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FRIEND STORIES

ME AND MY FRIENDS

One morning I woke up and ate some Corn Flakes. After I ate, the phone rang. It was my friend, Winnie. She asked if I wanted to come over, I answered, "Is after lunch okay?"

She said, "Sure."

So a while later, the whole family woke up. I went to my room and put on some music. Later my mom made lunch. So I went to the other side of the living room and ate. It was going to be 1:00 p.m. soon. When it was 1:00 p.m., I asked my mom if she could take me to Winnie's house. So she did. My family was going to Yellowknife.

When I went in Winnie's house, she was sitting on the couch, and I went in. She asked if I wanted to let a few more friends come over. I answered, "It doesn't matter."

So, Kirsten, Belinda, and Audrey came. We started to watch a scary movie. When it was over, we started to listen to music. We had a

great time. Belinda made me laugh most of the time.

Then we turned off the lights. We asked Audrey, and Winnie if they could find us in the dark. So we started to hide. Instead of catching people, Audrey caught a blanket and Winnie caught a pillow. They turned on the lights, and we started to laugh.

Then we started to make jokes. Kirsten laughed all the time. Then we went out. We went to the Sportsplex. Then we went outside and started to play tag.

It was getting late so we went home. Audrey and Belinda went to Winnie's house. When I started walking, I was thinking about what I did today. I wondered if I did anything wrong. So I just forgot about it. Then I went inside the house.

*By Kandace Apples
Grade 5 EMES*



WINNIE'S WILD PARTY

One day there was a girl named Winnie. She went out to see her friends Belinda and Audrey. When she was going to her two friends' house, she saw them going to her house. When they found her, they went to her house. Winnie's mother and father said that they were going to go out for dinner.

When her parents left, they started to call a lot of boys and girls, and they told them if they wanted to come over and have a big party until midnight. They all said yes. They had a big party, and everyone started to go crazy, and be so loud. Winnie didn't know when her parents were going to come home.

Winnie's parents came back late at night, and they saw all the boys and girls in their house, and all the kids were sleeping. They told all the kids to get up, and they told them to get out.

After that day Winnie's mother never, ever left her alone in the house again!

*By Belinda Wetrade
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THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE AND THE WOMAN

Once upon a time there was a woman. She was very poor. She had no house and no food. The queen saw her. "Do you want some food?" said the queen.

She said, "Yes." She was happy.
The prince said, "Do you want a house?"

She said, "Yes."

The prince gave her a house, and she was very

happy. They were giving her everything. She was very happy because they gave her everything. She kept her house good. After three years, she was still happy. The queen and the prince had a baby together. The woman went to the queen and the prince. The baby's name was Princess, and the woman's name was Kathryn, and she lived happily every after.

*By Kimberly Tlokka
Grade 5 EMES*



ANIMAL STORIES

BLUE FISH

Look at the blue fish.

I can see the blue fish.

I can see one blue fish.

I like blue fish.

The fish is swimming.

*By Gordan Chocolate
Grade 1 EMES*

MONKEY

Where is the monkey?

The monkey is black.

Look at the black monkey.

I can see one black monkey.

I can see a big monkey on the grass.

*By Kelsey Mantla
Grade 1 EMES*

THE FROG

I like the frog.

The frog is orange.

I like the frog.

The frog is on the leaf.

I like the frog.

The one frog is orange.

*By Tracey Wedzin
Grade 1 EMES*

THE BUTTERFLIES

I can see a butterfly.

I can see a white butterfly.

I can see an orange butterfly.

Look at the butterflies.

They are on the leaf.

*By Karleena Football
Grade 1 EMES*

THE HUNGRY BEAR

The bear was hungry. He went to the water to look for fish. Then he saw Mother Bear walking in the forest looking for berries. The cub was sleeping. It was very hungry so the Mother Bear gave plants to the baby. After that, Mother Bear went fast asleep and Baby Bear went fast asleep. But Baby Bear was very hungry still, but Mother Bear was asleep. So Baby Bear went somewhere to look for food. She would find plants for herself. She was lost! She cried for her mom. Mother Bear woke up, she couldn't see her baby. Then she found her baby.

*By Bianca Simpson
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BEAR STORY

I saw a bear print. He had gone walking by Patti's house. And then he went to Digger's house. He was behind the bathroom. Charlynn saw the bear. She was scared!!

*By Benjamin Simpson
Grade 3 AAS*

THE BIG BLACK GRIZZLY BEAR

One day there was a young boy named Johnny. Johnny went the Barrenlands with his father in a small airplane. Days passed and the airplane did not come back. One night Johnny heard something crack outside of his dad's tent. He said to his father, "Father, there is something outside," in a low voice. His dad got the gun ready. They stayed up all night till morning.

Johnny saw something in the bush! Then he yelled, "A GRIZZLY BEAR!" Johnny ran fast to his dad. His dad was still sleeping! Johnny tried to wake up his dad. The bear was so hungry. He came in the tent. He tried to shoot, but the bear grabbed the gun away from Johnny's dad. Finally his dad grabbed a knife and cut the tent, and they ran out. They got in the emergency canoe. Finally they got back home.

*By Galvin Tinquí
Grade 5 EMES*

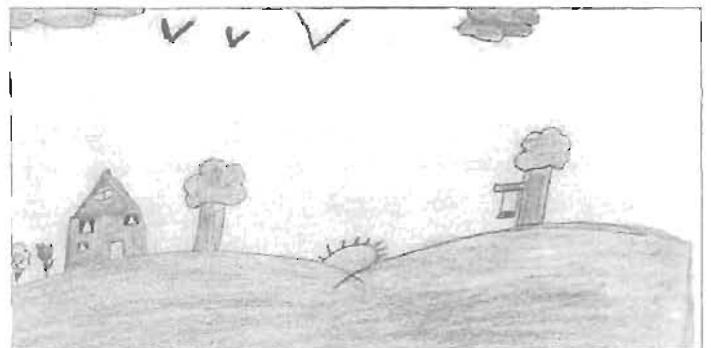
THE GRIZZLY BEAR

Long ago, there were six people standing on a hill one wet, stormy night. They were a father, mother, little boy, and a little girl who were both three winters old and two adolescents. They were all lost and alone. The clouds above were dark. Loud thunder crashed over their heads. Yellow lightning cut across the sky. The trees were bare and bending in the wind. The people stood as close together as they could. They were cold and hungry, and they were scared. The little ones were crying, but the teenagers stood tall, trying to be brave. The teenagers were not brother and sister. They were friends. The young man was strong and the young woman beside him was ready to become a wife and a mother. They were starting to feel love for one another.

The man took his wife's hand, and he shouted over the storm, "Come! We will lead these children to a safe place far away from here."

His wife tried to smile and be brave too, but she was very frightened. The mother looked at her husband and the children. She saw their torn caribou clothes and their bare feet. She saw their thin arms and legs from the hunger. Everyone stood shivering in the icy, cold puddle.

"Yes, husband. Let's take the children to find a better place." And they started to walk towards the east, towards the hiding sun. They walked over the hills and rocks and among the trees. All of a sudden a terrible sound filled the air. It was closer than thunder. The mother screamed! The father raised his wooden spear.



By Jesse-Ann Arrowmaker, Grade 3 JWGS

The brown, angry grizzly bear was hungry. The small children cried, screaming with fear. The woman fainted. The teen-age girl tried to pick the woman up, but she dragged her under a tree. The two mature men started to fight the murderous, growling grizzly bear with their spears. Finally, the men suffered painfully, but they killed the bear. The mother woke up and ran to the children and hugged and kissed them. Everyone smiled! They made a fire and had a feast. Then they walked east to find their people.

*By Patricia Lafferty
Grade 8 AAS*

THE GOLDEN GRIZZLY

The man was going to go hunting. The man saw a bear coming to him. The bear was ten feet tall. His claws were razor sharp. The man ran for his shotgun. He grabbed his bullets, and he put them in his gun. He shot the bear. It had golden fur.

*By Garrick Ekendia
Grade 5 EMES*



HOLIDAY STORIES

PEACE

Peace is light, sun.
Trust your neighbours.
Mary loves animals,
That means peace.
Give peace to
children.
Children
need peace.

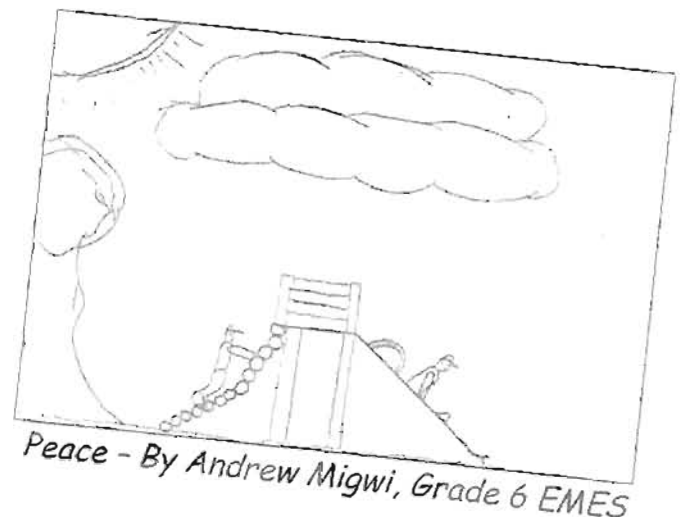
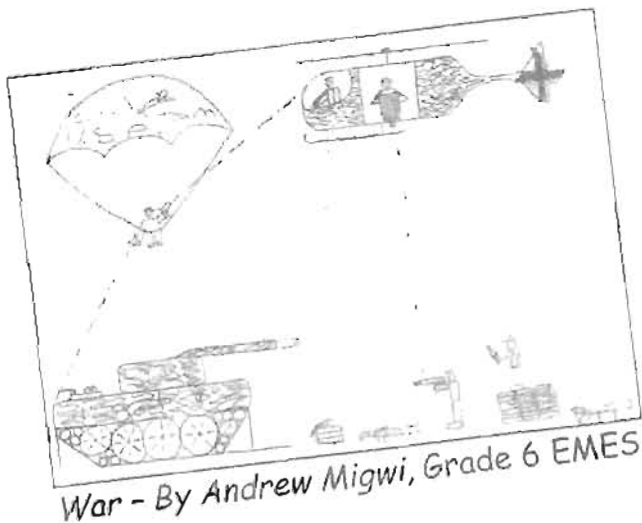
*By Angel Chinkon
Grade 6 EMES*

THE POPPY

I call the poppy the flower of the dead because thousands of people died at Flanders Fields. Then millions of poppies grew on the graves of the dead army men.

The poppy is called the symbol of life. I wonder why the poppy is the symbol of life. Thousands of people died and the poppies grew on the graves. I wonder if they should call it the "Flower of the Dead".

*By Braeden Moore
Grade 6 EMES*



BEWARE OF MONA, THE TEACHER

A girl was walking home one night when a vampire bit her neck. She then turned into a vampire. She started to bite Mona's neck just as the sun came up. The girl-vampire then melted away. Now, every Halloween night Mona, the bat, comes out to bite little kids that don't care about their education. So beware lazy students.

By Grade 6 Class EMES

ONE FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS

It was a December morning and the family said, "It is Christmas morning!" They all went to the living room to the tree to open the presents. The family was so happy that they were having a holiday time. The mom cooked turkey for the family. She put it on the table to eat.

Later, the family went to the church to see the kids singing. Santa Claus gave presents to all the children. The babies got baby dolls. As the families went home, the Santa said, "HO, HO, HO!"

In the morning the children were playing with their toys.

By Candace Drybones
Grade 6 EMES

A CHRISTMAS STORY

At Christmas we get presents.

At Christmas Jesus was born.

At Christmas we decorate our home.

At Christmas we share things.

At Christmas we celebrate.

At Christmas we go sliding.

At Christmas we go ski-dooing.

By Gesita Bekale, David Naedzo, and Vernon Smith
Grade 3 CJBES

SANTA IN THE NORTH POLE

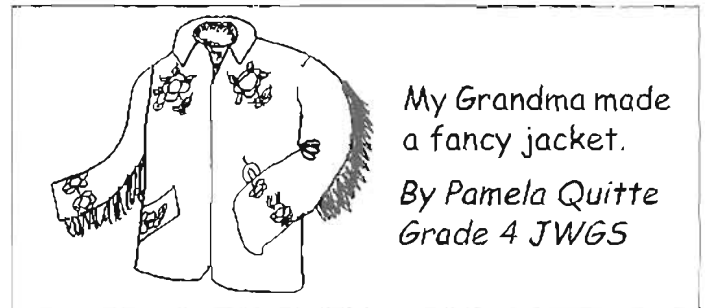
Santa makes presents.

Santa goes to kids' houses on Christmas Eve.

Santa puts presents under the tree.

Santa is a happy person.

By Chasisty Bekale, North Douglas, Junior Mantla, Valerie Wetrade
Grade 1 CJBES

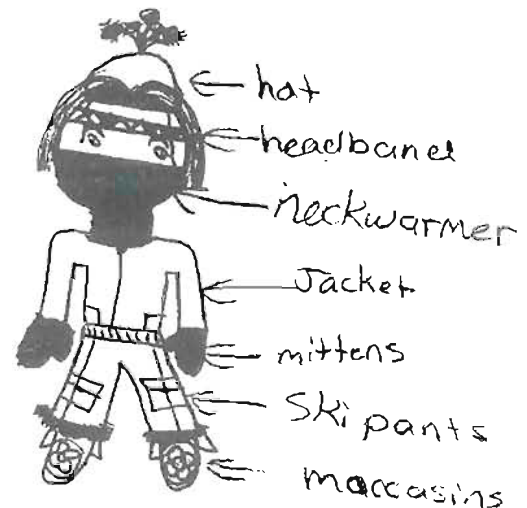


FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Once upon a time there was a snowman named Frosty. He lived in Rae-Edzo. In the winter he had a lot of fun, but in the summer he melted away!

By Chelsey Migwi, Jayde Lafferty, Cole Steinwand
Grade 2 CJBES

This person is ready for winter!



By Freda Gon
Grade 4 JWGS

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN RAE-EDZO

On the first day of Christmas

My true love gave to me
A parka for minus 30 degrees.

On the second day of Christmas

My true love gave to me
Two ptarmigan a flapping,
And....

On the third day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Three tanned hides...

On the fourth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Four sleeping bears,...

On the fifth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Five bouncing white rabbits,...

On the sixth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Six racing ski-dos,...

On the seventh day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Seven trucks a revving,...

On the eighth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Eight Whitefish from North Slave

On the ninth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,

Nine whining wolf pups,

On the tenth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,...

Ten Ravens scrounging,...

On the eleventh day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Eleven pairs of moccasins,...

On the twelfth day of Christmas

My true love gave to me,
Twelve pounds of jerky,
Eleven pairs of moccasins,

Ten ravens scrounging,

Nine whining wolf pups,

Eight Whitefish from North Slave,

Seven trucks a revving,

Six racing ski-dos,

Five bouncing rabbits,

Four sleeping bears,

Three tanned hides,

Two ptarmigan a flapping,

And a parka for minus 30 degrees.

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TRIP STORIES

MY TRIP TO NOVA SCOTIA

Last year I went to Nova Scotia, and I went to visit my grandparents. I saw a treehouse in my grandpa's backyard. My Grandpa made it for me, Catherine, and Joseph. My parents wanted to go to P.E.I. and New Brunswick.

When we got to P.E.I., I saw a food factory, and we went on the longest bridge in the world to New Brunswick. It was boring because it took so long to get there. We went to a lookout army tower and saw the ferry coming from Nova

Scotia. We went to the ferry, and I played video games and watched Flubber on a wide screen TV on the ferry.

The best part of the trip was when we went to a carnival in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. There were fun houses, merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels and cotton candy.

It was a great trip, and I want to go back again.

*By Timothy Zoe-Martin
Grade 6 CJBES*

DREAMCATCHERS

I want to tell you about our class trip to Edmonton. We went to a Native Youth Meeting called Dreamcatchers.

First we drove in a van to our airport. We had packed up the night before. We flew to Yellowknife, and Gary called taxis for us. We stayed at the Discovery Inn. After we checked in, we went for supper at Boston Pizza. After that the boys and girls separated. The girls went to Readimart to buy a flurry and then down the Gold Range road to a little store, that I forget the name of and afterwards we went to our room. Heather and I shared a room. Tracy and Patricia shared a room. Heather and I made a test to see who could draw the best and made the girls decide. They said that Lull's one is the best.

It was morning. We got up. We flew at 7 p.m. after we went through airport security. First we had to go in the Security Room and then they called us to go on the plane to Edmonton. We ate breakfast on the plane to Edmonton. One hour later we were there.

We went shopping and to the movies. We were going to watch the Superstar, but it was already gone so we watched *The Sixth Sense*. We went back to the room.

We went to the museum. The girls and I thought it was boring at the museum. After that we went on the bus. We sat at the back of the bus. When we got there, we waited for other kids to get on the bus. We went back to the school, and the girls were supposed to go to the Bison meeting, but instead we went to the Ha-Ha, but we were late. They told us to come back at 3:00 p.m. We waited. When we got there, we were late again so that day we didn't go back there. The next day was the dance. We met this guy named Chris. He said, "I will meet you at the dance."

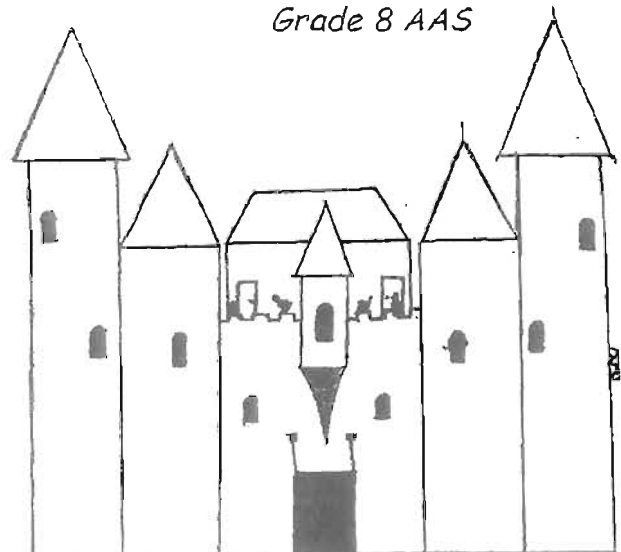
We said, "Okay. We will be there."

We slept at West Edmonton Mall. We had a Jacuzzi in the room. We went shopping and went to the movies. We watched *The Sixth Sense*. It was scary. After that, we looked around the mall. We went to a lot of stores, and since the next day was the Conference, we got ready to pick out our clothes to wear for the next day. Then we went on rides. The girls went on the Twister. I could not go because I didn't have money. I spent it on my clothes and my shoes. My shoes cost like \$25.85. The girls went on the Bumper Cars. It was fun, when they did not know how to drive the cars on the big Bumper. We played on it for hours. We took our stuff back to our rooms. We went shopping again, and we went looking for boys, not for me of course. This boy came up to us and said to Tracy, "Do you want to go to the movies?"

Tracy said, "No." because she had a boyfriend, just like a friend to her and her friend had said, "I don't want you going out with someone."

Finally the conference was over. So we had to go home. So we packed up and flew back to Yellowknife. Then the next day we returned to Snare Lake. We learned a lot about our culture and we had fun, but it was really good to be home. Alix came back on Wednesday.

By Priscilla Judas
Grade 8 AAS



By Rocky Zoe, Grade 8 JWGS

ON-THE-LAND STORIES

by EMES Grade Three Students

OUR TRIP TO THE BUSH



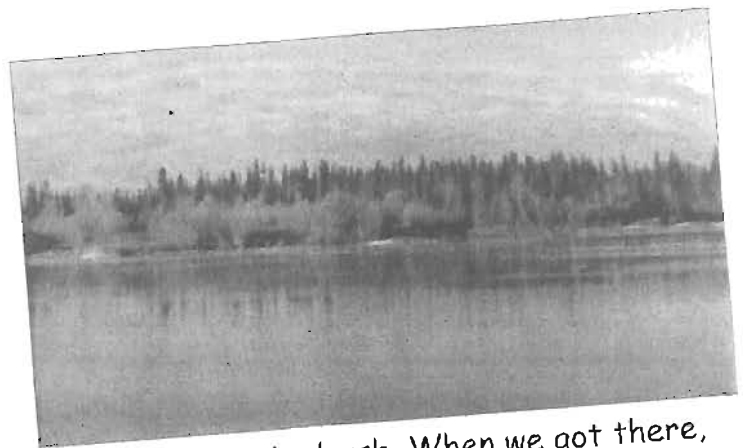
Tannis, Stan, Brittany, and Stacey were baking bannock over the fire. Rosalie was cooking soup. Rosalie was cooking bannock in the pan. Rosalie was cooking bannock.

By Tannis Richardson



We went to the bush. The students were cooking bannock over the fire. I had fun. Willinda, Tannis and Brittany's bannock fell in the fire. The soup and the bannock were good.

By Lucas Simpson



I like to go to the bush. When we got there, we picked up wood and branches. We made a big fire, and cooked meat and made soup. Therese cooked meat over the back of the fire. I had a good time. We went back on the boat and saw an eagle flying high in the sky. The eagle landed on the ice.

By Kyle Mantla



Two men and the boys helped each other put the tent up. Then we helped gather wood and some branches. I had a good time in the bush. On the way back we saw two eagles. One was high in the sky. The other one was sitting on the branches. I had a very good time in the bush.

By David Wedzin

I went to Frank Channel. I saw an eagle. He was looking for fish to eat. Then I saw another eagle. One eagle was on the ice. He was waiting to catch a fish for lunch. It was the biggest eagle I have ever seen. I like the eagle with a white neck and tail. It was a beautiful day to see it fly.

By Star Beaulieu



We went to the bush. Rosa made the soup. I went to the bus. I liked the bush. Everybody went on the boat. We ate meat. The fire was big. The bannock was good. Everybody got wood. I was cold. Everybody went back home.
By Tyler Sage



After we made a big fire, we gathered around the fire to cook. The men cut sticks for us to cook bannock. After we ate, everybody helped to put up the tent. The boys and girls gathered wood and branches. We collected pinecones, spruce gum, and leaves. We saw an eagle flying as we went back to the bus. I had a good time at the bush.

By Stacey Bouvier

I like to go to the bush. We went on the boat. I cooked bannock on a stick. It tasted good. I like meat and soup. The men helped us put up the tent, and we helped them.

By Colton Migwi



Rosalie helped us build a big fire. The girls and boys helped gather wood. I had a good time.
By Andrea Adzin



We went to the bush near Frank Channel. The men and the students gathered wood and made a big fire. The men put a pot of water on the fire for tea, and Adeline mixed the flour for bannock. Then everybody cooked their own bannock. Then we had a good time at the fish camp.

By Steven Crookedhand

I like to go to the bush. I like to eat bannock. Brittany, Stacey, and me cooked our own. I like to go on the boat. I like to play hide and goose. I helped put the pan out. I like to go in the boat under the bridge. I see a beautiful eagle flying over the nest. I help get the branches and put up the tent. I ate the soup. I ate the caribou meat. I ate bannock.

By Victoria Lafferty

SUPER SOCCER

This year we had Super Soccer. We had to leave from EMES on Friday at 2:30 p.m. We got in Yellowknife at 3:30 p.m., and we stayed at St. Patrick's High School.

Our first game was at 5:00 p.m. We won!! The boys that played for EMES won too. Two boys got kicked out. We wore red jerseys and yellow and black socks. Our next game was at 9:00 p.m. We won that game too!

We were all excited. At night we ordered pizza. The next day we had a game at 8:00 a.m. We won again. We had so much fun. There were two teams. We were called Team Blue. The other team was called Team White. The Team White lost one game. Then we had to cheer the other team because they played after us. Then we had no more games until the next day.

That night we went to the movies. We came back to the school at 11:30 p.m. We rented three movies. We were really tired.

The next day, on Sunday, we had our finals. We had to play at 10:30 a.m. We won that game too! Our next game was at 2:30 p.m. We lost that game. After that, some of us went to Centre Square Mall. I bought a big water gun. After that, we went to watch Michael's team. They won first place. The 14 and under boys won first place. We left Yellowknife at 5:00 p.m. We had a lot of fun.

*By Cassandra Camsell
Grade 6 CJBES*

SUPER SOCCER

This year we had Super Soccer. We had to leave Friday from EMES at 2:30 p.m. We arrived in Yellowknife at 3:30 p.m. Our game started at 5:00 p.m. at Weledeh Catholic School, but we got to Yellowknife, we ate and then we went to the school.

Then we watched the other girls play, and they were good. Then it was our turn, and we were nervous. But the good thing was that we won!

We were tired so we made our sleeping bags up, and then we went to sleep at 9:30 p.m.

The next day our game started at 8:00 a.m. We woke up at 7:00 a.m. Most of us washed our hair, and then we played. We won again, and we were so excited, especially our coach.

Then we went out for breakfast at the Red Apple. After we ate, some of us walked around, and then most of us went back to the school. Then we won every game except the last game. The next day, we went home, and we had lots of fun.

*By Genevieve Bekale
Grade 6 CJBES*

TRACK AND FIELD

There was going to be a Track and Field tournament taking place in Hay River. Catherine, Kasandra, Sherry, Vernon, Aaron and I went. We went around lunch time on July 2nd and got there the same day, but at 6:35 p.m. But it was sort of dark when we got there so we put our bags in the church where we were going to be sleeping. The boys had one side of the church, and the girls had the other side. We set up our sleeping bag and went to sleep.

The next day we woke up early. We ate, played tag to get started for our races and Todd and Seana took us to the store to get some candy. Then, while we were going back, Todd was driving on the bumpy part of the road.

When we got back, Todd dropped us off at the field, and he went to park the van beside the church. Then we went to the blanket on the grass, and we were looking for ladybugs. The time was 9:15, and I had my 50 metres race, and I was so excited! I actually came in first, but I had a tie with another girl from Hay River. Seana was so happy, and actually I was happy too! Then I had my 100 metre race, and I came in second! It was a great trip.

*By Tyanna Steinwand
Grade 4 CJBES*

SPECIAL STORIES AND POEMS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN YELLOWKNIFE

One day Genielle and I and my faithful dog went Christmas shopping. I got 100 dollars from my mom, and then we went to Yellowknife. It was three days before Christmas. I got a lot of stuff. The stuff I got, was a water bed for my sister, a giant doggy bone for Reo, a lizard for my brother Tim, a Buzz light for my little brother Joseph, a big car for my dad, a horse for my mom, a tape for Robin, and a puppy for Genielle.

We had a great day shopping, and everyone loved their presents!

*By Catherine Zoe-Martin
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MY FIRST COMMUNION

When it was my first Communion, I went to church, and we looked like little bright angels. I was scared and nervous, and first we walked into the church and the back of Father's table where he speaks. Then we all sang some of the Communion songs that were in the song book.

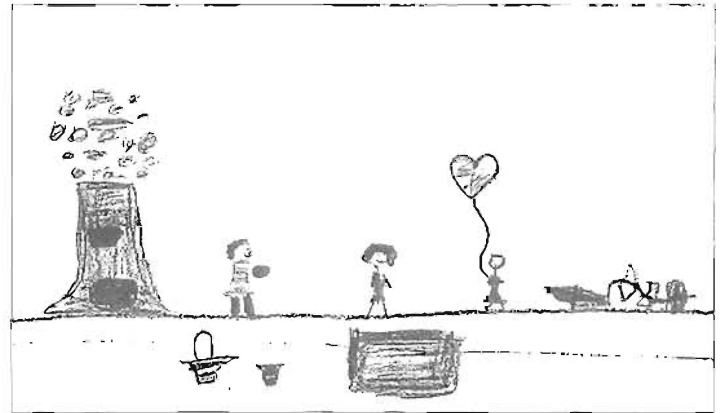
Then we got in line, and we drank God's blood, but it wasn't blood. It tasted like sour juice, and then we ate the bread. Then Father told us we had to stand outside of the church so the people could take our pictures.

Father told us that we had to go home and change because he didn't want our beautiful clothes to get dirty since our mothers paid lots of money for our good clothes. We went home, and Belinda and I had the same dresses that we use for the church. We went back home and changed, and when we got back to the church, I ate hotdogs and hamburgers.

When I got home, I told myself I had the best day of my life.

*By Lorris Wellin
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MY SUMMER STORY



We had a good summer swimming and playing. Some kids went to Lac Saint Anne. Some kids went to West Edmonton Mall and the circus. We had fun with our friends together.

*By Carla Simpson
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THE DRUNK MAN

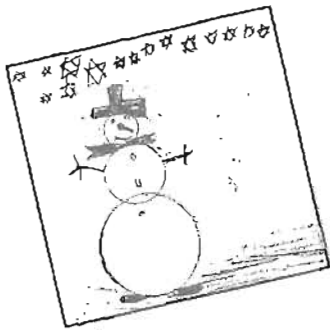
The man was drinking beer. He was fighting another man. They kicked the man out of the bar. They punched the man. He was bleeding. The police brought the drunk man to jail for ten years. It was ten years later. He went back to the bar. He was fighting the man. The policeman was at the bar. He saw the man fighting the same man. The policeman brought the drunk man to jail for twenty years. It was twenty years later. The man was driving a car fast. The policeman was chasing the man. The man robbed a store, and the policeman went to the store. The man was gone. The policeman went to buy donuts. The bad man had money. It was fall. He bought clothes. He wore the new clothes because his clothes were old.

*Patrick Adzin,
Grade 6 EMES*

MY FAVOURITE THINGS

My favourite books are Goosebumps.
My favourite food is pizza - any kind!
My favourite TV show is the Simpsons.
My favourite sports are hockey and soccer.
My favourite game to play is tag.
My favourite lessons are drum lessons.
My favourite gun is a 25-06.
My favourite video game is NHL 99.
My favourite hobby is play Pokemon.
My most favourite thing in the world is Pokemon.

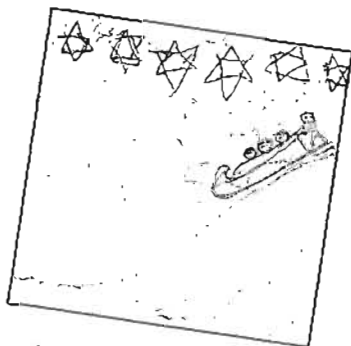
By James O'Brien
Grade 4 CJBES



MY SNOWMAN

This is my snowman. His name is Sam. I like my snowman.

By Nikki Lamouelle
Grade 1 AAS



SLIDING

Me and my friend are sliding down, down the hill. We had fun.

By Victoria Laboline
Grade 1 AAS

APRIL MISSES HER DAD

Once there lived a little girl named April. She lived with her mom. Her dad passed away when he went out on a cold day, and he froze.

April like to go berry picking. One day she found the biggest, juiciest blueberries ever. She took them home. April showed her mom, and she said, "Wow! I can't believe it! We can make blueberry pie for your birthday!"

"Yeah", said April. But that night she cried for her dad.

Her mom said, " Don't cry April, tomorrow is your birthday."

"Yes, I know, but I wish he was here."

April's mom said, "Just go to sleep."

"O.K."

So the next day, April said, "Mom. Wake Up! It's my birthday!"

"Yes, I know April," said her mom.

April said, "When will it be time for the party?"

"At three o'clock," said her mom.

So it was three o'clock. "April. Happy birthday!", said her friend. And the party was over. Now April is nine years old, and she never talks about her father again, only to her mom.

By Chantel Sangris
Grade 5 EMES

MY COMPUTER

Yesterday I was playing with the computer at my house. I was playing with my baby sister. I was typing on the computer and I was playing games on the computer.

By Amy Martin
Grade 3 EMES



MY MOM

This is my mom. I love my mom.

By Eric Laboline
Kindergarten AAS



MY SCHOOL

This is our school. I like my school. It is a big school.

By Tanya Quitte
Grade 1 AAS



CARIBOU

Hairy, strong,
mooring, grunting,
soft, smooth,
delicious, yummy,
smelly, stinky
caribou.

FISH

Scaly, fat
splashing, jumping,
soft, sticky,
delicious, good,
fishy, yummy,
fish.

By Charlynn
Tatschia
Grade 6 AAS

GOOD MANNERS

Be neat with your work.
Be polite with the people.
Respect property!

By Sonny Simpson
Grade 3 AAS

VAMPIRE

Flies, screams, walks,
wet, scary invisible
in the brown coffin
beside the quiet bed.
PUMPKIN
Drips, laughs, shines,
bumpy, spooky, funny
outside the house
in the haunted house.

MUMMY

Scares, howls, shouts
ugly, slimy black
under the moon
inside a castle tower.

By Josephine Tatschia,
Grade 4 AAS

THE FOUR SEASONS

Spring break
People come on winter road
Really warm
I like the bumpy road of the winter road
Now the snow is starting to melt
Going to the hot summer.
Summer is really hot
Under blue skies
My dad takes a boat ride
Me and my family go camping
Early in the morning the sun is up
Rains in the summer.

For more work, back to school
After fall it's winter
Lots of clouds in the sky
Leaves fall down from trees.
Winter is cold
It's almost Christmas
Nights are longer
The caribou are coming back
Everybody is dressed warm
Ready for the winter road again.
*By Becky Chocolate
Grade 7 JWGS*

HISTORY STORIES

THE HUNT FOR THE MAMMOTH

Long ago the first cavemen saw a flame of fire that came from the thunder. He never knew what it was, and I think he didn't know that it was hot until he burned his hand when he touched it. He just left the fire burning because he didn't know how to make the fire.

The cavemen slept in a cave and kept the fire to scare the fierce animals away from him.

The cavemen got to hunt the mammoth just for his meat. I think he crawled down on the ground slowly, and threw a spear in the mammoth's chest until the mammoth was dead. Then he ate the meat while it was warm.

*By Jonathon Simpson
Grade 8 AAS*

FUN LETTER

Newfoundland
August 3, 1592

Dear Mom and Dad,

I am on a sailing ship to the New World. I'm so lonely, and I'm hungry and scared. It's a long way to the New World. In three months, I'll be at the New World. It's too stormy and windy, and I guess it is a flat earth. I hope I'll see you soon.

Your daughter,

*By Heather Kodzin
Grade 7 AAS*

THE CAVEMAN GOES HUNTING

The caveman was starving, and his family was too. The brave caveman grabbed his spear, and he went looking for a mammoth. He saw one mammoth drinking water. He crawled to the mammoth, and he threw his spear very fast. He hit the mammoth, and

the mammoth fell slowly to the ground. The caveman danced around the bush to go pee. After he cut his meat, he took it back to his cave and gave it to his family.

*By Robert Judas
Grade 7 AAS*

MORE SPECIAL STORIES AND POEMS

MANY YEARS LATER

One day, there was a girl name Sylvia. Sylvia lived in the woods with her family. After a time they almost ran out of food so she decided to go into town to buy food and other supplies. On her way back, her snowmobile got stuck in the deep snow so she walked back to her house, but it began to snow heavily. Then she realized that she had gotten herself lost in this bad weather! For many, many days she walked and ate the food she had bought from the store.

Everyday it got colder and colder. Soon it stopped snowing, and she knew it was spring and the ice would break soon! She decided to live on an island. She made a shelter with trees and moss and stayed alive by eating berries and fish.

She stayed on that island for five years. Everyday she learned something new. She was now 19 years old.

One day she saw a footprint on the ground. At first she was scared and ran back to her house on the other side of the island. She stayed in her house for two days, but she was running out of food and water so she had no choice but to go outside and get food and water.

After she got what she needed, she decided to make some weapons because she did not know if the person or persons were friendly or mean. She made a spear out of wood and stone for the spear head. Then she decided to make a bow and arrows as well.

Day after day she looked around the island to see if there were other people. Once again she saw a footprint on the ground. Although she was still afraid, she followed it. She went through some bushes and saw people coming! They waved to her, and so she walked slowly to them and then, they both knew each other!! They were her family! They all cried for joy, and they went home to tell the good news.

*By Jasmine Blackduck
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HUNTING TRIP

Yesterday we went to the end of the lake with the students. When we got to Joe Boline's camp, I saw a caribou beside the water. Clive told me to take over the motor because he was going to shoot the caribou. Then Clive told me to shoot the caribou. I said, "O.K.!" The caribou ran into the bushes, and I never got to shoot the caribou. Clive started the motor again, and we took off. William stopped his boat and went on land for a smoke break. Then we went fishing. I caught one fish, and Jonathon caught two fish. We went back to the land. We stopped on the land, and Clive made a fire. We ate fish and tea. I ate hot dogs and took off. We saw more caribou in the water. William told me to take a picture of the caribou. Then William shot one caribou, and we went back to Snare Lake.

*By Gary Lafferty
Grade 8 AAS*



NORTHERN LIGHTS

See them dancing
their movements so free
streaks of colour across the sky

See them dancing
swaying as if moved by a breeze
bending and curling around the stars

See them dancing
now around the moon
is the man in the moon watching them?

See them dancing
I have to go now
goodbye my northern lights

*By Alanna Stauffer
Grade 10 MCS*

THE START OF OUR HUNTING TRIP

In the morning we went to school. Clive said, "We are going to the end of the lake to go fishing and hunting. Meet me at the lake and bring food for yourself and warm clothes."

Tracy, Heather, Lala, and I brought chips and pop, and we took food too. We took warm clothes. Lala gave me a jacket, and Heather lent me her hat. Tracy asked Lala, "Can you lend me your jacket?"

Lala said, "Yes, you can."

Tracy said, "Thanks Lala."

And the boys got ready to go. They took food and warm clothes, and they got ready. The girls went with William, and the boys went with Clive. The boys got in one boat, and the girls went in the other boat. We had to wait for Jonathon. He was at the store, and his mom drove him AS down to the lake. He got out of the van and went in the boat with the girls. Jonathon was beside William. We took off with the boat.

Nora said, "Noella is going to give you a fishing rod." William drove the boat to Noella's place. Heather got out and went to her house, and she came back with a fishing rod.

We took off to the end of the lake. It was fun! We almost tipped over two times, and we hit a rock too. Tracy kept talking a lot and William said, "Tracy, stop talking."

She kept talking and William wanted to switch to the boys' boat, but Clive said, "No, because they are naughty girls."

William said, "Tracy always keeps talking." It was around 12:00, and we stopped at a beach. William took the axe and cut the wood. He made a fire, and we ate weiners and chips and drank pop. We walked around.

William said, "We are going now." So we went to the boat and put the stuff back in the boat. We were still with William, and we switched Jonathon with Gary. We went back to Snare Lake.

*By Patricia Lafferty
Grade 8 AAS*

OUTSIDER

The feeling of a foe,
The place of sacrifice,
The glum of blissfulness.

Thus be true to be an
outsider within a place
where characteristics
are important.

Can a person really make
unprecedented suggestions?

But thy should not give up
on one whom will become
an orphan winning the hearts
and souls of Angels.

The feeling of glory,
The place of freedom,
The hope of subsequent love.

*By Arsenne Betsidea
Grade 10 MCS Wha Ti*

THE RUNNING MIND

My heart beats at a faster pace,
a drum with a powerful moving beat
body and soul free
As I run.

Faster and faster my feet fly
wandering mind
trouble-free
friends with the wind.
My spirit
Alive.

Running
clear my mind.
It soars
across the sky.
My heart will always run.

*By April Wetrade
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LOVE

Love what does it mean?
What I do know of love? It's just a word.
I cannot put Love in words or describe how it
is. We say love is like a rose.
Does it grow on you like a flower in mid
winter?

Love is what we do for one another.
We help the ones in need, the ones that are
weak and those who are feeling down.

Love is but an obstacle.
The challenge to beat evil in the war.
The war against love and evil.
Lovers fighting through endless battles of
discrimination.

The vast world of love, evil and freedom.
Everyday, lovers are unforgotten.
World of two troubled turtledoves tremble in
love.

What do pets have and we don't.
A love that cannot be beat.
A love of a child.
Love cannot be put in words.
But we can show love.

*By Derek R. Beaverho
Grade 10 MCS*

THESE THINGS ARE GOOD AND BAD

These things are good;
Wind against my face,
Ice-cream in my mouth,
Money in my pocket,
Food in my stomach,
And sun shinning on my face.

These things are a drag;
Hole in my sock,
Rain on my face,
No money in my pocket,
No food in my stomach,
And the sun shinning on my face.

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VALLEY

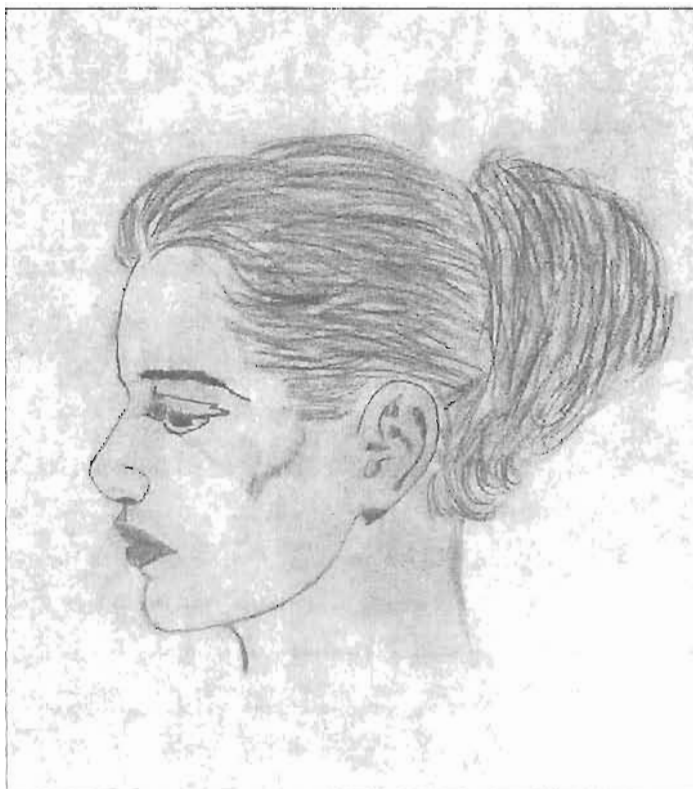
Crystalline waves
Wash over me
And again I ask
To be free
From a world of wonder
And a world of fear
A world whose end
Ever nears
Forest Path
Bathed in light
Another Place
Another sight
A blue jay sings
A song of joy
Hiding nymphs
So quietly coy
Wind
And fire
Deserted
Desire
Mountain top
Raised hands
Touch the sky
Sandy waves
Coated cliffs
Dusted Winds
Valley of rifts
Dried lakes
Rise with the smoke
To the world above
Fly like the night
With a twist
Leathered wings
Turn to mist

*By Valerie Chocolate
Grade 7 JWGS*

THE GIRL WHO RAN AWAY

Once there was a girl named Donna. She lived in an old house. Her mom said they were going to have a new house but they didn't so she ran away. She never came back until they got a new house. When she ran away they were finding her but they couldn't. They had a new house. Then she came back, her mom never will have an old house again. Then they lived in Hay River and got a new house. Now she was on her own. She had an old house but the outside of the house was new. The inside was old but she didn't care She lived happily ever after.

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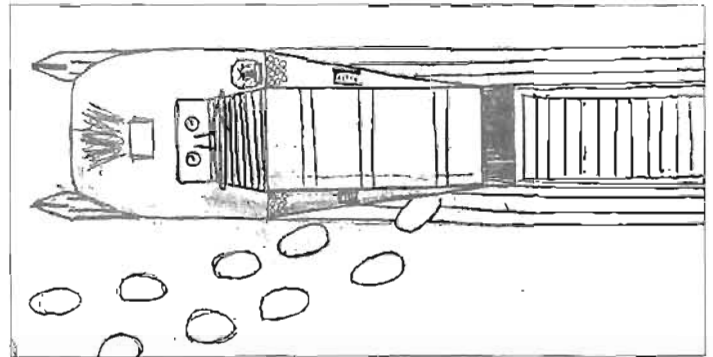


*By Daniel Wedawin
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THE KING OF THE WORLD

One day a monster was coming out of his cave. He started to eat all the people and take over the world. He was the king. He started to eat all the people again and he destroyed the world.

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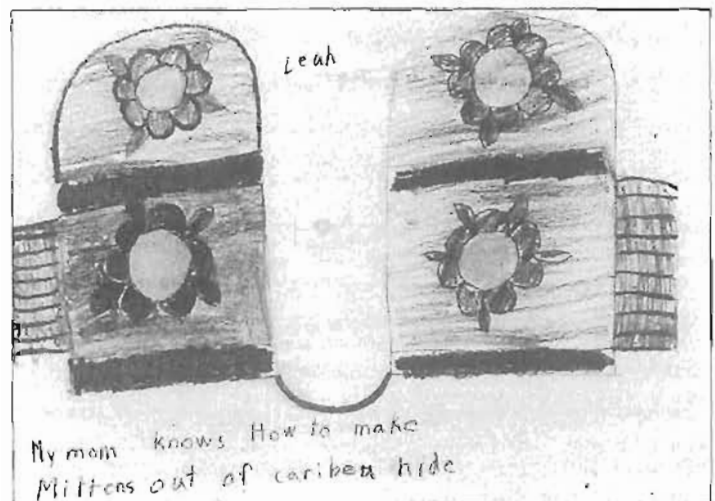


By Kelvin Lafferty, Grade 5 EMES

THE BAD LUCK PEOPLE

The bear was killing people and the people ran to their house and closed their windows and doors. They went to Yellowknife and a twister went to Yellowknife. They went to a house boat and a shark came to the house boat and the house boat sank. The shark ate them and a man came to shoot the shark.

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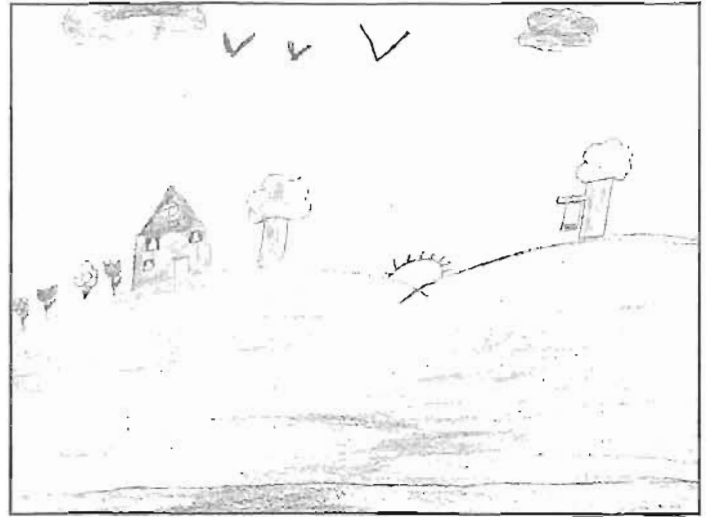


*By Leah Chocolate
Grade 3 JWGS*

APRIL GOES OUT FOR A WALK

Once there lived a girl named April. She lived with her grandma and grandpa. She went for a walk all day. She was supposed to come home at 6:00 but her friends did not let her go home until two days. When she went home her grandma and grandpa got mad at her. When she went home April did not go out again and her friends never came back again. She lived happily ever after.

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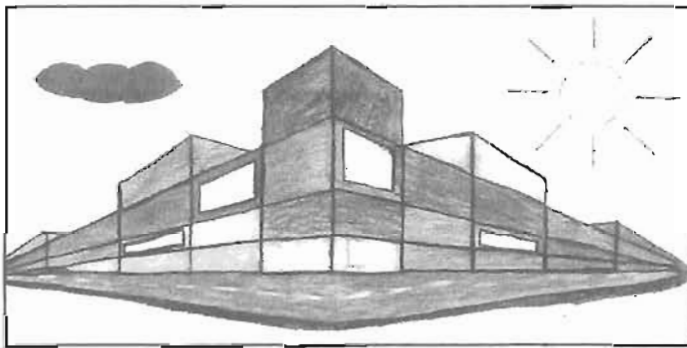


*By Jesse-Ann Arrowmaker
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GRIZZLY'S RAMPAGE

Once there was a Grizzly bear that went on the hunt for people. He went to a scientist's lab. He saw a shrinking machine. He went in. A doctor pushed a button then the bear grew bigger and bigger. The doctor fainted dead away. It was a giant. It rampaged half of the city of New York. He saw Godzilla. He taught Grizzly all the moves he knew. Grizzly was ready to destroy the world. But 50 jets were after him. They launched 100 missiles at him and 100 more. Then he was dead. They found out that the bear was from the N.W.T.

*By Mason Mantla
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*By Juanita Mantla
Grade 6 JWGS*

I SAW A GOLD EAGLE

I was walking in the bush. I saw a gold eagle. I was hiding between some rocks. I ran to my house and took my dad's shotgun. I missed. I wasted the last bullet. I put the shotgun back. I took a rock and I throw and I missed and I took another rock. I heard the gold eagle fall from the tree. I saw a cut on the eagle, and the eagle was dead. I was sad. I buried the eagle and I walk home. I went to my bedroom, and I went to sleep.

*By Jeremy Mantla
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*By Ryan Chocolate
Grade 5 JWGS*

GABRIEL'S SOUP

A witch named Gabriel wanted to win a contest for best tasting magic brew. The contest was the next day. Then Gabriel thought of which one of her recipes she could use. Then she finally made a decision. She chose the *Chicken Legs and Lizard Heads* recipe. So she started to put things into her cauldron. First she put in four chicken legs, two lizard heads, some pepper, a spoonful of salt, one cup of tomato juice, cut up celery, and one cup of water. Then she tried to add the frog potion, but she wasn't looking so she accidentally took the sleeping potion, and then she poured the sleeping potion into the soup. Then she stirred it until it got more smooth or soft.

Gabriel enjoyed making soup so she made enough soup to serve over one hundred people and in every huge pot of soup she made, she used the sleeping potion instead of the frog's breath potion. She didn't realize she had made so many pots of soup, and she thought, "What am I going to do with all this soup?"

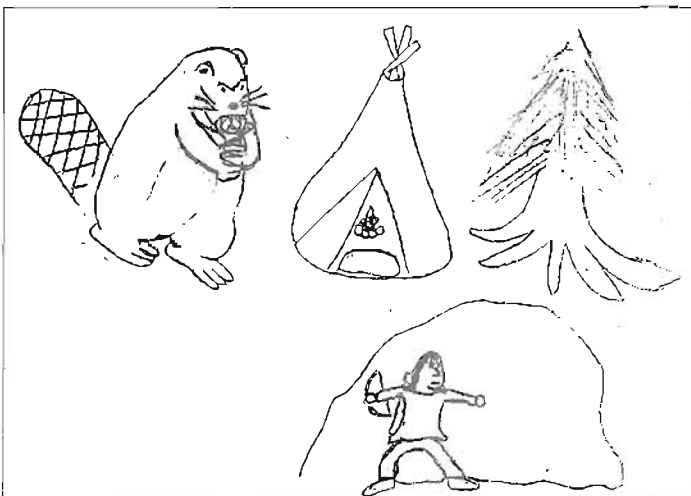
Then she figured out what to do. She was going to give the other witches some if they wanted it tomorrow. Gabriel didn't taste the soup

because she was too tired from making too much soup. She went straight to bed.

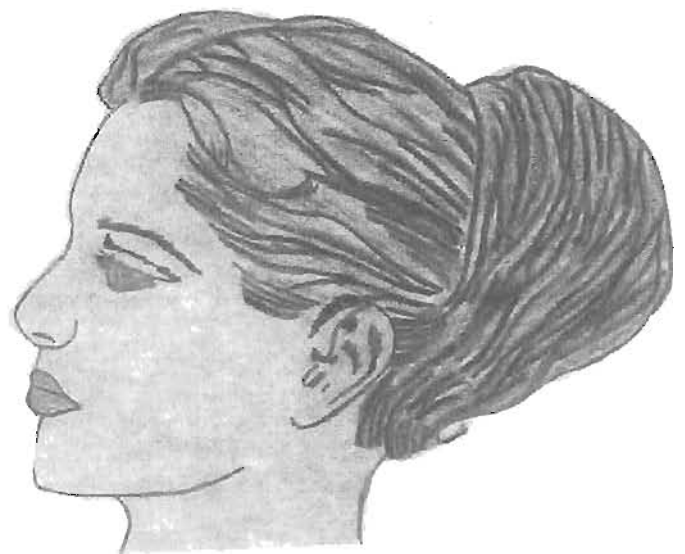
The next day, Gabriel brought all of the pots of soup to the arena in the gym. There must have been about one hundred people there. There were three judges—one was a vampire, another was a werewolf, and the other one was a mummy. The contest had just started so Gabriel took a bowl of soup and put it on the table. Then she stood beside it. The judges went to Gabriel at her table, and they each tasted Gabriel's soup, and they thought it was fantastic!! She won the contest and received a gold medal. Then everybody in the whole arena wanted some of her delicious soup. Gabriel said, "Sure. There's enough for all of you!"

Then after everybody had drunk her soup, they all fell asleep. When Gabriel saw that everybody had fallen asleep, she had only one word to say, "OOPS!" (Gabriel then figured out she had put some of the sleeping potion inside all of the soups.)

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By Mason Mantla,
Grade 4 EMES



By Cory Mantla
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