first talking animal. The zookeeper was going to feed the elephants and one of the elephants said, "Hello." The zookeeper saw that the elephant didn't feel good and said, "Hello. You don't look good. What's wrong?" The elephant said, "I am going to die soon, and I have done nothing with my life." The zookeeper said, "Tonight at 7:00 sharp, we will sneak out and have a guys' night out." And the elephant said, "That sounds good."

Jayden Artis



Grade 4



Grade 2



Grade 3

Sharing is Caring



What Kind of Helper Are You?

It brings a smile to my face to help a homeless family. I gave them money. Some had babies, so I gave them toys. They were so nice that we took them to an apartment. They stayed there to sleep and eat, so they didn't have to sleep and eat in the street. I was so happy that I helped them.

We also helped some animals that were sick. We gave them some food, some medicine, and then we gave them toys. I love to help the animals, too.

Alejandra Goldszmidt

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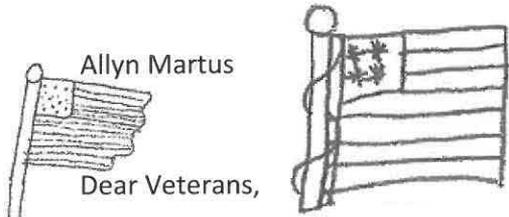


Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is a day to respect the veterans who have fought for our country. Veterans come in all shapes and sizes, small and tall. They are people just like you and me except they fought for our country and now we are free. In the Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, Army, and Air Force, they are a team. They fight for us and today we honor those who died and those who are okay.

Allyn Martus

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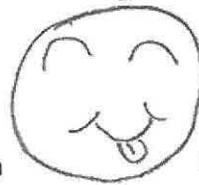
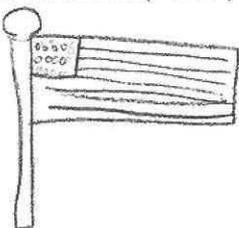


Dear Veterans,

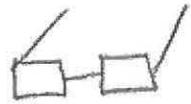
Thank you for serving our country and making us free. Thank you for dedicating your lives for our country and thank you for fighting for us to keep us safe. Thank you all veterans for being brave. But I am so sorry that you don't get to see your families for a long time. And even if you can't hear and see us, we are all waiting for you to come home to say thank you for all you have done for us. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines, I appreciate you for all the help that you gave our country.

Sammy Lipsky

Grade 3



Being Helpful



I was helpful when my dad lost his glasses. I helped him find them! He gave me a hug! I also cleaned my room for my mom! I like helping in my house.

Ethan Scharf

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What Kind of Helper Are You?

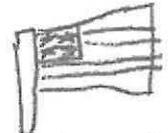
I help dogs by going to volunteer at the Humane Society. My mom Karen and I went to the Humane Society. My mom Karen help feed the dogs. We gave them water and toys. We gave the dogs money. We gave them thirty dollars so they can get medicine and toys. At the end I felt really good.

Jojo Riesel

Grade 4



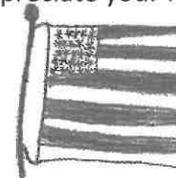
Veteran's Day



Thank you veterans for fighting for us all. You fight for our freedom and I thank you for that. You give up your lives for us so we can be happy. You are brave and strong and you are kind for doing what you do. I appreciate you. Thank you!

Jordan Singer

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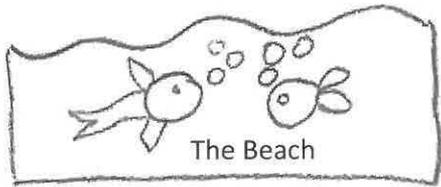
What Kind of Helper are You?

I am the kind of helper who helps because it is the right thing to do. The last time I helped with something was actually here at the school. I am pretty sure it was the charity for breast cancer. I also remember going to my swimming class and I saw a homeless man. I gave him \$20 because he look liked he needed it. I help because it's the right thing to do because if people need help you should.

Esteban Maldonado

Grade 4





The Beach

Splash, Splash

The waves are crashing. The signs are green and purple. I dive in the water with my mask. I go through the waves and see tuna, tuna, piranha, piranha. I swim back as fast as I can. I tell my dad "tuna, piranha!" He tells me to go in the pool. I swim in the pool. The pool is at the top of the beach. When I catch my football it sounds like a lion roaring as it hits the water. As the sun dips down I go to my house. I miss the ocean already and I say goodbye until next time.

Max Goldberg



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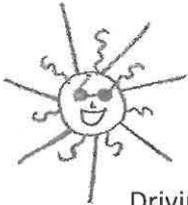
Look Before You Leap

It was a beautiful day outside when I was at the beach. The waves were crashing and the breeze was blowing in my face. The view in front of me was so pretty. There were lots of birds in the sky and the sand felt hot on my feet. The water was crystal clear. When I walked down to the water, there were rocks. I wanted to climb on the rocks, so my dad said, "Be careful." When I walked up the rocks my dad said, "Watch where you are going."

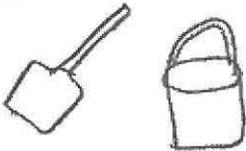
Cameron Alters



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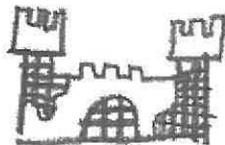


Going to the Beach

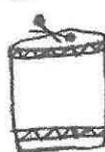
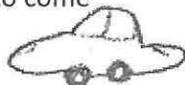


Driving to the beach, I get out of the car and my eyes are focused on the beautiful blue ocean. I feel the sand between my toes. I feel the heat beating down on my face. I smell the sweet salty ocean in the distance. After putting on my sunscreen, I walk past the lifeguard. I put my hands in the damp sand and start to build a sand castle. I feel the wind blowing through my hair. I jump in the water. It is very shallow. As I jump into the car I watch the sunset. I think to myself, I want to come back soon.

Jessie Gross



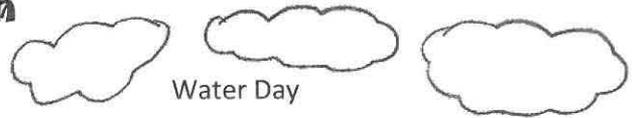
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Jolie Cohen



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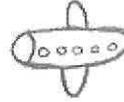
Water Day

If it rained all day I would get out my kiddie pool. I would wait until it was filled up all the way. I would jump in and swim!

Jocelyn Artis



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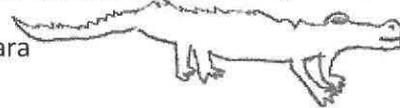


The Everglades

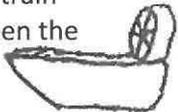


I heard the noise of the fast airboat. I felt like I was in a crashing airplane. I smelled the saw grass in the water. I saw the alligator swimming toward me closer and closer and I also saw some colorful birds walking on lily pads. I saw some birds flying in the glittery shining light in the sky. Finally, the ride was over. Then I went to an alligator show. It showed me tricks with alligators and how to train alligators if you get them as pets. This has been the best place that I ever went in my whole life!

Alexia Lara



Grade 2



Tube Riding



Flying between the water and the sky, I try not to let go. My hands are slipping off the handles and gripping on hard. My feet are flying in the air and falling on the tube. Water splashes everywhere in the air and on my face. The wind is blowing and the boat sounds like elephants jumping rope. I bounce on the waves and glide in the sky. Water is splashing me everywhere. I feel frightened and I think I will fall off. I hope I can do this again!

Gabriella Curry

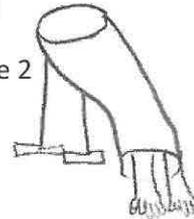


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The Water Park Day

Standing at the top of the big huge waterslide, I feel outstanding. My feet are hanging in the water. My hands are way in the air. I see myself as a river and I see my mom my dad and my brothers are way behind me and my lovable grandfather and I are together. The river swish-swashes as we go along. My tummy flips so high. My heart is like a drum. It is so playful.



Jolie Cohen



Grade 2



We are Thankful

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is my favorite time of the year. I celebrate it at my house. On Thanksgiving, my family and my mom's guests come to eat. In the morning, we watch the Thanksgiving Day parade because I like it. I also like to play basketball and soccer because they are active. My favorite foods on Thanksgiving are turkey, pie, and cranberry sauce because I like the taste. This is how I celebrate Thanksgiving.

Eric Ruderman



Grade 3



What I Am Thankful For



I am thankful for my home because it keeps me safe from bad weather. It also has important things in it like pictures of my mom and my dad. It also has my clothes and my bed.

I am also thankful for my clothes because they keep me warm. I have comfy clothes when I sleep and when I go to school.

Lastly, I am thankful for my food. It keeps me healthy and strong so my bones can grow. Food also gives me the energy I need to do my work and play.

Now you know the things I am thankful for. They are my home, my clothes and my food. I am a lucky girl!



Skye Dedesma

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This is What I'm Thankful for

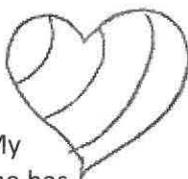
I'm thankful for my caring family. My amazing sister makes time for me even if she has homework. My awesome brother plays with me when I'm bored. My sweet mom packs me snacks every day before school. My fun dad brings me to Dave n' Busters. I'm happy to have family members who care about me.

I'm thankful for my helpful friends. Piper helps me when I fall down. Miranda helps me when my novel work is too hard. Gaya cheers me up when I am down or upset. I have so many friends I can't even count. I'm thankful to have friends.

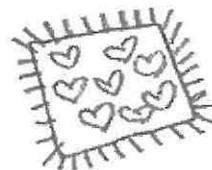
I'm thankful for such wonderful teachers. Mrs. Nolte helps me when I am stuck on my work. Miss DeMaria helps me learn multiplication and division. Mrs. Kahn teaches me how to play amazing games. I want to be a teacher too when I grow up. I'm happy to have such kind teachers.

Ava Olivieri

Grade 3



I'm Thankful For...



I'm thankful for my family for thinking of me. My sweet mom helped me when my dog dragged me on the road by calming me down and cleaning me up. My kind dad sometimes takes me to the grocery store and I get a free cookie. My loveable dog Rocky cheers me up when I'm upset. I'm happy my family cares about me!

I'm thankful for my awesome friends. My friends are always there for me, and if I fall they help me up. My super friends care for me if I'm upset. My amazing friends save me a seat at lunch so we can talk to each other. I'm glad my friends care!

I'm thankful for my challenging school so I can learn new things. School helps me learn skills that are good for when I'm in a higher grade. School helps me learn educational concepts that make me smarter. Homework reviews stuff with me when I'm at home and not at school. I love school and learning new things!

Miranda Novelli

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Thanksgiving



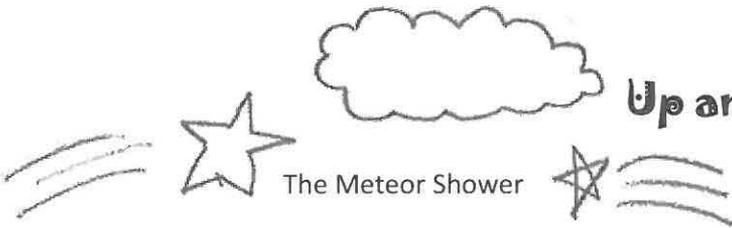
My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. I'm thankful that people have homes to live in. Also, I'm thankful for my family. My uncles and aunts come to my house by 8:00 a.m. I play games with them. We have a big feast. I eat turkey and potatoes. After the feast, we take a walk. It is a big day and I feel tired. Thanksgiving is great.

Jeffrey Zhang

Grade 1



Up and Above



The Meteor Shower

That night the ground rumbled. I quietly peered over my shivering shoulder and I saw it! The fascinating view of the meteor shower. I didn't know what to do, since I knew I wouldn't see one of these in another 70 years. I could have glared at it for hours, but I sensed my anxious parents would be expecting me. They never liked it when I went to the beach by myself, let alone at night. About half an hour later, when I turned my back on the light show, I couldn't resist turning back and looking, but right now I had to say goodbye to the night sky.

Vaughn Rex

Gazing at the Night Sky

Sky as bright as sunlight,
need to squint tight.

Feeling the crisp cold air blown
all the way from outer space.

I should probably use binoculars just in case.

And then, I see it, right above!

It was soaring through the sky just like a dove.

Behold... A shooting star!

I hear shimmering in my left ear.

I calmly listen to the sound "cock-a-doodle-doo."

Looking at the amazingly shiny
shooting star go away, I say goodbye

Kayla Giset

Grade 3

Fireworks

The colorful rockets shoot up into the dark gloomy sky. Boom! Fireworks bloom, filling the sky with colors. The magenta starbursts reflect off the flat silver water, making a colorful rainbow appear in the pool. Different colors fly like birds. The shimmering Eiffel Tower reaches up to touch the fireworks and whispers goodnight.

Dani Sinai

Grade 4



Beautiful Sight

Do you see what I see? I see a beautiful, blue sky and some water coming up to the bow of the shore. Also, I see orange sand and green grass and the tall mountains in the distance. The white, fluffy clouds are in the sky. They look like a blanket.

Byron Billie

Grade 1



The Bright Light Up Above

I gaze into the crystal clear sky that's taking over this dark night while the golden, shimmering stars light up the darkness. But suddenly I see a shooting star that goes as quickly as lightning shooting down to the ground. Then I look up as far as the eye can see. It's the Big Dipper dipping down below! As the moon looks down at me so gracefully, I see a bright light shoot up out of the blue. It's the sun! As I get up to go back to my house I say goodbye to the night sky!

Laura Kirkpatrick

Grade 3



The Big Storm

I was watching TV when suddenly I heard a big boom! The power went out and everything was black and still. I found a lantern in the closet and I turned it on as the light slowly filled the room. I walked silently in the hall to my bedroom. I jumped into bed. I could hear the lightning rattling the glass. I was so scared. Boom bang went the lightning. Wish wash went the water. I finally fell asleep listening to the big storm.

Sofia Stringer

Grade 2



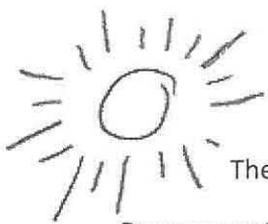
Lightning

In the solid black sky a sudden flash appears. Rapid bolts of energy crash down at the speed of light. Blue and white flashes of energy fills the air. Finally, the solid black sky returns. The lightning storm has ended.

Jack Crawford

Grade 4





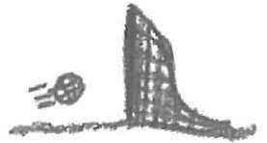
The Winning Team



Let's Go, Team!



My Soccer Game



Do you want to hear about my awesome soccer game? I was on the winning team and I never felt so happy and free! Even the soccer balls were cool because they had the team's name on it which was the Cobras. One time when I was playing defense, I blocked the other team's goal. I ran very fast, stuck my foot out and kicked it out of bounds. Swoosh! The ball went flying over the line. We were saved from losing and started jumping up and down celebrating. We all high fived each other! It was such a great feeling and I love playing soccer with this team!



Noah Avellanet



Grade 1



Skiing is Awesome



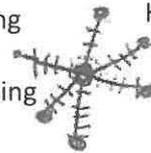
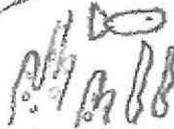
I went skiing with my ski teacher. I was a pro at skiing. Before my eyes I saw my dad next to me. I was cold when my dad skied to me he made smooth marks in the snow. He was gliding and he took me with him. I went on a big hill that went straight down. The snow was soft and speckled. The snow hit my face like a ball, but finally we went to get hot chocolate. When I was done I went out to go skiing again, but then I was freezing I had to wear my heaviest snow suit. I was shivering from the freezing air.

Alex Shuster



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Fishing



Avery Teifeld



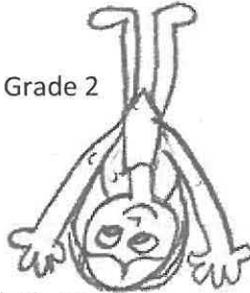
Gymnastics



After school I go to gymnastics! I am on a team. I am learning how to do back handsprings. I do backbends and cartwheels! I love gymnastics!



Grade 2



Halle Sutton



My Life



Grade 1



My name is Jett Yurgealitis. I am eight years old. My birthday is May 16. I have a wonderful life with my brother named Jeffrey. Our favorite thing to do is play sports. I have two dogs named Roxy and Camo. Camo likes to bite me in the ear while Roxy likes to lick me. My favorite football teams are Indianapolis Colts and Miami Dolphins. The Miami Heat is my favorite basketball team. I went to the Heat versus Raptors game with my family about two years ago. I play lots of sports because they are very fun. I play with my friends and we are really good. My hobbies are school because I learn, and cars too because they are really cool. I have the best life ever.

Joseph Georgiou



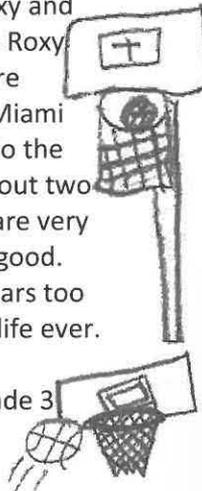
Grade 2



Jett Yurgealitis



Grade 3





Nice to Meet You



When You Are Scared

Star Student

When you are scared, I will hold you as tight as a pillow. I will let the feathers burst right out of the bright blue pillowcase into my arms. I will let you know that it is okay. I will cuddle with you and when you start to cry I will take you downstairs to eat some potato chips and drink some warm milk. I will turn on soft music and dim the lights and, once you fall asleep, I will gently carry you upstairs and turn off the lights and tuck you into bed. Then I will give you a big kiss and say sweet dreams and walk out of the room tiptoeing.

I got Star Student and I was so excited! My friend Matheus got Star Student too. It was the greatest feeling and the best day ever! I think the best part about getting Star Student was wearing the crown. I was so proud of myself.

Brooke Haynie

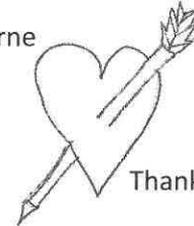
Grade 3

Noah Sterne

Grade 1

The Best Bike Ride Ever

Thankful For



It was the best bike ride ever with my aunt and mom! We had off from school and all decided to take a ride. I was so excited because I just learned how to ride a two wheeler and was ready to go! I was nervous in the beginning but then I just kept pedaling and pedaling! I loved the wind on my face as I went faster and faster. We went on a two mile ride and I was the fastest of the three of us. I can't wait to go again! I was so happy to finally ride!

Everyone is thankful for something. One of the things I am thankful for is my family, because they put food on the table, give me a house to live in, and they make me who I am. And that's why I'm thankful for them.



The second thing I am thankful for is my teacher. She helps me, teaches me, and most importantly, she cares for me. I am very lucky to have her.



The last thing I am thankful for is my friends. The reason I am thankful for them is because they are always there for me, they make me laugh, and finally, they always cheer me up when I am sad.



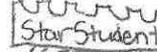
What are you thankful for?

Hayden Valenzuela

Grade 1

Gavin Eichel

Grade 3



My Silly Mommy

Star Student

You won't believe what happened to my mom! It was the funniest thing ever! One time, my mom and dad were working in the backyard. My dad was cutting down a tree that was near the pool. My mom came over to help him and slipped! She fell right into the pool! My brother and I saw her fall and were in shock. We didn't know what happened! Once she came out of the pool and we saw she was okay but soaking wet with her pajamas and shoes on, we started laughing so hard. She looked so funny! She started laughing too and so did my dad. It was a very funny situation and we always talk about this! It makes us still laugh!

On Friday I got Star Student for being a good citizen. I was excited when Miss Bartels called my name. My family was so proud of me!



Presley Herthel



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Gabriella Kadosh

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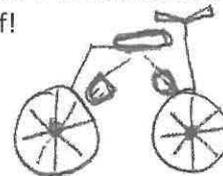
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The Bike Ride

Once I was on my bike. I rode really far away with my sister and my dad. We went to the giving tree. Then we went back home. I was so proud of myself!



Amazing Outdoors



Bright Light Tonight

Shh!!!! The sun is taking its night stroll down the deep dark starry steps of the stars. Its sky is fading calmly away. What beautiful stars glistening gently, and a sky covered by an enormous moon blanket. Swish! All of a sudden I see a light moving rapidly. What could it be? It's getting closer! I see it for a single moment, and I stare. Then I see it, a shooting star, delicate and bright. What a great first shooting star I've seen any night. What a spectacular sight!

Sophie Simon



Grade 3



The Cave

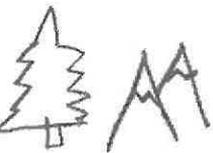


Moist air stops me from breathing. I can see my cold breath going as slow as a tickle on my face. Loud howling wind rushes through the cave as my face goes by. The sound from the rock tickles my ear. One side of the cave whispers to the other. Fast strong water races like a cheetah while bright light bursts out of the lantern to brighten up the cave. Outside you can see shiny evergreen trees and you can see the stars dance in the big full moon while shooting across the whole sky.

Daniel Militzok



Grade 4



Leaf

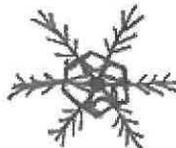


If I were a leaf I would be hanging on a tree in winter. I would be the last leaf on the tree. Snowflakes would fall on me and would feel happy. The cold wind would blow me into the sky, and I would become part of the wind. I would see brown and white cows and beautiful pine trees white with ice below me. I would see people skiing down the mountains and deer searching for food. I would feel free in the wind!

Daniel Katz Reyes



Grade 3

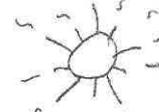
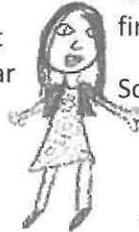


My Fun Summer in Costa Rica



Over the summer I went to Costa Rica. I saw tons of monkeys climbing on the trees. Some of them were on people's condos that look like treehouses. There were even some monkeys on the beach. Also, when we were on the beach my sister, my friend and I were playing Frisbee. The Frisbee hit the bride in the head. After the Frisbee caught on fire we could not play Frisbee anymore.

Sofia Teifeld



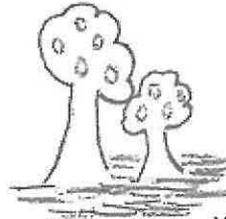
Playdate with Chloe

Grade 2



I went to the beach with Chloe. It was so hot. The water was freezing. We were shivering so much. We ran out. We felt like we were in a freezer. We heard splashes. We tasted the salt water. We got in the water and my foot stepped on a jellyfish. It felt squishy and it stung my foot. It was red. I had to rub my foot on the sand. I said I would never go in the ocean ever again.

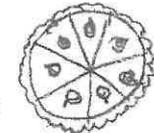
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Fall Riddle

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I am sweet
You put fruit in me
You bake me in the oven



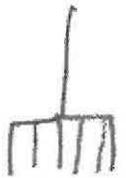
I am tasty
What am I?
An apple pie



Sydney Scharf

Grade 1

What Am I?
I collect leaves
I am a tool
I am used outside
I have many points
What am I?
A rake



Max Olivieri

Grade 1



Friends and Family



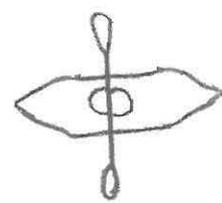
Riding My Bike

Helping my dad take the training wheels off my big blue bike, I am so scared to ride it. My hands and feet are shaking like a leaf. Finally my dad is done. I hop on my big blue bike and ride as fast as a mama bird trying to save her baby birds. I am thinking that I will fall off. I feel the cool air flowing on my face. I hear the loud cars driving down the street. At last I arrive at my house. I am very proud of myself for riding my two-wheeler by myself.

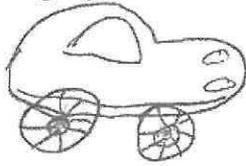


Ocean Reef Club

I love Ocean Reef Club. You can do almost everything you want there. Things like golf, swimming, fishing, play video games or just eat ice cream. It is my favorite place. It is really cool. Instead of cars you drive golf carts. It is amazing. The ice cream shop is really close by, and when you parents are eating you can walk there on your own. It also has a lagoon with a bunch of water toys like kayaks, water bikes, paddle boats, and paddle boards.



Alanna Frier



Grade 2



Sleepover at Jojo's House

I had a sleepover at Jojo's house and Alejandra and Camila were there. It was so much fun. We did a lot of stuff. We were playing in the playroom. We went swimming and we went on the raft. Alejandra fell off the raft. We got out of the pool and we took a shower. Alejandra also did my hair. We watched some TV. We played The Voice. Then we watched a movie and after it was time to go to sleep.

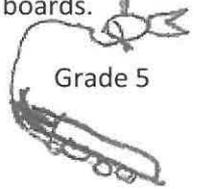


Trey Marker



Thanksgiving

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. My grandma and cousins come over to my house. My grandma brings me a sweater that she made. It is orange with a turkey in the middle. Later on in the day, we have a feast. We eat mashed potatoes and turkey. My dad likes to put jelly on his turkey. My family and I play games at night. I hope Thanksgiving comes again soon.



Grade 5

Vada Stabinski



Grade 4

The Water Balloon Fight

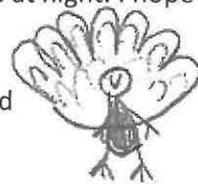
When I went outside my brother hid from me. He took a water balloon and smashed it on my face! It was so funny I went and got one and threw it. We had an awesome fight! It was so much fun! After, my mom and dad joined along with my sister! We had a blast! It was the best day of my life! My team was me, my dad, and my brother vs my mom and sister! The water was freezing. My skin had goose bumps and I had no strength to hold a water balloon! Then right there my mom came to our base and struck all of us on the arm! It was so cold!



Victoria Osceola-Benard

My Visit to the Bowling Alley

Let me tell you about the best day ever with my mom and sister! We went bowling and had the best time! I laughed so hard watching my mom bowl with the bumpers on. She kept on getting strikes and winning! When it was my turn, I changed my technique and got another ball and dried my fingers off on the air blower. I stepped up to the line, pulled back my ball and aimed for the center. I watched the ball roll down the alley. BOOM! It hit all the pins except for number one! I was laughing because I wanted to beat my mom and that pin is the hardest to hit. She was able to hit it! I will have to keep practicing! My mom said we can go again soon. Next time, she cannot use bumpers but I can!



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Rahul Wani

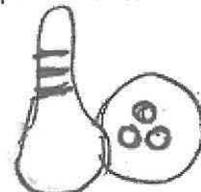


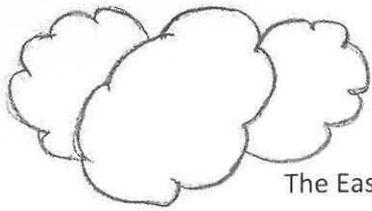
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Owen Schwartz

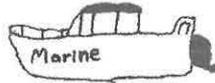
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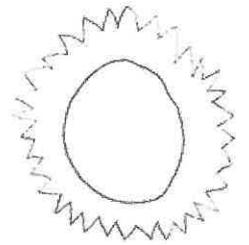


The Easter Picture

Picture-Perfect Places



Planting Express



My whole family is smiling for the Easter picture. I see the ocean making a lot of waves. I see the green grass growing. The flagpole reaches as high as a tree. The big, bobbing boat is rocking up and down. Clouds are flying through the air saying this is fun. The colorful fish at the sandbar swim as fast as a motor boat. The fresh air is blowing from the north to the south.

Choo choo! Choo choo! All aboard the Planting Express. I love to plant! I plant a garden every year! A garden is a great way to produce healthy foods. First off, you can make a salad with all the fresh vegetables from your garden. You can also use the herbs you grow to make a tasty homemade chicken.

You can start planting if you buy a pot and some seeds. You start by filling a pot halfway with dirt and sprinkling some seeds into the pot. Then, you fill the pot the rest of the way. After watering your plants once a day, little sprouts will start to grow. They will grow bigger every day if you care for them. In about two months, it is time to harvest! Your fruits and vegetables will be ready to eat.

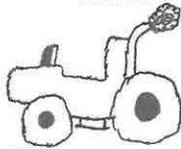
You should plant a garden too! Then you will have fresh fruits and vegetables to enjoy all the time.

Andrew Dorton



Grade 3

The Farm



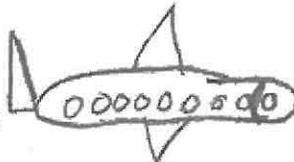
It's a cold November day. The cows are mooing. I'm jumping on the hay. I'm saying to myself, "Can this day get any better?" I'm asking my mom for a pomegranate. The barrel-shaped hay is waiting for the cows to eat it for lunch. I feel like I could rule the world. The great green tractor has one big barrel of hay. The leaves sway on the bright trees because of the breeze passing by. Some grass looks like a green restless sea.

Lucky John-Carney



Grade 3

The Blue Lagoon



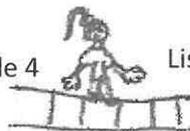
Relaxing in the boiling hot water of the Blue Lagoon Geothermal Spa in Reykjavik, Iceland, I am glaring at the hazy mist drifting off the surface of the water and into the cool air. I am trying to find a way through the smoky maze of mist. The eerie silence is soothing to the ears, but then, my laughter breaks the eerie silence into pieces. My fingertips are gently tickling the surface of the vast sky blue area of water, as I am getting closer to one of the rocky hills standing still in the boiling hot water. As I open my mouth, I am breathing, while a gush of cool air meets my taste buds.

I feel like I'm drinking ice cold water right from the river. As I slowly walk towards the steps, I think about my moment of being at the Blue Lagoon in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Tehila Setton



Grade 4



Lisi Sinkoe



Grade 2

Annie Wasserman



Grade 4

Aspen Mountains



The Aspen Mountains are full of great greens and the sky is a beautiful blue. Snow-white clouds fill the baby blue sky while tea green trees and slate grey rocks fill the mountaintop. Mother Nature paints the masterpiece all around. Strong, cold wind crashed on the trees and sweeps up the leaves. The mountain peak across the valley looks like the swirled pointy top of an ice cream cone on a warm summer day. Towering evergreen trees are little grass blades in the valley. Birds chirp. Trees sway. It's summer time in the Aspen Mountains.

Alexis Ellman



Grade 4

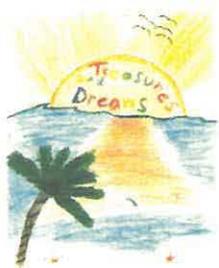


Water Park

Standing in line for the Fantastic Flyer, I feel anxious. My hands are shaking with fear, and keep shaking. My feet are wobbling like crazy. They can't stop. I see people and tubes are taking off to the Flyer and going as fast as a sports car. I hear screaming and sliding and splashing and talking. I feel nervous. I feel brave and confident and strong that I'm going on a ride like this. I feel energized and petrified. My heart is thumping like a lion. It can't stop, scampering away so fast. This day is amazing!



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