POEMS, RIDDLES, & STORIES FROM THE FOURTH GRADE



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Apple Poems & Transportation Riddles- Fall 2024

In the fall, students practiced scientific observation, critical thinking and descriptive writing by exploring a variety of apples from Eddy's Fruit Farm and by writing transportation riddles after studying transportation in social studies.

My Apple - A'layah

When I look at my apple, I see no stem and alive.

It is red and green.

It feels dry and cold and full of fruit.

It smells sour and sweet.

It sounds crunchy and juicy.

My apple tastes sour and sweet

and juicy and very good.

At the orchard, I would see a lot of trees and a lot of fruit.

I think I want another one.

A Transportation Riddle by A'layah

I am run by gas
I can be all kinds of colors
I have more wheels than a plane
I can drive it (or I can be driven?)
What am I?

My Apple - Ayden

I see red and green mixed together
my apple feels good
It smells sweet like honey
When I bite into my apple, it sounds crunchy.
My apple tastes sweet and fruity.
I think it was very sweet.

A Transportation Riddle Poem by Ayden

I am faster than a car
I'm slower than a rocket
I can be black or white or gray
I need two people to fly me

What am I?

(A plane)

My Apple - Brailynn

Green and red
Cold and hard
My apple smells like a regular red apple
It sounds crunchy.
It tastes sweet and juicy.
When I imagine the orchard where my apple came from
I see plants and different colored apples.
I think that the apple tree grew for years.

A Transportation Riddle by Brailynn

I ride on land
You put a key in me
You can go anywhere with me
I go on freeways
I go on streets
I am faster than a bike
I ride in the neighborhood
What can I be?

My Apple - Byron

When I look at my apple
I see red and green.
My apple feels cold and small.
It smells sweet.
My apple tastes like sour candy and it's bitter.
The orchard my apple came from has apples that are red.

My Apple - Cam'ren M.

When I look at my apple
I see red and green circles.
My apple feels cold and small.
My apple smells like fruit.
When I bite into my apple,
It sounds crunchy.
My apple tastes sweet.
When I imagine the orchard my apple came from,
I see trees, apple trees,
a garden,
yellow, green and red.
I think my apple was good.

My Apple - Champion

I see a green leaf and a brown mark on my apple.

It feels hard but not hard everywhere.

It smells like a regular green apple.

When I bite into it I hear lips smacking.

My apple tastes tart

like cotton candy and like Skittles.

When I imagine the orchard my apple came from
I see a garden.

I feel kind of weird because it was my first time eating an apple from a farm.

My Apple - Desire

When I look at my apple
I see a red and green apple.
It is cold and smooth.
When I smell my apple
It smells sweet.
When I bite into it,
It sounds crunchy.
At the orchard where my apple grew
I see grass and apples
red in the trees.
I think my apple is so good.

A Transportation Riddle by Desire

I fly through the sky.

People don't ride me in storms.

The fire is important.

I am full of hot air.

I am not a helicopter.

I go very big.

My Apple - Enarie

My apple is a red and yellow, round sphere, smooth and hard on the outside and soft and crunchy on the inside. It smells sweet, tart, and like a leaf! It sounds crunchy.

My apple taste yummy and juicy and sounds like mmmmmmm.

The orchard where my apple came from has lots of trees and lots of grass.

I think that the apples are tasty and great.

A Transportation Riddle by Enarie

I can fly
I can go super fast
I am always getting ridden
I am in many colors
I have lots of windows
I am super big
I am on land.
What am I?

My Apple - Heidi

When I look at my apple
I see a crooked apple that leans to the side.
It feels smooth on my fingers, but dry.
It smells like a leaf but weird.
The sound of my apple is crunchy.
People's lips were smacking.
My apple tastes like royalty,
very good,
delicious.
The orchard where my apple grew
has a lot of trees and a lot of fruit.
I think these apples are good.
Thx!

My Apple - Jaylon

When I look at my apple,
I see mostly yellow and a little green.
When I touch my apple it feels wet.
It smells sour and sweet.
It sounds juicy and crunchy.
My apple tastes sour, like a sweet tart.
My apple grew on a tree in the orchard.
I imagine the orchard has a lot of trees with a lot of fruit.
I wonder why the apple has so many seeds inside.

A Transportation Riddle by Jaylon

I ride on land
I can ride on roads
I can be faster than a 140 mile per hour car
I can be any super car
I am the color red
What am I?

My Apple - Kameron P.

When I look at my apple
I see red and green
It feels cold.
When I bite into it,
It sounds crunchy.
My apple smells like trees
When I imagine the orchard my apple came from
I see trees and red, yellow and green
I think my apple is good

My Apple - Karri

When I look at my apple, I see
white freckles on a green apple,
and a leaf.
It feels cold and wet
and smells like a leaf.
When I take a bite
it sounds crunchy and juicy
and tastes tart and very juicy.
When I imagine the orchard my apple came from
I see a lot of green, small but tall trees.
I think the apples were fresh.
And I will eat this again.

My Apple - Lo'gan

When I look at my apple, I see red and green.
When I touch my apple, it feels hard and smooth.
When I smell my apple, it smells good.
When I bite into my apple, it sounds juicy.
My apple tastes like a regular apple
and kind of like an orange.
If I were in an orchard picking apples
I would feel good.

My Apple - London

My apple is crooked.

It leans to the side
with white dots on red.
It feels smooth and dry
and smells like a sweet apple.
It sounds crunchy and juicy.
My apple tastes very good and sweet,
like grapes and peaches,
and like tea and juice.
The orchard where my apple grew
is big and green with lots of nature.
I think I would like to try another one.

A Transportation Riddle by London

I need fire
I say different things on me
I can be all colors
You can ride me
I cannot be used on land
I am circular
What am I?

(a hot air balloon)

My Apple - Lyric-Ja'Zelle

When I look at my apple I see
 mostly a deep red.
 It is round, wet and cold.
 It smells like a ripe red apple.
 When I bite into my apple it sounds like
 teeth chewing.
 My apple tastes sour and sweet and juicy
 sour and good.

When I imagine the orchard my apple came from, I see good apples.
 The apple made me very happy.

A Transportation Riddle by Lyric

I run on a charger
I stay up at night and day
I carry people
I carry backpacks and socks
I am slower than a rocket
I am faster than a car
I can be all kinds of colors
I have 3 wheels
What am I?

My Apple - Messiah

When I look at my apple I see a red apple.

It feels soooo sooo dry..

It smells sweet.

It sounds crunchy.

My apple tastes very good,

like royalty and like

cotton candy.

I think the apple came from heaven
because it was very very sweet.

My Apple - Najee

When I look at my apple, I see a green leaf.

It feels smooth and full of juice.

It smells like a leaf and is sweet.

When I bite into my apple

it sounds juicy,

lips are smacking.

It tastes like sweet and sour Sweet Tarts.

When I imagine the orchard where my apple grew,

I see a farmer planting his orchard.

I want to try a green apple one more time.

A Transportation Riddle by Najee

I am run by energy
I have three wheels
I am very shiny and cool
I am faster than a car
You better wear your helmet
What am I?

My Apple - Nampewa

My apple is red and green, brown and yellow.

It feels cold and wet and full of juice.

It smells strong and sweet.

It sounds juicy and crunchy.

My apple tastes sweet and delicious

like royalty.

The orchard where my apple grew has green grass

and smells of the breezy cool fresh air.

I think growing apples is fun.

A Transportation Riddle by Nampewa

I am not a car
I am on land
I am on roads
I am not fast
I had a lot of stuff
What am I?

A Transportation Riddle Poem - Nicholas D.

I need a certain motion to make me go.
I come in different colors.
I am on land.
You can get on me.
I am powered by energy.
What am I?

(a horse)

Apple Poem - Nicholas D.

When I look at my apple, I see
a leaf on the stem,
and it's brown in the middle where the stem is.
It feels cold and smooth.
It smells like a leaf
and sweet.
When I bite into it, it sounds crunchy and juicy.
My apple tastes sweet and juicy.
When I imagine the orchard where my apple came from
I see a forest-like farm.
I think the apple is amazing.

My Apple - Quinell

When I look at my apple I see a leaf on my apple.

It's green and medium sized.

When I touch my apple it feels cold and wet.

When I smell my apple it smells sour and sweet.

My apple tastes sweet and sour

Like Sour Patch Kids.

I think it tastes good.

I feel happy because I was cravin' on it.

A Transportation Riddle by Quinnell

I go on land.
I can take people around the world.
What am I?

(I am a train)

My Apple - Rylee

Red and green
like a rock,
sour, crunchy and hard,
My apple tastes disgusting and bitter.
Many apples taste like tarts.
The orchard where my apple came from had a lot of trees and a lot of fruit.
I think that my apple didn't taste that good.

A Transportation Riddle by Rylee

I am run by energy
I can be some colors
I have less than three wheels
I am slower than a plane
I am faster than a bike
I can go on the street and on the freeway
What am I?

(A motorcycle)

My Apple - Schyler

My apple is

Mostly red with some yellow.

My apple feels wet and cold.

My apple smells like a regular red apple.

It tastes sour and good

like a peach.

I think it would be fun to go pick apples.

A Transportation Riddle by Schyler

I am red
I ride on land
I save people
I have more than four wheels
I run by gas.
What am I?

(A firetruck)

My Apple - Tracie

When I look at my apple I see no stem.

The color is deep red and green.

My apple smells sour.

It is juicy and sweet

and very good as you bite into it.

The orchard has a tree

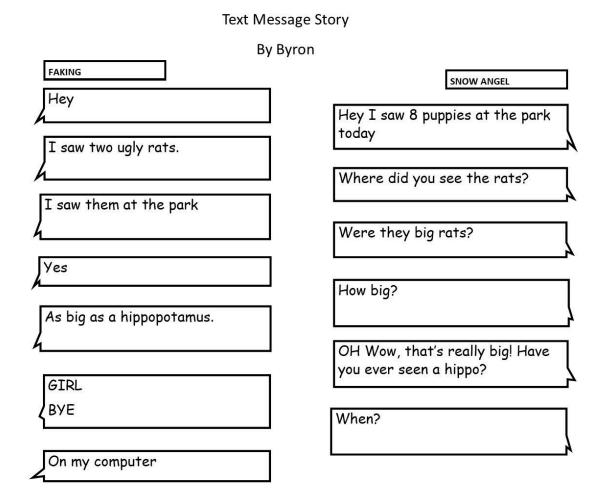
and apples.

I thought something was going to happen
because it came off a tree

and I didn't know that apples come off of trees.

Text Message Stories

Byron



Cam'ren and Messiah

Text Message Story

By Cam'ren M. and Messiah VONOOF1700 DK Ay Bro! What? Do you want to go to the Dude, you woke me up! Yes! movies? Be there at 6:59. Get Ready! Whatever... Outside I'm coming right now! Bro, you ok? I heard what NO! happened. Yo. Tell him to get me 1 Wut? OMW. I'm in the car billion billion. with Mr. Beats Open the door Ok

Lo'gan and Lyric

Text Message Story

By Lo'gan and Lyric-Jazelle

| What are you doing? | Lyric-Jazelle |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Whose one way? | Huh? What are you saying? |
| Where are you? | At home playing on my PC and eating an apple. |
| I'm playing the game with my dad. | Can you come over? Ask your dad, bro, so we can play the game. |
| He said yes. I'm going to the store. | OK. I'm going to pick you up on my dart bike. I'm on the way. OK Bro. |
| What time? | 6:25 because I have a soccer game right now bro. |
| Well hurry up. | Ok bro. Have to call you later. I'm on the field, ok bro? so bye. |

Rylee and London

Text Message Story

By Rylee and London LARRY LOBSTER Ari Baby Girl!!! What????? I broke my neck riding on a bike. OMG are you okay? But I got some news. No. You know what? Come see me now!!! Are you still at the hospital? Now where else would I go? We should go to the movies. I'm so bored. Meet me at 6:30. Girl, I'm at the hospital. How am I going to go to the movies?

*G*IRL BYE

OMG!!!

Oh shoot. I forgot. But anyways

Anyways. I feel bad. You got

you should call me.

metal in yo neck.

Personal Poems - Spring 2025

Alaya

My name is LayLay because I am Blue
Other people call me Jay Jay because I love my name
The animal inside of me is a cheetah because I run fast
I hold a heart in my heart
The word on my forehead is Love because I love my mom
I like to eat my mom's food
I hate my friends when my friends ghost people
My favorite time is my birthday because I get gifts
I feel safe when my mom and dad is with me
I feel peaceful when it is quiet
I will always remember my friends when it is quiet
My loved ones always tell me they love me
I would like to tell someone to leave me alone
One good thing about me is I'm the nicest

Ayden

Other people call me AA
The animal inside of me is a bear because I'm soft and sweet but I get mean
In my heart I hold "People can be loved"
The word on my forehead is Peace
I like to watch tv and eat my favorite freeze dried skittles
I hate mean people
My favorite time is when I'm with my mom or Karri
I feel safe when I'm in my room
I feel peaceful when I'm with Karri
If my hands could speak, they would say I love Peace
I will always remember my friend Karri
My mom always tells me, "You look like your dad"
I would like to tell her, "I know that"
One good thing about me is I'm sweet

Brailynn

My name is Brailynn
Other people call me Brailynn
The animal inside of me is a cheetah
In my heart I hold Peace
The word on my forehead is cucumbers and ranch
I like to eat cucumbers and ranch
I hate cooked carrots
My favorite time is doing flips
I feel safe when I'm with my mom
I feel peaceful when I'm in a quiet room
If my hands could speak, they would say I love you
I will always remember my parents
My sister always asks can she play on my phone
I would like to tell my sister "no!"
One good thing about me is I am creative and funny

Byron

My name is Byron
Other people call me bro, papa
The animal inside of me is a tiger
In my heart I hold my dog
The word on my forehead is selfish
I like to play XBox and play football

Cam'ren

My name is Cam'ren
Other people call me the fighter
The animal inside of me is tiger
In my heart I hold family
The word on my forehead is tiger because I am one
My favorite time is rest time
I feel safe when with my family
I feel peaceful when I am calm
If my hands could speak, they would say get out
I will always remember my mom and dad
My Mom and dad always tell me work hard
I would like to tell them I got it
One good thing about me is I'm nice

Champion

My name is Champion
Other people call me champ
The animal inside of me is a lion
In my heart I hold my life
The words on my forehead are- I like to play basketball
I like to play games
I hate when it rains
My favorite time is Summer
I feel safe when I'm with my family
I feel peaceful when I'm alone
My mommy always tells me to not open the door for strangers
The animal inside me is a lion

Donovan

My name is Donovan
Other people call me DonDon
The animal inside of me is a monkey
In my heart I hold my life
My favorite time in school is 10:05 (PE)
I feel safe when I'm at home
I feel peaceful when I'm at home
I will always remember my baby picture
In my heart I hold my life

Enarie

My name is Enarie
Other people call me RiRi
The animal inside of me is a cat because I'm cuddly
In my heart I hold my mom
The word on my forehead is cutie
I like to play and watch TV
I hate to be told to do stuff
My favorite time is to sing TV Girl
I feel safe when I'm at home
I feel peaceful when I'm with my family
If my hands could speak, they would say–Back up like, now
I will always remember my family and friend Rylee
My Mom always tells me to do stupid stuff
I would like to tell her–can you be my BFF
One good thing about me is I'm nice and a good friend

Heidi

My name is Heidi
Other people call me DeDe, Heidi B, B stands for my middle name
The animal inside of me is a cheetah because I run fast
In my heart I hold peace
The word on my forehead is Beautiful
I like to eat pineapple. It's yummy!
I hate watermelon. It's nasty
My favorite thing is my phone, of course
I feel safe when I hear my phone
□
I feel peaceful when I'm on my phone
If my hands could speak, they would say—you got this
I will always remember my Auntie because she's always been there for me
My Auntie always tells me— keep going
I would like to tell her I would like to tell her I love you so much
One good thing about me is I'm sigma alpha skibidi
□ ★♥

Jaylon

My name is Jaylon
Other people call me Pikachu
The animal inside of me is Pika
In my heart I hold Pokémon
The words on my forehead are - Chill Guy
I like to play Pokémon
I hate bullies
My favorite time is weekends
I feel safe when I'm with my dad
I feel peaceful when I'm by myself
If my hands could speak, they would say hi
I will always remember my grandma
My friends always tell me I have to go
I would like to tell them— got to go
One good thing about me is having friends

Johnny

My name is Johnny
Other people call me Jai
The animal inside of me is a polar bear
In my heart I hold my family
The word on my forehead is my friends
I hate when somebody calls me names
My favorite time is play time on my computer and my phone
I feel safe when I am with my friends
I feel peaceful when I am excited
If my hands could speak, they would say "I love you"
I will always remember my mom and my uncle
My mom and my uncle always tell me, "I will always love you"
I would like to tell them— I love you
One good thing about me is I care about my friends and my family

Kameron

My name is Kameron
Other people call me Kam Kam
The animal inside of me is a cat because cats are peaceful
In my heart I hold God
The word on my forehead is lovely
I like to play games
I hate mice because they steal our food
My favorite time is funtime
I feel safe when mom helps me
I feel peaceful when I'm at home
If my hands could speak, they would say I wish I was smart
I will always remember my friends
My mom always tells me— you're my sweet baby
I would like to tell her— be brave
One good thing about me is I'm good at games

Karri

My name is Karri
Other people call me Kar Kar, Amir, little girl, and the light
The animal inside of me is a tiger
In my heart I hold sadness, anger, kindness, and sass
The word on my forehead is Independent
I like to play basketball, and to be right
I hate being wrong and being told what to do
My favorite time is alone time, and my birthday
I feel safe when I'm with my mom
I feel peaceful when I'm at home alone
If my hands could speak, they would say—get out of my face
I will always remember my family and my friends
My Mom always tells me— you're smart so show it
I would like to tell her— I try; it's hard, I need some help
One good thing about me is that I'm a kind person even when I'm sad, upset or moody

Lyric

My name is Lyric- Jazelle
Other people call me Lyric
The animal inside of me is a shark and enderman
In my heart I hold love and God
The words on my forehead are: I believe in God
I like to play WWE and watch WWE
I hate when I get blamed on by my brother
My favorite time is playing with Heidi and Ayden
I feel safe when I'm with my mom and dad
I feel peaceful when I'm asleep with my mom
If my hands could speak, they would say I am nervous
I will always remember my mom and dad said I love you
My Mom always tells me— I love you
I would like to tell her—I would like to be loving
One good thing about me is I am loving

Messiah

My name is Messiah
Other people call me 'Siah or Cuzz
The animal inside of me is a GOAT because I'm just chill
In my heart I hold my passed fam
The word on my forehead is— funny
I like to play football and basketball
I hate when someone talks about me
My favorite time is 3:30
I feel safe when at home
I feel peaceful when I'm home alone
If my hands could speak, they would say—Can I have a break
I will always remember my passed fam
My Mom always tells me— you can make it
I would like to tell her— always dream big or go home
One good thing about me is I'm chill and funny

Najee

My name is Najee
Other people call me Mario
The animal inside of me is an eagle
In my heart I hold believing
The word on my forehead is caring
I like to play soccer
My favorite time is my birthday
I feel safe when I'm at home
I feel peaceful when I'm meditating
If my hands could speak, they would say—get dirty
I will always remember my dad
My mom always tells me wash my face
I would like to tell her Ok
One good thing about me is I'm smart and thoughtful

Nampewa

My name is Nampewa
Other people call me Wapawan
The animal inside of me is a gorilla in the zoo
In my heart is a pro player in football
I like to play sports
I hate broccoli
My favorite time is Friday, in gym
I feel safe when I'm at home
I feel peaceful when I'm at the park
If my hands could speak, they would say— let's fight
I will always remember my family
My Mom always tells me to be kind
I would like to tell her to be friends
One good thing about me is I'm handsome

Nicholas

My name is Nicholas

Other people call me Nick

The animal inside of me is a turtle because they are wise and their shell protects them In my heart I hold patience

The word on my forehead is smart and cool

I like to play soccer and Pokémon

I hate pickles and losing to cheaters

My favorite time is my birthday because it's my time to shine

I feel safe when I'm home and asleep

I feel peaceful when I am making comic books and animations

If my hands could speak, they would say, "You got this!"

I will always remember my past where we stayed outside all day and played

My conscience always tells me to keep doing your best

I would like to tell it "thank you"

One good thing about me is I am a kind, cool, caring friend

Quinell

My name is Quinell
Other people call me King
The animal inside of me is King Kobra
In my heart I hold my mom and dad
The word on my forehead is King

Rylee

My name is Rylee
Other people call me Ry-Ry
The animal inside of me is a zebra
In my heart I hold my grandfather
The word on my forehead is demure
I like to play
I hate being wrong
My favorite time is 11: 11
I feel safe when I'm around my mom
I feel peaceful when I'm alone, listening to TV Girl
If my hands could speak, they would say— get out of my face
I will always remember my grandfather
My grandfather always told me— don't listen to them haters
One good thing about me is— I don't care

Schyler

My name is Schyler and BIG DOG
Other people call me Sky because my favorite color is blue
The animal inside of me is DOG because they know not to play with me
In my heart I hold blood because I'm living
The word on my forehead is math because I'm good at math
I like to dance and do boxing
I hate messing up
My favorite time is with mom
I feel safe at boxing
I feel peaceful when my sis and my big bro leave
If my hands could speak, they would say What's up?
I will always remember my good times with my family
My family always tells me to do my best
I would like to tell them to keep going

One good thing about me is I can swim

Tracie

My name is Tracie
Other people call me Dior
The animal inside of me is a bear
In my heart I hold love
The word on my forehead is 11 Kim
I like to play basketball
I hate being mad when people are yelling
My favorite time is going to my dad's home
I feel safe when I'm with dad
I feel peaceful when I'm in class
If my hands could speak, they would say, "have a good day"
I will always remember my dad, my mom, my Uncle Kim
My Uncle Kim always tells me, "don't give up"
I would like to tell him, "Uncle Kim I love you," one last time
One good thing about me is I play basketball

Adventure to the Fruit Jungle-A Play

By Nicholas, Kameron Powell, Heidi, Quinell, Karri, Cam'ren

Character List:

Pirate named Captain Blackberry (nicholas)
Fairy named Strawberry Banana (Kameron)
Regular kid named Cherry (Heidi)
Cherry's Mom
Pirate 1
Pirate 2
Pirate 3

Scene One: The Home of Captain Blackberry and Strawberry Banana, the Fairy

Strawberry Banana: Where is this gem? It's hard to find.

Captain Blackberry: I don't know, but I've heard about it. It's only seen once per every 1000 years inside the Fruit Jungles.

Strawberry Banana: I could use my wand to get us to the Fruit Jungle, or I can fly there using my wings. I could carry you.

Captain Blackberry: Wait a second, how are you going to carry me if I'm way bigger than you? I'll just get on my ship.

Strawberry Banana: Yeah, but our parents told us to stay together when we was little, even though then you turned big and I turned little. But I can turn myself into a big fairy with my magical wand.

Captain Blackberry: Well why didn't you just say so? Then it would be much easier. But if you carry me, we'll both get there at the same time, and then

who gets to rule the land with the magical gem? You could attach that gem to your wand but I can attach it to my sword. But there's only one gem, so how about the first one who finds it takes it, deal?

Strawberry Banana: We could split the gem apart and put one piece on my wand and one piece on your sword.

Captain Blackberry: That's impossible, no one could ever break that diamond.

Scene Two: On the other side of the world in Cherry's House

Cherry: Ok, mom, I'm leaving for school.

Mom: Don't forget your lunchbox.

(Cherry takes the lunchbox and runs out the door.)

Cherry: I'm gonna miss the bus.

(S.B. lands on the sidewalk in front of Cherry.)

Strawberry Banana: Is that a human? Where am I? What is this place? This isn't the Fruit Jungle. I hope Captain Blackberry is ok.

Cherry: (gasps) Who are you? I never saw you in this town before. Are those wings?

Strawberry Banana: Well, kind of wings. Well, they are, but don't tell anyone.

Cherry: I have to tell my mom, but she's not going to believe me. And now you've made me miss my bus!

Strawberry Banana: Maybe I could just go to your school? I could fly you there since you missed your bus.

Cherry: But I'm scared of heights.

Strawberry Banana: Well, I won't drop you so just don't look down. Tell me when you see your school.

(S.B. picks up Cherry by her backpack straps and begins to fly.>)

Cherry: Wait! I never agreed to this.

Strawberry Banana: Woohoo! Here we go.

(They land at the school.)

Strawberry Banana: Here we are.

Cherry: I wish you were a small fairy. Then you could fit in my bookbag.

Strawberry Banana: Okay, I'll do it.

(He waves his wand and shrinks.)

(They enter the school.)

Cherry (walking in): I'm sorry I'm late, Miss.

(Takes a tardy pass and goes to class with S.B. in her backpack.)

Scene Three: Captain Blackberry's Ship

Captain Blackberry: Come on everybody, work faster! This has to be done by the end of the day or else nobody's eating tonight!

Crew: Aye Aye, Captain.

Pirate 1: Wait a second boss, I found a piece of a secret map.

Captain Blackberry: Bring it to me. Now!

(Pirate 1 walks to Captain.

Captain snatches the map and knocks the Pirate into the sea.)

Captain Blackberry: Anybody else wanna say something? Good!

Scene Four: Cherry's Bedroom after school

Strawberry Banana: Well, do you want to see some magic instead of that boring homework?

Cherry: Sure! Can you clean up my room for me?

Strawberry Banana: All right.

(S.B. waves the wand.)

Strawberry Banana: Let's clean this room up and we'll be done completely.

(Clothes fly into their places. A large map floats into the air and tapes itself back onto the wall)

(S. B. flies up and looks at the map.)

Cherry: Shh. Keep the noise down. My mama's downstairs.

Strawberry Banana: Sorry, (looking at map) I remember this map from somewhere. Where did you get it?

Cherry: My dad left this for me before he died.

Strawberry Banana: Oh. I feel so sad. I can bring him back to life if you give me this map.

Cherry: No thanks.

Strawberry Banana: Come on, you can come with me to Fruit Jungle and I'll give you the map after we find the magic gem.

Cherry: Sounds pretty scary. My mom's gonna wonder where I'm at.

Strawberry Banana: I'll make a clone of you. Then we'll go to the fruit jungle and we'll see some pirates there that I lived with a long time ago. I can make the clone right now.

(S.B. waves the wand and spins around and a clone appears on the bed. It appears to be sleeping)

Cherry: Well, okay. Only on one condition. I really don't know my dad, but if you promise to bring him back, I'll go.

Strawberry Banana: Okay.

Scene Five: The Beach at the Edge of the Fruit Jungle

C.B. (on the ship): Drop the anchor. We have arrived.

(Pirates hurry around the ship getting ready.)

Captain Blackberry: Pirates! Snipers! get me the best men you can find. We're going ashore!

(A boatload of pirates and C.B. row to the beach.)

Pirate 2: Captain, I'm looking at the radar and it says that S.B. is on his way here, flying by fairy wings.

Captain Blackberry: Then get ready. My plan is that we're going to storm the jungle.

(S.B. lands on the beach in front of the pirates, and drops Cherry in the sand.)

Strawberry Banana: What? Is that... Captain Blackberry. Cherry, we gotta go. Hurry!

Cherry: I didn't sign up for this. (holding her hands in the air). Who are those pirates?

Strawberry Banana: Hurry, let's get in the jungle. It's my brother.

Cherry: Is this a dream? Pinch me.

Captain Blackberry: Follow them. Fill your slingshots with fruit. And knock

them down. 3, 2, 1, Fire!

Cherry: We HAVE to go! This fruit is GIGANTIC and sticky.

S.B. (grabs Cherry): Let's run.

Captain Blackberry: Don't let them get away.

Cherry: Strawberry Banana! Our map is getting sticky!

(C.B. slings a watermelon at them)

(The map falls out of Cherry's pocket onto the sand.)

Cherry: NOOO! The map.

Strawberry Banana: Wait! I'll go grab it! You run! Go! Before you get hit again.

Cherry: That's too risky. We need this map!

Captain Blackberry: Someone grab that map. Do I have to do everything myself.

(S.B., Cherry and C.B. all run at the map.)

(They all grab it.)

(They rip the map into three pieces.)

All: No!

Captain Blackberry: Look what you made me do!

Strawberry Banana: How is it my fault? We had to get over here, but no, you wanna say, let's split apart. Whoever gets to the map first wins.

Cherry: Stop! Let's work together. And whoever you are, please, stop arguing.

Pirate 2: Yeah. Y'all need to stop arguing.

Pirate 3: Let's grab some tape from the ship.

Captain Blackberry: Okay, let's do it.

Cherry: Wait, I got some tape in my backpack from a school project.

Strawberry Banana: I'll levitate it so you can tape it.

Captain Blackberry: Nah, I'm not giving it up.

Pirate 2: But sir, but why?

Pirate 3: Yeah, but why give it up now?

Cherry: If we work together it will work. Please don't fight. And what are you guys' names anyway?

Captain Blackberry: I'm Captain Blackberry. I'm Strawberry Banana's brother.

Pirate 3: What? Y'all were fighting this whole time when y'all were brothers?

Pirate 2: Do y'all have the same mother?

Strawberry Banana: Yes. We do have the same mother. She lives in the city. And she always says ...

Captain Blackberry: Be nice to your brother because you gotta protect each other.

S.B. That's right. (pause)

Strawberry Banana: I'm sorry bro.

Captain Blackberry: I accept it. I'm sorry too.

(meanwhile, Cherry and the other pirates are taping the map pieces back together)

Cherry: Now guys, let's go find that gem.

Scene Six -Deep in the Fruit Jungle

Strawberry Banana: Is that?

Cherry: There it is!

Captain Blackberry: It's the magical gem!

Pirate 2: Oooh.

Pirate 3: Ahhh.

(C.B. picks up the gem. He looks at it and walks away.)

C.B (aside).: Maybe I shouldn't take it.

Strawberry Banana: No, wait! We have to share it. That's the deal!

Cherry: Aw, man.

C.B. (thinking. Then stands up in front of S.B. and hands out the gem.)

S.B. takes the gem: Thank you.

Cherry: what do we do now? Are you going to bring my dad back to life?

Strawberry Banana: What do you think?

(A man walks out of the jungle.)

Man: Is that really you? (pause) Cherry?

Cherry: Dad!

(Cherry runs to him and gives him a hug.)

Strawberry Banana: Ah

(tries to give C.B. a hug.)

Captain Blackberry: Wait a second, we haven't gotten that close yet.

Strawberry Banana: Ah man.

Pirates 2 and 3: Hooray!

(Pirates give each other a high five.)

Strawberry Banana: Can you give us a ride home, brother? My wings are tired.

Captain Blackberry: I get it. There's too much human for those tiny wings. Let's go.

(Everyone exits together.)

(From off stage)

Captain Blackberry: All aboard!

All: Aye Aye Captain!