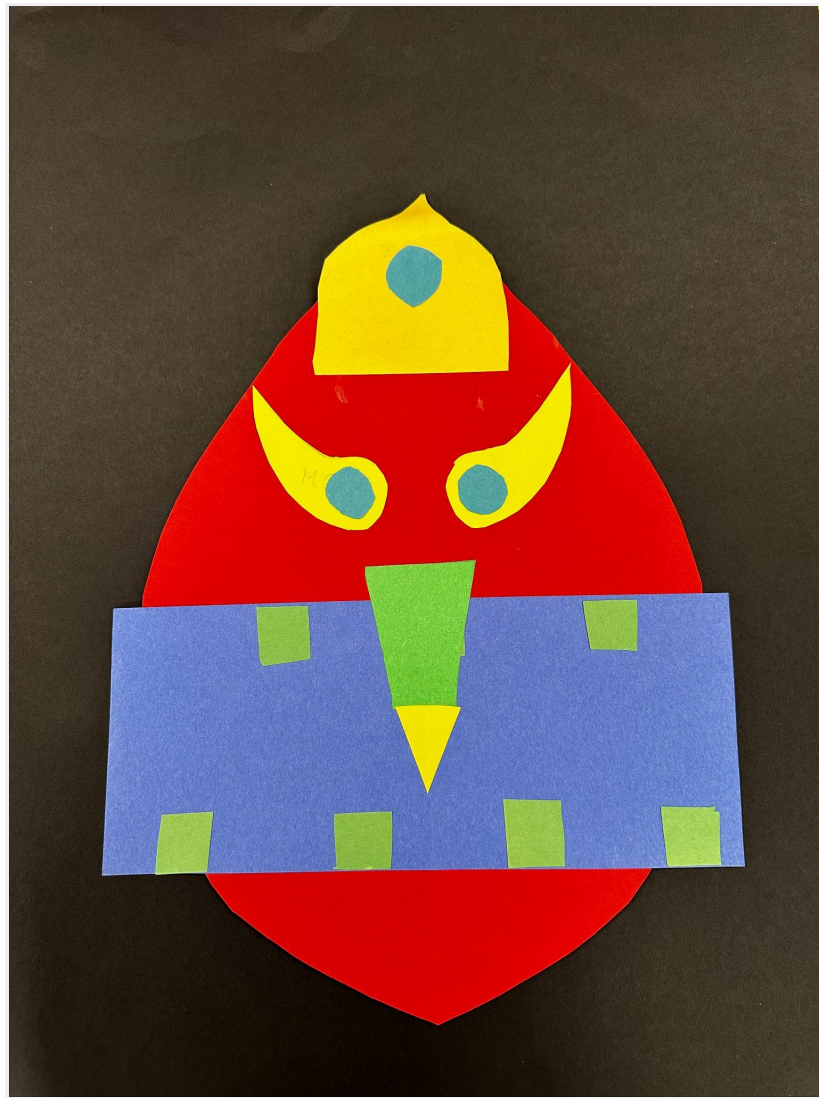


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*Art by Maggie G., Grade 2*

I Have a Unicorn  
by Harper H., Grade K



I have a unicorn  
Her name is Punicorn  
We can fly  
up in the sky.

I Have a Cat  
by Ana V., Grade K



I have a cat.  
His name is Matt.  
He chases a rat.  
And that is that!



I See a Lion  
By Maxwell W., Grade K



I see a lion  
His name is Ryan.  
He likes to drive a car.  
Look at him go fast and far.

Ellie the Cat  
By Connor M., Grade K



Ellie the cat can't meow a word  
When she chases the feather bird.

## Ninja Ninja

By Alex F., Grade K



Ninja ninja

Up the warp wall.

Ninja ninja

It's pretty tall.

## I Have a Bunny

By Amelia C., Grade K



I have a bunny.

She is funny.

I love her a bunch.

We have carrots for lunch.

# Goldilocks and the Three Puppies

By Ingrid S., Grade 2



Goldilocks was at the Puppy House. She tried many of the puppies' things. First she tried Papa Puppy's ball but it was too roly. So she tried Mama Puppy's ball but it was too rubbery.



Next she tried Baby Puppy's ball and it was just right so she chewed it all up.





Next she tried the puppies' chew toys. First she tried Papa Puppy's chew toy but it was too stiff. Next she tried Mama Puppy's chew toy but it was too soft. Lastly, she chewed on Baby Puppy's chew toy. It was just right so she buried it.



The last things she tried were the puppies' frisbees. First she tried Papa Puppy's frisbee but it was too big. So she tried Mama Puppy's frisbee but it was too small. Lastly, she played with Baby Puppy's and it was just right so she played with it until it got stuck in a birch tree. She started whimpering and crying.

She was whimpering and crying really loudly so the puppies heard her and they came and checked on her. She apologized for breaking their things and they all became friends. The puppies and Goldilocks lived happily ever after.

# The amazing adventure!

written by author Emma S., Grade 3

## Chapter 1, the mystery has begun!

In a magical land there were all the Pokemon in the world there! And this is where the story starts. It was one day like all the others in Pokemon land, the sun was shining the birds were singing and the day was wonderful. But there was one thing that was wrong the forest was as dark as the night sky. Pekuchou and Charmander were running through the grass and were having so much fun. Pekuchou and Charmander were playing tag but then they saw the big black forest! They were terrified and curious. "Pekuchou, why is the forest so dark? Pokemon land is the happiest land and the only, right?" said Charmander. "Ya I have never heard of any other land, but maybe we just found one!" said Pekuchou.

## Chapter 2, into a new world!

"Pekuchou I see a little bit of light coming from the forest." announced Charmander. "we have to go in, we have no choice because our land might be in danger" bravely said Pekuchou. "ok lets go then" said, horrified Charmander. So they went into the big black forest and saw the portal glowing purple. But then they jumped into the portal. It looked like you were getting hypnotized in the inside of the portal. Then Pekochou and Charmander fell out of the portal into a whole new world! "CHERMANDER WHERE ARE WE" said Pekochou. "I THINK WE ARE IN A NEW WORLD" "BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO US" said Charmander.

## Chapter 3, The adventure has just begun!

"I DON'T KNOW but let's go ask that creature over there!" said Pekochou, while pointing at the old man. So Pekochou and Charmander walked over to the old man and asked. "what kind of creature are we?" "we are humans obviously." said the old man named Richard. Richard also whispered "Kids these days they are always joking around." Pekochou and Charmander started walking and talking about how they are going to get home and why they have never known about this world. "So we are humans I guess?" said confused Charmander. "Ya I guess so, but first of all what even is this place?" said Pekochou. "we probably should have asked that human what this place is, but I don't see that human anywhere. what is this black thing it feels so weird, and what is that thing driving around?" said Charmander. "AND IT IS COMING STRAIGHT AT US!" shouted Pekochou.

## Chapter 4, Incoming!

"AHHHHH" Screeeeeeech "AHHHHHHH" Pekochou and Charmander were still screaming even though the car stopped. "You guys can stop screaming and. WHY WERE YOU GUYS IN THE ROAD!" shouted Katherine. "OHHH so that is what this is called a road." whispered Charmander. "what did you say?" "Nothing But we came from a different world." "WHAT DO YOU MEAN!" shouted Katherine. "we came from a different world. Do you not know what that means?" said Pekochou. "wow so you guys actually came from a different world, what is the world like?" asked Katherine. "Ya we did, and our world is always happy, and it is so fun and amazing there!" Happely said Charmander. "wow that is so cool! And do you guys have a place to stay?" asked Katherine. "No we don't actually." said Pekochou.



## Chapter 5, New Life For Now.

"well you guys can stay at my house if you want." said Katherine. "we would love to!" said Charmander. "Ok hop in then." So all three of them went to Katherine's house but it is almost night time. "Thank you so much human!" said Pekochou. "Your welcome, and my name is Katherine. what are your names by the way?" said Katherine. "My name is Pekochou." "And my name is Charmander." "Cool." So then the three of them finished driving to Katherine's house. But when they got there something wasn't right. But everyone didnt know that something was wrong. "Ok guys, lets go inside." said Katherine. "wow this place is so nice I love it!" said Pekochou. "Thank you! Go ahead and make yourself at home," announced Katherine. "HANDS UP THIS IS A ROBBERY!" said the robber. "AHHH" "AHHH" "AHHH"...

To Be Continued...

# The Last Three Dragons

Written by Adelyn M., Grade 3

## Chapter 1

In a green forest there were a lot of dragons. It was raining, so they were in their caves. Far away was an evil dragon that was cursing all humans in the village. Then the mystery starts. One ordinary day all the dragons were out in the sun, then all of a sudden the sky started to get gray and dark and the evil dragon realized there were other dragons around. The other dragons knew there was an evil dragon. But they didn't know was the evil ragon knew there were other dragons (there are 8 dragons in the village).

## Chapter 2

The evil dragon was so excited that there were other dragons because he wanted to kill them. Then all the land would be his. He started to look around for all of the other dragons. He got closer and closer to the forest where the other dragons lived.

The next day, two of the dragons were missing. The dragon's names were Scarlet and Violet, they were sisters. The other dragons were so worried about the sisters. One dragon had an idea of who did it. But then the other dragons had ideas and started to argue. When the fight ended, they decided on who did it.

## Chapter 3

(Fun fact--I am not going to tell you who did it ). OK back to the story. The same day the dragons realized the sky was turning gray and dark again they thought it was a sign of the evil dragon. The dragons got worried and hid in their caves when they were hiding they saw the evil dragon up in the sky. They tried to hide as hard as they could but the evil dragon spotted three of them. He swooped down and grabbed the three dragons with his claws. The evil dragon scraped the three dragons with his claws on their faces. Those three dragons were so hurt.

## Chapter 4

He took the three dragons back to his cave. All the other dragons wanted to fly after them but they were worried they would get captured. The three dragons' names

were: Jack, AJ, and Luke. The next day there were only three dragons left. The evil dragon did not come back because he did not think there were any more. The three dragons tried to find the evil dragon so they could fight him and get the other dragons back. The other dragons were so sad that they lost three more dragons. Finally the three dragons chased after the other three dragons and the evil dragon, they were gliding through the sky like a bird. They were soaring above mountain tops and treetops until finally they got to the evil dragon's cave.

### Chapter 5

They arrived, and luckily the evil dragon did not see them. They were hiding behind these stands that had cool gadgets on them. They thought they would get captured so they were as quiet as can be. They saw the other dragons in cages they really wanted to run and grab the other dragons but they could not because the evil dragon was guarding them. The other dragons snuck closer and closer until they were right near the evil dragon, but they were still hiding. The dragons in the cages saw the other dragons and were really hoping they would not get caught.

### Chapter 6

Sadly the evil dragon spotted the three dragons but did not do anything. The three dragons saw some gadgets and sneakily grabbed them and started to fight. One of the dragons got hurt but kept going. This fight lasted for a long time but guess what? The three dragons killed the evil dragon and the three dragons got the rest of the dragons back. When they got the other dragons back and killed the evil dragon, they cleaned out the evil dragon's cave and made it a place to look over the cliff into the beautiful world. You think that it is the end but it's not. The other dragons stopped being worried about getting captured by the evil dragon and had a happy life. At the evil dragon's cave they planted a garden and took care of it all the time. They were so happy everyday instead of being worried until...

To be continued...



## The Red Chameleon

By Kaylee H., Grade 3

### PROLOGUE

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A LITTLE RED CHAMELEON NAMED RED, WHO LIVED WITH HIS PARENTS, HIS LITTLE TWIN BROTHERS, GREEN AND BLUE, AND GREEN AND BLUE'S FAVORITE FAMILY MEMBER WAS RED'S YOUNGEST SISTER, TEAL. (THIS MADE SENSE TO RED BECAUSE GREEN AND BLUE MAKE TEAL.) HE ALSO HAD AN OLDER BROTHER NAMED YELLOW, BUT HIS OLDER SISTER, PURPLE, WAS BY FAR HIS FAVORITE. SHE WAS THE NICEST OF THEM ALL. HIS PARENTS' NAMES WERE PINK AND ORANGE. NOW RED AND HIS FAMILY WEREN'T ORDINARY CHAMELEONS. UNLIKE NORMAL CHAMELEONS, THEY COULDN'T CHANGE COLOR. THAT IS WHY THEY WERE NAMED ONE COLOR, BECAUSE WHEN THEY WERE BORN, THEY CHOSE ONE COLOR TO STAY FOREVER, AND THEN THEIR PARENTS NAMED THEM AFTER THAT COLOR.

*Somewhere, in another world, there was a dragon named Summersault. She was named that because summersaults were her favorite thing to do in her free time. She didn't know her parents' names, she never bothered to ask. She was a dragon who lived near or in the water, and loved doing summersaults in the*

water. She herself was an excellent swimmer, although not all water dragons could swim well, like her father. All water dragons could breathe underwater, even if they couldn't swim well.

## **CHAPTER 1**

**RED WAS HAVING A BAD DAY. FIRST, HE ACTUALLY GOT TRICKED BY HIS 2 YEAR OLD BABY SISTER!!!! SHE BLENDED IN WITH RED'S **TEAL** BED AND WHEN HE WOKE UP, SHE JUMPED UP AND SCARED RED HALF TO DEATH. RED DIDN'T EVEN KNOW 2 YEAR OLDS WERE THAT SMART! THEN, AT LUNCH TIME, TWINS **GREEN** AND **BLUE** ALSO STARTLED HIM, THIS TIME WHEN HE WAS EATING- NO, PREPARING LUNCH WHEN THE TWINS JUMPED UP AND MADE HIM DROP HIS GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH. LATER, HIS MOM, **PINK**, YELLED AT HIM BECAUSE IN ALL THE CHAOS, RED HAD FORGOTTEN TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH. SO NOW RED WAS SITTING ON HIS BED, STARVED AND ANGRY. WHAT HE NEEDED WAS TO GET SOME REVENGE ON EVERYONE. RED FELL ASLEEP DREAMING OF WHAT HE WOULD DO TOMORROW TO EVERYONE AS PAYBACK.**

Summersault was having a great day. First, her mom bought her an ice seaweed cone. (That is like an ice cream cone for us, but made of seaweed.) Then, her mom let her go on a walk around the

waterfall (Perfect for doing SUMMERSAULTS in!!!) Then, she got to have a splash-date with her BFF, Whirlpool! Soon she was playing/swimming (Mostly swimming) with Whirlpool with a tummy full of ice seaweed and happy because her summersaults for the day had been taken care of. (If Summersault doesn't do summersaults every day, she will be very mad and upset, which usually results in a tantrum) She was TREMENDOUSLY happy! Her mom came and said that Whirlpool's mom said that Whirlpool could sleep over tonight. Now she was asleep thinking of the great day she had had.

## CHAPTER 2

**RED WOKE UP EARLY SO HE COULD START HIS PLAN. HE WOULD RUN AWAY FOR A WHOLE DAY AND COME BACK THE NEXT NIGHT! SURELY THAT WOULD GIVE HIS FAMILY QUITE A SCARE AND THEY WOULD ALL BE SO SORRY AND HE WOULD ONLY FORGIVE THEM IF THEY PROMISED NOT TO DO IT EVER AGAIN AND THEN "BOOM": PROBLEM SOLVED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TOTALLY FOUL-PROOF PLAN! THAT WAS BECAUSE RIGHT NOW HE WAS RED THE GENIUS AND NO PLAN OF HIS COULD EVER GO WRONG BECAUSE... THAT WAS RED'S TRAIN IF THOUGHT. HE STARTED BY EATING HIS BREAKFAST (FLY CEREAL) AND THEN PACKED A WHOLE BUNCH OF FOOD TO EAT ON HIS JOURNEY. RED SET OFF. HE STARTED TO LEAP OVER THE BUSHES THAT GAVE WAY TO THE LONG, DEEP, WOODS THAT THREATENED TO SWALLOW**



HIM UP. JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO LAND IN THE LEAF PILE HE HAD SO CLEVERLY SET UP YEARS AGO OVER THE BUSHES, SOMETHING (AN INVISIBLE FORCE?) PULLED HIM BACK AND SUDDENLY RED FOUND HIMSELF SLIDING DOWN A WATERFALL RIGHT INTO A SUMMERSAULTING DRAGON'S CLAWS.

Summersault was SO surprised! She had just seen a red chameleon (You should know this is Red if you were paying attention) fall down a waterfall (She was there with Whirlpool, since it was both of their favorite places) and fall into her unsuspecting claws. Apparently, judging from the look of surprise on his face and the squeal he gave out, he was just as surprised as she was...

**...AND HE WAS.**

Are you hooked? Can't wait to find out what happens to Red and Summersault? Just wait until a book called The Red Chameleon comes out. Then all you friends can read the finished product of my story! Do me a favor and read my book. Hope you enjoy,

*Kaylee H.*

To-be author of The Red Chameleon

*Dragons and Flowers*  
*By Fallon B., Grade 4*



Poem

by Juliana S. and Rosalyn M., Grade 4

Blue eyes, blue skies  
Green grass, green bass  
Black cat, Black bat  
Yellow sun, yellow bun  
Brown hair, brown bear  
Red light, red night  
White moon, White loon  
No matter what you are you're always a star

D O G S S  
Dog Official Government Secret Service  
by Eliza Stimpson

I was nervous. I was waiting in the chief commander's office, my heart was racing. Was I fired? Was I going to be a normal dog?

Then, before I could pass out from stress, Chief walked in. She said "I have news, agent O, you have been selected to do one of our most dangerous missions ever." I froze. Was I the best of our secret service team? She added, "You have worked your butt off being a Dog Official Government Secret Service agent." She whispered "You've earned it." I stood up and walked out of her office and into the elevator that would bring me home.

I wagged my tail out of excitement. I looked out the clear glass of the door to see where I was. I was at home! I ran through the gate to the backyard and scratched on the door to the kitchen. I was let in by my wonderful kid Eliza. Her brother must have been playing video games. My favorite person was right there. DAD!!!!!! He gives the BEST scratches. I ran over and he scratched me and gave me the best scratches ever! Later that night I was on the couch with Eliza.

When I said, "Hey Eliza, can you help me with something?" she looked at me like I was crazy.

She shook her head and was about to call Mom when I said, "I won't hurt you."

"You can talk?"

I replied with a "yes." She seemed cool with me talking.

She said, "What do you need help with?"

I said, "I am a secret service agent for the dog government. I need to complete a mission to stop people from loving cats more than dogs. The leader is... Mad Catter."

She said, "OK, get in the stroller--we are heading to the cat palace!"

The cat palace is where cats hang out to do some cat things like eat weird cat food and lick their paws. There is a door that leads to a suspicious room. The Mad Catter is the owner and operator.

I hopped in the stroller and about 15 minutes later we were there. I put on a cat onesie and walked inside and the Mad Catter greeted me and let me in the weird room. There were other cats

weirdly licking their paws. There was also some drinking some milk from a small silver bowl. Icky cats.

Then a few minutes later, Eliza walked in on all fours in a catsuit. It was so realistic. She stood up and walked to a human door at the back of the room. She let me in too. Inside there was a file that said SECRET PLAN DO NOT READ!!!!!!

Of course she opened it. You can't put something in the open that says do not read and expect people to not read it. On the inside it said he was going to release a cat that was the cutest kitten ever. But he needed a crystal that was in the other Cat palace. The problem is...It is over one day to get there in the car.

So we left, and as soon as we got home we got all of Eliza's money and bought a bus ticket and packed our bags and walked to the bus stop. The bus was about to pull up, so we had to hurry to get there. As we got on the bus we planned on how to get the crystal. Shortly after we finished planning, I fell asleep.

When I woke up, we were about to get off the bus. The cat palace was only a few minutes away if we walked there. After we got off the bus, Eliza said "Get in!" She pulled out the stroller and got it ready. We arrived and ran inside and opened the door to the cats. We tried opening the door to the room that had a crystal, but it was locked. I pushed and she did too and it opened and we grabbed the crystal.

When we walked out feeling accomplished, The Mad Catter pulled up in his fancy pants car. We hid and he walked right past, so when he walked past we bolted to the bus. It was going to arrive in one minute and we had a bus ticket, so we were ready to go. The bus showed up and we got on. He came running trying to catch the bus, but it drove away just in time.

I was so tired I fell right asleep. I woke up the next morning. We got off the bus and as soon as we got home we destroyed the crystal. There was a big bang as we looked to see the cat palace was destroyed. Thankfully they were closed so the cats were safe. Dog love is the best.

Later that night on the news it said that both cat palaces were destroyed and that the Mad Catter was actually a dog in a human disguise. I recognized the fact that it was the old Chief Commander who got fired for having a pet cat that he loved.

When I went to work the next day, I was told to go straight to the Commander's office. When I walked in, she said “ Hi, commander.” I was shocked.

I said, “ I am the commander now?”

“Chief Commander to you, actually,” she added. I was shocked. I walked out and said “thank you.”



The End

Skip skip skip  
By Heaven O., Grade 6

Across the blacktop  
No one can stop it  
No one can hear it  
But it's there i swear  
It's almost faint  
Like a thin coat of paint.



## The Last Duckies

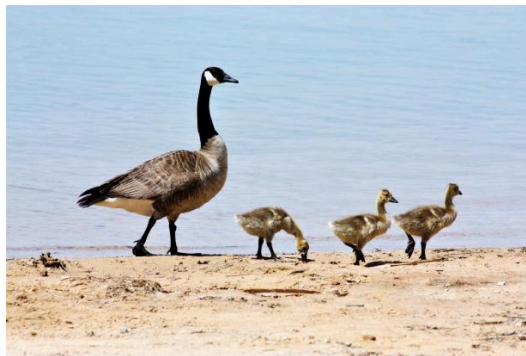
by Eliza S., Zoe K., and Rosalyn M., Grade 4

Once there were three ducks, Thing A, Thing B, and Thing C. They had many friends but weirdly it had seemed like their friends had disappeared. They had then noticed that they were **Alone**. Their friends were gone and there was no one left, they were the only duckies left and they needed to do something to save the population of duckies!!!!!! They soon realized that there were no ducks working at duckie cafes and no ducks to get the water, food, and building material. They would have to survive with just themselves!!!! They were all starving; they were in need of food. “What do we do?” Thing B said. “I don’t know???” Things A and C said.

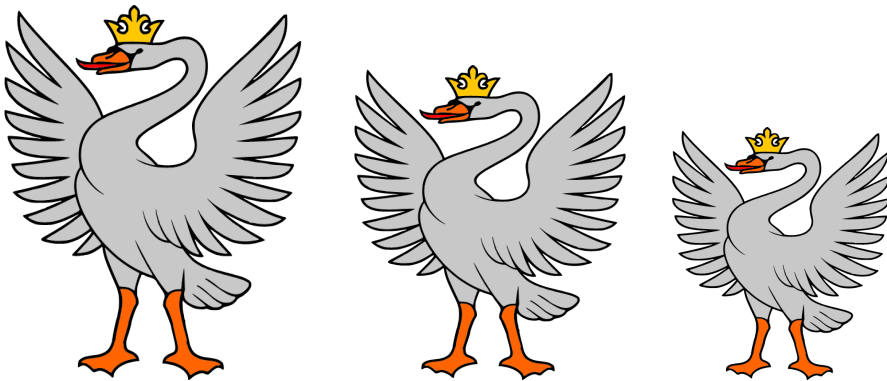
They all tried to look for a pond or an apple tree. Their town was known for apple trees, and apple farms. They went to very popular apple farms and they all decided on one apple farm named “Happy Tree’s Farm.” They all went under the fence and looked for apples “These people are dumb and didn’t put pesticides on the apples so animals and things didn’t try to eat them.” They all grabbed a few apples and went to see if they could find an escape where people wouldn’t see them. “I see a broken fence!!!” Thing C said. They ran to the hole in the fence and ran through. Then Thing C said “There’s a farmer!” They continued venturing through the field where the farmers lived. “GET BACK HERE YOU RASCALS!!!!” the farmer yelled. “RUNNNNNNNNN!!!!!!” They all yelled and started waddling as fast as they could. The farmer seems like he was in his 60’s so he was very very very slow. He was a cranky old man. And then his wife came waddling out the door. She was about 65 years old.

They ran faster and faster and faster looking for a place to hide. They found an old barn. It was broken down and looked about 167 years old. They all went into it and hid behind hay bales. “WHERE ARE THESE LITTLE DU-” Then the ducks threw an old glass cup. “THERE!” they yelled as they saw the ducks’ hiding spots. The ducks rushed to swing their legs as they sprinted to a fence and fluttered their wings as they raised over the fence. They all landed with a big thump. There was a woosh then a cry of help came from someone. We then look to see Thing C being taken by two little geese! Thing B says “Come on, let’s follow ‘em!” They then ran to catch thing C, then one of the geese said “ Can’t catch us!!!” They then waddled faster and faster until they realized they were in front of a big barn. The geese ran in as Thing C screamed. Then the doors started to close and Thing A said “Quick!!!!” They ran through the doors and saw a massive goose in a suit with a suspicious briefcase. Then he said “Whow them the screen!!!” A screen dropped down in front of them. The screen showed all of their friends from duck world. Including Thing C.

The goose said, “f you beat me, which no one has ever done, you will get your friends back. But to make it fair, I will give you your friend back cause they are weird.”



They hit a button under our wings. When they tried to talk, duck eggs came shooting out at 445 MPH! 🥚 They started shooting the eggs at the geese, they started to defeat them, then the two small geese fell to ground and the big goose started to tip. He fell and hit a button releasing our friends. They cheered and then armor appeared, then they realized that they were unstoppable and could rule the humans!. They raced to the largest city in the world and started a fight. Of course they won because it was one million ducks - 500,000 human beings. Then they went from city to city defeating every single one, and they hired ducks from all over the world. They started a duck factory that produces the ★ **DUCK** **ARMY** ★. They became queens and had an army of ducks. Little did they know they weren't alone and they didn't know they hadn't gotten rid of all the humans. Little did they know... they weren't alone...



## The Magical Grand Canyon

By Gretchen S., Grade 5

Have you ever heard of the Grand Canyon? Well, if you visit you will remember it as a wonderful, unforgettable experience. First of all, the Grand Canyon is a national park. Also, it is home to many plants, animals, and colors. Learn about the history and Powell's exploration. So, let's dive in!

The Grand Canyon is a national park thanks to Theodore Roosevelt, the conservation President. Theodore worked hard to protect the wonders of the United States. Furthermore, he has visited the Grand Canyon multiple times. Once by himself and once with his two sons. He describes the Grand Canyon as a natural wonder that is impossible to improve or match. That is how the Grand Canyon became a national park.

What types of animals and plants are located in the Grand Canyon? This is a question many people have. Some of the many animals are Roosevelt elk, Gila monsters, and Mountain lions. The Grand Canyon is also home to over 350 species of birds. The Spanish brought horse, sheep and cattle to the canyon. The canyon is home to numerous unique animals, one of which is the Kaibab squirrel. It eats tree bark or ponderosa pine cone seeds. Another unique species is the pink Grand Canyon rattlesnake, it can grow to over 4 ft, and is a different pink color than most animals are. The Grand Canyon is also home to several types of cacti. Some of the many colors in the canyon are pink, red, and orange. The Grand Canyon has little bits of gold and other metals, but it is very hard to find. If you visit the Grand Canyon you might encounter a unique plant or animal species!

What do you know about the history of the Grand Canyon and Native Americans? Canyons are created by erosion. The Grand Canyon is one of the largest canyons. It is 270 miles long, 81 miles deep, and at its widest point it is 18 miles across. The Grand Canyon is also very old. For example the youngest rock is 250 million years old and the oldest is 2 billion years old. Some Native American tribes still live in the Grand Canyon. Also, you can visit a building from long ago. Or, you could try to find the Navajo, Hopi, and Havasupai that still live there. You could visit an 800-year-old village. People have been able to learn about Native American tribes by finding things like spearheads, willow twig art, and sandal or clay creations. Some tribes like the Anasazi are farmers, but other tribes were hunters. The hunting tribes hunted things like antelope, deer, rabbits, and bighorn sheep. The Native Americans may have also used the Colorado

River. The Colorado River runs through the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is so deep that from above the Colorado River looks very tiny. But, in reality it is a giant roaring, raging river. That is the history of Native Americans and the Grand Canyon.

Have you ever heard of Powell's exploration? Powell is a geologist that lost his arm in an accident. Powell led the first group of people through the Grand Canyon. He only brought nine men and over the journey around three of them quit. They explored in four wooden boats carrying supplies for 10 months. Early into the journey, one of the boats started leaking and the supplies were lost. Far into the Grand Canyon, Powell found a cliff. He and George Bradley, another experienced rock climber, decided to climb it. They brought no gear, which was a mistake that almost cost Powell his life. At first, the climb went smoothly with Powell just ahead of George Bradley. Then, disaster struck. Powell came to a small ledge, he grabbed it, but then he was stuck. In spite of being strong, and very experienced, his muscles started to cramp and he couldn't hold on much longer.

George Bradley hurried to a larger ledge above Powell. He took off his clothes and hung his long underwear down to where Powell was. Powell had one chance to grab the underwear, one chance at life. Would he make it? He gathered up all of his strength and courage. Then, he let go and jumped. He made it! He had survived! The rest of the climb went smoothly. From above the Colorado River looks small and harmless. But, in reality, it was very dangerous when Powell and his crew explored it. There are dams at both ends of it today so it is not as dangerous. Powell also used dories, heavy boats that are very deep inside. These are not good for the Rapids in the Colorado. He should have brought light flat-bottomed boats.

When they could, they carried the boats around the Colorado River. Many of the men seemed afraid of the water and Rapids caused even some of the bravest to turn around. This first trip of Powell's was in the year 1861. Powell visited the Grand Canyon multiple times. He was the person to discover a body of water near the canyon and he named it Angel Creek Pond. It was a fair-sized pond. Another time he visited was 1871 when he brought another person. The person he brought was a cameraman and they took many great pictures. Some of the pictures were of Powell and Angel Creek. All the times Powell visited the Grand Canyon, he kept a detailed journal. Many of his journals were published into books so others can enjoy them. Powell is very brave, and if you go to the Grand Canyon, visit Angel Creek.



In conclusion, the Grand Canyon is an amazing place. From the Native Americans to the history it has. The plants and animal life is booming. Powell's exploration is a great point in our history. Arizona is a stunning place and is complete with a national park thanks to Theodore Roosevelt. If you ever visit Arizona, why not see the great Grand Canyon?



Lighthouse

by Grace G., Grade 5

Lighthouse, you shine your light  
Lighthouse, you shine so bright  
Lighthouse, you help ships see  
When you flash your light you talk to me.

Every night I dream of climbing your steps.  
Your slight sines down to the water depths.  
Lighthouse, oh so red.  
“Yawn” I think I’ll go to bed.

Creative Writing  
by Abby G., Grade 5

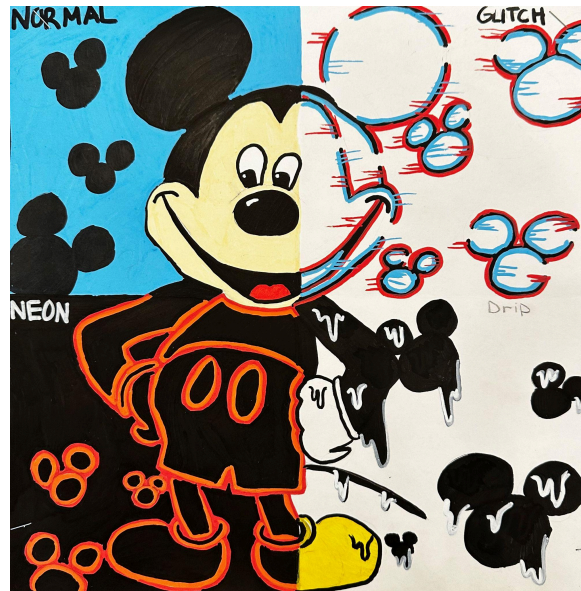
One day Taylor Swift was walking through the woods. She met this strange woman. She smiled and said something. Well, Taylor didn't even know what she said. It sounded like Chinese, but she couldn't translate it. So Taylor said "Hi" because she didn't know what else to say! She also didn't want to say something mean, because after all that woman was strange.

But before that woman showed up, she realized the flowers were somehow talking. She must have been in an enchanted forest. Wow! Most magical place ever! The next thing she knew, the strange woman grabbed her with a firm grip! Taylor screamed as loud as she could. No one came to help her. She was being dragged across the forest, her ankles twisting every which way!

By the time the woman stopped dragging Taylor, she was in so much pain! Taylor looked at her legs. She had so many cuts and bruises she couldn't even count! She looked around and saw her captor. She has long black curly hair and red lipstick. She didn't look old, but she didn't look young either.

She also saw where she was tied up against a chair in a small room that looked like a basement. Her captor brought her a drink. Taylor drank it but after she didn't feel good. Then her eyelids grew heavy. The next thing she knew she couldn't open her eyes.....

*Mickey Mouse*  
*By Ashlinn D., Grade 7*



Weather  
By Grace G., Grade 5

The leaves fall  
I'm so wet  
The snow falls  
It feels so cold  
The rain falls  
I'm so wet  
The clouds clear  
The sun smiles

Wildfire

By Heaven O., Grade 6

Run run away

Before you can decay

Up and over the hill

Fire getting pushed by wind mills

All wood lost

Not a penny to cost

Big back

**Pizza Bear, By Aurelia D., Grade 7**





*Banana Penguins By Karelyn C.-S., Grade 8*





## **The Northwood Middle School Experience**

By Anonymous

Here's to the Friend  
I thought I knew  
Here's to the Friend  
Who stuck it through  
Here's to the Friend  
Who keeps switching sides  
And here's to the Friend  
Who hides

I used to hate you  
I lied  
And betrayed you  
Tried to ditch one for another  
Let's just call her Sue

I ran on lack of sleep and spite  
Wiped tears from my eyes  
*Chin up, buttercup*  
I'd say  
*Tough people never cry*

I admit it, I schemed endlessly in my head  
Wished the Friends would go away  
Switch schools  
Unsay the things they say

In winter, I learned, my previous rock bottoms  
had a basement  
I gave up  
Stopped trying  
*Hated*

I Hated school  
I Hated rules  
I Hated me  
I probably Hated you, too

Enter Trimester Three  
The Final Stretch starts  
With me  
Vowing to never, ever, *ever* again  
Let someone break my heart

That lasted about a night  
I joined a club, joined a sport  
Got a life  
(Or so I hope)

And now, with the year near over  
I think it's safe to say  
I got braver  
I got older  
Read a book that changed my life  
I smiled more  
I laughed  
I remembered how to write

Now, as I write this, I don't know  
I may go back to Before  
This could all be cringe  
I could read this tomorrow and laugh  
At what a fool I'd been  
I could give up again  
I could sink back low  
Try again to disappear  
I really don't know

But, you know what?  
So could you

The truth is  
That whatever's hurting you  
Won't really matter  
In a year or two

So don't waste time  
On the people who are cruel  
'Cause butter my biscuits and call me Betty  
Crocker  
It's *Middle School*

**Frida Kahlo**  
**By Maeve M., Grade 8**

