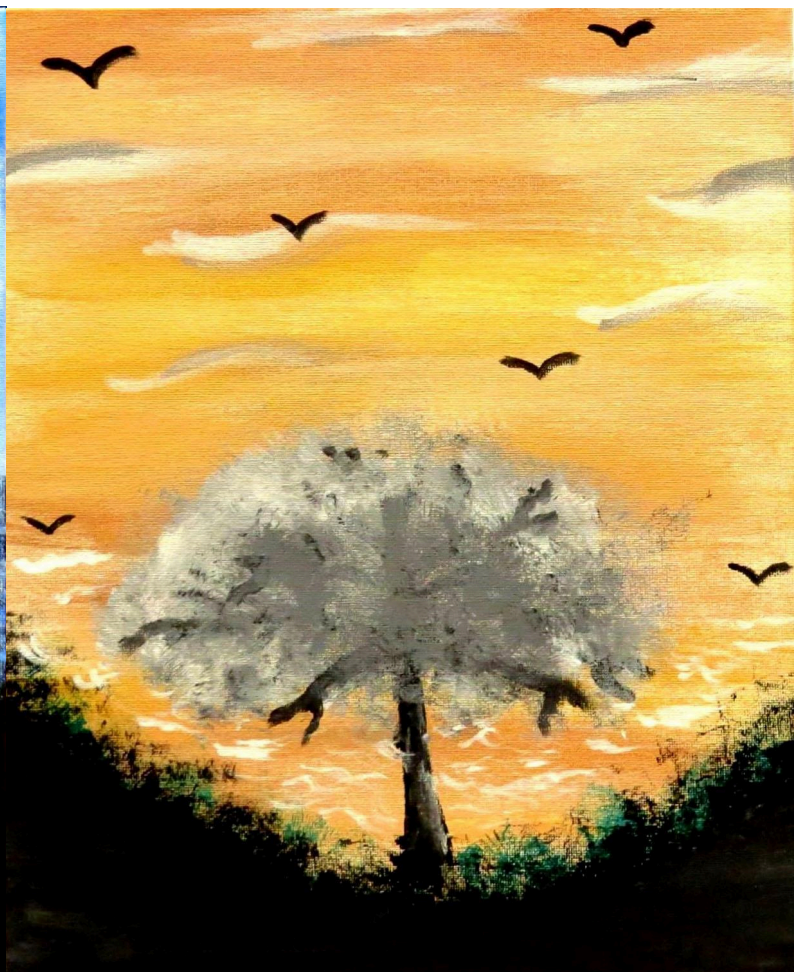


Banyan Bard



2025



Brooke's Sensory Poem



Red
Red looks like strawberries
Red smells like flowers
Red sounds like birds chirping
Red tastes like apples
Red feels like hard rocks
Red



Minsuh's Repetition Poem

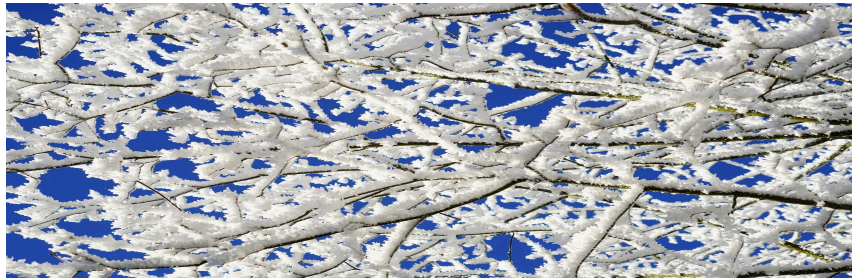
Tired
When I'm woken up early in the morning
I'm tired
Tutor all day - Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.
I'm tired
When I'm waiting for the van to come
I'm tired
When eating food
I'm tired
When I talk to tutors
I'm tired
When I stay up late
Tired



Beatrice M's Winter Tanka Poem

Winter

It's snow and hot cocoa
Three months of cold and white
Time to gingerbread
Winter is not sad or hot
Winter is always ice skates!

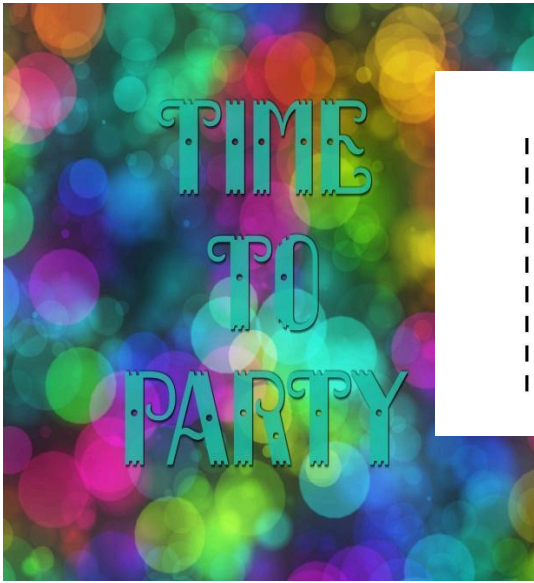


Jonah's Acrostic Poem

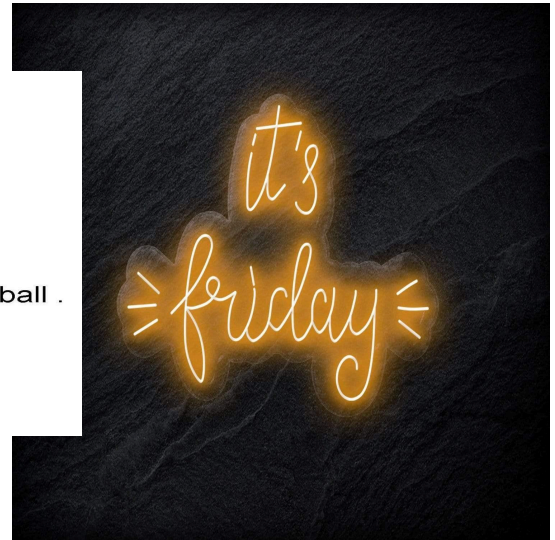
White and wet
Ice cream in the igloo
Nose is cold at night
Trees look cold and dry
Everybody feels tired
Rosy cheeks and rain



Allie's Repetition Poem

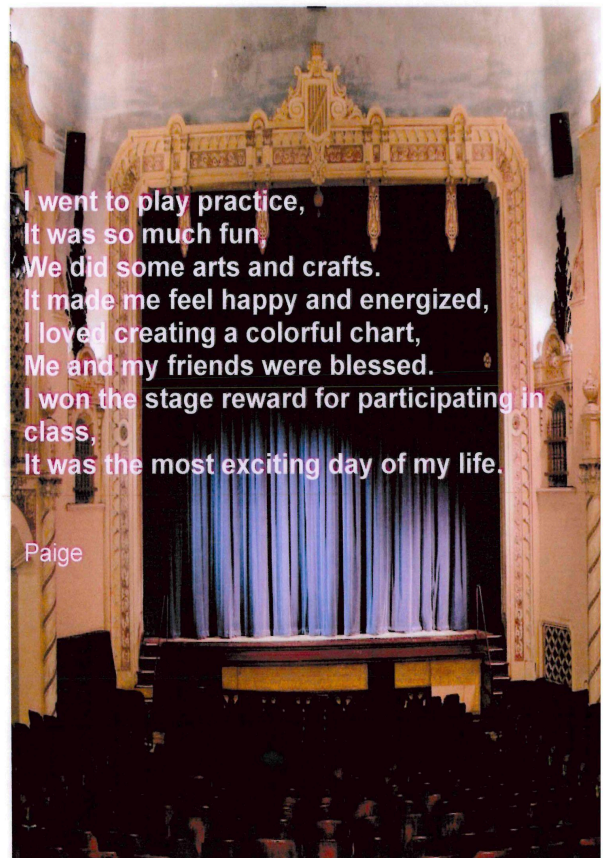


I wish to go to Alabama.
I wish for a new car.
I wish for Friday.
I wish to see my cousin .
I wish I could do a marathon.
I wish for Alabama to win basketball .
I wish for my Gianna party.
I wish to make pizza.
I want to run a 5k marathon.



I can be a professional basketball player,
Playing on the court for a long time.
I can go to a good college to play the game.
I like to warm up at half time, so I can get better.
I show off my dribbling skills,
And watch my girlfriend cheer at my game.
During the buzzerbeater, I hit a half court,
I shoot to win the championship.

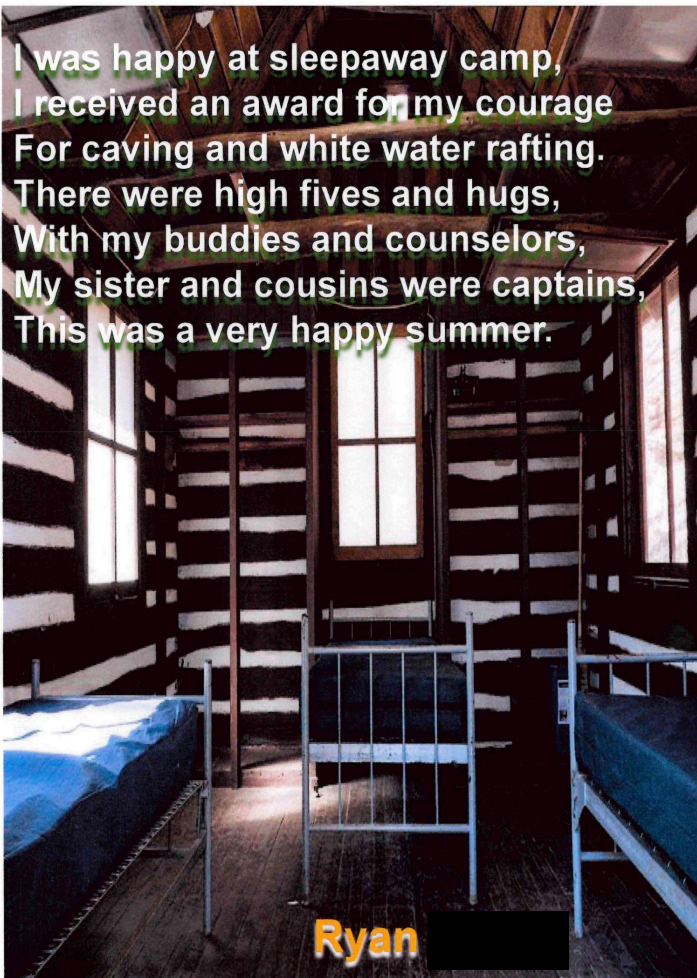
Saad



I went to play practice,
It was so much fun,
We did some arts and crafts.
It made me feel happy and energized,
I loved creating a colorful chart,
Me and my friends were blessed.
I won the stage reward for participating in class.
It was the most exciting day of my life.

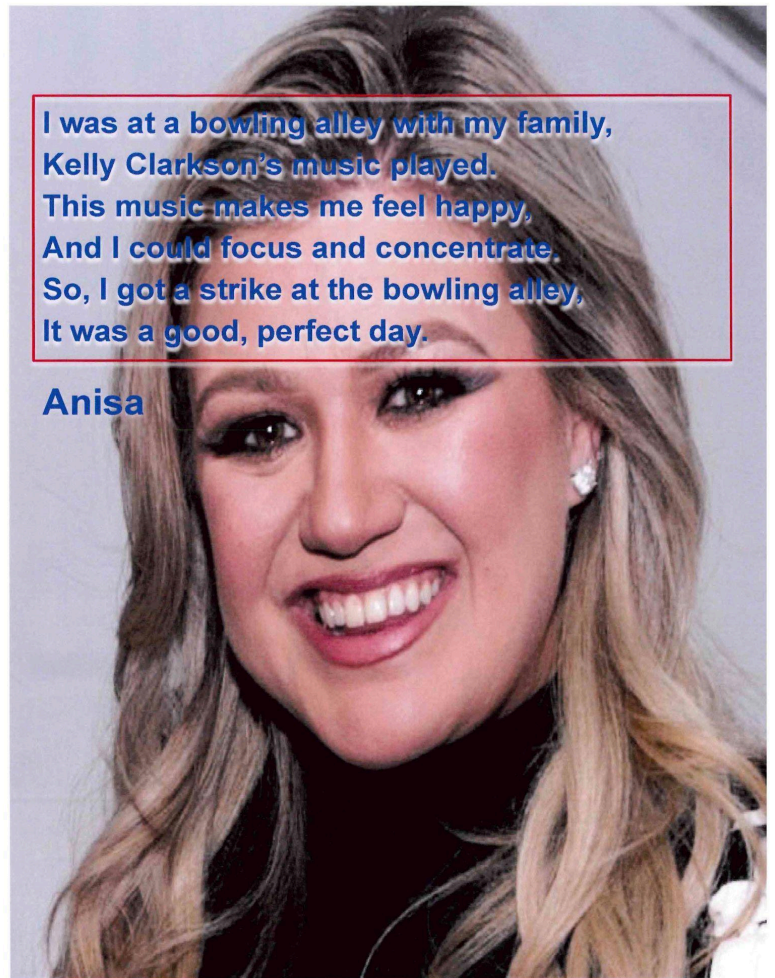
Paige

I was happy at sleepaway camp,
I received an award for my courage
For caving and white water rafting.
There were high fives and hugs,
With my buddies and counselors,
My sister and cousins were captains,
This was a very happy summer.



I was at a bowling alley with my family,
Kelly Clarkson's music played.
This music makes me feel happy,
And I could focus and concentrate.
So, I got a strike at the bowling alley,
It was a good, perfect day.

Anisa



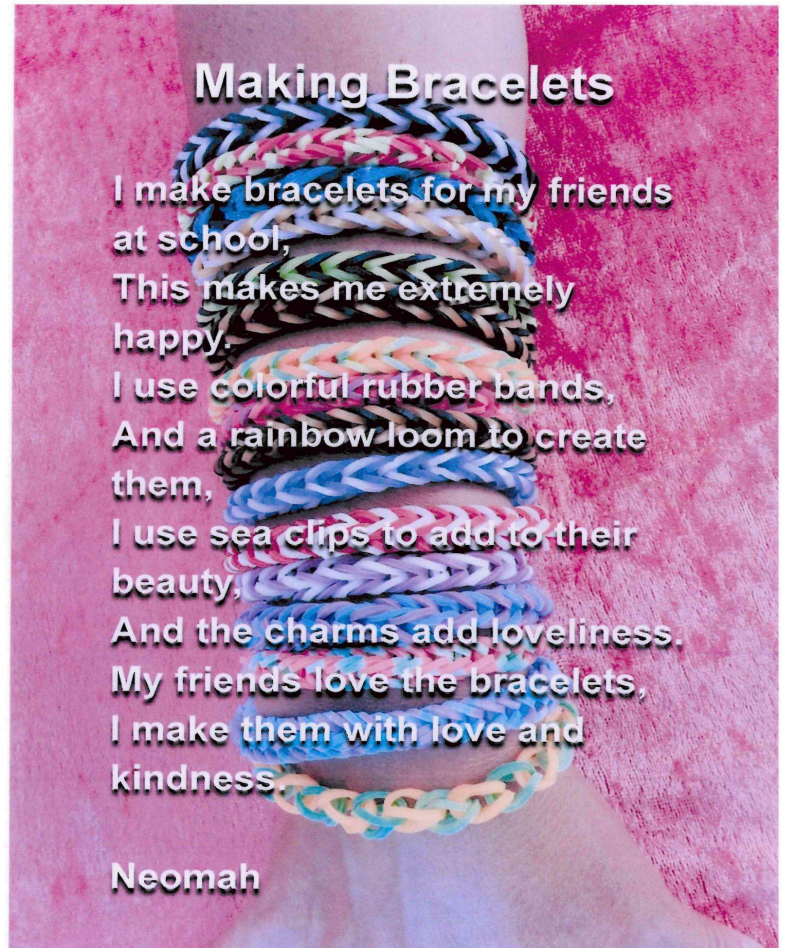
I love being with my family,
We do lots of special things,
We go to graduations,
And out to family dinners.
We always have fun together,
We are a very lucky family,
We have a special connection.



Making Bracelets

I make bracelets for my friends
at school,
This makes me extremely
happy.
I use colorful rubber bands,
And a rainbow loom to create
them,
I use sea clips to add to their
beauty,
And the charms add loveliness.
My friends love the bracelets,
I make them with love and
kindness.

Neomah





Puzzle

I put together the
puzzle,

Pieces have a
place to meet.

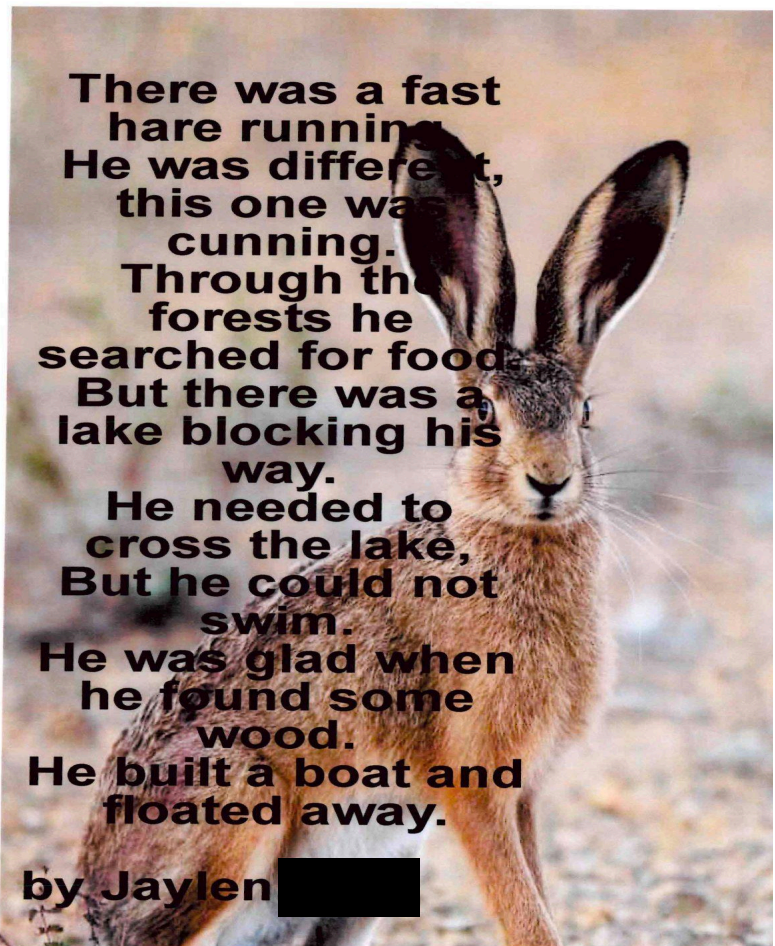
They connect to
make it complete.

You get to see a
beautiful treat.

I'm so proud and
can't wait to
repeat

Making another
beautiful puzzle.

By Jane



There was a fast
hare running.
He was different,
this one was
cunning.

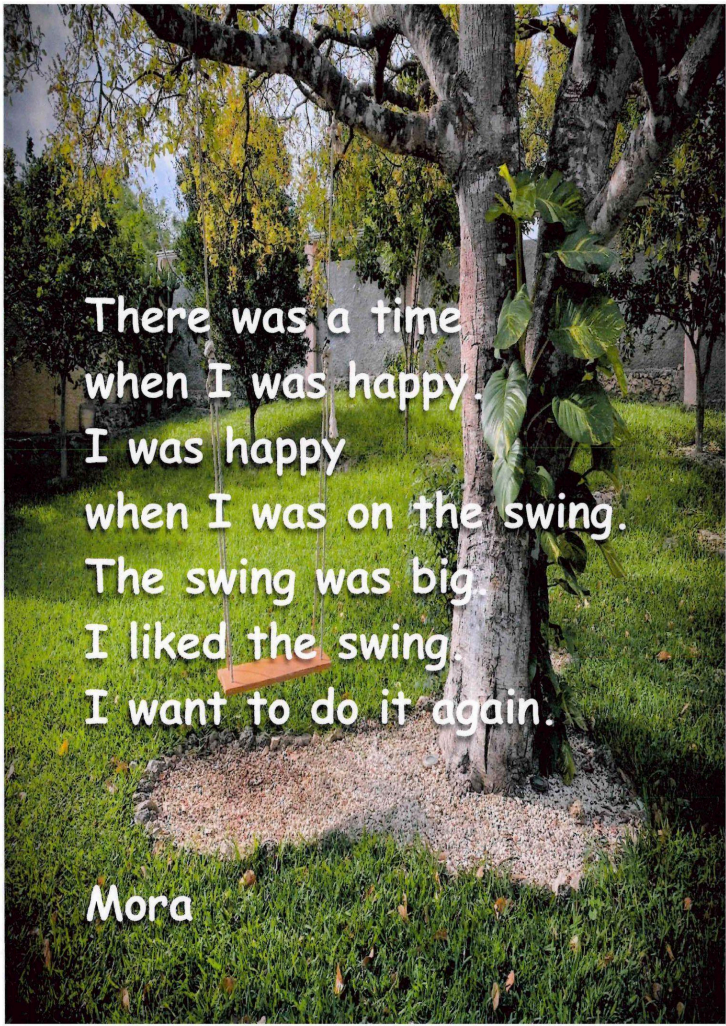
Through the
forests he
searched for food.
But there was a
lake blocking his
way.

He needed to
cross the lake,
But he could not
swim.

He was glad when
he found some
wood.

He built a boat and
floated away.

by Jaylen



There was a time
when I was happy.
I was happy
when I was on the swing.
The swing was big.
I liked the swing.
I want to do it again.

Mora

Samantha

Sweet, Caring, Pretty, Generous

Relative of Steph, Jeff, and Jess

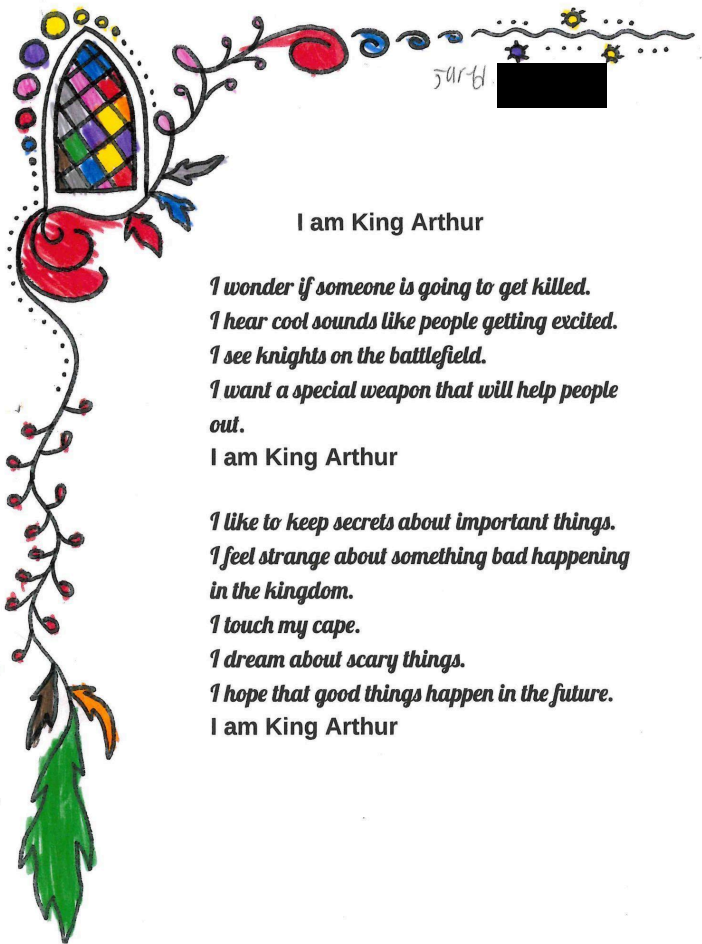
Who feels happy

Who needs love

Who fears losing friends

Who would like to see Greece

Resident of New Jersey



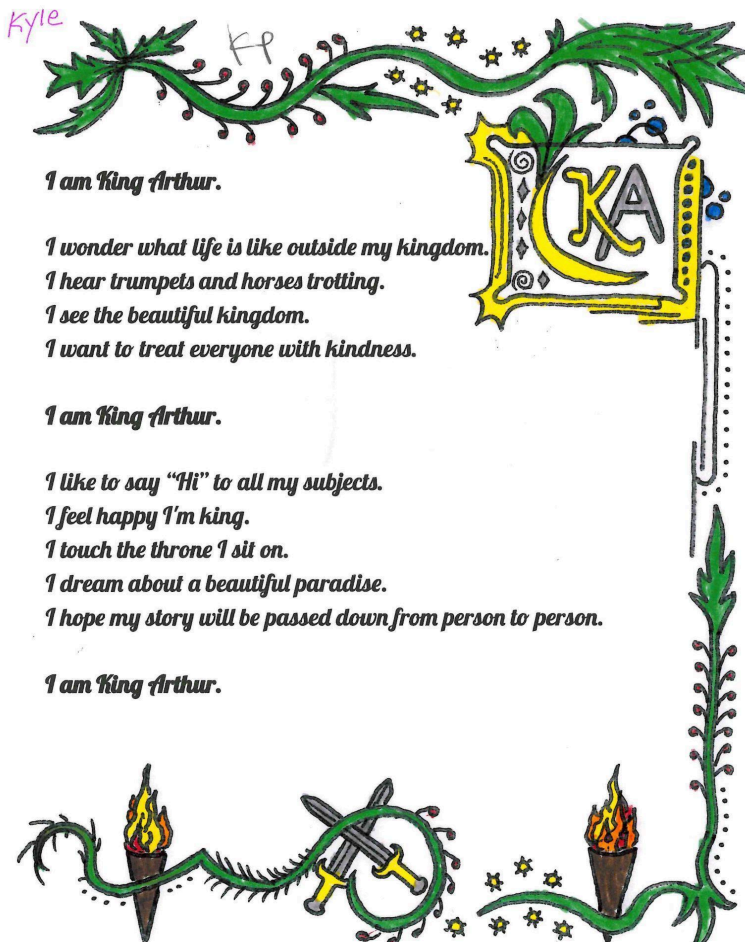
I am King Arthur

*I wonder if someone is going to get killed.
I hear cool sounds like people getting excited.
I see knights on the battlefield.
I want a special weapon that will help people out.*

I am King Arthur

*I like to keep secrets about important things.
I feel strange about something bad happening in the kingdom.
I touch my cape.
I dream about scary things.
I hope that good things happen in the future.*

I am King Arthur



I am King Arthur.

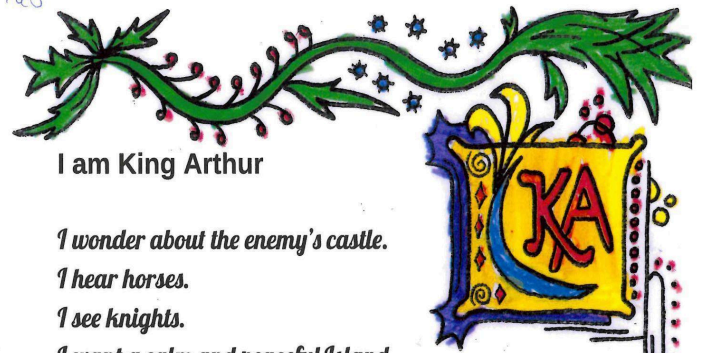
*I wonder what life is like outside my kingdom.
I hear trumpets and horses trotting.
I see the beautiful kingdom.
I want to treat everyone with kindness.*

I am King Arthur.

*I like to say "Hi" to all my subjects.
I feel happy I'm king.
I touch the throne I sit on.
I dream about a beautiful paradise.
I hope my story will be passed down from person to person.*

I am King Arthur.

Elias



I am King Arthur

*I wonder about the enemy's castle.
I hear horses.
I see knights.
I want a calm and peaceful Island.
I am King Arthur.*

I like to hunt on my land.

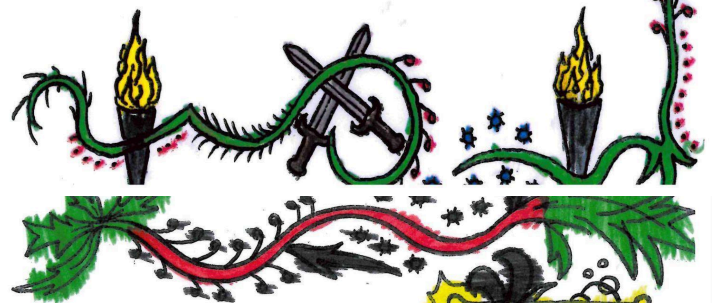
I feel happy.

I touch the castle wall.

I dream about flying in the sky.

I hope that I have a son.

I am King Arthur.



I Am King Arthur

*I wonder if there is a calm, peaceful island.
I hear soft guitars, flutes and harps.
I see the beautiful rooms in the castle.
I want to be a brave strong king.
I am King Arthur.*

I like to be strong and never give up.

I feel grateful to be king.

I touch the castle wall.

I dream about life without my wife.

I hope that I can be more confident.

I am King Arthur.



✓ Alice



Beyond

Every day

Interesting

Nice

Giving

Art

Books

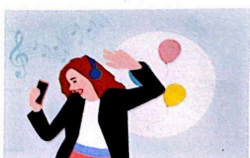
Always chaotic

Navigate

Yawning

Athletics

Never stops talking



James - Banyan Acrostic Poem

Beautiful
Exciting
Interesting
Navigate
Giving



Awesome

Besties
Action
Nurse
Yesterday
Adventure
Nice



Brains
Understanding
Legendary
Lessons
Delightful
Opportunity
Giving

✓ Jack



Banyan School is awesome

Erin - the OT woman

Ideas are good

Nice friends

Ms. G from the gym class

Aides

Banyan School Rock Band

Apples are good to eat

Net for volleyball

Yesterday was Thursday

Art for the yearbook

New teachers



✓ Keras



Brain

Erin

Interesting

Navigate

Giving

Awesome

Besties

Action

Nurse

Yesterday

Adventure

Nice



My Personal Narrative

By: David

My parents gave me a very special gift many Christmases ago, which made me very elated and joyful! The gift inside my Christmas box was actually an iPad. My parents gave me this iPad many Christmases ago. The reason they gave me this iPad is that I love to play games on the iPad and take a lot of pictures. I was at my house during the Christmas break in my living room, and I crawled under the Christmas tree. My mom, dad, and my brother were all there during Christmas morning, gathered around the Christmas tree in the living room. My iPad gift I received for Christmas feels very smooth, and it looks clean and brand new. It made me feel very joyful while receiving this type of gift during the Christmas holiday.

The setting took place on a snowy Christmas morning in my living room under my Christmas tree. My whole family was exhilarated while opening presents. I was as happy as the bright sun. I was so surprised when I found a box that was hidden. When I opened it up, I noticed that there was an iPad hidden inside. I was told by my parents that if I behaved well and worked hard, I would receive this special gift.

I learned about myself that getting my iPad rewarded me for behaving well and working very hard. My parents are definitely special people to me, and I would say to my parents, "You guys are the best! Thank you so much for this thoughtful gift and for recognizing the hard work I have completed in school and at home."



Ryan

Ellen and Andrew, my parents, surprised me with Jonas Brothers tickets on August 12, 2023, when I came home from camp. I was so surprised that I ripped my dad's shirt. They gave them to me because I was a huge fan of their music. I was with my family and grandparents in the kitchen when it happened. It was a crazy gift and insane because after I got the tickets, I ripped my dad's shirt and ran to the wall. Getting the tickets meant a lot to me.

When I was at the concert, I heard screaming and yelling. I saw everybody going crazy at the concert. They were jumping up and down and excited to see them live. The concert was so loud I could not hear myself talking. It was so loud that I could not deal with the screaming. I learned that going to the concert was hard because there was a lot of loud noise that hurt my ears.

We were on the way to the Westfield train station. I was full of excitement, and when I got on the train, I was hyped up with my mom and dad. They were excited for me, even though they had never listened to them before. They told me on the train that we were going to get access to a buffet. I could not decide if I was more excited about the food or the concert.

I saw everyone singing. I heard them sing "Year 3000" and "SOS." They were both happy and energetic songs. I saw Nick, Kevin, and Joe Jonas on the stage with their band. I saw the fireworks; they were colorful. Everything I saw made me want to go on the stage and meet them. As much as I love their music, the crowd's noise was hurting my ears. I realized that I was excited but upset about how loud it was there.

I learned that when I went to see the Jonas Brothers twice, the noise hurt my ears. Another lesson is to not rip your dad's shirt. I was so appreciative of the surprise. I like their music. I have been listening to them since the summer of 2022, and they are my favorite artists to ever make music. Thank you for your incredible music. When I'm upset, your music makes me feel better.



Personal Narrative

Name: Sammy

My mom gave me the gift of my phone. It was 2020 when she gave it to me. She gave it to me because I was doing well. It was an Apple iPhone. It was a shiny black iPhone with a rubber case. It was a gift from both my parents. I was very happy when I got the phone.

It looks like a black iPhone that fits in my hand. I like the phone because it's cool. I call and text my family on the phone. I got the phone for doing well at school. I learned about patience. The phone was as black as the night sky. It's cool when I talk to my mom.

My mom gave me the new phone when it was still in the box. I was excited because it was my first new phone. When I first got my phone, I put my contacts in my phone and searched stuff on the internet. I had to wait to charge my phone, but I didn't mind waiting because I was patient. I was proud of myself because I did well and got my new phone.

When I first started up my phone, the first contact I made was with my mom. After that, I took some pictures of random things. I texted my family first, saying hi, and a blue bubble popped up. Getting this phone made me feel more mature and responsible. Yes, it was a good feeling because it means my parents trust me more and are happy with how I'm doing. I like to continue being mature and make my parents proud.

Getting my phone was an important moment in my life because it taught me valuable lessons. I feel like I became more mature and responsible when I received my phone. I also learned that if I do well at school and at home, good things can happen to me. My phone has become a big part of my life, not just for fun, but it shows how I am growing as a person



Aydin's Personal Narrative

During the winter of 2023, I had asked my parents for a book I was looking for. It had taken me and them a few years to find this book for a good price, due to it being out of print and how hard it is to come by nowadays. The book goes by the name of, "The world of Kong, a natural history of skull island". Its price ranges from \$100 - 300, but as of recently it's becoming slightly cheaper than these averages.

After waiting a couple years for my parents to get me it, they finally caved in and pitched in money for it. My Mom, Dad, and Grandma would surprise me on Christmas morning with this and a few other books I had also been asking for. As well as many other unrelated but equally as exciting gifts. I still continue to read the book from time to time, reading all the descriptions and seeing the beautifully done illustrations that always manage to amaze me. And I would consider it one of the few inspirations that led me to pursue and further my work & interest with Palaeontology/Biology.

While I already have had an interest in these things prior to getting the book, it still serves as a source of inspiration and a way to relieve myself of that itch to delve deeper into the works of fiction, or even just the topics that I feel so passionately about. It's also been a great learning experience for my own creations, drawings and writings alike. Ever since I've taken the time to explore this book, I've broadened my scope on the types of shows, movies, and games I watch. As well as not just taking things at face value, now I'm always keen on gathering more knowledge on the media that I consume.

Aydin's Artwork



Name Arlene
Date 4/1/25
Plant Poem

My Plant

Bright green planter
Clumpy soil
Tall and thin spider plant
Long and strong roots
Bright and yellow sun
wet and cold water
Small and pointy rake
Little digging shovel
Thin and narrow spade
White paper dirt cup
Green long leaves



Name Johnathan
Date 3/28/25

My Plant
Pink planter
Brown soil
Green spider plant
White roots
Yellow hot sun
Wet cold water
Small rake
Tiny digging shovel
Flat spade
Paper cup
Pointy thick leaves



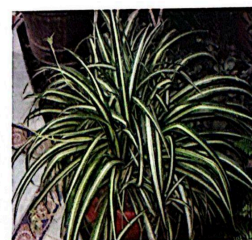
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Plant Poem

My Plant
Dark Purple Planter
Brown Dirt
Green Spider Plant
Clean Water
Beautiful sun
Green long Leaves
Small digging Shovel
Pointy Spade
Sharp spade
Dirt cup



Name Gavin
Date 3-28-25
Plant Poem

My Plant
Bright Yellow Planter
Brown Clumpy Dirt
Green Spider plant
Clean Cold Water
Bright Yellow Sun
Long White Roots
Tall Green Leaves
Little Digging Shovel
Sharp Pointy Rake
Hard Sharp Spade
Dirt Cup



Name Emma [REDACTED]

Date March 27, 2025

Plant Poem

My Plan

Neon pink planter

Brown Clumpy Dirt

Big Bright sun

Strong white roots

Long green leaves

Mini sharp edge rake

Black digging shovel

Sharp pointy edge spade

Dirt cup



Name Owen [REDACTED]

Date march 27

Plant Poem

My Plant

White planter

Green spider plant

Brown soil

Big Yellow Sun

Wet Clean Water

White Thick Roots

Small digging shovel

Sharp pointy rake

Black spade

Green long leaves

Dirt cup



Name Axel [REDACTED]

Date March 27th

Plant Poem

My Plant

Purple Planter

Green Spider Plant

Brown Soil

Big Yellow Sun

Wet Clean Water

White Thick Roots

Small Digging Shovel

Sharp Pointy Rake

Black Spade

Green Long Leaves

Dirt Cup



Krystof
April 8, 2025

Plant poem

Soft pink
Brown lumpy dirt
Green spider plant
Cold clean water
Nice yellow sun
White thin roots
Green tall leaves
Small digging shovel
Sharp pointy rake tines
Sharp pointy spade
Dirt cup



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Patrick
4/8/25
Plant Poem

My Plant

Soft pink,
Brown lumpy dirt,
Green spider plant,
Cold clean water,
Nice yellow sun,
White thin roots,
Green tall leaves,
Small digging shovel,
Sharp pointy rake,
Sharp pointy spade,
Dirt cup.

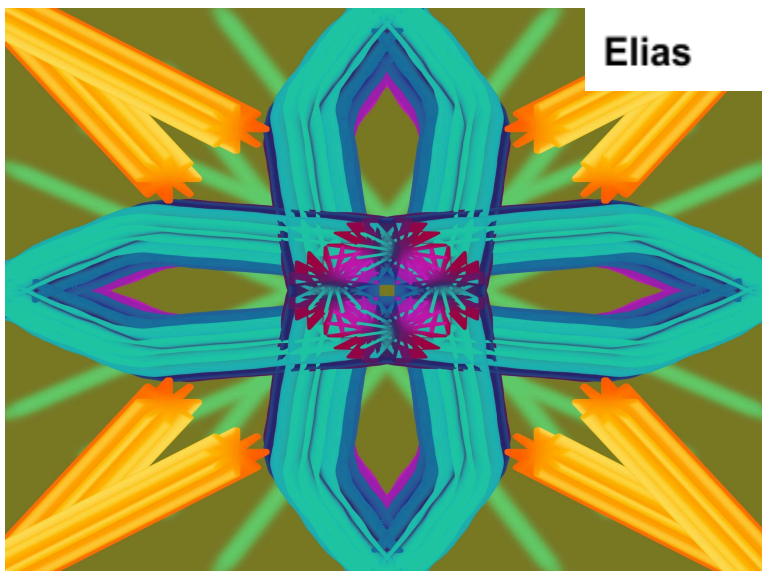


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