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Kindness Grows Here

Dedication

We dedicate this issue of Inside Outside to Mary Tanski and Kelly Roach for their many years of kindness and dedication to the students of Fabius-Pompey.

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Emily McKee  
Emma Gumpper

## Other Artwork:

This year, we are introducing a new feature to our magazine. A sample of this year's artwork by Honorable Mention award winners from each classroom. They can be found at the end of each grade level's writing.

## Kindergarten

My Dad has been fixing up a house in Fabius. I like to go there with my Dad and help him work in the house. He lets me build there. I also draw pictures and he puts them up. Sometimes I get to watch a show on his phone. I like going to the Fabius house and helping my Dad.

Elizabeth Ludke

## Good Helpers

My sister and I are good helpers. We helped our dad do the dishes. First we unloaded the dishwasher and put away the clean dishes. Then my sister put dirty dishes in the sink and then put them in the dishwasher. Dad was happy. He had a smile on his face.

Abigael Kindon

## My Dog

My dog died when I was three and my little sister was two years old. Her name was Indiana and she was a black Lab. I liked to pet her. She was cute! I liked to play with her a lot. I played catch with her. She loved to play with tennis balls. I hope to get another dog soon. I really hope that my mom and dad will get me a Great Dane!

Emma Gumpper

## Robbie

My friend's name is Robbie. He used to ride my bus, but now he doesn't. I see him in the cafeteria and he says hi, smiles, and waves to me. When I first met him, we played on the bus and became friends. I cried when he wasn't on the bus anymore, but I am glad I still get to see him.

Jeb Loomis

## Chickens

Three chickens were born and my other chicken, Lilly, had a baby too. One night they died. They weren't breathing well. I was very sad, but I helped my mom clean the chicken coop and get rid of them. The rest of the chickens are staying alive. The chickens that passed away are in my heart now. I really miss them.

Abbey Cheney

### Helping Grandma

One day I went outside to help my Grandma pick up wood. We used the wood to build a fire in the fireplace. I got to put the paper in to get the fire started. The fire kept the house warm because it was cold outside.

Tomas Conolly

### My Cats

I have two cats and their names are Ally and Rocky. Ally is white and grey. Rocky is brown and black. I like to play with them a lot. I give them their toys and I like to pet them too. I also feed them their dry food. Ally jumps on my bed while my Daddy reads to me and she takes over my bed. My cats are beautiful.

Avery Delaney

### Family Time

My whole family worked together to stack firewood. We get the wood ready in the summer so that it can help keep us warm in the winter. It was hard work, but we had fun working together.

Ollie Ten Eyck

### Kind

Once upon a time there was a boy playing on the slide. He was going up the ladder and playing on the swing. Then another boy came and pushed him. The boy started to cry. The teacher and a friend came to help the boy. Then the teacher put the other boy in time out and told him, "You have to be kind to your friends, so that they can be nice to you too,"

The next day, the boys were playing again, and the boy pushed him again, but this time he said, "I'm sorry, it was an accident." The boy had learned his lesson. He wanted to be kind to others, so that others were kind to him.

Melvin Diaz-Cheney

### I Love My Dog So Much

My dog lived for a long time, but then he died. We made a paw print with beautiful stones and colors. We put the paw print in our garage as a memory of my dog. His name was Dexter. My mom and dad brought him to a place where he died and slept. I miss him so much. We still have another dog and her name is Mila, and we love her too!

Elias Chavarria



### Working with My Dad

I helped Dad with building a fire in our fireplace. We used old magazines to help build the fire. We wanted it to get warm in the house because it was freezing outside. We needed to collect more wood in the garage and then the fire got going good!

Pyper Keller

### Charlie's Books

I like to make paper books for my sister, Cailin, and my cousin Dravin. I work on them in school and I use markers to color them. I then bring them home and read it to them. I would like to make another book out of cardboard. I also want to make a video game book. Making books is fun!

Charlie Becker

### My Family Vacation

Every summer my family, friends, and I go to a beach. We stay in a house on the beach. We ride in a boat and they let us take turns driving the boat. My brothers, my dad, and I build sand castles and we cover ourselves with the sand. Not our heads! Sometimes I see other people parking their boats and then they go swimming. We have fun as a family.

Decker Skeele

### Our New Cat

I used to have a cat named Mousey. One night my cat, Mousey, stayed outside the whole night. In the morning, when no one in my house was awake, my cat got run over by a car. My sister and I woke up and my parents told us that our cat died. Then a few days later, we went on a drive for a special surprise. We went to a house where they were selling a cat. The cat's name is Alexander Hamilton. He is black with white on his tummy and his paw. He is a scratchy cat!

Evie MacPherson

### Being Kind

I like being kind to other people. I try to help the kids in my class. I know how to tie shoes, so I tie everyone's shoes to help Mrs. Proper out. I am a good friend to my classmates. I help my friends with their work, and taking them to the library or the nurse's office. I like being a good helper!

Mollie Leet

### How I Got My Dog

It was April 19<sup>th</sup> and it was almost my birthday. My dog had died. My parents put a gate up in my house. Friends and family came to visit, and they didn't know what was going on with the gate. My Grandma watched me because my parents said they had to go to the store, but they actually didn't. They actually went to a house that had dogs for sale. They ended up buying the yellow Lab and brought it home to surprise me. His name is Charlie. He likes to play fetch and can catch his frisbee. I love him so much!

Johnny Fallon

### Cleaning

I clean for my mom and dad at home. I clean my toys and I make my bed. I like to clean things. It makes my mom and dad very happy when I help around the house. I also help take care of my animals. I have a dog and a cat. Cleaning is fun!

Noah Bakal

### Santa's Workshop

We went on vacation to Santa's Workshop. My grandpa took me, my dad, and my mom to Santa's workshop. I got to work with an elf and helped make the toys. I got to go down a very big slide. The elf told me that Santa was eating cookies and was checking his list, so I couldn't see him. I had tons of fun!

Sam Rhea

### Camping Trip

I went camping this summer with my family. We went to a far away park in California. We camped out in our tents and slept on the grass with our sleeping bags. We looked at the stars before going to sleep and we made s'mores by the fire. We celebrated my birthday there too! We all slept in our same tent and my brother, William made shadows and groovy things with his hands. We had tons of fun!

Willow Maier

### My Dog is the Best!

When I play with my dog outside, he pulls me on the tube with my brother. Sean has to pull the rope with my dog because he can't run by himself. My dog's name is Hoyt. He is four years old. He usually stays in his kennel inside and we let him come out and play in the house when Daddy's not home. He's the best dog ever!

Hailey Van Erden

### Saw Dust

Mom, Dad, Wesley, and I drove to my Grandpa's and Grandma's house. We got out of the car. We colored pictures and then we went outside to collect saw dust in the yard to put in the fire. Grandpa and Grandma were happy we helped.

Miles Hayward

Mrs. Proper's Art Class:



Artwork by: Summer Terpstra



Artwork by: Abigail Cheney



Mrs. Bailey's Art Class:



Artwork by: Marcus Morse



Artwork by: Elizabeth Ludke

## First Grade

### Virginia Beach

I went to Virginia Beach. I had fun! I went with my cousin. It was hot and sunny. We went out for dinner. I am going back on April break.

Addison Wilcox

### Grandma and Grandpa's

I went to my Grandma and Grandpa's and my cousin went there. It was fun with my cousins. There we were watching TV. We also played hide and seek. I had fun with my cousins.

Lilah Sandberg

### When We Have Company

On a summer day we sometimes have company over to our house. All the kids play outside. Later at night we have a bonfire and make s'mores – yum yum! I like summer days!

Maverick Jordan

### New York Rocks!

I went to New York City for my brother Jack's birthday. We went to a Lego store. All that was in there was Legos! Then we saw the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. It was right next door! Two people got engaged! It was raining and my feet got wet, but I still had a fun time.

Patrick Long

### Nanny's House

I went to my Nanny's house. She lives far away. I got to sleep over at her house for eight days. We played with beads, we watched Minions 3, we did puzzles. I love going to her house!

Mason Buffum

### Cookies

I went to my Grandpa's and Grandma's house. I made cookies. We made chocolate chip cookies. I only made five. I took them home and then I ate them. I had milk too!

Ryan Fults

### My Dogs

I went to the Adirondacks. My family stayed in a hotel. We brought our dogs too. They kept taking our socks out of our suitcases. We took them for walks and we went to the beach. We had ice cream and they got doggie ice creams. It was fun.

Sid Johnson

### New Jersey Beach

I went to New Jersey Beach with my family. We played in the sand. I got buried in the sand. My cousin Dale dumped water on me. I could not even feel it! It was great!

William Hutchinson

### Lake George

I got to go to Lake George with my family. We took our camper. My brother saw a little tiny bear running across the road. It did not get run over by a car! I was glad he made it!

Lilly Rainbow

### Lights on the Lake

A little before Christmas I went to Lights on the Lake. My whole family went too! There were a lot of Christmas decorations. There were also animals, Under the Sea, and elves! I loved all the different lights.

Dylan Richardson

### I Went Skiing

Last year I went skiing. I kept on crashing into my instructor. But I finally got the hang of it. After I was done skiing, I just got to ski on my own.

Ethan Barnum

### Water Safari

I went to Water Safari. I went to the wave pool. It is in Old Forge. It was fun, and I loved the Lazy River! I was very excited to go there and I loved it.

Bea Valletta

### The Playground

On a summer day my family and I go to a playground. My sisters and I explore around. Sometimes on our way home we stop for ice cream. I like these summer days with my family.

Hannah Harrington

### Florida

Last week, I went to Florida. I went swimming. I went on a boat ride with my family and friends. We went to the beach. It was fun!

Sydney Gleason

### Washington, D.C.

On a summer day my family and I drove to Washington, D.C. to see my cousins. We drove in a car for one hour. We went to the museum. The trip was awesome!

Mason Skeelee

### North Carolina

On a summer day my family and I drove to North Carolina with my friends. We drove a car for eleven hours. We saw the ocean and we went on a boat ride. It was amazing.

Chase Taylor



### The Beach

On a summer day me and my mom went to the beach. It was so awesome. Then I saw my brother and then I went swimming. We had fun at the beach!  
Lucas Harvey

### Great Wolf Lodge

Last spring my family and I drove in a car to Great Wolf Lodge. I rode in a car. I went swimming. We also went to a fancy restaurant. It was fun!  
Lilly Behnke

### Going Up North

On a snowy day, my family went up north. We used a car. It took four hours. I went in an ice castle. We also went and saw a parade. I had a good time!  
Benjamin Schleuter

Mrs. Clark's Art Class:

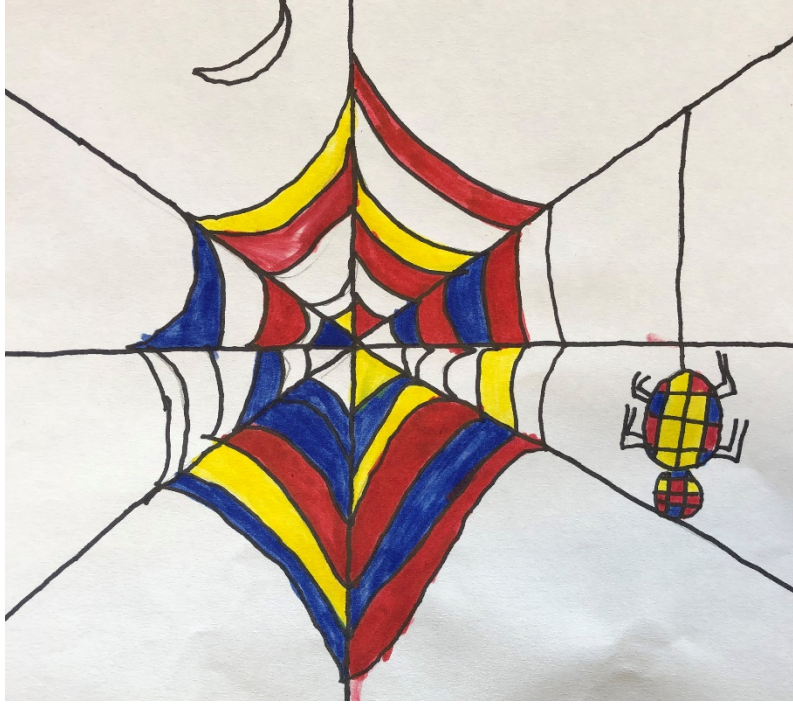


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Artwork by: Hannah Harrington

Mrs. Appgar's Art Class:



Artwork by: Rachel Burlingame



Artwork by: Dylan Richardson

## Second Grade

### Whiteface Mountain

My favorite place is Whiteface Mountain. I feel so awesome at Whiteface Mountain. My skis are black, green, white, and blue. I like my skis so much. The lodge has a gift shop and a lunchroom with a lot of tables. Outside the snowmobile has a truck and skis. It makes a lot of noise. Sometimes I slip on the ice and I hit my head. I'm glad I wear a helmet.

Brad King

### Eagles

Have you ever watched an eagle cam? Well I have! An eagle cam is really cool. I like seeing the eggs in the nest when the mom or dad takes a break from sitting on them. It is fun to watch the babies bobble their heads around after they hatch. I enjoy drawing eagle pictures. I make the eagle pictures for my teacher. I hope you can watch an eagle cam sometime to learn something new.

Calum Woodford

### My Dog's Knee

My dog, CJ, has a bad knee. We took him to the vet. The vet said to keep it wrapped up. The next day we put on the wrap, but he ripped it off. The next day my mom and my dad put on the wrap again but when I got home from school CJ had ripped it off again. We try our best to keep it wrapped up. My dad had an idea to put a cone on CJ so he won't rip off his knee wrap. I think it's time to listen to Dad!

Colton Apgar

### Lola

My cute cat, Lola, is very fluffy. The day we got her was September 20, 2018. She likes to hide in my tent. She loves to eat tuna. She loves to watch birds and squirrels eating seeds on YouTube. She watches TV with my family. Everyone in my family has a Lola job. My job is feeding Lola. I feed her every day. My cat, Lola, is very special to me. Her purr is such a happy sound. I hope she is a part of our family for a long time.

Colden Krielach



### Disney's Animal Kingdom

In Animal Kingdom I went on a rollercoaster called Expedition Everest. On it I felt scared. In the middle of it I saw a huge Yeti. It looked like he was breaking the rollercoaster's tracks. The handles on it were black and hard. After I got off the rollercoaster, we looked at the animals. My favorite animal was a bat. I learned that they could not stand, and they could only fly and hang. It was the best vacation ever!

Kayla Rossi

### Grandma and Grandpa Sharpstein

I love to visit my grandparents! I get to see them on some weekends. We play games like Candyland and Hi Ho! Cherry-O together. In the summer my sister and I go swimming in their pool. We eat yummy treats like ice-cream, popcorn, and chocolate bars. I'm always excited to go visit my grandma and grandpa.

Layla Manuel

### My Favorite Place

My favorite place is Georgia. I am happy there. They have palm trees. They are tall and poke me. In the morning, I could see dew on the grass. Cars on the highway are fast and shiny. Life is a lot faster there, I miss it, but I like Fabius too.

Aida Bradford

### My Pet Cat

My cat's name is Stella. Stella is the best cat in the world! She can catch little balls, she plays with her cat toys, runs around in circles, and she is the best sleeper. She knows some commands like "stay" and "get down". We found Stella at the SPCA. My whole family picked her out from a couple of rooms full of cats. We thought she was cute. She is a calico cat, and very pretty. This year I brought Stella in for my share. Everyone got a chance to pet her, and they all liked her. That was my favorite day of the year! Stella is like a friend and I love playing with her.

Addison Welch

### Great Wolf Lodge

My favorite place is at the water park at Great Wolf Lodge. People are going down water slides. There are pool games like basketball and tag. People are swimming and jumping and running in the water. It is really fun there. There is so much stuff to do!

Joey Janicki

### Remy

Remy is our dog. One day she was playing with our other dog, Marley. I noticed that Remy was limping. Blood was on his paw. Somehow, he cut his paw. I was helping to keep his paw from bleeding. I wrapped it in a bandage wrap. I like helping animals to heal. I'd like to be a veterinarian when I grow up.

Juliana MacDonald

### The Tree

One summer day I went down the hill in my yard to get the ball. There were some birds just sitting in a tree. I decided to try and feed them. I went back to our garage and got some sunflower seeds. Then I went back down the hill to the tree. They liked me and I came down there every day.

Owen Skeele

### A Hurt Bird

One day last fall, a bird hit our window. It fell to the ground and it would not move. I went out with gloves on and I picked up the bird. It was a chickadee. I put it on the deck rail. I went to tell my mom. While I was getting dressed, my sister, Grace, went out and put a shovel by the bird. I yelled at her. I didn't want the shovel to hit the bird. But then it flew away and I knew it was ok. I really liked chickadees because they are cute and they sing chicka-dee-dee-dee.

Boone Bliss

### Reading

I think reading is fun. When you read, you can learn new things. My favorite books to read are books about farming and Dr. Seuss books. I read to everyone in my family, even my grandma and grandpa. I like reading at school with my teacher and Ms. Centore. Reading rocks!

Teddy Conklin

## Toggenburg

My favorite place is Toggenburg because I get to go snowboarding. I feel comfortable at Toggenburg. I have a snowboard that's orange and says Dukes. I like the snow because it's sparkly. I also like the cookies there because they're rich and chocolate chip. When I am snowboarding, I like to go down the hill called the Terrain Park. I like to go down because I like to hit rails and jumps.

Mason Waite

## The Nest

Last summer I found a special thing from nature. It was a very windy day that day. I was out walking in my front yard when I noticed that a bird's nest was falling out of a tree. I cupped my hands and caught the nest before it hit the ground. It had a broken shell inside. I reached up to the closest branch and set the nest between the branch and the tree trunk so it wouldn't fall again. I saw Mama Bird come back and sit on the nest. I was proud of myself for helping a mother bird.

Addison Welch

## Me and My Scorpion

I have a pet scorpion named Venom. I am responsible for taking care of him. When I get home I feed my scorpion two mealworms. Then Venom goes to his tunnel and he drags his mealworms with him. He likes to eat them in his tunnel. After he eats his food he will take a nap. Tomorrow I will feed Venom two more mealworms. I also mist him with a spray bottle every day because he's a rainforest animal. This is how I take care of my pet.

Sam Schleuter

## Catching Geckoes

Once I went to Florida with my cousins and we rented a house. One day we went out to play. One of my cousins suggested to catch geckoes. We thought that it was a good idea. So we went inside to ask our Uncle Chris to catch geckoes with us. He said yes. He also said that we could look in the neighborhood. So then we started to look for geckoes. Once a gecko jumped on Uncle Chris's butt. The same one also bit my finger! We had a great time catching geckoes. I can't wait until we go to Florida again!

Kayla Rossi

### Gabbi's Favorite Hobbies

I bet you can't guess what my favorite hobbies are. So let me tell you. Well, my first hobby is reading because it takes you on a new adventure every time I read a book. My second hobby is singing songs that I make up outside. Dancing to them is fun! My third hobby is swimming in the summer. The thing I don't like about swimming is swimming lessons only because I already know how to swim. My fourth hobby is helping out. I just love helping out around the house. Most of the time I help out with the dishwasher. I hope you liked hearing about my favorite hobbies.

Gabbi Ten Eyck

### Kira

Climbing stairs,  
Giving kisses,  
Giving hugs,  
Smashing food,  
Crawling everywhere,  
I love my little sister!

Kinsley Dewhirst

### My Pets

My favorite animals are GloFish and cats. I have five GloFish in tanks at home. The tanks have a special light on the lid that makes them glow at night. Two fish glow green, one fish glows purple, one fish glows orange, and one glows red. They are like different colored night lights in my bedroom at night. I also love cats. I have two at home named Stitch and Gizmo. Gizmo is all black and Stitch is brown and white. They are both really soft and friendly. Gizmo sleeps with me every night. Stitch is kind of shy. I feed them in the morning. Pets are friendly and nice to have around.

Caiden Davies

### The Hot Tub

When I'm in the hot tub I feel relaxed. The hot tub is in a Cicero hotel. Sometimes Mason comes in but he thinks it's too hot. I can feel the boiling hot water. There are lots of bubbles. I was with my Grandma. There is a pool. Mason likes to cannon ball. It's a lot of fun in the hot tub and the pool.

Miles Buffum



Mrs. Cuipylo's Art Class:



Artwork by: Henry Elwyn V



Artwork by: Maura Exelby

Mrs. McCarthy's Art Class:



Artwork by: Joseph Janicki



Artwork by: Mya Ingison



*Mrs. Roach's Art Class:*



Artwork by: Addison Welch



Artwork by: Mackenzie Penoyer

## Third Grade

### My House

My house was amazing when we moved in, in 2013. It has had some great improvements since then. We added on to the barn, so our horses had a place to stay. Then we made the bathroom bigger, and now there is a shower in there as well. We installed new flooring in the bathroom, kitchen, and laundry rooms.

This January, we put some new stairs down to the basement in our house. There are 13 new wood steps and two new hand bannisters. We drywalled the walls going downstairs. Next, we will choose the colors for the walls and trim.

Spencer Elkins

### Christmas

Christmas is celebrated in the United States similarly and differently to Germany. First, the Germans put up Christmas trees and decorate them with ornaments. Secondly, as a Christmas tradition, they also make gingerbread houses and gingerbread people like us. Finally, some kids get advent calendars with windows to open each day until Christmas.

Christmas is celebrated differently in Germany than the United States. First, kids leave a shoe outside their door for gifts. Also, kids leave letters on their windowsill for the Christkind. Lastly, if you were bad, you would receive a rod in your shoe. Americans celebrate Christmas in similar and different ways to people in other parts of the world.

Quintin Goodemote

### Hyenas

My animal is a hyena. It is a mammal. They can grow between 3 to 4 feet. Also, they weigh 120 pounds. Their color is brown with black spots, and they have fur. Secondly, they eat zebras and carcasses. Hyenas live in Africa and Asia. Their predators are humans and lions. They live between 1 to 12 years. They can crush bones with teeth. Females are more aggressive than the males, females are more dominant. Hyenas are awesome!

Cody Kadlubowski

## Christmas

Christmas is celebrated in the United States similarly and differently to Germany. First, the United States and Germany are similar because they both have Christmas in December. Secondly, they both have Christmas trees in their homes. Finally, they both make gingerbread houses.

Christmas is celebrated differently in Germany than the United States. First, Germany's kids leave a shoe outside the door for a present. Also, they leave a letter on the windowsill for the Christkind. Lastly, Germany's people light a candle on each Sunday until Christmas Eve. Americans celebrate Christmas in similar and different ways to people in other parts of the world.

Melody Town

## Crocodiles

The crocodile is an awesome animal. The crocodile is a very cool animal because it can grow to be 6-20 feet long. They are the colors black and gray. Also, they weigh between 150-350 pounds. They can eat about anything in attack range like fish, land animals, and birds.

They can live to be 70 years old. They can live in the ocean and even eat turtles! I like crocodiles they are very cool.

Jack Rainbow

## Christmas

Christmas is celebrated in the U.S. similarly and differently to Australia. First, Australians decorate their houses like we do, with Christmas shrubbery and lights. Secondly, Santa comes and visits them like he does in America. Finally, they hang wreaths like we do.

Christmas is celebrated differently in Australia than the U.S. First, Christmas is celebrated in the summer rather than winter. Also, they decorate Christmas bushes instead of trees. Lastly, Santa gives his reindeer a rest and uses kangaroos. Americans celebrate Christmas in similar and different ways to people in other parts of the world.

Anya Reid

## Parrots

Parrots are interesting birds. In size, they are usually 40 inches tall. The heaviest parrot is 4 kg(s) or 9 lb(s)! They are usually multi-colored or lime green. Since they are birds, they have feathers. They eat; nuts, seeds, fruits, nectar, pollen and bugs (and sometimes it eats the fruit just to get to the seeds). They live in the canopy of the forest. The canopy is the top layer of the forest. Their predators are people because of logging companies and hunters selling them illegally. The oldest parrot that ever lived, lived 120 years! Here are three fun facts about parrots. First, parrots have strong, curved bills that can crack open nuts and seeds as big and hard as coconuts! Secondly, the only flightless parrot is the kakapo in New Zealand. The Moluccan cockatoos call has a loudness rating of 135 decibels. For comparison, a jumbo jet is rated at 140 decibels! This is why I like them, and why I think they are amazing!

Quintin Goodemote

## Christmas

Christmas is celebrated in the United States similarly and differently to Mexico. First, Mexican children receive presents from Santa Claus, like we do. Secondly, they have holiday parties like us. Finally, they also decorate their houses with trees and lights.

Christmas is celebrated differently in Mexico than the United States. First, children get presents on January 6th, rather than December 25th. Lastly, they believe in the legend of the poinsettia. Americans celebrate Christmas in similar and different ways to people in other parts of the world.

Bella Bee Smith

## Kindness in my Life

Someone showed me kindness to me in my life. My sister Miranda helped me ride a bike without training wheels. She told me how to get on it when I first got it. She said, "Put one foot on the peddle and put one hand on the handle. I will push you." Then I said, "Don't let go." She let go and I did it by myself. I love my sister so much for showing me kindness.

Madison Putnam

### Exploring the United States

Our country is beautiful, and I have proof of it. I travel to new places every summer with my family. Last summer we drove out west. We drove all the way out to Yellowstone National Park, which is located in the two states of Wyoming and Montana. We also went out to Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. We saw so many amazing things like Mount Rushmore, the Battlefield of Little Bighorn, and Badlands National Park. We also did cool things like go horseback riding near the continental divide in Montana. We also met a really nice woman who taught us how to fly fish at Grand Teton National Park. There are so many places to visit and so many things to do in the United States. I am lucky to live in such an amazing country, where I am free to explore with my family. My dog Obie would probably agree because he travels with us and gets to explore too!

Myah Keenan

### Kindness to Someone in My Life

I was kind to someone in my life. When it was my mom's birthday, I made toast for her and I helped her with what she needed. I made her day easier because it was her birthday. I think I helped her with groceries by picking them out at the store. I helped keep my baby brother, Austin calm throughout the day. I showed so much kindness to my mom that day.

Peyton Epstein

### My dog

My dog's name is Shamus he is a Blue Heeler, also known as an Australian Cattle Dog. He is nine, turning ten this year on Saint Patrick's Day. He sleeps at the end of the bed or he rests his head on my leg it's adorable. In the morning he cheers me up by stepping on my stomach. I always laugh even when I think about it. He barks when someone pulls in the driveway, but he is very friendly to kids. He is a year older than me. He is like a brother to me and a son to my dad. He is the best dog I could ask for. He wags his tail a lot and I mean a lot. He has dots all over and his eyes have black dots that go up to his ears his tail is black and white he is so cute. His breath does not smell that good, but he licks a lot I love him so much!

Mercena Herlihy

### Who's on the Buddy Bench?

It was a cold, snowy day and the red, cold Buddy Bench wasn't empty. I saw somebody on it, but I couldn't tell who it was because I was on the other side of the playground. I raced (very fast) over to the person. Now I could tell it was a girl and then I could tell it was Isabella! I was now all the way over from the other side of the playground. Isabella was sitting (very sad) on the Buddy Bench on that cold, snowy day and I asked her what was wrong and she said (sadly), "the other girls wouldn't let me play". I said, "do you want to play with me and Violet?". She said yes. Then Violet, Isabella, and I went off and did gymnastics for the rest of recess! I was so glad I made Isabella feel fantastic!

Keira Trommel

### My dog Sadie and Me

I have a dog named Sadie. I love her so much because she loves to play with me. Sadie and I play a game. I throw the ball and while she's getting the ball I go and hide. Sadie tries to find me. She always finds me so fast! Another thing I love about Sadie is when it's time to go to bed she jumps on my bed and snuggles with me. The last reason is we both love each other so much. It's so much fun having a dog in our family.

Alexis Kwasniewski

### Super Smash Bros Ultimate - Nintendo Switch

There are a lot of things that I like about Super Smash Bros Ultimate! First, there are a bunch of characters, I think there are 50.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate is the third version of the game. The first version is on the Wii, the second version is on the WiiU, and the third version is on the Nintendo Switch. I also really like how you can play with up to 6 people in a match. Every character has their own special power. There are power ups in the game and some special power ups too. You have to attach the power up ball first to get your special power up. There are bosses that you have to defeat, and whatever character you are has its own boss to defeat. Bosses are bad guys that can be tough to beat! There are a lot of different worlds and stages to play in the game. You can unlock new characters after a match.

One good setting to use is the game timer so you can choose how long the match takes. For all these reasons and more, I think you should get this game if you have a Nintendo Switch because you will have a lot of fun playing it like I do!

Liam Schuh



## The Animal I Researched

The animal I researched was the sea turtle. This animal is a reptile. My animal's habitat is oceans. The sea turtle's size is 2 feet-6 feet. The weight of a sea turtle is about 100 pounds to 1,100 pounds. Their color is usually green. A shell covers its body. It eats seagrass, clams, fish, and shrimp. Some predators are birds, dogs, and some reptiles. Sea turtles can live up to 80 years or more. Some interesting facts about sea turtles are they can hold their breath for hours and they are very good swimmers. I loved learning about sea turtles!

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Keira Trommel

## A Kind Friend

Once Parker was so kind on January 5th. It was a cold windy morning when I realized I forgot my gloves at home. I got to school, and I told Parker I couldn't come outside today because I forgot my gloves. I didn't know what to do. I was thinking about it all day long and then it was recess. I went up to Parker and said I can't go outside because I forgot my gloves and then he said I have an extra pair of gloves! I was so happy. Parker and I went sledding, played on the snow hill, and then played on the playground. It was time to go inside. When I was inside the classroom I said thank you to Parker. I was so happy, I asked if we could do the same thing tomorrow and he said yes.

Roman Clay

## What Cooper Did

One time Cooper Chard showed kindness to me. Do you like recess? Because I do. One Tuesday I was getting ready for school. And at school after gym, science, snack and WIN, but at recess there was this big gigantic pile of freezing, snowy, icy, slippery, white, cold snow. Cooper Chard and I went on the snow mountain. I kept on sadly, repeatedly falling but no matter what, Cooper Chard kept on repeatedly grabbing my hand and trying his best to pull me up every single time. I really love what Cooper Chard did!

Tyler Aust

### The Day I Saved My Friend from Death

I was super - duper kind! I was super kind to a friend. His name was Tyler. It was two years ago. It was in E.R. Elementary. E.R Elementary is in Morrisville. My friend fell and got hurt really really bad. I brought him to the nurse immediately! I was only in first grade! It was at recess in spring three days before his birthday. He was bruised all over. He fell off the swing with a furious thump. He was my best friend. I was really really, really, really, sorry for him. He had scratches all over and he was bleeding on his leg! I learned I am a real-life superhero that day!

Cailin Becker

### My Kitten

I have a kitten named Ziggy. Ziggy is a boy, and his birthday is September 1<sup>st</sup>. He shares a birthday with my dad! He does not like the snow. He likes it when he watches TV because he hits the people on the TV. His favorite toys are his catnip mouse and his bottle cap. He is a dark gray color. He also is very funny and playful. When I come home from a long day of school, I pick him up and snuggle, he makes me feel happy. I love him!

Will Widdekind (and Ziggy – “Meow!”)

### A Good Friend

Devin is so cool! One day I wanted to make a Cootie Catcher. But I forgot how make them. Mrs. Perry said Devin is an expert at making Cootie Catchers. So I asked Devin if he could make me a Cootie catcher. He said yes. So Devin helped me! Devin was so nice! I was so happy that one day. I learned that Devin is amazing.

Bentley Ambroso-Gonzalez

### Keira Is Awesome

Wow, Keira was so great on January 17th. In the lunchroom. I was sitting at the back table because I was bringing my lunch and Keira was buying her lunch. After she was done buying her lunch, she sat at the front table. I was thinking to myself I would be lonely without Keira sitting next to me. She always sits next to me. After a few minutes later, Keira picked up her tray with her food on it and sat right next to me. I was so happy! You can always count on Keira!

Violet Badman

## Acadia National Park

Last summer I went to Maine for a week. I went with my dad, mom, sister, and brother. We stayed in a house. It took a long time to get there. We went hiking in Acadia. We went hiking a few times. Another time, we went for a walk. My mom and brother went running. But my sister and my dad just waited for them to come back around. We went hiking around a lake. We also went to the gift shop. I got a puffin that says Maine. My sister got a stuffed animal moose, and my brother got a cup that says Moose Crossing. We got a game of Bean Boozled jellybeans. We went back to the house and played it. It was gross! I went hiking with just my brother and my dad. We went hiking on a harder trail than we did when we were with everybody. I liked going to Acadia National Park. It was fun!

Clara Warren

Mrs. Brown-Paul's Art Class:



Artwork by: Violet Badman



Artwork by: Tyler Aust

Mrs. Dominger's Art Class:



Artwork by: Cooper Bobbette



Artwork by: Paige Stroh



Mrs. Goodfellow's Art Class:



Artwork by: Myah Keenan



Artwork by: Mercena Herlihy

## Fourth Grade

### Garter Snakes

My favorite animal in New York State is the garter snake. Did you know that some garter snakes have a neurotoxic venom?

The garter snake is a reptile. Garter snakes have brown-to-red scales. They can get up to 4 feet 3 inches long and weigh 5.3 ounces. Sometimes they even have a yellow or red stripe down their back. Their scales are tan, brown, and black. The garter snake's scientific name is *Thamnophis sirtalis*.

A garter snake's habitat (a habitat is a place where animals live) is tall, damp grass. Garter snakes also hibernate in dens. Once in Canada there was a den with 8,000 snakes in it! Sometimes you might find them just slithering in your yard. That is uncommon though, because they like to stay hidden. Another uncommon place to find a garter snake is in your house or shed.

Garter snakes are carnivores. That means they only eat meat. Garter snakes eat insects, frogs, frog's eggs, rodents, minnows, slugs, earthworms, and even lizards! Sometimes they even bite humans!

The garter snake also has some threats. The garter snake is not at the top of the food chain. The garter snake has to worry about owls, hawks, and eagles. The snake has adaptations (an adaptation is a change in structure form). The garter snake also has defenses. They have glands that spray a foul-smelling substance. They don't have any more defenses.

Have you ever seen a garter snake in your backyard? I have, and that's why garter snakes are my favorite animal of New York state. Do you have a favorite animal in New York?

Cash Skeele

### Love

Love is warm hugs from Mom when I feel sick,

Love is watching movies with my family,

Love is helping each other,

Love

Aylee Marshall

## My Awesome Summer

This summer I did some pretty sweet things. I climbed a water fall at Delphi Falls and did a whole bunch of cool stuff like four wheeling and setting up deer cams. I also worked on my dad's farm in Otisco.

I went to Delphi Falls with my family and we brought our dog named Clyde. My mom and dad were taking pictures and my dad was watching Clyde while I was exploring. I went up climbing on top of the waterfall and the view was amazing. Once I came down, I went through a creek, over a log, and then I was right next to the waterfall. The waterfall's mist was nice.

This summer when I went four wheeling with my dad, we brought Clyde with us. One day, we were going through a field and we saw my cousin Ian mowing hay. Later, we drove into the woods where my dad parked the four wheeler. We walked over to my dad's tree stand. While my dad was setting up his deer cam, I explored. I found five animal holes and a lot of deer tracks. Then my dad finished so we went back and delivered corn to my Aunt Rose.

This summer I also worked with my dad at his farm in Otisco. I helped my dad spread cow manure in a field, we only did a row a day. Every day we would rise early and get Dunkin Donuts. My dad got coffee and I had a frozen hot chocolate.

I'm so happy even though summer is over because I missed my friends and to be in fourth grade. Also, I love the season of fall. It's my favorite season.  
Makenzie Gilbert

## Winter

Winter is a wonderful time of the year. The things I like most about winter are Christmas, cheerleading, and snow days.

The first thing I like about winter is Christmas. I really enjoy opening presents with my family. I also love the Christmas trees and looking at the lights. My family loves baking gingerbread cookies. We also enjoy having a big family dinner. I love to sing carols with my friends and family.

The second thing I like about winter is cheerleading. I love doing big games and wearing my uniform! I am really good at jumps, especially toe touches. I also really enjoy being in stunts like flying and basing, but most of all I love the cheers!

The last thing I like about winter are snow days. I really like to sleep in and stay in my PJs all day. At my house on snow days, we play games and watch movies. We also have snowball fights and build snowmen. Then we come in and have hot cocoa!

As I sit back and enjoy this time of year, I will think about my favorite things about winter. I really enjoy Christmas, cheerleading, and snow days.

Rebekah Frazee



## The Amazing Gray Tree Frog

Have you ever seen a cute, small frog in your backyard? Think twice because it might be a ...gray tree frog! Read this fun, cool, and awesome passage to find out if it is. The gray tree frog is an amphibian. That means that they are cold blooded. Happy reading!

The gray tree frog is a small, two-inch frog. The average gray tree frog weighs about 0.25 ounces. The gray tree frog can be green, brown, or gray. It can also be a solid color, or have gray or brown splotches on its back.

The gray tree frog's habitat (which means the natural environment of a living organism) is a moist, deciduous (trees whose leaves fall or shed seasonally) woodlands. Gray tree frogs are arboreal. (That means they live in the trees.) They prefer forested areas. They like moist, deciduous woodlands, bogs, and swamps near water.

The gray tree frog is a carnivore. That means they only like to eat meat. It eats moths, tree crickets, ants, flies, grasshoppers, and beetles. It catches its prey by jumping branch to branch. Then it quickly gobbles its prey.

The possible threats to the gray tree frog are when people hunt or trap the gray tree frogs. Birds, snakes, other frogs, and small mammals eat gray tree frogs.

A gray tree frog's adaptations (a change that helps an organism) are when the gray tree frogs are changing from an egg to a tadpole, then grows legs, and at last is an adult tree frog. The adaptations of the gray tree frogs happen to all other frogs too. Gray tree frogs use camouflage to hide from their predators.

Now that you know all about gray tree frogs, go and tell people all you know or keep learning, and you can learn more than me.

Sarah Holley Rossi (approved by Marin Apgar)

P.S. - Just so you know, the reason I picked gray tree frogs is my little sister Kayla loves frogs.

A Cinquain

TV

Technology

Playing, watching, jumping

With thousands of tiny pixels

High tech.

Timothy Barrows

## Winter

Winter is a wonderful time of year. The things I like most about winter are Christmas cookies, hot cocoa, and skiing.

The first thing I like about winter are Christmas cookies. I like that they're in cool shapes and taste really good. Every year my mom, my sister, and I make Christmas cookies together.

The second thing I like about winter is hot cocoa. It's literally my nickname (my nickname is cocoa). It tastes great. I know how to make cookie hot cocoa. You should try it!

The last thing I like about winter is skiing. I like going down a hill really fast. It is fun for me! This is actually my first year skiing and I'm having so much fun doing it.

As I sit back and enjoy this time of year, I think about my favorite things about winter. I really enjoy Christmas cookies, hot cocoa, and skiing.

Cohen Natale

## Owls

Owls are amazing animals! My favorite animal of New York state is the owl. Did you know that owls can turn their heads almost all the way around?! If you didn't know, I'm not lying, I promise. Happy reading!

An owl can weigh between 1.5 ounces and 9 pounds. The colors that an owl's feathers can be are brown, white, and gray. They have a lot of feathers. Owls sound like a person saying "Who, who, who" in the night.

Owls live almost everywhere in the world. Their habitat is the woodlands, which are places where that have a lot of woods. Most owls make nests in the trees on branches. They also live in forests.

An owl is a carnivore, that means they only eat meat. They eat frogs, insects, mice, and other small animals. Owls are prey to other animals. Owls are good at hunting too.

An owl's adaptation, (a change in structure, form, or habits to suit conditions for survival,) is that they have good eyesight, so in the night they use their night vision. Owls also have great hearing too. They can see in the night, so they can catch their prey. Owls are famous for their nighttime escape.

Owls are wonderful animals! That is why I like owls so much, and I hope you like them too! Have you ever seen an owl in your backyard? Thank you for reading this story about owls, and it was a lot of fun to make it. Who, who, who read this?

Marin Apgar

A Science Cinquain  
Science  
Answers questions  
Working, thinking, waiting  
Look in microscopes to see things  
Awesome

Lucas Stone

### How Rabbit Got His Courage

One day in the deep dark forest, there was a little rabbit named Daniel. Daniel the rabbit was walking through the deep dark forest and there came some bullies. There was a wolf, a squirrel, and an eagle.

Daniel the rabbit said hello, but the bullies laughed at him and called him names. They said, "Ha-ha! You're too small." Daniel the rabbit was crying and running back to his burrow. He ran into his bedroom and he was sobbing. His mother called, "Dinner's ready!" Daniel the rabbit came down the stairs and went to the kitchen. When his mother realized that Daniel was crying, Daniel's mother asked, "What's wrong?"

Daniel the rabbit said, "There are bullies picking on me, I need help." His mother told him what to do when the bullies pick on Daniel again. She said, "Try to tell the bullies to stop." She had other ideas about how to stop bullies. She explained to Daniel her other ideas after supper. Daniel the rabbit got tucked into bed, and he had dreams about the bullies and what he could do next time.

The next morning when Daniel the rabbit walked through the forest again, this time he thought of his mother's ideas. One of the ideas was to grab some friends and try to find some friends to help him to stop bullies from picking on Daniel the rabbit.

So he found some friends and continued walking through the forest. The bullies showed up but this time, instead of the bullies picking on them, Daniel the rabbit's friends helped him, and they were able to stop the bullies. Daniel didn't have bullies picking on him anymore.

Penny Shaughnessy

Butterflies  
Beautiful flying  
Colors shining in the sun  
I'm a butterfly

Harley Pilcher

Trees  
Wind through the fall leaves,  
Cracking in the air alone.  
Waving by themselves.

Logan Ryan

### Black Bears

My favorite animal in New York State is a black bear. So do you want to learn about black bears? Yes? Good.

Black bears are mammals, their fur is mainly black, and they have a white chest called a blaze. Baby black bears are born in the winter and can't see when they're born. They are 4-to-7 feet tall and have a large body and short tail. Did you know black bears are the smallest bears in North America? Did you know black bears are fast swimmers?

A black bear's habitat, a place an animal lives, is mostly in North America and in dens in the winter. Also, over 380,000 black bears live in Canada and 600,000 in North America.

Black bears are omnivores, which mean that they eat plants and animals such as berries, fruits, fish, squirrels, and nuts. They also eat honey. Some animals they kill to eat are young deer and moose.

Black bears live for 20 years and survive by adaptations. Adaptations are changes in structure or form, or habits for survival. They growl when they see predators. One adaptation of a black bear is that they have sharp claws which help them climb trees, rip tree stumps, and search for honey. In the fall, black bears eat lots of food and sleep during the winter because there isn't a lot of food for them. Then they wake up in the spring.

One threat to bears is humans. People eat meat and bears are made of meat. A black bear protects itself by standing on his feet while yelling.

So, did you like to learn the interesting life about black bears? Have you ever seen a black bear in a zoo or in the wild? I have never seen a black bear in the wild, but I have seen a black bear in the zoo.

Wilder Vasquez-Gomez

A Cinquain  
Camping  
Cozy cabin  
Playing, fishing, hiking  
S'mores on campfires, adventure fun  
Awesome

McKenna Johnson

Sunset  
In the summer sky  
I see colors red, pink, blue  
A beautiful sky!

Maxx Meyer

### Loons

My favorite animal from New York State is the loon. Loons can breathe underwater for five minutes. They take care of their babies until they are able to fly and eat by themselves.

The loon is a beautiful bird. The loon has an unusual wailing sound. It also has red eyes with black and white feathers. They have a sharp bill. They are also good swimmers and divers. The common loon can be up to 2.3 to 3 feet long.

The habitat of a loon is in lakes and ponds. Habitat means the natural environment of an organism. The loon's habitat is that it lives in New York state in lakes and ponds in the summer. In the winter they go to southern places and live in the lakes and make nests.

Loons are carnivores. A carnivore is an animal that only likes to eat meat. Loons mostly eat small fish and minnows. They eat these in their habitats while nesting in both ponds and lakes.

Loons have adapted. Adaptation means a change in structure, form, or habitat to suit conditions for survival. It helps loons with their long bill to catch fish to eat. The loon migrates to warmer places when the lakes are frozen.

I have talked about many different facts about the loon. I think the loon is a very interesting animal from New York state.

Eve Crouse

The Ocean  
Colorful fishes  
Relaxing waves, big splashes  
Big boat, birds chirping

Alyssa Dorfer

## The Life of a Wolf Spider!!!!

My favorite animal from New York state is a wolf spider. A fun fact is that unlike other spiders, wolf spiders do not spin webs.

A wolf spider's habitat may be difficult for some to hear. A habitat is the natural environment of an organism. Wolf spiders live all over the world, mostly in prairies, but sometimes crawl into people's houses in winter.

Wolf spiders are brown or gray and some are covered in hair. Wolf spiders are very small. They can be up to 1.38 inches, or 35 millimeters. Wolf spiders look like they have a lot of eyes, but they are actually brown dots.

Wolf spiders are carnivores because they eat bugs. A carnivore is when an animal only eats meat. Mother wolf spiders have an egg sac until the egg sac hatches and a baby wolf spider crawls out. Wolf spiders have very big and strong jaws so that they can crush and eat bugs. Wolf spiders are dangerous because they have poisonous bites.

Wolf spiders have adapted. Adaptation means a change in structure, form, or habits to suit conditions for survival. Wolf spiders are aggressive, but they are not lethal. For a spider, wolf spiders are very fast. They can go two feet per minute.

I chose wolf spiders because I saw a wolf spider and it looked cool.  
Gavin Fitzpatrick

## Beavers

My favorite animal of New York State is the beaver. Did you know that beavers sunbathe?

Beavers are large rodents that can weigh up to 40 pounds. They're four feet long. They can live up to 12 years. They have webbed feet to swim, and flat tails to smack the water to scare prey away.

A beaver's habitat (a place that animals live) is the wetlands. Beavers change wetlands by making dams in streams and turn them into ponds. They cut down trees with their sharp teeth. They make dams by dragging logs to the water and block the water to make ponds. Beavers are herbivores. They eat plants, trees and roots.

The adaptation (a change in structure, form, or habit to suit conditions for survival) of a beaver is they have sharp teeth, a flat tail, and sharp claws.

Have you ever seen a beaver in your backyard? I have, and that's why beavers are my favorite animals of New York state. Do you have a favorite animal of New York state?

Riley McDermott

## Winter Favorites

These are my winter favorites. Winter is a wonderful time of year and I have many favorites, but I will tell you my top three!!! My top three favorites are my family, Christmas, and Skaneateles.

### My Family

I will start with my family. First of all, I like to just be with my family. I love to hang with my mama, daddy, and my siblings. I love sitting by the fireplace with my family with blankets, and playing games including Yahtzee and Uno, while drinking hot cocoa, all warm and snug. What's the opposite of being warm while it's cold? Snowball fights! I love having snowball fights, sledding, and building snowmen with scarves. Snow angels and snow eating are also so much fun. Now it's time to head inside for a big yummy meal for dinner! We love telling how our day was. Next and last is a PJ party, movie, and pillow fight! Now that's my family in the winter time.

### CHRISTMAS!!!

On Christmas Eve we have a big turkey dinner with all of our family and friends. We exchange presents, eat dessert, and more! I love peppermint and carols with carriage rides (bouncing up and down) and sitting by the fireplace. Now on to the big time, you guessed it, Christmas day! I love it! There are presents in the morning. We have a big special breakfast. We drink cider and tea. It's as lovely as can be! I love hot cocoa after being outside and making gingerbread men and houses for the gingerbread men! I love the cold and the warmth on a crisp Christmas day, putting up ornaments, stockings, decorations, and Christmas trees too, and snuggling with my dog or cat with love and care! Now that about wraps thing up! Get it?! *Wrap?!*

### Skaneateles

We love to shop there and drink white hot cocoa. It's a tradition! We take carriage rides and sing. We watch dancers dance. We go every year! We donate money to the salvation army and play in the snow. I love the crisp cool breeze hitting my face. We get peppermint bark. I love hanging out with my family and friends in Skaneateles. We like to eat snow here too! We go with my mom, dad, sis, grandma, and my other grandma. We eat lunch and get roasted chestnuts (but I don't like them). It's a lot of walking, but it's worth it!

I hope you enjoyed my essay of my winter favorites!!!!

Michaela Mousaw

## Porcupines

My favorite animal in New York state is a porcupine. A fact about a porcupine is that a quill grows 1 millimeter for each couple of days.

Porcupines have brown fur and they are three feet long. They have 30,000 quills on its back, and they are nocturnal. They sound like a baby doll crying.

The porcupine's habitat (place where an animal lives) is in the forest, and they live and sleep in trees.

Porcupines eat fruit, leaves, and bugs in the springtime, so that means that a porcupine is an omnivore because it eats plants and animals.

A porcupine's enemies are lynxes, coyotes, bobcats, wolves, wolverines, and great horned owls. One adaptation (a change in structure, form, or habits to suit conditions for survival) of a porcupine is its quills. It protects itself with its sharp quills.

I hope you liked reading my article. Another fun fact is that porcupines are the third largest rodents in the world, and the second largest in North America!  
Piper Exelby

## My Summer Vacation

My summer was really exciting. I was really active and had a lot of fun. I had my first dirt bike race. Then I went to a horse show in Vermont. I also went to help my friends do silage. I was really busy.

The first thing I did on my summer vacation was go to the dirt bike race. My brother and I got to be in it. I was so nervous I couldn't sleep all night. I couldn't sleep without thinking about the next day. It was my first dirt bike race and I got 5th place! My brother got 4th place in his group. My friend came, too, with his dirt bike. He got 3rd place. He and I were in the same group, but he had raced a whole lot more. My brother was in a bigger group than ours. We had a lot of fun at the dirt bike race.

Then a few weeks later, my mom and I went to a horse show in Vermont. It was my first time going to the Vermont Horse Show. A bunch of people came from Trillium Stables. They were students and some friends. I didn't show, but I had to help. I mostly drove the golf cart to bring the things that people needed for their events. When I wasn't working, I was riding my bike with my friend. We stayed for one whole week. I had to help, but it was really fun.

Then a few weeks later, around the time of school, we had to help our friend do silage. It was really fun, but it was so loud with all the tractors. I got to ride in a combine. There was a lot of work to do. We had a bunch of help. We did 13 wagons that day.

That was how I spent my busy summer. I played and worked hard. Now I'm back at school, seeing all my friends, and hearing about their summers.  
Tyler Fillinger



## Winter

Winter is a wonderful time of year. The things I like most about winter are Christmas, cookies, and reading by the fire.

The first thing I like about winter is Christmas. I get wonderful presents. This year, my favorite present was my Bitty Baby. A Bitty Baby is an American Girl Doll, but a baby version. I got a blonde-haired doll with blue eyes. I named her Lily. I also got accessories to go with my Bitty Baby. I got one blue and green striped, and three different bottles of milk, juice, and water. I also got pink outfit with a shirt, pants, shoes, and a hat. Lastly, a blanket and carrier, all for my baby.

The second thing I like about winter are cookies. They are a delicious treat with a variety of flavors. My absolute favorites are molasses and cut outs! Every year we make a ton of cookies. We send them to grandparents, aunts and uncles, until all that's left are just enough for our family!

The last thing I like about winter is reading by the fire. I love the series Harry Potter. I am on the fourth book. When I sit by the fire and read, my mom reads her books and my dad watches TV. My sister plays on her iPad.

As I sit back and enjoy this time of year, I will think about my favorite things about winter. I really enjoy Christmas, cookies, and reading by the fire.

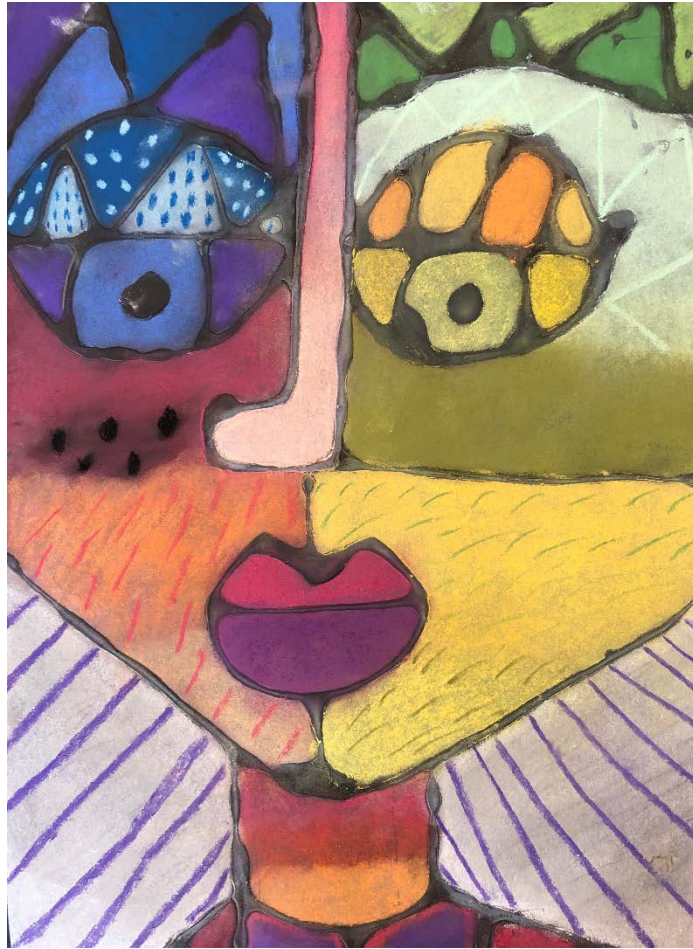
Adelina Kindon

## Fall

I hear the crunching  
I hear children playing too.  
Listen close, do you?

Allie Berhow

Mrs. Neuner's Art Class:



Artwork by: Rebekah Frazee



Artwork by: Maxx Meyer



Mr. Sims Art Class:



Artwork by: Carley Dimon



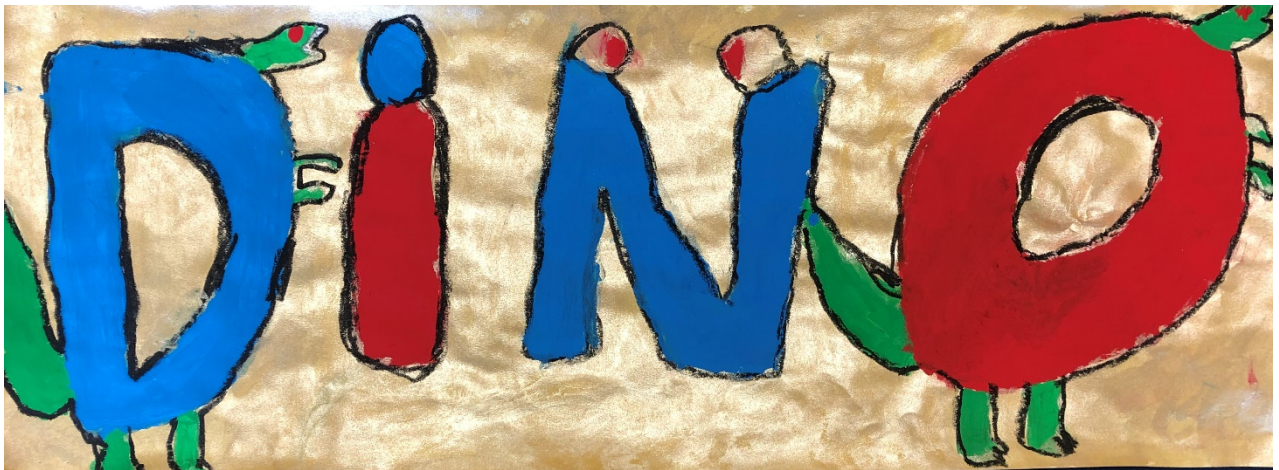
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Mrs. Winiacki's Art Class:



Artwork by: Kaylee Masters



Artwork by: Ethan Ludke

## Fifth Grade

### German Shepherds

Did you know that German Shepherds are one of the most popular dog breeds? They're used for military, guidance and more! They're made from wolf DNA. and a German herder's DNA. Also, German Shepherd's tails are long and bushy. German Shepherds are really cool dogs.

German Shepherds are 22 to 26 inches long, and 75 to 95 lbs. (pounds). Their coats can be white, pale grey, or black and tan. They mostly live seven to ten years. They're large and agile, along with having strong legs to jump high. Speaking of shape, what jobs are fit for German Shepherds?

I'll call German Shepherds "German Sheps" for short. German Sheps have very important jobs. Some of them are: guarding, police dogs, military dogs, and companions for people who are visually impaired, or blind. They're quite intelligent, so it's no shock they have many different uses. Well, not everyone is Albert Einstein. (This might be off topic but for no good reason my neighbor's dog jumped in our pool, and my dad had to get it out).

Did you ever notice how big German Shep's ears are? That's why they can hear far away, like people calling for help, so that's why they are also rescue dogs. Now since I have nothing else to say about their jobs let's go from *game* to *fame*.

Some famous German Sheps are: Bolt from the Disney movie "*Bolt*", Ace the Bat-Hound from "*Batman*". Last but not least, my favorite...Rin-Tin-Tin. Rin-Tin-Tin starred in 25 movies! He was paid \$1,000 a week, wore a diamond collar, and owned his own limousine. He was the most famous German Shep ever. Some Honorable Mentions are: Chip, a World War II military dog, and Strongheart, another movie star. She wasn't as famous as Rin-Tin-Tin, but was still a movie star.

German Shep puppies are one pound when they are born. They are born with floppy ears and are really cute! German Sheps are really cool dogs (besides the part where my dad was hurt from the "pool incident")! That's why I think German Sheps are really cool dogs.

Jordan Janicki

## Meeting Dad

It was a normal day, summer of 2008, the grass was filled with dew and the sun was shining!! But little did anyone know something they were expecting was coming. My sister Madeline made a call that would change everything. At our house on Main Street everyone was overwhelmed with joy. Our Grandpa and Gramma rushed up to our house. My Grandpop babysat my siblings, while I, Carlena Wallace, was born.

At Crouse hospital my mom was wheelchaired in and 18 minutes later I was born! My father was not there - he was in Iraq for a year-long deployment. But he was overjoyed to hear he had another daughter. Gramma and my mother drove home with me!

Eighteen days later mom had dressed everybody up and was packing us in the car. We drove for about thirty minutes and stopped. We strolled in (I was carried). "This place is huge," I thought to myself. We waited and looked around, but we still stayed. All of a sudden Addison shoots toward something, then mom yells, "It's dad!"

I knew where we were - at the airport! My dad came sprinting and held me. Ten minutes later a reporter interviewed me and my daddy! As he held me and walked out, he got a standing ovation. I had finally met my dad! I had felt something I had never felt before, it was love. Even if the world was ripped apart, dad would put it back together for me!

My dad and mom are the best things that ever happened to me, and I love them for that. Without my dad I wouldn't have a house, or things like siblings and I wouldn't even be alive. I love my dad who taught me to be kind and dream big! My dad keeps the world balanced and great! Thanks daddy!!!!  
Carlena Wallace

## Twin Trouble

One hot summer day, two twins, Ellie and Ella, were on their way to school. Ellie was not excited for school, but her friend Ashley was VERY excited for school because it was her birthday. "Ella, do you want to help me pass out cupcakes?" said Ashley. "Sure!!" Replied Ella.

When they went to their classroom, Mrs. Miller told everyone to sit down. When she started to teach, the alarm went off. "GET UNDER YOUR DESK STUDENTS!!" As Ellie got under her desk, she asked Ella, "Are we going to die?" "No," replied Ella nicely, "It's a drill". When the alarm stopped going off, Mrs. Miller dismissed the class so they could go home. Ellie, Ella, and Ashley went to the park. When they got to the park they all went right for the swings. After Ellie and Ella said their goodbyes to Ashley, they went home. When they got into the house they went right into the kitchen for dinner. Ella was very excited because it was her favorite - tacos!! Ella and Ellie had to eat quickly because they had their big soccer game that night. After dinner Ella and Ellie went straight up to their rooms to get dressed for soccer. When they got to the soccer field the game started right away. The game was going GREAT until Ella missed the winning goal. Ellie stomped right over to her and said "WHY!?!?" Ella was in shock... Ellie NEVER screamed at Ella like that. Everyone glared at Ella. After they got home Ella and Ellie got into their pajamas and went to bed.

The next morning Ella got up super early to make breakfast for everyone. She went straight to the kitchen to make pancakes, waffles, toast, orange juice, and coffee for mother and father. When everyone got down to the kitchen, they were shocked. "Who taught Ella how to cook?" said mother, confused. "No one," replied Ella. When everyone sat down Ellie glared at Ella. Ellie knew Ella was trying to be a show-off. But she wasn't! She was trying to say sorry without the words coming out of her mouth. "Stop being a show-off Ella!" screamed Ellie. "I'm not being a show-off!" replied Ella. Ellie stomped up to her room and before she slammed the door she said, "I HATE YOU ELLA!!!!"

"Ella, she is just mad at you sweetheart," said Father. "She hates me with every bone in her body! I ruined her life," replied Ella, starting to cry.

"Ellie hasn't come out of her room ever since yesterday," mother worried the next day. In the afternoon Ellie finally came out of her room, but she was still mad at Ella. Ella tried to apologize, but Ellie just walked away. The next day Ellie came up to Ella and said sorry. After Ellie apologized the family went out for ice cream.

Skylar Trout

## My Puppy

I was so excited! I finally got a puppy. The puppy is a nine-week-old Papillon. My dad went to New Jersey to get him. He stayed at his friend's house for the night, then he went to get the puppy in the morning. After he got the dog, it was a long way home. He tried to play music, but the puppy was too afraid.

Meanwhile, I was at the Home Depot. I was so annoyed because it was so hot out, and my mom was taking too much time choosing what flowers she was going to pick. At least I had track to go to afterward. When my mom figured out which flowers to pick, I wanted to go home. Finally, we got home and I got different clothes on for track. Then we left for track. When we got there, I ran out to the track. When we finished, we had cookies because it was the last day. We had to bring Tristan to his house because his mom did not want to come. We dropped off Tristan and went home.

I was so excited to see the puppy! My dad had just pulled into the driveway when we got home. He took the dog crate out of the car. I opened the crate and took the puppy out. He was two pounds! I put him on the ground outside to let him go to the bathroom.

We finally brought him inside to see what our house looked like. We showed him his dog bed and toys. He started following me around the house because he wanted to play more, so I played with him until he fell asleep. His name is Cayman. He greets me every morning when I get home from school. He changed my life, because now I have someone to play with me when I get home from school.

Gregory Coffey

## Memoir

I ripped off the wrapping like a ravenous wolf eating its prey. Wrapping off and... yes! I finally have got it!! Just an hour prior on March 12, 2018, after school, I sprinted toward my house because it was my birthday.

Roman, Papa, Bella, Beatriss, and Kristia were in the kitchen helping with the cake. In the dining/craft room, parallel to the sliding glass door, the table was stacked high with neatly wrapped gifts. I did my snore-worthy homework. We had my scrumptious cake. I opened my gifts, biggest one last, and I already had an idea what it was: the Bucket Wheel Excavator Lego set. The other presents were a Star Wars T-shirt and a UGears safe. Then it's the big one. The Bucket Wheel Excavator! I tore the top off. I can't wait to build this! The box is huge, and Legos are almost always bigger than the box. I had a prediction that this would be the most enormous project I would ever make.

Looking back I was really joyous. It's so important, because it taught me there is more to life than electronics.

Killian Clay



## Black Labs

Do you know the most popular breed of dog? It is the Black Lab, my favorite. They are the most good-tempered, outgoing, intelligent, and kind dogs. Did you know that they are great therapy and search and rescue dogs? Keep reading to find out more about Black Labs.

Black Labs need to be cared for like us. You have to give them fresh water and food. They should go on trips with you. When you train a dog, give them treats if they do it right, so they know they can do it. Sometimes you might want to give them baths because they might stink a lot. We should care for them like we care for us.

Did you ever want to know what a Black Lab looks like? Labradors can be so many different colors, like yellow, black, and brown. When you weigh a Black Lab they weigh 55 to 75 pounds. Imagine a dog standing tall. They are 21 ½ to 24 ½ inches tall. The size can be medium to large. Black Labs are bigger than you think they are.

I always wanted to know about Black Labs history. The first breed was found in 1814 and was originated in 1800s in Newfoundland. They were found by an English noble visiting Canada. Labs are popular because they were trained to bring back the game that had been shot. A hallmark of the breed is that their tails are known as otter tails. They are really interesting to study and it was nice finding out about them.

I always knew Black Labs were important. They are great swimmers. Whenever you are bored you can play with them because they have a lot of energy. We had a Black Lab and he was the best ever. You should always remember Black Labs are important and kind like us.

Hannah Wilbur

## Memoir

July 22, was perfect, the sun was shining, birds were singing, everyone was happy... But little did I know the upcoming phone call would turn my life upside down...

My name is Ava Lee, and in 3 hours, I will get a call that my best friend and cousin was found dead on the floor of my uncle's house, but I don't know that yet. It's the feeling I get when death surrounds me...

"Kristen Elizabeth Aber, found dead on the floor at approximately 4:20 p.m. July 22, 2018..." Blah, blah, blah. We must all move on and forget about her. I don't think anyone could forget about her, and no one can let it go. We didn't know how she died, and I won't let it go until I know. Kristen was my best friend, and I can't tell you how I felt when I found out, but I can tell you her story.

There were always angels in the room ready to take Kristen, but they never did, until now. My family and our close friends were just getting home from a relaxing vacation at Sodus Point, and I was on top of the world! But getting a phone call that your best friend just died makes you feel like you are chained to a boulder, at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean and can't get back up.

When Kristen first died, my mom didn't tell me, but I knew she had died. There was a hollowness in my heart, like the most extravagant piece of the puzzle was missing, right out of the center. For a while, Kristen was very sick, and we didn't think she would live to see her 10th birthday, but as she got older, she progressed. Soon after we realized Kristen was strong, and would live a long, mostly happy life. We didn't worry about her, but soon again, we did. She started getting sicker and sicker, so she stayed with my uncle. He helped her, but he couldn't help her enough. No one can stop God from taking a loved one, even if we wanted to. That day scarred me, and is forever in my memory. I can't stop it. And I also can't relive it. That day we came home, I knew something was wrong, so I asked. Tearfully, Mom muttered, "Kristen lost the battle for her life" ... I was devastated, my best friend, dead? It couldn't be true, it had to be fake, but as much as I tried to deny it, I knew it was true. I would've done anything to see her again, but I know I can't until I die. I also know Kristen would've wanted me to move on, I try, and I am still trying.

Looking back now, and realizing life can slip through your fingers so easily, I wish I could see the future. No one can, and to this day, I still wish I had 5 more minutes to say goodbye. Again, I can't.

Now, I know death doesn't surround me, Kristen protects me. Everything I do now is in memory of her, because I know I can live up to her legacy, and I will.  
Ava Lee

## West Highland White Terriers

Do you want to know the cutest dog breed ever?! It is a West Highland White Terrier! They are called "Westies" for short. Westies are the only all white Scottish dog breed. I think Westies are the cutest dog breed ever! They make great family dogs. I have one at home.

### Appearances

Westies usually weigh 13 to 19 pounds and they usually are 10 to 11 inches tall! They are short but adorable dogs! Westies are the only all white Scottish dog breed. They are a part of the terrier group. They have very unique fur because their undercoat is very soft and their topcoat is more wiry. This helps keep them clean when they are hunting in mud. Speaking of fur, that brings us into our next category!

### How to Take Care of Westies

1. Bring your Westie to a groomer every 4 to 6 weeks.
2. Give your Westie fresh food and clean water daily.
3. Westies love to romp and play so make sure to give them walks every so often.
4. Westies are smart, confident, adaptable dogs! They quickly adapt to a new home.
5. These dogs are usually healthy dogs, but their teeth should be brushed often.

### History

West Highland White Terriers are from Scotland. They were bred to be working dogs. The first Westie to star in a dog show was in 1896! They also have been pets for more than 300 years!!! Westies are great family dogs and they are easy to take care of. The reason they are white is one day a hunter was on a fox hunt and his dog was a reddish-orange color and the owner thought his dog was a fox, so he shot his own dog. After that, they started breeding an all-white dog in Scotland.

### Fun Facts

Some really interesting facts about Westies are that they accompanied hunters on hunts. They usually hunted underground rodents and foxes. They were bred to clear out mines, farms, and even barns. Westies are game terriers, which means they are hunting dogs and they have a very strong will. Originally their name was Roseneath Terrier, and on May 31, 1909, they were renamed the West Highland White Terriers. West Highland Terriers are fun, intelligent dogs who love to play. They are great with children and perfect for people of any age. This is my report on West Highland White Terriers.

Allison Marlow

## Why Goats Scream Meh!

Once upon a time there was a farm. Now this was no ordinary farm, there were some weird animals. Goat was one that was just crazy. He was always stealing other animals' food. He stole Moo the cow's food and Big the pig's food.

One day they finally had enough. The pig was so hungry it started chasing mice and rats around the rickety old barn that sounded like it was going to collapse any minute. Still, a year went by, and they got so tired of scavenging for food that they were too tired to chase Goat away. They spent a day and finally spotted him in his chicken coop, but he was sleeping.

So the next time Big and Moo came upon their friend, they asked him to gather as many scraps as he could from the dumpster. He didn't find much but it gave them enough energy to get up and run around. Just then goat walked in stepped into the chicken pen and took all their food that was supposed to last a week!

He walked out screaming "be back tomorrow!" He was on his way out the door when he tripped over a rock that Moo the cow had purposely left there before he walked out! Goat got back up and burst out the door, but Moo and Big were right on his tail. They dashed through the forest and jumped over a stream until they came to a cave. Goat had no problem sprinting through a pitch-dark cave (that may or may not have a huge grizzly bear that lives there)!

After hours of wandering helplessly through the cave they saw some light and a humongous shadow. They didn't care if they would wake it up, for they were still mad about the food thing. By the time they ran over to the opening and escaped, they heard a loud growling noise. They looked behind them and there was a bear that just woke up from hibernation!

It yelled, "Why did you wake me up? Now you will be my dinner!" Big, Moo, and Goat all sprinted out of the cave. They didn't know where to go, but just then goat remarked "All the times you chased me out of the barn I ran through a forest, where there's a very polluted lake." So they dashed through the forest, dodging trees, sliding under sharp thorn bushes, and jumping over roots and rocks sticking out of the ground!

When almost all hope was lost, they heard some splashing and there was a lake that looked like hundreds of garbage trucks emptied all their garbage into it. There were also some miserable fish that looked very unhealthy. Moo and Big waddled over there with their last bit of energy and collapsed on the ground before the fish. Then they fell asleep.

After they had awakened the next morning, they saw five fish standing there. The leader claimed his name was Josh. Moo and Big bellowed together, "Please help us, we're so hungry and desperate to survive that the last few days our meals have been the moss of trees."

Josh the fish thought and thought, and finally said, "What's in it for us?" This time Big and Moo agreed and said, "Your lake will be so clean and shiny that

you will be happy again!” After hours of waiting, the fish appeared in a snap with loads of trash. There was also some food, and they chowed down on it. That night they gazed at the gleaming waterfall that had once been hidden by piles of trash. They also remembered why they were there and were thrilled with the journey they had.

When they woke up they noticed Goat sleeping, and had the best idea: to feed Goat all the leftover trash! When Goat woke up, he couldn’t resist eating that metal glimmering in the last rays of dawn and the plastic with just a smidge of sand and dirt to make it perfect. He gobbled down so much of it he wouldn’t have to eat for a month.

Since then Goat scream Meh when they want more and are silent when they’re full. So now you know the story of why Goats scream Meh.

#### Epilogue

Big the pig, Moo the cow, and Goat were later taken back to the barn, which was rebuilt a year later. Goat no longer took their food and was put in a separate smaller barn attached to the big one. Also, the fish were taken to a marine wildlife exhibit in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Pig and Cow met with the fish sometimes because they had become such good friends.

Finally, the farmer decided to take Cow and Pig to a County Fair just off Exit 74, and the fish were also brought. When they got there, the farmer said to the reporters, “They’re such jolly good animals, and I didn’t notice they were starving!” They ended up winning first prize for Best in Show, and the farmer was so happy, that besides the barn, he built them new pens!

Carter Warren

## Italy

You wake up, go straight to your balcony and smell the fresh food. You get dressed and go downstairs and you see spaghetti, bread and a drink. After breakfast, you go outside and begin your new day.

Italy's proper name is actually the Italian Republic, or Repubblica Italia in Italian. A lot of people think they only speak Italian, but they also speak German in some parts of Italy. Did you know that Rome is located in Italy?

The history of Italy is pretty interesting. Italy is very old, but the Italian Republic is not a very old country. It was born in 1861, so it is actually younger than the U.S.A. Italy became its own country on June 10, 1946.

I guarantee it smells phenomenal in Italy. Italy is known for their famous food like spaghetti. Food is an important part of the history of Italy. They invented so many food items. Many of their food recipes are older than 500 years old, because a lot of kings and queens back then wanted more than what they had, so they made people create new recipes for them. If anyone touched the king's food other than the cooks, they would go to prison. I guarantee people were terrified of accidentally touching the food for the royal family.

A lot of their food is professionally made. They only use fresh ingredients and if it's not fresh they throw it out. The reason they only use fresh food is because they like to honor their past and keep it alive. The main food in Italy is their famous spaghetti and their famous pizza. In Italy, people usually eat small meals throughout the day that will lead up to a big meal that is usually at 9 or 10 o'clock at night. One of their big meals is spaghetti, meatballs, and a drink, and that is really it for their big meal. Trust me when I say their food is amazing. My ancestors took a boat from Italy to the U.S., and to this day I still eat food from their recipes.

Italy is really not that far away because it takes the same amount of time to get there from New York as it takes to get from New York to California. Italy is located in the southern part of Europe. You can find it by trying to find the shape of a boot that is located below France. Italy is really easy to find on a map.

Italy is a really fun place to visit. Italy may be a young country, but it is a great one. People are really nice and kind there. Italy was a great place to learn about because I got to learn what my family went through, what my family did, and where they lived. For me, I loved learning about Italy.

Gino May



## Memoir

“Racers, take your mark, get set...” “BEEP!!” SPLASH!! The water is very frosty – Brrr... Splash, splash, splash! It is the first swim meet of the Charger’s season, and to start it off it is the fifth yard backstroke.

It was the Friday of my first swim meet, and I was at my grandma’s, ready for my mom to pick me and my brother and sister to go to JD for the meet. When my mom got there, we hurried home to get my stuff for the meet.

Once we got there, I went to the locker room to put my swimsuit on and walked out to practice with the rest of the group for 10 or 20 minutes. After we finished practicing, we got ready to start the meet.

First up was the 50-yard backstroke! I was very nervous!! Soon we heard, “Racers, take your mark, get set, BEEP!!” The backstroke swim meet began. When I was swimming, I hit my head on the wall. I just remembered that coach didn't teach us how to do a back turn, and two boys passed me. When I got to the wall I was the first girl to touch it. After we all finished, I tried to get out of the pool and fell back in (not from the outside of the pool - I was trying to get out of the pool and fell back in.) After I got out, I walked to sit next to my friend Meg. We raced together in the 50-yard race. We watched the other races. Later it was our turn to do the 50-yard freestyle.

Once we heard, “Racers, take your mark, get set, BEEP!!!” we were off. When I was swimming, I blundered my flip turn and two people passed me!! I ended up getting third place again! After that race my I thought we had to stay for the whole meet, but you can go after your races are done. My coach asked, “How did you like you first swim meet?” I said it was amazing.

I loved my first swim meet - it was perfect. It moved my competitive swimming up to the next level! It made me more competitive. I was in a lot of pressure during the race. It made me want to practice harder to get first!

Aurora McDermott

## The Northern Cardinal

The northern cardinal is a bird that mostly lives in Canada and North America. The cardinal is also a favorite of the bird watchers. It is a very pretty bird and a fun one to watch. Male cardinals are protective. They attack mirrors, and car windows because they think it is another male.

There are different appearances between cardinals. The male is a bright red, while the female is brown with a little red on the head and stomach. All cardinals have a mask. It is a lot more visible on the male. The male cardinal is larger than the female. The male cardinal has a crest on its head, the female does not. The male cardinal does more of the work for females.

Cardinals diet consists of wild fruits, insects, spiders and berries. They also love bird seed, that they mostly eat from hopper-style bird houses. In the winter their diet consists of seeds and berries because insects are not there due to the cold weather.

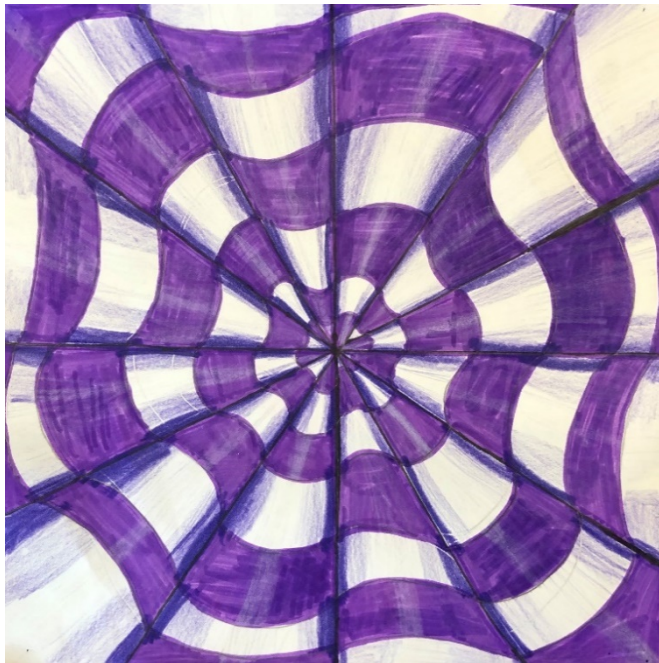
Cardinals usually mate for life. Cardinals find their mates when they are both at bird feeders. The male gets a seed and brings it to the female to try to get their mates. The female cardinal builds its nest while the male is close by watching the surroundings and watching for other birds. Both male and female feed their young after they hatch.

The cardinal is known by many as a visitor from heaven. I know I do. I think people should not shoot cardinals. It makes me mad, and it should be a law.  
Wyatt Esposito

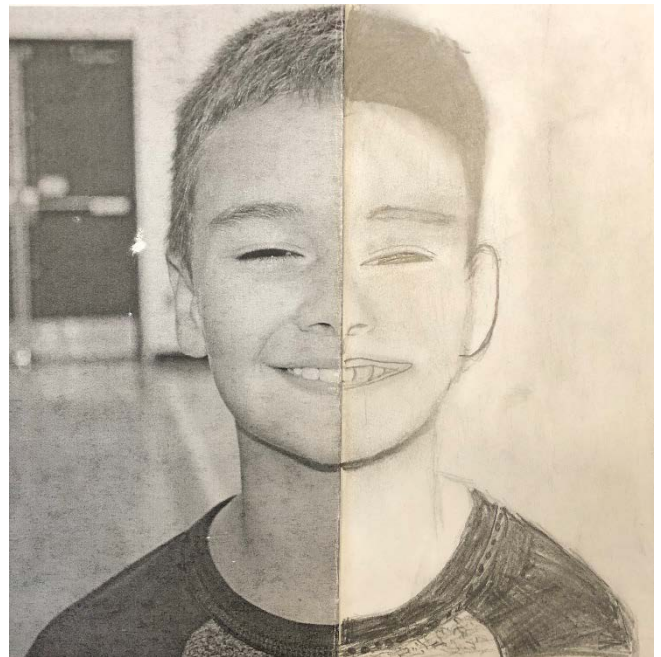
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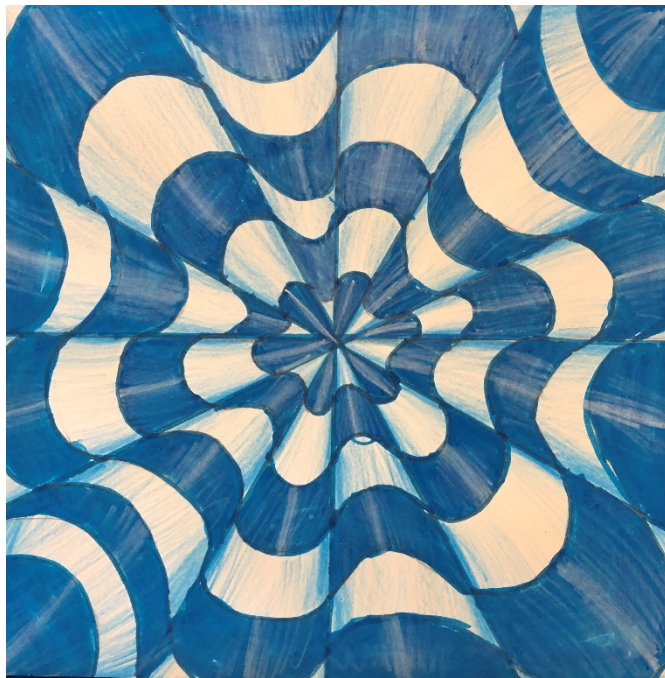
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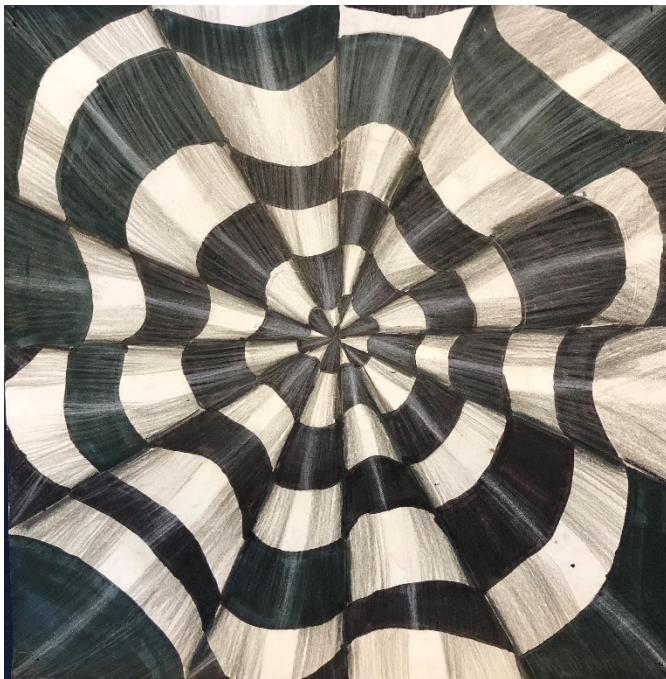
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