



# Stories in Stone

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&

Nadia Nencioni Elementary School in  
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## Introduction by Dee Anne Burt



*Stories in Stone* is a compilation of thoughts, ideas, sketches, poems, short stories, drawings, photographs and paintings by students, staff, and families of Stinesville Elementary and Nadia Nencioni Elementary. Both schools share a Quarry-town heritage and inspiration!

Student work has been collected all year, beginning with the *Personal Identity Project* which invited students to reflect upon who they are—their unique beliefs, interests, traits, and symbolism— and create their personal messages. This project celebrates the art, writing, and other creative expressions of students and all those who influence their lives.

Our students are linked by their actions, feelings, interests, similarities, differences, talents, histories, and love. The authors and artists represented in *Stories in Stone* share environments where stone quarry men risked their lives to provide for their families; others left their messages carved in the beautiful limestone and marble resources abundant in their lands. The Big Creek Limestone Company in Stinesville, Indiana, provided the limestone time capsule that will hold *Stories in Stone* for generations to come.

We each carve our stories as we walk this earth: experience family, education, careers, challenges, and celebrations. Let us remember to honor all children's lives, everywhere, for the rest of our lives.

May all students grow up knowing how special and important they are to the future of our beautiful planet.

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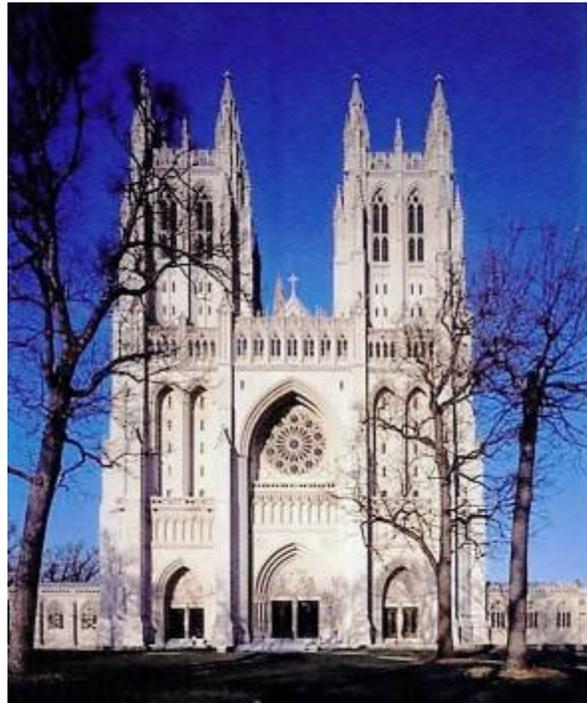
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List of Student Contributors



## Part I

Kindergarten, First & Second Grade  
Students share their very special moments in life  
with you.



Gym

Drew Bell

My favorite part of kindergarten is PE.

Friends

Patience Denny

My favorite part of kindergarten is making friends.

Sharing

Anthony Fender

My favorite part of kindergarten is Show and Tell.

Art

Emily Francis

My favorite part of kindergarten is Art.

Recess

Luke Garrett

My favorite part of kindergarten is recess and Show and Tell.

Recess Party

Lauren Hiatt

My favorite part of kindergarten is a Recess Party!

Recess

Luke Horman

My favorite part of kindergarten is Recess Sharing Circle Party.

Snack

Ava Ingram

My favorite part of kindergarten is snack.

Recess

Kenzie Jacobs

My favorite part of kindergarten is recess and Show and Tell.

Big Book

Kegan Michael

My favorite part of kindergarten is Big Book.

Music Movement

Deziree Morgan

My favorite part of kindergarten is Music Movement.

Party

Gabbi Overend

My favorite part of kindergarten is the party. I also like to ride bikes when I get home.

Recess and Reading

Madolyn Petty

My favorite part of kindergarten is recess and silent reading.

Party

Cole Ponton

My favorite part of kindergarten is Party.

Lunch

Austin Rains

My favorite part of kindergarten is Lunch.

Centers

Allisha Smith

My favorite part of kindergarten is centers.

Recess

Tristen Summitt

My favorite part of kindergarten is recess.

Party

Jackson Sweeny

My favorite part of kindergarten is party, recess, song, and PE.

Lunch

Ella Thacker

My favorite part of kindergarten is Lunch.

Lunch

Emma Thacker

My favorite part of kindergarten is Lunch.

Princess Rose

Kathryn Anderson

Once upon a time there was a lovely princess named Rose. She was walking and saw a man and lived happily ever after.

## The Hungry Elephant

### Amelia Campbell

Once upon a time there was an elephant that went to find food. Everywhere she looked she couldn't find food. When the elephant was sleeping a bear took all the food.

## The Sleeping Kangaroos

### Victoria Crites

The little kangaroo naps. The kangaroo is hot. Two little kangaroos; two little kangaroos nap.

## Can You Run?

### Thomas Denny

This is my riddle: I can munch with my teeth and I can run. Can you run? What am I?

## Lost Dog

### Kadence Goodall

Once upon a time there was a little dog that got lost. The little dog tried to find his Mom. He tried and tried, he ran very far, and he found his Mom.

## Happy Tiger

### Milan Hancock

Once upon a time there was a tiger that lived in the jungle. He is a brave little tiger and always very happy.

## Polka Dot Cat

### Amara Hanson

The cat is cool. This cat loves his doll. This cat is purple and pink polka dot.

## The Little Joey

### Evie Headdy

The little Joey jumps. The little Joey can find friends. Can you jump?

## The Little Penguin

### Evan Higgins

The little penguin plays tag with his friend. They play on the swings.

## The Little Dog and Duck

### Maris Holmes

Once upon a time there was a little dog. It found a little duck. They became friends, the end.

## I Am Little

### Natasha Lake

I am little. I am a little mouse. I am a little duck. I am a little man. I am a little kid. I am little.

## The Lion

### Nicholas Latimer

The lion lost his Mom. Everywhere he looked he could not find her. He found her.

## Recess

### Carli Mullen

My favorite thing to do at school is play on the playground at recess. I like to swing on the monkey bars.

## The Monkey

### Caleb Overend

The monkey is climbing a tree. The monkey is looking for food. The monkey found food. The monkey is happy.

## My Rabbit

### Matthew Phillips

My rabbit is red and he is blue. But when he jumped so high he never came back.

## The Sad Horse

### Haylie Shoemaker

The horse is sad. He must find a friend. He didn't find a friend. He is sad.

## The Seal

### Hayden Simmonds

The seal went to the bottom to find food. He looked everywhere. The seal went home. The next morning the seal went to find food again and then he found food.

## The Giraffe and the Mouse

### Shayli Walker

The giraffe met the mouse. The giraffe played and they are happy together.

## I Like to Play with Baby

### Kimi Anderson

I like to play with my baby brother on the swings.

## Math

### Keegan Chambers-Crum

My favorite subject in school is math. My favorite thing out of school is football.

## Math is Fun Jayzen Dixon

My favorite thing that I like about school is learning math. Math is fun.

## Back Flip Joslyn Dyer

I like to do a back flip and jump rope.

## Puddin' Mackenzie Fletcher

I like to play with my kitten. My kitten's name is Puddin'. I like to play with my kitten because he just needs to play and so do I.

## Playroom Chloe Huff

I like to play with my puppy and with my baby brother Jackson. We play by making a movie.

## I Like to Play Noah Ferguson

I like to play with my Batman house. I like to play with my super heroes. I like to play with my Xbox 360 with my dad.

## A Person at Christmas William Fisher

This story is about a person at Christmas and no one would play with him. It was snowing and the people loved it there. Then, on top of the mountain lived *The Grinch*. He didn't like Christmas Town because his heart was two sizes too small. Finally, love at Christmas made The Grinch's heart get bigger.

## Trampoline

### Emma Hardwick

I like to jump on the trampoline at my house. Kimi, my cousin, and I play on the trampoline. When she sits down, I jump, and she bounces up high!

## Basketball

### Lindsey Headdy

I love to play basketball at my house. I really like it when my sister is playing basketball with me.

## Joey

### Olivia Jeronimo

I like playing outside with my brother.

## My Daddy

### Chassidi Mann

My favorite thing...well, it used to be... it was playing with my daddy. We used to go to the park, but then he died. If I could say anything, to my daddy right now, it would be, *I love you.*

## Things I Like

### Zarren Mann

I have a lot of things that I like to do. My favorite things are playing with my friends, building stuff with Legos, and doing art in school.

## Drew's Lego's

### Drew McCullough

Lego's are my favorite toys. I like to build towers and vehicles. The vehicles I've built are: helicopters, cars, boats, ships, trucks, trains, and dirt bikes. I build my towers and vehicles on the folding table in my living room.

## Softball and Art

### Grace Morris

I love to play softball with my mom and with friends. My favorite subject in school is art.

## Xbox 360

### Grant Moulton

I like to play *Call of Duty* on my Xbox 360.

## My Bey Blade

### Gaebriel Novak

I like to flip my Bey Blades with my friends at recess. It is so much fun!

## Handstands

### Ella Piercy

I like to do handstands on the trampoline. My mom goes on the trampoline with me. I like that.

## Trampoline

### Payton Riffel

I like to jump on the trampoline. I feel steady on my trampoline. I can almost do a perfect back flip and front flip.

## Dad and my Dog

### Keith Rubeck

My favorite thing to do is play with my dad and with my dog. I like to play *Wheelies*. *Wheelies* is a fun game that I play with my dog. I ride my four-wheeler and then my dog chases me. It is so funny! I also like to read some of my favorite books with my dad.

## Football

### Cade Sims

My favorite thing to do is play football. I'm on a real team.

## Jack

### Lizzie Smith

I love to play with my cousin's puppy named Jack. I love Jack.

## Soccer

### Lavina Sauffer

I like to play soccer. I play soccer at home with my mom.

## Swing

### Jenna Sweeny

I like to swing with my Cabbage Patch doll.

## Playtime

### Jesse Terrell

I like to play with Bey Blades at recess with my friends and I also like to play video games.

## My Four-Wheeler

### Logan Anderson

I like to ride on my kid size four-wheeler. Grownups only can ride the big ones. My four-wheeler is the best.

## Flat Rock

### Caitlyn Cooksey

I like to walk my dogs on the trail at the park. My dogs' names are Ginger and Cowboy, but, my dogs will not walk! Anyway, it's still fun. The park we go to is called Flat Woods. It is a really, really fun park. Finally, that is what I like to do.

## UNO

### Madelyn Davis

I play UNO in my living room with my brother, Colton. UNO is one of the best games ever!

## Fetch

### Bailey Evans

I am Bailey. I like to play with my dogs. We play fetch.

## I Like to Play

### Sydney Glasscock

This is what I like to do: Play! I like to play with my cat, and with my friends; I love to jump on a trampoline and play in the water. That's what I like to do.

## Tag

### Caden Iocca

What I like to do is play tag. I like to play tag with my sister and play jump through the hoop with my 3 dogs.

## Scooters

### Anna Owens

I drew a picture is of me and my friend playing together. We are riding scooters. This is what I like to do. I like my friends.

## Stuck on the Mud

### Allison Sweeny

I like playing, *Stuck on the Mud!* I play it in my basement. I play it with Jenna and Jack. Jenna is my sister and Jack is my brother. Jenna and Jack are my friends too.

## Dad

### Devin Terrell

I like to play with my dad.

## Games

### Hunter Brown

I like to play video games. My favorite video game is called Zelda.

## 100 Wishes

### Emma Dawson

I wish I had 100 pieces of chocolate. I wouldn't want 100 teachers. I can make 100 tears. I can eat 100 bowls of macaroni. I could never eat 100 bubbles. Having 100 kids could be a problem. In 100 years I hope I can have a baby. I can lift 100 pieces of hair. If I had 100 dollars I would buy 100 of everything, but what I really like to do is play with my cat and my dog. I would play with them 100 times!

## I Like to have Fun

### Trish Jackson

This is what I like to do. I like to ride horses because that is *fun*. I want to have horses because they are fun. I wish I had 100 alarm clocks. I wouldn't want 100 talking cats. I can make 100 air planes. I can eat 100 giant M&M's. I could never eat 100 fish. Having 100 sharks could be a problem. In 100 years I hope I can be alive. I can lift 100 cats. If I had 100 dollars I would buy 100 birds. Really, I like to have fun. That's all.

## My Friend Madison Ludlow

I like to play with my friend. I like to read books about friends. Friends are fun to have and to play with.

## Mom Abel MacNeil-Kitscher

I love my mom. I like to play with my cats. Sometimes they run and hiss. They're funny.

## My Chickens Ava McGuire

My favorite thing to do is chase my chickens. They are fun and sometimes they chase me. We have a lot of chickens. Also, I like to jump on my trampoline. I like to play outside.

## Wii Destiny Morgan

This is my favorite thing to do. I like to play the Wii. My favorite game is SpongeBob. I'm not good at it, but who cares, it's still fun.

## Lord of the Rings Hayden Neil

I like to play *Lord of the Rings War in the North* video game. There is a magic dude. Every time you defeat, the magic dude, you get an elf gem that does 35 Shock Damage.

## Football Jaisen Paulley

This is what I like to do: play football. Football is fun.

## Soccer

### Savannah Poorman

I like playing soccer. It is fun and an awesome sport. I also like reading. I like reading, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books.

## Cats and Dogs

### Harlie Staggs

I love to play with my cats and dogs.

## Wrestling

### Ashton Anderson

I like to play *Punching and Kicking*. I love wrestling because it is fun. It makes me feel awesome!

## My Friend and I

### Ashley Burton

My friend and I like swimming together. My friend and I play at my house. We have been friends for two school years. I feel awesome!

## Playing Around with Chase

### Cara Clark

I'm love playing around with my little brother, Chase. He's on his tractor and I'm laughing. I'm playing in my house behind the couch. I feel very good.

## Friends and Family

### Audrey Daily

I love playing with my friends and family. My friends' names are: Ella, Hailie J, Payton R, and Paris. I like to color with them and play soccer with them. I also like to play, *Village in the Woods* with my sisters. I feel happy and I love to play with family and friends.

## Gears of War 3 Hunter Davis

I love playing the Xbox 360. I am playing Gears of War 3. It is my favorite game.

## 4-Wheeler Josh Davis



I like to ride my 4-wheeler with my family and friends at my house and I also like to ride my 4-wheeler at their house too.

## Gymnastics

### Ella Francis

I like doing gymnastics. I like doing a backbend, walk, and lifting up, then doing the splits, a handstand, and singing with a wand! I love gymnastics! And last, but not least, I like dancing and acting and doing a flip. I like it because it is very fun. And at my age I like to have fun! And, I like to flip.

## Going to Big Splash

### Payton Goodall

Once, I asked my dad, if we could go to *Big Splash*. He said, "I'll think about it." A little later he said yes!

## The Two Packer Heroes

### Owen Graham

I drew a picture of me throwing the ball to Sam. We are playing at Green Bay stadium. I feel great playing with my friend.

## Soccer

### Cole Hancock

I like to play soccer because you can run and kick and people cheer for you! I like it because you play against the other team and have lots of fun. It makes me feel really, really happy.

## A Basketball Game

### Oliver Headdy

I like it when I'm playing a basketball game. I asked if I could play basketball, but she said football or baseball. I said baseball.

## Soccer

### Kyle Hiatt

Why I like soccer is it is fun, cool, and awesome.

## Having Friends

Clark Holmes

I'm am being happy with my friends. I feel happy when I play with my friends. It feels wonderful to play with my friends. I think Stinesville Elementary School is great.

## Sports

Hannah Lane

The sports that I love are: swimming, softball, and basketball. I love basketball because I'm very good at it and I get to play basketball at a school. How I love swimming is because I play at the YMCA.

## Gymnastics

Jordan Lybrook

Gymnastics: I am on the bars. Then, I am doing the handstands. Next, I am in my gymnastics suit. Thursdays at Hailie's is very good. We love gymnastics!

## I Feel Great

Sam Martin

Here I am throwing the ball to Owen. I'm at Green Bay Packer stadium! I feel great playing with my friend.

## Sharing with Siblings

Alyssa Michael

I love playing with my brother, Kegan and trying my best, to share while we play. It makes me feel happy when we share. We play in our TV room or in one of our bedrooms. We have fun *every* time we play!

## Football with Friends Hunter Monix



I love playing football with my friends. I am in a football stadium playing football with my friends. Stinesville Elementary School is very great. I feel good to be here and play with my friends.

## Playing With You, Friend Katherine Nicholson

I like playing with my friend Hunter M. It is very fun to play with my friend Hunter. I make him laugh and I feel good about myself. Tomorrow, I will play with Hunter too.

## Sports

### Gavin Norris

I love sports! I love swimming, baseball, basketball, and soccer. I am good at baseball and I am happy.

## Reading

### Skylar Puett

My favorite thing to do is read. I like the Junie B. Jones and Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I like reading because you can learn from *some* books. I like Diary of Wimpy Kid books, but you don't learn a lot from them. I also like animals and when I grow up I would like to be a vet.

## Soccer, Gymnastics, and Cheerleading

### Hailie Staggs

I am working on my first competition in gymnastics. I played soccer; I played with my sister Harlie. I used to do cheerleading when I was with my sister, Harlie. I also played with my friends Mackenzie, Zoe, and Chloe. It makes me feel smart and awesome.

## Cheerleading

### Paris Stuffle

Look at me. I'm doing cheerleading and saying a cheer! I am at the Edgewood Primary School. I am cheering for boys' basketball. The other cheerleader is named Payton. Cheerleading is the best!

## Cheerleading

### Haley Summerlot

I love cheerleading because it is very, very, very, very, very, very, very fun, especially, clapping.

## Part II

Third & Fourth Grade  
give you a peek into their world.



## My Life in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Landon Anderson

3<sup>rd</sup> grade is interesting. The fun thing about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is math. Math is my favorite subject! Math is really fun. These are reasons why I like math: Math is fun, and addition is easier than subtraction.

## Hunting with my Grandpa

### Levi Bay

I like to go hunting with my grandpa. We go coon hunting at night with our friend and his coon dogs. We have had a lot of good luck hunting coons. Sometimes we use Magnums and at other times we use 22s...when we hunt for coons. My grandpa has a field and that's where we go bird hunting. My grandpa gave me a one-barrel shotgun for Christmas. We use shotguns when we hunt for birds. Between my dad and my grandpa, I have learned a lot about hunting. I like to hunt more than anything else in the world.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Chloe Baynum

I love my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. My favorite subject in school is science because you get to do fun and crazy experiments, but that's just my opinion. You might like reading or math. I also I like math and I also like reading too. I like reading in my reading textbook. I like spelling my spelling words. Sometimes we have to write them three times each. Anyway, that's why I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. That's my whole story of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

## A.R. Books

### Landon Bell

I like the Accelerated Reading (A.R.) books. I like them because they are so long. The books are thrilling! If you read one you would probably will not quit. They have adventure and fantasy; it is awesome! If you read them, you can take an A.R. test and then get points for the year! The books make you feel like you're there too. It's a movie almost. They are funny too. The books give you something to do. You can always find a book that you like. If you get a long book, it might take a little bit of time to read, but that's ok. That's why I like the A. R. books.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Recess, and Stinesville

### Dylan Chambers

3<sup>rd</sup> grade is interesting. The science experiments are fun, especially, when we do experiments with volcanoes! We are also learning about plants. Our teacher is Mrs. Watkins. She's kind of nice. At recess there are seven playgrounds! There is a basketball court and a football field. We're not allowed on the football field because too many people got hurt on that field. Our school name is Stinesville Elementary School. Our school used to be a high school too. But when it was a high school, it burnt down in a fire. Now, it's just K-5. The End!

## Third Grade

### Caleb Crismore

I like the third grade because of our new math and mad minutes; it is really fun! Science is also one of my favorite things in third grade. I think the best part of third grade is when Mrs. Watkins reads to us. Third grade is really, really, fun. I like reading, science, math, and social studies. I think my classmates are awesome! They help me when I need it. Owen and Landon Bell help me with my math; they are awesome. Landon R. helps me with drawing when we're supposed to be drawing something awesome. The End!

## My Life as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader

### Ross Dawson

I liked my life as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. It's cool. I like being a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader; you get to do math, science, reading, and writing. Science is my favorite thing to do. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is awesome! You also get to have recess, but that isn't the best part. The best part is you get to go home at the end of the day. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade can be tough, but you get to learn new things. You get to see your teacher too.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade can also be rough: you also might get bored too, but that didn't stop me. Nothing stopped me, ever! There might have been a few times that I got to rest my hand, but I kept on going. You have to keep going! Those are the things I liked about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## Video Games and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Charlie England

I like to play video games, especially, Battlefield 3. I play it on Xbox 360. You can play it on multiple players. Some things that I like about this game are that I can drive a helicopter, jet, go-cart, four different army vehicles, and a boat.

I 've liked my life as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. We did fun science experiments. We learned about different kinds of roots. When we got 20 stickers our teacher gave us a Little Debbie cake. We also have math mad minutes. If you pass multiplication you get a candy bar! If you pass division you get another candy bar and a pizza party at the end of the year! We also switch back and forth from science to social studies each nine weeks. I really like video games and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

## Building is Fun with my Grandpa

### Robby Hammond

I like to build stuff with my grandpa. I helped my grandpa build a new kitchen. We tore down a wall with a sledge hammer. Then, we carried in new cabinets. We had to use a dolly to lift them up and bring them through the back door because they were so heavy. Next, we used a nail gun and a staple gun to hold the cabinets onto the wall. Then, my Uncle Mike and his friend carried in stone counter tops. The counter top that went over the sink was long; I had to help carry the middle. I think anything that has to do with building is fun!

My Uncle Mike is a Limestone Quarry worker. He came to our school during the Stinesville Quarry Festival and showed students equipment. He brought his big drill machine and he also showed us how they used to mine in the old days. First, they drilled a short hole into a block of limestone. Next, they put 2 steel bars into it. Last, they put 1 bar in between the first 2 bars and then they hit it with a sledge hammer. That made the block split down the middle.

My Uncle Mike said that he wished the control panels for the drills were inside the cab. Then, when it's cold outside, he could work from inside the warm cab. When someone is working outside with the drills and his or her shirt gets caught in the drill, the driver of the backhoe-drill can yank a safety wire and it shuts off the drill. The limestone quarry workers are brave.

## Why I Like 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Carly Locca

I like being a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. I like Mrs. Watkin's science experiments. We sometimes get to play the spelling game. Once for a science experiment we got to pick apart a cookie. When we picked apart a cookie, we looked for stuff in it.

I also have lots of friends in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Here are their names: Chloe, Haley, Emma, Miranda, Lily, and Sylan. That's all my friends who are girls. I have tons more! We learn reading, spelling, math, science, and social studies. My favorite subjects are math and science. We have specials too! They are: art, gym, music, and library. I like art, music, and library. That's why I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Emma Latimer

I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade because we get to color a lot during in our morning work. Plus, we do lots of crafts! There are fun science experiments too! The specials are really fun! In art, we're painting chickens. P.E. is my favorite. We play lots of games like volleyball. In library, there are lots of books. Finally, in music we finished a musical and now we're doing another one. That's why I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## Why I Hate and Why I Like 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Blake Love

I hate third grade because we have so much more work to do. We have more writing and harder spelling words and we have more homework! We have all different kinds of homework. We also have different teachers. You have more tests! We have different rules.

Some of the reasons that I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are: I like third grade because I get to see my sister at recess. I get to make new friends. I get to do different stuff in gym.

## My Favorite Things

### Izic Mathes

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, it is awesome because I get to play with friends and I get to learn! Then, when I grow up I will get a good job! My favorite subject is P.E. because you get to play games like bowling, bingo, and volley ball. My favorite stretch is the jumping jacks, they're really fun. That is why I like P.E.

In the classroom, I get to get stickers and get to put my stickers on a chart. But, you have to get 20 to get a Debbie cake! I think it is really cool. Right now, I have four more stickers to go! I'm on my fourth or fifth chart.

## Horses

### Haley Moore

I would like to ride horses someday. I've always loved horses. We have farms close to us and I get to watch the horses walk around. I hope that I can ride a horse this summer. It would be awesome to ride a horse! I'm really a horse girl.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is to Learn

### Reece Novak

I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade because you get to do a lot of fun stuff and learn a lot of stuff too. I like it that you can play dodge ball at recess. You also learn a lot in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and get to do a lot of science experiments with Mrs. Watkin. When you fill your sticker chart up, you get a Debbie cake of your choice! Some of the rules are: no gum in class, no calling names, and no shouting out loud. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is to learn and not just for playing around in class, or you will get yelled at.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is the Best of All

Landon Ringler



When I first came to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade it felt different. It was new in my life. I like 3<sup>rd</sup> grade because our math is easier than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math. I like reading the best of all. Reading is way better than math I think. Mrs. Watkin's science experiments are really awesome too! I think 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is the best of all.

## Being Taught is Fun

Lily Shrum

I like the way Mrs. Watkin teaches us. I like the math subjects and I love the spelling words. I like it when we get our A.R. points for reading books, taking A.R. tests, and how we get a Debbie cake. We have lots of fun; and being taught is fun! We also get stickers when we get our morning work done before recess. I love being a third grader. I love it so, so, so, so much. I want other people to have as much fun at being taught as I am.

## Why My Life in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is Interesting

Dennis Terrell

My life in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is interesting. It is interesting because of the things you get to do, for example science. There is also 30 minutes of solid reading, which I like. In Social studies, I think that you learn the most in. In reading (subject) you learn to write and spell new things. These are the reasons my life in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is interesting.

## My 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Life

Gabriel Vanleeuwen

I like my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade life, because I like math and science. I like reading too! And, I like lunch. Recess is awesome! We get stickers if we do a good job on morning work, then we put them on our chart, and if we get our chart filled up, we get a Debbie cake! The teachers are nice here. Silent reading is cool and after we read the book we get to take an A.R. test. We have parties and have a lot of fun. We have special days like hat day and drug free day. And we also have mad minutes. My 3<sup>rd</sup> grade life is awesome.

## Cows

Miranda Williams

I live near a farm and I see cows every day. Our neighbor, used to have a horse and a cow, but they both died. I would love to have a cow someday. I would take care of it and milk it and feed it every day.

## Mad Minute Math

Daniel Wilson

Since we began *Mad Minute Math*, we passed "numbers times zero" and our 1s. Now, I'm on the 7's. We only got a minute to do 18 problems on the paper! My thought is, it's the best way to learn multiplication. There are two rows of 12 times on the chart. When you pass one row, you get a Debbie cake. When you finish all of the rows, you get a pizza party with Mrs. Watkin in the teacher's room! *Mad Minute Math* is really fun.

## Homework

### Owen Young

What I like about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is: the homework, you get so little; I love it. Some of it is hard and some of it is easy; like math:  $0 \times 4$  or  $7 \times 9$ , that stuff you know. Well, a long time ago I was doing some math problems and Mrs. Watkin said, "you have homework tonight!" Everyone groaned that instant! Then she said, "Do you want more? Stop moaning then!" Everyone stopped RIGHT THEN. The bell rang, we cheered, and we went home!

## My Favorite Things

### Allie Burton

Hi, my name is Allie Burton, I'm Chinese. I was born in the year of the horse, 2002. I have a lot of interests! My favorite sport is softball. My other favorite things to do are singing and dancing. I love to make music! I am also a pianist, gymnast, and a magician. I love animals too. My favorite animals are dogs, horses, and dragons. I have two dogs, Maggie and Scooby. I am really good at these things: being kind, piano, magic, dancing, making music, horseback riding, and sports like gymnastics.

My parents are awesome! I would love to have a horse someday. My favorite subjects are: math, reading, social studies, and science. I want to take a trip to Hawaii too. I really love my dogs and I love to play with my dog, Maggie, most of all.

## My Family

### Stevie Farley

Hi, my name is Stevie. I am nine years old and I'm in the third grade. I like to play volleyball and basketball. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is green. My favorite subject is reading. I go to Stinesville Elementary School.

I have three siblings. One is Jay, who is fourteen and he is in the eighth grade. The second one is Abi, who is twelve and in the sixth grade. Then, it's me! I'm nine years old and in the third grade. My youngest sibling is P.J. who is four and P.J. is in preschool. My mom's name is Kari; she is forty-one and my dad's name is Danny. He is forty-seven. So that's my story about me.

## Things I like

### James Faulkenberg

Hi, my name is James Faulkenberg. I'm in the third grade. I like to play sports, and I like to play with my dog. My favorite sport is basketball. I am in the third grade and go to Stinesville Elementary School. I also love to ride by four-wheeler.

## Baseball

### Jacob Hill

I like to play sports, especially baseball. The positions I play are pitcher and shortstop. I've been playing baseball for four years.

## My Favorites

### Jake Horman

Hi, my name is Jake. My favorite sport is baseball. My best friend is Ethan. My favorite things to do are: ride my bike, play video games, drive cars, and work on my dad's car with him. I have two pets: a dog named, Annie and seven fish.

## Rock and Roll

### Ethan Jackson

I like riding my bike and listening to music. My favorite music is Rock and Roll and my favorite band is Led Zeppelin. I like Led Zeppelin because of the themes in the songs, for example, Apocalypse and Kashmir. Kashmir is from the 6<sup>th</sup> album, Physical Graffiti.

## Writing

### Elaysa Mann

Hello there! My name is Elaysa Mann. I love to write. Writing is my favorite thing to do and I would do it for maybe five hours straight; a lot, huh? I have something I can do so cool that I wish I could do it when I am older too. When I go home, I write, I color, and I draw too! I could draw, color, and write for a long time you know.

## It's Better Outdoors

### Maggie Piercy

Hi, my name is Maggie and I'm nine years old. My favorite sports are horseback riding and basketball. I also like to go camping. The people in my family are: my mom, Val, my dad, Dan, and I have two sisters: Sydney, my older sister, and Ella, my younger one.

I like it much better outdoors than inside. That's why I like to go camping and horseback riding. I also like to go camping because I spend time with my family.

## The County Fair with Boss Hog

### Kaylyn Ayers

Hi my name is Kaylyn. I'm going to tell you about my favorite time of year. It's the Monroe County Fair! This is what happened last year at the fair: last year at the fair I'd shown a Berkshire pig and a Mini Rex rabbit. My best friend Shelby was showing a cow and a pig. My uncle Brett told me to be tough, but it's hard when you have a 200 point pig stepping on your toe. My pig's name was Boss Hogg which was short for Jefferson Davis Hogg. After the show at the fair, I got a trophy saying my pig was the best Berkshire pig at the fair! Once he was sold, I cried because he would be made into bacon and other meats. After I woke up, I realized that's what pigs are for, and after that, it was the best fair ever.

## My Own Little World

### Kara Bault

My favorite thing to do is to read. I like this activity because it's peaceful and you can go into your own little world. Sometimes, I like to do that. My favorite book is *Over the Edge*. It's a very good book because the author is like talking to you.

## Rusty My Dog

### Alyse Biller

Rusty is my dog. Rusty is a German Sheppard Lab mix. The story about Rusty is...well, one time when I was six; I went to run some errands with my dad. My dad said that maybe we could go to the shelter to see the puppies. So, we went to the shelter, and looked at the puppies for a while. I looked at all of them except for two. When I looked into the cage, I saw the cutest little two puppies in the world!!! The lady said the two puppies were brothers. We got one out and went to a room to play with him. After two hours, we decided to get him, but first my dad said that we had to name him. We decided on Rusty because his fur is the color of rust. Then, we had to pay the people; Rusty was seventy-five dollars! We got him anyway. because I am an only child and want something to play with. We brought him home and after a couple of weeks we got rid of him, but then, after eleven days, we got him back. To this day, I have Rusty! Now, I call him my brother. I love my dog Rusty!

## Football

### Tristan Bland

Football is my favorite sport of all. I like it because it is fun to watch, hard at practices, and the games are exciting. This is the enjoyment of football: Down. Set. Hike!

Football is fun to watch. It is fun to watch because you can see people get hit (tackled). Plus you can watch them catch passes and score touchdowns. They run as fast as light.

Football is hard in practice. The players have to learn offense and defense stance. You need to learn how to block and tackle. Plus you need to learn how to run with the ball. Here is a tip: an offensive tack has a lot of running to do.

Football games are exciting. They are exiting because on defense you can intercept the ball at the snap of your fingers. Offense can also score a big touchdown by a pass, also called, a long bomb. Plus on defense you can sack the quarterback, make him fumble, pick it up, and run. The offense will drop their jaws!

So you can see why football is my favorite sport. You can watch, practice, and play football. At least try it. You might like it and play next year.

## My Favorite Sport

### Derrick Davis

My favorite sport is football. I love when you tackle people, run the ball, and when you intercept the ball. I enjoy getting out of bed and playing in the cold air because it feels good on your face.

First, football is fun because you tackle people. Tackling people is fun because you get to see who's stronger. I like tackling people because you get dirt and mud on you. It's fun to get tackled. It makes you feel tough.

Another reason, it is exciting to run the ball. Running the ball is exciting when you feel the wind in your face. I appreciate running the ball when you break all kinds of tackles. I like running the ball when you get touchdowns.

Also, I love when I intercept the ball. I enjoy it when I intercept the ball, because after you get tackled, your teammates yell at you. I like to intercept the ball because if you're lucky, you get a touchdown. When you intercept the ball your coaches and teammates pat you on the back.

So you can see, football is my most favorite sport. I love it when you tackle people, run the ball, and I enjoy it when I intercept the ball.

## My Bloodhound Puppy

### Abigail Daily

My puppy, Belle, makes me feel so happy. I laugh when she scrunches up because it makes her wrinkly. I love to hug Belle because she is as soft as a new fuzzy blanket. Sometimes Belle licks my face if I say "kissy." I like to play with Belle outside, but only if it is warm out.

Belle is really slobbery. Most of the time Belle has slobber dripping from her mouth or has it flung somewhere on her face. Her paws are almost as big as my hand. My bloodhound puppy makes me feel so happy.

## My Life Is About Singing

### Ashley Nicole Dixon

My life is about singing. I sing everyday and nobody can change that. Singing is my theme. There's nothing, not a thing that is as awesome as singing. I'm so bored if I don't sing; I just go crazy, singing is a fantastic thing to do. Singing comes from the heart. If you don't like singing you're losing your mind; no offense to all those crazy people. I'm so sorry for all of those people. When I sing, I dance and when I dance, I think of a song; I actually make them up. Well singing goes on in this family. That's my life. I want to show everyone my singing and express how I feel about it. My favorite place to sing is downstairs in my basement where no one else can hear me. I have a fake microphone that lights up.

## My Life

### Shelby Drake

Hello, my name is Shelby. My life is about living on a farm. I live on a farm with my brothers, Cody and Austin, and my dad, Danny, and my mom, Heather. We live there with eight animals. Their names are Nelly, Toby, Snuggles, Little Foot, Skunk, Patches, Thelma and Louise. Me and my brother have to feed and water all the animals every night. Nelly and Toby are our dogs. Little Foot, Skunk, Patches, Thelma and Louise are our cows. Snuggles is our cat. We like living on a farm. We clean the cows' pen every Sunday. We clean Nelly's cage every day. We play with Nelly every night that we can. One time, we took Nelly to feed with us and she was trying to climb up to the hay loft. Little Foot is a fat cow. Skunk is not as fat as Little Foot, but he is fat. Patches has a black place over his right eye. Thelma jumped over the fence. Louise hasn't done anything that is really that cool. My life is about living on a farm.

## Video Games

### Dakota Durham

I like video games. My favorite video game is *Call of Duty Black Ops* because you get to blow up helicopters and spy planes.

## Super Mario 3D Land

### Daniel Fleming

In *Super Mario 3D Land*, Mario leaps into his all new adventure! When Princess Peach goes missing again, it's up to Mario to save her! Eight worlds, eight pictures, Bowser (the kidnapper) will send you a picture on how Peach is doing every time you reach a new world. Once you save Peach, a new picture pops up, Luigi is kidnapped! Dry Bowser (Bowser Bones) has Luigi kidnapped! Mario is the only man for the job! If Mario can get to the end of the bridge; it will be in the bag. If he does get passed the bridge, he can press the button (like always) and destroy the bridge (while Dry Bowser is on it)! He shall fall in the lava and the day shall be Mario's once again. Once you save Luigi, you get to play as Luigi, but what's this? Bowser has returned to normal, and stole Peach again! Mario (or Luigi) must defeat Bowser in his castle again. Once Bowser falls in the lava, find Peach, and untie her from the pole. Then, they will dance together (Mario or Luigi will dance with Peach). Next, they will commence the credits, and then, it will say "The End" and a picture with Mario and Peach will pop up with them in a tree (same with Luigi).

## Drawing

### Haley Rose Graham

I love to draw. Drawing is my whole life. The thing about drawing is, it helps me calm down when I've had a rough day. And, it helps me when I'm having a very good day. I like to draw all different kinds of things. I like to draw animals, people, imaginary things, flowers, and more. My favorite is to draw people. I love to draw all the other things too, but people just tell me more and more about the world. A lot of people say I'm really good, but I'm just okay. Every detail I draw tells a story. Well that's it.

## My Favorite Video Games

### Colton Hawkins

My favorite video game is Pokémon: *Explorers of Darkness*. My character turns into a Pokémon (when he used to be a human). He winds up unconscious on the beach and then, his Pokemon named, Freecko finds him on the beach. I tell him, I'm human, but he says that I look like a Pokemon called, Cyn and that I have a case of amnesia. I know my name, but not what happened to me. Freecko tells me that he wants me to join an exploration team. These two thugs ambush and take our treasure. We go after them into a cave and we get Freecko's treasure back. The next exploration team knew everything there is to know. We went to Treasure Town and found a store called Kel-Mart. We met two Pokémon and they're brothers. They were buying a gift for their mom because she is very sick and can't buy stuff for them. They accidentally dropped the gift and ran. Then, a Pokémon picked it up and gave it back.

I had a vision of drowning when I tried to get some treasure out of a hole; I couldn't fit through the hole. After my vision, I tell Freecko, but he doesn't believe me. Then, another Pokemon showed us some outlaws. Freecko was shocked to see one of the thugs on the "wanted" board, so we left and ran as fast as we could. We asked for help and were led to a place called, Mount Brustle. Freecko hurried over there. He was getting ready to make a tunnel to get the treasure. I got there just in time and defeated him.

In the *Explorers of the Darkness* there are still some reports of strange things going on. The Explorers divide into groups and set off on a journey to a base camp which is set up pretty much where the oldest treasure is located, by Fogbound Lake. Anyway, when we reach base camp, which took forever, the other explorers were really mad at us because we were so late. So before long we picked up and left before the two bad guys came back.

## Insanity Flyff

### Jeremiah Headdy

I love to play a game called Insanity Flyff. The levels are 1-300. The great thing about the game is you can go to the arena and kill people. You have weapons to fight with, but the weapons have levels that you have to reach to be able before you can use the weapons. Once you die, you *respawn* and go back in. It has a chart that shows your kills and deaths and it shows how many people are in the arena.

## Modern Warfare 4

### Ethan Hough

*Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 4* is the best video game ever. The game has fun weapons. You get to have sticky grenades and C-4.

First, you get big guns and they have sniper rifles. They are machine guns and big, big shotguns that do not shoot very far. In the game, people have nice clothing. They are green and black fatigues. Second, you get to wear hats, black boots, green shirts and pants too.

Then, people are nice. Captain Prince is nice like me. Captain Ethan is nice because I was his brother in one level. Also, the people save you from bad guys, two times. Last, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare* is the best. The game has fun weapons. In the game, people have nice clothing and are nice too. I like the game because it is the most fun game ever made.

## Basketball

### Seth Marsh

Basketball is a fun sport because it's very active. You can run, jump, and shoot. I like it when you can just get a free shot in. I like to play offense because it's a fun position. The game is so fun to me.

## Nature

### Victoria Jenner



Hi, my name is Victoria Jenner. I feel like nature, with the soft, silky grass, the beautiful sky, and the nice clean water. It is like another planet or like a piece of heaven, because it's beautiful. I love the wind upon my face as I run through the trees. I love all the animals, like the deer, chipmunks, and turtles. I love nature because I grew up on a beautiful farm. I love how when I run through the trees and all the leaves whip up against my face. I love when spring comes and all the animals come out to play. I love when I get to lie in the warm, nice, silky, smooth, grass and I see the beautiful sky...while I lay in the warm sun.

## Dancing is my Life!

### Mallory Love

Hi, my name is Mallory Love. I would like to tell some things about myself. Well, I love to dance. When I dance I feel confident. I feel like I'm going to accomplish something. Usually I dance with music on. Sometimes I'll dance while I'm singing. I've danced since I was a little kid and I still dance today. I love dancing with my friends and family. We have four people in my family, so it gets pretty loud. I didn't realize that I have been dancing so long; I will never ever stop. I love to dance so, so very much! This is my dream: to be a dancer and a singer; it will always be. Well, I hope you like what I wrote. I love my school so much and that's because you are reading this. I really hope you've accomplished something. This is my life and it will always be. Have a good day!!

## The Story of Theodore Colton Powell

First, Theodore is one of three brothers. The other two are Alvin, the big dumb one, and Simon, the mad scientist. Theodore eats everything in his path. When he sees a butcher shop, he eats everything in the shop and he eats the guy who owns the place! A baby Theodore, Theo, is in a stroller and the stroller is enormous. Baby Theo says the scariest things, "dada," and then he barfs out lava and burns his dad's foot off.

His dad yells, "OW OW OW!"

Big Alvin is the dumb one. Alvin pops up and then they get into a fight. Theo a.k.a., the Thing and his dad got into a fight with Alvin, the humongous dinosaur, and Simon, the mad scientist. Simon made up a robot, named Simon that has spikes on the bottom of his shoes. Then, out of nowhere comes the Chipets. They are squirrels that have lightning striking heads; they have three heads on each of their bodies. They fly through the air throwing fireballs and the next thing you know they're caught in a net. Then, they met up with a very old scientist, named Beeeeeep who is on Simon's team. Beeeeeep yelled, "Run for your life or you die... I will hang you by your feet." THE END.

## My Video Game Dalton Powell

I like *Call of Duty* because there is a lot of killing and a lot of guns. There are lots of places to choose to go. One of the hardest things about the game is getting hurt. You can get hit with pistols and knives; after three kills you get a car. The car has a bomb on it and you need to find someone on the other team and use it. After five or ten kills you get to go up in the airplane and shoot the gun from the sky.

Zombies are involved in *Call of Duty* too. If you choose zombies, you will go three rounds and then you'll be at the highest level. The first thing that you need to do is get the gun that's on the wall. I love that gun because it only takes one shot to kill a zombie. After you have defeated the zombies downstairs, you go upstairs, open the door, go to the ammunition box, and get an even better gun. One of those guns can kill six zombies all at once.

# Lego Star Wars: The Phantom Menace Matthew Smith

A long time ago...bla bla bla, a Jedi master, Qui-Gon, Jedi pupil, Obi-Wan, a rebel pilot, and a robot go into the death star. The rebel pilot and the robot stay on the ship and...it blows up.

Obi-Wan says to Qui-Gon, "I have a bad feeling about this."

"I know. This tea is really, really bad," said Qui-Gon.

"I know about the tea. It is awful, I'm sure. I mean, the fact that we're in a bad guy base..." said Obi-Wan.

All of a sudden a rope...came out of nowhere and tied them up. A cowboy was holding the rope.

"Who are you?" they say to the cowboy.

"I'm Indiana Jones."

"Indiana who?"

"Indiana...never mind," the cowboy says walking out of the room. A robot named, CT14 comes in and says, "I know how to get you out of here." "Okay. Show us the way," says Qui-Gon. He shows them an elevation shaft that is a six feet drop. The Jedi's jump and CT14 just falls. All of the bad guys heard it and they pull out their guns. *Pu Pu Pu!* But the Jedi gets in an escape pod and flies down to the planet, Naboo where they meet Jar-Jar Binks who shows them an underwater city.

You should skip ahead a few pages because this is going to get real *boring*. Jar-Jar, Qui-Gon, CT14, and Obi-Wan meet the fat guy.

"I, Boss Noss and the evil robots make big...boom boom," said the fat guy.

"I've got to make big boom boom," said Jar-Jar. Okay, see what I tell you. Let's fast forward. *Pasepie [aerp'gvtk9v qe-igqe]0octq3[cot-q3*

"Nooooooooo!" shouted Obi-Wan.

Maybe we went a little too far. Let's go back.

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"Do you have a ship? And a R2...butt...I mean bot?" asked CT14.

"Yep," she said. They take off. The Jedi went down to Tatooen. They met a boy who lived in the desert. He was a pod racer and a very good one; that's because he had a lot of minomo...he was the chosen one. They all went to Corasant and asked for help, but the boss said, "I'd lick up spilled water first." So, they all went to save the planet themselves *and* ran into a bad guy. His name was Darth Maul. The Jedi fought him for hours and hours and hours.

"Get on with it," said the boy. The boy and R2Bot get in the space ship and fly up into a big chase and blow up the Death Star. Jar-Jar and the other guys fight the robots.

"Ow Ow Ow Ow!"

The boy blew stuff up. One of the Jedi died, but the other one killed the Sith. Obi Wan said, "Nnnnnoooooooo!" And then, they all had a big party. The End.

## My Favorite Animal

### Nadia Trent

My favorite animal is a dog. I love dogs because they are playful, they are funny and strange, and they're fun to train. Dogs are wonderful.

First, dogs are playful. I like to play wrestling with dogs. It's funny when dogs play chase with you. It's fun to play with your dog in the pool too.

Also, dogs are funny and strange. When you're about to give them food, their face is curious. I like it when you say shake and they throw their paw at your legs. Dogs cry and bark really loud when someone's coming.

Another reason, dogs are my favorite animal is because they are fun to train. A basic trick to teach your dog is to sit. I also like the trick, shake. A really funny trick is, play dead.

So you can see, I love dogs because they are playful, they are funny and strange, and they're fun to train. I want to have two dogs when I'm older. It's nice to have a dog, but remember, be nice to them.

## My Favorite Teacher

### Jayne Wiedemann

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Koontz. She is hysterically funny, unexpectedly weird, and she likes to tease us about romance. She is as funny as a comedian.

First, my favorite teacher is funny. She likes to mess around with Mrs. Chestnut. She has a big smile on her face every day. I really like being in her class.

Next, my favorite teacher is unexpectedly weird. She always changes the subject. She likes to do random things. She likes to walk in a proud way.

Then, my favorite teacher likes to talk about romance. She likes to talk about love. She likes to talk about going off into the sunset. She likes to talk about getting married.

Last, my favorite teacher is Mrs. Koontz. She is funny, she is unexpectedly weird, and she likes to talk about romance. She is the best teacher ever.

## My Pets

### Alli Anderson

I used to have twenty pets, but now we only have five! We gave a few away, and now we only have five left. I had two guinea pigs, four dogs: Princess, Mercan, Dozer, and Pumpkin. We also had two cats named, Sugar and Spice. Sugar had a litter of kittens in our shed. Our lizard, sadly, also died along with one frog that would still be alive today if we had remembered to spray him with water. He buried himself to keep warm and one day my brother went to squirt him with water and he was crumpled.

The five pets that we still have are: one spider, named Rosie, a tarantula, and two dogs, Dozer and Pumpkin, and two cats named, Bob and Silas (they aren't from the litter). Bob was free and we bought Silas at the pet store. When I grow up I will buy a lot of pets. I plan to be a police officer and have a German Sheppard. That is my dream. I wish for people to know my dream. I Do!

## I'll Train Dogs

### Teresa Castro

If I could do anything I wanted when I grow up it would be helping pets. I would like to train dogs. The first dog I had was a stray that my mom and step dad rescued. My mom just bought two puppies from a pet store in Bedford. I am going to help train them. The female, Jill, won't do what I want her to do when I take her outside. Right now, they don't listen very well.

## Video Games

### Bailey Daniels

My name is Bailey Trey William Eugene Daniels. I like to play video games. The video games that I like are: *Lego Harry Potter*, *Star Wars*, *Indiana Jones*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

## Who I Am

### Daphanie Ehrmann

Hi, my name is Daphanie Ehrmann. I am ten years old; I am in the fourth grade. My favorite sports are: softball, basketball, and volleyball. I have two brothers and they're each in the seventh grade. My hair is brownish-yellowish. I have color changing eyes. My birthday is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. My favorite color is lime green. My teacher is Mrs. Simmonds. Mrs. Simmonds is the best teacher ever! At school, my favorite subject is math because we do board races and because I have Mrs. Simmonds as a math teacher.

## Art

### Vanessa Fender

Hi, my name is Vanessa Fender. I am in the fourth grade and I am nine years old. I love math; it is very fun! I have a brother who is in kindergarten.

My hobby is art. A lot of people in my family like to do art. My mom says that it runs through the family. I do stuff and my family likes it so I just give my art to them. Sometimes, I save some of my art pieces to give them for their birthdays or for something special like that.

## Scary Books

### Braden Goodman

I like to read scary mystery books. I've also written several stories: *Evil Snowman*, *Trapped in a Different Dimension*, and *Abducted by Aliens*. I want to be a writer when I grow up.

## Mysteries

### Jackson Ludlow

I like to read big chapter books, especially, mysteries. My favorite book is, *The Lightning Thief*. It is full of adventure and it's funny too. I can read a big chapter book in one week.

## I Love Drawing

### Bailey Sterrett

I want to be an artist when I grow up because I love drawing. I started drawing when I was three years old. I love drawing flowers. When I draw flowers, I feel so happy and warm. I draw animals too like cats, dogs, and horses. I have a whole drawer in my room with my drawings. I also like drawing backgrounds and buildings. I usually draw at my desk in my room or on the coffee table in my living room. I get my inspiration from my two stuffed animals: my bear and my dog. I like to put my drawings in frames to hang in my room. It's fun when you see lots of color and shapes. I love drawing. It's my thing! I wish everyone knew how fun it is to draw. It would be cool if every kid liked to draw.

## Sports

### Kennedy Stubblefield

I love all kinds of sports! I play on softball and basketball teams and I'm on a dance team in the summer. I play regular softball and Blaze softball, which is a travel team.

## My Trip to Florida

### Cheyenne Terrell

My trip to Florida was fun. We started in Indiana. Then, we drove through Kentucky and Tennessee. We used a map. Next, we went through Georgia to Florida. We stayed all night in Florida. I saw a fish in the ocean. I played in the sand and made sandcastles with my sister, Courtnie. We had so much fun that I want to go back to Florida.

## Gymnastics

### Alexis Ware

Hi, my name is Alexis. I am nine years old and my favorite sport is gymnastics. I would like to write about times at gymnastics.

The first thing I would like to write about is when I was at practice on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. I went to gymnastics and worked on the bars and the beam. I went home with Kennedy and we did a really cool dance.

The second thing I would like to write about is another practice. We did beam, bars, and floor. We also worked on a round off and back handspring.

The last thing I would like to write about is my competition. I got an 8.675 on beam. I wasn't sure what place I got on all around because we were all scattered around.

## Part III

Nadia Nencioni Elementary School  
Our Italian student friends share how the  
art in Florence has inspired them.



# Santa Croce

## Virginia Monni e Emma Caselli



This church is so lit by the sun that the walls seem to be made of gold. Every time I look at it, I feel happiness and harmony. The star in the center reminds me of the night, and the "suns" around the star reminds me of the day.

# The David by Michelangelo

Gaia Cenderelli



Il David

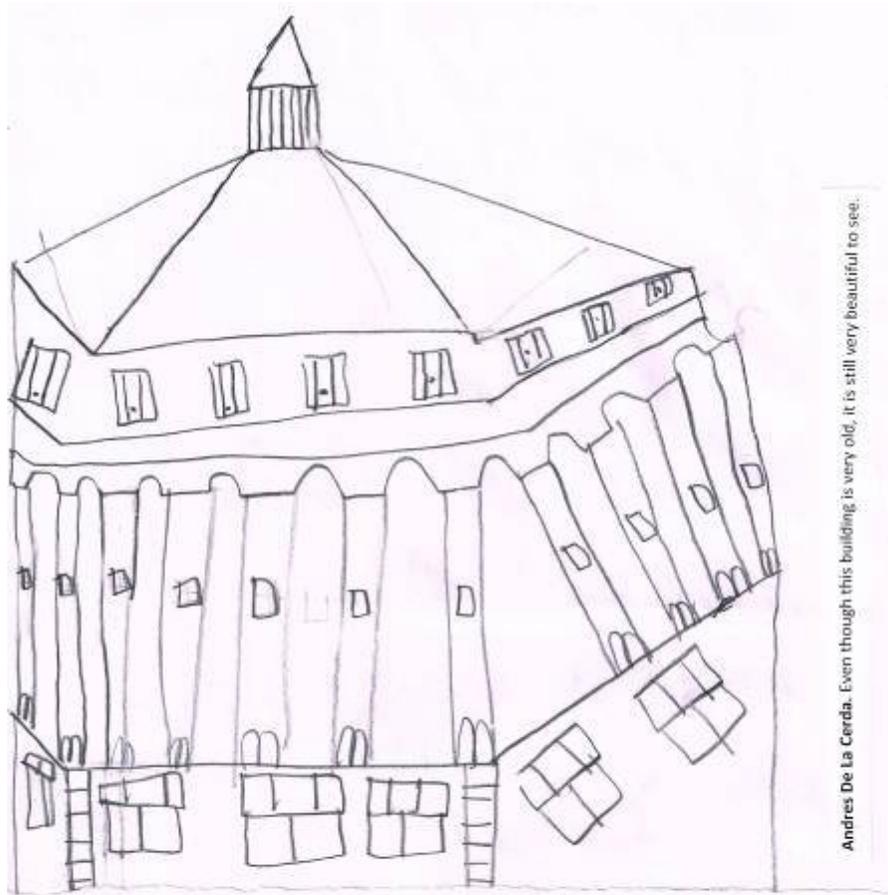
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# Battistero di San Giovanni

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Questo edificio secondo me anche se antico e' sempre bello. tante cose antiche non restano belle ma per questo edificio.

Il Battistero di San Giovanni

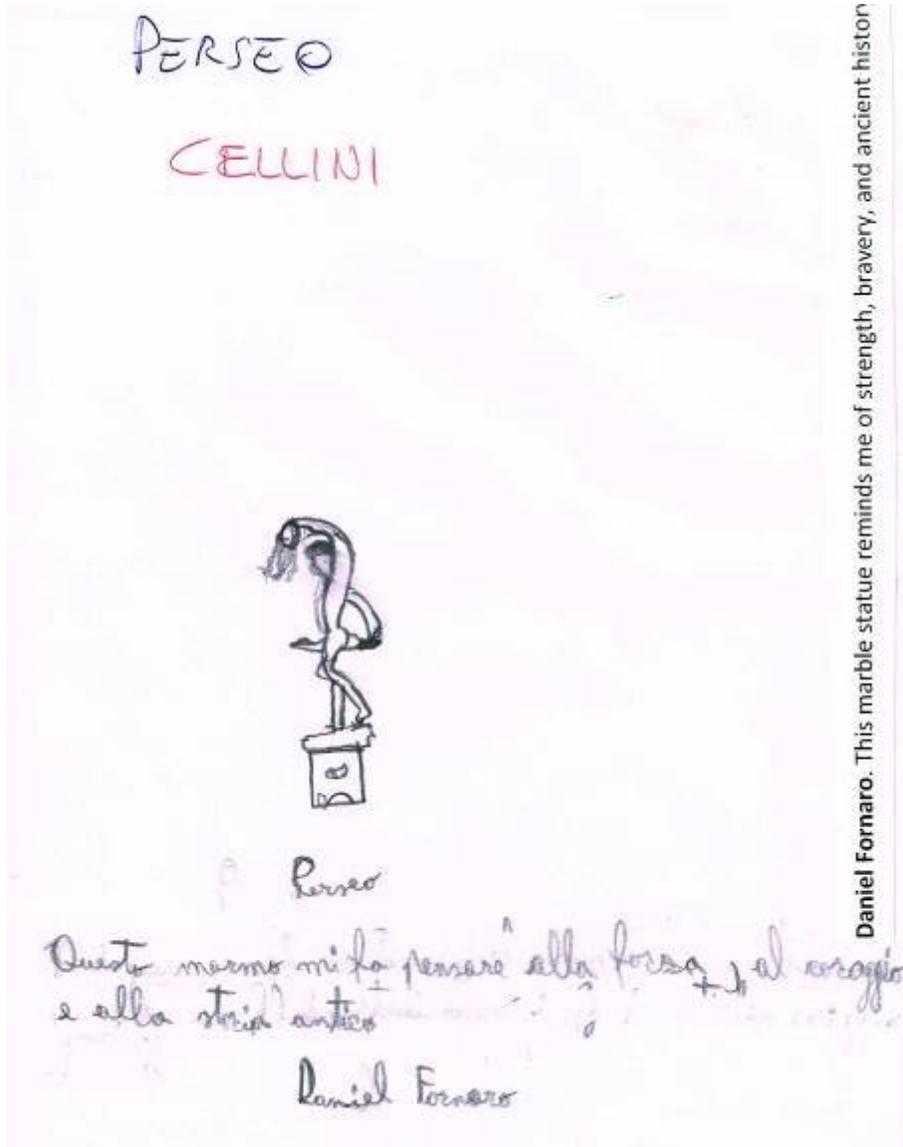
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Michelangelo David  
Maria Romana Chiari



This man is young and good looking. I find the young man's harmony in every detail...even from the curls in his hair.

# Perseo by Cellini Daniel Fornaro



This marble statue reminds me of strength, bravery, and ancient history.

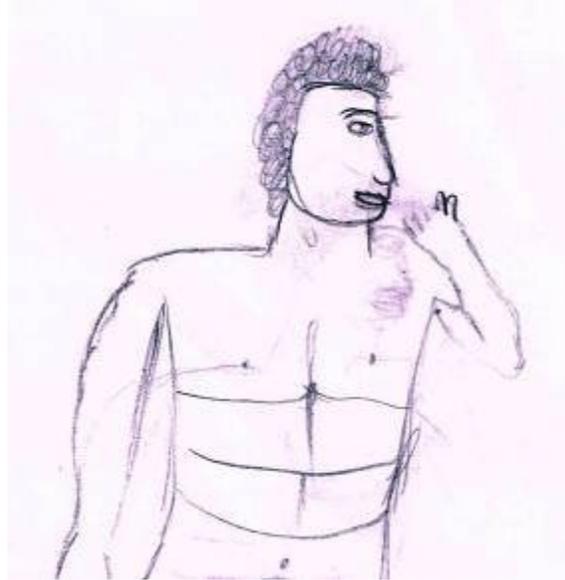
## Fontana Del Nettuno Martina Gorini



In my opinion, this statue reminds me of human strength and power that mankind has always possessed and that can be seen from the look on its face.

## David

Costanza Landi



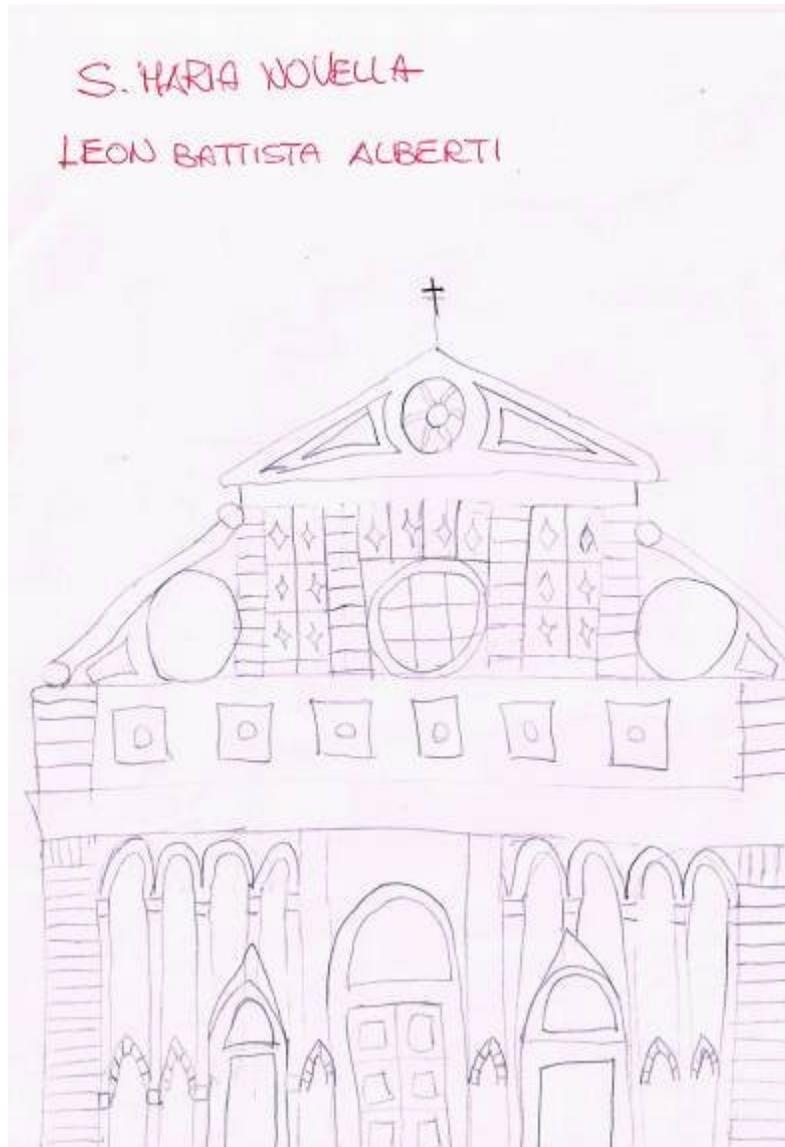
Questa scultura mi fa pensare ad un ragazzo forte e muscoloso, bello, simpatico, gentile e sportivo. Questa scultura l'ha fatta Michelangelo e per aver fatto questa scultura ha preso delle misure apposte.

Costanza

This sculpture makes me think of a strong, muscular, nice, and athletic young man. This sculpture was done by Michelangelo who took the time to take the right measurements to use for the statue.

# Santa Maria Novella

## Alice De Leonardis



The marble of this church is very decorative and it makes me dream. Its decorations remind me of geometry and I would like to touch the pattern to feel how smooth it is.

# Michelangelo David

## Letizia Lepore



Questa statua mi piace perché sembra una cosa semplice da realizzare ma in realtà ci sono tanti piccoli dettagli che noi non potremmo mai rifare. Ogni statua secondo me, compresa questa, ha una sua storia. Questa statua è il David che è stato creato da Michelangelo. Questa statua è molto bella perché esprime serenità e semplicità, sembra semplice ma in realtà è molto complessa, ed è questo che rende questa statua così speciale e bella.

I like this statue because it seems to be something very simple to create. But, in reality, there are so many small details that we would never be able to recreate it. Every statue, including this one, has its own story. This statue, the David, was made by Michelangelo and is very beautiful because it expresses serenity and simplicity. It seems simple, but is actually very complex and this is what makes it so special.

# Fontana di Nettuno

Cosimo Livi

FONTANA DI NETTUNO

AMMANNATI

Quando la guardo mi sembra di camminare nell'acqua,  
penso al mare e a tutte le emozioni antiche.

**Cosimo Livi.** When I look at the "Fontana di Nettuno" I imagine that I am walking on water, I think about the sea and I feel ancient emotions.



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# Giambologna Ezekiel Lubbock



In my opinion, dancing and beauty are two different ways to express the same thing: feelings, which represent each one of us.

# David Mattia Niccoli

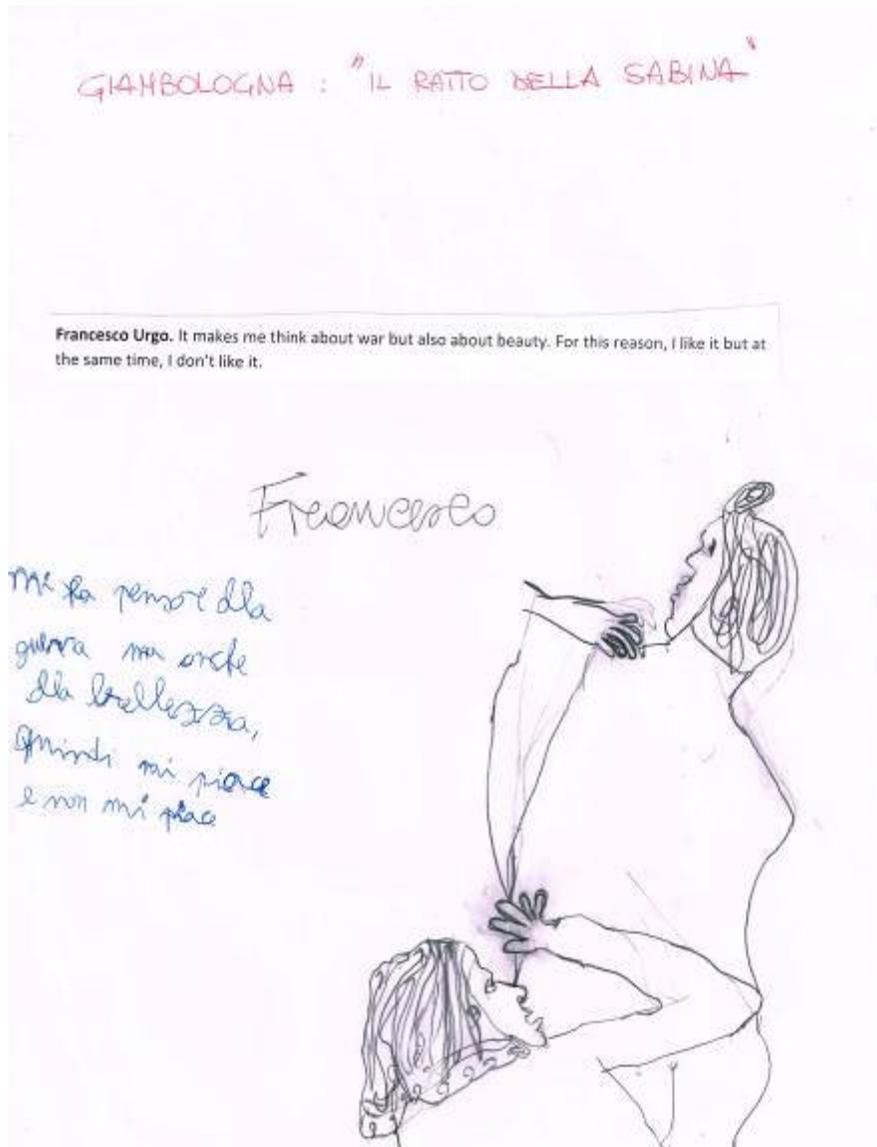


Questo volto rappresenta la bellezza e la raffinatezza...  
la raffinatezza sta nei dettagli.

**Mattia Niccoli.** This face represents beauty and refinement...the refinement is in the details.

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# Giambologna Francesco Urgo



It makes me think about war, but also about beauty. For this reason, I like it, but at the same time, I don't like it.

## Pieta by Michelangelo Gea Valmori



This statue represents the passage from life to death and when I look at it I feel sadness.

## Part IV

Fifth Grade Stinesville Elementary  
Students share their dreams and inspirations  
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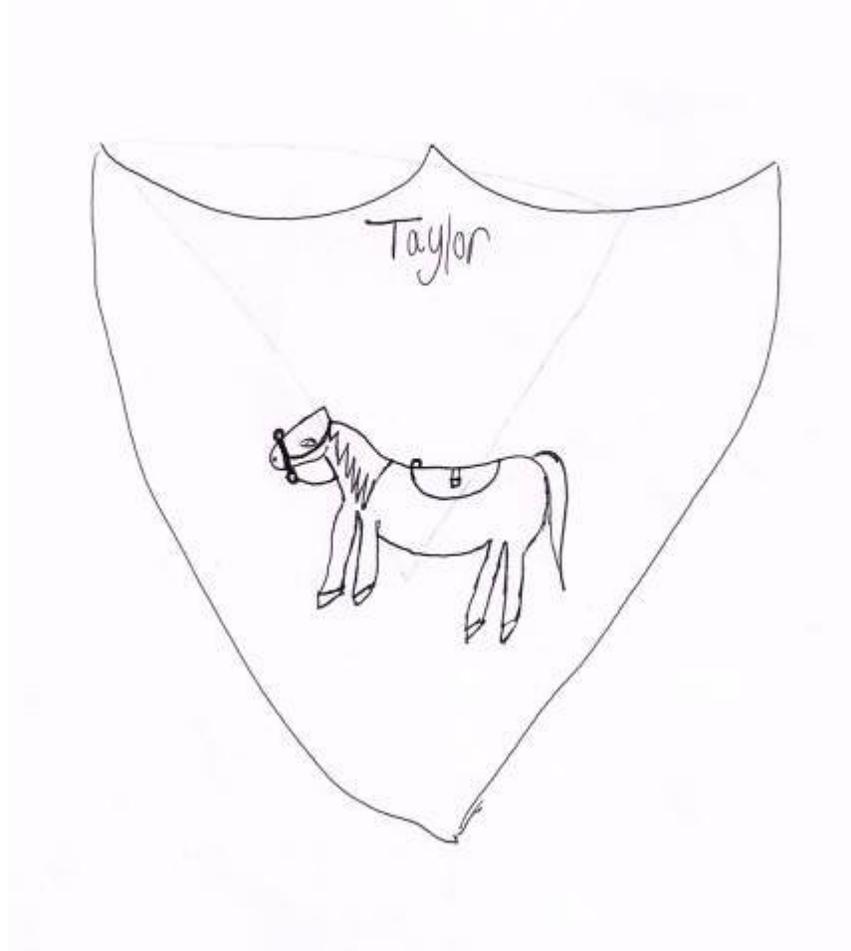


## Things I Like to Do Grant Bell



I like to draw, watch TV, and listen to rock music. Some other things that I like to do are: play video games, Transformers and basketball. I also like to read comic books.

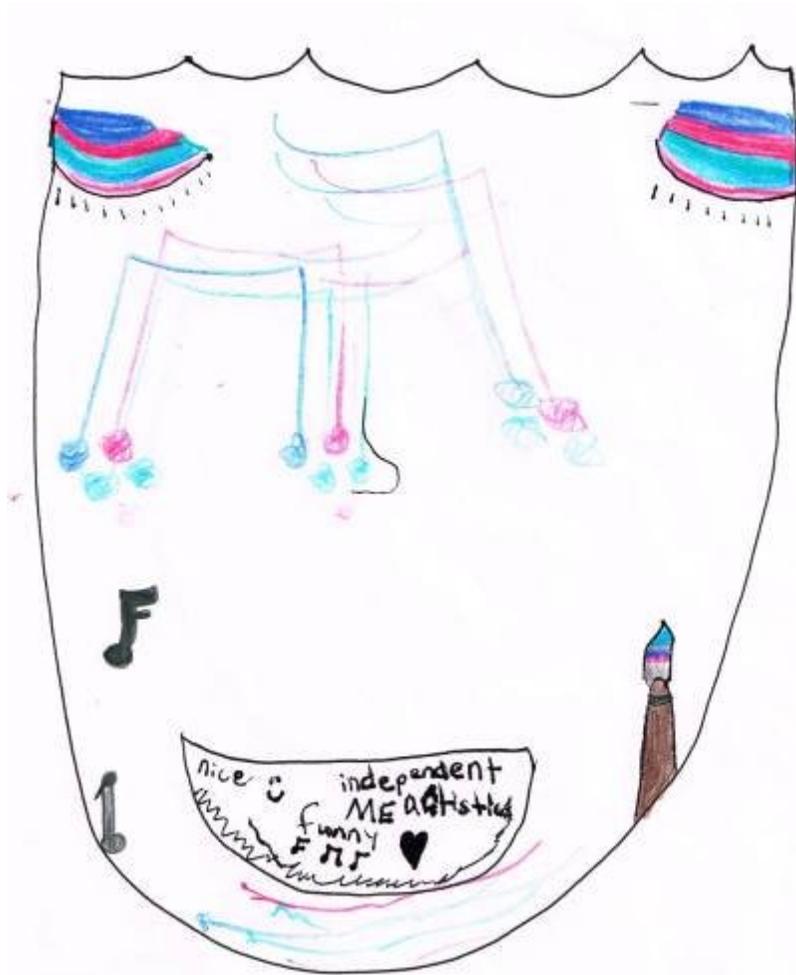
## Favorite Things Taylor Brim



I like to draw, read, talk, and play with my dog or with my baby chickens. My favorite topic I like to read about is horses. Also, horses are my favorite animals to draw!

# I'm Like a Book

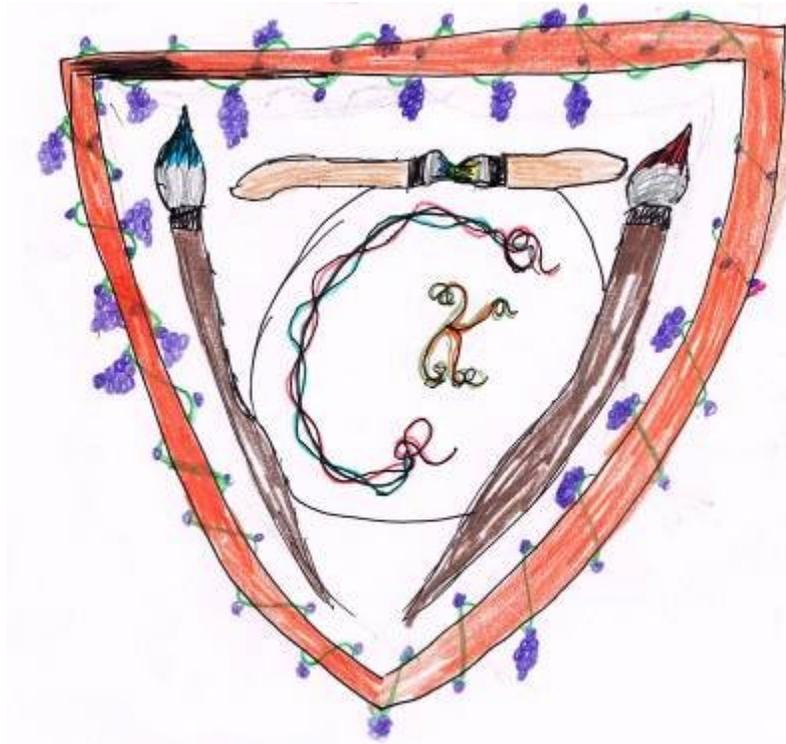
## Kathryn Dunn



I'm like a book. People who really know me can read me and know when I'm mad, happy, sad, excited, etc. They know when I need to be left alone. Sometimes if you get a conversation going with me you can turn my pages and see my emotions and facial expressions change as I tell my life story. I share what has happened to me in the past, how I feel, and then they really get to know me. I've got a cover that says who or what I am.

If we've just met, I'm really nice and let you know things about me. If we're lifelong friends or if we're really close family, I'm myself and I act funny and weird and sometimes lose myself goofing around. Something important to me is my relationship with my cousin, Elizabeth.

## Life Is a Grapevine Claudia Koontz



Life is a grapevine. It grows, lengthens, and stretches its vines to go through life. It is different for everyone. It has to be or people would have figured it out a while ago. And even though we haven't yet, who cares? That's what makes it fun! Along the way, you meet new and different people and things. Sure we've made mistakes, but it's not too late to fix them. It's like that in a grapevine. If the gardener makes a mistake, he can almost always fix it. And he can always start over. When you come to the end, it seems complete or over, but it is just beginning. Life is a grapevine; we are the grapes of the vine and God is our gardener and the outcome tastes great.

To me, life is a gift. I don't feel like people should waste it. I know that you only live once and that's why I want to make the most of my life.

## Working Together Claudia Koontz

I think student council is about teaching each other to work together. It also helps us to get our good ideas out there. We all work together and do some pretty amazing stuff. I think student council is about teamwork.

## My Sister is Special

### Camryn Dyer

I love my sister very much because she is just like me. Her name is Alisyn; she is special to me because she is short like me and we like all of the same things. We do everything together. She is special to me because all of my other sisters are never there and so I always spend time with Alisyn. Sometimes, when I am sad she will be the one who cheers me up. I love her so much.

## My Life Story

### Mallorie Fulk

Hi, my name is Mallorie and I absolutely love softball!!!! Do you like softball? My life is pretty much...well, softball. My life is consumed by softball which is amazing. I am on a traveling softball team called, Edgewood Heat! That is my life story; what's yours? Plus, I've been playing softball since I was seven years old...on a traveling team that is!!!

## Student Council

### Grace Horman

I like student council because we get to do a lot of really fun stuff like Teacher Appreciation Week. I also like how student council is trusted to do stuff like recycling every week. Lastly, I like how student council plans a lot of the events that happens at the school.

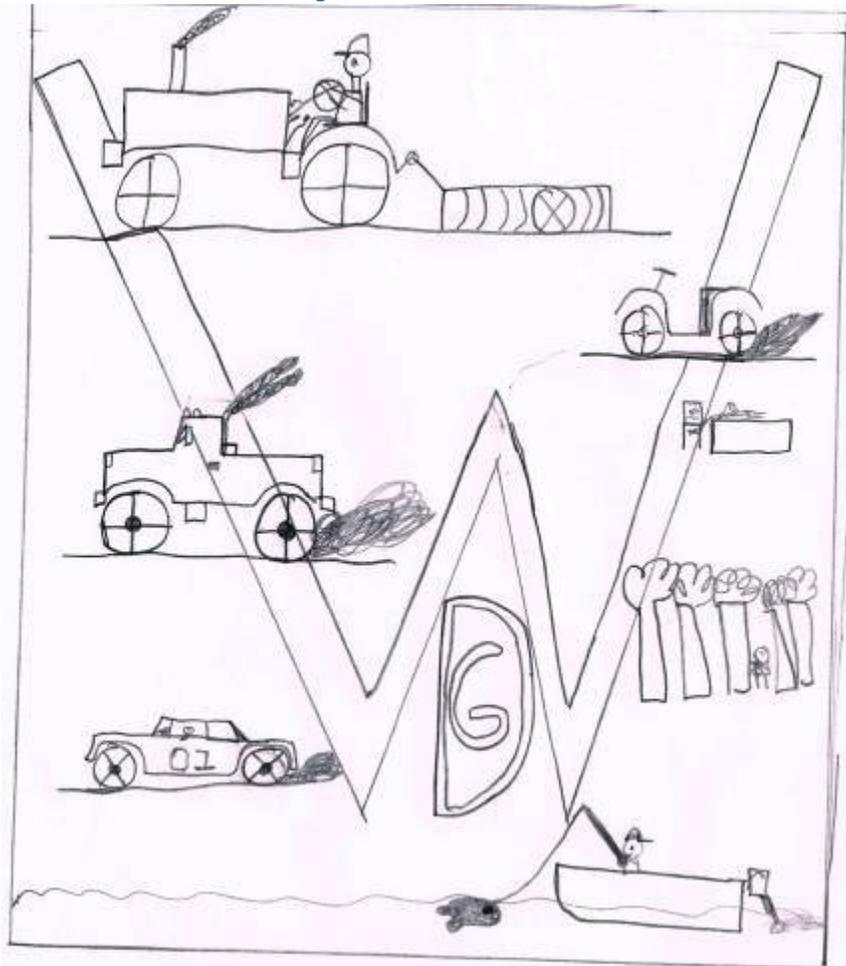
## Art, Music, and Friends

### Anna Meadows

In my painting, I express how I feel about the things I love; for example, music. When I'm having a bad day, I listen to music and it makes me feel better. And, my other thing is friends. My friends make me laugh and they comfort me.

# The Country

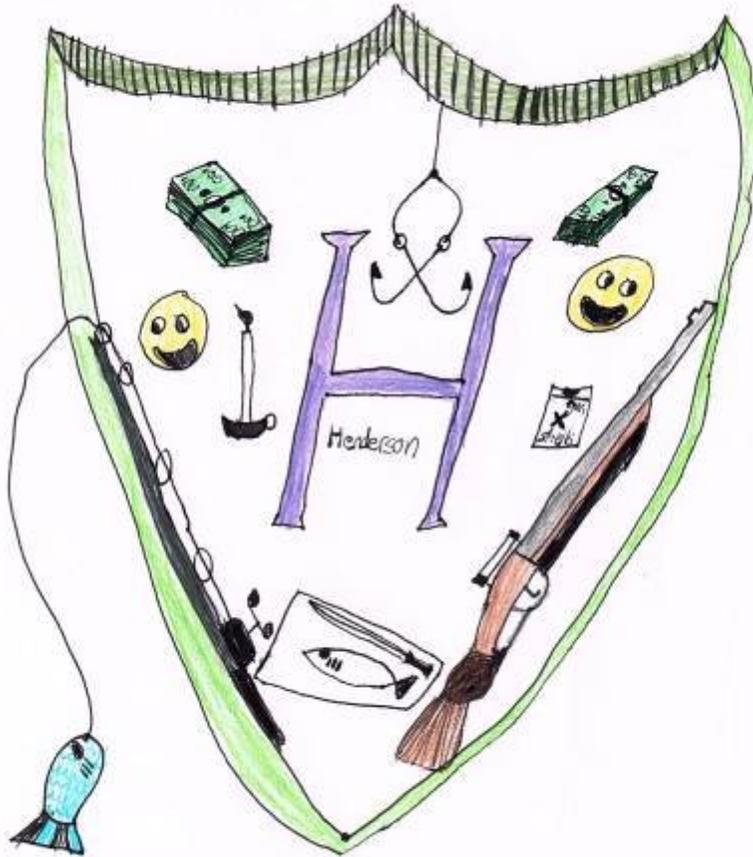
Wyatt Glasscock



The country means a lot to me because I like the woods. I can do a lot out there that I can't do in the city. Some of the things that I like to do in the country are: drive my four-wheeler, drive cars, go out on the lake, and go exploring.

# The Henderson Family

## Noah Henderson



The Henderson family moves trailers, helps people, and promotes world peace. Things I like to do include: drawing, creating, playing video games, hunting, riding four-wheelers, fishing, swimming, reading, and red-neck sledding (sled is tied to a four-wheeler). Life is priceless! Decide wisely...

## We Are the Future Jasmine Herrera



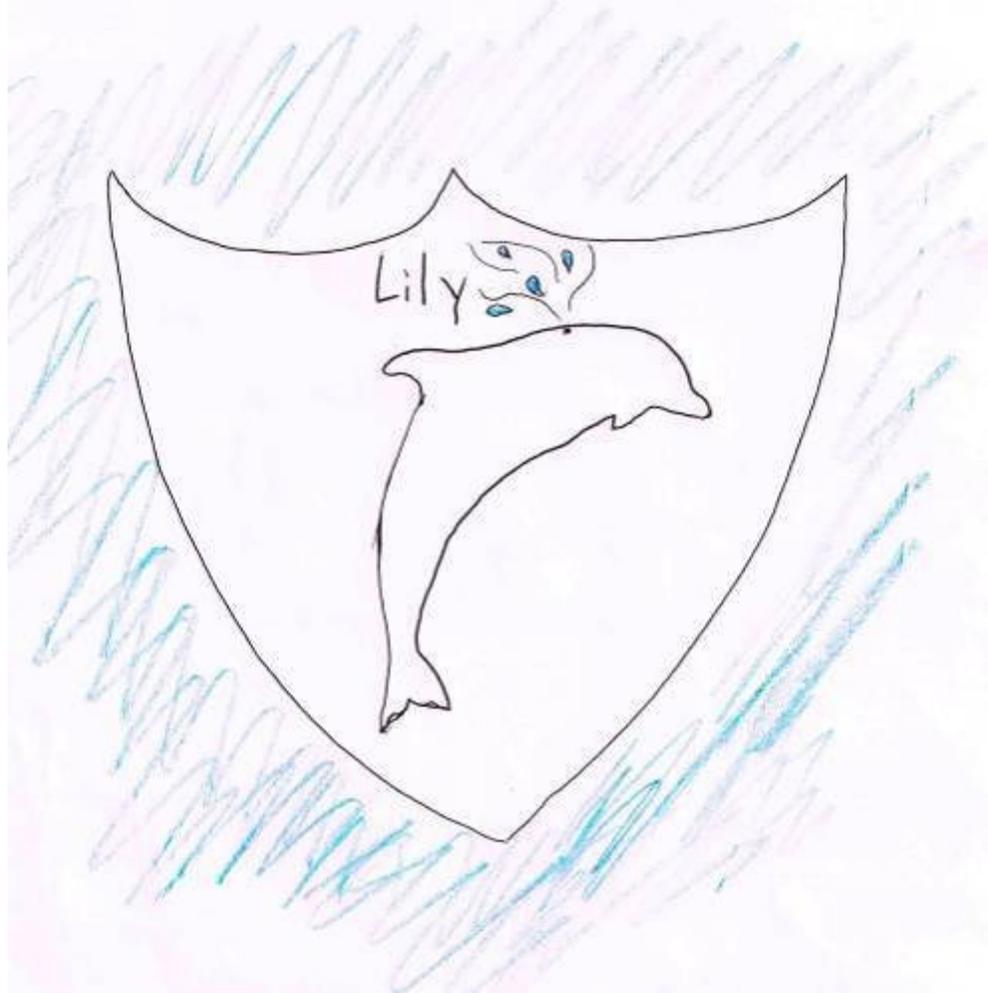
I am a social butterfly! I like drawing, singing, and being fashionable. I believe that we are the future! Someday, I will lead. Yes! Life is a crazy place. We can fix it. We are the future. Live it!

## The Hunger Games Jasmine Herrera

My inspiration for my sculpture was *The Hunger Games*. I've read all the books and saw the movie twice.

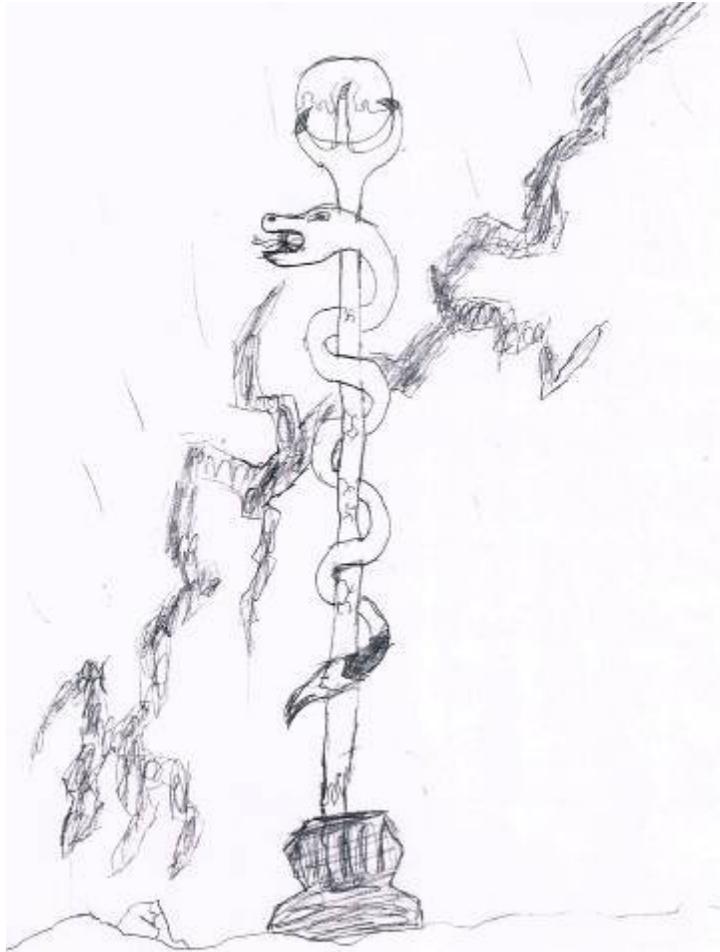
# Life

## Lily MacNeil-Kitscher



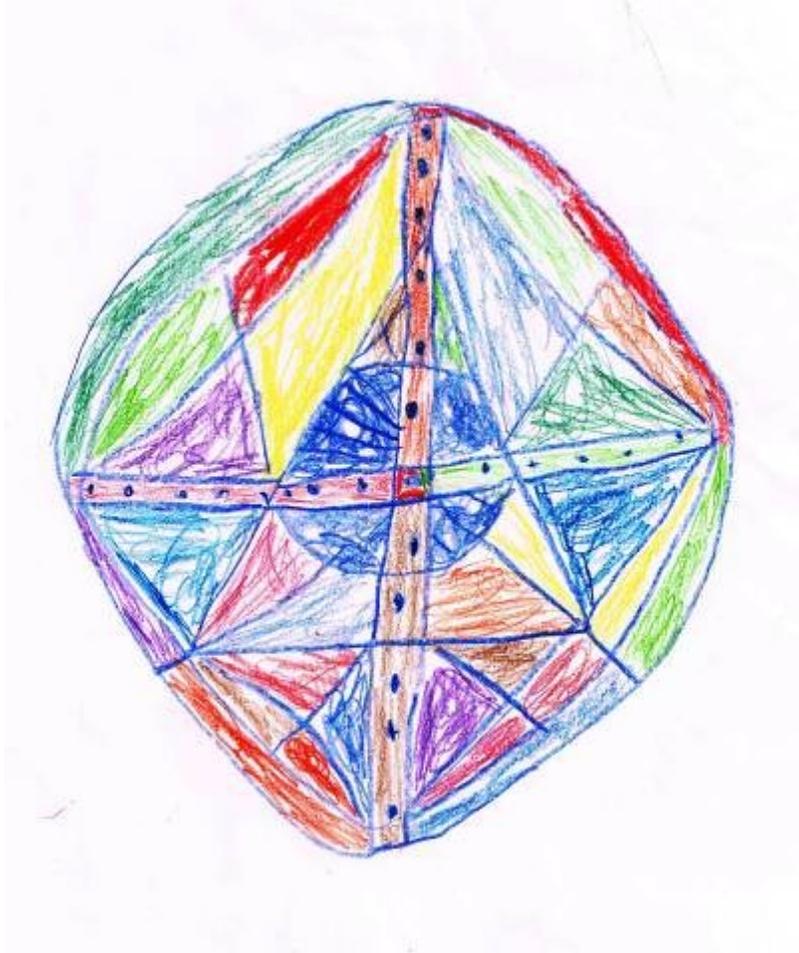
Life is both crazy and amazing. It's a treasured thing that opens many possibilities. I love animals, art, farming, and gardening. I think it's horrible to make fun of people because they are different. People say I am fun to talk to and that I'm always in a good mood. Life is precious!

## I Like to Draw Jacob Puett



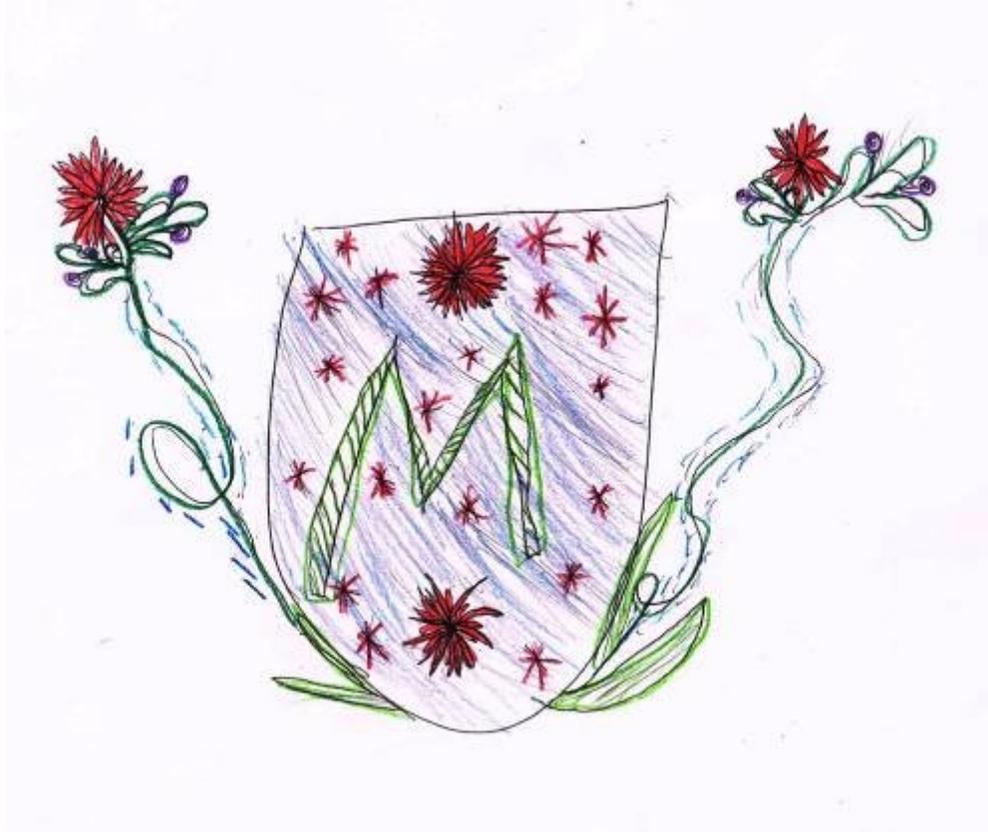
I like to draw because it is fun and cool. I like to draw snakes, guns, swords, and knives. The second reason I like to draw is I like to draw stick people fighting. It is awesome because it is drawing! I have been drawing forever. The third reason I like to draw is because I want to be an artist. My favorite subject is art and I want to be an artist who draws cartoons. I like to draw tanks, planes, and other army stuff. I always draw with pencils because, to me, it is easier. I also like to shade in my drawings. Finally, I want to be an artist who draws cartoons one day!

## A Good Friend Will Sipes



I am a good friend. I am neat, cool, and good at kickball and baseball. I like *Jaws on High Gear!* Someday, I plan to join the military like many of the men in my family have done in the past.

## The Letter M Madelyn Shupe



I love the letter M. I am talkative; I love reading, drawing, and swimming. I love music, dance, and animals.

## Life is About Giving Anna Sipes

I donated twelve inches of my hair over the weekend. It will go to someone who lost her hair to cancer treatment. It feels good to share my hair to make someone happy.

## Building Luke Todd

I am excited about building. I would really like to build stuff and put it on display; so one day, I would like to be a famous builder.

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