FIRST GRADE COLLABORATIVE STORIES

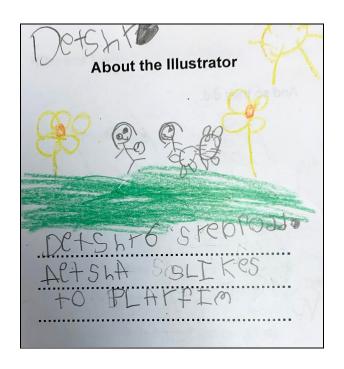
This is a collection of stories written by small groups of first graders. Students worked with Teach Arts Ohio resident creative writing artist, Cynthia Larsen, to plan, dictate and illustrate their stories in Ms. Robinson's reading class.

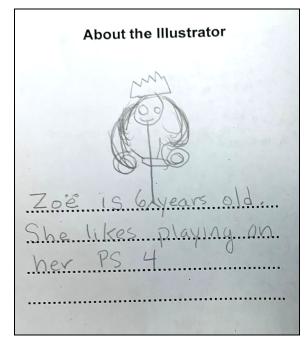
Then Ms. Larsen turned the stories into books, and students were allowed to take their illustrated books home. Here are the texts with a few illustrations.

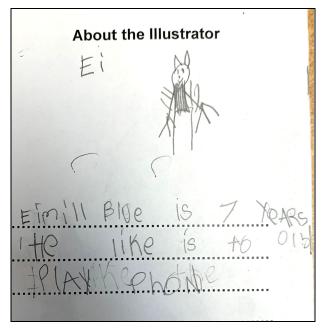


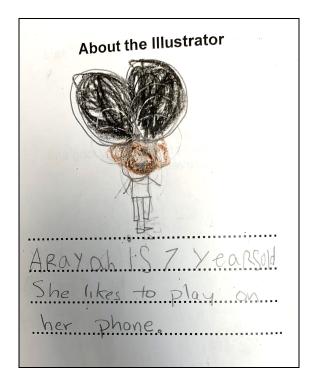


A few of the first grade writers & illustrators....









Hide and Go Seek

By Reginald, Cherish, and Basilio

One day, Fierce the Tiger was playing hide and go seek with Fluffy, a small dog, and a Turtle named Spiderman.

Fluffy said, "Where are you? I'm coming to find you!

Spiderman Turtle hid in a bush. Fierce was hiding in the same bush but not that close to him. "She won't' find us," said Fierce.

"I heard you! There you are," said Fluffy. "I found both of you!"

"Come on Fierce," hollered Spiderman Turtle.

They ran to hide on the back side of a hill so she couldn't see them.

Fluffy went to the back of the hill and then she found some treats.

Spiderman Turtle and Fierce ran away from her, but the candy trail went the other way. Spiderman Turtle hid in the water, and Fierce hid next to it.

Then Fluffy got caught in a net and yelled, "Help, Help, Help!"

So Spiderman Turtle said, "Let's follow the greedy candy trail and go help her."

Fierce and Spiderman Turtle ran to Fluffy. Then Spiderman Turtle used his webs to save her.

"Let's go home and have a candy party at my house," said Fierce.

Fierce had Oreos to share, and Spiderman Turtle had KitKats. Then the three friends watched a scary movie and ate their treats.

Best Friends Forever

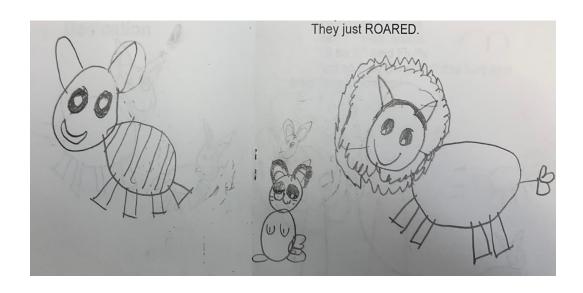
By Zarya, Esther, Zaryan, Tyree, and Geniyah

One day two dogs went to the forest park to play. "Let's take a walk," said Anna to Jackal. "Sure," said Jackal.

As they were walking, they heard a "RAWR!!!"

They ran away.

King Lion and Minna were fighting about who was the best fighter.



"I am," said King Lion.

"No, I am," said Minna the tiger. And then they both roared.

Fluffy the Bunny heard them roar. She walked up to see what they were doing. "Oh my god. Stop fighting. Please!" said Fluffy.

They just ROARED.

"Stop fighting. Both of you are the best one."

Minna said, "Okay."

King Lin said, "Okay."

Meanwhile, Anna and Jackal were running in circles so they ended up back near the lions and Fluffy.

"Who wants to play hide and seek?" said Fluffy.

"Not it!" said King Lion.

"Not it! said Anna.

"Not it," said Minna.

"Not it," said Jackal.

"I'll be it," said Fluffy.

And so they played all day long and were friends forever!



Five Animals in the Forest

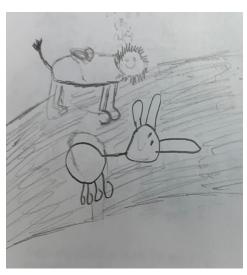
By Roman, Nehemiah, Harlaal, De'Zyah

One afternoon some friends were roaming around in the African forest.

"Let's go somewhere else," said Cash the Dog.

"This is a good place. Let's look a little more," said Shadow the Guinea Pig.

King the Fox said, "Let's go fishing by the river."



When they got to the river, Lion Roman jumped in the river to swim. Callie the elephant drank the water through her trunk.

Suddenly 100 jackals jumped out from behind the trees. The jackals made the trees fall down.

Shadow jumped on Roman the Lion's back and they all swam across the river. The jackals followed them. Callie the Elephant walked in the water.

Then they found some rainbow apples.

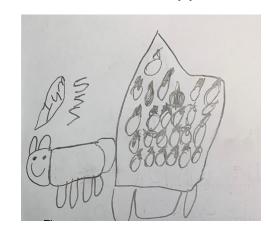
Cash the Dog found bananas.

"Yum," he said.

King the Fox said, "I found some meat."

"Yum," said Roman the Lion.

Then they lay down and took a nap on the ground and lived happily ever after.



The Animal Shelter

By Norielle, Alaya, Kameron, Mi'Angel

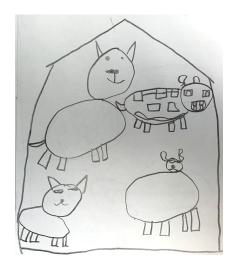
Once upon a time,

a puppy named Carly,

a cheetah named Madison.

a dog named Killer,

and Susan the Horse-all lived in an animal shelter.



Carly lived in the barn with Susan the horse. They were a little bit scared of Killer and Madison.

Both Madison the Cheetah and Killer the Dog ran around too much.

One day, Killer barked at Madison, and Madison got mad and attacked Killer.

"Hey, just break it up," said Susan, "Because one day both of y'all might get hurt."

Killer and

Madison stopped fighting.

"We can walk around and get some food," said Carly.

Madison smiled and said, "Let's have a party."

"Can we have pizza?" asked Killer.

"Sure," said Susan.

And so they did.

