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The Fiery Dungeon

By Abigail Schleigh

There was a young boy who dreamed of being an enchanter (a person who works with magic) and he wanted to be it now. He secretly went through time and lived his dream. But something horrifying happened after a month of happiness; enchanters didn't exist anymore. The boy was mad and scared. In addition, time machines didn't continue.

The boy didn't have a name, but he had one now. His name was Fire Jumper! He used new technology (like laser eyes and strong palms, and jet shoes) and only used it for evil. He had to get the "The Sacred Book of Time." If he got ahold of it, he would go more in the future and make his own way of life. He would make a kingdom of fire and rule his own rule. He would command people to, "Do what he says!" So, he did, he made his own kingdom and ruled an island where he everybody accepted him.

He made slaves that day and was happy to himself. But not always happy. He had to do everything in the castle so he made some slaves to servants. Sometimes he wasn't happy with his kingdom and summoned an iron maker to make a fiery dungeon. What he does in the fiery dungeon is he puts the slaves who don't listen to him in the fiery dungeon and leaves them there until they say "I will do what you say!"

But that was all gone after he had awakened from a snooze and that meant it was all a dream. He was just a boy with no name, awake and laying on his bed. Then he made a promise to himself. That promise was he will never be an evil master mind.

Green Arrow

By: Aidan Rubio

Chapter 1: pilot

There were once an unpopular cop named Jerry, but Jerry only had \$100, he wanted to go on a voyage that was \$50. He went on the cruise. But suddenly, his old friend, Steve, sank the ship because he hated Jerry. But luckily, Jerry survived, but he was ship wrecked on MADAGASCAR!!! There was a lot of food for him to live but there were rough animals like a panther, leopard, cheetah, and a LION!!! But Jerry was smarter than them, he threw a piece of meat on the floor and all the animals started to eat and when they finished, they became Jerry's friends. But if Jerry wanted to shield himself he would need weapons, but all there was on the island was wood, so he made a bow and 100 arrows. By that day he got saved by his family, but not his Dad, he passed away from a crime. All Jerry did was change his first and last name to Oliver Queen. And Oliver became something he must, a hero named Green Arrow

The Jungle of Dreams

By: Alondra Duarte

Once there was a grumpy old man called Bill and his biggest dream was to talk to animals. Then one day he went camping in a forest but he went hiking too far and ran into a jungle.

After he found out he was lost he started to hear people, well he thought he did. It wasn't people after all he guessed it was a bunch of animals gathered together singing a song. He was going camping so he might as well stay overnight.

The animals didn't know that there was a visitor until they saw him setting up camp. They were angry and they told him "he can't stay he has to leave if he doesn't we will lose power!" Bill didn't understand what they were talking about he just ignore them.

The next day he did more research after that he felt lonely so he invited some friends to camp. They finally made it. Bill told his friends that the animals could talk here at the jungle. They thought he was crazy. Bill said, "can't you here that? The bird is singing a song."

All they could here was the chirping of the bird. Then Bill remembered he had a dream that he was talking to animals.

Quickly he said "my dream my dream. It is my dream to talk to animals."

He told his friends to quickly say their dreams out loud but nothing happened.

The next day all of their dreams came true. They all thought it was Bill but Bill was asleep. The whole night he thought it was a miracle. Then all of Bill's friends said they have to go to work so they left.

Bill stayed and he started writing in his journal. One day he will make a lot of money. A few weeks had passed. Bill came back and decided to cut down the forest that stands between the town and the jungle. He doesn't know why he wants to cut down the forest but he's going to do it. Then an idea came up and the forest was gone.

Next day he built a building called the amazing jungle tree. It was a very busy store. Bill put a fake tree and pretended that the tree is magical, but it is actually the jungle that gives the

store power. He said it was the tree because he doesn't want to share the jungle. The store is a place where your dreams come true, you say your dream to Bill and it comes true.

A few more months had past and then no one's wish came true. Something was wrong. Bill shut down the place for a few weeks while he tried to look for answers in the jungle. Then the animals were gathered around looking at a big beautiful tree with crystal blue water around it. The animals were angry. Then Bill finally found out what happened, the tree was dying and all the animals blamed Bill and he started shouting "it's all my fault the tree is dying, I'm so sorry."

A squirrel came up to Bill and said "without the tree we will die and the jungle will disappear and all the wishes that came true will be gone. The only way to save it is to grow the forest again. We need privacy and freedom. You're using our magic just for popularity, thanks to you this never would have happened."

Bill knew what to do, take down the building and grow a forest. He needed to save this tree and never talk about the jungle to anybody. From now on he will never be greedy again. Finally the forest grew back, the jungle was safe now, and he only makes one wish every two years, to leave the jungle alone. In his journal he wrote:

Today I saved "the jungle of dreams" it's beautiful now that it is free.

The military

By Amare Suggs

The military is tough. Their bases are in the desert and in countries. People wonder where the military base is. They go on missions and dive out of planes. The navy seals are the best in the world, They go parachuting and go under water and the water very cold.

The Pink Alien That Counts Shooting Stars

By Amy Mangat

My name is Pinky and my talent is counting shooting stars. When I count shooting stars I don't make wishes every day. I saw five on Monday, six on Tuesday, seven on Wednesday, two on Thursday, eight on Friday, ten on Saturday, and twenty on Sunday.

Every day Pinky saw a shooting star; she adds it to her star chart for the week. Pinky had fun seeing 57 stars. Pinky never made wishes for herself; she always made the same wish, "I wish for everyone to get their wish today." Pinky's mission is complete.

Enchanted boy

By Angel Duarte

Once upon a time, a boy was born with a family of enchanters. When he was getting older he knew better enchants. One day, they moved to a castle that had a village surrounded by walls so they knew they were protected. When he was twenty-two years old, two dragons, one green and the other blue, came to attack the village. So he went and got his armor and sword, that had the best enchants, and slayed the Two dragons by him-self. Then the village cheered with happiness. They made him king so they can have a person protecting them by any danger.

One night these dragons had a plan. These weren't any old dragon these were talking dragons. The dragons plan was to grab the boy and take to their dragon lair with lava. In the morning the boy woke up and said to himself, now that he is king he should be more protected. He then put an enchanted dagger in his pocket. He also put his enchanted boots on. He then went outside to see if everything was okay. Then the dragon came out of nowhere like a ninja and said, "Nice to meet you king," and grabbed him before he can pull his dagger out. The dragon grabbed him with his scaled hand and took him to his dragon's lair far away from the kingdom.

When they got to the lair the dragon threw him in his cage that was surrounded by lava for there would be no way to get out. He then thought of chipping away of the bars to get out when the dragon wasn't there. He then remembers that under his shoe he had the enchantments under his shoe engraved. He had speed, strength, and, could walk on walls. When the dragon wasn't looking he kicked the bars that were already chipped. Then the boy used his speed shoes to walk on lava. There was a wall for the entrance so he then walked on the wall to the entrance. When he opened the door the dragon was sleeping so he had to be very quiet.

Then the dragon swung its tail toward the boy. He moved quickly with his boots so that the tail didn't even touch him. Then the dragon woke up and said "how did you get out of the cage". The boy said, "Let's finish this once and for all." He then pulled out his dagger and dodged the dragon's tail. Then he slayed the dragon with his dagger and then snuck out for then other dragon couldn't hear him which was in the other room or so he thought. The dragon was waiting for him outside of lair the dragon spit a burst of fire to the boy luckily he jumped out the way and tried to swing at the dragon but the dragon dodged it and the boy then ran to the wall behind him and jumped of the wall and slayed the dragon without even seeing him. He then ran to his castle to when he got to his castle he announced that the dragons are have been slayed and will not bother this castle again. The castle and village were safe once again and thanked the boy and his family.

Playing Video Games

By Anthony Napoles

In my home I was playing my video game Mario 3-D Land. It's a game about when a monster kidnaps a princess. Mario has to save her from the monsters, and fight the bad guys. Mario has to jump on top of the monsters heads. If the bad guys touch Mario then he shrinks in size. After shrinking three times from the bad guys touching him then he'll die.

There are eight levels that Mario needs to get through and collect one hundred Star Coins on each level. The more Star Coins Mario collects the more lives he receives. Then he goes up a level to a castle where he has to fight the king to master the new level. Each level gets Mario closer to the princess. Each time Mario moves up a level the new king takes the princess.

Each new level brings new bad guys who look like the king, but are not the king. Every king looks scary. Some kings have spikes and angry looks. They can shoot fireballs at Mario that will kill him, unless Mario has a fire suit. If he has a fire suit then he can shoot fire from his hands too.

And when Mario is in the last level he has to fight the monster king. Mario has to jump over his head and press a button to make the monster disappear.

Gymnastics

By Arabella Gutierrez

I am Arabella and I am nine years old. I LOVE doing gymnastics! I have done gymnastics for six years or since I was three years old. I have done “team” for three years. There are four events: floor, vault, balance beam, and uneven bars. My favorite events are floor and bars I like floor because; Ariel’s are fun for me. An Ariel is a cartwheel with no hands. And a round off back tuck is a back flip without hands. They are fun for me because I go really high on the floor. I like bars because, I like to swing and flip on the uneven bars. Baby giants are really fun for me because you swing back on the high bar and you swing through the position of a dead hang{ a dead hang is where you just hang on the bar} and swing back onto the bar. But it’s kind of scary when you first try it.

I love doing gymnastics because you get to make up routines for beam to compete in competitions. For floor our coach, my coach’s name is Casey, lets us pick floor music and then she makes routines for us to compete. For vault we all have the same vault unless you are a different level. Bars also depends on what level you are for the routine. The gold routine is kip {a kip is you swing onto the bar} back hip circle {that’s when you swing around the bar} squat-on {that is when you jump onto the bar} grab the high bar and do a long hang pull over {that’s when you swing around the bar onto the top} do a back hip circle and do one swing and do a fly away.{ that’s a back tuck off the bar}

There are many different levels like in gymnastics JO, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, excel, optionals and so many more! I am in Excel. I go to a gymnastics place in Tracy, CA called Classic Gymnastics. I go to gymnastics Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday for two and a half hours. In those two and a half hours we actually get almost all of the events done. And maybe all of the events and some open gym! {Open gym is where you can do anything you want!} In excel there are six levels of excel; pre-bronze, bronze, silver, gold, platinum, and diamond. I am moving to gold this summer! It’s a big difference skill wise from Silver to Gold! I am kind of scared to move up like if I get bad scores but I bet I can do it if I work extra hard on the skills I need to move up and to get my routines perfect!

This summer our coach let us help give her ideas for leotards for competition! I hope one of the ones my group picked gets picked for the competition leotard! There were so many to pick from that my group only picked two. It was so hard! I’m so excited to see which leotard she picked! The two leotards my group picked are, one was all blue with electric blue stripes coming from both sides and diamonds on the stripes. The other one was black on the sleeves and

a little on the top part, there was a swirl that was I think blue and then the rest of the leotard was white!

Benny

By Araceli Rubio

Benny's very young and he is in 2nd grade. He is always afraid of the most obvious things. Benny's first cousin is getting married and so he was totally coming. It was all the way in Manteca and Benny lives in Livermore, but he was still obviously coming. So after the wedding it was very late so Benny and his parents decided to stay in a hotel. The next morning it was pouring for a very long time. It was time for Benny to leave the hotel with his parents to go back to Livermore. He's supposed to leave at 3:00 and yes, he it was 3:00 and Benny was headed out the door with his parents.

He expected it to stop raining. When he was outside it started raining harder than ever has in Manteca. Since it was raining and it was hailing in big blocks while the clouds turned gray. Benny was terrified by the loud thunder that made a big KABOOM!!!! I could tell Benny was so frightened that he ran inside the hotel as fast as a built! Benny's legs were shaking and his face was turning red and then, out of nowhere, he crawled into a big ball of fear!

The Treasure

By Braden Maxwell Shaffer

Write a riddle for a reckless toy soldier who must hide a bag of silver coins in his secret cave underground in a treasure box. 90 years latter a group of kids went in the attic and found a treasure map about One Eyed Willy. They were looking for him and they found treasure in his cave. There were traps in his cave and secret doors. They were chased by bad people that also wanted the treasure so they can be rich. When they were in the attic they also found a sign that had Mr. Treasurepot on a sign in the attic was Mr. Treasurepot in the cave was MR. TREASUREPOT and he was dead! And then they kept on going! Then they got out!

Minons

By Brittney Barrington

Minions are pure cool. They are a very bright yellow. They are round, and they talk kooky. For example bedo bedo means fire, baboy means toy, and bable means apple.

Minons are yellow. Why minons are yellow is because yellow looks absolutely good on them, especially when you watch “Despicable Me 2”, in HD. The minion’s names are Dave, Kevin, Coral, Bob, Tim, and Jerry.

Minions are round because they would look awful if they were rectangle, or also a triangle. I think round looks great on them. Why round looks good on them is that any other shape would look really kooky.

Why minons talk kooky is they slur all of their letters. For example baboy=toy, bable= apple, bedo bedo=fire. When I watched the movie I thought they were just kidding. It turned out that they weren’t kidding. I thought they were from outer space.

Minons are very cute, round, and yellow. Minons don’t stay yellow the whole movie they turn purple in the middle of the movie. Then they use this jam the person who is old made. That’s why minons are the best!

A Sailor and His Treasure

By Cameron Dooley

Once upon a time a there was a cranky sailor named Bob, who found buried treasure! But before he found the treasure, there was a giant kraken that ate part of his ship. The ship sank.

He swam to the nearest island, which he called Bob Land. He was walking in the jungle when he saw a two headed tiger. He hid for a total of four hours. He then looked at a giant crab that ate sand.

Bob didn’t want to stay on the island, so he made a boat out of wood. 10 seconds later, he put the boat in the water. He sailed to a new, better island. “Yay!” He shouted.

On this island he had to run away from slender man. He had 3 heads and 60 arms. The slender man teleported and ate Bob. Bob then found the treasure in the belly of the slender man. He was pooped out and able to keep the treasure. He used the money to buy a better boat.

Michael the Athlete

By Camila Reyes

There was a man named Michael who was an athlete. He liked playing football, but he also liked to jump. So he said he was going to jump off a skyscraper. His family and friends thought jumping off skyscrapers is really dangerous, but Michael wasn't scared of heights. He liked it so he said he was going to do it again. He kept doing it and kept doing it, He loved it.

He decided to take a break from football, but when his football friends found out, they were sad because they missed him. Michael also missed his friends so he decided to play football again. He forgot playing football because of jumping off skyscrapers. His friends told him to not worry; they also told Michael that they will practice with him.

Michael started remembering how to play football. He was happy to be back with his friends. Soon Michael became a professional at football. His family was proud of him. But he missed jumping off skyscrapers. So he started jumping off skyscrapers and soon he also became a professional at jumping off skyscrapers. He was happy to be back playing football with his friends and being back jumping off skyscrapers.

Funny joke!

By Celeste Deanda

A snake was transported to the past when there were dinosaurs. They were nice to him and started to be friends. The dinosaurs joked with the snake. The dinosaurs lied to him. They pretended to be friends with the snake. The dinosaurs ate, and the snake cried. The dinosaurs said that the snake was mean to them. The snake was being mean to the dinosaurs, and they got right on a diet. There were a lot of good dinosaurs now. They started being nice to the snake and they were all friends in the end.

Bobogeno's Life

By Diana Duarte

Once upon time, I wrote a newspaper article about a funny looking traveler who lives in a space station. It all started when I asked to make an article that makes people laugh because you don't read about this type of stuff every day.

Oh I almost forgot, the traveler's name is Bobogeno. Bobogeno likes to eat cake in space. Bobogeno's dream is to go to earth with his family. Bobogeno looks like an elephant, but he walk on two legs. He also has a friend named Bobojune. He likes to eat cake with Bobogeno. Bobojune is an alien who also likes to eat cake.

One day Bobogeno's family called him and asked him if he wanted to go back home because he was lonely. Bobogeno said, "Yes", so he went in to his space station and went home. Before he did, he said "Good-bye Bobojune." At earth his family threw a party. At the party he got to eat a big cake. He lived happily ever after on Earth.

See you later y'all

The Wheezing Explorer Who is a Housekeeper

By Edrees Mahmood

Dear Wheezing Explorer, Since you are my housekeeper, Mr. Wheezing explorer, I hired you anyways, because you said that you were an honest housekeeper on the phone. I'm on vacation to Santa Cruz and here is a list of what to do.

First feed all 2,000 cats and dogs. Next is something you might thank me for later. I bought you 16,000 packages of pills and there in 1 whole cabinet it's for you Mr. Wheezing explorer. Be careful because I spent 1 week organizing them from prescription to prescription and if all of those 16,000 packages of pills fall out then you'll have to reorganize those 16,000 packages of pills all over and do it the way I did it. Next you have to then carry the couches on your back all the way to the roof and use the old dirty broken one. The reason why you have to carry the couches it's because I can't do it because its heavy lifting and I'm going to have a party there. Don't even think about messing up, if you do then guess what... I'll sue you. Make sure there isn't a single piece of dust in the house.

One last job...make sure you do everything all over again 10,000 times. It's a lot of work but the pay is even better... because I'm only going to give you a broken penny. Isn't that awesome?

Sincerely,

Anonymous

PS: I don't think you're going to make it because no one ever has before!

A Red Rose in the Snow

By Emily Flores

One chilly winter's day, a little girl was playing in the snow. After boredom set in, she found herself venturing into the nearby woods. As she walked into the woods, the young girl found the prettiest rose. It had water dripping from it and snow on it. The little girl's mother called her to go inside because she couldn't see the little girl. She picked the flower and ran in the house. The mother asked, "Why were you in the woods?"

The little girl said, "I saw something red in the snow." Then she pulled the pretty red rose out of her pocket. Her mother grabbed the rose, and opened the door, and threw it outside.

The wind was blowing hard. The rose flew away. It flew through the woods, past the Pond of Truth, then into the cave of the red dragon. He was very lonely at the time. He wished that he had friends. When he received the rose, friends appeared. He was no longer lonely. He had six new friends, three girl and three boys that were his friends. He was very happy with his new friends.

Camping

By Emily Murphy

One day my dad and I went camping and we spied a deer. Then we sprinted. The place was called pine crest. and it was so fun then we woke up and my dad made eggs and bacon then we went fishing and my dad cote a fish and it was big and fat. But I cote a little one but we didn't eat it we put it back in the water because we don't like fish. Then we packed up because we had to go home but I was sad but my dad said we can always come back again and I said ok dad then we stopped at the gas station.

The Sailor and the Vase

By Eva Pasion

Once there was a sailor who lived on a ship with lots of expensive things he got while traveling. Many of these things were gifts he had given to his butler, maid and mom who lived on the ship with him. The sailor enjoyed giving things to people. It made him pleased.

The sailor also had a tennis court on his ship, but he was very bad at tennis. One day, the sailor wanted his butler to watch him play tennis with his mom. When the butler and the mom had to go somewhere, it made the generous sailor mad. He didn't like to be alone. The sailor threw the tennis ball in anger. The ball bounced off the ceiling and bounced and hit an expensive vase. He tried to catch it, but it was too late. Crash!

The sailor had an idea. He would make a new vase out of paper and plastic. He was very good at crafts. When the sailor was finished with the vase he put it back in the same spot as before. He didn't want the butler or his mom to find out he broke the vase. The sailor was embarrassed that he had a temper.

After everything was back in place, it was finally time to go play tennis. While the sailor was playing tennis, the maid went to go clean up the room. The maid found the broken vase and put it in a bag to show the butler after the tennis game. The sailor had a enjoyable time playing tennis and had totally forgotten about breaking the vase. When they came in from tennis the maid showed to butler the vase and he was very upset. Seeing what was going on, and knowing he might get in trouble, the sailor went to tell the truth. He told the butler he would be happy to pay for it. Even though it was \$30,000 plus tax, he knew it was the right thing to do.

The Adventures Of The Weary Captain Jack

By Evan Jimenez

Once a pirate named Jack was carousing with some sailors all night for twenty seven years and for the rest of his dreary life he was searching for his grandpa Frosty's treasure. But he was always tired and falling asleep. That is why he couldn't find the treasure, but he traveled the world from India, to Egypt, to Russia!!

The only thing he could find was a crown made out of pure diamond and everyone was trying to steal the crown from him so he had to battle them. When he turned fifty, he could not fight any more so he had to retire and give the crown to his son Michael Jackson and he had to battle them for his Dad.

When he turned twenty he gave the crown to George Bush and went on with his life he made a career of dancing and singing. He made various amounts of songs and albums! But he felt his life was not completed, he needed to follow his father's legacy he needed to find the treasure. It took five years but he finally found it, it was a DIAMOND CROWN!!!!

Memoirs About Me

By Evelyn Ramirez

My First Pet

My first pet was a dog. Her name was princess. She was cute and skinny. She died because someone choked her.

My First Birthday Party

My first birthday party, my mom bought balloons, a piñata and a cake and cupcakes. My cousins bought presents for me.

When I Went Camping

When I went camping at Cherry Lake, in the morning I saw footsteps of a bear in the ground and I saw a deer and a snake in the water.

When I Went to the Lake

When I went to the lake, my mom bought marshmallows, soda and other food. She brought something to toast the marshmallows.

The Pig Who Went Moo

By Gabrielle McIntosh

One day a pig woke up and he went moo. One day cow went oink. The pig was looking up and down. Cow was looking left and right. Finally they bumped into each other. "You have my moo!" said the cow. The pig said "And you have my oink!" Then the cow and pig tried bumping into each other again to switch their sounds back. The cow got her moo back, and the pig got his oink back. They are now happy. And they became best friends.

Things I Do For Fun

By Gerardo Cieto

I go bowling every weekend. When I go I keep getting strikes but my mom and dad sometimes beat me but not all the time sometimes I beat them like 6 times in a row. But after we are done we go to the arcade for air hockey with my mom and dad. My dad beat me two times in a row, but my mom I can beat.

After we are done I play my Wii U to play the game Mario Kart 8. I use Mario in the race called TIC TOC. If my Wii U dies, I just use my Facebook for a game called Temple Run. After I am done I just watch YouTube viewing funny videos. My favorite video is about one guy who makes fire, but he accidentally set a tree on fire.

Sometimes we go to the Monster Truck Rally in Stockton for fun. The Monster Truck makes a loud noise. Sometimes they race for the champing but there a Monster Truck call Rook Star who just falls down. And there a Monster Truck calls Big Foot.

The Monster who was Gross

By: Giovanni Napoles

The monster was really gross because he didn't wash his hands. The monster forgot to wash his hands. The people ran away. He got pimples on his hands. Everyone's face was green. Then he saw his hands, and they were disgusting. It was so gross so he washed his hands. When his hands were clean, everyone came back. Once he was clean, he looked scary because his nails were sharp. Everyone was scared and ran away again, but he didn't care. The people didn't like him so they wanted to hurt him. "This is my town!" said the monster. The town people said no. The monster screamed loudly so they left him alone. But one brave guy said no. The monster swapped his tail to hit the guy. The guy's leg was made of metal. The monster was hurt so he ran and never came back again.

Homerun Hitter

By: Giulia Pantano

Carly came from a small family, she had a mom and a brother. She did not have a lot of money, so she did not have a lot of things to do. She was always bored. One day she went up to her mom and asked her if she could play softball. Her mom said yes and Carly was very happy that her mom said yes. Tryouts were tomorrow and she got ready. She took out her mitt. It was an old, dusty mitt but at least she had one. She pulled out an old wooden bat. It was old and had dirt all over it, but that was all she had. She happily went to bed. She fell asleep. When she woke up the next day, she put on her cleats and walked to the softball field.

She saw so many girls there. She was nervous because she might not make it. Some girls were giving her weird faces because she was new. She just shook it off. It was time to hit, so she got her bat and walked to home plate. She got in her hitting stance. She saw a perfect strike and hit it with all her power. It went far into the outfield. Some girls were shocked. She left home plate with a smile. It was time to go on the field. Dirt was flying everywhere because it was windy. First they worked on pop flies. Most people caught all the pop flies. Then it was Carly's turn. The coach threw a high pop fly. She looked at the ball and caught it. The coach was happy for her. Maybe her super power was to be an amazing softball player? Just after, tryouts were over. She collected her stuff and walked home.

Her mom asked how it went. She said it went great. Her mom was happy. Just a few days after tryouts, her mom got a call. Her mom answered it. She looked happy and then hung up. Carly got put on the team! Carly was so happy. She just got put on a professional softball team! Her first practice was next week. All Carly did was think about becoming an amazing softball player.

It was time for practice and Carly walked to the same field. She saw all the girls who made it. Some really good players did not make the team, so she was certainly lucky to be on the team. First they warmed up. They did stretches and then ran a lap. After they ran a lap they chose a partner to play catch with. A girl named Ellie decided to play catch with Carly. She was really nice and a good player too. While they were playing catch, you could hear the ball going in the mitt. They threw hard. Carly was average, but she tried to throw hard. It was time to hit. The team was very big so they split to two teams, one on the field and one hitting. She got her bat and went to home plate. She hit the ball a few times. They all went in the outfield. Then it was time to switch. Carly was 1st base. She was really good at 1st base so the coach was going to put her there in the games. Practice was over and Carly walked home.

It was the first game and she was nervous. They warmed up and played catch and hit a few times. The game was about to start and they went on the field. The game just started. The other team hit good, but they got them out. There were 3 outs and Carly was the first person to hit. She was nervous. She went up to home plate. She saw a strike and she hit it as hard as she could. It went in the outfield and she got a double. A lot of people cheered. After that, the game went by fast. Before she knew it the game was over. They won the game 6-3. After that months went by. They were warming up for the last game. They could get 1st place or they wouldn't get anything.

They warmed up. They were nervous and wanted to get 1st so badly. The game started and Carly's team hit first. She was fourth to hit. Everyone got walked because the pitcher wasn't that good. They changed pitchers. Carly was up. She saw a strike and swung at it. She hit a home run! That made the score 8-3 at the end. Her team won first. They were so happy. They got the first place trophy. After that Carly became a pro softball player. At the end everyone knew who Carly was.

The End

Porpoises

By Htut Khaung Oo

Porpoises hate the orchestra because they don't have ear to actually listen to the music that all orchestras can play. Most of the porpoises live out in the sea and try to ignore the music since they can't listen to what the orchestra plays. Only a few porpoises like to go to a concert played by an orchestra, but for a certain cause, the cause to disrupt the audience while they listen to the orchestra. Aquarium tanks would be held so that the porpoises would be able to use their stout tails to splash the audience for their ability to listen to music as an entertainment to the other porpoises. The audience would just leave the auditorium so that they could dry themselves in the hot sun and try to manage their anger to not explode the aquarium tank. The orchestra doesn't pay attention to what the crowd does but to just play what the conductor tells them to play. The audience would come back to listen but to just get splashed. The porpoises would splash the crowd over and over again and this just goes on and on for every time orchestras play.

Soccer

By Ilaria Pantano

One day Amy, the soccer player, was getting ready to go to practice and she noticed something different with her shoes, they were clean and they were usually dirty. So she asked her parents if they washed her shoes, they said no. Next she was going to ask her grandma, first she checked the clock and the clock said 5:00, and if she didn't leave now she would be late for practice so she left. At practice everyone thought she had new shoes but she just said I think my grandma washed them. So, usually Amy sits on the bench during the game because the coach said she fooled around during practice. So he told her if she didn't fool around she could play in the game. So she did everything the coach told her to do. And she even did everything she couldn't do and she did that perfect. The stuff she could do, she did it better. The coach saw the improvement and moved her from defender to forward.

The day of the game she did the warm ups even better than the best player on the team. The best players name was Angela. She was so good at soccer, but now Amy was better than her. At this game Amy was trying to score a goal this time. So she rushed down the field with the ball, weaved her way through the other team, and once she got to the goal box she kicked the ball as hard as she could in the corner of the net and scored!!! Everyone was cheering and clapping while Amy just stood there. Then all of the team ran to where Amy was standing and hugged her. Everyone was so happy because she won the game for the team.

After the game they celebrated by getting pizza for the whole team. But the next game would be their hardest yet. They were playing the hardest team for the championship game. Amy was nervous because she would have to score at least 4 goals to beat them and the other team would have to score 1 or 0 goals. The whole team was counting on Amy to score those goals. At the game no one on the other team scored during the first half. Angela scored for her team and she also got hurt, but Amy thought she was faking it. During the next half Amy scored 3 goals and the other team 0. They won 4-0 everyone was cheering. The whole team got to go to Disneyland together. Everyone was happy; especially Amy because when she got older her dream was to be a professional soccer player. She blames it all on the shoes, so she never washed or got new shoes ever again.

Football

By Jacob Coddle

I like football because you get to run to the goal and score a touchdown. If you fall, it goes to 1st down or 2nd down or 3rd down. Then, you punt it or go for a touchdown, if you go for it and you miss. You get the other team ahead but, if you punt it, they go farther back. A quarterback can throw the ball or run the ball to the goal and give the ball to the other team. In football, we let the other team go and try to get the ball back. Everyone tries to score.

What is your favorite football team?

The Time I Spent Lunch With A Spacewalker!

By: Jesus Ezra Ramos

As I was walking out of my space shuttle I saw a space walker! He looked a little lonely. I asked, "Why are you lonely?" But instead of telling me why he was lonely the space walker introduced himself. He said, "Hey my name is Bob the space walker." Bob then asked me what my name was. I told him my name was Ezra the space traveler. Bob told me that was a wonderful name. I thanked him for saying that about my wonderful name. I asked Bob again, "Why are you alone in space?" His face then turned into a frown he said, "My space buddy Troy the alien, left for no reason." I asked if he wanted to go to lunch with me? Bob responded, "I'd love to go to lunch and make a new friend!" Bob had stopped me from saying anything else, he said I'm going to warn you before we go to lunch, I make loud, crunching, and screeching noises as I eat. I ignored him about the noises he makes as he eats.

We went out to eat at Space Burgers. As I went to go order some space burgers he walked in with this massive space lunch pail. I asked him what he was going to eat he said nothing. "I'm not very hungry", he responded. He went to the rest room and he took a metal pipe with him. I peeked into his lunch pail and there was no food! I thought to myself either this Bob dude eats metal, or he's lying to me about eating regular food! Bob came out of the bathroom and he was gnawing on a piece of metal. I ran up to Bob and asked, "Why do you have metal in your mouth?" He said, "I don't know." I asked him, "Why don't we go eat some space burgers?" Bob said, "I don't like space burgers." I told him, "Then why did you make me fly my space shuttle all the way to space burgers!" I'm not going to be your friend anymore! But the second I said that I regretted everything that I said to that poor little guy, because Bob burst into tears and he was crying all over my space shoes.

I told him alright stop I only told you I didn't want to be friends with you, because you had lied to me about eating space food. You could've told me that you eat metal and I would've been ok with that. Sorry about telling you I didn't want to be friends with you. I was just really mad that you lied to me. I asked Bob for his forgiveness. Bob responded with, "Yes, I do forgive you and from now on I will start telling the truth." Bob then asked me for forgiveness. I said, "Yes I do forgive you." I asked Bob if he wanted to try Space Burgers. He said, "Why not, it would be good to try something different." We went to Space Burgers and Bob tried one of the big space burger. Guess what? Bob loved the space burgers so much! He forgot about metal eating metal. Why did I even eat metal? Space burgers are way better than metal! All regular foods are better

than metal. After Bob the space walker apologize to Ezra the space traveler they were B.S.B.F, Best Space Buds Forever.

The Purple Witch

By: Jewleah Bettencourt

Emily was a sweet young girl. She always noticed a dark castle in a faraway distance from her house, and she always would say that it looked like fog was trying to conceal the castle. One night she had a horrible dream about a green witch, with a huge mole, that lived in the castle. She dreamed of the horrible smell from the witches rotten potions. Her dream almost gotten the best of her, but she awoke up right in the middle of the terrifying dream. She was so happy to wake up in her gorgeous house where all was safe.

The next day, she packed lots of food and clothes so she could take a journey to the dark castle in the looming fog. Emily wanted to see what was really inside the castle. Emily wondered to herself if it was just a sweet girl or something much more than that. As she got closer to the castle grounds, she stopped pondering if it was a sweet little girl by the castle window because nearly half way there Emily was tired and hungry. So she stopped to sleep and eat a bag of chips. Three hours later, she awoke to go back on her journey.

Finally, she arrived at the castle. It was just like the one in her dream, well at least the front of the castle was. Emily had this eerie feeling and wanted to go back home, but somehow she ended up inside of the castle. She was terrified because she could smell the same smell as the one in her dream. Then, she saw a purple foot. The witch was actually purple! She also came to see that there was the prettiest teenage girl ever saying "hi, my name is Abigale." She also said "don't worry, she's my mom and all of the potions are for her, she is under a spell and she is trying to get out of a curse."

Surprisingly, they offered Emily some pizza. The pizza was amazing! The first bite was so yummy. The cheese oozed with each bite. Emily devoured three huge slices of the pizza. Sadly, she had to leave after their delicious desert. On the way home, Emily was skipping and hopping. She was so happy that they were nice, she wanted to return to the castle many more times, and she did. Emily and Abigale became great friends! They went to the park together and everything else teenage girls do. I'm happy to say that the witch eventually found just the right potion. All three of them had a picnic together. The purple witch was thankful to be able to go outside again and live as a human.

Summer Vacation

By Jose Villagomez

On vacation I like to play video games or sometimes I draw aliens and cartoons that I've seen on TV. Sponge Bob is fun to draw because he laughs a lot. I usually just watch cartoons on TV. I like to play Mine craft.

I also sometimes play with my little sister. Her name is Karla, and she makes me laugh. Mom and Dad are nice to me. All the people in my family make me laugh. I do math outside, but just like 20 answers. I like to go to the park.

One time I went camping with my family all Saturday. There were a lot of trees. There's a lot of sun on vacation, because it is summer. It is so fresh when you are under the tree in the shade.

The Crayons Who Lost Their Colors

By Joshua Lewallen

One day, Justin got a box of crayons at the Dollar Store and when he got home he drew a picture. The next sunrise, he woke up and the picture had boogying dogs, cats snickering and lizards dashing. "They came out of the paper," Justin yelled.

He looked in the crayon box and the crayons had faces, he jolted the box over. Justin said, "Why are the crayons chatting to me!?" Justin was going to faint- boom bang kaboom.

The next day Justin used the red crayon and then all of a sudden the colors lost their color. The blue crayon did not panic, he tried to calm them down. The only way to help them was to put salt water into the box. Two days later the crayons got their color back, and they had a big celebration! Justin took the crayons Unbelievable Store to show the owner how unbelievable it was that the crayons could talk!

Tall Tale

By Kaylee Reynolds

Once upon a time there was a noble that had a shield that blocked every weapon faced him. Noble the knight was walking and he saw a castle, it was filled with dirt so he was going to ask the king to clean it, the king said, "yes". The king gave him supplies to help clean and he went to clean the castle. He also saw a wolf, and king demanded him to kill the wolf, but Noble didn't follow orders. The king couldn't kill the wolf because he was too old to kill the animal so he asked, Noble the knight to kill the wolf. He said," no!" The king said," why not?" Noble said," You heard what I said, "no". But you're my bravest knight. "I know but I don't kill animals," replied the knight.

The Reindeer Got Stuck

By Konnor Spears

Once upon a time there was a reindeer name Rochelle. Rochelle had five babies. Four of her babies moved away and one stayed with his mom. His name is A.J. and he was very cute. One day he met a girl reindeer named Melissa. Soon after they met, Melissa got sent to the forest and A.J was sad.

A.J. had thought of a clever plan. He imagined when all of the other reindeers were sleeping; he would sneak out to travel all the way to the jungle. He saw many trees and snakes. He tripped and fell down the mountain, and then he became very filthy. He stopped because he had a slight delay; A.J. got stuck in quicksand. He was suffering. He was sinking so fast he was tired and almost passed out.

Melissa found A.J. passed out in the forest. She quickly got her father. Together they found a big stick and pulled A.J. out of the quicksand. They fed A.J and gave him water to keep him awake. It's been two days and 5 hours since A.J. was passed out. A.J. had waked up and went home. He said goodbye to everybody. It was sad at first but then he got over it and never saw Rochelle again.

The next day in the afternoon, a cool breeze came by. A newspaper came with the breeze and it said there is a lost reindeer. There was Rochelle. Rochelle and A.J. saw eye to eye. They found each other. And they lived happily ever after.

Sam the Explorer

By Landon Reynolds

One day an explorer named Sam lived in a small house because he was poor. Sam had to go get fish for his two kids Jack and Amy. He just cared if he fed his kids and wife. There was an oil spill where Sam would get his fish. Sam went to the dock and put on his scuba diving suit. Sam called to his wife to bring the row boat to the dock. When Sam went under water he could not see anything. He only could see the oil and never gave up looking for fish. Sam looked for fish in a big cave where there were tons of fish. While he was in the cave he caught 20 fish. When he was going back to shore the motor stop working because the prop fell off, so Sam went under water to find the prop. Instead he found a sunken ship under water. No one knew what caused the oil spill, but Sam knew what had happened. Sam took some pictures of the boat under water. Then Sam went inside the ship and found gold that was worth 1 million dollars. He took it to shore and showed it to his family. After that, he bought a big house for his family to live in. Now his family had all the money they needed to buy food and they did not have to worry about buying food any more.

The Two Girls

By Madison Lebon

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a dog. One day they went to the park. There was another girl who had a dog too. After they introduced themselves, the girls played with their dogs for a little bit. Then the dogs played together. The dogs became friends. The two girls played together also. And then they went home. They had so much fun! And the next day they played so much. They were best friends.

My Trip to Canada

By Mallale Mahmood

It was a bright and sunny morning; my mother was still doing last minute packing while I was still brushing my teeth. I had barely changed my clothes when everyone was getting into the car. I was doing my best to not think about the breakfast I had just missed. Everybody in my house was in a hurry, while I was the slug bug. The reason why is because my whole family was going to take a trip to Canada. Some of my family members from my mom side live there. My dad thought maybe we should pay them a visit. I was not up for this idea. My dad had told me to hurry up because it was time to leave. The problem was that I did not want to go to Canada.

I had so many things on my mind: what if no one liked me? What if I make a horrible mistake or an accident happens because of me? I had no choice at all. We drove for miles and miles until it became 11:30 and my dad needed to stop driving so we could sleep at the hotel. I was tired, but I should not be the one to talk. My dad was exhausted and his eyes were filled with weariness.

Tomorrow was the day, and out of everyone in my family I was the unenthusiastic one. We arrived in Canada in the afternoon, and it took us two hours to get our passports checked. I was fatigued again, and I wanted to go to sleep but my parents said we would be at our destination in an hour. I looked around at my siblings, seeing how excited they were made me jealous. How could they not worry about what my cousins, aunts, and uncles thought about them?

Then the car stopped in front of a small but a pleasant looking house. We had achieved our destination. Then just out of nowhere a young teen appeared in front of our car. My mom stepped out of the car and gave her a hug, and I thought who was she? My mom had informed us to get out of the car. She introduced us to the girl saying that her name was Mariam, and she was my mom's oldest niece. I came into the house and the second thing that was presented to me was candy. People were throwing candy at us because of our arrival. Young kids swarmed around our feet for the candy. I wanted to do it too but I wouldn't want people to think bad about me.

I gave my grandma a warm hug because she was the only one in the house I recognized. Other people gave my siblings and me a hug as well. They looked so alike to my mother, knowing that these people must be my mom's sisters. We sat down for dinner, and I noticed that there

were not that many girls sitting down eating dinner. I was told by my mother that there were some girls my age that I would be able to hang out with.

After dinner I went upstairs to change into new clothes, and that's when I saw some more girls. They were sitting in one room talking and whispering with one another. I just knew they were talking about me. They must of saw me looking at them because they stopped talking. They came out of the room looking at me. There were four of them, and only one of me. My heart was pounding, what were they going to do to me? My heart was pounding; I knew it was a bad idea to come here. They looked at me so strange; I couldn't blame them I was rolled up like an armadillo.

"What are you doing?" said one of the girls.

I looked up and saw that these people weren't going to hurt me. They had wide, but kind smiles. Their laughter was pleasant and cool. They each introduced themselves to me, and I introduced myself to them. We soon started talking and hanging out. There were so many things that I had in common with them.

I had no worry at all. The rest of the trip was amusing, plus delightful.

My Family

By Mario Palacios

My name is Mario Palacios and I am ten years old. I'm turning eleven next month on the day July 3, 2003. I got two sisters and a baby brother. My two sisters are an ache sometimes and my baby brother is very bouncy. I live in a small house in Lathrop. I've lived in the same house since I was a baby. My parents have lived there for eleven years. My favorite place to go that's in Lathrop is called La Vayarta. It's a Mexican restaurant. It has all kinds of Mexican food that's why I like it. The foods I like to eat from there are tacos. There really good with lemon. My favorite thing to do in summer is to go swimming, play soccer in my front yard or at the park. I also like to play with my baby brother. I am kind of enthusiastic for going back to school because I will get to see my old teachers and my friends. I will get to meet my new teacher for 6th grade. I will also be excited for 6th grade because were getting tablets for books next year.

An Adventure with Aunt Maria

By Maritza Duarte

One time my joyful Auntie Maria and I went to the mountains because she's an outside person. I'm an inside person, because I am a lazy girl. One time in the mountains my aunt stepped in poop. She took way too much time to find her other shoes. So she washed her shoes and put them in the bag.

We continued on the trip. The trip was so pretty. We saw gorgeous waterfalls. One was tall and beautiful. We wanted to go down the waterfall and splash in the water. We played in the pool at the bottom of the falls. That was a big splash we got so soaking wet. I got my towel and put it on the ground and got a tan.

That was a fun trip. We went home and I'm never going to the mountains again, because I do not like to go outside. I don't like to go to the mountains again because I got scratched a lot and I got lots of stinks.

My Family Camping Trip

By Matthew Martinez

Hi my name is Matthew I am going to tell you about my camping trip with my family. The first thing you need to do is getting organized. You have to buy a lot of food and drinks. The second thing is getting your tents, sleeping bags, and pillows ready. The third thing is getting your boat ready. We took an hour drive to Tulloch Lake. We had to set up camp. When we are done setting up the tent, we put the boat in the lake. I stayed there for three days. When it gets dark we make pizzas. Then we roast marshmallows and make smores. Then we go fishing, and I caught 8 fish! We sat by the fire and I saw bats and deer. I had a semi-final game and had to leave but I had a lot of fun! And to make it better, I won a game.

Minecraft

By Matthew Triglia

Hello my name is Matthew, and here are some tips to help you get started playing Minecraft. If you don't know how to play Minecraft, you may want to keep reading. In Minecraft if see a green and white animal, it may look cute, but you might want to run or fight it. You need to run or fight it because it's dangerous and will explode in your direction. However, you may not want to fight it unless you have a diamond sword. It is smart to run from practically anything except for cows, mooshrooms, bats, pigs, and chickens.

Minecraft is a video game that you can play on a computer, a cell phone, or on xbox 360. The purpose of Minecraft is to build buildings such as houses and other anything else you can imagine. If you are in survival mode, it is important you try to survive; the game keeps going on if you keep respawning.

I recommend Minecraft to kids like myself. It is fun to play, and I think any kid would enjoy playing this video game.

Bob's Adventure

By Natalia Napoleon

A vampire bat named Bob was on a ship one day when he saw a deserted island with no one on it. He didn't look where he was going, so his ship landed in the sand. His toes felt weird because the sand tickled them. So he went to explore the island. He saw palm trees and some bushes. A few days later, he saw that his ship was fixed, so he got on it and went home.

But then he wondered how did his ship get fixed? Then he saw a nice guy and maybe it was him. Guess what? It was the mysterious man after all! Well, that's all. Bye.

The Messenger

By Natasha Palacios

One day a lady named Natasha was doing her job on her bicycle in Manteca. She was doing her job as a messenger, and she was riding her bicycle really quickly. That's when a rock was in the way, and she fell off her bicycle. She injured her hand, and blood was gushing out! Then she felt her hair. She looked at her hand and gasped! She didn't have the cut anymore! That was the day that she found out that her hair had healing powers.

The next day she was riding her bicycle near her house. She saw a little boy running down the street. He tripped on his shoe lace and fell on the pavement. Natasha heard him crying and came over to help. She touched her hair and it grew longer. When her hair touched the little boy's arm, he stopped crying. All day she was helping people and making her hair grow longer. She felt happy helping others. But it was getting really bad. Each day her hair grew longer and longer until it touched the ground. The only thing she needed to do was to cut her hair. There was only one problem. She loved helping everybody so she didn't want to cut her hair.

She didn't cut her hair, but each day it was getting worse and worse. Everybody that she knew was telling her to cut her hair. But she didn't want to. She was just ignoring them. She didn't want her healing powers to go away. Finally she cut her hair because it was getting too long. Her healing powers disappeared and the girl was unhappy. She decided to grow her hair again to see if her healing powers would come back. The powers came back, but her hair did not grow very long. Natasha was finally happy.

I am me

By: Nevaeh Keliinoi

I am me

I want dresses

I want shoes

I want everything I see

I just want to let it be

I am me

I want to see what I can be

I wonder what I'll be

I see the future and it's me

I say wow that's a beautiful me

I am me

I see the past and that's me

I see the future and that's what I'll be

I wonder which one I'll be

I know for now

I am me

The Music

By Nicole Safty

“Spare change sir?” pleaded a voice that was simply drowned out by the noise of the busy snow covered streets. Even though there were crowds and crowds of people, no one looked; they just stared at the ground, letting their feet take them to their destinations. I was forced to walk with them; I both stood out and blended in. My name is David Ilyich, I didn’t have much, just my fuzzy ear hat (ushanka hat), a patched up coat, worn out scarf, and some of the normal necessities; I’m by myself, as usual. I don’t have much company. I lived alone in the cold tundra of Russia in the city of Ufa. The bitter cold is rather nice when you get used to it. Some must think I’m crazy for enjoying such weather, they are slightly right, the whole story is...I enjoyed the orchestra. There was a huge building where music was just simply made; usually the music would play from the evening till the middle of the night. It brought me immense joy whenever I heard the beautiful music being played. All my worries melted away; I had a bit too many. I wanted to get rid of them all. I could hear the beautiful composition coming from the opera house. I would always grin...a slight grin. That was all about to change for me.

I kept hearing rumors about the opera house closing down. My heart sunk down to the icy, damp ground; it shattered into a thousand pieces. ‘Impossible,’ I thought. ‘I can still hear the strings of the harp, the crashing of the cymbals, and one of my favorite things, the harmonious sound emanating from the violin.’ The next day, I heard the exact same story, but with a bitter taste. I heard that they will bring down the opera house. Tears started to fill up my eyes, I tried to pull myself together but nothing would work. I ran back to my favorite spot, in the alley of the opera house. I crouched down, then I promptly fell, I grabbed my knees and pulled them closer. I couldn’t help myself, and it didn’t make things any better when you live in a frozen wasteland. I started sneezing, coughing and sniffing. This was all I could hear in the dark and cold alley way. I grew tired, my eyes felt dry and my face felt like it was on fire...which felt very nice actually, it was sort of warm. I leaned my head against the wall behind me and I shut my eyes, with the

thought lingering in my mind, this may be the last time I heard this wonderful piece of music. I was too tired to get upset; I fell into a deep sleep with the music playing in the background.

The sun rose ever so slightly, and so did I. My eyes darted around, it was the next morning and all I could hear was the sound of people walking, running and jogging to place to place. I sighed and got up, my back creaking with every attempt to get up. The opera house won't start playing music until the afternoon, or something like that. I didn't have any way of telling the time. I decided to walk around just to kill time. I tried my best not be carried away by the crowd of people passing through. I was very unsuccessful, I was very tired, and who can blame me? There was no stopping, if I tried to stop, people would simply knock me over and start trampling on me, and I tried my absolute best to get to the side of the edge of the crowd. I made it, after tripping over someone's foot, why must everything be so icy?

I looked up to see a quaint little shop, I rubbed my eyes, I was wrong it was rather big and expensive shop. Preferably, I didn't want to go back towards the cluster of people, so I went inside the building, without knowing what was inside. A tiny bell rung inside, my curious little eyes darted from place to place. Everything was so shiny, even the decorations on the wall. I took a closer look at an object to get my bearings. My vision was slightly blurred from the snow outside, I saw shine, no, I was wrong, it was gloss. It looked like an hourglass; I then was able to see four little lines, no... strings. A violin?

My hand slowly moved toward the instrument, they started to shake. They finally reached the glossy object; it started to lift in the air, the gloss shinning on the rather dim lights. I turned it over to be greeted with a beautiful painting of a radiant sunflower; it looked like it could warm the entire earth. Then next to it was a music note... I think? I listened to music, which was all I knew. I realized that the violin bow was tied together with this beautiful instrument. I wanted this, I needed this! I knew this would be too expensive, especially getting violin lessons. I looked over to the register, there was a big tough looking man, talking to a frail old lady, carrying a big ol' tuba. I gave a slight chuckle, and then I looked toward the door. "I'd make a run for it!" I thought, "They won't be able to catch me; I've done this for years." I smirked.

My palms became sweaty, I held on to my scarf just in case. I rammed the door open, maybe I broke the glass on the door, but I didn't care, it makes me even harder to catch. I ran into the crowd, trying my absolute best to blend in. At first I could hear the angry yelling of the man, and then I just heard the conversations about the weather. I lost him, I started to chuckle, I didn't know how but I lost him.

I followed the crowd of people for a long while, and then I found the opera house again. I would learn by watching and listening. Now the problem was how was a boy like me, going to get inside such a fancy place like this. I had to think, by my estimation the opera house would be gone in about a month. I sighed. The backdoor? No too obvious. Front door? I would be thrown out and humiliated, so no. I looked up, a ventilation? I thought to myself, "Don't mind if I do." Carefully, I placed my violin on the ground; I found a big old dumpster and pushed it under the ventilation unit. I grabbed my newly stolen violin and a metal pipe that was sticking out of the dumpster, I climbed up the dumpster. I took a deep breath; I raised the metal pipe and struck it against the ventilations opening. Slam! The metal was slightly twisted and on two hinges, once more! Whack! The ventilation opened ... it was finally opened.

"That shop keeper may still be looking for me, I better bring the metal pipe along with me," I thought to myself. I placed the metal pipe inside the ventilation and pushed it further away from me. SCRREEEECHHHH! I looked around, everyone on the street looked right at me, all of them glared at me. I gave off a nervous chuckle as I climbed inside the ventilation. "Why did I climb in?! People were looking at me! Oooh noo...," I quietly yelled at myself. No matter I must go on! I was going forward, crawling of course. I kept bumping my head, about three times. –Ack!... no four. Then I heard something wonderful... the exquisite sound of the violin. I was going the right way! I smiled; it was more than a gleeful smile. I made to my destination. I could hear the pleasing music and see, oh I could finally see the violin player, and she was rather pretty.

I gulped, I'm supposed to be discreet, and I can't make a loud sound with the violin. I raised the violin to my neck, I looked over at the lady, and I tilted the violin. I raised the violin bow and... RRRNNK! Bow off, I began to sweat, oh no, oh no, oh no! I looked over, the girl was still playing and the audience didn't hear a thing. A wave of relief washes over me. I tried

again, and, again. I don't get a lot of tries. "Thank you, this was our last performance, the building will still be up but for other uses unknown to us," The lady with the violin stated. I stared off, blankly. This can't happen.

I waited for everyone to leave; I took my leave as well. I carefully get out of the ventilation unit and down onto the dumpster, I almost slipped but I was too depressed to care. I shuffled toward the back door, it's unlocked. I burst it open and ran toward the stage, dodging things on the floor, from rope to extra clothing. I was on the stage, it was polished to the extreme, and the curtains looked so perfect.

There I was, a little 10 year old, with a fuzzy hat, patched up coat, worn out boots and a ripped scarf, in my hand was a shiny violin. I didn't have any experience, with musical instruments. I raised the violin to my neck, slightly tilted. Each time I played, I started to sound slightly better. But each day, the curtains would look worn out. Each time I walk around in frustration the stage would lose its shine, so boot prints were always present. Wrappers, cans, and tiny crumbs were easily viewable from the stage; it was in the chairs where the audience once sat. I hadn't been paying attention to my surroundings, I couldn't tell what time it was let alone what day it was. I was all wrapped up in my violin. I was finally able to play like a professional. I looked at myself in front of a broken mirror. I didn't see a little 10 year old boy, just a boy at the age of 15, or 16 I can't tell, I looked taller than I remembered, it hit me, years have passed me by and I couldn't tell. My eyes looked tired, but my mind wasn't. I went back to the faded stage, the curtains were almost non-existent, there was no audience to please, and I was in the middle of it all. I smiled.

The Goblin's Magical Event

By Noah Lyons

This is my story about a goblin's magical event. A mystical goblin named Glimly is searching for an invisible door in his neighborhood. The goblin went to his friend's house. He requested help to find his family that was trapped in a dungeon by an evil Minotaur. "We need to look for an invisible door, Glimly said," The friend decided no, so he had to go solo. He found the door however there were lots of monsters. He fought off a dragon and a Minotaur. He finally found his parents, and they lived happily ever after.

The Honorable Wizard

By Noe Reyes

There was once an honorable wizard who sunk five ships with just a flick of his wrist. The story goes that one day he was in the king's castle and suddenly the queen got very ill. The king got very worried and he blamed the sudden happenings on the wizard. So the wizard fled the king's castle and went to a small town to think things through. He thought that he couldn't turn himself in or he might be hanged, so he decided to leave forever. He got on a boat that he borrowed from a friend of his and he set sail for a new life. The king knowing that an honorable person would turn himself in, sent five ships after the honorable wizard.

The wizard was fast asleep until he heard cannon from a ship. When he looked up, he saw the king's five ships shooting at him! The wizard cast a protecting spell on himself, but the spell broke with two hits of cannon balls. The cannon continued to fire and finally hit the wizard's ship. It started to sink. Even though his ship was sinking, he didn't want to do what he was thinking...sinking the five ships. So instead the wizard looked for a life boat that was in the back of his ship. As soon as he found it, the cannons started to fire at the wizard again. The first one hit the life boat. Now the wizard was angry!

He started to mumble words. They sounded like crazy man words and old sayings. Then soon the sky was covered in dark gray clouds with lightning striking out and thunder roaring louder than a than thousand lions. The crew on the five ships got horrified that in a matter of seconds the sky turned dark and filled with ominous clouds. Then the wizard, with his eyes white with power, put up his arms and just flicked his wrist. Soon loud cracks started to be heard everywhere and then everything went quiet... everything and everyone. The cracks came from the sky. Then CRACK! All of the ships split in half and lightning struck around them preventing anyone from escaping. The crew on the five ships were lost never to be found again.

The wizard went back to the king's castle and cured the queen, even though he didn't cause the illness. Before the king and the queen could say anything the honorable wizard was gone... never to be seen again.

Haunted lake

By Nora Murphy

One day 3 kids from different states came together in one state. The 3 became friends Hannah, Sally, and Austin. They all went fishing down at the new lake and found a shipwrecked boat, all of a sudden they fog turn into blood. But the kids were not scared, then Austin went into the water and boom he was gone like that. Then water fills with his cold, deadly blood.

The girls were freaking out! They do not know what to do. They run back to there cabin but no one is there. There wasn't anybody to help them. Hannah started to cry and Sally started to cry scream. Then they remembered a story there mothers told them when they were young.

It was about 3 kids at a lake just like them. They were fishing at lake blood-o-thon and a boy got pulled in the lake and never came out. "we should go help him I mean look at him he needs are help." Hannah said. " no, then we will get pulled in too." Said sally. The girls stepped into the water and walked half way "ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh" and the girls were gone like that.

Sacred Book

By Nora Murphy

One day down in the deepest forest of New Hampshire, there lived an awful enchanter who was naughty. He'd never obeyed the castle rules. So one day, the enchanter went to his parent's friend's castle and snuck into the library and picked up a book. Suddenly, as the enchanter turned around, an old man with a light, fluffy beard startled him as the enchanter fell back into his chair.

"You must not read that book, for there is a curse that the book is sacred, no one has ever picked up that book. I would be careful, legend has it that there is a secret chapter that has the curse, anyone who opens it will be dragged into the story."

“Oh please like I’m going to listen to an old hag like you “The enchanter said.

“I warned you...” and as the old man scurried off, the enchanter said “ Na it’s not true, it could just be, well, an old book.” He told himself.

That night back at the enchanter’s castle, he was lying in his bed when the old man’s voice came into his head and said once more. “I warned you... I warned you...” His voice whispered in the cool breeze. The enchanter decided to cut open the chapter, if he got pulled in how would he get out? What if the legend is true? Would I really be pulled into the story tale-forever? That very thought stayed open in his mind, until the very next day. That day the enchanter went up to the old man and asked. “Hey it’s me again. Yeah, I was wondering about the secret chapter, say I wanted to open it. How would I know what chapter it would be? ”

“Well you see there is a rhyme you have to solve, listen closely, the words will have to do something with you finding the chapter. Open the book not near the nook and turn 7 pages, you’ll see a word that has to say cages , count the letters one by one, then turn that many. Then, you’ll seek a thick page, that’s when you’ll know!” Then the old man zapped himself away. The enchanter went back home heard the old man’s words again, grabbed a knife and started cutting open the chapter. “At last, at last I finally... helppppppppppp!!!!!!!!!!!!” And the enchanter was gone like that!!!

The Powerful Cantaloupe With The World Record Book

By Portia Madayag

There was a powerful cantaloupe named Melon. He tried to get into the Big Book of the world records. He has to hold his breath within under an hour. He has to climb Mt. Everest and survives. But he had found the easiest record. Build the funniest house ever. So he called Watermelon, Apple, Banana, and Orange to come over but they were busy with some plans.

Watermelon is going to a party to celebrate the newborn child. Apple has to watch over his seven-year-old cousin. And Banana has been planning to go to the movies with his cousins. So that leaves him with Orange.

“What do you want to do?” asked Orange. “I want to build the funniest house on Earth!” he said excitedly. “Really, that’s the dumbest idea ever,” said Orange lazily. “Why would you do that? We’re just fruits, fruits don’t build houses!” “If you do not want to be my best friend anymore, that’s fine with me!” And then Orange picked up the phone and called home. In a few minutes, his dad came over and said thank you to Melon’s mom.

On the next day, Melon mumbled, “I never want to see that fruit again!” Then he heard the doorbell ringing. “I got it!” he called. His friends walked in and Apple said, “We’re sorry we didn’t come over.” “You should be, me and Orange weren’t best friends anymore!” he grumbled. Then Orange also ran to the door and said sorry to Melon. “Will you forgive me?” he pleaded. “Sure”, said Melon. “Then let’s do the craziest idea ever!” shouted Orange. Then his friends followed Orange and ran with him. So Melon’s friends helped him get into the big book of world records. A story fun with all the friends, but the fun never ends.

The Life of a Shape Shifter

By Tristan Dooley

One day a clumsy little shape shifter in a galaxy far away wanted to see the sun!!! He never saw the sun because he lived a couple hundred galaxies and universes from the sun; because of this they have night vision. He was oh so clumsy. He did not know how to get there. He thought it was a good idea to jump into a black hole that could bring him to any universe.

He fell into anti-universe. Everything was the opposite. He was a liquid, not a solid. He could not eat or drink. The food would eat him... or the water would drink him up. He was just a miserable little puddle. Then somebody decided to pick him up into a bottle, and threw him into a black hole. He grew into a solid in the black hole. Then POOF! He landed on a ship, not just any ship a SPACE PIRATE SHIP!!!

Those pirates were mean to him. They made him a slave that nobody liked anymore. All of his shape shifter friends thought he was dead. For once the clumsy shape shifter had a decent idea. When a pirate went to sleep, he changed shapes to look like them and threw them overboard, still asleep. All the pirates thought the shape shifter jumped overboard. Honestly they did not know he was a shape shifter.

One day on that ship the shape shifter gave himself a name; his new name was BOB!!!! Secretly when a pirate went to sleep he threw overboard one by one until they were all gone. All the sudden a pirate jumped out, it was the captain! The captain threw him into a worm hole. POOF! Bob was gone. The worm hole led into the inside of the ship. The shape shifter was now smarter. The captain did not know where the worm hole led. Bob shoved the captain in a black hole to anti universe.

Bob was once again on his journey to see the sun, when he hit another ship full of space police. They saw the space pirate boat and arrested Bob. They thought he was a space pirate. They threw him in space jail which was the opposite direction of the sun. Bob became farther away than ever before, farther than where he started. All his friends laughed at him as they passed by. Everyone thought Bob was dead but he wasn't dead...yet. He explained himself to the police and they didn't and wouldn't believe him.

Then all of a sudden, BOOM! A wall in the police department blew up. IT WAS A PRISION RIOT!!! BOOM! BANG! Space lasers were flying everywhere! Bob didn't know what else to do but hide. BOOM! BANG! POW! KA -POW! Ok that was a bad idea so he ran out. That idea was even worse, there were cops armed outside! So he ran back in. He shape shifted into a cop, came out and ran away. POW POW!!! He heard laser shots!!! Dear god, he thought to himself. He decided to run back and help the police officers. He picked a laser pistol up. POW! BANG! BOOM! He started shooting at bad guys. Then a complete brute bad guy in full armor walked out with a hammer. Then he decided to run. POW!

He got shot in the leg. DUH-DUH-DUH!!! He was limping towards a car, panting. He drove off. The engine popped. He was stuck on a SCAREY planet! He was in the woods!!! He found some crutches in the police car and walked out using them.

oxen as a wily young spirit that was so destructive. Once, when the other oxen were asleep, the young ox knocked down a large tree by running into it and it almost fell on two other oxen. Another time, the ox found a fairly large rock on the side of the waterhole so climbed on top of it and jumped off of it and into the waterhole, getting everyone drinking soaking wet and everyone grew angry because of him. He continued knocking down trees and jumping in to the waterhole and annoying everyone. The other oxen wanted to leave to find somewhere else to live just to get away from him so that is just what they did. One by one each ox left saying their goodbyes to the other oxen until only the young, wily ox was left.

Once he was alone, he played all day long, knocking down trees, but after he did, he would stomp on them, trying to break them in half but he only smashed them. He also continued jumping in the waterhole. He did this each day until he grew tired and then he would sleep. While having fun, the ox did not think of getting food to eat so each day he grew hungrier and hungrier until he did not have enough energy to play so he just tried to sleep next to the waterhole all day.

When the ox felt like giving up an elder man came to the ox and fed him. The ox then stood up and was very thankful to the man. The man then said, "Since I have helped you, you must help me in return. You must go on a journey to help me and my people. Go south and find the ancient secret vault." The ox then said, "Why should I help you when someone from your village can help you." The elder replied, "Only someone with the strength of an ox can retrieve the vault," and with that the ox said, "I will go and retrieve the vault but only if you give me food." So the elder said, "Of course, but you only have three days beginning tomorrow and if you do not bring it to me in time darkness will fall upon this land forever."

So the ox left on his journey the next day and walked and walked and walked. He walked all day until he could not walk any further. He then stopped and slept. The next day shortly after he began walking, he found a cliff and at the bottom was a river and the cliff was not too high for the ox to jump up of so he jumped. He felt as if he was flying and then he realized he was falling. When he hit the water he made a large splash but he survived and climbed out. When he stood on the side of the river he saw an old, strange looking tree. As he examined the tree he

noticed a vault trapped in the roots of the tree and he knew he found the ancient vault. At first, he tried knocking down trees like he normally does with all other trees he tries to knock down, but he just could not knock down the tree. He kept trying but could only barely move the tree. Finally, he moved the tree just far enough so that he could reach the vault, so he grabbed the vault and searched for a way back up the cliff. After searching for about ten minutes he found a cave. The ox said to himself, "Maybe there is a way to the other side of this cliff that I can reach by going through this cave," so he went into the cave, hoping that it was safe and that he would find his way out in time. He walked through the cave nonstop through the rest of the day and through the night and finally reached the end of the cave by sunrise of the next day.

In a panic the ox ran as quickly as he could to get to his home in hopes of reaching the elder in time. Even though he was in a hurry, the ox was too exhausted to keep running. He ran as far as he could and was able to see his home but stopped because he was too exhausted. He almost passed out but he saw the old man and realized the importance of his mission. He ran again and made it to the elder just in time. The elder said, "Hurry we must return to my village," so the ox and the elder went as fast as they could. When they arrived at the village the elder opened the vault and revealed what was inside, gold. There were gold coins, jewelry, and many more items. The ox asked the elder, "What are you going to do with this?" and the elder responded, "The English want to take our land and we will offer them these riches in hopes of getting them to leave our village in peace. If they take over our land they will enslave all of us." Later that day a group of four men all in uniform and one of them having a rifle with him, came to the village and the man with the rifle said, "Do you have what we asked for?" The elder came to them and said, "Will you leave our village alone?" the man responded, "Of course, wasn't that part of the deal?" So the elder gave the Englishman the vault and the Englishman shouted, "Burn the village down!" The other men brought out torches and set buildings on fire. Enraged at the men for lying, the ox attacked them throwing them in the air. When the man with the rifle aimed his rifle at the ox, the elder swatted the rifle away and the ox came and chased the men away. With the fire still spreading to the other buildings the ox realized they would have no homes.

The ox asked them if they wanted to move to his waterhole since they had no homes and that the English were bound to come back. The elder accepted the invitation and all of the villagers moved to the waterhole. The villagers used the wood the ox had knocked down before to make their new homes. When the villagers needed more wood the ox would just knock down more trees for them. Although the ox continued knocking down trees, he stopped jumping in the waterhole so that the villagers would not be distracted while they worked except for on hot days. On hot days, everyone would gather around the waterhole and the ox would jump in, splashing water all over the people, cooling them down with the water. Now that the villagers lived where the English would not search for them, the new village was safe.

The Life of Food

By: Ye Khaung Oo

I am hungry and thirsty

I wonder when pizzas can fly

I hear food calling to me

I see peanut butter crackers

I want food

I am hungry and thirsty

TACOS

I pretend to be eating food

I feel bad

I touch food

I worry about food

I cry when theirs no food

I am hungry and thirsty

GINGERBREAD MAN

I understand I won't get food

I say food is good

I dream that I'll live in a world filled with food

I try to eat food

I hope there is food

I am hungry and thirsty

When I went Camping

By Yuzar Oo

I went camping at Sonora Meadows last year with my mom, dad and brothers and their friend's family. Then we found a decent place to camp but we came at night so we had to sleep. Finally it was morning so we woke up and went to our friend's grandma's house then ate our breakfast. Then we fooled around in a river and tried to catch gold and iron. We played in the river about a few hours until we wanted to go back to the house. We could play some card games like duce. Then our friend's grandfather gave us a lot of iron so we could play with it with a magnet. Then we had to leave.