



**WHAT WE LOVE:  
PERSUASIVE ESSAYS & POEMS**

**BY THE FIFTH GRADERS  
IN MS. WADSWORTH'S CLASS**

**MARY M. BETHUNE SCHOOL - CLEVELAND, OHIO  
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## Chapter One: Places

### MARY BETHUNE: THE GREATEST SCHOOL IN CLEVELAND

By Theonte M.

Mary Bethune: It is The Greatest Of All Time school in Cleveland, Ohio. It is a friendly school. They take education seriously. They have the best environment. Everybody should want to attend Mary M. Bethune school.

First, Mary Bethune is the friendliest school around. Everyone likes to smile a lot in the mornings. The teachers always greet us at the door like Ms. Wadsworth. She always gives us high fives. I made lots of friends there.

Next, Bethune takes education seriously. The kids read and do homework. They help the kids learn how to read and write. If you don't do your work you have detention. The kids do their math because they love math so much because it is their favorite subject.

Finally, Bethune has the best environment. Everyone at this school likes Ms. Goggins because she is very friendly. The kids, teachers, and everyone collaborate in the school. The teachers, and kids love to be polite so they can get good at being polite with friends.

In conclusion, Mary Bethune is the G.O.A.T. school in Cleveland, Ohio. It is always a friendly school. They like to take education seriously. Bethune always has the best environment. Everyone should like to attend Mary M. Bethune because they love it so much.

# MARY BETHUNE IS THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME SCHOOL

## By Dionna H.

I have been to other schools and I'm here to tell you that Mary Bethune is the greatest of all time school because teachers teach us how to read. Teachers also teach us new ways how to do math and the school has the best environment.

First, Mary Bethune is the greatest of all time because it teaches us how to read hard books, and when I do not know the word I sound it out. One of my favorite books I read was *The Grinch*.

Next, they teach me new ways to do new math, multiplying a whole number by a fraction, also dividing decimals, such as dividing decimals models. I like math.

Also, teachers collaborate with the students to be friendly and polite. Teachers help us a lot. They help us with reading, math, and social studies.

In conclusion, I feel good about Mary Bethune because they care about us, they teach us a lot, and they care about reading, math, and social studies.

# IHOP: THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME RESTAURANT

By Lamari H.

Here are some reasons why IHOP is the Greatest of All Time Restaurant and why people Love IHOP food. They have good service, it's fun to eat there, and IHOP is clean.

First, IHOP is fun to eat at. You can color and you make your own drink the color of my drink I made was red. They give you a coloring sheet with a word search.

To be continued...

## Chapter Two: Famous People

### COCO JONES IS THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME SINGER

By DaKa'la S.

Imagine a young brown skin woman walking on stage and asking how everyone was doing. Everyone screamed. Then Coco started singing and you sang along to one of her songs and she hears you and other people singing along and she invites you on stage to sing the rest of the song. You get off stage and say, "That was the best night ever." Coco Jones is the Greatest Of All Time because she can sing very well, she is a very good actor, and Coco's songs are very inspirational.

First, Coco can sing very well. She has a voice as an angel when she sings and she also has a powerful loud voice. She also made at least 3-4 songs that can make you feel very happy and joyful.

Secondly, Coco is a very good actor. Coco played in a movie called *Let it Shine*. She makes songs that are by a character named Roxy. Roxy is a hip hop artist who is very very good. Coco also played in Disney song commercials and popped in and out of shows and movies.

Next, Coco's songs are very inspirational. Coco's songs are kind of inspirational and her songs will make you inspired. And they will help you make your own songs. Her songs are more like hip hop songs that will make you want to dance. She grouped with her co-star Tyler Williams and made a song with him called "Guardian Angel" and it was great.

In conclusion, you should listen to Coco's songs. They will really inspire you to write your own songs and also look at the movie, *Let it Shine*. It's very good.

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING--SAID NEVER FIGHT WITH HATE**

**By Cheyann M.**

There was a man who was a preacher. He wanted a world full of love and peace and he was always against violence. One Sunday , he would just preach about civil rights and how he did not want us to fight with hate but fight with love. Martin Luther King was the greatest of all time.

**First, Martin Luther King wanted civil rights for African Americans.** Because of him, white people and black people marched together and he tried to bring white people and black people together and helped black people have the same rights such as going to school and voting.

**Next, Martin Luther King was a civil rights leader and believed that civil rights matter.** He brought people together to work for their rights. Martin Luther King organized a bus boycott so that African Americans could sit wherever they wanted to.

**Then, Martin Luther King believed we should fight with love because he was against violence.** He did not want everyone to fight physically to solve their problems. He wanted people to be positive, caring, and love each other .

**Finally , MLK always preached about his dream about having peace,** so he chose to form a march with African Americans and white people and told them when it was a conflict to never fight with hate. He wanted to have a peaceful world where everyone can live together

# WHY I THINK HARRIET TUBMAN IS THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME

By Amauri T.

It was night time as a small woman named Harriet Tubman led people out of slavery by following the drinking gourd. She also led people through the underground railroad. Harriet Tubman worked hard and persevered. This is why Harriet Tubman is the greatest of all time.

**First**, Harriet Tubman was the bravest woman because she escaped with a lot of people. She also could have gotten caught or got hurt badly. She also could have died. She risked her life to save people from getting treated badly.

**Then**, Harriet Tubman had a head injury and slept a lot because of her injury but still persevered to help people get to the north. She also was a spy and scout in the army. She liberated more than 700 people.

**Then**, Harriet Tubman made 13 missions to free 70 people. She had 3 sisters and 4 brothers. She made 13 missions to free 70 people while trying to get to the north. She married a free black man named John Tubman but his real name was Nelson Davis. He thought about buying her freedom but her slave owner didn't let him.

**Finally**, in 1849 Harriet became ill. Edward Brodes, Harriet's slave owner tried to sell her but could not find an owner. But in 1859 Harriet got sold. She separated from her family. She escaped from her owner to save her family. She also brought over 300 people with her. She followed the drinking gourd and the north star to free all these people. She passed on March 10, 1913. This is why I think Harriet Tubman is the GREATEST OF ALL TIME.



## WHY LEBRON IS BETTER THAN CURRY

By Bryaun W.

Lebron James dunks the best in all of the NBA. Lebron James is the Greatest of All Time basketball player because he scores a lot of points. He is caring, and he is better than Curry.

**First**, he scores a lot of points. He makes 25 points every game and he can dunk. When he dunks, he flies through the air. He can turn 360 degrees before putting the ball in the hoop. One time he did an alley-oop all by himself. No other baller has done a dunk like him.

**Second**, he is caring because he opened a school in Akron and he donated a lot of money towards education. He loves Cleveland and he loves his family.

**Next**, Lebron is better than Curry. Lebron is better than Curry because Lebron has an 8.5 rebound percentage and Curry only has a 5.3 rebound percentage. Also, Lebron has been in 16 all star games but Curry has been in only 6.

**Lastly**, as my evidence has said, Lebron James is the greatest of all time. He is the best basketball play in all of the NBA.

## LEBRON JAMES--BUILT FOR THE GAME

By Austin F.

Imagine being dunked on by Lebron James. He is the greatest basketball player. Lebron James is the best shooter. He is built for the game, and he is athletic.

**First** Lebron James is the best shooter because he shoots the light out of the ball. He can dunk. He jumped over 3 cars and dunked the ball in the hoop. He scored 50 points in a game.

**Second**, he has a good shape for the game. He is tall which makes him good at blocking and shooting and is (6 Feet 9 in) and can jump 40 inches.

**Lastly** Lebron James is athletic. He is good at what he does . He is fast and strong and he can lift 300 pounds. Also he has good handling.

## LAYTON GREENE IS THE GOAT SINGER

By Dominic H.

I think Layton Greene is the greatest of all time singer. My sister showed me some of her songs. Now I listen to her everyday. She is the Greatest of all time singer because Layton Greene has the best songs, she is the best singer, also, she is young but is very talented.

**First, Layton Greene has the best songs.** Her songs can relate to people and she makes her own songs. For example in "Blame on Me" she talks about her childhood. In "Roll in Peace" she talks about how she can't be in peace because "Everybody notice me." These songs are great.

**Next, Layton Greene is the best singer.** Her lyrics are great and she also raps in her songs. Her best lyric is "All these crazy thoughts can't get up in my head, and I can't even go to sleep, yeah, I'm rolling on a beam." Her voice is so smooth. She sings with good rhythm.

**Also, she is young but very talented.** She is 21. Layton is a vocalist who takes inspiration from R&B and HipHop. Layton is so talented people want her to sing at team events. Layton also won a grammy award.

If you want to listen to music right now, you should listen to Layton Greene. Some other singer would be wasting your time. You should listen to Layton Greene music because her songs are great, her voice is beautiful and she is very talented.

# NBA YOUNGBOY IS THE BEST

By Ladon D.

NBA Youngboy grew up in Louisiana. He is a 20 year old famous rapper. I think he's the best rapper because he speaks about his feelings when he's upset. He always has bars in every song he makes and he speaks about everything he has been through.

First, NBA youngboy speaks his feelings when he's upset. I know this because he gets on youtube and tells his fans his feelings. He also doesn't care what nobody says about him.

## Chapter Three: Inventions

### THE TOUCH SCREEN PHONE: A PERSUASIVE POEM

By Eriana P.

The greatest of all time invention is the touch screen phone.

You hold it in your hand and it gives you the power to act,  
like a magical wand.

The greatest of all time invention is the touch screen phone

because it is fun to play,  
useful for when your babysitting,  
and  
it fits right into your pocket.

# THE AIRPLANE IS THE G.O.A.T. INVENTION

## By Giovanni H.

Hey you, yes you. Don't you hate the way a boat sways from side to side. Well, try an airplane. This flying machinery can go through a straight clear path with no troubles. The airplane is the G.O.A.T. invention.

**First**, the airplane is really fast, faster than an average boat. The speed of an airplane is 575mph, which is faster than 3 cheetahs. Airplanes are awesome.

**Second**, airplanes are used for many great things like travel, airshows, and business. If someone threatens the U.S.A. we can strike fast with an airplane. If you order a package you can get it before you run out of patience.

**Third**, airplanes are extremely convenient and they can be used for entertainment. They make travel time shorter. It takes 4 days to drive from Cleveland to Georgia, but with airplanes you can be there in 1 day. They also sometimes have tvs, to keep you entertained while you wait.

See, since airplanes are much faster & sleeker, they can get you to places on time. They are useful & convenient. That's why I think the airplane is the G.O.A.T.

# THE SMART PHONE--THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME INVENTION

## By Najah S.

Imagine a portable device that you can spend all your wonders and time on. The smartphone! The smartphone is the Greatest of All Time Invention because it is useful, entertaining, and it saves peoples' lives.

First, it is useful because I can use it if I get lost. I can use it to check the weather. I can also use it when I need help with my homework especially when I am absent and I have extra homework.

Next, it is entertaining. The first reason is I can watch youtube. I can also watch movies and shows such as *Good Burger* and *It* . I can listen to music and play games based on certain topics like strategy and learning.

Finally, it saves peoples' lives. For instance if someone gets hurt I can call 911. I can also download apps that give me instructions on how to save someone's life.

In conclusion, smartphones can get you in trouble but they can also help you through life, which is why smartphones are useful, entertaining, and helpful.

## Chapter Four: Animals

### MY DOG IS THE GOAT

By Curtis T.

If you are thinking about getting a pet, get a dog. A dog is the greatest of all animals because of the many great things they can do. My dog is fast, she is cute, she can protect us. No other animal I know can do this.

First, she is fast because she runs 5 days a week. She can run faster than me. When my dog went outside, she saw a cat 10 feet away and my dog caught it. No other animal is better.

Next, she is still a baby. She is cute because she wags her tail. She has long black and brown fur. She is cute because she has cute eyes.

The last reason is, she can protect us. She practices 2 times a day. She guards people. My step dad puts on a special suit, and we say go get him and she attacks my stepdad.



## **THE LION IS THE GOAT OF THE JUNGLE**

**By GeSean N.**

The lion is the king of the jungle. I think the lion is the greatest of all time animal because it's cool. It looks like it can beat anything, and it is the top predator.

## **THE LIGER**

**By Ronald W.**

The liger is the coolest big cat alive. It is my fave animal. A lot of people don't know what it is--a liger is a hybrid of a female tiger and male lion. The liger is an interesting animal. They are big, and they are rare.

First the liger can run very fast 50 to 60 mph. It can make sounds like a lion or a tiger. They are bigger than a lion and tiger. They're 11 feet tall and can weigh up to 600 to 1000 pounds. They're tan and have black stripes underneath.

## THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME DOG BREED--GERMAN SHEPHERDS By Melina W.

To all dog lovers, I think German Shepherds are very helpful, loyal, and have very unique adaptations that make them different from any other dog breed. German Shepherds have many jobs or uses for humans. Their aerodynamic body makes them one of the fastest dog breeds ever. Therefore I believe that the German Shepherd is the greatest of all time dog breeds.

Many jobs German Shepherds help humans with are very helpful. On the farm German Shepherds herd cattle. They also catch any loose animals out of their pen. Even today, you can see German Shepherds working as police dogs. German Shepherds help police track people or objects. Another way Shepherds can be helpful is when they listen to their commander. Many trainers teach their German Shepherds to do their own personal jobs.

The adaptations German Shepherds have makes them different from any other breed of dogs. Like other dog breeds German Shepherds can hear better than humans but their pointy ears makes them look more unique than any other shepherd breed. Their pointy ears also lets them hear a bit farther than other dogs. Another reason German Shepherds are different than any other dog breed is because of their thick fur. Yes, at the end of the day you might have to pick up a lot of fur and might have to clean their fur many times. However, their thick fur means that they can be in a warm or cold climate.

Some jobs German Shepherds have can also be why many people think that they are loyal. When you see people with special needs, they are usually blind or deaf. With their great eyesight and hearing, a German Shepherd is the most loyalist dog breed and perfect for the job. Yes it may take a while to train a dog to help humans like this, however most say that

german shepherds are one of the easiest to train. When dog helpers are working, they wear a vest that states, "Do not pet me. I'm working." This means the dog is on duty, and I bet that dog is a German Shepherd.

I have given you all the reasons why I think a German Shepherd is the most helpful, unique, and the most loyalist dog breed. Just imagine the saddest day of your life and a helpful , different than others, loyal dog puts their head on your lap. A German Shepherd is the Greatest Of All Time dog breed

# DOGS ARE THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME PET

## By Zaire F.

Dogs are the best pet to have. I'm here to tell you they are the best pet. Dogs are the greatest of all time pets because dogs are very fun to play with, dogs can comfort you, and there are many breeds of dogs.

First, dogs are very fun to play with. Dogs are cute. You can play outside with them, you can play catch, and can play inside too. You can play tug of war or rub their bellies. They love to be petted.

Second, dogs are helpful and comforting. They comfort you when you are sick, sad, and mad. Dogs are helpful, they can be trained to bring you things and that is helpful. They even help police, K9 dogs are police dogs.

Next, there are many breeds of dogs you can choose from such as a German shepherd, Golden retriever, Husky and a poodle. There are small dogs and large dogs to choose from.

Lastly, dogs are the best pets to have! With the reasons I gave you, I hope I changed your mind about the opinion of dogs!!

## Chapter Five: Books & Entertainment

### ***DORK DIARIES IS THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME BOOK***

**By Destiny P.**

Book readers: I am about to tell you why *Dork Diaries* is the greatest of all time book because it is entertaining, I can relate to it, and the illustrations match the words.

First, it is entertaining because it makes you want to read it. The illustrations on the cover make it look like a good book. Also, the book is very funny. One thing that is funny in the book was when the main character got something on her clothes and she went to school and got talked about.

Next, I can relate to it because the main character and I both go to school. The main character is a girl who used to be in the 5th grade. The main character and I both used to learn the same things. Her name is Nicky.

Also, the illustrations match the words because if the picture is two girls arguing the words would say what they are saying. If the picture looks like someone making jokes and laughing that's what the words would have to do with it.

In conclusion, that's why *Dork Diaries* is the greatest of all time book. You should really read it because it will make you laugh so hard.



# THE HATE U GIVE--DON'T SETTLE FOR SOMETHING ELSE!

By Cha'neva L.

Out of all of the movies in the world, The Hate U Give is one of the best. If you are bored, watch the movie. This is better than all the movies you ever watched because it's heartbreaking, with good characters, and is about the real life problems of black teenagers.

First, this movie is great, and enjoyable, but at the same time it's very heart breaking. The police shot Khalil, and he died. The police thought he had a gun, but he had a brush. Also when Starr was a kid, Starr, Khalil, and Sasha were playing basketball and King Lords shot Sasha. Now Khalil's dead too.

Next, the movie has amazing characters. Starr is loving, friendly, sticks up for her friends, and she is heartbroken and brave. And Khalil was kind, cheerful, with good taste in shoes, and innocent. Chris is cool, helpful, kind, understanding, and popular. Chris and Hailey (Starr's BFFs) are white, and they don't understand at first, but eventually they learn.

Also the book gives real life details because in real life people get shot for just pulling out an unarm item. Other people just go to jail. It's sad.

Lastly, you will smile at the end because Starr stuck up for Khalil after his death. I like the movie because of the action. It's the best--don't settle for something else. Watch the movie because it's heartbreaking, true to life and has great characters.

# WONDER IS THE GREATEST BOOK OF ALL TIME

## By Naiveya J.

Picture sitting at home and you have nothing to do so you grab a book called *Wonder* and you start reading it and you get to the part about the farting nurse. This is a really good book. *Wonder* is the greatest book of all time because it is funny, entertaining, and it's kind of sad. These are the reasons I like *Wonder*.

First, *Wonder* is interesting because August was always home-schooled and August's mom wants him to go to a regular school building. But August does not want to go. However, August and his mom went to look around the school and he met three students. Then the students were asking him questions about if he knows what a book, eraser, and pencil are.

Next, *Wonder* has to be the funniest book in the whole world. There is a part about when August's mom had a nurse that kept farting when she was pregnant with August, and there is a principal at August's new school named Mr. Tushman.

Also, *Wonder* can be funny but it can also be kind of sad because August was born with two different sized eyes. When he was little he had twenty-five different surgeries, and also August got bullied at school because he looked different.

Finally, the reason you should read *Wonder* is because it's funny, entertaining, and kind of sad. *Wonder* is the greatest book of all time because it's a really great book with challenging situations that happen in the real world.



## **THE LOUD HOUSE IS THE BEST**

**By Terryn P.**

*The Loud House* is the best tv show out right now for kids. *The Loud House* is the greatest of all time tv show because the characters all work together to do work. They all have different hobbies they like to do. They like to bother each other.

**First, the characters all work together to do work.** When their house is messy they all clean it up together before their parents get home. Especially when Lily runs around with a diaper and eats food running around, it gets so messy that they have to clean up.

**Next, they all have different hobbies they like to do.** Luna likes to play loud music to bother everyone. Lily likes to mess the bathroom up and throw her diapers everywhere. Lincoln likes to read comic books. Lola likes to have tea parties with her puppets. Lori likes to talk on the phone. The dad likes to work on cars. This makes them all interesting.

**Finally, they like to bother each other.** Lana likes to play loud music so loud that people cover their ears. Lola put on her mom's make-up which makes her mom mad. Lory likes to steal her big sister's shirts. Lana likes to steal Lincoln's orange shirt so the others get angry. There are lots of conflicts, but they are funny.

**In conclusion, if you watch tv you should watch *The Loud House*.** It's the best tv show out right now. Any other tv show would be wasting your time. *The Loud House* is the best because the characters work, play and argue with each other.

# WHY SPONGEBOB SQUARE PANTS IS THE GOAT

By Le'Anna E.

Dear people, do you know my greatest of all time is the tv show Spongebob Square Pants? It is the Greatest of All Time tv show because the tv show is the funniest, has the greatest characters, and a very great setting.

First, the tv show Spongebob Square Pants is very funny because Patrick always runs into something and keeps doing it. Then, Spongebob screams when something goes wrong. Last, Mr. Krab will cry when he loses his money.

Next, the tv show Spongebob Square Pants has good characters, but Patrick is the funniest because he loves to eat ice cream and play a lot. Third, Spongebob is the best character in the tv show because he is the main character and he looks like a yellow cheese sponge. After that, Mr. Krab is funny because he thinks that money is his girlfriend because he loves money.

Finally, the tv show Spongebob Square Pants has a good setting because the Krusty Krab is the main place Spongebob works at. It is a restaurant where everybody loves to eat at the Bikini Bottom.

In conclusion, there are many reasons why a person might want to watch Spongebob Square Pants. It has a lot of surprising episodes. You should watch it. It is the best tv show ever.

# FORTNITE IS THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME GAME

## By Edward S.

Fortnite is the greatest of all time game. Playing fortnite on a ps4 is way better than playing on a phone. Fortnite is the greatest because it's fun, there are many ways to win, and there are overtime challenges.

First, it is fun because you can get a victory by eliminating that last kid, and you can build wood, brick, and metal to eliminate that kid. Also you can build while healing.

Second, there are many ways to win but it is challenging. You can get many dubs to gain up your levels and get the Elim where that kid is in the house. And you can snipe or nope-scope that kid that is close to you.

Lastly, there are overtime challenges. You can eliminate that kid while doing your overtime challenges. Also you can get a victory win by doing your other overtime challenges and get your overtime style when your done with that challenge.

In conclusion, Fortnite is the best game because there are overtime challenges, and there are many ways to win the game too, but it is challenging.

## Poems by Bethune Fifth Graders

### (Who are NOW Sixth Graders!)

**If I were in charge of the world**

**By Amauri T.**

If I were in charge of the world I'd cancel  
Homework because it takes time from me playing video games  
I'd cancel every virus around the world  
Math because it's hard  
Every restaurant and make it a 5 star restaurant especially McDonalds.

If I were in charge of the world there's be more hours of sleep on school days  
No such thing as cancer  
A million dollars in your mailbox  
There would be no snow so it won't be cold in Cleveland.

If I were in charge of the world,  
You wouldn't have 7 hours of school  
You wouldn't have to feel pain  
You wouldn't have annoying siblings  
You wouldn't have guns or weapons that hurt people  
You wouldn't even have chocolate ice cream.

If I were in charge of the world  
A vegetable would be hotchips  
A test would be easy  
And there will be no such thing as macaroni.

**Ode to my Mom**  
**By Amauri T.**

Here's to my mom  
You work hard and try your best  
to keep us from living in a mess  
You go to work for long hours  
You come home and have log showers.  
You work hard to take care of your kids  
And you put all your effort in  
So we don't grow up to do horrible things  
You're a great influence on us  
And this is why I love you  
And many more things.

**Shout Out**  
**By Austin**

Here's to paper, it's white  
Here's to apples, red and green  
Here's to Earl, he's funny  
Here's to Boston--when I was there we booked a giant hotel  
It had a big pool.  
I swam in it a lot, me and my cousin and my brother.

**Ode to Megalodon**  
**By Austin**

Ode to Megalodon  
Don't eat me  
Don't eat me  
Your teeth are as big as a ship  
They crush anything in its way  
Oh megalodon, you are the biggest shark in the world.  
Your fins propel you in the water  
Making you ZOOM! like a Jet.

## **If I were in charge of the world...**

**By Bryaun**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel school,  
Spinach and green beans because they taste gross,  
Icing on cake because it is too sweet,  
Homework so I could play my video games.

If I were in charge of the world, there's be gold to give to the homeless people,  
Houses for everyone,  
Endless free video games to play,  
Free movies to watch.

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have school,  
You wouldn't have homelessness,  
You wouldn't have any violence,  
Or shootings,  
You wouldn't even have bullets.

If I were in charge of the world, a football game would be every day,  
A bone would be unbreakable,  
And growing old would never happen.  
We would stay young forever.

## **Ode to Football**

**By Bryaun**

Football, you make me want to yell with joy.  
The joy of tackling my opponent's face into the dirt.  
When you are in my arm, I cradle you like a baby.  
When you fly through the air like a bird with wings, you land in my hand.  
I feel your cold, bumpy, leather skin.  
Ode to Football.

**If I were in charge of the world...**  
**by Cha'Neva P.**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel the coronaviruses,  
The movies where girls always fails running from the boogey man  
Math warm ups at 11:00am every weekday,,  
Every nasty food and make it a dessert.

If I were in charge of the world, there's be more weekends than weekdays,  
More nice friendly people than mean,  
No school till summer,  
More kids on my street.

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have to go to sleep when asked,  
You wouldn't have to go to school on Monday  
You wouldn't have to go to school with sneak dissers,  
Or go to school with spoiled brats or braggers,  
You wouldn't even have to do homework.

If I were in charge of the world, a dog would be able to talk,  
A dinner would be a dessert,  
And it will be more Tik Tok dances  
Would have more classiness.

**Ode to Golden Retrievers**  
**By Cha'Neva P.**

Golden Retrievers, you are loyal, are loveable.  
You are fluffy as a fluff ball.  
You smell like wet grass and fresh grapefruit.

You are as smooth as a desktop.  
You cry like a quiet baby.  
You growl as aggressively as a soldier.

Oh, golden retrievers, if you go away  
There's nothing that can replace you.  
Oh golden retrievers...

## **Ode to my Mom**

**By Curtis**

My mom smells like perfume.  
She always tells me, "Have a good day!"  
She hugs like a mama bear.  
I love everything about my mom.  
She is warm like the morning sun.  
Her chocolate chip cookies are the bomb.  
They are soft and sweet.  
Ode to my mom.

Her smile is contagious.  
Her heart is as big as a mountain.  
Ode to my mom.

## **If I were in charge of the world**

**By Curtis**

If I were in charge of the world I'd cancel bad things because it can make things worse.  
I would stop corona virus stop  
I would stop bullying  
I would stop robbers.

If I were in charge of the world, i will have games  
I will have lots of money  
I will have all the homeless people ge helped  
I will have gold things.

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have a lot of time at school.  
You wouldn't have a lot of homework  
All people would be nice or happy.  
You wouldn't even have villains.

If I were in charge of the world, a dog would be the best.  
An xbox would be the cool games.  
And PS4 would not be nice or fun and would be boring.



**If I were in charge of the world**  
**By Daka'la S.**

If I were in charge of the world I'd cancel diversity because it is bad  
Monday mornings  
Rom Coms and bedtimes  
Fake people who talk about you

If I were in charge of the world  
There'd be no coronavirus or the flu  
Ice cream for breakfast because it's great  
And phones allowed in school  
And no bullying or being mean.

If I were in charge of the world  
You wouldn't have to pay taxes  
You wouldn't have to be rude  
You wouldn't have to beg for money  
Or be mean to girls  
You wouldn't even have to hit people

If I were in charge of the world  
A person who hates cats would be liked by every dog  
A person who smiles would be in charge of a school  
A person who forgot to brush their hair  
Would be in charge of the world with me.

**Shout Out**  
**By Daka'la S.**

Here's to my friends that make me laugh  
Here's to my family I have a good time with  
Here's to my favorite playground I play on  
Here's to my school which is far from home  
Here's to y folder which holds my work  
Here's' to the birds in my front yard  
Here's' to my favorite bed in my house  
Here's to my favorite box fort at my cousin's house

Here's to everyone I love  
Here's to my candy  
Here's to this drawing  
Here's to my fish in my fish tank  
Here's to the church by my favorite store

**Ode to Koalas**  
**By Daka'la S.**

Ode to Koalas  
You are a calming gray color and you're so gray like the fluffy clouds.

Oh Koalas  
Oh Koalas  
You are nice stubby animals with small tails  
Koalas you save my life with your cuteness  
You are a fluffy cloud  
You are probably so soft like a peach and as nice as a puppy.

Oh Koalas  
I'm so sad you're going extinct but you are very cute  
And you smell like trees  
Your baby is a furry bunny.

**Ode to Majorette Dancing**  
**By Destiny P.**

Majorette dancing is as fun as going swimming.  
Majorette dancing is more work than my schoolwork.  
When I do majorette dancing, it tickles me so hard that when I laugh I be about to use  
the bathroom on myself.  
Majorette dancing, you stole my heart with all of your fun.  
I will continue to do you.  
Thank you for stealing my heart.

**Shout Out  
By Destiny P.**

Shout out to Najah for being my BFF for life and never doubting me.  
Shout out to Dionna for not giving up on words and asking me for help.  
Shout out to Terryn for always having my back.  
Shout out to Mrs. Wadsworth for building me up and helping me improve on my grades and the score of my test.  
Here's to Chaneva for being the one who always gave me something when I was sad.  
Here's to Dominic for every time I was sad she would come and talk to me and make sure I was good.  
Shout out to my mom and dad for making sure that I had everything I needed and helping me through hard times and pushing me.  
Shout out to my sisters for never giving up on me.

**Ode to Hip Hop Dancing  
By Dionna?**

Hip hop dancing is my life and talent.  
Hip hop dancing makes my day and it is my heart.

It's fun and when I be bored, I dance on Tik Tok.  
It makes me laugh.

When my friends are dancing, they dance funny.  
My friends still make my day as fun as dancing.

**Shout Out  
By Dionna H.**

Shout out to Destiny for helping me with hard words  
Shout out to Terryn for being my friend  
Shout out to Najah for making me laugh  
And Dominic  
Shout out to hip hop dancing and  
Shout out to Curtis for being my cuz  
And Bethune.

## **If I were in charge of the world**

**By Dominic**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel homework and tuesday mornings  
Fake people who talk behind your back  
Bullies because they pick on people  
Coronavirus so people won't get sick.

If I were in charge of the world  
There'd be ice cream every night  
No "left outs" so they don't feel lonely  
No cheerleading practice  
Or snakes because they bite us.

If I were in charge of the world  
You wouldn't have mice  
You wouldn't have rats  
You wouldn't have bed bugs or roaches  
You wouldn't even have any bugs in your house.

If I were in charge of the world  
A cat would be walking  
Candy would be food  
And everyone will treat everyone with respect.

## **Shout Out**

**By Dominic**

Shout out to my mom because she gave me life.  
Here's to Tamaya, she makes me smile.  
Shout out to my teacher, she teaches me.  
Here's to my sister, she cares about me.  
Shout out to my G-ma she tells me where I'm wrong  
And when I'm right.  
Here's to my brothers, they protect me from people, stuff.  
Shout out to Destiny, she makes me laugh.  
Here's to Dionna for being someone I can talk to.  
Shout out to my friends for being there.

**Ode to Cheerleading**  
**By Dominic**

Oh Cheerleading, Oh Cheerleading,  
I love you.  
People are hyped and loud when we cheer.  
We wear the same outfit like we're twins.  
We are so loud you can't hear us, like a parade.  
We flip like patties on a grill.  
You can do tricks in cheerleading.

Cheerleading, you are the best.  
Our clothes are cute as a puppy.  
When I compete with other teams, my team be scared.  
Oh cheerleading, we shout out so loud.  
We hear echoes like we are in a cave.

**If I were in charge of the world**  
**By Eriana P.**

If I were in charge of the world I'd cancel Monday mornings to get up for school.  
The rated R movies.  
Homeless people I'd give them money  
The coronavirus.

If I were in charge of the world, there'd be more days away from school  
Less homework  
Less school hours  
More ice cream and cake

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have to go to school  
You wouldn't have to babysit smaller siblings  
You wouldn't have to wash the dishes or to clean your room.

If I were in charge of the world, a dinner would be a dessert.  
Bedtime would be cancelled and there would be more time in the day, less time at night.  
And there would be more days for summer vacation.

**Oh Apple Pie! Ode to Pie**  
**By Eriana P.**

Oh apple pie, your warm softness is like a warm teddy bear hug.  
Oh apple pie, with your softness  
Feels like a pillow in my mouth  
With your sweetness you saved my life  
I saw you in the fridge  
You shouted EAT ME EAT ME!  
I was going to until I saw a note  
Someone had already claimed you  
But I came back one minute later and you were still there  
So I just couldn't help myself  
And I ate you with your weird shaped body  
You are unique  
Ode to Apple Pie

**Shout Out**  
**By Eriana P.**

Shout out to my teacher Mrs. Wadsworth for helping me get my education.  
Shout out to my parents for motivating me with my math homework.  
Here's to my older cousin for being the best babysitter when I wasn't there for them.  
Here's to my mom for helping me with my reading and helping me get a higher score on the OST.

**If I were in Charge of the World**  
**By Ge'Sean**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel corona virus because it is killing people  
I'd cancel cigarettes  
I'd cancel school  
I'd cancel some dance.

If I were in charge of the world, everything would be free.  
Everything would be in peace.  
There would be tigers as pets.  
Everyone would have powers.

If I were in charge of the world,  
A carrot would be a knife  
My parents would be monkeys for the day  
And everyone I know would call me Q.

**Shout Out**  
**By Ge'Sean N.**

Cheers to the cops  
Cheers to the moves  
Cheers to the people  
Cheers to the kids  
Cheers to the city  
Cheers to my friends  
Cheers to people who help  
Cheers to babies  
Cheers to brothers  
Cheers to my school  
Cheers to dogs  
Cheers to animals  
Cheers to superheroes  
Cheers to my mom  
Cheers to my dad  
Cheers to my family  
Cheers to tigers

## **Mom**

**By Ge'Sean N.**

Mom, Oh Mom, you are the best mom in the world.  
You smell like a bottle of perfume.  
Your voice is like an angel's.  
Mom, your face is as beautiful as a flower.  
Mom, oh mom, I love you with all my heart.

## **If I were in charge of the World**

**By Giovanni H.**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel Hannah Montana because Miley Cyrus is a traitor,  
Motels,  
Slavery,  
Flip phones.

If I were in charge of the world, there's be time machines,  
A rule where phones can be in school,  
A safety weapon in each house.

If I were in charge of the world,  
You wouldn't have disrespectful teachers,  
You wouldn't have coronavirus,  
You wouldn't have beatings or whoopin's,  
You wouldn't even have slaps or punches.

If I were in charge of the world, a hotel would be cheaper,  
A pumpkin would be a fruit,  
A grilled cheese and hot tomato soup would be a special at restaurants.



**Shout Out**  
**By Giovanni H.**

Here's to the church, birch,  
the cats, rats, bats, even the gnats.  
Here's to the sky, fly, and the children that cry.  
Here's to the blood that flows through my body like the ocean,  
and starts to bubble like red hot lava,  
waiting for me to explode,  
just waiting for something to set me off.

**Ode to Mega Meat Sandwiches**  
**By Giovanni H.**

Oh mega meat sandwich, you're crispy like toast,  
You're creamy as peanut butter and crunchy like a grilled cheese.  
You tease me with your tastiness, as you sit on the table all perfect  
When you're stacked with all your meatiness,  
I just faint.

**Ode to Dogs**  
**By Le'Anna**

Oh dog,  
Oh dog,  
You are snugglier than a teddy bear  
You are softer than a cotton ball  
Small as a mouse  
And careful like my own mother.

Ode to the dog,  
You have saved the day with all your braveness  
You are so amazing there's a comic book.  
You protect me by barking at everybody you see  
You smell better than a pot pie  
And look better than a butterfly

Your bark is lovelier than a lullaby  
And sweeter than a lollipop

Oh dog you are so comforting  
Ode to the dog,  
Thank you for being my pet.

## **Ode to Football**

**By Ladon**

Football is the greatest of all time sport  
I like football because you can get stronger and you can make money

## **If I were in charge of the world...**

**By Melina W.**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel school on the week of my birthday,  
Tax day, so April 15th is all about me,  
Tests at the beginning of the year,  
School uniforms.

If I were in charge of the world, there's be parades of your favorite movies,  
TV shows with no sad ending,  
More beautiful hybrid animals with wings,  
A place for all chinchillas.

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have to walk dogs,  
You wouldn't have to work when you get out of your parents' house,  
You wouldn't have any rules to basketball,  
Or "That's a foul," and "That's our ball!"  
You wouldn't even have a referee for basketball games.

If I were in charge of the world, a lie would be a million dollars,  
My parents would be monkeys for a day,  
And have to do all the chores,  
An airplane ride would be only five dollars.

## **Ode to Cinnamon Rolls**

**By Melina W.**

Oh Bundle of Joy,  
To me is a cinnamon coated  
Present for my stomach.  
And oh, as the frosting drips from the top of the bun,  
You eat the delicious treat that is a Christmas present early.  
The most loved treat till the end of time.  
Oh Bundle of Joy.

Oh Bundle of Joy,  
As you tease me with the most wondrous smell,  
To me you are like a baby bundle,  
Wrapped in cinnamon spice.  
And oh, how my ears hear the crunching of the most bought,  
Warmest, and beloved treat in the world.  
Oh Bundle of Joy.

## **Shout Out**

**By Melina W.**

Here's to Martin Luther King.  
Here's to Cleveland.  
Here's to colored people.  
Here's to parents.  
Here's to the projects.

**Ode to Steak**  
**By Ronald**

Steak, I like how it takes long to chew it up so it can get all the taste out.  
And it's thick to make a long time to eat it and cook it.  
I don't like when people say pork chops are steaks.  
They come from two different animals.  
A lot of meat and barely bone  
That's what I like about them too  
You can just bite them  
You won't have to take too many bones out of the steak  
It's good with mild sauce  
It was spicy  
I liked it  
I don't really like steak sauce that much  
It doesn't really taste that good

**Ode to Majorette Dancing**  
**By Terryn P.**

Majorette dancing is my everything. I love to dance because it is my talent. I always battle people and win. My team has a lot of sass and attitude. Our clothing is red as a red cherry. After competing with three teams, I sweat a river. I'm good at flipping and doing death-drop, pop up, toe touch, herty, back rollover, and a backbend.

**If I were in charge of the world...**  
**By Theonte M.**

If I were in charge of the world, I'd cancel school for the whole year,  
Technology because of the internet,  
Reading because it is boring,  
School for a month.

If I were in charge of the world, there'd be Mrs. Wadsworth teaching more ELA,  
People helping me with my work because I might need her,  
Learning a lot of school every day,  
Doing a lot of quizzes because it is fun.

If I were in charge of the world, you wouldn't have to clean up your room,  
You wouldn't have to be mean to each other,  
You wouldn't have move vegetables because they are nasty,  
Or the flu because you can stay home,  
You wouldn't even have the coronavirus because you can die.

If I were in charge of the world, a carrot would be a fruit,  
All girls would be nice,  
and even Mrs. Wadsworth would be giving me candy  
And making everyone mad.

### **Shout Out By Theonte M.**

I would like to shout out Ms. bell for helping us with our work  
So we can move on to sixth grade.

I would like to shout out Mrs. Wadsworth because she give me treats  
If I do what I need to do.

I would like to shout out to Ms. Larsen for coming in and working with us  
On work we do in the class like odes and opinions.

### **Ode to Ms. Bell By Theonte**

Ms Bell is as pretty and cute as a teddy bear.  
Ms. Bell's voice is a deep river.  
Ms. Bell smells better than french fries.  
Ms. Bell is soft like a gummy bear but also hard like bones.  
That is why I love Ms. Bell.  
Ode to Ms. Bell.  
I LOVE YOU MS. BELL.  
THE END

**Ode to Lambo**  
**By Travelle B.**

See a car door, the color red, blue  
And gray car seats  
The engine, the hood, circis  
Tires, rims, headlights, taillights,  
The roof of a car.  
It is huge!!!!!!!  
Hear the engine roar like a lion.  
People are so happy that it sounds like a part was going on.  
It sounds like it is saying Vroom  
And it goes 1,000 miles an hour  
Oh Lambo, Oh Lambo, and off we go!

**If I were in Charge of the World**  
**By Travelle B.**

If I were in charge of the world  
I'd cancel book reports  
Veggies because I do not like them  
Guns to war!  
Fires to burn home

If I were in charge of the world there's be  
1,000,000,000 for everyone.  
More beds and more teachers  
More books  
And more toys.

If I were in charge of the world  
You wouldn't have rocks  
You wouldn't have winter  
You wouldn't have book reports and writing assignments  
Or old computers  
You wouldn't even have High place.

If I were in charge of the world,  
A schools would be fun  
A market would be a school  
And food would be fun to eat like fast food  
And everyone would have a break

## **Shout Out**

### **By Zaire**

Here's to my mom and daddy,  
Thank you for taking care of me.  
Here's to my dog and my brothers.  
Here's to my school, my neighborhood, and my friends  
For helping me do things I couldn't do.  
Here's to math.  
Math is the best.  
Here's to French Fries.  
Here's to water.  
Here's to clothes and shoes,  
Thank you for making me not cold.  
Here's to Mrs. Wadsworth for helping me learn.  
Here's to my phone for helping me do things.

## **Ode to French Fries**

### **By Zaire**

Ode to French Fries,  
I'll eat you every day if I could.  
Oh french fries, I love your taste.  
You taste so good, you taste like a long chip with salt with the seasoning.  
Nothing can beat you.  
Ode to French Fries.  
Your shapes like a pencil, sort of like a funnel cake,  
Eat me, the French Fry says.  
Salty like a rock.

## **Shout Out**

### **By Anonymous, maybe Najah?**

Here's to my beloved, wonderful, beautiful friends.  
The people that don't make me feel like I don't belong.  
The ones I can call on at any time and come.  
The kind people that make me smart.  
The ones I can party with and have a good time.  
The ones I can dance with and play with.  
The people I know will never leave or trade me for anything or anybody else...  
Here's to my beloved, wonderful beautiful friends,  
The ones I love.

## **Ode to Tape**

### **By Najah S.**

Oh tape, your sticky glue like substance,  
Your soothing crackle that you make when I lift you is so satisfying.  
I have seen so many different varieties and colors of your kind.  
Your scent is like a Nike shoe, fresh out of the box.  
It is so indescribable.  
It's like you want me to buy you and your family  
Off the mean cold shelf.

## **Shout Out**

### **By Naiveya**

Here's to pizza  
Here's to books  
Here's to school  
Here's to ice cream  
Here's to Mrs. Wadsworth



## **Ode to Ice Cream**

**By Naiveya**

Ice cream is colder than Antarctica  
It is tasty like cake  
Ice cream is the greatest food in the world  
Ice cream calls my name until I eat it  
Oh, ice cream, oh ice cream!  
Ice cream has different flavors  
My favorite is cookies and cream  
Ice cream, oh ice cream!  
You should be everyone's favorite food  
It is softer than a dog's fur  
It's creamy like whipped cream  
Oh ice cream, oh ice cream!

## **Shout Out**

**By Anonymous**

Here's to the broken hearts  
The sad, the mad, the happy  
Here's to the families that make it work  
Here's to the hardworking moms and not  
Shout out to families, moms, friends,  
Good and bad neighborhoods