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Adam J.

**My name is Adam**

Other people call me Aaron.

The animal inside me is a cheetah and lion  
because I'm strong and fast.

In my heart I hold basketball and boxing.

The word on my forehead is 'sup.

I like to go to the gym and work out.

I hate mayo and ketchup.

My favorite time is 12:00-1:00 because it is the beginning of a new day.

I feel safe when I'm around my home.

I feel peaceful every day.

If my hands could speak, they would say, You want to race?

I will always remember my family and friends.

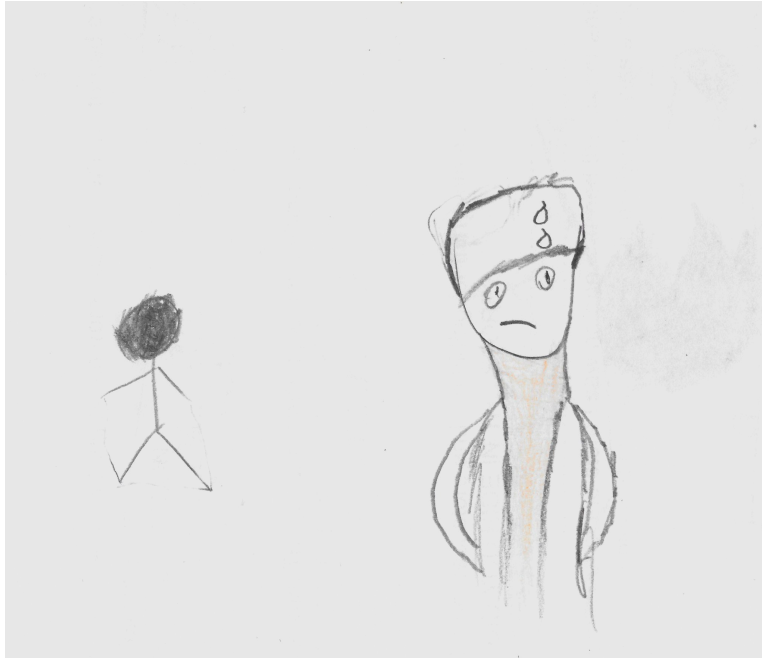
My mom always tells me, Follow your dreams.

I would like to say, do you want to be my friend?

One good thing about me is I am very kind and helpful.

## The Worst Feeling

by Adam



One cold night I was walking home from baseball when I turned around and see someone following me.

They had a hood on and black clothes and the only thing with any color was a hat. The hat was blue.

I started to run. The person started jogging behind me. I felt scared and worried.

I got to the nearest store and I hid in the storage room for thirty minutes.

When I came out of the store I saw no one. I turned the corner and he punched me so hard I blacked out, and I woke up in my bed. It was a nightmare.

(Based on a true story.)

## Amar'e D-W.

### **My name is Amar'e.**

Other people call me MarMar or Mare.

The animal inside of me is a cat because I'm always asleep.

In my heart I hold sleepiness.

The word on my forehead is tired because my bed is comfy.

I like to lay down on cozy blankets and watch tv.

I hate flies, uncold pillows.

My favorite time is sleep time on the weekend 'cos I can sleep all day.

I feel safe when I'm asleep because my room is next to my Mom's.

I feel peaceful when I lie down on the bed.

If my hands could speak, they would say, He is so sleepy.

I will always remember my friends and family.

My family always tells me, Keep going.

I would like to tell my friends hi.

One good thing about me is I sleep, play games, sleep, eat, sleep.

## The Mystery Monster

By Amar'e D-W.



One Saturday, I was walking to my friends when I saw a cookie bag and Cookie Monster came. I was scared. He was staring at me while he ate my cookies. Then he started coming closer. Every time he finished a cookie he got closer to me. I thought he was gonna eat me, but he just gave me a cookie.

After that, I would walk to my friend's house. I saw him every day after that.

Annalise M.

## Werewolf Night

By Annalise

One cool night when the moon was full, I was walking through the woods when a werewolf jumped out of the bushes. I screamed and ran to my house.

Then the werewolf bit me, but I didn't feel it at first. But I felt weird after, and I started to transform into a werewolf.

Later that night, a werewolf war between humans started. They were fighting, biting, and more.

When the werewolves won, I felt good.

I blacked out, and then I woke up just for it to be a dream. Or was it? Was I a werewolf or was I a human? But we'll never know.

Things are queer now.... The things that you know, I don't. Things feel really strange.

Maybe you're the werewolf. I'm the speaker, you know. Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!



## Ayden S.

My name is Ayden S.

Other people call me Ayden Aries S.

The animal inside of me is a poodle because they're cute.

In my heart I hold thoughts.

The word on my forehead is AAS (my initials).

I like to play games like fortnite and Apex legend.

I hate mint ice cream.

My favorite time is 2:00 because it's the end of school.

I feel safe when I'm at home.

I feel peaceful when I'm out of school.

If my hands could speak they would say,

Can I have something to drink?

I will always remember my mom.

My mom always tells me if something is wrong.

I would like to tell my art teacher that I like your class, Ms. Wooley.

One good thing about me is I am smart.

## **I Was the Monster**

by Ayden S.

One cold night I woke up. I was seven at the time. I was cold, and then I heard a voice. It said, "Come here," in a dark and deep voice.

I was scared.

I ran as fast as I could. I ran to the kitchen. I grabbed a knife for protection. Multiple monsters came into the kitchen, and then I passed out from shock. Then I woke up.

Then the funniest thing happened. I chased the monsters around the house. They ran in different places. I backed them into a corner one by one, and I hunted them down.

One down. Two down. Three down. Four down. Five down. Six down. Seven down. More.

Until there were no more left and then...

I was the monster.



## Brayla V-W.

### **My name is Brayla.**

Other people call me Bray Bray.

The animal inside of me is a black cat 'cause I stay up at night.

In my heart I hold love, caring and good vibes.

The word on my forehead is, You got this.

I like to have fun playing in the gym.

I hate when people are in my conversation when it's not theirs.

My favorite time is recess 'cause we go outside.

I feel safe when I'm at school and when I'm with my family.

I feel peaceful when I'm in my room by myself.

If my hands could speak, they would say, Good vibes.

I will always remember my besties.

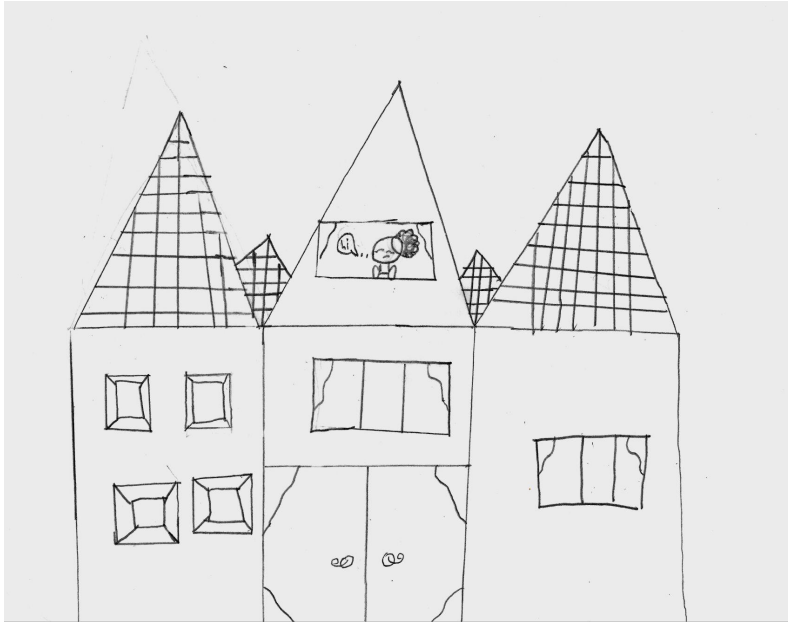
My mom and dad and fam always tell me, Be good, and I love you.

I would like to tell my cousins that they are funny.

One good thing about me is that I am pretty.

## Hot Sunny Day

Brayla V.



One hot sunny day I was walking to the gym when a huge swarm of bees came by me. I was in shock, but I did not say anything.

I started running to my house and I closed my house door, but all the windows were open in the house, so I ran to close the windows but the bees kept coming over and

over again and kept getting bigger.

Some of the bees were very small and some were big in size.

So I ran to my huge room to close the door and I called animal control and closed my windows. They came with nets to get the bees and they were yelling. They got the bees out and let them free from my house.

And my name was Nia.

The End.

## Brenden T.

My name is Brenden, but  
Other people call me NBA kid and BT.  
The animal inside of me is cheetah—I'm so fast.  
In my heart I hold love and happiness.  
The word on my forehead is Drama.  
I like to play basketball with my brother.  
I hate rain because it gets you wet.  
My favorite time is church time.  
I feel safe when I play basketball.  
I feel peaceful when I'm with my dog.  
If my hands could speak, they would say,  
"What's up?" to keep me able to do work.  
I will always remember my academic specific words.  
My friends always tell me how good of a friend I am.  
I would like to tell them thank you so much.  
One good thing about me is I'm so so tall and I love my classroom.



### The God of Ace

by Brenden T.

Once there was a poor love boy named Ace who lived in a brown house. What Ace wanted more than anything was to get a house with food and work to get money too. But he didn't have money so he begged and begged.

"Yes, yes, you can have some money," said the people.

"Bless you. You may be free," said Ace.

Then Ace decided to get a job and he made a lot of money, but he fell and got hurt and his leg hurt so much.

Then Ace tried singing. He was so happy outside and made \$21,000, but he needed cash and couldn't walk because he fell. So he walked as fast as he could.

Finally, he felt so much better that he could run again.

This time he was so happy and good he became rich and the president and a famous rapper, and he loves to talk on TV. He loves it. He wishes he could live forever.

So he lived so happily with his wife, two sons, and two daughters. His sons became rappers too. His daughters are still in love with art.

## **Zombies**

By Brenden T.



One cold night I saw a zombie and I ran. I saw a car and 400 zombies chasing me. I was thinking I was going to die as I ran.

I saw the car, my car. I hoped the car had keys in it. My keys were in the car so I got the key, and I hop in the car.

Then I ran them over, but I ran out of gas so I seen a chair somewhere. Then I chased the zombie away with the chair and it ran in the middle of the ocean and the zombie passed away again.



## Da'Miya C.

### **My name is Da'Miya.**

Other people call me Miya, MyMy, Boots.

The animal inside of me is a whale because sometimes they are alone.

In my heart I hold lots and lots of love and peace.

The word on my forehead is love and peace.

I like to go outside to play with my friends.

I hate people that start stuff and are nasty.

My favorite time is the weekend so I can go to my dad or mom's house.

I feel safe when I am at home with my grandma.

I feel peaceful when I am at home looking at tiktok.

If my hands could speak, they would say all the things I think.

I will always remember my friends and family.

My grandma always tells me to stop being bad or ungrateful.

I would like to tell her, I am not trying to.

One good thing about me is I will be friends with anyone  
who wants to be friends with me.

### **100 Years of Rain**

by Da'Miya M.

One hot sunny day I was at the park when it started to rain

The news said it would so before I got hit, there was a bunker so I  
went in the bunker, and it had everything I needed so I stayed in there for  
seven years, and it stopped but the water was acid.

100 years later all of it was gone and the world was back to normal.

## **Taylana of Vanda**

by Da'Miya

Once there was a red furry monster named Taylana who lived in a city called Vanda. What Taylana wanted was to get to meet her real family.

But in Vanda, they let no one out of the city. So Taylana decided to sneak out of the city, but she had to go back because she got laughed at and didn't know the way.

Then Taylana tried to do it again, but this time she had help, but there weren't enough people so Taylana was looking for more people.

Finally, she saw a girl named Mayana, and she invited her to go with them, and they both were looking for their family. They were walking and talking when they found out they were sisters by their mom and dad.

This time, they went the other way and they made it out of the city and so she found her family and lived happily ever after.

DeJa'nae M.

### **Layla and the Strange Girl**

By DeJa'nae

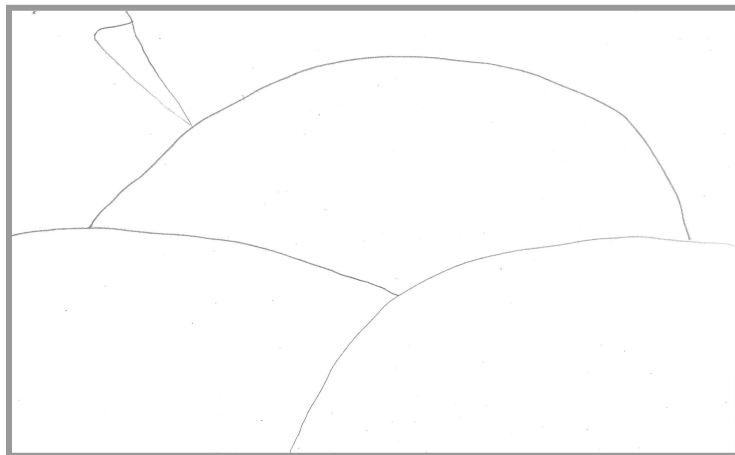
Once there was a little girl named Layla who lived in a house by an apartment. What Layla wanted more than anything in the world was to fly, so she became a scientist.

But first, she had to finish helping her mom. So Layla decided she will work hard every day, but she saw a girl her age. Then Layla tried to talk to her, but the girl walked away from her. She did not say a word.

Finally, she saw her again. She said, "Hi."

Layla said, "Hi" and said, "Do you want to be friends?"

The strange girl said yes and taught her how to fly and watch the sunset.



De'Marr C.

**My name is De'marr C.**

Other people call me man man.

The animal inside of me is cheetah.

In my heart I hold love.

The word on my forehead is work.

I like to play.

I hate mosquitos.

My favorite time is playing chr with my cousin.

I feel peaceful when I am in the sun.

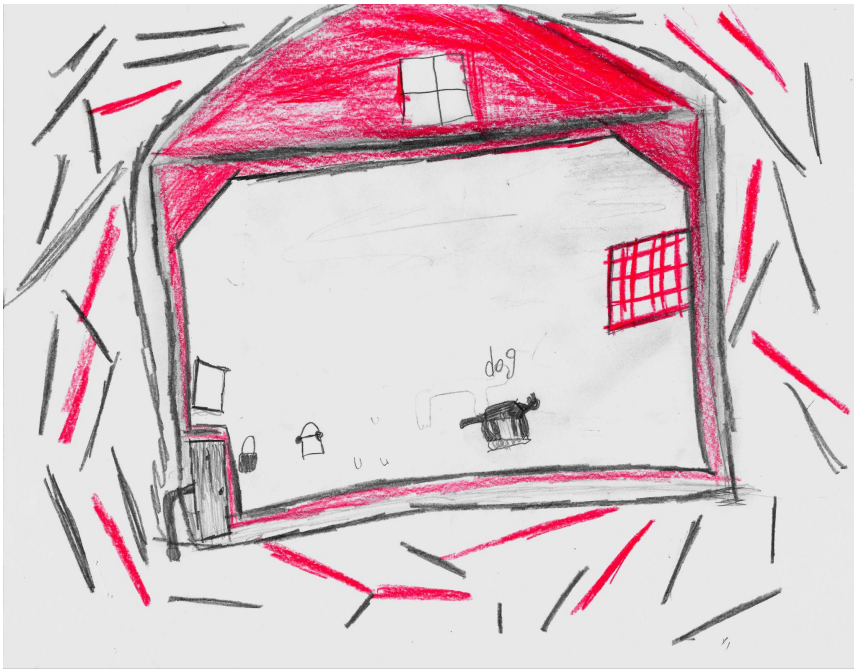
If my hands could speak, they would say, How are you?

My mom always tells me to trust.

One good thing about me is I love to tell jokes.

## Cold Goes to New York

by De'Marr C.



Once there was a red and orange and yellow spotted husky dog named Cold who lived on a white farm with horses.

What Cold wanted more than anything was to go to a dog park in New York City, but his owners wouldn't take him because of his many colors.

So Cold decided to change his colors by rolling in gray paint, and the paint stuck to his fur.

Then Cold tried to jump in the paint can instead of rolling, but he got stuck in the paint can.

Finally, he started barking to get his owner's attention. The owners came and helped Cold by painting.

This time Cold's owners painted him black with a paintbrush so Cold was able to go to New York and lived a month in New York City and visited the dog park every day.

# Ja'Laiyah P.

## **My name is Ja'Laiyah.**

Other people call me lil sister.

The animal inside me is a puppy.

In my heart I hold my friends and family.

The word on my forehead is leave me alone.

I like to do Tiktok.

I hate when I do mean stuff.

My favorite time is with me and my mom and besties.

I feel safe when home.

I feel peaceful when I sleep.

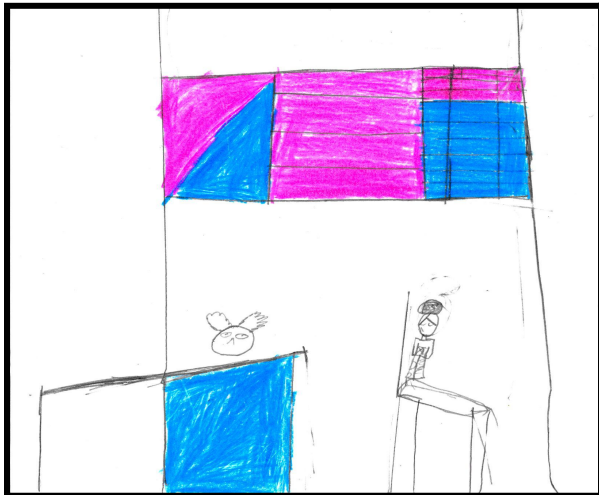
If my hands could speak, they would say, "Side-eye."

I will always remember my besties, Skylar, Brayla, and Jai Rell.

My mom always tells me to be happy.

I would like to tell her, Have a good day.

One good thing about me is small.



## **A Hot Summer Day**

by Ja'Laiyah P.

One hot morning, I was doing my hair at home when my dog jumped on me and a braid fell out. I was sad and mad.

Max was a good dog, but not no more. He was sad to be a lost dog because he was not being good.

I said, "No! Why you do that?"

My dog said, "I'm so sorry."

I was so mad at Max I just wanted to have a good dog because Max is not a good dog no more. Like, why? Sooooo.

I'm done with dogs.

The End.

## Jai Rell A.

### **My name is Jai Rell Amir A.**

Other people call me JJ.

The animal inside of me is a dog because I play around.

In my heart I hold my family.

The word on my forehead is kindness.

I like to play football. I like to run around.

I hate eating cantaloupes and strawberry pop-tarts.

My favorite time is gym and freetime.

I feel safe when I am at home and school.

I feel peaceful when I am playing the game.

If my hands could speak, they would say, Stop cartwheels. We're tired.

I will always remember my family because they help me.

My mom always tells me, I love you.

I would like to tell them that I love them.

One good thing about me is I am kind to others,  
and I try helping homeless people.

### **The Chase**

by Jai Rell A.

One morning I was going to school when a dog started chasing me. I ran so fast my shoes came off. Then I hopped a fence. The dog stopped and looked at me and started barking like he was communicating, and another dog came and started chasing me to an abandoned house.

I started running through the house. I ran out and shut the door.

Then there was a cop and he said, What are you doing, young man, and I just took off running and he got in his car and chased me and arrested me.

James W.

**My name is James.**

Other people call me Jay.

The animal inside of me is tiger.

In my heart I hold my brother.

The word on my forehead is love.

I like to rap.

I hate the smell of fart.

My favorite time is Mother's Day.

I feel safe when I'm at home.

I feel peaceful when I'm in my room.

If my hands could speak they would say, Play the game.

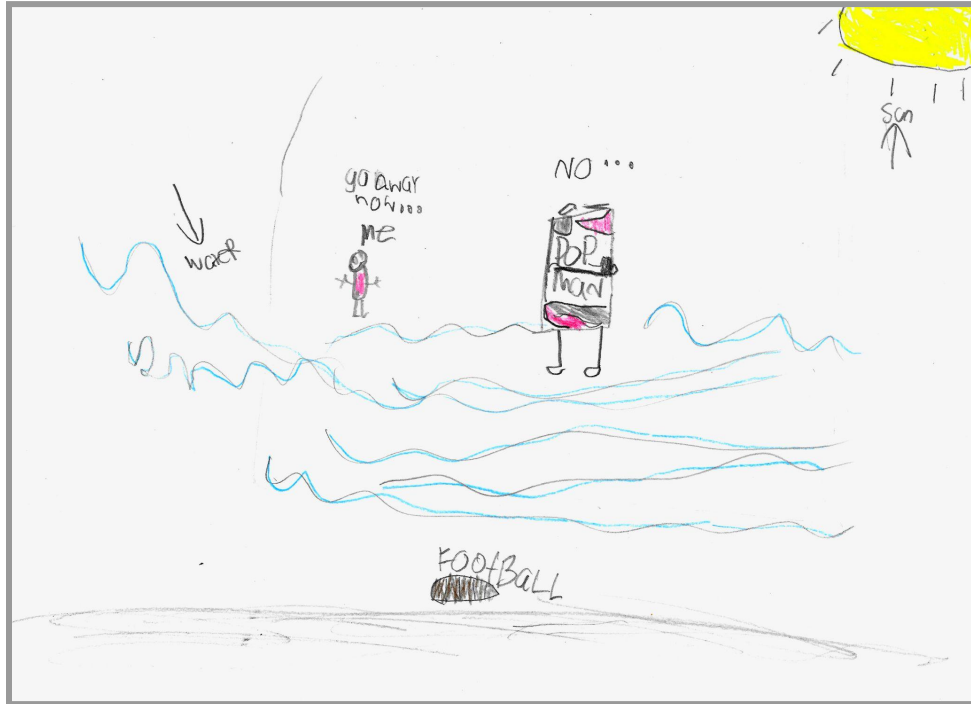
I will always remember my brother, grandma and grandfather.

My brother always tells me, Help Mommy.

I would like to tell him, Ok Nas.

One good thing about me is I play a lot.

**Only in Erie, PA**  
by James W.



One warm night, I was walking and playing football when a pop dude hit me with pop. And I said, "Awww." The pop hit me in the head and back. It was a giant can of pop. I said, "Man, get your butt on. Go away. Leave me alone now."

Then he said, "No. No, I'm not leaving, Dude."

I said, "Yes. Leave." Then I ran in the house. I forgot my football outside. Then I was mad. I was so mad I hit the wall. The pop dude put my football in his mouth and ran. He took my football!

Then I came back outside. I said, "Come back!"

But the pop dude ran and ate my ball and then I shot him with my gel blaster. Then he fell. Then he gave my football back and ran very fast.

"You better go away," I said.

The End

# Kay'den M.

## **My name is Kay'den.**

Other people call me Bebo.

The animal inside me is a wolf.

In my heart I hold my mom.

The word on my forehead is, Do you want to play?

I like to play games.

I hate to curse.

My favorite time is Halloween.

I feel safe when I am with my family.

I feel peaceful when I am with my dad.

If my hands could speak they would say, I do not want to.

My brother Akiba always tells me to leave him alone.

One good thing about me is I am nice sometimes.

## **JJ the Bossy Girl**

Kayden M.

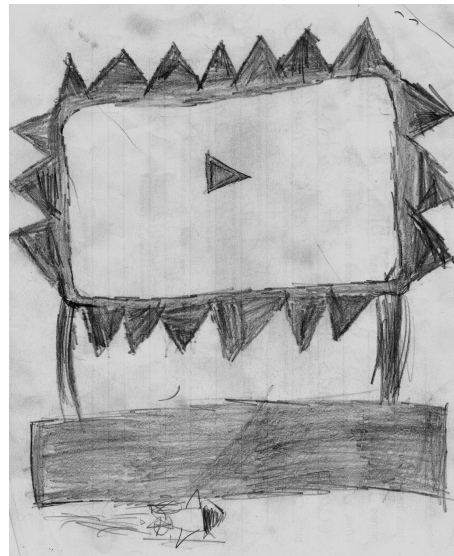
Once there was a bossy mean girl named JJ who lived in a big red house.

What JJ wanted more than anything in the world was to make friends with astronauts, but she was mean, bossy, and afraid to fly.

So JJ decided to pay the astronauts to be her friends, but they refused to accept her money.

Then JJ tried to give them a two-million-dollar spaceship, but they did not want a spaceship.

Finally, the astronauts told her they would be her friend if she would stop being mean and bossy.



# Konnis H.

My name is Konnis H.  
Other people call me midget. Don't call me that!  
The animal inside of me is a lion because I'm fierce.  
In my heart I hold the Holy Spirit.  
The word on my forehead is nothing.  
I like to play basketball and play on my PS5.  
I hate the devil.  
My favorite time is YMCA basketball.  
I feel safe when I'm with God.  
I feel peaceful when I'm watching TV.  
If my hands could speak they would say,  
do your best in basketball with me.  
I will always remember the time that I beat Shane in basketball  
and my grandma.  
My mom always tells me to do my best.  
I would like to tell her that I want to play a real life basketball game.  
One good thing about me is shooting 3 pointers.

## **AJ's Dream**

by Konnis

Once there was a smart boy named AJ who lived in a nice house.  
What AJ wanted was to play basketball but it cost \$119 dollars he had \$50.

So AJ decided to play basketball for money and if he won he could  
get \$100 but he kept losing.

Then AJ tried to play against other people but when he got on the  
court it didn't work out.

Finally, he asked his mom to give him \$100. She said, If you don't  
win, you have to give me all your money.

This time he won the basketball game.

So AJ lived the best few days of his life.

# Logan C.

## The Clones

by Logan

One day when I was walking to school, a giant hamster flew to me. I jumped on it and flew away. We went on a mission to the lab. We got captured by Lockwood Flint and he put us in a cloner pod and we got cloned

Me and the hamster Bobby got cloned 100 billion times and the mad scientist named Lockwood Flint gave us two wooden blunt swords.

Lockwood Flint said, "Here you two go. Good luck or should I say bad luck! Hahaha!" Me and Bobby said, "Me and Bobby will win!"



Lockwood Flint gave us swords for good luck. 25 billion of me and 25 billion of Bobby, and the clones were there to help to help Lockwood Flint. They were bad.

We only destroyed 50 billion of them and Lockwood Flint was mad and he cloned himself 100 billion times! We got

destroyed but I woke up and looked around and saw Bobby! And we did the game mission and we destroyed all 200 billion clones. The end.

## Ma'Kyrra P.

My name is Ma'Kyrra.

Other people call me Kyrra or Bestie.

The animal inside of me is a butterfly  
because they are my fave animal.

In my heart I hold that I love someone.

The word on my forehead is heart.

I like to talk and do TikTok.

I hate school, math, art, writing, storytime online.

My favorite time is with my Bestie, Mom and Dad and Gogo.

I feel safe when I'm with my dad and mom and bestie.

I feel peaceful when I am asleep alone.

If my hands could speak, they would say, "Side-eye."

I will always remember my Bestie, Skylar, Mom, Dad and Gogo.

My mom and dad always tell me to save money.

I would like to tell them that I love you.

One good thing about me is I like to make jokes.

## Kyrra Dreams

by Ma'Kyrra

Once there was a smart pretty girl named Kyrra who lived in a white house. What Kyrra wanted more than anything in the world was to go to California and see her bestie, but she didn't have money to go to California.

Her best friend's name was Jay Jay. Kyrra loved to spend time with her because they would always go out and have fun.

So Kyrra decided to get a job at the donut shop, but she got fired because of a mistake. The mistake was she dropped the donuts!



Then Kyrra tried to be a maid, but the job didn't go well because she had no cleaning stuff.

Finally, Kyrra reached out to her mom and dad. She said, "Mom, Dad, can I get some cleaning stuff and money?"

This time when Kyrra asked her mom and dad for help, they said yes. So Kyrra went to California and Kyrra went to the pool and swim with Jay Jay.

Kyrra said, "I'm so happy to see you!"

## Neema R.

My name is Neema.

Other people call me Ramadhani, Angel, Flower.

The animal inside of me is an elephant because I feel peaceful.

In my heart I hold a zoo of Asian elephants and African elephants.

The word on my forehead is PIZZA because I LOVE PIZZA.

I like to cook food at home.

I hate people saying unkind words to one another.

My favorite time is Saturday and Sunday when there is no school.

I feel safe when I am at home with my family.

I feel peaceful when I read a book.

If my hands could speak, they would say, "Talk to the hand."

I will always remember my old friends at my old school.

My little sister always tells me I am beautiful at home.

I would like to tell her you too are beautiful.

One good thing about me is I like to work in groups.

## Big Cat

By Neema R.



One very hot sunny day, I was walking on the sidewalk when nine cats were chasing me. I was scared and surprised. I was screaming so loud that a lion could hear me from Africa.

I started running because I did not know why they are mad at me or if I have food on me or something. But then two of the cats turned bigger so now there are seven small cats that want me and two big cats too.

I was just on the sidewalk, running and looking like a crazy person. I was so surprised I blacked out on the floor.

When I woke up on the floor, I was in a house, but it was my house.

One of the cats was outside and looked at me and meowed at me. So I just waved back and it was so creepy. I was weirded out right there.

**So now every time I see a cat, I will run the other way and when I say run, I mean run.**

## Disney on Ice

By Neema R.

Once there was a nice pretty lady named Lilly who lived in a black and blue house. What Lilly wanted more than anything in the world was to sing at a palace in Disney World.

But she did not like her own singing.

So Lilly decided to sing to her friends at school, but her friends were too busy at the time. They all did not have the time.

Then Lilly tried to go to a singing company, but everywhere she went they all said, "Sorry, no."

Finally, she stood up, got some tickets, and went to Disney on Ice. She went on stage, closed her eyes, and sang.

This time it worked. She finally sang on stage at Disney.

The audience was clapping, and she was singing, "I'm walking on sunshine."

After the song, she got to eat some food and ice cream. She loves ice cream.

She was brave. She lived happily knowing that she is strong and brave and that she is good at singing.



Rachel L.



### **“Oh No! My Ears!”**

by Rachel

One warm summer day, I was walking my fish when my ears jumped off my head, and grew legs, and walked backwards.

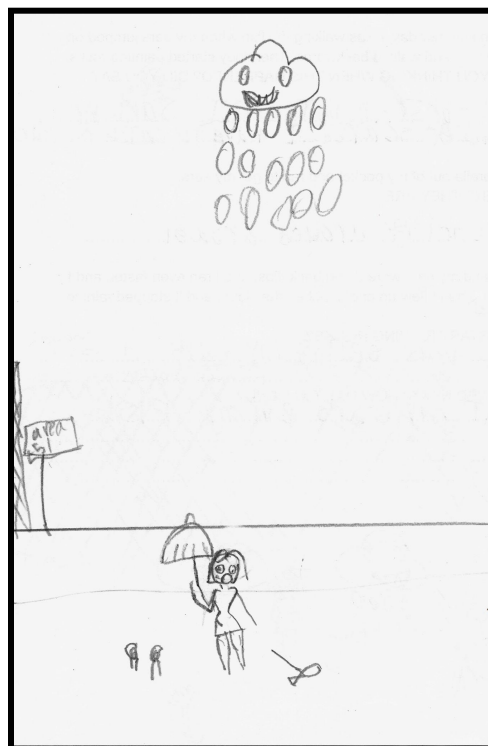
Then they started painting rocks. I was so scared. Then I said, “No time to be scared. I have to catch my ears.”

I pulled an umbrella out of my pocket and ran to get my ears. They were running around Area 51.

I was running, and my ears were doing back flips, and I ran even faster, and I caught my ears. When I was getting my ears, it began to rain rocks.

Then I flew up and punched the cloud, and it stopped raining rocks.

Then I caught my ears, but my fish died.



## Raymond F.

My name is Raymond.

Other people call me Ray or RR.

The animal inside of me is a lion because mad.

In my heart I hold red.

The word on my forehead is mad and sleepy.

I like to play basketball.

I hate to get mad.

My favorite time is lunch.

I feel safe when I am alone in my bed.

I feel peaceful when I am just watching TV.

If my hands could speak, they would say, How are you doing?

I will always remember to be good at school.

My mom always tells me to be good at school.

One good thing about me is I am tall, 5 foot 1, and good.

## Jared's Mom's Problem

by Raymond

Once there was a nice, good boy named Jared who lived in a black and yellow house. What Jared wanted more than anything else was for his mom to have a lot of money, but he did not like his dad.



So Jared decided to rob a bank.

Jared had robbed it, but the cops caught him.

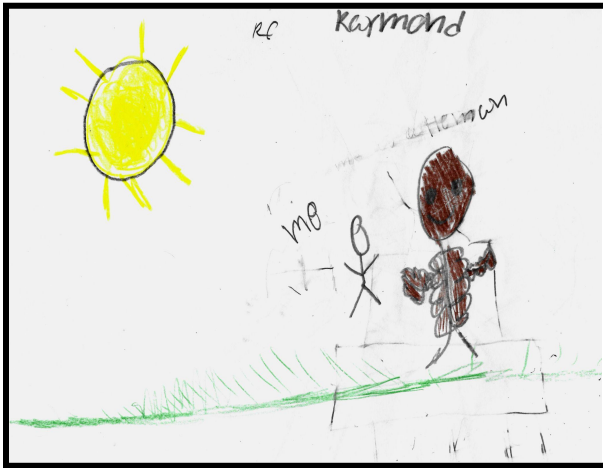
Then Jared went to jail and tried to get out, but when he tried to get help, a man came and helped and the man's name is Junior.

Finally the man helped him. He got a car and drove away. Then the cop saw him as he drove away. Then the cop chased the car and Jared did a high speed chase and got away.

This time his mom got a lot of gas station lottery tickets. The next day Jared decided to give money to the homeless. He gave it to the homeless and donated to gods and the churches and went home and lived happily ever after.

## A Good Day and a Bad

by Raymond

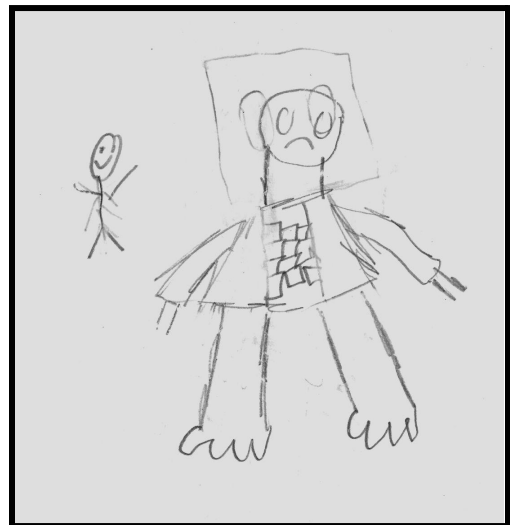


One hot day I was going to Ohio when a helicopter did a 360 no clip in front of me, and I got mad and transformed into the Hulk. I was mad because the helicopter did a 360 no clip in front of me.

I jumped in the sky and killed all of the people in Ohio. I transformed back into a

human, and I was upset and sad and tried to get help. I didn't know who to ask but then I got help from Mr. Root. He gave me something to eat. Three-a-day medicine to calm me down. Mr. Root gave me the help that I needed.

I was mad but I got good. Mr. Root transformed me. I was rich and well, and I was happy and played games all day and went to school and got friends and got a girlfriend.



## Sean C.

My name is Sean.

Other people call me JayZ, Dirty Red, and Mr. Carter.

The animal inside me is an eagle because I like to jump.

In my heart I hold my dog, my family and my father.

The words on my forehead are, "Leave me alone, I'm jumping."

I like to play football with my teammates.

I hate tomatoes.

My favorite time is football practice.

I feel safe when I'm lying down.

I feel peaceful when playing football.

If my hands could speak they would say,  
you need to grip good when you trap the ball.

I will always remember my father.

My mother always tells me to work hard.

I would like to tell her, Do you want to play football?

One good thing about me is I'm nice.

## The Grumpy Lion Walter

By Sean

Once there was a mean grumpy lion named Walter who lived in a rock cave. What Walter wanted more than anything was to eat a zebra because he never ate a zebra. He heard it was so good. But zebras did not live where Walter lived. So Walter decided to hunt for a zebra.

He saw some wolves by the forest path eating a fox. The wolves were acting like they owned the forest, so Walter decided to fight the pack of wolves. When he fought them the wolves were overpowering.

Then he tried in the morning, but the wolves had already eaten the zebra.



Finally, Walter went to the forest and found a zebra himself. He ate the zebra. He brought all his family. This time they all lived happily and they ate zebras in the forest and Walter became the king of the jungle.

# Shane B.

## Fire and Lighting

By Shane B.

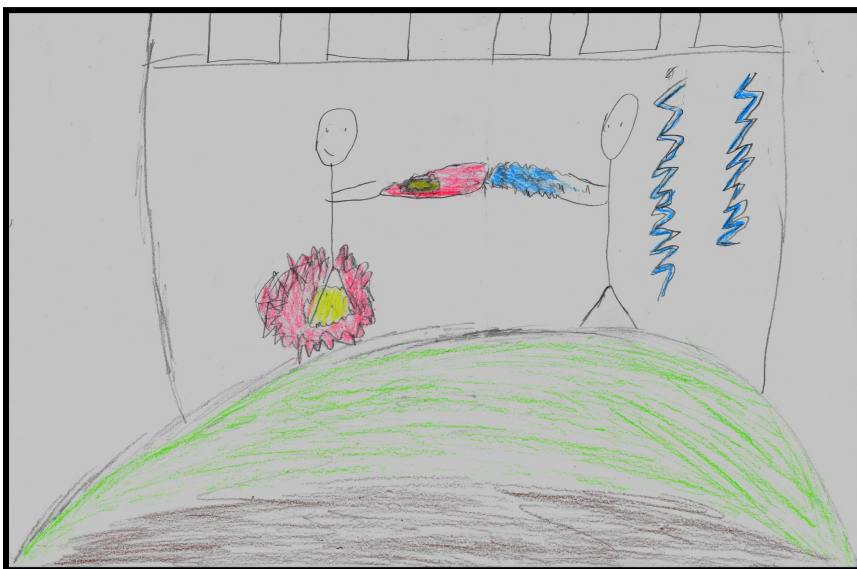
One dark night, I was practicing magic at the magic school when the magic teacher went crazy and started killing people. Everyone started running, but I stayed to protect my friend from danger.

He tried to turn my friend named Jack into an ugly bird, but I didn't let it happen. I used a spell to defend Jack. Then I used an ice spell to attack him. He attacked me back with a fireball. He pronounced the spell name, "Fireball!"

After a while using different spells, we were both tired so we both had one more spell left. I decided to use a forbidden magic spell. It was the venom and the hottest fire in the world spell.

He decided to use another forbidden magic spell. His spell was called the lightning chase, the largest lightning bolt.

We both attacked at the same time. There was a big crash. When I woke up he was destroyed. The school was empty. The students had already left so they were all okay.



## Shawn W.

My name is Shawn.  
Other people call me Shawn Shawn.  
Tee animal inside of me is a bear when I'm mad  
and a butterfly when I'm happy.  
In my heart I hold sadness and happiness  
The words on my forehead are, "I'm happy."  
I like to play games like PS4.  
I hate being yelled at.  
My favorite time is Christmas because I give gifts to friends.  
I feel safe when I am around my family.  
I feel peaceful when I am around my cat.  
If my hands could speak, they would say, "Good job!"  
I will always remember my family.  
My mom always tells me, "Be good at school."  
I would like to tell her, "I'll do my best."  
One good thing about me is I'm a good friend.

### **Jellybean**

By Shawn W.

One morning I was sleeping in bed and I was dreaming when I  
choked on a jelly bean.

So I went to the hospital and I felt better, and I was walking home,  
and I went to sleep.

The end.

## Skylar H.

My name is Skylar.

Other people call me Cupcake or Sky or Aallyah.

The animal inside of me is a rabbit because I don't mess with anyone.

In my heart I hold family and friends.

The word on my forehead is "I don't care. Don't look at my forehead."

I like to dance. I hate doing splits because it hurts when I did it.

My favorite time is Halloween because I can dress up.

I feel safe when I'm with friends because I'm calm.

I feel peaceful when I'm around my family because they're my life.

If my hands could speak, they would say, "Hey," and "Hi."

I will always remember my grandfather and my Nana.

My mom and grandma always tell me that I'm good at dancing.

I would like to tell him I love you.

One good thing about me is I'm smart and a great friend.

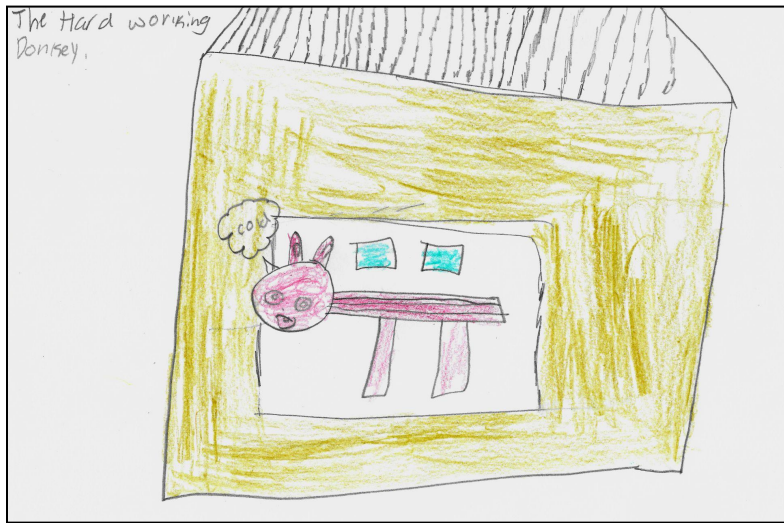
## The Hardworking Donkey

By Skylar H.

Once there was an ugly, fat donkey named Pookie Boy who lived in a cold castle.

What Pookie Boy wanted more than anything was to have money and lay down and look at TV.

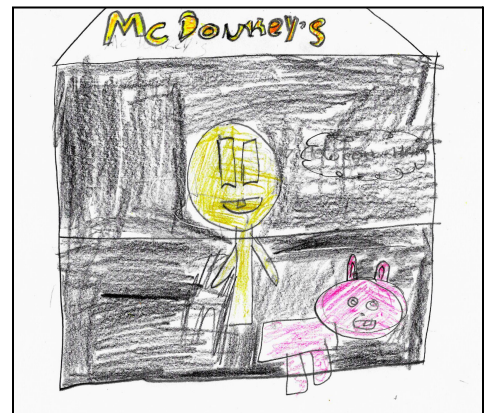
But he had a goal to get to. So Pookie Boy decided to get a job, but he was getting rejected because he was failing everything.



Then Pookie Boy tried till he was so tired. But he had no luck. He cried in his cold castle. He was thinking and thinking. He had one idea to try.

Finally, McDonkey's called him for a job.

This time he saved money, got a TV, and so he had everything and lived in a mansion with gold.

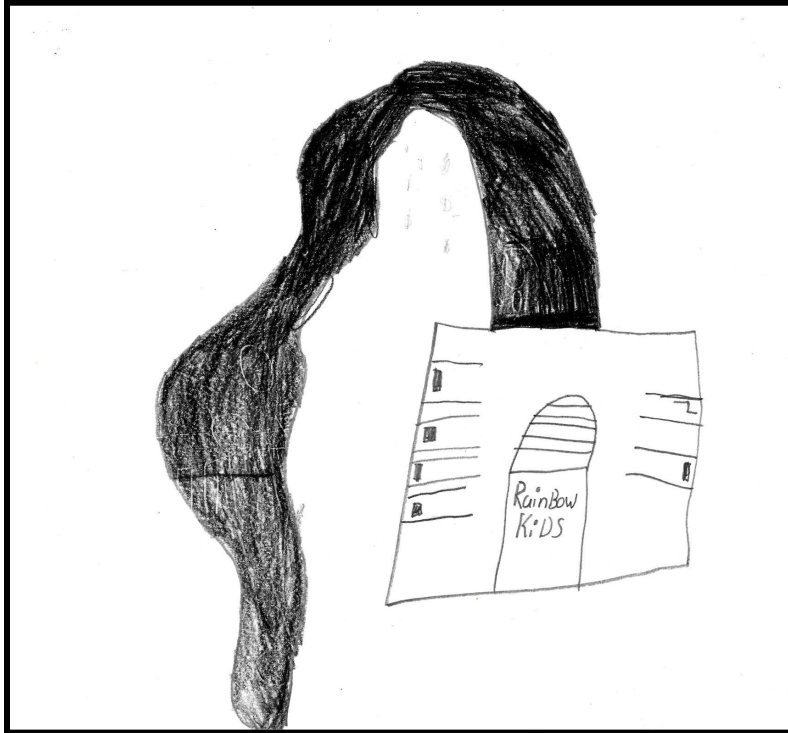


## Ta'Vonte P.

My name is Ta'vonte.  
Other people call me Vonte.  
The animal inside of me is a lion  
because I'm big and strong.  
In my heart I hold love, faith and trust.  
The word on my forehead is NICE.  
I like to play football and basketball.  
My favorite time is Christmas.  
I feel safe when I'm at home and school.  
I feel peaceful when I'm alone.  
If my hands could speak, they would say,  
Hello, nice to meet you.  
I will always remember my mom and dad,  
and they will remember me.  
My Dad always tells me to keep my head up.  
I would like to tell them that I love them.  
One good thing about me is I'm grateful and full with love.

## Dad in Hospital

by Ta'Vonte



Once there was a playful kind boy named PJ who lived in a white house.

What PJ wanted more than anything in the world was to see his dad who was in the hospital, but he did not have a car. He was really worried.

So PJ decided to get a car to go see his dad, but he didn't have the money.

Then he helped people by trying to wash people's cars but someone saw, and they called the cops. The cops didn't do anything.

Finally, his brother came home and they went to see their dad. They said, "We missed you. When will you get out?"

When they did, their dad came home.

This time PJ started his own job and so now they live in two mansions. Their dad lives with them now and the mansions were very big.

Tiyon H.

## The Boy and Cleveland

by Tiyon H.



Once there was a good, caring boy named Christopher who lived in a huge apartment. What Christopher wanted more than anything in the world was to go to Cleveland, Ohio because he wanted to see a basketball game.

It was going to take Christopher one hour so Christopher decided to rent a car, but he only had ten dollars. Then Christopher tried to run, but he already stopped on the road. He was feeling sad

because the game was going to start in two hours.

Finally, someone saw him on the road and helped him. He told the driver, can he have a ride.

This time he finally arrived in Cleveland. He went to see the Cavaliers play the New York Knicks. They won!

After the game, he saw the house for sale. Then he was excited too so he bought it.

He paid somebody ten dollars to buy a house for him. It was for sale. So he lived in a four-bedroom house and had a good life.

# Ya'Marieyonna L.

## No Pool Today

By Ya'Marieyonna

One sunny day, I was going to the pool when my mom told me to clean my room. It was so messy! So I just held all the stuff under my bed and that's when I got done, and I told my mom and she said, "No, you cannot go."

So I was shocked. She just wanted me to clean my room for no reason so I begged her can I go. She said, "Nooooo." Then I cleaned the whole house even the cat poop—EW! I even cleaned my mom's room.

So I asked again, and she said, "Yes," because I cleaned the whole house so she said Yes! I was over the moon!

But it got cold. Tomorrow I can try again.



Z'aron M.

My name is Z'aron.

Other people call me Zay.

I like to eat M&Ms.

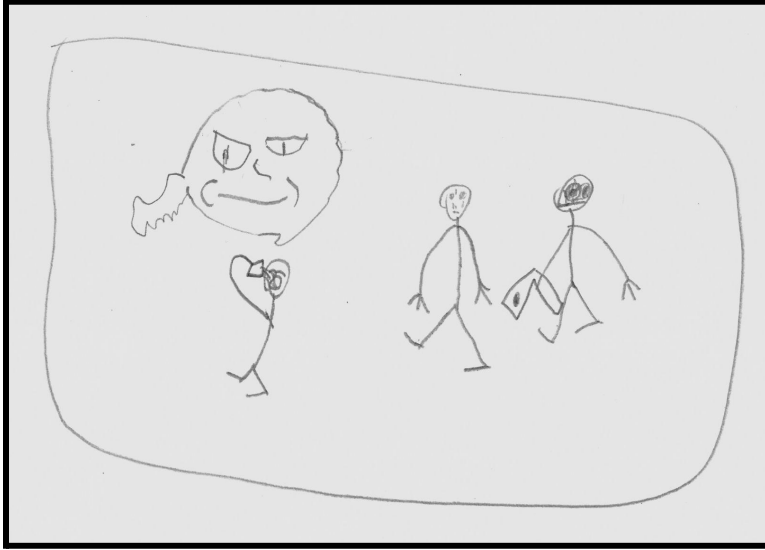
I feel safe when I'm with my mom.

I will always remember my friends and my mom.

One good thing about me is I'm a good friend.

## The Boy Who Wanted to Become Immortal

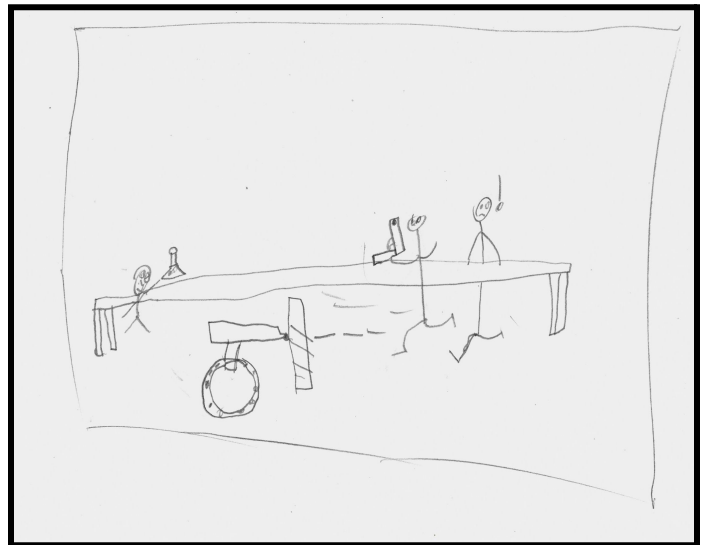
By Z'Aron



Once there was a bad venomous kid named Zach who lived in a bad lab. What Zach wanted more than anything was to be immortal, but he don't know how to be immortal. So Zach decided to sell his PS5 for \$100,000, but nobody wanted to buy it. Then Zach tried to steal an immortal potion, but the

cops caught him and put him in prison.

Finally, he escaped. He still wanted to be immortal and he was almost able, but there was a passcode to the immortal vault. He ran to go get one of the scientists and while they wasn't looking, he took the card and unlocked the vault. But he noticed the passcode was for the other fault and found a potion to become a regular human being.



## Home Cooked Memories (Poems about Food)

### Hot Chicken by Adam

I love eating hot chicken  
It tastes like a ghost pepper  
and it is really good.  
It smells like a hot pepper  
and it is spicy.  
When I look at it, I see flames.

First put the chicken in some water, and  
then  
put mild peppers—5 of them—in  
then put hot sauce on it.

I remember last week  
the chicken was hot!  
I am not a sour person  
or a sweet person,  
but I love hot things.

### Guacamole and Chips By Annalise M.

I love eating guacamole and chips  
It tastes tart, sweet and spicy.  
It smells like peppers, onions and hot  
sauce.  
When I look at it, I see onions, peppers,  
and hot sauce.

My mom scoops up the inside of the  
avocado and then mashes it up  
Then adds the hot sauce, peppers, and  
onions.

I remember that when I ate the  
guacamole,  
it tasted super good  
that I smashed it  
It's soooo good.

### Salmon by Brayla

I love eating salmon  
It tastes like lemon and pepper  
It smells like onions and garlic  
I can see some salmon juice and lemon  
on top  
then I see some water and parsley  
First me and my mom take off the skin  
then rinse the salmon  
then put the seasoning on  
and put it in the oven for an hour  
then take it out  
then put on the lemon  
I remember last month, eating salmon.  
I was a happy girl.

## Chicken Wings by Brendan

I love eating chicken wings  
They taste like sweet and sour wings  
They smell sweet and spicy  
I see chicken on the side  
and wings on the other side

To make chicken wings, put the grease  
and hot sauce,  
then add the fries and the sushi  
and the salad and add burgers

I remember last Monday I felt good  
because I was eating chicken wings  
I felt like I can fly

## Cupcakes by DeJa'Nae M.

I love eating cupcakes.  
It tastes like cupcakes  
It smells like frosting

First you get the butter and wait and stir  
it  
and wait until it is no more butter.  
Add flour, sugar, and two eggs and stir  
it.  
Then it's done.  
Put it in a pan.  
Put it in for 15-20 minutes.

I remember it's amazing and tasty.  
It's so tasty.

## BBQ Chicken by De'Marr

I love eating BBQ chicken  
It tastes like sweet sauce  
and hot sauce.  
When I look at it I see  
meat, bones, and sauce.

Add salt, pepper, and put it on the grill.  
Let it cook for two hours.

I remember eating BBQ chicken on  
Labor Day.  
I felt excited!

## Seafood by Jailaiyah

I love eating seafood  
It tastes like seafood and noodles  
It smells like seafood, noodles, and  
cornbread  
When I look at it, I see crabs, eggs, and  
butter sauce

So seafood, noodles and eggs  
It needs seasoning and I bake it on the  
stove for one hour

I remember it was yesterday  
It was good and I felt good

## Dirty Rice by Jai'Rell

I love eating dirty rice  
It tastes like sugar and hot sauce and  
meat  
It smells like hot sauce, sugar and meat  
When I look at it I see meat, sugar and  
hot sauce

Put the meat in the pan,  
let it sit for seven minutes  
and put the rice in and wait  
add the hot sauce, sugar  
and done

I remember I ate this food at night on  
Easter day  
I felt like I was in heaven  
That night I felt like I was in heaven

## Chips and Beef Noodles by James

I love eating chips and beef noodles  
It tastes spicy like hot sauce  
It smells like hot sauce and chips  
I see hot cheetos, noodles and hot  
sauce

Put it on four minutes  
and add a bunch of hot sauce

I remember I was singing a song and I  
was hot  
I felt a man feeling

## Chicken Takis by Lillianna C.

I love eating chicken takis  
It tastes like spicy and hot chips  
and crunchy

When I look at it, I see red, crunchy  
chips.

I know you place chicken in the pot,  
boil it for thirty minutes,  
crunch the chips  
place the chicken inside the bag of  
crunch  
and shake.

I remember eating chicken takis  
at my sister's birthday party in August.  
Takis are the best.

## Cornbread by Raymond

I love eating cornbread  
It tastes like cotton candy and bread.  
It smells like bread and candy.  
When I look at it I see bread and it looks  
like a twinkie

Take some bread, get some honey  
and get it cooked and done!

I remember November 22nd—Cornbread  
Day!  
You will feel happy and good  
and you will want more!

## Honey Chicken by Sachae H.

I love eating honey chicken  
It tastes like sweet and hot chicken  
and honey  
It smells like sweet chicken  
When I look at it I see chicken

You season, add honey, put it in da oven  
for one hour.

I remember January 21st on a Friday,  
It was tasty.

## Spaghetti and Salad by Sean C.

I love eating spaghetti and salad.  
It tastes like noodles with tomato sauce.  
The salad is good with Italian sauce.  
It smells like tomatoes and meatballs.  
I see sugar, noodles, salad,  
sauce and meatballs.

You put the noodles in with boiled water.  
You grab lettuce, tomatoes, carrots.  
Yay!!! Te noodles are done!  
Time to do the meatballs.

I remember I was at my house on Friday  
When it got done, I said, "Good food!"

## A Heavenly Breakfast by Shawn W.

I love eating bacon and eggs  
It tastes like heaven  
It smells like grease  
When I look at it, I see heaven

We scramble them in grease  
and we bake the bacon

I remember eating bacon and eggs  
early on Friday morning.  
I felt like I was in heaven!

## Tacos by Sylvanna

I love eating tacos  
They taste like onions, sauce and  
chicken meat  
They smell spicy and greasy  
I see a hard corn shell filled with meat  
cheese and sauce

You gotta get a wrap and mix the meat  
up and cook it  
and get the cheese and put it inside the  
taco shell

I remember making this with my mom  
on Taco Tuesdays  
I felt GOOD! Tacos are GREAT!

## Chicken Tenders by Tiyon H.

I love eating chicken tenders  
They taste like meat and crunchy  
They smell like seasoning and chicken  
tenders.  
When I look at it, I see that it is cooking.  
My mom is still making it.

I know that I always watch my mom  
cook food,  
and I cook with her.  
I remember I felt surprised cuz it turned  
out to be good  
and it was on a Monday.

## How to Cook Chicken by Zamir F.

I love eat chicken  
It tastes like seasoning.  
It smells like chicken.

My mom marinates it in pickle juice  
overnight.  
Then she puts it in flour, pepper and  
seasoning  
and makes the fire HOT, HOT, HOT!

I remember eating it at dinner.  
She makes it sometimes  
but not all the time.  
I feel happy when she makes it.  
Sometimes my dad makes it too.