

## BROWN PAPER BAG SHORT STORIES

### INSPIRED YOUTH WRITING

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*Students were given a “character,” “setting,” and “conflict/problem.” They wrote a short story based on these, with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade tutors, or just by themselves.*

By Jah’Lil C., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

One day I was at school, and I did not do my homework. The teacher said, “Where is your homework?” I said, “I did not do it.” I was embarrassed in front of everyone. I ran out of school to the forest. In the forest I saw a big hairy monster. He was four meters tall.

The monster took me to his house. I was scared. I thought he was going to eat me for dinner. Next thing you know, I’m in his stomach. He did not chew me, so I was still alive. I needed to get out. I had a plan. I would jump on his stomach until he threw up. Finally, he threw up. I looked like a monster. I had green stuff all over. I ran home and took a shower. When I got out of the shower, I went in my room and lay on my bed. I said, “That was a weird day,” and I fell asleep.

By Yasmine H., 10<sup>th</sup> gr.

Jerry and Michael both had a friend named Mark. Mark invited both of them to his tree house. Jerry and Michael didn’t like each other, but they had to try to make it work, since Mark was the common denominator. Once they got to Mark’s house, they started fighting. Mark couldn’t help but felt sad since he just wanted them to help him with birthday ideas. Jerry felt so horrible knowing he didn’t help out his friend and instead let his emotions get ahead of him. Michael at the end wasn’t a good friend. He felt okay. He didn’t care what his friend thought. He did what was important for him. Jerry apologized to Mark, while Michael didn’t care. Mark and Jerry turned out to be

the best of friends, while Michael was getting more and more left by himself.

By Raul V., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

The Ninja went to the Chinese buffet. He went there to find the person that put a bomb under the buffet, because there was an underground headquarters. The Ninja had speed. It exploded, but he used his slo-mo speed and saved everybody. But the guy was still alive. He shot the Ninja and got his powers, but the gun couldn’t resist it, so the gun broke, and the Ninja got his powers back. And in their headquarters, he saw another speedster, but his speed is blue. Whoever he is, the Ninja will find him.

By Nely A., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

The lion wanted to go to Wisconsin because he wanted to get a new friend. When four hours passed, he finally got there. When he went to the hotel, he saw a mouse. The mouse was finding a friend, too. When it was the pool party, the lion and the mouse were dressing up for the party. When they got there, they saw each other and talked for a long time. Then they went back to the dorm to sleep. They went to sleep at 9 p.m. So, the lion and the mouse lived in the hotel for a long time. And stayed together forever.

By Jordynn J., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

One morning on a school day, there were two best friends, Jasmine and Nyema. They were waiting at the bus stop, and when they saw each other, they said, “Look! I have a donut and some cake,” and they giggled as they went onto the school bus. Once they got on the school bus, they sat next to each other and made a plan. They got up out of their seats and stole the keys to the bus and drove off into the woods, and they crashed, boom! into a big large tree. The tree fell on the school bus. Three passengers got injured. The two are bad kids. They got in trouble with the police and their parents.

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By Leonela C., 9<sup>th</sup> gr.

It was that time of year again (no not Christmas 'n' stuff), but it was That One Kid's birthday today. That One Kid's birthday parties are always weird and crazy, seeing as his parents are weird and crazy. This time That One Kid is having his birthday party at his school. His parents dropped him off and said that they'll bring a surprise later in the day. About two hours pass by, and That One Kid's parents arrived at That One Kid's classroom and knocked on the door. The teacher opened the door for them. The parents were carrying a big box with some holes in it. The thing inside was running around and wanted to get out. The parents opened the box and a mountain lion jumped out from the box. Everyone screamed and was scared. It growled at them. Everyone hid in the corner. The parents were already gone. That One Kid walked up to the mountain lion and stood in front of it. He touched its head. The mountain lion fell asleep. Everyone cheered for him. Well, what do you know? Looks like That One Kid is actually a wizard.

By Berenice R., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

First, the shark was chasing the mermaid. The mermaid was trying to escape because the shark was chasing her, and the superhero didn't help her because he was trying to learn how to swim. He was trying to learn how to swim so he can help the mermaid to escape. When he learned how to swim, he went to help her. The superhero went to help the mermaid, and then, the superhero grabbed his super-powers and with the super-powers he killed the shark. When the superhero went to help her, she felt happy because he went to help her.

By Gregorio F., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.

The bear cheated on the lifeguard test, and the instructor didn't like that, so he shot him in the chest five times. The bear died that day.

By Hassan D., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

One day a boy and a dog and a dad went to Texas. Today my dad was going to a basketball game. My dad's name was Jordan. He was a great basketball player. There were shoes, sweaters, shirts that were Jordan's. The man and his son were cutting onions. Then the knife dropped on the dog and the dog was dead. Holy smoke! What happened to the dog? The son touched the dog and the son got sick. Michael Jordan came. Holy guacamole! What happened? No, not our lovely dog is dead. Michael got the kid and put him to bed, but the boy didn't breathe. Michael called 911. They were in the hospital, and the hospital touched the boy, and the world got sick from the dog.

By David C., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

One day it was President Orange Man's youngest son's birthday. It was outside the White House to entertain the kids. He was in an orange costume with a cape. It was an Avengers theme cake. They were singing the "Happy Birthday" song when they heard a roar outside the building. When they heard the roar, all the electricity went dead. Everyone saw a UFO; everyone was in shock. After that, a whole invasion started. A huge alien came. It was pitch black outside, and no one saw anything. The only thing that they saw was the beam of the UFO abducting people. Then, aliens used ray guns to kill the people and kids. The aliens left, and there was light again. A reporter saw nothing but dead people including Orange Man. Then Obama was president again. Everyone shouted, "Trump is dead."

By Dylin C., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

Once upon a time there was a unicorn princess. She was on a train. Then she got kicked out. She got kicked out because she wasn't a princess. She walked to Disney. She found the love of her life. They got married. They lived happily ever after.

By Yaritza A., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

### **Chapter 1, *The News***

Kate and Samantha talk to each other at their lockers and gossip about boys, mean girls, teachers, etc. After some classes, Kate comes dashing to Samantha about some cool news.

She says, "Sam, you won't believe what I heard!"

Samantha says, "What is it, Kate?"

She says, "We are going on a trip to Canada!"

"But don't we have to pay? And, also, that is expensive!" says Sam.

So Kate says, "I will pay. Don't worry."

"OK, I guess, but I feel bad though."

"Aww, it's all right. See you at lunch!" says Kate.

At lunch, "So are you ready?" says Kate. "

"Yea, but it's next week though," says Sam.

"No, it's on Friday," says Kate.

"What? It's barely Tuesday!" says Sam.

"I know, but it's better anyway," Kate says.

"Easy for you to say," Sam says.

"See you tomorrow."

"You, too." They tell good-bye to each other.

Thursday night they call each other saying that they are finished packing and say good-bye to each other.

The next day, Kate wakes up with excitement, while Samantha wakes up tired and lazy. They meet each other at the bus at 6:30 a.m. Since they live in North Dakota, they only need to travel for 3½ hours to get to Brandon for a camping trip, and they sit together on the bus. When they stopped for a bathroom stop and stopped to buy snacks, they were already in Canada, and were very excited about their trip because they were going to see animals at the zoo, going to a restaurant, parks and more! When they got to their room at the hotel, Samantha ran to her bed, while Kate jumped on her bed. Samantha ordered pizza and Kate was taking a shower, so Samantha could surprise Kate with pizza for their celebration in Canada. Then when Kate finished taking a

shower, Samantha surprised Kate with pizza, and Kate was surprised! They both saw a scary movie while eating pizza. When the pizza was finished, they both went to sleep.

### **Chapter 2, *Ready for Anything***

Kate woke up to the noise of Samantha waking her up, saying that they needed to get ready to go to a restaurant. When they finished dressing up, their Uber was waiting, and they talked about what they were going to do the next day. When they got to the restaurant, they ordered their food.

When that was done Samantha said, "I can't believe we are in Canada!"

"Me neither!" says Kate.

After they ate, they were full, and went to take a walk at the park, until they found a road into the forest. They followed it until they tripped and went through a hole and landed on a pile of leaves. But Kate had hurt her arm with a stone and was bleeding. So Samantha ran and took her sweater and tied it to Kate's arm as fast as she could. Samantha said, "How are we going to get out of here?"

Kate said, "How about we stay tonight here, then we will figure something out tomorrow."

And they both sleep on the big pile of leaves for the rest of the night. But Samantha kept thinking about what to do, and then she slept.

The next day, since the day was sunny, they could see where the road led, and both thought it was a way to get out.

### **Chapter 3, *Magic in the Air***

They followed the road all the way until they saw a box with a note that had ancient signs which translated "Open this box and you will end up in a special place."

Since they were both curious about what was inside, they opened it, but did not think it through, and "poof!" they disappeared in a snap of sparkles and ended up in the sky going down onto a battlefield, and they landed on an air slide. They screamed to death, and landed

on the air slide and started laughing, and Samantha says, "What the heck is happening in the world?"

Kate says, "I don't know. Ha ha ha OMG." And for a few minutes later, they hear "BOOM," and run outside of the battlefield safe zone which they didn't know, and they saw people throwing bombs, screaming, and people dying, while Samantha and Kate were screaming back to the safe zone to find the box again and open it quickly and disappear. Then, they land on a truck and both say, "Ouch!" But they see people staring at them while the truck is moving, and the captain says, "Attack!"

But Sam and Kate jump out of the truck and get bruises on their legs. So then they walk in a random desert until they find the box next to a cactus. They opened it, but then discovered that they were in New Jersey, by a sign saying, "Welcome to New Jersey."

They were very hungry, so they went to a pizza place and ordered a small cheese pizza with bread sticks and had to pay with 10 dollars, since Samantha only had a 10-dollar bill, so she had to pay that, and they also ordered some water. After they were done eating, they went outside and saw the box and were really hoping they would get home. Then they opened the box.

#### **Chapter 4 *The House***

When Kate opens the box, they got inside a glass house, except the floors, but went to the kitchen to find food! They found sushi, pizza, pasta, fruit, ice cream, and more! After two hours, the whole big fridge was empty, and both ran to the beds which they found in the house, and they slept until the next day. Kate woke up to the sound of the birds chirping and woke up Samantha. They went to find the box and they found a trunk. They opened the trunk and found the box and opened it. Both swirl into the portal and end up at their hotel! Kate and Samantha were both thinking and seeing that might be fake, but actually they got to

their hotel. Both were so happy and started packing so excitedly. They had to take a VIP plane pass, and they got to North Dakota as fast as they could. When they got home, they missed their parents, friends, and family. They couldn't believe they got home and had a great time together. But their destiny is awaiting another journey.

By Mukunth R., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

Once upon a time there was a cowboy and his horse. They lived in a cabin in the mountains. One day a man came to the cabin. He snuck inside and stole a ring when the cowboy was not at home. When the man came out, the horse saw him and chased him. The man said, "Stop it!" The horse chased him until he dropped the ring. Then the horse grabbed the ring and went back to the cabin. Then the cowboy came, and the horse told him everything.

By Jessica K., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

The dog saw his friend and walked to her. They were at Lake Michigan. Spice the dog saw her drop her crayons into the lake. Spice didn't help her. She barked at her and then ran. Someone ran to help her. He got in a boat and got in his bathing suit. He went in the water and got the crayons. You should always help a friend.

By Tanish A., kindergarten, and his tutor

Once upon a time, there was a dragon and a dinosaur that were enemies. They were never friends. They had been playing a basketball game in a school yard. The dragon was really good. The dinosaur didn't like that, so he tied him up to keep him from playing. The dragon's teammate, the elf, came over and untied him before the game ended. The dragon took the ball and took a shot! It went in! The dragon and the elf won the game, and the dinosaur fainted because he thought he would, but the dragon actually won.

By Reaisha J., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

It was a regular day, and there were two evil leprechauns in the enchanted jungle. It was surrounded by bricks, like a brick house, and that was because the leprechauns would kill you if you entered. This became very dangerous. It became so dangerous that 2,000,000,000 people died.

On one day a pregnant lady didn't look at the warning and entered, and there were lots of plants, and there was beautiful scenery inside, but when you got to know the leprechaun, it wouldn't be so beautiful. After an hour of being in there, she turned light-headed, and two good leprechauns appeared and felt the lady's head. They said, "We can fix it," but they were getting light-headed, too. They all died. Then they all turned evil and knocked down the bricks and took over the world.

By Bianca V., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

Once upon a time, there was a ghost girl. One Friday there was a test, and she cheated on it. Then she went home and showed her mom her test. Her mom got a call from the principal, and the principal said, "Can you come to the principal's office tomorrow, please?" The next day they go to the office to talk about the test. The principal wanted to know why the girl cheated on the test. The girl said she wouldn't cheat any more.

By Adithi G., Kindergarten, and her tutor

One day in Ocean Town, Lara the Fish asked her friend Poby the Bear for medicine to help her sick parents. "You can't have my medicine! I want it in case I get sick," said Poby. This makes Lara really sad. "I don't want to be friends with you!" yelled Lara to Poby. Poby realized how upset Lara is and feels bad. "Lara, I'm sorry I didn't give you my medicine. Here it is," said Poby. "Thank you, Poby. I still want to be friends with you," Lara said. They skipped to school every day after that.

By Mushtaq D., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

One day Mushtaq was playing basketball. While she was playing, a big dusty storm came. Suddenly, her wing was broken. Then she met two new fairies. The second fairy's name was Vivian. The third fairy's name was Faria. The two fairies helped the first fairy fix her wing. Then with their powers, they blew away the big dusty storm. "Hooray," said all the fairies. Then all the fairies became friends.

By Gahana R., kindergarten, and her tutor

We decorated presents then put some stickers everywhere. We decorated the dresses. Then we all got balloons. Everyone showed up at the party and ate cake. Kylie, the ghost, opens a present and it is a card. She gets embarrassed by a card as her birthday present. Another boy does a rooster dance and makes her feel better. Kylie was happy. Everyone should make other people laugh if they are sad.

By Phyllis R., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

Boom!!! A mailbox fell inside a sewer and a tiny sleeping turtle fell on top of his belly. The noise from the mailbox's stomach woke the turtle up.

"Come inside my mouth," said the mailbox.

"No, don't kill me. Turtles are cool!"

The turtle starts dancing in a way that makes him hungrier. The mailbox grabs the turtle and swallows him. Inside the mailbox, the turtle found his cousin.

They haven't seen each other for a while, and when they were usually together, they were doing tik-toks. The little turtle and his cousin started doing tik-toks inside the mailbox's belly. As they are moving around, they suddenly feel themselves lifted up and out of the mailbox's stomach. The turtles are angry, so they throw straws at the mailbox, and he dies. "Skksksksk- oo-I-opp," they both say in unison.

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By Layla S., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

On a regular Wednesday morning, Mia was walking to school and didn't notice Daisy. Finally, Mia got to school. Daisy was walking around the hallway and didn't notice that school was over. Mia saw Daisy and was shocked about how Daisy got into the school. Mia thought, "Did Daisy follow me in?"

Then Mia took Daisy home and did her homework. The next day Mia went to school and she thought that Daisy learned her lesson, but Daisy followed. When school was done, all the doors were locked. Daisy was trapped inside. A few hours later Daisy finds a way out. There is a broken vent. Luckily Daisy is small enough to fit. She crawled out and a man saw her. He also saw a lost dog flier on the tree. He picked up Daisy and looked at the collar and saw that it was the same dog. He took her to the address and knocked on the door, and Mia and her mom were shocked and happy that Daisy was home. She was really hungry, and she was happy to be home, too. Now Mia really thinks Daisy learned her lesson. From then on, Daisy never followed Mia to school anymore.

By Marilu G., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

One morning Fire Girl and Zoey were at the basketball court near the park. Fire Girl had an idea of playing a basketball game against Zoey. The game started. Fire Girl was making lots of shots. Zoey was getting frustrated because she didn't make any shots. Fire Girl won the game. Zoey was jealous of Fire Girl. Fire Girl didn't care about Zoey's feelings, so she was showing off more. Zoey told Fire Girl that she hurt her feelings, so Fire Girl said, "Sorry." Zoey told Fire Girl she wanted to be a better player. Fire Girl gave Zoey some tips about how to be better at basketball. Zoey was excited to learn how to be a better basketball player. They practiced for several hours. Then they went home happy and tired from practicing.

By Dorieana, 1<sup>st</sup> gr., and her tutor

Once upon a time, Wonder Woman and Superman got in a fight. They both wanted to rule the world. To solve their conflict, they decided to host the greatest basketball game of all time. They found the tallest maintain in the world and set up a basketball court. Superman and Wonder Woman both wanted to win the game. They both trained so they could be the ultimate champions. When the game day came, both heroes were ready. Superman and Wonder Woman were both so good that the game lasted 24 hours. Finally, Wonder Woman won. Wonder Woman was so excited she had won, so she used her powers for good, and they all lived happily ever after.

By Baron F., 1<sup>st</sup> gr., and his tutor Ghost looked around for the door. He was trying to get into an alien imposter through the door. He couldn't find the door. To get in, an alien had to open the door. Alien didn't open the door because he thought the ghost was a human. Alien couldn't find the door, so he went back to earth. He tried again on earth. He tried to open the door 20 times! He couldn't open it. He wanted to tell the aliens to fix the sickness, but they wouldn't listen. So he fixed it himself. He cured everyone, and they all died anyway. Ghost had gotten mad because he couldn't open the door, so he killed everyone instead.

By Lindsay L., kindergarten, and her tutor The President is giving a speech on the battlefield. Then, George the black cat jumps out from the bushes. The President is scared by the cat, but all the soldiers like cats and think it's weird that the President is scared. The President is embarrassed that she is scared. She decides to face her fear by getting a pet black cat that she names George. Now when she sees a cat, she is happy, not scared. The cat and the President go to the beach to celebrate.

By Arianny, 1<sup>st</sup> gr., with her tutor

### A Sneaky Monster

One day, a monster went on a school bus. He took a sweater from a little girl named Emily. Emily is sad because the monster took her sweater. The monster gave the sweater to a ghost. The ghost gave the sweater to his family to keep them warm. Emily got a new sweater, and she is now happy.

By Marwan D., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.

The cowboy was on an adventure with his friend when he got separated and lost in the jungle. He wandered deep into the jungle. He panicked and hit a tree. He was out for a while. Then he woke up to a horse licking his face. The cowboy screamed and the horse screamed, too. Then the cowboy found out why the horse was screaming. "You're my owner! You're my owner!!" the horse hollered. The cowboy who was still dazed said, "Okay," not listening to the horse. Later that night they got attacked by monkeys, so they had to stick together. When the monkeys left, the cowboy told the horse he didn't know him. The horse was very frustrated, but the horse was also lost in the jungle. He knew the only way to get out of the jungle was to stick together as friends. After weeks of searching the jungle, they found a way out. After that, they stayed forever friends.

By Josiah Mc.R., kindergarten, and his tutor

A superhero named Superman was on a hike with a villain named Bad-Superman. But then Superman told Bad-Superman that their friend, Batman, doesn't like Bad-Superman. After that, Bad-Superman got very angry at Batman, who was flying above in his Batmobile. He swoops down and says, "Sorry. I didn't mean it like that!"

Bad-Superman says, "It's okay. I forgive you." Then they all go down to the cabin in the woods and learn that forgiveness is the key to friendship, and they all play Sorry. 7

By Himaneesh D., kindergarten, and his tutor

Big Bad Monster

Bad had a test that morning, but he didn't study for it, so he decided to cheat off his friend, Big Good Monster, who always did well. When Bad got his test back, he got 100%! but he felt really bad for cheating, so he ran away to a ghost house. He found a basketball court and started to practice. Bad thought to himself, "I'm the best basketball player ever!!" but as he practiced, he began to feel even worse about cheating. "I shouldn't have done that" he thought. Then he remembered about his game at school. He rushed back and made it just in time. They won their game, and Bad scored 17 baskets! But he still felt bad, so he told his teacher he cheated. She was proud of him for being honest, so he was able to retake the test. He learned his lesson.

By Malachi H., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

Billy did not do his homework because Billy does not know the meaning of homework. The teacher gave Billy a detention because everybody knows the meaning of homework. The principal told Billy to always do his homework, no matter what.

By Malik O., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., and his tutor One day, there were two boys named Jake and Zack. They took a wrong path to the soccer game, and they got lost in the jungle. They got out of the van and saw a lion! So they ran away and cut trees and got out to the soccer game, and won!

By Ashley S., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

One day there was a unicorn that got lost in the forest. She needed help to find her way home. She got scared because it was getting dark. She trotted faster and faster to try and find her way out of the forest. She hit a fallen branch and fell to the ground. She was sad, and she felt lonely. Another unicorn found the lost unicorn and asked her if she was okay.

By Dayveana A., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

Best Friends

She was in her castle when she heard a “boom!” She went outside to look at her backyard. It looked like a battlefield from the war. She saw a ship landing in the distance of the battlefield. She gave an alert to the other animals. Then she walked down to the ship where it landed. Next the ship opens the door as the aliens come out. The other animals come out of nowhere and attacked. Then the aliens attacked back. The aliens said, “Meet us on the battlefield.” So they met at the battlefield and the aliens attacked, but then the aliens lost all their weapons and weren’t able to finish the war. In the end, they left the battlefield upset because they weren’t able to finish what they had done. Then they became friends and built another castle next door.

By Sathwick N., kindergarten, and his tutor

Tessa and Sathwik are on a deserted island. The deserted island they were on was called Rocker. Tessa and Sathwik say hello to each other. Someone named Avery started fighting Tessa, which was not nice of Avery. Sathwik just stood there watching and didn’t help Tessa. Then, Sathwik stepped in and helped Tessa. Then, Sathwik and Tessa hugged, making up.

By Gianna S., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., and her tutor

Julia, Catherine, and Zuly were in class when all of a sudden, a monster came into class. The girls got scared and ran home from the monster. They got home safely and lived happily ever after.

By Emiya E., 1<sup>st</sup> gr., and her tutor

In the sunshine jungle, Mickey Mouse found a dragon. He went on a walk with his dog and dragon and cat. Then someone saw him. They made fun of him for having a dragon. He felt sad and embarrassed. He left to go home, to go away from the people who made him sad.

By Eliza A., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

Once upon a time there were kids in the playground. They were playing games and they

were having so much fun. There was money from other kids. The Aliens came from the sky and robbed the kids from the playground. The kids were sad. The Ninjas attacked the aliens and saved the kids from the aliens. The kids were happy once again. The Ninjas saved the day!

By Monish A., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

A bear was walking when he suddenly slipped and fell. As he fell, he caught bearitis. (Bearitis causes arthritis in humans.) When the bear landed, he fell into a coma for three months. As he was in a coma, the plague spread all around the island.

A plane with ten people crashed on the island. The people saw something big from a distance and went to see what it was. They were mind-blown to see a bear! They were scared and walked away. The bear came out of its coma when it heard something. It couldn’t see anything, so it fell back to sleep, because it was hibernation time for bears.

As time passed, the people slowly started getting arthritis. They wondered why and wanted to see where they got it from. But their legs hurt so much that they couldn’t walk. Some of the people used their hands to write, “HELP!” in the sand.

A couple days later, a rescue plane came to save the ten people from the island. The people told the rescue doctor, that they saw a “dead bear,” and that suddenly their legs started hurting. The doctor tested the people for bearitis, and the tests came out positive. Then the doctor cured the people from bearitis, and the people reached home safely.

By Nathan L., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

There was one space cowboy in final destination with a supernova behind him, and he died.

By Jordynn J., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

One morning on a school day, there were two best friends, Jordynn and Nyema. They were

waiting at the bus stop, and when they saw each other they said, "Look, I have a donut and some cake," and they giggled on to the school bus. Once they got on the school bus, they sat next to each other and made a plan. They got up out of their seats and stole the keys to the bus and drove off into the woods, and they crashed -- Boom! into a big large tree. The tree fell on the school bus, and three passengers got injured. ... They are bad kids. They got in trouble with the police and their parents.

By Nathan L., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

On the phone, Henry texted Danny and said, "Hey! Let's go to Lake Michigan. I hear it's nice there." Being a nice guy Danny said, "Why not! I'm bored. Let's go, Henry." When the two got there, they talked a bit about life.

Then Henry said, "Do you know what it feels like to be dead?" Danny said with confusion, "No?" Before Danny could finish his sentence, Henry pulled out a loooong sharp knife that sparkled in the sun. "Nothing, just wondering." ..... Silence grew as Danny's body floated in the water with many stabs and slashes.

As time passed, Danny's body rotted in the sun and turned into a ghost. He swore to get revenge, setting up traps like pitfalls, spikes, turrets—you name it! He failed many times, for Danny was terrible at setting traps, like getting a plastic knife instead of a real one. After years of trying, Danny gave up and went to the afterlife. Then when Henry died, he went deep into hell to suffer forever....

*Clifford's Spring Clean-Up, a Book Report*

By Shashi R., kindergarten, and her tutor

Clifford and his family are cleaning up. Clifford went on the couch, and it broke because he was too big! He licked the windows trying to make them clean, but it made it dirtier! He blew the leaves into the neighbors' yard. They helped clean up and planted some flowers. He painted the benches green with his tail. Clifford's house was messy, so he threw his toys

away in the truck. The truck fell over because there were too many toys. Earth day is cleaning the earth because it's our home!

By Phyllis R., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

Kenjari and Sevyn have been talking for three years. They are in love and dating through an app called Unexpected. They planned on meeting with each other for the first time in person on October 31. Before they met up, Sevyn texted Kenjari and asked if she can bring her friend Trump.

"Well, your friend can come, and he can also bring a date," replied Kenjari.

"Okay, that's great! Trump is a female, by the way," said Sevyn.

About four hours later Trump and Sevyn leave for the restaurant. As they sit at a table and wait for him to arrive, they check out the cool Halloween decorations around them.

Kenjari arrives and looks for Sevyn. He texts her, "Hey, Babe, where are you? I can't see you anywhere."

She replies, "Look, I'm at table #8."

He texts her "No, all I see is Halloween decorations."

Sevyn got up and walked in front of him. "Hey babe," she says. Kenjari sits there with his mouth side open. "I'm breaking up with you. You look horrible. You look like a monster!!"

Trump walks up to him. "No, you're the monster," she says. Sevyn leaves with Trump, and they go home.

"I hate this!" Sevyn cried. Trump hugs her as she gets a text.

"Hey there, beautiful," Kenjari texted. Trump then blocked him, and she hugs her beautiful friend Sevyn tightly.

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By Layla S., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

*Charlie's Party*

One early morning in the savanna Charlie was working on his roar, when his father came by and told him he can have a birthday party. Charlie was so excited he invited all his friends. The next day Charlie went to school and he forgot that he had a test. He didn't know any answers to the questions, except the question that asked what his name was. He had a classmate that was really smart. He looked over and copied his answers.

School was over. Charlie's dad was there to pick up Charlie for his party. All his friends were there at Charlie's den. Lilly, the Ostrich and Nola, his best friends, were there. They played lots of games, like pin the tail on the pony.

The next day Charlie got his test back. He got a C- and the classmate he copied from got an A+. Charlie was shocked at his grade! He thought he had the same answers as his classmate. So how did he get a C- while his classmate got an A+? His dad picked Charlie up and he saw that Charlie was sad. So when they got home, Charlie's father asked why Charlie was sad. Charlie said he cheated on his test. Charlie's father wasn't so mad. His father said he did the same when he was a young cub. So now Charlie learned his lesson never to cheat on a test.

By Emily P., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

When it was Pandi's birthday, she got tickets for a trip to Chicago. The time was eight o'clock a.m. The trip was on Wednesday, time, three o'clock, Flight 7A. They ordered a taxi to the hotel. The hotel had a waterpark and a cool gift shop. They ordered room service. They ordered pizza and a cake. They went to the cool gift shop. They went back on the plane, Flight 2E. "That was a good birthday," said Pandi. They got cake when they got home.

By Jaylen S., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.  
*Late Santa*

On Christmas Eve, there was a boy named Calvin. He was excited for Christmas. He wanted a dog! So, he put the stocking by the fireplace, put cookies and milk for Santa to eat, and he warmed his hands up. He told his mom "I am very ready for Christmas!"

So, the next day he got up and it was snowing! He was very happy. But when he looked at the Christmas tree, there were no presents. He exclaimed, "Mom, Dad!"

"Yes, Honey!"

"Where are the presents?"

"I don't know," said Dad.

"Christmas is ruined!"

"Well, we still have hot cocoa.""

"Yeah, you're right." So we drank some hot cocoa.

While Mom and Dad were watching TV, I was upstairs playing video games. Now it's 3:00, and I can't go to sleep. It's snowing a lot outside, but I see Santa and his reindeer. I'm so happy! But it's dark in my room, so I was very careful.

When I woke up, I saw a tail. There was a dog! Then I opened my other presents. This is the best day ever!

By Nathan L., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

A snake handler was on an island and committed a crime and was chased by the FBI for being a terrible snake-handler.

By Laniya R., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.

One day Sarah, Chelese, Jane, and Molly decided to play volleyball. Molly noticed that the other team was disturbing her team with their antics. Chelese decided to let the other team have the volleyball because she didn't want any problems to start. The main team decided to get a new volleyball, since there was a lot left.

Moral: Don't get mad over little things when you can overcome them or solve them.

By Maria M., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

Today I'm going downstairs because my teacher is here.

"Hi, Ms. Sofia. My name is Princess Emily. Today I am going to be your student."

"I have a question to ask you. What grade are you in?" Ms. Sofia asked.

Emily said, "5<sup>th</sup> grade."

When they were done with class, Emily decided to go to the beach. She walked 10 min. from her house. When she got there, she stood and said, "What wonderful waves. I wish I could see it every day!"

Emily sat down and thought about ideas on how she could see this every day. Boom! Emily thought of an idea, a great idea.

Emily shouted her idea out loud again and again. "I should build a house here on the beach."

She ran back home she started to call the architect. The architect asked what she wanted. The architect said, "Wow, that's cool, but it's going to cost a lot of money."

Emily said, "Whatever it takes." She took money from her mom so the architect could start working on her house.

A few weeks later Emily went back to the beach to see the progress on her house. Emily said, "Wonderful! I love it!"

Late in the day Emily's mom got a call from the bank. The person on the phone told her mother that there was no more money in her bank account. She was very upset and confused as to what happened to the money.

As she was driving home Emily's mother saw Emily at the beach standing by an architect and a house being built. Her mother got out of the car and said, "What are you doing here?"

Emily said, "What? What are you doing here?"

Emily's mom: "Going home. And you?"

Emily: "Umm."

The architect: "Ma'am, we are building your daughter's house."

Emily's mom: "What?!!!"

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Emily: "Yeah, Mom. I wanted a house at the beach. Isn't it beautiful?!"

Emily's mom: "With what money? Is it my money, because I got a call from the bank saying we had no more money in my account."

Emily: "Yeah."

Emily's mom said, "Now tell me, how we are going to pay your teacher?"

Emily: "Ummm."

Emily's mom: "Let's go home and talk about the situation."

#### *The next day*

After class I had to tell Ms. Sofia that I had to go to a public school and she wouldn't have a job any more. She was very upset.

Ms. Sofia: "Why did you do that Emily?"

Emily: "Ummm, I don't know. I wasn't thinking."

Ms. Sofia: "Your mother and I are very upset and mad at you."

Emily: "I am very sorry, but I can't do anything about it."

#### *A week later*

The first day of public school I met my teacher. You won't believe who was my teacher: Ms. Sofia! Also, I met a new friend. Her name was Jezelle, and I really love her.

By Gregorio F., 8<sup>th</sup> gr. While James and his friend were looking for the monster in the woods, the friend called for help. James ignored it as he found the monster's den. He turned around to get picked up and eaten. His friend escaped and lived, while James didn't escape and would understand death.

#### By Rithwik N., 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

Once upon a time, there was a Ninja. One day the Ninja got on his boat, and the boat crashed on an island. Then he got out and fell on the sand. Then he woke up in the morning, and he did not know he was on an island. And he could not find food and was hungry. He wanted to go back home, so he made a boat out of wood. He got on the boat and he got lost.

By Jaylin S., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

Today when Bob was at school, he saw Peter bullying Sam. "Stop bullying Sam!" Bob said.

"Oh, it's Bob the great standing-up man."

"Well, you'd better leave him alone!"

"I do whatever I want to do!" Then he tried to punch Bob, but Bob dodged it.

Then Peter was running right towards him, but Bob did a backflip! Everyone was like, "Wow!" Then Bob told the principal, and Peter got detention.

"Thank Bob!"

"No problem!"

Then Bob went into a jungle, and he saw Peter. He was a villain! "You betrayed me. Now I get revenge!"

"Oh, no, you don't!"

Then Bob put his suit on, and they started fighting. Bob did the one-inch punch on him. Then Peter got back up and used his special attack, but he missed! Then Bob kicked him in the face. Bob had won the fight!

The next day at school he saw Sam down the hall and said, "Need help on the test?"

"Sure!"

So Bob helped Sam on the test, and he got an A+.

Once upon a time, the princess goes to the castle. The castle is really big! The princess goes up and then down to the laundry room. She washes her clothes and takes a bath. Then she changes clothes. She goes to meet the King and Queen and shows them her magic cooker. They make hotdogs, pancake hearts, and waffle flowers for dinner. It tastes good! Today is also her brother and sister's birthday. The princess helps her sister blow out the candles. There are two cakes. They went to the park and walked home.

By Shannon C., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

Fritz Bezazian is an American soldier and is being sent on a special mission to Nevada. Lieutenant George gives him the tickets to leave. While on the plane, the flight attendant says that there is something wrong with the plane's engine due to turbulence. The flight attendant says that there is only one parachute and says he wants Fritz to take it because he is a good citizen of America. Fritz starts tearing up and gives the flight attendant a big hug and says "I'll never forget you," and jumps out of the plane.

Fritz sees that there is a cabin, and he thinks there will be a person there to help him when he lands. He knocks on the door. Out of the corner of his eye he can see a mountain lion slowly approaching. He tries to open the door, but it seems to be locked. The mountain lion is getting closer and closer. Fritz is getting worried, so he kicks open the door just as the mountain lion leaps to bite him. Fritz is worried because now he can't leave the cabin, because there is a mountain lion surrounding the cabin.

He checks the whole cabin. He finds that there is food in the cabin, so he doesn't have to go hunting. He checks for any weapons, and in his favor, he finds a hunting rifle and a twelve-gauge shotgun. He looks for any source of communication. There is a house phone, but it has poor service, since he is up high in the air. Fritz checks the windows. No sign of any mountain lion. He goes outside and checks his surroundings, and there is no one. He checks the scope on his rifle and sees no one but bears. He slowly creeps up on the bears to see what they were doing, but one bear spots him and starts running after him. He tumbles over, and a pack of wolves see him nearby, and they save him. The wolves attack the bears, giving Fritz time to escape back to the cabin. He sees the people that own the cabin and tells them the situation, and they call the police and save him, so he can continue his mission.

By Norma A., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

It was my Ninja Birthday Party. I wanted to celebrate it at the beach. The beach had beautiful waves, and while the sun goes down it is more beautiful. I asked my mom about letting me celebrate it there, and she said, "Of course."

I said, "Yes, we should pack up to go to the beach." I had also invited my friends over. I said, "Meet me at Malibu beach."

All my friends were there by the time I got there. They all had gifts for me, but my mom said, "We can't open them now. Why don't you go ahead and get in the water."

I said, "Yes. Come on. Let's go."

All my friends said, "I love your Ninja swimming suit."

"Thank you."

One hour passed, and then all my friends were tired, so they called home, and their moms came. They all left. My mom packed everything, and we went home, too. We got home, and I was tired. I took a shower, then fell asleep.

The next morning my mom woke me up for school. I said, "Oh, no! I forgot we had school today."

I got to school, and the teacher said, "Everybody, please settle down." After everybody did, she said, "I hope you all studied for the test."

"No," I said. "Why, I did not even study for the test."

Then the teacher said, "Please take out a pencil." I took one out, then ... I got the test, and she said, "You may start."

We started the test, but I did not understand the question, so I had to cheat on the test. I looked over at my partner's paper. I got the answer, but the teacher caught me. She took me to the office. They called my mom and told her. She got angry. She came and picked up and said, "You are grounded for two months. You should've thought about that."

By Itzel V., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

There were two best friends going to the beach, and they were having so much fun. There was this girl that had no friends, and she needed help because she got stuck in a hole. The two girls named Geraldine and Barbara saw the girl needed help, but they just walked away and didn't help her. So the girl yelled for help, and this married couple came and helped her. Geraldine and Barbara saw her, and afterwards they were laughing so hard that they almost died.

By Leydy A., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.

Once upon a time there was a princess. She was in a cabin in the woods. She was trying to tell someone else a secret, but the person didn't want the princess to tell the secret.

This guy thought of coming into the cabin that was in the mountains to get the princess and take her away. A few days later this guy came and rescued the girl from the abandoned place. At the time, the princess got rescued by the guy that was waiting in the mountains. Afterwards she lived happily ever after.

Superhero, by Sathwik N., kindergarten

Spiderman shoots webs out of his hands. Spiderman then fights tough inside with Huk. Spiderman is only one year old, but yet he is a hero. He won his battle with Huk. Everyone dies except himself, Spiderman.

By Alex O., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

Once upon a time ... boo! The soldier is killing the other people in outer space. He is doing it for his family and doing it for his friends. He fights. He fights for justice. Then he came back to his family and was watching the news.

By Kayla S., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., and her tutor

Twin girls were opening their birthday gifts. They were age twenty and arguing about who got the best birthday present.

Bella said, "My present is better than yours."

Ella said, "No, mine is."

Bella and Ella left, going out two different doors. They came back to each other and apologized. Then they took a long trip to California together. They realized that fighting would not help, but apologizing followed by a long trip together would help.

By Melissa H., 4<sup>th</sup> gr., and her tutor

The lion called Alex and the Vesco girl and the E-Girl were in the tree house and saw people running.

The Vesco girl said, "Why are they running?" and the Vesco girl said, "SKSK."

The E-Girl said "Shut up!!"

The Vesco girl and E-Girl were arguing, and they looked outside the window. They saw more aliens attacking the world.

Alex said, "Stop arguing, Vesco and E-Girl, whatever your name is." Then the Vesco girl and E-Girl stopped arguing, and they went to go outside. They made a plan. When they made a plan, the Vesco girl waited for the aliens to leave their spaceship. When the aliens left their spaceship, the Vesco girl turned off the aliens' spaceship.

By Eliza A., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

One day there was a kid named Kidt. He was in the playground playing with his friends. Tinken was the meanest of the town. As soon as he saw Kidt, he was mad because he didn't like the football team. So they saw each other and Tinken had the game winning goal. Then one of the team came to them and told them how to be nice to other people. The football team invited Tinken and Kidt to the playground. Then the football team and Tinken and Kidt ate at the picnic.

By Hanan A., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

Once upon a time, a dog went into a restaurant. Then another customer comes in. The customer immediately becomes scared. "Oh no! There's a wolf in here!" Everyone else in the restaurant became scared. The dog felt sad that people were afraid of her.

"Don't worry," said the dog. "I'm not a wolf, I'm a dog."

The customer believes the dog and is sorry. "I'm sorry. I assumed you were a wolf," the customer said.

"That's okay," the dog answered. "Next time you should ask if I'm a dog or a wolf before you assume things."

By Saniya J., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

Lizza gets stuck on a deserted island. She got stuck by jumping off a plane. Little did she know aliens were living on the island. They attacked her, but they didn't know she had a secret mic, and she used it to sing a song, and the aliens ran away from her.

By Izaiah B., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.

Lego Spider-man meets up with Hulk and Thor. Then they saw the monster. Then they start fighting. Spider-Man got hurt. Then Black Widow came and helped them fight the monster. Then the monster died.

By Girivar, 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

Once upon a time, there was a bear family. They had two baby bears named Olive and Oliver. Olive and Oliver were twins. One day Olive and Oliver were playing in the forest. Then they identified each other as enemies, and they started fighting for their den. After that they identified each other again and became a good family again.

Author's message: Don't fight over small things, for example, paper planes.

By Tyra R., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

One magical day my friends and I were walking in the forest looking for our dog. Then we saw a pink sparkly diamond left alone. We walked up to it, but a mean and rude unicorn was guarding it really good. We told it, "Can we touch it?"

It said, "No, because it's part of a special kingdom."

But we said, "We saw it first."

But it said, "No."

When we were talking, we told the unicorn to look back. He said, "No."

We said it again. He looked, and the diamond rolled down the hill. We told the unicorn we could work together. He said, "Yes, only for the diamond."

We said, "Okay."

Now the unicorn used its special power and made us go really fast. When we got the diamond, we flowed back up to the forest. The unicorn gave us a special something. It was a piece of the sparkly diamond. My friend and I were excited and took care of it.

By Donovan F., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

Once upon a time there was a cow girl named Lily that lived in a tree house. She was watching Harry Potter when the TV turned off. She tried to plug it back up, but it did not work. She realized the cord was missing. She was about to go down when the ladder was gone. Soon the tree house went missing.

By Carlos C.-G., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. Today I went to tutoring. I learned magic. I saw a pencil disappear. In the magic show they made a bunny disappear. They just made magic paper. They just made colors

disappear. They like to make magic stickers. They just made it disappear.

By Lizzie B., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., and her tutor

### THE MEAN DRAGON

It was a peaceful day. Children got out of the house to go the playground. The children are playing on the swings, and they are also playing on the monkey bars. The children climb up on a mountain with little green pebbles. They climb up the ladder to slide down. There is a dragon in a cave sleeping. He woke up and was very angry. He leaves the cave and flies to the castle to destroy the princess. Then suddenly, the knight comes to save the princess. The knight is going to destroy the dragon. The knight defeats the dragon and saves the princess. After, they celebrate Thanksgiving. Then, the dragon is gone. And now they all live happily ever after.

By Zakiyya B., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

Once there was a girl named Zakiyya. It was a day in second grade. Zakiyya's friend Shaklo was playing with a girl named Madeline, or Leni, you can say. It's hard for them to remember how they met. They would help each other out during class. Sadly, Shaklo, her best friend, had to tell her Jade was going to be on their bus. Zakiyya then became best friends with Jade.

By Maukeyla J., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.

The day of Christmas Beyonce and her friend Cristal went to the cabin to have a gift exchange but she didn't have a gift. So she betrayed her friend, and then Beyonce felt really upset and she needed help. The next day Beyonce was all alone in her cabin and feeling angry, so she decided to call her friend. Both of them said "Sorry" to each other. Cristal came over to

spend a night with her friend so they could make it up to each other. They were best friends to the end.

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