

# Writing Adventures At Longwood Gardens

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**Growing Young Readers and Young Writers  
at Longwood Gardens**

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*Patty Koller and Andi Ries, Teachers*

## Introduction

Our 2016 Writing Adventures anthology was shaped and informed by the sharing of various mentor texts throughout the week to model author's craft. As writers, we tried out these strategies for ourselves while exploring various locations in the gardens. This process not only resulted in the rich pieces of writing you see in this anthology, but in the development of each of us as individual writers.

Throughout the week we used the work of many additional authors to stretch our thinking as readers, writers, scientists and poets as we worked to create this blended genre text.

As you to turn the pages of this anthology, we invite you to join us in our celebration of a week-long adventure of writing in the magical place that is Longwood Gardens!

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# About the Authors

## Alexander Angelov

Alexander is nine years old. He loves to swim. His favorite stroke is breaststroke. He also likes dive and do flip turns in the pool. His favorite book series is Wings Of Fire. His favorite book in the series is The Brightest Night. The part he likes the most is when Sonny finds her mother and father.

## Gianna Bergin

Gianna is ten years old. She has one dog named Emily and a sister. Gianna plays soccer and lacrosse. She also does swimming in the summer. She likes rock climbing too. Gianna lives in Wallingford. She goes to Wallingford Elementary School and is going into 5th grade.

## Avery Chandler

Avery is nine years old and loves Tim Burton movies and drawings. She has a younger brother named Ethan and a beagle named Chelsea, who does nothing but sleep. Her entire family loves the 80's. From 80's music to 80's movies. She likes to play defense in soccer and loves Marvel Superheroes. Also, she just finished *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Her favorite movie is Jim Henson's *Labyrinth*.

## Livia Corbitt

Livia is nine years old. She likes to swim draw, play the cello, go birdwatching and play tennis. She LOVES birds. She likes to play outside and watch birds. Livia lives with her mom, dad and little sister named Celme. Celme is four years old. Livia's favorite color is pink and her favorite animal is BIRDS! Livia wants to be an ornithologist when she grows up. Livia also plays piano.

## Shea Curran

Shea is nine years old. She has one sister named Avery. She loves to play outside with her friends. Shea also likes to write stories. She goes to Bradford Heights Elementary School and is going into fourth grade. Shea plays two instruments, violin and piano.

### **Amelia Dennis**

Amelia is nine years old. She has three fish and loves animals, especially dogs. She has done gymnastics, soccer and ice skating a lot. Her favorite sport is soccer. Hobbies that she has enjoyed include dancing, sports, singing, playing piano and writing. She loves poetry. recently she traveled to Disney World and she loves the roller coasters there. She lives about forty minutes from Longwood Gardens and goes to Merion School.

### **Lucy Hewitt**

Lucy is nine years old. She has a Guinea pig named January. She is going into fourth grade and goes to school at SRS. She likes to play basketball and does gymnastics. Lucy went to London to see her family this summer. She has a brother going into second grade. She really liked seeing the old buildings in London.

### **Hafsa Kanchwala**

Hafsa is nine and a half years old. She lives in a town called Merion and goes to school at Merion Elementary School, which is just up the street from her house! She loves to write poetry in her spare time! Hafsa lives with a twin brother named Abdullah and a little brother named Ibrahim, who is four years old. She also loves travel and travels a lot! She goes to England a lot because of family. That is what makes Hafsa unique!

### **Maren Kaymak-Loveless**

Maren is ~~ten~~ years old. She goes to school at Pocopson Elementary School. She has a sister and two cats. She does lacrosse, tennis and dance. She goes on vacation to Cyprus, an island near Turkey, every summer. When Maren goes to Cyprus she likes going to the beach and seeing her family. Maren is one quarter Turkish. She is also obsessed with cats. She's going into fifth grade.

### **Jonah Luo**

Jonah likes to draw and play Pokemon. He also plays piano. He is nine years old. He is a rising fourth grader. He went to an epic Cape Cod vacation in June, 2016. His favorite thing to do was to play on the beach.



### **Lilly Rendulich**

Lilly is ten years old. She has a dog named Minnow. Lilly plays two sports; soccer and basketball. She also swims for her swim team. This spring, Lilly went to Peru, Ecuador and Nicaragua for two months and learned about different cultures and lifestyles around the world. Lilly travels often. She has been to France, England, Spain and Jamaica. Lilly is an only child. Lilly absolutely loves to write.

### **Emma Schmidt**

Emma is ten and a half years old. She likes to draw and play with her dog. Emma has a cat named Cloudy and a dog named Sophie. Emma does karate and likes to play soccer, but not on a team. Emma also likes to read mystery books. Emma owns a Christmas tree-farm with real live reindeer. Emma is an only child.

### **Robert Schmidt**

Robert is ten years old. He has one younger sister named Emma. He loves to do Tae Kwon Do. He is a red belt. He has done two tournaments. Robert loves math and science but loves to draw most of all, especially drawing nature. Robert has no pets but had one goldfish named Nemo that lived for nine years. Robert's favorite book series is The Warrior's Apprentice.

### **Zane Wintermute**

Zane is ~~nine years old~~. His dad is in the military so he has traveled a lot. He has friends who live in Puerto Rico. Once, he visited them for Christmas and he went snorkeling on Christmas day. Zane does a lot of swim team which he doesn't like too much. On the weekends Zane likes to play video games.

### **Joey Zhu**

Joey is ~~nine years old~~ and going into 4th grade. Joey does skating, tennis, swimming, art, karate and chess. He does not have any pets. Joey also likes video games.

# About the Teachers

## **Mrs. Koller**

Mrs. Koller has taught elementary school for the past 35 years. She has recently retired from the Downingtown Area School District where she was an Instructional Support Teacher for many years. Mrs. Koller also teaches courses for teachers as part of the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project. She is delighted to be teaching at Longwood Gardens where she gets to combine her love of reading and writing with her passion for gardening.

## **Mrs. Ries**

Mrs. Ries has been an elementary school teacher for sixteen years. She is a Literacy Specialist in the Downingtown Area School District. It was such a pleasure for her to come back to Longwood Gardens this summer and teach again. She really enjoyed combining her love of reading and writing with children in such an inspiring setting.

# About the Books

## Non-Fiction

(a sampling of many)

The Life and Times of the Honeybee  
by Charles Micucci  
Strange Creatures: The Story of Walter Rothschild  
by Lita Judge  
Plants Bite Back!  
by Richard Platt (DK Readers)  
Spiders  
by Nicole Iorio (Time for Kids)  
Eyewitness Insect  
by Laurence Mound  
Spiders  
by Timothy Levi Biel (Zoobooks)  
Insects and Spiders  
by Christine Taylor-Butler (Scholastic True Books)  
Shy Salamanders  
by D. M. Souza  
Secret Lives of Common Birds  
by Marie Read  
Around the Pond  
by Ann Cooper  
Frogs  
Tell Me, Tree  
by Gail Gibbons  
Slippery, Slimy Baby Frogs  
by Sandra Markle  
Face to Face with Butterflies  
by Darilyne Murawski (National Geographic)  
Carnivorous Plants  
by Elaine Pascoe (Nature Close-Up series)  
Tree  
by David Burnie (Eyewitness Books)  
Trees, Leaves and Bark  
by Diane Burns (Young Naturalist Field Guides)  
From Seed to Sunflower  
by Dr. Gerald Legg (Lifecycles series)  
One Small Square: Backyard  
One Small Square: Woods  
by Donald Silver (One small square series)  
Rain Forests  
by Nancy Smiler Levinson

## Poetry

On the Wing  
Insectlopedia  
In the Swim  
Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs  
Summersaults  
by Douglas Florian  
In Our Backyard Garden  
Feathers: Poems About Birds  
by Eileen Spinelli  
The Great Frog Race  
Old Elm Speaks  
Kristine O'Connell George  
Give Yourself to the Rain  
by Margaret Wise Brown  
Water-Music  
Bird Watch  
Grumbles from the Forest  
by Jane Yolen  
Ten-Second Rainshowers  
by Sandford Lyne  
In the Small, Small Pond  
by Denise Fleming  
Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors  
by Joyce Sidman  
The Earth is Painted Green  
By Barbara Brenner  
In for Winter, Out for Spring  
by Arnold Adoff  
Hailstones and Halibut Bones  
by Mary O'Neill

## Blended Genre

### Poetrees

by Douglas Florian  
Flight of the Honey Bee  
by Raymond Huber  
Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature  
Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow  
by Joyce Sidman  
An Egg is Quiet  
A Butterfly is Patient  
A Rock is Lively  
A Seed is Sleepy  
by Dianna Aston  
Animal Acrostics  
by David Hummon

The Flower Hunter: William Bartram, America's First Naturalist  
by Deborah Kogan Ray

Least Things: Poems About Small Natures  
A Mirror to Nature: Poems About Reflection  
Shape Me a Rhyme: Nature's Forms in Poetry  
Color Me a Rhyme: Nature Poems for Young People  
by Jane Yolen

The Magic Shrub

by Eileen S. Maroney

What in the Wild: Mysteries of Nature Concealed and Revealed

Where in the Wild: Camouflaged Creatures Concealed and Revealed

Where Else in the Wild: More Camouflaged Creatures Concealed and Revealed  
by David M. Schwartz & Yael Schy

Salamander Rain: A Lake & Pond Journal  
by Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini

Caterpillar Caterpillar

by Vivian French

Feathers: Not Just for Flying

by Melissa Stewart

The Butterfly Alphabet

by Kjell Sandved

Birds Build Nests

by Yvonne Winer

Haiku Hike

by Fourth Grade Students of St. Mary's School

Bird Talk: What Birds are Saying and Why

by Lita Judge

A Leaf Can Be

by Laura Purdie Salas

# Monday/Blended Genre/Scientist-Poet

## Pitcher Plant

By Livia

### Pitcher Plant

Hangs down from a stem  
Filling up with  
Water  
Drip  
Drop  
Drip  
Drop  
Time flies, still filling up  
Drop  
Drip  
Drop  
Drip  
Bug lands on the plant  
Full!  
Bug falls in!  
Yum!  
Plant eats it up

### Scientist

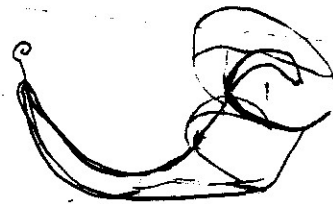
Catches water  
Eats bugs

### Poet

Looks like a  
bean  
Looks like a  
leaf

### Pitcher Plant By Alexander

VERY DEADLY!  
Traps its prey  
Like a bug stuck in a jar  
Then it digests in a pod of water  
Like a person  
Digesting food after a big meal  
VERY DEADLY





**Lipstick Palm**  
By Joey

Scientist	Poet
Native to lowland rainforests	Looks like bamboo
Grows in both shade and sun	Bright red
Requires constant moisture	Looks like lipstick
Rough leaves	
Red stem	

**Lipstick Palm**

What's wrong, Lipstick Palm?  
Why are you so red?  
Are you embarrassed?  
Did you put on your  
Lipstick on wrong?  
Or is that your  
Normal color?

**Elephant Ear Ferns**  
By Emma

Scientist	Poet
Has 8 leaves	Leaves look like the ears of an elephant
Hairy circle leaf that is hairy and in the middle	Leaves look like they have veins
Two of the leaves are really big	Middle of the fern looks like an eye
Grows on the wall	

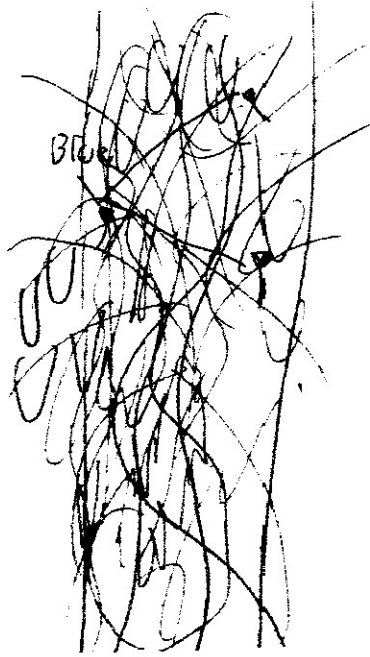
**Elephant Ear Ferns**

Big floppy  
Elephant ears  
Smooth silky  
Leaves  
Bold green  
Veins  
One big hairy eye  
Staring at me

**Cape Leadwort**  
By Avery

**Cape Leadwort**

The long  
Vines  
Are sewn carefully into a  
Beautiful cape  
It drifts down a long  
Wall  
Like it is being  
Hung  
The blue flowers  
Shine  
When bloomed  
It is  
Really  
A beautiful  
Cape



Scientist	Poet
Long vines covered in green leaves	Large watch tower to look out for enemies
Small sticks in back	A long cake
Attached to the wall	
Blue flowers	

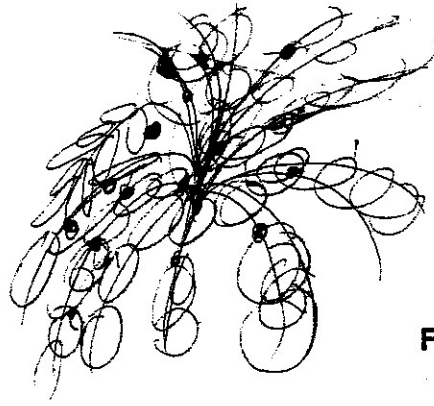
**Bismarchia**  
By Shea

**Bismarchia**

Shaped as a glittering fan  
It has a beautiful stream  
It's pointy at the top  
Tiny palm tree  
Light in color  
Smooth

Scientist	Poet
Light colored	Palm tree
Smooth	Fan
Pointy	Water collector

**Fuschia**  
By Lilly



**Fuschia**

Scientist	Poet
Big bush	People hanging off tree
Little pink buds	Computer mouse shaped leaves
Pink buds coming out of white flowers	Hair coming down around bun in hair
Flowers hanging	

Elegant pink flowers,  
Computer-mouse-shaped leaves  
Shimmering  
Pink buds coming out of white  
Flowers  
Like people hanging off a bush

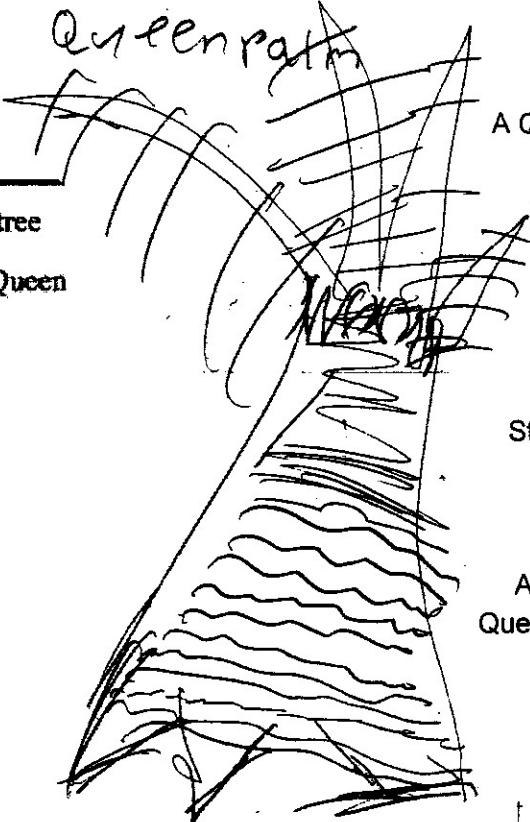
**Old Man Palm**  
By Gianna

Scientist	Poet
Hairy	Leaves like an umbrella
Short	Hair like a wooly mammoth
Soft hair	
Big leaves	

**Old Man Palm**

Nothing like an old man  
More a  
Wooly mammoth  
Lurks in the forest  
Harmless

**Queen Palm**  
By Jonah

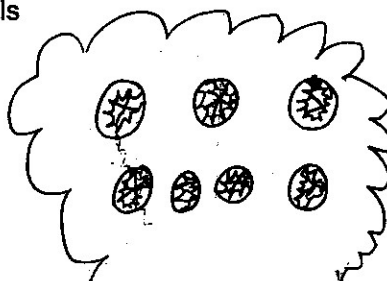
Scientist	Poet		<p><b>Check It Out!</b></p> <p>Grand and big A Queen Palm stands tall Quiet and hard A grand tree Appears</p> <p>Brown and regal A tree stands tall Sheilds of bark Stand strong on the tree</p> <p>A Queen stands Tall and strong Ah, yes, the Queen tree Queen tree, yes, large and Hard Like a giant A peaceful one Oh, Queen tree, oh</p>
<p>Seindid Family Cycad Circunalis</p>	<p>A grand tree A giant Queen Bee</p>		

**Big Leaf Hydrangea**  
By Hafsa

**Big Leaf Hydrangea**

Blue, white and purple  
Lights sparkling  
In the spotlight  
Like a beautiful bead formation  
A glow of the waves  
About to come up to the seashells  
Ohhhh, like a  
Bunch of balloons shimmering  
In the distance  
Ohhh, shine bright and beautiful  
Big leaf hydrangea

**BIGLEAF  
HYDRANGEA**

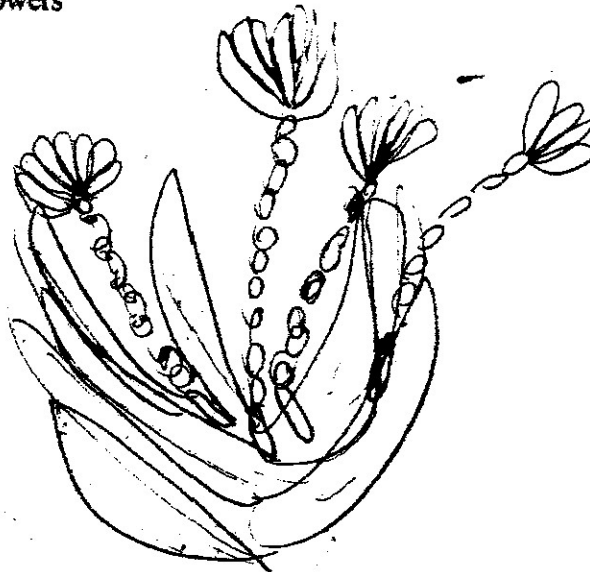


Scientist	Poet
<p>A bunch of flowers in one  blue , white, purplish flowers  Squiggly  Leaves are green</p>	<p>A bunch of colored balloons  Sparkling lights</p>



**Canna**  
By Maren

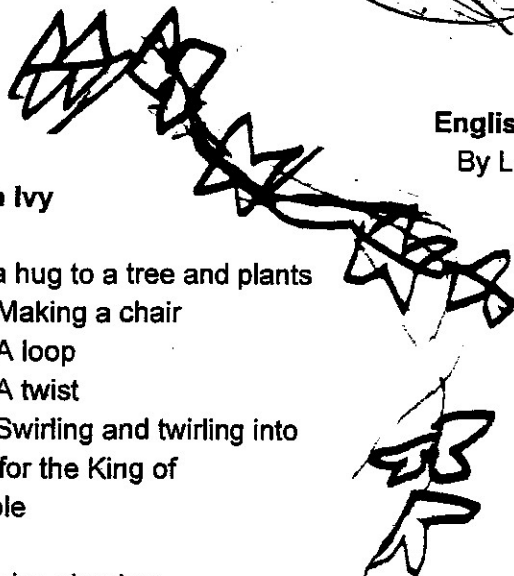
Scientist	Poet
Soft leaves	Creamy colored flower
Leaves about 2 feet tall	Big poofy flowers
About 10 flowers can grow out the plant	



**Canna**  
It's sparkling leaves  
Are  
Soft  
Like a baby's face  
It's luscious, creamy  
White glow  
Of it's big poofy  
Flowers  
Look beautiful  
In the light  
Of the day  
It attaches to it's  
Roots until it's ready  
To let  
Go  
Someday  
Someday

**English Ivy**

Giving a hug to a tree and plants  
Making a chair  
A loop  
A twist  
Swirling and twirling into  
A chair for the King of  
All people  
  
White veins shaping  
A star



**English Ivy**  
By Lucy

Scientist	Poet
Pointy	Star
Dark green	Chain
Light green	Chair
White veins	Lettuce leaf
Mashed pea color	Tube
	Warm hug for a tree

## **Egyptian Star Flower**

By Amelia

Scientist	Poet
Delicate	Pink bursts of joy
Colorful	Shooting stars
Unique	Starbursts



### **Egyptian Star Flower**

With a pretty pink  
Nicer than you think  
And a ghostly white  
Creeping in the night  
The colors blend together  
Like tornado weather  
And it makes  
Pink bursts of love  
Falling from above  
Filled with white  
Shimmering in the light

Shimmering in the light

## **Giant Taro**

By Robert

Scientist	Poet
Arrow head shaped leaves	Ridged like a fish's gills
Soft on its back but spiney on the top	Soft like skin
Stems on each	Boney like ribs
6 feet	

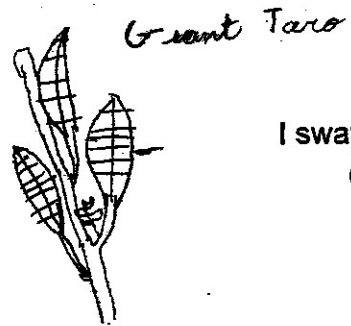
### **Giant Taro**

Hard on top  
Spiney, creepy  
Sharp like dragon teeth  
Ridged like a fish's gills  
Soothing, interesting  
Soft on the botto

Giant Taro  
By Zane

Giant Taro

Scientist	Poet
Smooth leaves	A giant fan
Big leaves	Huge bunny ears
Green trunk	Cup like flowers
Red flowers	bottle-like trunk
Bottle shape	
Tall and thin	



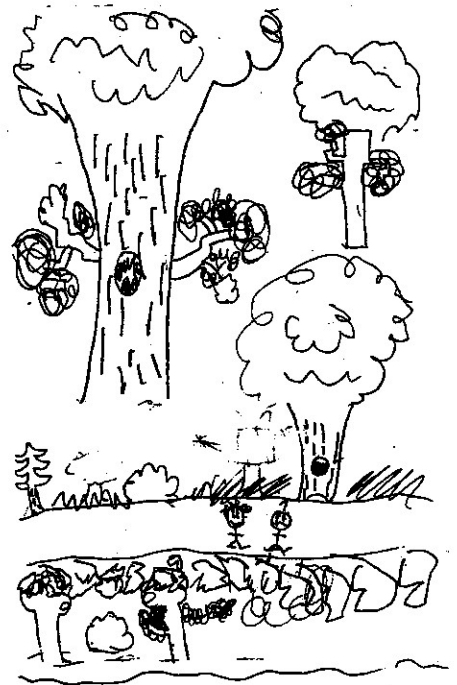
I am tall  
I am green  
I sway in the breeze  
Can you guess  
What I am?

Why, I'm the  
Giant Taro Tree!

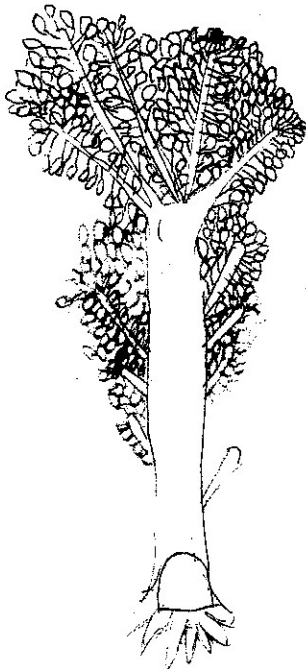
# Tuesday/Fiction/Fantasy

## Trouble in the Topiary Garden By Zane

One hot, humid Saturday morning Carl and I were walking in this place called Longwood Gardens. While we were walking Carl said "I've heard this place has a Topiary Garden or whatever". "Let's go there", I said. So we walked and walked and walked and walked and by the time we got there it was dark and the park had closed. We hadn't realized that until we got there. We saw these big, moving things. We couldn't quite figure out what they were until one was standing right in front of us. It was an enormous green dog. We started to run, but it was too fast. Then everything went black....to be continued.



## The Tree By Gianna



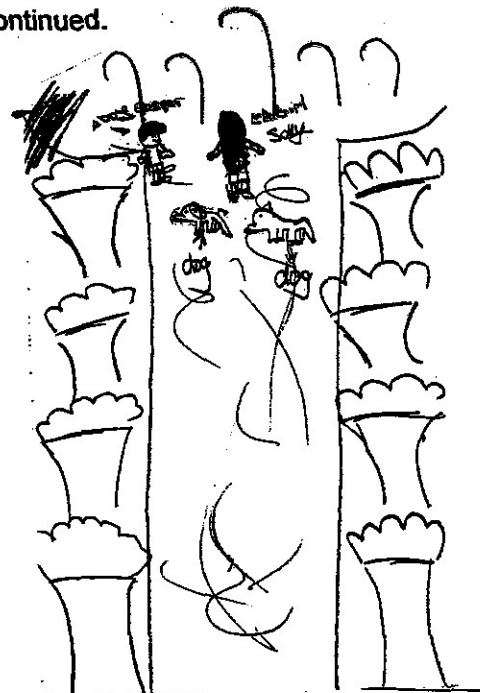
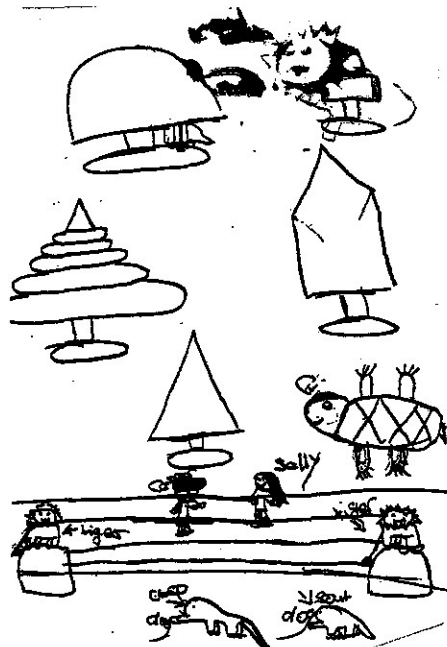
Once upon a time there was a boy and girl named Erin and Charlie. One day they were going to their mother's work. She worked for the president. She said, "See you in an hour". Erin said "Let's climb up the tree". She scurried up the tree to the top. Charlie stayed at the bottom. Their mom came back from her meeting and Erin still hadn't come down. "Come Erin, honey. It's time to come down from there!" Erin came down. The next day got to be in the courtyard for five hours. Erin climbed up the tree as usual. "Come down" said Charlie. Erin tried, but she couldn't. Charlie called 911. The firefighters came but they couldn't get Erin down from the tree. Then Charlie noticed a door-like hole in the tree. He walked in and down a staircase. There was writing etched in it, but it was too sloppy to read. He pushed the door open and walked through it. Inside there was potions, wands and crows. Out of nowhere a witch popped out. "What do you need?" she asked Charlie. "A potion to help my sister get down from the tree"! The witch started to brew up a storm, literally!... to be continued.



## Longwood Gardens

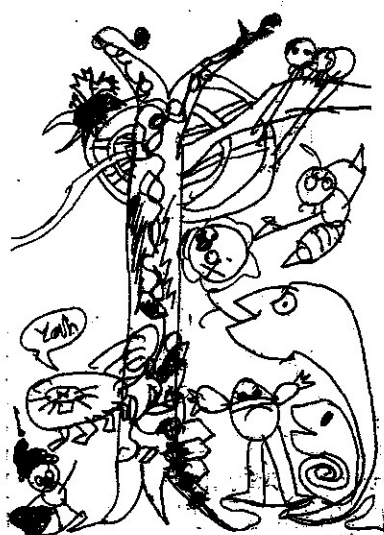
By Emma

"Sally, wake up" Casper yells in his room. "What, what? I'm up, okay, are you happy now?", Sally says angrily. "Today we get to go to Longwood Gardens" Casper excitedly says. "OK, get dressed and let's go", Sally says. They both get dressed, eat breakfast, brush their teeth and hair and then off they go. While Sally's driving, Casper keeps asking "Are we there yet? Are we there yet?" Sally is about to blow up because she is so annoyed, but then they make it to their destination and they see a sign that says *Welcome to Longwood Gardens*. They park the car and get out. They hear noisy barking so they go to the back of the car and... THERE ARE THEIR DOGS, COCO AND SCOUT. "How did they get here?" Casper says. "They must have followed us all the way here!" Sally says. The two kids and the dogs walk inside. They show the ticket-taker their passes and walked into the gardens... to be continued.



## The Land of the Trees

By Jonah

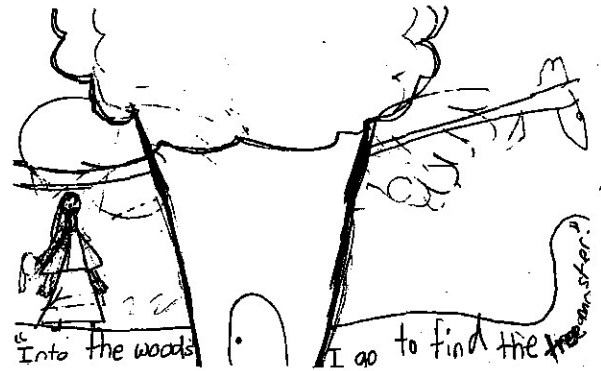


Long, long ago, there was a mysterious land called the land of the trees. Creatures lived in these trees. There were Ratata, Koffing, Exans, Aibork, Elekid and Beedrill. One day, Galvantular spun a golden web that shone bright in the light of day. The creatures all said that he built a web house for all creatures including Gavantular. Gavantular agreed and started weaving the web house. Exans saw a mouse and ate it. After the web house was finished, the creatures piled into the house. A few hours later the celebration of fire started. The creatures saw fireworks blazing on. Vroom! Bam! Bam! Big boss shot 100 fireworks in the sky! "Hooray! Hooray for FIRE!!!!" shouted the creatures. Finally, the creatures ate yummy food and went to bed in the trees.

## **The Wonders of Nature Between Us**

**By Hafsa**

Once upon a time, there lived a beautiful princess named Moonlight. She lived in a wonderful mansion with her father. His name was Barkwood and her mother's name was Blossom. They owned the most beautiful gardens you could ever imagine! Moonlight loved to explore the gardens everyday she came back from school and was done her homework. Moonlight adored animals, and loved the way the trees swung. She would say to herself, "I wish I could talk." ...to be continued.



## **The Stone of Life**

**By Amelia**

Once upon a time, there was a little house by Longwood Gardens. It was the place where magic came alive because of one stone tablet. In the house, there were two twins, Callie and Meredith. They decided to walk to Longwood Gardens. They were about 12 and so their parents let them walk there by themselves.

"Let's go to Pierce's Park first!" said Meredith. So they walked along the long, winding path, looking at the trees. Suddenly, Callie stopped walking. Her jaw dropped. "What are you doing?" cried Meredith. Then, she looked at what Callie was staring at, and her face turned surprised. "A secret door!" the twins said at the same time, and laughed. "We must see what's inside!" exclaimed Callie excitedly. "No way!" snapped Meredith. "We could get caught!"

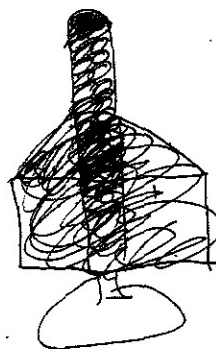
"Yes, way," Callie said, and stepped over the rope carelessly. "How dare -" started Meredith, but she didn't have time to finish because Callie opened the door and pulled out a shimmering, polished stone tablet. Meredith couldn't be angry anymore, Callie thought, and she was right. "What do you think it's used for?" Callie said. "Maybe if we press this button, something will happen?" Meredith questioned. "I think it's worth a try," Callie said. "One... two... three! Meredith pressed the button....to be continued.

**The Magic Gardener**  
**a time-travel adventure**  
**By Maren**

Once there were two twin sisters, Allison and Maddie. They were very selfish, for 15 year olds. One day they went to Longwood Gardens. They went to Pierce's Woods. They started trashing the place and picking flowers! But, unfortunately for them, they got caught by a gardener who was very hardworking. His name was Josh. Josh did not appreciate what they had done. He said, "Stop! Come here now!" The two girls started running but Maddie fell and by accident tripped Allison too! They fell face first in the dirt. When they got up, they were head first again but on a just waxed floor. They stood up. They were in 1970. "How did we get here?" They were in an old house. They looked around and saw a lady angrily walking toward Maddie and Allison and yelled at their faces. "How come you're not moving?! Get up and start cleaning my room!" The two girls looked at each other with shock and started to walk upstairs anxiously. When they reached the bedroom, Maddie said, "Oh no! We're in 1970! What are we going to do?!" Allison assured Maddie everything would be alright. They started to clean rapidly. Besides being selfish, cleaning was easy. After 50 more chores they were so exhausted, they realized how rude they were to the gardener. Then the floor started shaking, the walls started rocking, and before they knew it, they were back face first on the dirt. They looked up in astonishment. Allison said, "I thought we were stuck there forever!" The gardener ran over and helped them up. Maddie and Allison said, "We're so sorry!" The gardener forgave them and took them to the topiary and they helped him with work. After that, they took him out to lunch. From then on Maddie and Allison were thankful and not selfish anymore.



Topiary



**Seed Ideas for Fiction**  
**By Joey**

Topiary Garden	A boy and his friends
They get lost in the Garden	They find an abandoned shack

...to be continued.

## **Stuck in the Garden**

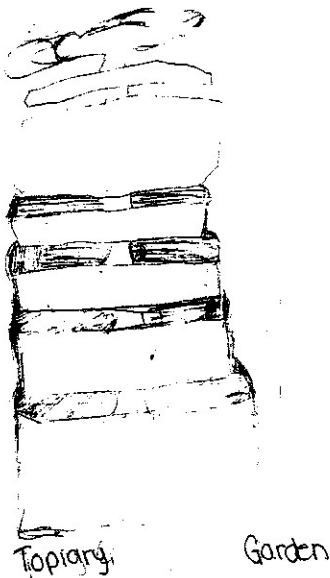
**By Alexander**

### **Part One/Chapter One**

One day Bob, Jenny and Carter were at Bob and Jenny's house to go to Longwood Gardens. "Come on kids, it's time to go". "OK Mom" said Bob. But right when they were getting into the car a strange blast of light hit Bob, Jenny and Carter. They started shrinking repeatedly until they were the size of an ant or maybe even smaller.

### **Chapter Two**

"What, how did we get so small?" asked Jenny. "I don't know" said Bob. "By calculating where the beam came from, it is precisely three blocks away" said Carter. "Wow, where did you get so smart?" said Bob. "I've been taking quantum physics classes, as you can see" said Carter. "Wow" said Jenny. "I thought I was the smart one"...to be continued.



## **The Secret Door**

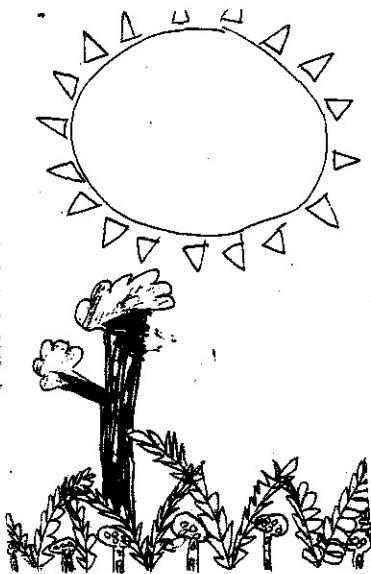
**By Lilly**

"Jack!" whined Casey, "we finally have a day where we're not busy". Jack reluctantly threw himself out of bed and put on his glasses. He quickly changed and went downstairs for breakfast. Case was already waiting at the bottom of the steps, holding Jack's toast with strawberry jam. He ate quickly, while Casey dragged him out the door. "Shouldn't we ask mom about going out first?" Jack inquired. "No, it's fine. Come on!" they ventured outside. They walked along the path through the woods to Longwood Gardens. When they finally arrived, they admired the tall trees, until they came along a different tree. They couldn't figure out what was different, but they knew that something was. The tree was thicker, shorter and had less leaves. It's leaves were, also, orange, even though it was summer...to be continued.



**As inspired by Pierce's Woods and the  
Topiary Garden  
By Avery**

Zar was a special kind of species. His mother was human. His father was an Oak Tree Wathbat. Wathbat's have elf-like ears and have a talent for climbing trees. Usually they live on sturdy, large, and shady oak trees. Zar never knew what happened to his parents. One day they went to some very far place from home and he never saw them again. Zar woke up with a bang on the morning of November 2nd. People in the town were rushing over to Wise Tree (a large tree where meetings were held). Startled, Zar threw on a jacket (since he slept in his clothes), put on his sandals (that showed his 3 toes) and ran to the meeting with the rest of the town. As he entered, the town was arguing. "Silence," roared the mayor. He was holding a glass bowl that had all of the town names. ...to be continued.



**The Fern Faries  
By Shea**

Once there was a fairy named Mary Kate. She was 5 when her family moved into the ferns. When I say her family, I mean her aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, brothers and her grandparents.

One sunny evening when Mary Kate was 8 a person decided it was a nice day to mow the lawn. He liked to mow the weeds and he considered ferns as weeds. So he got the lawn mower ready. He always started in the back, but the ferns were so tall he startled them. Mary Kate's mom shouted, "Fly, everyone! Fly!" They took off to the sky. ...to be continued

## The Topiary Trees

By Lucy

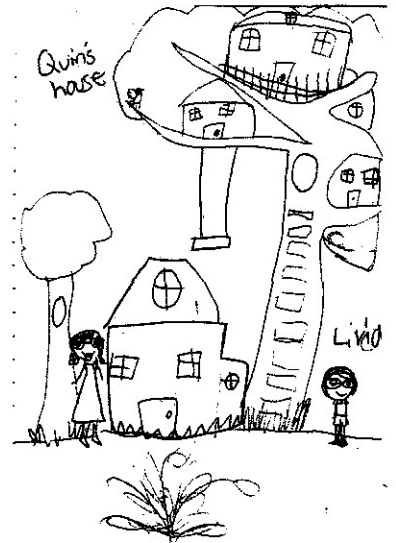
Once there was a time where there were trees everywhere and it was always spring. Every other year there was a hot month but that was unusual. But it just happened to be that time of year. This year was the hottest of all. It was 111 degrees Fahrenheit. The hottest it had ever been was 80 degrees Fahrenheit. All the fairies and the trees in the topiary were getting sick because they were not used to the sizzling black asphalt. The fairies would skip across the asphalt and burn their leaf-sized feet. Then they would hop over to the fountain and get their feet wet. This was a very tricky job because if a tree in the topiary garden saw the fairy taking the water, they would turn you into a little pea green topiary and the next morning you would be cut down and put into the yellow compost bin. What should the fairies do? It was up to them. Mr. and Mrs. Chidde were away on vacation. The toad was swimming in the pond and the cicadas were not up to helping them. All the cicadas wanted to do was sing their songs in the great oak tree. It was up to them to get the asphalt to cool off. ...to be continued.



## Quin's Magical Adventure

By Livia

Not so far away there is a lovely garden full of life, where a small girl named Quin lives. Quin is 10 years old. She lives with her mom and her pet goldfish, Lee. One day, while her mom was reading a book, Quin decided to take a walk after she fed Lee. Quin walked through a patch of roses and tulips. She walked through the water garden and then took a break under a tree near the topiary garden. Then she saw something that caught her eye in the center of the garden. A castle! Quin stepped into the topiary garden for a closer look. Surprisingly, the castle was only 6 inches shorter than Quin! Then the palace doors opened and a tiny fairy, only 8 inches high, stepped out. "Who are you?" asked Quin. "I'm Princess Stella," said the fairy. "Who are you?" "My name is Quin," Quin said. ...to be continued.





### **The Wandering Rangers** **By Robert**

One day at Longwood, five rangers were walking through the beautiful Pierce's Forest when they found a beautiful, full-grown moose wandering through the forest. They watched it walk in front of them. Then all of a sudden it got caught in a net. James, the archer, shot the line on the net. The moose fell to the ground and twisted it's leg and moaned. Emily went and bandaged it's leg. It tried to kick her, but missed. After they bandaged it's leg, it ran off. They kept walking to the great fountain show at Longwood, which was held every year. Every year is more spectacular than the last.

# Wednesday/Field Notes/Poetry

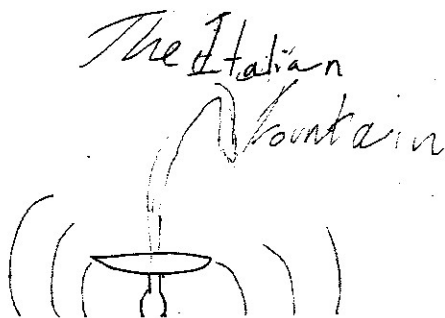
## Waterfalls

By Hafsa

Noisy, but beautiful  
In a wonderful way

The water shoots up

Like a fireworks display  
Smell a scent of  
Blooming flowers



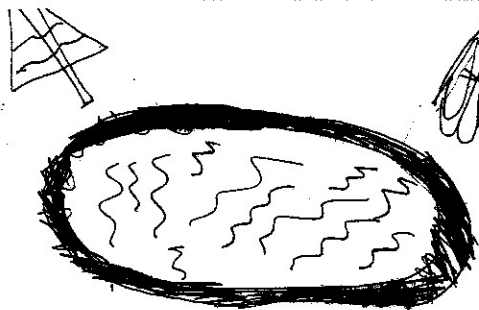
Field Notes by Hafsa

### Pond

- *Very still*
- *Huge*
- *Quiet/silent*
- *Navy blue*

### Fountain

- *Light blue*
- *Shoots up water*



Lake

By Livia

### Field Notes by Livia

#### The Lake

- *Water looked brownish-green*
- *Kind of rippley*
- *Home to fish and frogs*

This is the lake

Full of water

Shimmering in the sun

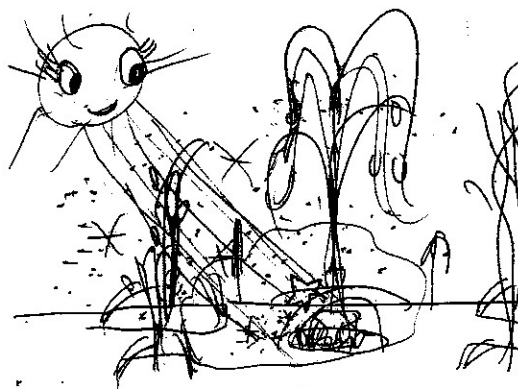
Beautiful and sparkling

So

So

So

Pretty

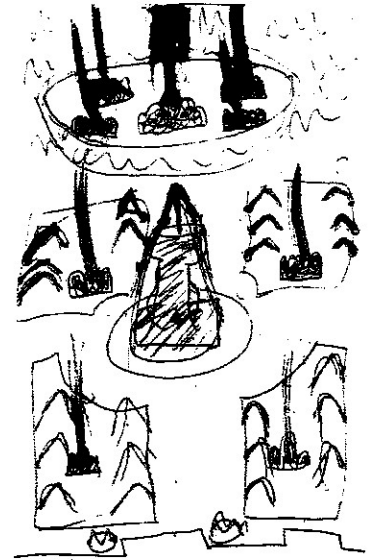
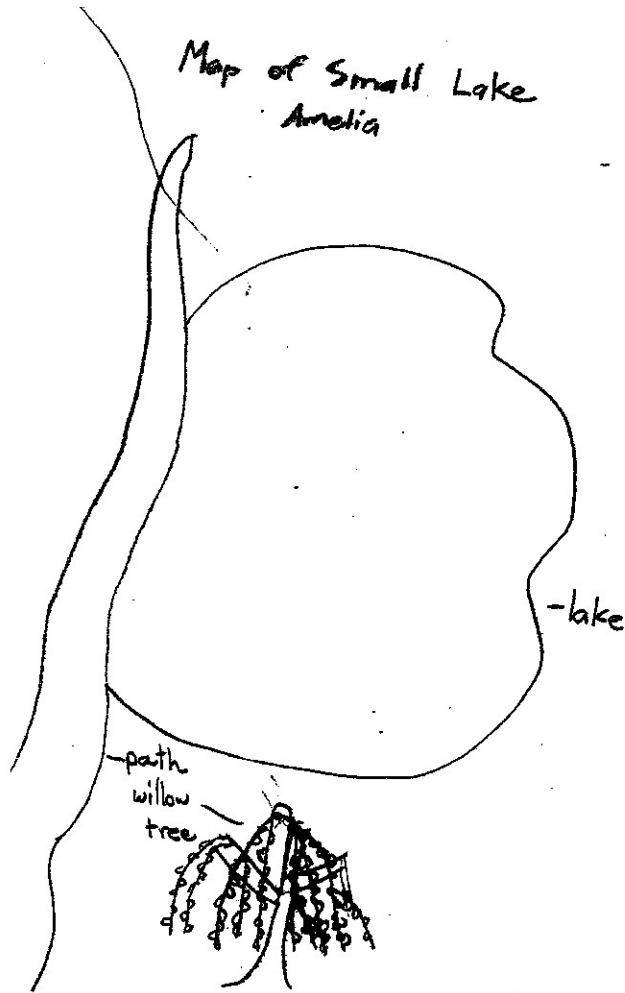


### **The Water is Just Gorgeous by Lilly**

The water is just gorgeous  
It sparkles in the sunlight  
The fountain bubbles with pride  
The dragon flies zoom around and  
Around  
The water is just gorgeous

#### **Field Notes by Lilly**

- Water reflects trees
- Fountain bubbles
- Dragonflies flying above water



### **The Mystical Pond By Amelia**

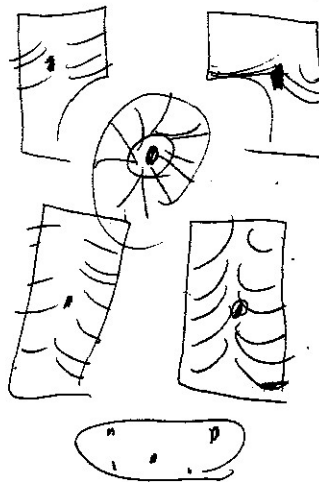
The water is calm  
Like the Old Man Palm  
And the huge willow tree  
Is reaching out its branches to me  
Bullfrogs are croaking  
And fish are soaking  
In the water

#### **Field Notes by Amelia The Lake**

- Lake is calm with little ripples in the water
- Willow tree has long swaying branches that almost touch the ground
- Many birds are calling
- Frogs are croaking and using camouflage

**Water Staircase  
by Joey**

I'm a staircase  
But not your typical one  
I'm covered with water  
Except for the top two  
I'm near a garden  
But not your typical one  
I'm a water staircase



**Field Notes by Joey**

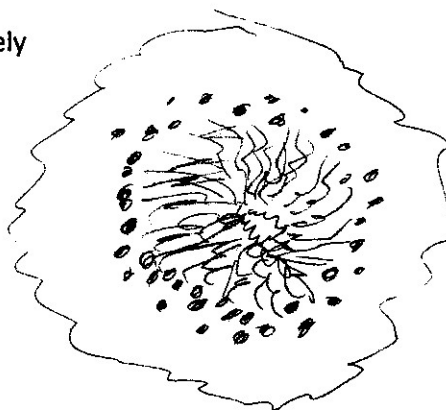
- Smells like salt water
- Italian

**Field Notes by Gianna**

- Water navy blue
- Water bubbly
- Sparkles in the sun

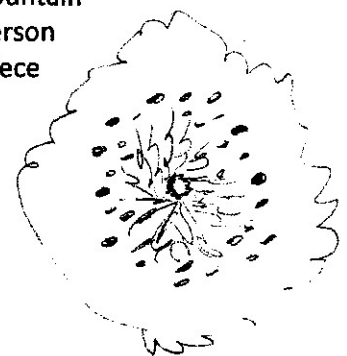
**The Jewel  
by Gianna**

Shimmers  
Like jewels  
In the sun  
With the fish  
Dancing  
And bullfrogs  
Singing  
It is a lovely  
Place



**Tree  
by Gianna**

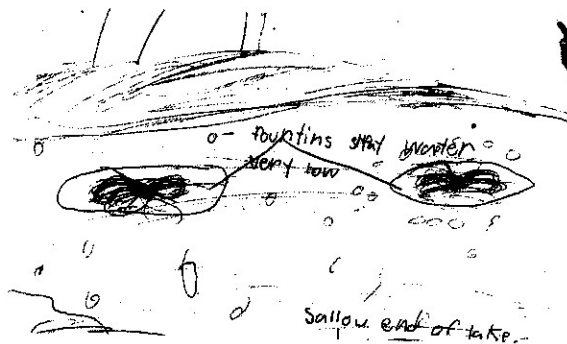
Tall  
Thin  
Short  
Thick  
High  
Tall like a mountain  
Short as a person  
Important piece  
Of Nature



## The Wet Lake

By Avery

The  
Shining lake  
Glow in  
The  
Sunlight  
The fountain is  
Exploding with  
Bubbles  
Everywhere, you can  
Hear the lumped  
Bullfrogs  
Sing while the  
Small fish dance  
To the sound of  
The large  
Wet lake



### Field Notes

by Avery

#### The Lake

- Small rapids are formed
- Different colors
- Ricochet off the sun into the lake
- Fountains spray water down low
- Bullfrogs and small fish are living here

### Field Notes

by Lucy

#### Italian Water Garden

- Gurgle
- Up in 25 seconds
- Down in 7 seconds
- Green grass
- Blue bottom
- misty
- salty
- 6 on each side
- 10 in the middle

## The Dragonfly's

By Lucy

The dragonfly's flit and flutter  
Around me

The bullfrogs honk and swim  
In me

The algae grows  
On me

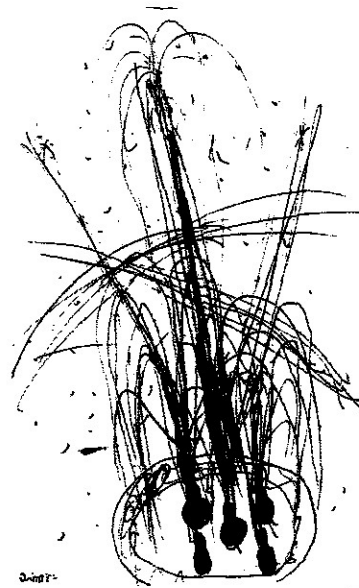
Birds and cicadas sing in the trees  
Around me

What am I?

(the lake)

**Fountain Poem**  
**by Robert**

The garden of water  
They say  
Is beautiful  
And majestic in every way  
The fountains so great  
They send their water  
To the sky  
Oh, so great it is  
You have to come and  
Watch the majestic  
Fountains put on their  
Show  
The great water  
Show

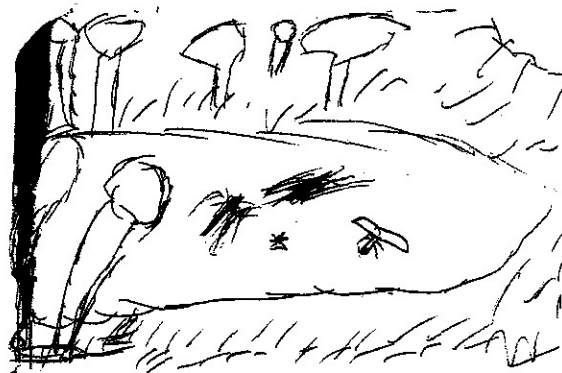


**Water Gardens**  
**by Alexander**

Water sprouting  
Out of little holes  
Like a water sprinkler  
Shooting  
Up into the air  
Cool designs  
Like a piece of artwork  
Made with fountains  
Italian Water Garden

**A Frog's Home**  
**by Alexander**

Frogs croaking  
Like hungry birds  
Wanting a worm  
Camouflaged  
In an environment  
Like a scorpion  
In a desert  
Pond

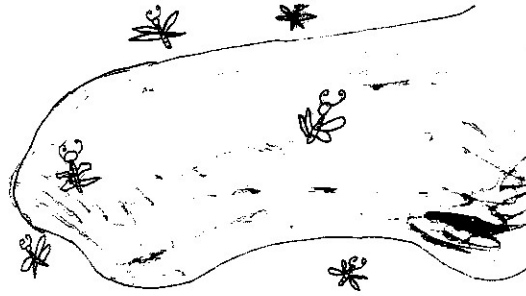




**Riddle**  
**by Shea**

I have wings  
I can fly above the pond  
I can be different colors  
What am I?

(dragonfly)

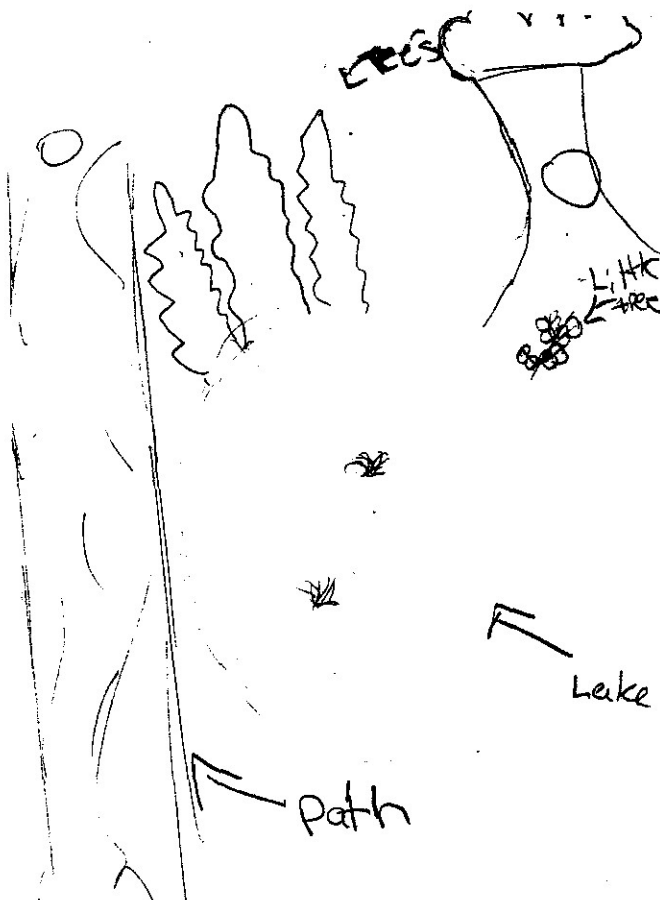


**Field Notes by Emma**

- *Frogs croaking*
- *Colors in water*
- *Bubbles*
- *Lots of trees*
- *Big green frog*

**Lake Poem**  
**By Emma**

Smooth and silky  
Water  
Big brown  
Creamy  
Colored bullfrogs  
Soft  
Vibrant  
Colors forming in the water  
Small ripples  
Crashing  
On the side

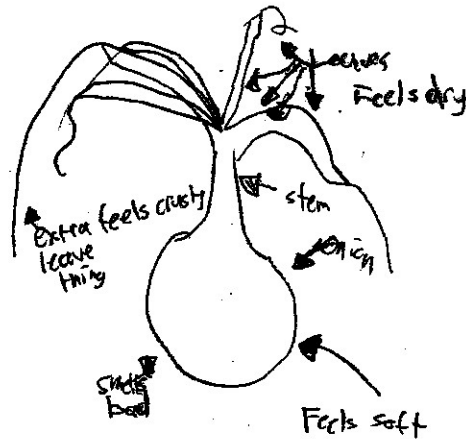


# Thursday/Detailed Illustration and Labels/Letter Writing and Point of View

July 28, 2016

Dear Parents,  
Please have your children help you  
find their letter!

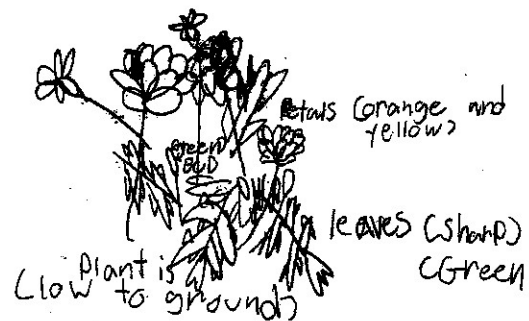
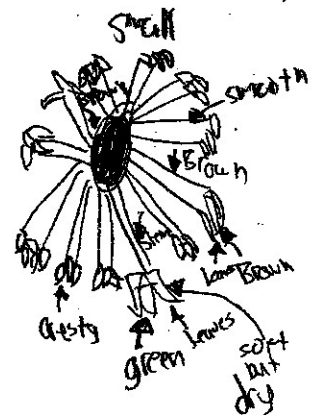
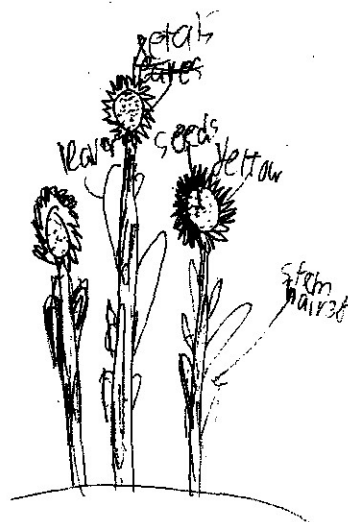
Best,  
Mrs. Ries and Mrs. Koller



July 28, 2016

Dear Bee,  
Please come to me for at least a day.  
I know my flower doesn't taste good,  
but that doesn't mean that you can't  
pollinate me.

Signed,  
The Tomato



July 28, 2016

Dear Birds,

Please don't eat me. I am a  
composter. I help dirt. So  
bird, please don't eat me.

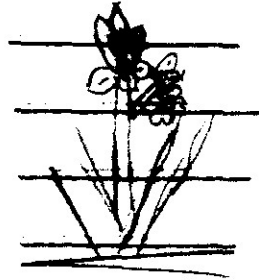
Sincerely,  
Worm



July 28, 2016

Dear Sunflowers,

We have been enjoying the lovely  
bright red, orange and yellow of  
your beautiful flower. We are  
starving here. Can you please  
give us some seeds? We would be  
so thankful, we could not thank  
you in words. Please could you  
drop some of your seeds?



From,  
The Birds

July 28, 2016

My Dear River,

Please do not rush your water so  
quickly. I'm trying to sleep. Please  
keep it down. Just a little bit.

Thank you.

Truly yours,

The Fish

July 28, 2016

Dear Wind,

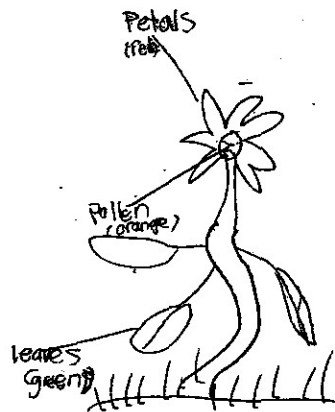
How are you doing? We, butterflies,  
can't drink nectar because there are  
too many seeds in the flowers.  
So, please have some strong wind  
and blow the seeds out of the flower.

Yours Sincerely,  
The Butterflies

July 28, 2016

Dear Sun and Rain,  
Sun, please take a little break. All of my bros are drying out and it's super sad. Rain, please don't be afraid to bump sun out of the way. We worms are defenseless, so please come out.

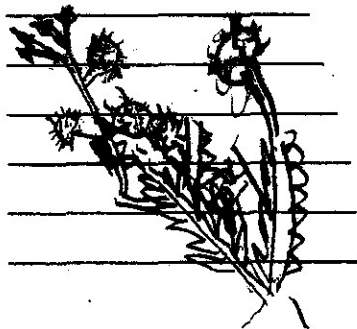
From,  
Worm



July 28, 2016

Dear Rain,  
Sun has been at the farmer's garden all week. The soil is bone dry. Everyone misses your beautiful, blue water. Please come for two long days.

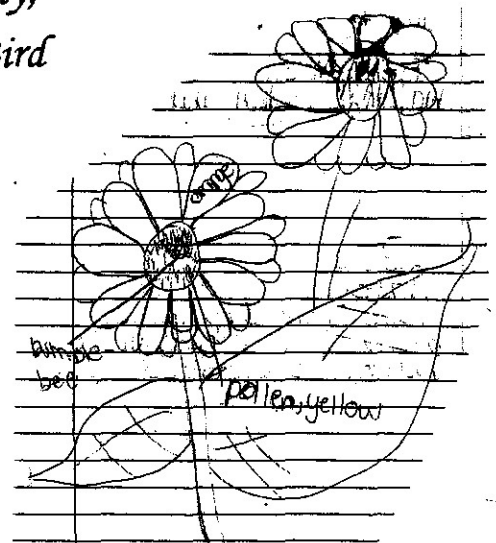
Yours Truly,  
Dandy Lion



July 28, 2016

Dear Sun,  
I don't know about you, but it's FREEZING! I am frozen and the grass is frosted. My food is really scarce. my family is STARVING to death. Also, we are thirsty. All the lakes froze. We can't get a drink. We're freezing to death. Please come and melt the snow and ice so we can get some food now or we will pass out! Help!

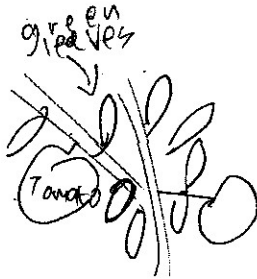
Sincerely,  
Miss Bird



July 28, 2016

Dear Canna flower,  
Can you please stop be so attractive  
to bees? I'm not saying that you  
shouldn't be at Longwood, but  
your shimmering, welcome-bees  
appearance is too inviting. I  
can't visit you without a million  
bees buzzing around me. In fact,  
I can't even get around to places!  
Please help me!

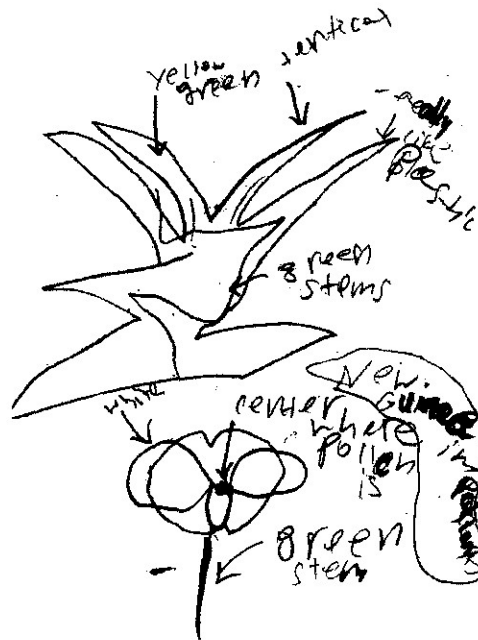
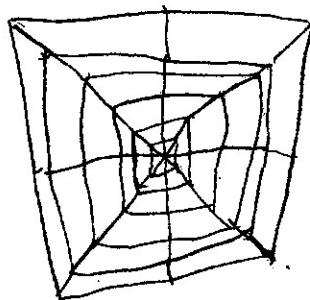
Thanks,  
Butterfly



July 28, 2016

Dear Fruit Bat,  
Greetings. Nobody ever pollinates  
me because I am a hybrid. But  
can you please come and pollinate  
me? I know this might be strange,  
but I am sad. I hope you get this  
message.

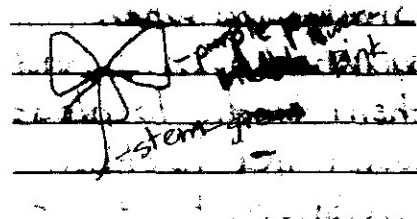
Sincerely,  
Orchid Hybrid



July 28, 2016

Dear Wind,  
We need you to blow. We don't  
have enough flowers to pollinate.  
We won't last the winter. We  
need more seeds near us. Our  
Queen will be upset if we don't  
have all the honey we want in  
honeycombs. We need you really  
badly.

Yours Truly,  
The Bees

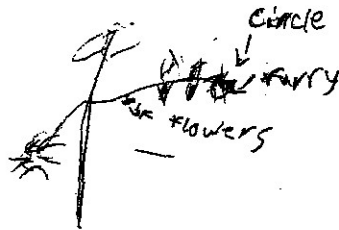


July 28, 2016

Hello Cicadas

We are fine with you as neighbors  
but please keep it down. We are  
trying to sleep.

Sincerely,  
The Ant



July 28, 2016

Dear Mr. Bee,

Hello, It is I, Fern the Flower.

I was wondering if you could  
pollinate me. I am the smallest  
of all my brothers and sisters,  
so you never notice me. You  
pollinate all of my brothers and  
sisters and I feel very excluded.  
If or when you pollinate, I  
would want you to be very careful  
with my pollen, it is very fragile.  
Thanks very much!

Sincerely,

Fern the Flower

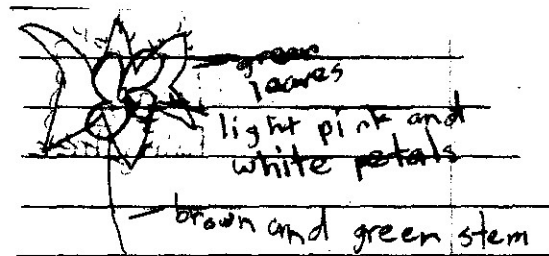
July 28, 2016

Dear Rain,

It is so hot. The sun will not stop  
shining. Me and my friends are  
wilting away. We want nice,  
cold, refreshing water. We might  
die without you. Bring your big,  
puffy, full clouds to us. We are  
dieing of thirst. Our roots are  
brown and shriveled. We do  
not want to die. Please help us,  
Rain.

Love,

New Guinea Impatiens



New Guinea Impatiens

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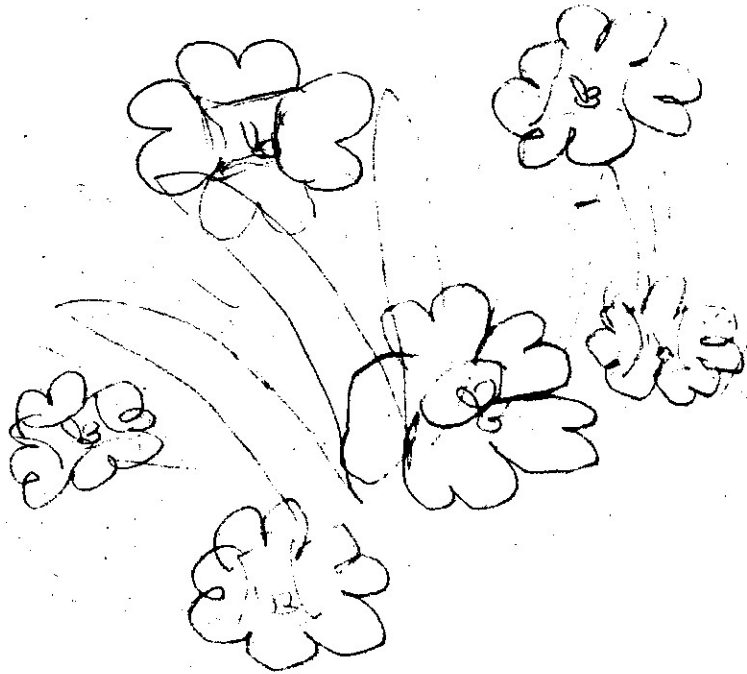
Dear Freddy the Flower,

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I need to ask you a favor. Would you let me have some of your pollen, please? I need it because I need to trade it with the bees. They will give me a lot of food if I help them with their pollination.

Sincerely,

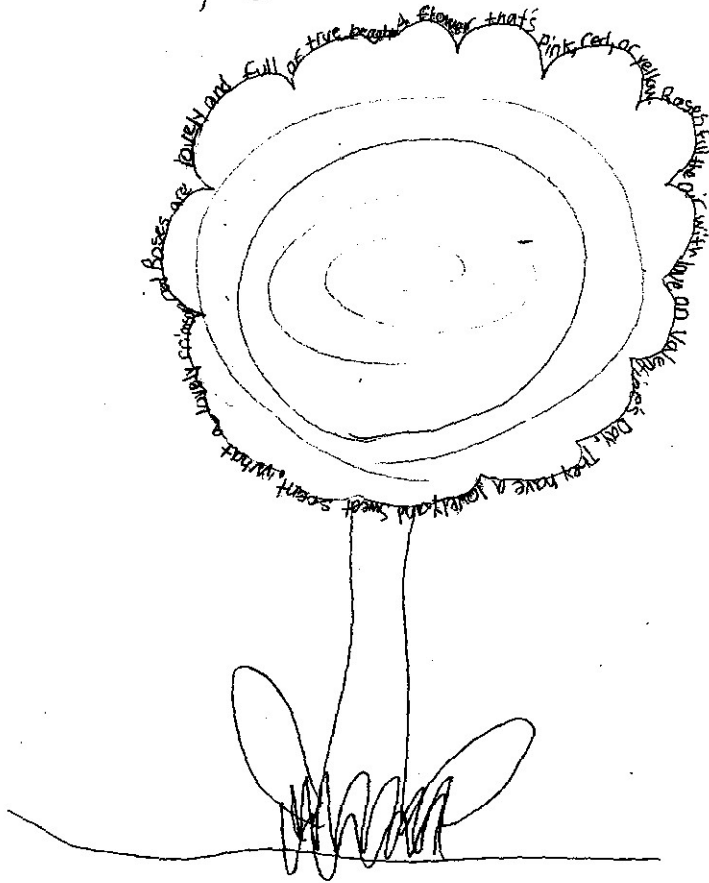
Betty the Butterfly



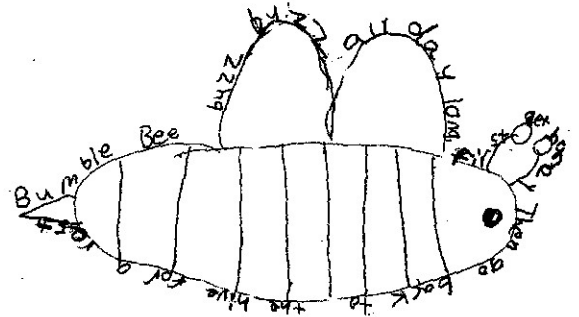
## Friday/Shape Poems

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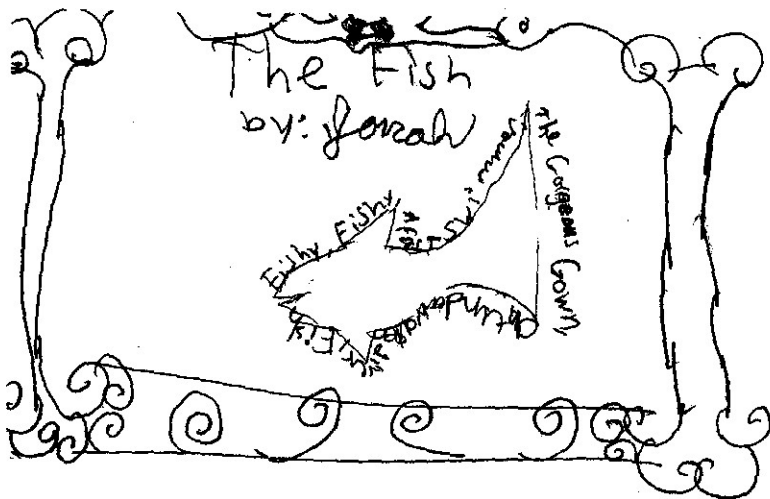


Bumble Bee



Lucy.

DY. ALEXANDER-421



some of the drops are coconuts

I am top of the palm tree

I put on new leaves

I am a plant with the bottom is roots

I am told I am in



# The Pond

Drop, Drop, Drop, Splash, Splash, Splash, the Bull Frog  
Chirping, Chirping, The birds go versent, and the

By: Maren

## The Goldfish is just Gorgeous

gorgeous, gracefully swimming through the water, slipping away off of plants, riding together to the  
the goldfish is just

Lilly

## Butterfly eyes

Butterfly has big  
eyes on its beautiful wings  
are they really eyes  
Butterfly  
such a beautiful thing  
Emma

## Queen of The Mountains

By: Amelia

I come rising up then I come pouring down I am the queen on the  
and I should have a crown I just heard someone say I was the prettiest  
thing they've seen all day

The Tree

I am plentiful in forests

I provide oxygen for humans. I'm a tree

Like this, I go from seed to sapling to young tree to old tree and back to seed.

by: Joey

The Wondrous Mountain  
By Hafsa k.

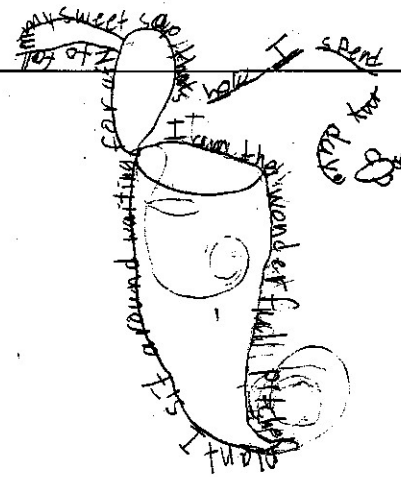
such a light blue  
04/11/2000  
Dear Sir  
occurs like  
up in the sky  
shoot in the air  
A wonder full sight  
how to grow  
shoot in the air  
shoot in the air  
shoot in the air

It's long sticks  
 Its leaves in  
 Fresh shade, give  
 the lovely place  
 in the tree  
 Happy feeling

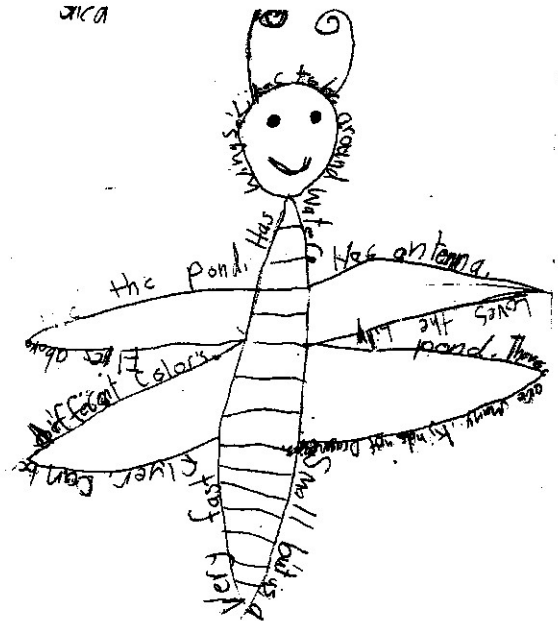
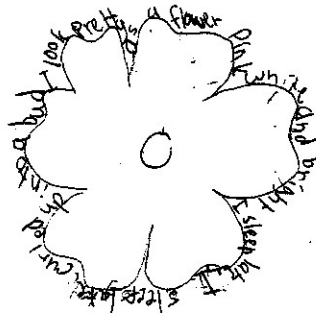
the low and lasey  
 the snow feel  
 your force hear  
 sing on their best  
 and get a nest

the  
 willow  
 tree  
 Avenic

Grass tree  
 sit in the  
 sit



Showy Evening  
Primrose



# Dragon fly

Emma S.

