

Young Writers Young Readers 2023



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**West Chester Writing Project
Young Writers/Young Readers
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We came together from different places and different experiences. We are leaving with new ideas, and new friends. During these past two weeks, we tried out many writing strategies and structures. We made lists during our brainstorming sessions. Our lists included nouns and adjectives we used to describe ourselves and introduce ourselves to other writers. In preparation for our color poems, we had a carousel walk to find as many examples as possible.

We tried our pencils at different kinds of poetry: Acrostic, Cinquain, Haiku, and rhyming. We used different structures for writing including writing stories, opinions, and letters. We also had free write time. Exploring literature which included similes and onomatopoeia examples, helped us find ideas we could try in our own writing. We read many books as inspiration.

Conferring with the teacher also encouraged writers to return to their work and try and stretch themselves a bit. In this anthology you will read the pieces that the children selected as their favorite pieces from this session.

I thank the parents and guardians who believe that writing and reading skills are to be valued and nurtured in our children. We appreciate your interest in your child's literacy development.

Rita DiCarne
WCWP writing teacher

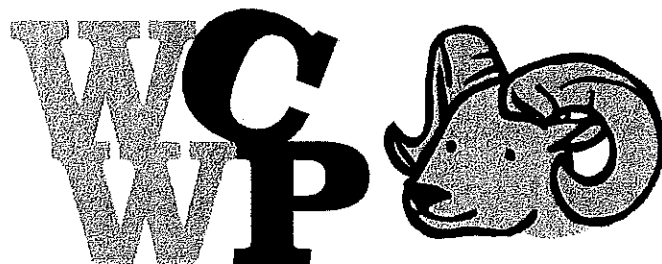


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The Day the Video Game Quit

Dear Will,

Why haven't you used me in two months?

I am sad, and I am eaving to go to New York where

I might get more action.

Your lonely friend,

MLB Video Game



Summer

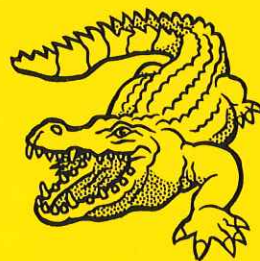
I like to play video games with my friends. I also like to play basketball.

Alligators Haiku

They are in danger

Alligators are in need

They are really mean



About the Author

Will Beachy just finished first grade. He going in to 2nd grade. Will lives in Virginia and is 8 years old . My favorite animal is a Boxer dog.

My Favorite Food

My favorite thing to eat for dinner is spaghetti. I like meatballs on spaghetti. I like slurping spaghetti; it's the best way to eat it. I like butter on it because I don't like sauce.



Story Outline

Setting: a dark forest

Characters : Adam, werewolf

Problem : The werewolf wants eat Adam.

Adam was in the forest camping. He was up until 10:30. He started to hear werewolves but there was only one sneaking up on him. The werewolf was running to eat him. Then Adam noticed the werewolf. Adam started running. He out ran the wolf until day. The Were wolf was coming the next night.

The next came and Adam made a trap. As he was running from the werewolf, he fell into his own trap. To be continued...



What is Pink ?

Pink is the eraser in my pencilcase that helps me when I make mistakes

Pink is flamingos that stand on one leg in the water

Pink the sunset that is bright in the sky on a summer night.

About the Author

Adam Farhat is in second grade. He lives in Pennsylvania, but he wants to live in Beverly Hills. Adam likes pink.

Family

I love my sister because she takes good care of me.

I love my dad because he loves me.

I love my mom because she buys me clothes,
and I am thankful for that.



Fireflies

(Story Retelling)



Once upon a time there was a firefly in the dark, and a boy gets his jar and catches fireflies. Fireflies are in a jar, and they light up a room. The fireflies start to die and the kid lets the fireflies go.

The Day the Balloons Quit

Dear Christopher,

There was a thorn near, Light Blue, my balloon friend and that popped the balloons and the string broke. You held me too close to the rose bush. We quit because we keep popping .

Your friend,

Purple Balloon



About the Author

Christopher Harris is going into second grade. He is 6 years old.

Christopher lives in West Chester with his mom, and dad, and sister.

My Favorite Food

My favorite food is macaroni. I love it because you can add toppings, and you can make it in different ways. You can eat different shaped macaroni. My kind of topping are meat, tomatoes, and cheese. Macaroni is yummy .



FAMILY

I love my family because my dad is funny, and he loves tickling me . My mom is kind, and she loves me. My grandmother is nice, and she gives me a kiss. My uncle is handsome, and he loves me as well. My brother is nice, and he loves me.

About the Author

Zoe Harris is going into and grade. She lives in PA. Zoe is cool.

ZOE

Zoo

Outstanding

Excited

Happy

Artist

Rabbits

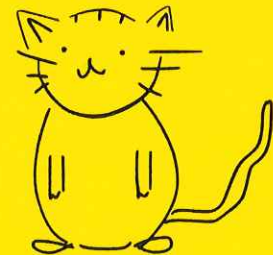
Really kind

Ice cream

Summer

Haiku

Cats are sometimes mean
Cats scratch a lot of people
Cats have eye sand teeth



What is green?

Green is the color of the
green grapes in my garden,
the colors of the walls in my dining room,
and my art project about the forest.

The Lonely Firefly

Once upon a time there was a firefly named Timmy, and his parents were taken by a human. He wanted to get revenge, and he went and went until he found the human's house. But that wasn't the end. So he escaped and got his parents, and they escaped. But the human was right on their blinking light and he almost got the fireflies, and they got away in the end.



My Favorite Food

My favorite food to eat for dinner is mac 'n cheese.
Mac 'n cheese is the best with hot sauce.
My grandmom makes the best mac 'n cheese.
Mac 'n cheese is delicious with sausage.
Mac n cheese is the best!

About the Author

David is kind and nice and is going into 3rd grade. David's also a book reader and a writer. He is a good friend, and he practices baseball, soccer, and even football .

The Day the Umbrella Quit

Dear Annette,

You haven't used me a little, not even a tiny bit.

I want you to use me on rainy day please.

If you don't use me one more time then I will find
a different owner! You don't want that do you?

I know you don't, so please use me
for once, or I will be super mad.

Umbrella



Annette

Awesome

Nice

Not mean

Excellent

Terrific

Taekwondo

Easy to count on



My Favorite Food

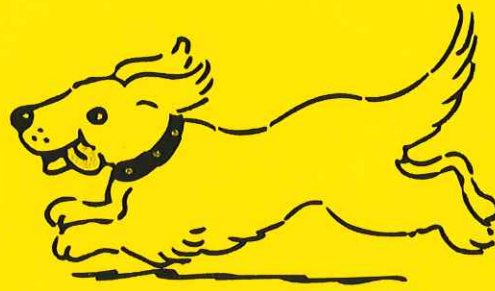
My favorite food is rice cake soup . It is my favorite because it is easy to chew, It's in the shape of my favorite shape, an oval. The soup also tastes good . It tastes like rice ball and rice ball tastes very yummy. The rice cake soup tastes delicious, and it makes me feel happy when I eat it.

About the Author

Annette lives in Allentown with her sister, Rene, and her mom and dad. The rest of her family lives in Korea. Annette is going into second grade.

Puppies Haiku

Puppies are noisy
puppies are naught and cute
Puppies are fluffy



Svarsa (Cinquain)

Svarsa
Who likes to draw
Who is compassionate
Savas is nice and so kind
Oldest

Family

My sister is very nice, and I love to play with her. My mom is very kind, and she helps me in a lot of ways. She wakes me up, makes dinner for me, and even helps me do my homeworks. My dad helps me with mits and takee sme romy matches. My cousins are so helpful, They play games with me plus the cheer me up when I am sad.

About the Author

Sritha Kovour lives with her parents and sister, She is 8 years old, and she lives in Downingtown, PA. Sritha is going into third grade.

Rain

Rain comes down high high from the sky
pitter patter on a car
the rain goes far
the rain does wide splash splash
children splash in puddles on the side
now the sun starts to shine
look there's a rainbow in the sky,



Cinquain

Michael
Is a banker
Stays up too late with friends
Very compassionate banker
First born

Fireflies

Once upon a time three fireflies called Charlotte, Sritha, and Annette, and they were sisters. Annette was the youngest. Charlotte was the second youngest, and Sritha was the oldest. One day when the sisters were asleep an evil owl came and kidnapped them and brought them to its office. But then a butterfly rescued them. The fireflies thanked it by giving it a lot of flowers, and they all went home to rest and sleep peacefully.



About the Author

Charlotte Li has finished first grade and is going to second grade.
She lives in Malvern. Her favorite colors are pink, gold, purple, blue, and red.
Charlotte is seven years old.

What is blue?

Blue is the color of blueberries going
into you're mouth.

Blue is the backpack I
always throws on the floor.

Blue is when no clouds are in the sky.



Haiku

Clouds are turning gray
It is starting to ran now
Raining very hard

Mother (Cinquain)

My mom

Compassionate

Her name is Houpingyin

Mom to Benjamin and Charlotte

Mother



About the Author

Ethan Wu has finished 2nd grade. He is going to third grade.

He lives in Glen Mills. Ethan has two brothers, one sister and a mom
and dad. He is 8 years old he's going to Garnet Valley Elementry School
He used to be in Concord Elementry.

PURPLE

Purple is royal and regal and
proud.
It can be muted, or it can
be loud.

In the kitchen purple can
be small or big
Eggplants and onions;
cabbage and fig

Purple is hyacinths,
verbena, and aster.
It's also in sunsets over the
pasture.

If you're Prince, you see
purple in the rain.
If you're clumsy, you see it
after the pain.

Purple has many names;
here are some:
amethyst, lavender,
magenta, and plum.

Summer Haiku

Sunroof opened wide
Radio turned up full blast
Summer is heaven!

Baseball Memories

The crack
of the bat
brings me back

to the flagstone patio,
where we listened
to Phillies' home games

on the transistor radio
broadcasted from
Connie Mack Stadium.

Richie Ashburn,
Byron Saam,
Harry Kalas,

their voices
were the voices
of a simpler time.



About the Author

Rita DiCarne teaches ELA at Our Lady of Mercy RCS. She married her high school sweetheart. Rita has two children. She is most proud of her title of Nona to her four grandchildren. Rita likes to read, write, and listen to music in her spare time.

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Animals - Onomatopoeia

Bark! Bark! Mark's dog wants to wake up.

Meow! Meow! Marks cat really likes her breakfast.

Skitter! Skitter! A mouse skitters around the neighborhood.

Quack! Quack! Ducks are happily swimming in the lake.

Peck! Peck! A woodpecker is pecking on Mark's tree.

Zoom! Zoom! A motorcycle is driving past Mark's house.

Yum! Yum! Mark enjoys his breakfast too.

Grandma and the Great Gourd

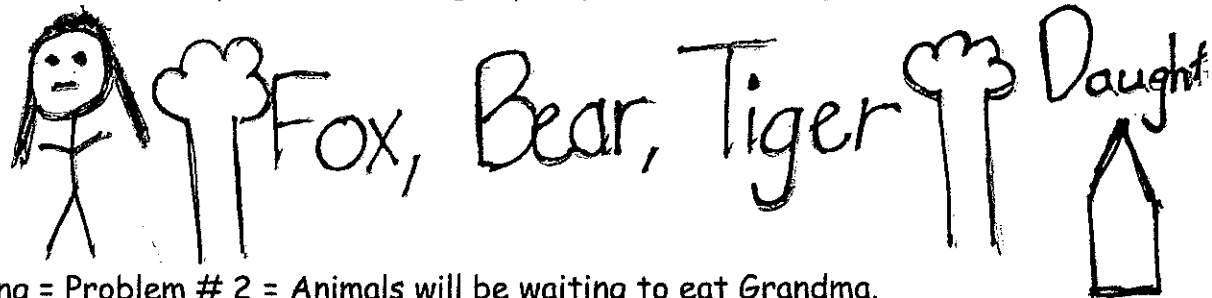
(Story analysis)

Setting = Bengali, India in a forest

Characters = Grandma, daughter, grandchildren, bear, fox, tiger, dogs.

Problem = Grandma goes to get through the forest, even it has a fox, a bear, and a tiger.

Solution = Grandma says that she will get plump while returning from her daughter's house



Returning = Problem # 2 = Animals will be waiting to eat Grandma.

Solution = Grandma gets past the bear and the tiger by hiding inside the gourd.

Problem # 3 = The fox breaks the gourd , and is going to eat her

Solution #3 = Grandma's dogs save Grandma's life.

Kritarth

Kind

Racer

Intelligent

Thoughtful

Athlete

Ready for everything

Tons of classes

Humble

About the Author

Kritarth is 8 years old and lives in West Chester Pennsylvania. He is going to fourth grade, and at Pocopson Elementary. His hobbies are swimming, and reading.

CANDY

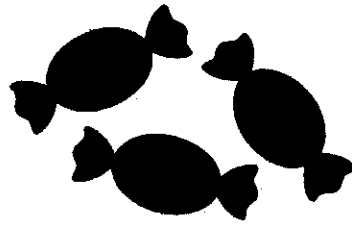
Chocolate chips

Almond fudge

Nerds too

Delicious flavors

Yum yum



Rain

Rain drops pouring all around,
Pitter patter on the ground,
Then there were crash of sound,
It crashed so hard it shook the ground
The the rain will drizzle and slow,
We can jump it the the puddles below
the cloud part to show the sung
So we can have lots of fun !



About the Author

Dhara Bhanushali lives in Malvern, PA and goes to General Wayne Elementary School. She likes nature and watching television. In her free time, she also likes to write and read.

Cats

"Meow," said my cat and ran away. Vroom Vroom, and she's under the bed.

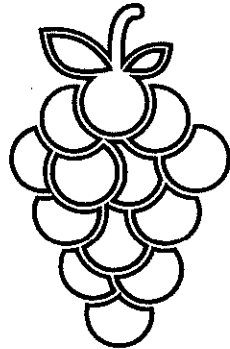
"Moly," I said gently

"Meow," she said in a scared way.

"Are you okay?" I asked. It was the lawn mower sound that scares Moly away
I brought her to the quietest room in the house. She slowly opened her eyes.

"Meow."

She is so cuddly.



What is Purple?

What is purple ?

Grapes, lavender, and some flowers

That is purple.

Purple is also grape ice cream
and scented playdough.

Purple can also be eggplants and plums.

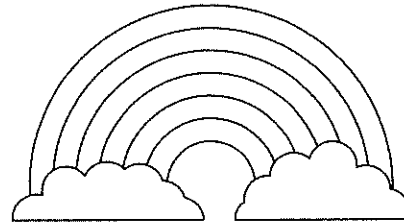
Purple is great!

Haiku

Rainbows are pretty

They come with water and sun

I really like rainbows



I really like blue

I also like blue jays

I like blue so much

About the Author

Ayra Feroz lives in Glen Mills PA. Ayra is going into third grade in the Garnet Valley School District. She was born in 2015 and is now eight years old.

Seneca

Super fun to play with
Excellent
Never tiered
Everlasting fun
Cute
Awesome

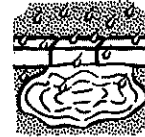


Fireflies

Facinating
Incredible
Remarkable ..
Entertaining
Flying
Lighting up the sky
Incredible
Exetent at flying.
Small

Haiku

Rain is coming soon
We should go jump in
puddles
I love puddles



I love my puppy
She's very cute and
awesome
And loves belly rubs



Trees are very tall
Tress are tall and beautiful
Tress are brown and green

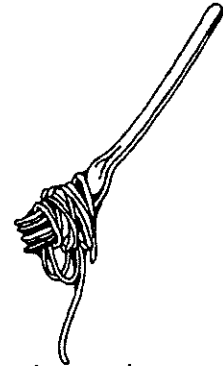


About the Author

Vivian Gross lives in Pennsylvania, She is going into 3rd grade. She goes to GreystoneElementary School. Vivian Gross has threesiblings, two sisters and one brother. She has one dog named Seneca.

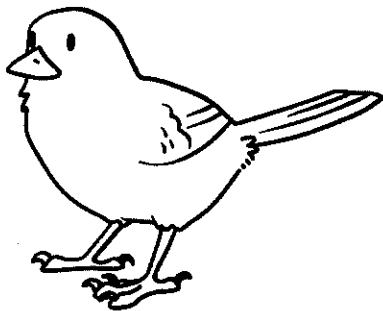
If You Want to Find Blue

If you want to find Blue
look up to the sky or
go to the sparkling ocean
You can go to the market and see
the blueberries
If you want to find blue
go to the clothing store and
got some blue jeans



My Favorite Food

My favorite thing to eat for dinner is pasta. I like it because it can be served in many ways. I also like it because it can come in many flavors. Pasta is delicious.



Haiku

Birds

Cardinals, bluejays, wrens
Up in the sky flying high
Watch them soar up - down

About the Author

Maddie Hagan lives in West Chester. She likes to play outside. She is going into fourth grade, and her animal is an axolotl. Maddie likes to read and write. She also likes to swim.

OCEAN

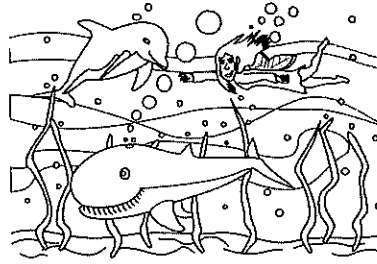
Octopus

Cootic cutter shark

Eco system

Angler fish

Neon creatures



Bunnies

I have two bunnies. Their names are Twix and Crystal. Crystal is a lionhead, and Twix is a lop. They live in my basement.

We take them out almost every day. My bunny is Crystal and My sister's is Twix. Twix has floppy ears, and Crystal has straight ears. Bunnies are the best!



Haiku

Animals are cool

There are many animals

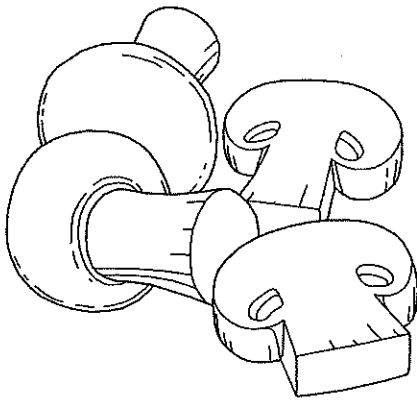
Cat, dog, bird, turtle

About the Author

Claire Henry is 8 years old, and she lives in Springfield. Her favorite color is teal. Her favorite animal is a panda and axolotl. Claire is going into 3rd grade at Sabold Elementary School. She loves to paint and color. She has two bunnies and two sisters. Claire's favorite thing to do is play with her bunnies outside .

Puppies

Puppies knock things over.
They make a scary noise.
Like when glass shatters,
They makes this noise
Smash Splat!



Mushroom Haiku

I enjoy mushrooms
Mushrooms are very yummy
Mushrooms are the best

My Dreams

My dream is to be a vet and a foster for dogs.

About the Author

Isabelle Klein is going into 3rd grade. She lives with her mom and dad. She is all ready eight years old. Isabel loves pets like dogs .

Water Ice

Watermelon

Apircot

Tropical Punch

Even mango

Raspberry

It is very yummy

Cola

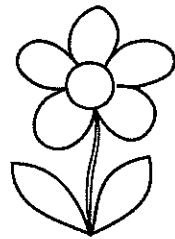
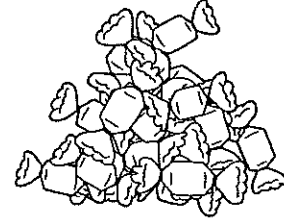
Extra special treat

CANDY HAIKU

Candy is so sweet

There are many different types.

Candy is the best.



Flowers (Cinquain)

Flowers

Smell really nice

Nectar is good for bees

Bees collect nectar for honey

Nature



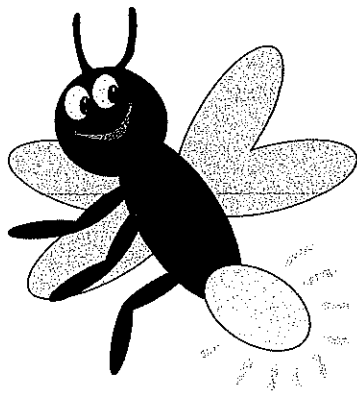
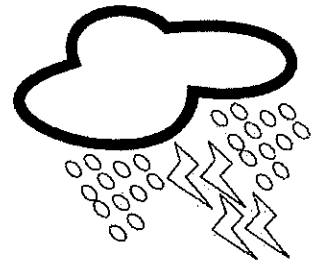
About the Author

Ishani is seven and is turning eight on January 1st, New Years. Ishani was born in 2016. She is going into second grade. Ishani lives in Exton and goes to Collegiate Charter School. She went to Dallas to meet her cousin in July and has one brother.

Thunderstorm

Thunderstorm, thunderstorm big, loud, and white,
Thunderstorm, thunderstorm makes a flashing light

Thunderstorm, thunderstorm looks like a plant root
Thunderstorm, thunderstorm I come out when it rains.



Firefly

Firefly looks so bright
it looks like a bright sky
reading in the blue blue sky
eating a good dinner at night
fireflies fireflies like the sun
liking a beautiful night
it will almost look yellow in the sky
Eight fireflies got caught by me
Seven of the fire flies got away

About this Author

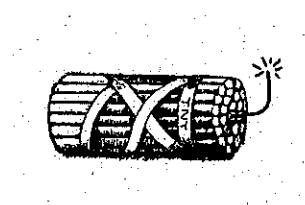
JJ Lin is a boy who is going into 3rd grade. He lives in Pennsylvania. His school is Hillside Elementary School, and his favorite food is fish and sushi.

Haiku

Mine craft is awesome
Beat the giant Ender dragon.
Netherites OP

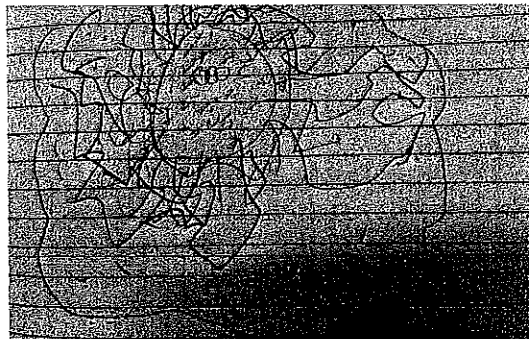
TNT

TNT goes boom and destroys many things near it. TNT stands for Tri Nitro Taluean, It is very deadly.



Space Beast S.U.P.E.R Beasts

The space beast ws the first beast created by the god beast. Hello, I am the space beast and the creator of the dark beast and the planet beast.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Shawn Martin lives in West Chester with his wonderful parents and his lucky pencil. He loves to make comics ... especially with his friends. Together they have made great series, especially Super Chicken, Shawn was born in 2014 and is eight years old. Here are SOME things Shawn likes Minecraft, Pokemon, Youtube, and Fortnite. He and his friends like to make comics and make up all sorts of fun games,

If You Want to Find Lavender

If you want to find lavender
You can go in a garden for the flower lavender
You could see a gardener with - a lavender hat
You could also see a lavender boots
the gardener.



Day Through Night

"Chirp, chirp, chirp." "Cock a doodle do." Everybody wakes up because it's morning! Kids get ready and to to school while adults go to work. Kids learn to do math, english, and how to write.

Parents have jobs. Parents can be nurses, doctors, police, scientis, a teacher, or a vet. People do many things during the day. Kids to out to play, or they can be on vacation. They can also do some homework. Parents might be doing their job until night!

Night is when you could have dinner, or a movie night, or a sleepover sometimes. When you are done you get ready for bed. "Yawn." Tomorrow is another day.



Firefly

Flying

Insects

Really small but

Ever so fast

Far in the forest

Light goes with them

You can even catch them

About the Author

Aahana Mehra lives in Pennsylvania. She has written and drawn two books that have been self- published. She is going into third grade. Aahana wants to be a artist when she grows up, and she is a bit clumsy, but she is not a promise breaker. She loves the color lavender because it reminds her of the flowers lavender and how it smells.

Fireflies

Fascinating

Incredible

Remarkable

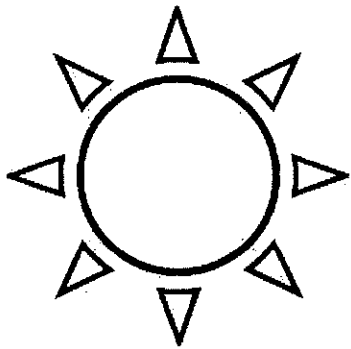
Entertaining

Flying

Lighting up the sky

Everybody likes to catch them

Summer visitor



Summer

Sunsets are beautiful

Umbrellas for rain showers

Mint chocolate chip ice cream

Mango

Enjoying hot, summer, weather

Relax and recharge

Summer Fun

My favorite thing to do in the summer with my friends is to go to the pool. I like to go to the pool when it is hot out. Hot days are good to go with your friends to the pool.

About the Author

Madeleine Melcher loves purple dogs. She is going into 3rd grade. Madeleine likes to cuddle with Cocoa, her dog. Her favorite books are the Magic Tree House books.

Fireflies

Fireflies are amazing

I love them

Really small

Even fast

Flying so fast

Lightning bugs are really cool

In the forest far away

Everybody loves to catch them

Something about them is super special



The Big Thunder Storm

Clouds are filling up the sky.

The wind is zooming low and high.

Soft raindrops are falling down.

Really big splashes on the ground.

Then the rain begins to pour -

even more splashes on the board

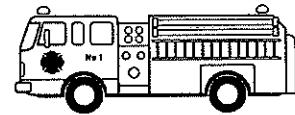
The thunder is banging behind the clouds. Bam, Bam, Bam big and loud.

Soon everybody will come out their doors really slowly and will jump around in puddles below.

The clouds will part to show the sun. The big thunderstorm is finally done .

Red

If you want to find red go to the fire station and you'll find firetrucks and more. You can go to the store and find really ummy strawberries. You can also pick yummy fruit from the ginormous apple trees!



About the Author

Shivnay Shethi is eight years old and is going into 3rd grade at Pocopson Elementary School. Shivnay was born in 2015. He has an older brother who is 11 and a younger sister who is three years old. Shivnay likes to play video games when he has time.

Firefly

Fireflies are awesome .

I see them every summer night.

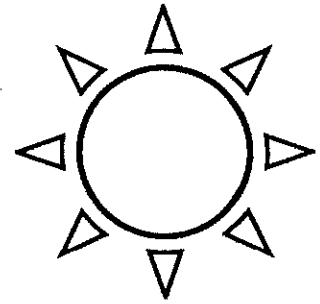
Running to catch them is really fun.

Eventually we let them go

Flying fast last in the night sky

Lots of them in own neighborhoods.

You would love to see their glowing lights.



Summer

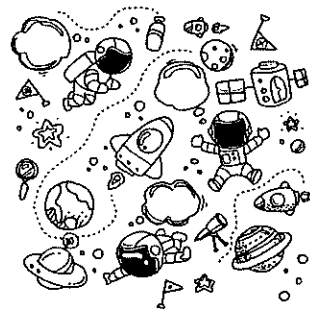
My favorite thing to do with my friends during summer is playing video games, playing basketball, football, baseball, and cricket. We also play inside each other's houses. We have lots of play dates, sleep overs, and parties. Summer is really fun!

HAIKU

Space is really cool

There are so many planets

Space is really cool



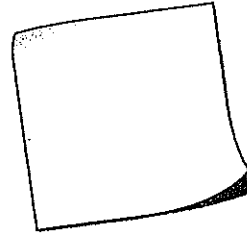
About the Author

Srivas is nine years old. He lives in Pennsylvania. He is going into 3rd grade.

Srivas' favorite color is blue. He likes to play outside .

The Day the Paper Quit

Dear Abishek,
I am very tired of being used
the most. The other papers
are very clean. When are you going
to give me a break?
your overworked pal,
White paper



My Favorite Thing

My favorite thing to do with my friends is playing basketball. This is because I Am on a team. Also my friend is on a different team. I also like to play video games with my friends. This is because my friend and I play a game called Blox Fruits.

The Jungle Trip

Once upon a time there was a man who lived with a monkey, but the man had to go and hunt. So he had to go to the jungle. He used a bow and arrow. He caught a deer. While he was taking his deer home, a big elephant came. The man got scared. The elephant wanted to stomp on him. He gave him a banana. Then he found a bear. The bear opened his mouth, but the man said, "I will give him a piece of the deer."

Dark Beast

Hi! I am the dark beast created by the space beast. The dark beast is very evil. It is the worst beasts of all beasts.

About the Author

Abishek Subramaina plays basketball.

He lives in a community where his other family members live too. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona on October ninth and is seven years old. Abishek is going into 3rd grade at MCH School. He has one brother in middle school.

PURPLE

Purple is royal and regal and
proud.

It can be muted, or it can
be loud.

In the kitchen purple can
be small or big
Eggplants and onions;
cabbage and fig

Purple is hyacinths,
verbena, and aster.
It's also in sunsets over the
pasture.

If you're Prince, you see
purple in the rain.
If you're clumsy, you see it
after the pain.

Purple has many names;
here are some:
amethyst, lavender,
magenta, and plum.

Summer Haiku

Sunroof opened wide
Radio turned up full blast
Summer is heaven!

Baseball Memories

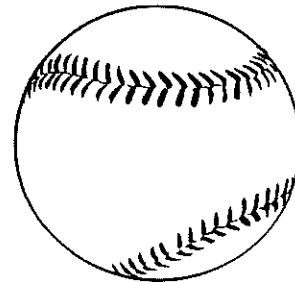
The crack
of the bat
brings me back

to the flagstone patio,
where we listened
to Phillies' home games

on the transistor radio
broadcasted from
Connie Mack Stadium.

Richie Ashburn,
Byron Saam,
Harry Kalas,

their voices
were the voices
of a simpler time.



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