

# AS THE EAGLES FLY

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GRADE**





STUDENTS  
SOARING TO  
SUCCESS

DEAR READERS,

It is with great honor and pleasure that I introduce to you, Taos Day School's very first Children's Literacy Magazine. Showcasing our Creative and Talented Students, ARTWORK, POETRY and WRITINGS.

Created from the HEART.

Despite a difficult and challenging school year, Our Incredible Taos Day School Teachers managed to provide, creative online assignments for their students, due to the pandemic, and social distancing mandates. These assignments allowed Our Students to engage in different creative ways to continue their academics successfully, and positively work through the difficulties and changes that can unexpectedly happen in life.

In Honor of ALL OF YOU, who worked hard to make this magazine happen. This magazine is dedicated, TO ALL OF YOU!!!

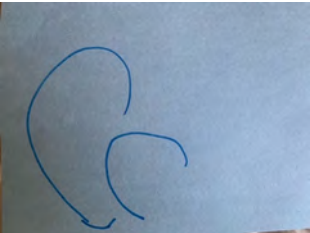
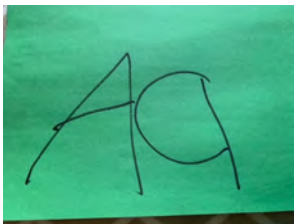
THANK YOU, TA 'AH ...

Much Love, and Blessings to All,

**Paula Martinez**

Taos Day School Magazine Publisher/ Editor  
Health Educator

# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Mrs. Valerie Suazo  
1st grade Teacher

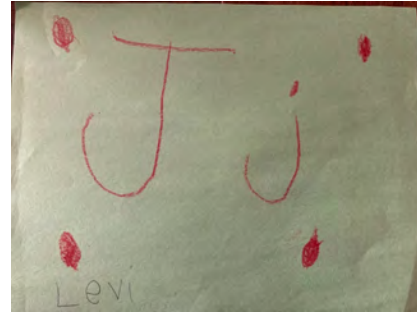
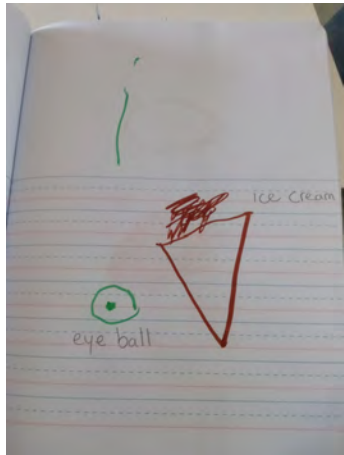
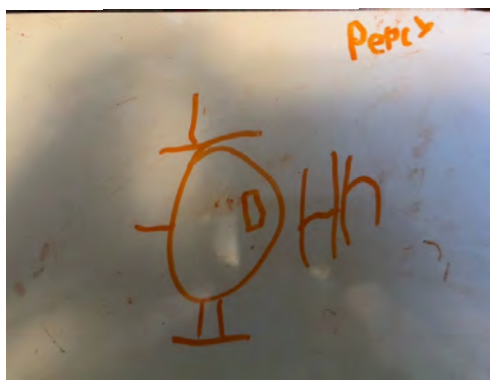
I was a little unsure of how things would work when working with kindergartners online. At first it was a bit challenging, but I tried to make their learning fun.

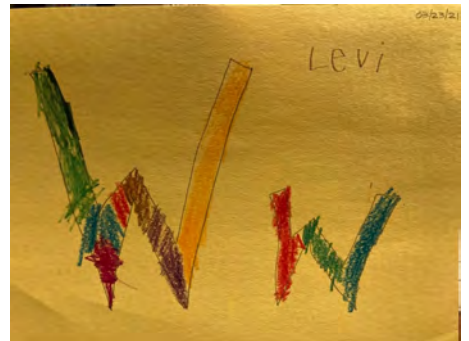
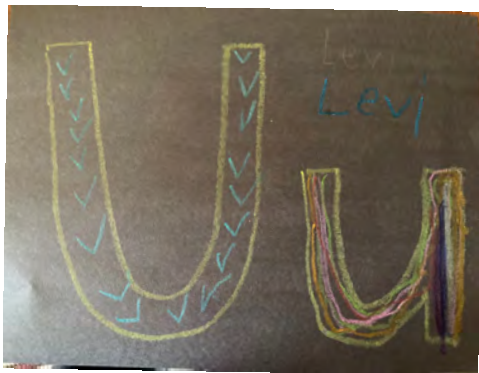
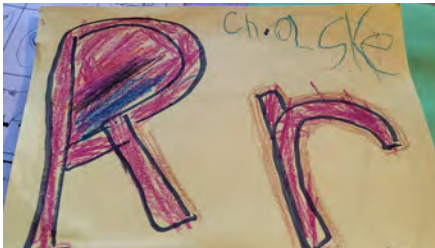
We would dance and move when learning new concepts.

One of the learning goals was to know the letters and sounds of the alphabet.

Throughout the year every week, I introduced a new letter, asked the students to make alphabet cards at home, finding creative ways to learn.

The students were able to save and keep their work and reflect on what they made and learned.





# Kindergarten

## I Love to Learn

My Special Person



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My Favorite Person



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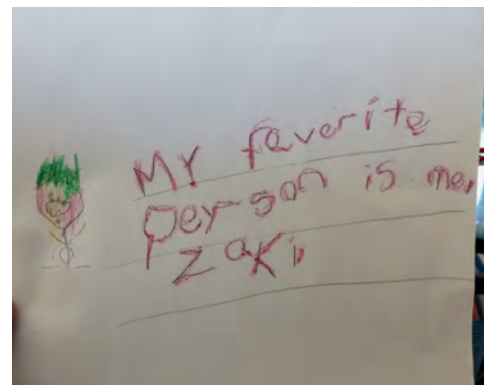


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Thank you to all the Kindergartener's for all their Creative Talents and amazing work. Great Job!!!! You are ALL Awesome!!!!



# HOPE

## THIS IS ME

Writings about themselves, their dreams, their loves, their likes and talents!

## SPRING

First Grade shared what they love about SPRINGTIME



## I LOVE SPRING

Spring makes flowers. Daisies grow in the Spring. They are yellow and brown. The sun comes out and you get to play outside. The trees start growing apples. Then my grandma and I would go pick them.

Lexi Gallegos  
1st Place

# WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE



COVID BLESSINGS  
IN MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR'S WORDS,

"ONLY IN THE  
DARKNESS CAN YOU SEE  
THE STARS" \*\*\*



Artwork Lexi Gallegos

## 1ST PLACE

One blessing for me is that my mom told me more stories about my grandma. My mom told me a story about them going down a dirt road, they saw cows and it was night. My grandma shined a flash light at the cows and their eyes were shiny, my grandma got scared!

Lexi Gallegos

## Inquisitiveness

### Diamante Poetry

A play of words that compares and contrasts, through synonyms and antonyms.

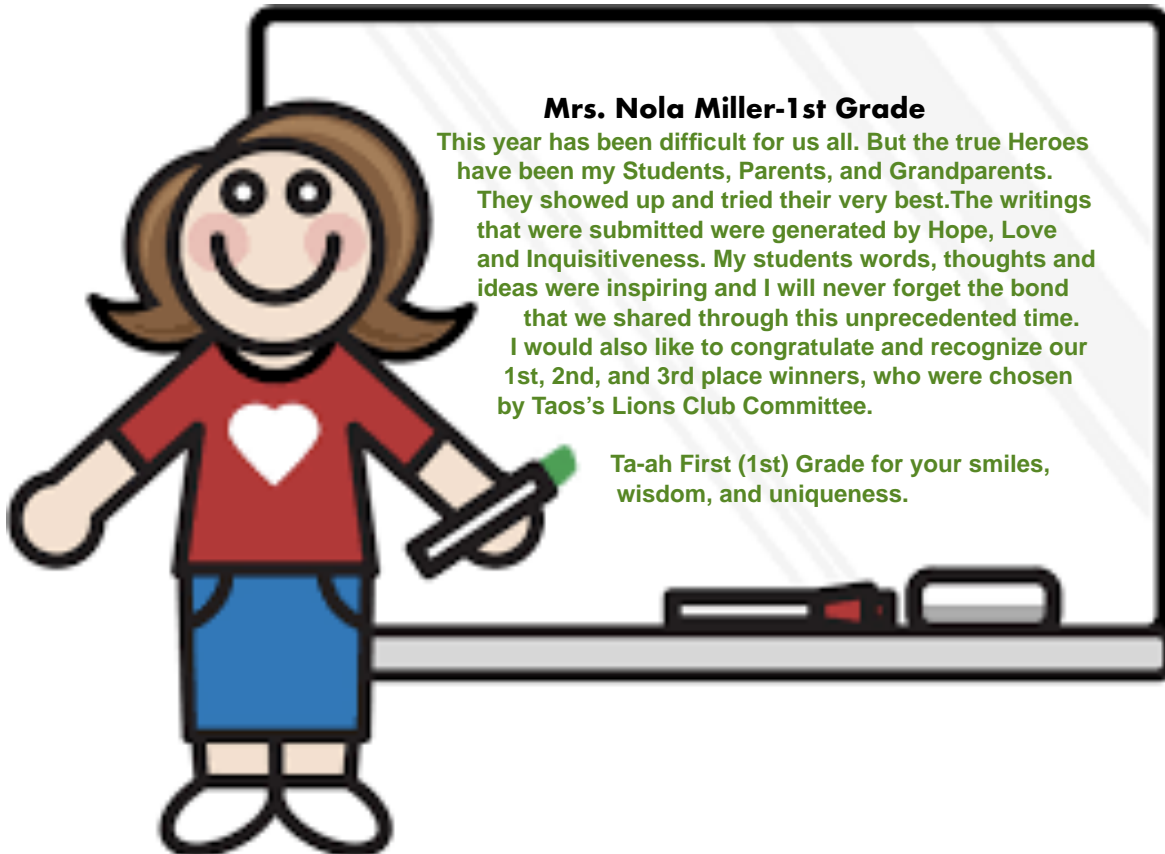
## Mrs. Nola Miller-1st Grade

This year has been difficult for us all. But the true Heroes have been my Students, Parents, and Grandparents. They showed up and tried their very best. The writings that were submitted were generated by Hope, Love and Inquisitiveness. My students words, thoughts and ideas were inspiring and I will never forget the bond that we shared through this unprecedented time. I would also like to congratulate and recognize our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, who were chosen by Taos's Lions Club Committee.

Ta-ah First (1st) Grade for your smiles, wisdom, and uniqueness.

Synonym- a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the language, as Happy, joyful, elated.

Antonyms- Two words with opposite meanings. Cold and Hot.





**Blessings**

I think one blessing is that I got to see and play with my little brother more. When I used to go to school he would cry for me, now he doesn't cry for me.

Cassia Tedesco  
2nd place



In the Spring many things happen. Our trees start making leaves, the grass is green. My dogs love running in the ditch.

**I LOVE SPRING**  
Cassia Tedesco  
2nd Place



**1st GRADE SHINES**



**I LOVE SPRING**

In the spring I like to jump on my trampoline. I love spring because I get to go fishing with my Dahmah. I love spring because I get to go outside and play I really like spring.



Caleb Sandy  
3rd place



**Flowers**

My flowers are blooming. I have pink flowers. They are tall. I let them grow. My flowers are very pretty. That is why I like spring.

Ava Concha



**FIRE**

Hot yellow, moving spreading, smoking woods, homes beach, mountains splashing swimming diving clear blue

**WATER**



**My Diamante Poem**



Fire and Cats by : Lexi Gallegos

**CATS**

Cute fluffy, walking jumping, meowing, boxes rainbow colors, jungle Africa roaring, hunting, napping big scary

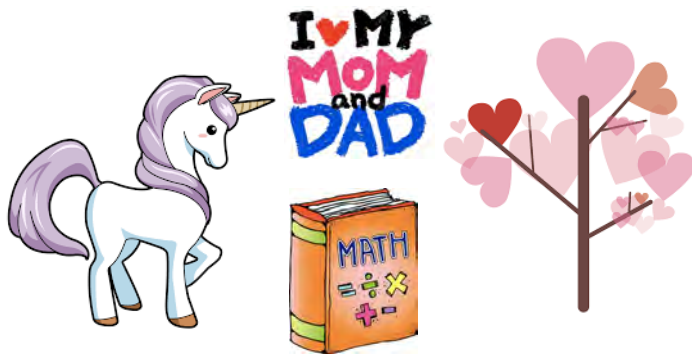
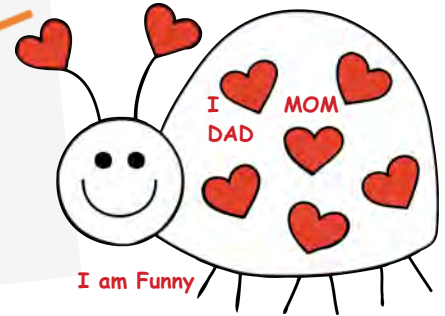
**LIONS**



# All About Me



I like the world  
I love my mom and dad.  
I dream of magic  
in the whole world.  
I am funny.  
**THIS IS ME !!!**  
LEXI



I like everything  
I love my mom and dad.  
I dream of owning a unicorn  
I am good at math!  
**THIS IS ME!!!**  
AVA



I like basketball and my dogs.  
I love my mom.  
I dream of being a  
famous basketball player.  
I am good at sports.  
**THIS IS ME!!!**  
CASSIA



I like pizza.  
I love my Kah.   
I dream of  
King Kong winning!  
I am good at games.  
**THIS IS ME!!!**  
CALEB







My Hero is my Uncle Immanuel. I was named after him. He was an Army man for 4 years. He protected people from danger. I want to be like him.

Immanuel



**MY HERO**

My hero is my Mom, because she is a 911 dispatcher. She helps save lives everyday. She works both night and day shifts. She helps people who get hurt and who call 911 to get to the hospital so they can get better. She helps people in need of help and that's why She is MY HERO

I Help my parent's by doing chores. I also help by cleaning the kitchen and washing the dishes. I also listen to my parents so that I don't get in trouble. Me and my sister cooperate with each other, so we both don't get in trouble. My family and I cooperate with each other.

You can help the Earth by picking up the trash outside. You can also help by getting traps in the rivers, lakes, oceans and other water resources.

You can help by not burning trash and coal. You can also help by not polluting the air. I also help by picking up trash in ditches and on bike rides.  
RUTH



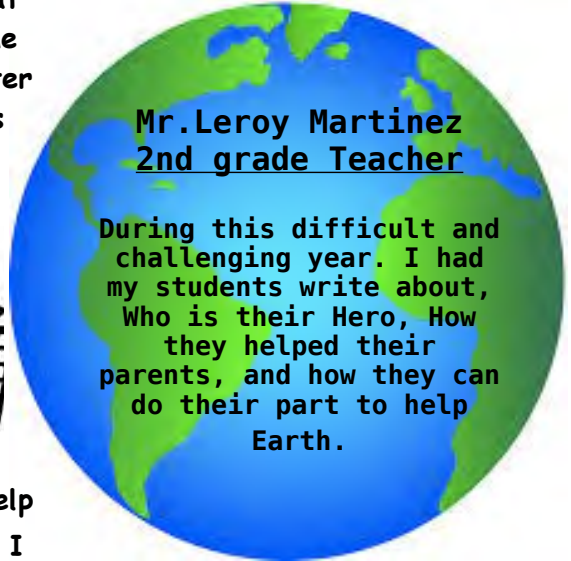
I help my family by doing what they say. When I'm cleaning the room I ask for help, so my sister helps me. When my baby sisters make a mess I clean up. I help bring wood into my house.

I help the planet by planting. I save energy by playing my tablet. I save energy by raising chickens. I help



by picking up trash. I help by not wasting water.

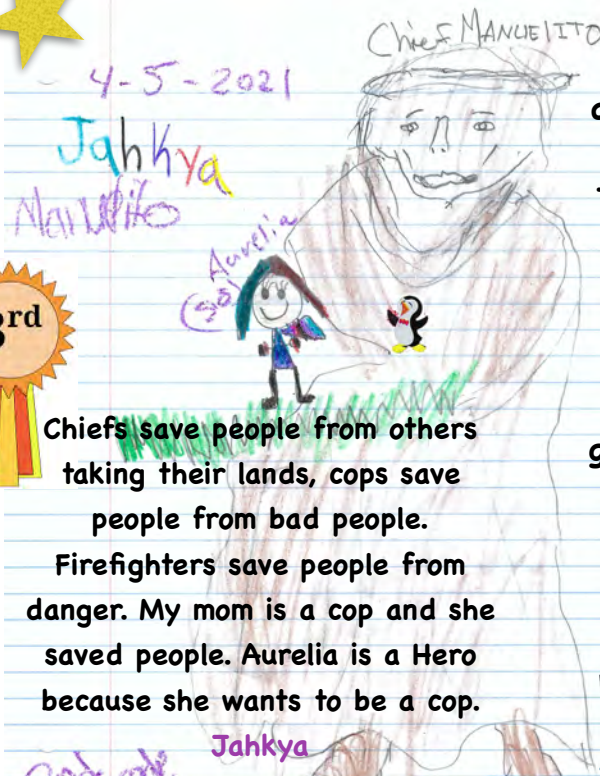
Immanuel



**Mr. Leroy Martinez  
2nd grade Teacher**

During this difficult and challenging year. I had my students write about, Who is their Hero, How they helped their parents, and how they can do their part to help Earth.

My mom and me pick up trash and cans in the park. Me and my mom pick up trash bags. We help earth by watering plants. I help plant green grass.  
Jahkya



Chiefs save people from others taking their lands, cops save people from bad people.

Firefighters save people from danger. My mom is a cop and she saved people. Aurelia is a Hero because she wants to be a cop.

Jahkya





**I HELP MY PARENTS  
AND THE EARTH BY**



Police are my Heroes. Police are there for the people. Police help people find their way. One time my brother got lost in the store and a police officer helped my brother find his way back. Police officers are good heroes and that is why police officers are my Heroes.



**Jade**  
2nd grade

My Dad is a Hero because he saved many people. My dad was a hero because he went into many fires and traveled around the United States. My dad went to California because there was a huge fire. He rescued a horse from a barbwire fence.



**Liam**  
2nd grade



My Dad is my Hero. He keeps me safe and protects me. My dad cooks good food!

**Jazmin**  
2nd grade



**Captain Underpants is my Hero. He shoots underpants at villains because he gains his power by jumping in a giant toilet.**

**Otis**  
2nd grade

Me and my dad went to chop wood.

My dad protects the forest from fire.

I clean the river from trash.

I save energy by playing video games.

I ride on my 4 wheeler.



I help my mom and day make dinner. My sister helps me walk the dogs. I help my dad chop wood outside. My sister helps me do my work. I help my dad stack wood.

- Liam

This is how I cooperate with my family When my mom makes dinner, I ask my mom if she needs help. I help my sister clean up the poop from my dog. When my dad is walking the dog I asked him if I can help him and he says yes and I helped him. When my sister is trying to clean up my room, she asks me if I can help and I say yes. When my baby sister asks me to play with her, I play with her. This is how I cooperate with my family.

- Jade 2nd grade

I helped my mom with the cookies. I helped my brother clean the room. I



helped my dad with the pancakes. I helped my other brother clean the living room. I helped walk the dog. This is how we cooperate. -Jonathan 2nd grade

How to cooperate with my family. Angus doesn't want to play with me, I understand. I help my mom clean the dishes. I help m dad toil at his job. I help and Angus clean our room. I help my brother James clean his room.

-Otis

# WELCOME TO 3rd Grade

**Mr. Roman Cisneros**  
3rd grade Teacher

This year I had my students do descriptive writings, about what activities they like to do over the summer. So proud of all my students sharing, creating and writing about their experiences.



## Go Camping

My favorite thing to do in the summer is to go camping. I like camping because it's fun and you get to spend time with your family. One of the funny things that happened to me is I got pushed into the river. I got really wet and I had to get extra clothes. When I go camping I like to go fishing and play in the water.

Here are some things you need to remember for a great camping trip. You'll need food, water, and snacks that you like. You'll also need matches or a lighter so you could have a warm fire. Maybe the most important thing you should have is a tent and a sleeping bag. A first aid kit might also be a good idea if someone gets hurt. Some fun things to do when you are camping is to go hiking and enjoy nature. You might also have fun making some s'mores

with your family. While you are outside you can play horseshoes. If you're like me you will love spending time camping with your family and being outdoors.

**By, Geronima Martinez**



**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**



## Going Hiking



Artwork:  
Aurelia  
Manuelito  
3rd grade

My favorite thing to do in the summer is to go hiking. I like to go hiking because it's fun to go walking. I also like to go hiking because I get to see nature. I also learned a lot from nature when I go hiking.

If you want to have a fun time hiking here are some tips. First remember to bring water and food. Second bring hiking shoes. You might also want to bring a first aid kit. If you follow these tips I am sure you'll have a good time. Hiking is good for you because you get a lot of exercise. It's fun to be outdoors with nature. Being in nature is much more fun than being stuck inside. So if you have extra time this summer give it a



## Swimming in the Summer

During the summer when it gets hot my favorite thing to do is to get wet. Since the waterpark is too far from my home, I usually go to a swimming pool. I like doing laps, jumping in to splash the water, and doing somersaults underwater. I have a lot of fun even when I'm alone. This helps me to cool down during a hot day.

My favorite trick is doing somersaults. I can do up to three at a time. First I take a very deep breath, then I hold it in. Once I go underwater, I put my head towards my chest, then spread my arms out to the side and pull the water towards me before I flip over. Then I repeat it once or twice. I can also do them backwards. It is very fun! Anybody can do this trick.

Swimming is fun and good for you. It helps you to get exercise which is good for your body. It cools you down on a hot day. Most importantly, you learn how to be comfortable in the water, so you can be safe.

By, Aubree Archuleta



Cooking, camping, sleeping in, sleep overs, games, Lacrosse, playing with friends, Catch, playing fetch with your dogs, Frito Pies and cold lemonade on a hot summers day. Mountain cruise just a bike ride away. Swim, climb, walk or hike.

Come read and see what  
Our 3rd graders are  
LIKE!!!!

### Riding in the Mountain

One thing that I like to do in the summer is ride my bike in the mountains. I like it because I get to explore more places. I also like it because I can get out of the house. Riding your bike is good for you because you get exercise. If you want to try riding a bike in the mountains here are some tips. The first tip is you have to make sure the weather is okay. The next tip is to wear comfortable clothing and comfortable shoes. The third tip is you have to go slow on hills or you can crash into a tree. The fourth tip is to make sure to bring some water. Riding your bike in the mountains is really fun. I really like it because I can spend time with my family. I think that if you try it you'll have a fun time too.

By: Aleah Vigil



### Making Frito Pies

Making Frito pies in the summer is good because you can eat it in your clubhouse or anywhere. Frito pies are easy to make and delicious. Last time I made Frito pies was with my mom. We had a lot of fun and we spent time together. You should make Frito pies with someone you love because when you make food with someone you love it always tastes better.

The best way to make a Frito pie is the way my grandma taught me. The first step is to gather the ingredients. The ingredients you will need are: chile, beans, cheese, Fritos, tomatoes, lettuce, and onions. Next you will put the Fritos in a bowl. Then put in the chili and cheese. Finally add the beans, lettuce, tomatoes and then the onions. Then the next step is easy, all you have to do is eat it and enjoy it.

I think you should make Frito pies this summer because it's fun and delicious. If you like spicy food then it's the perfect food for you. Ask your family members to share their recipe so you can pass it on. If I like it then maybe you'll like it.

By, Kenna Lujan



### Camping

One of my favorite things to do is to go camping. I like to go camping with my grandma and grandpa. There are always a lot of fun things to do like going swimming or to play board games. I also love to ride my bike in the mountains.

I think that everyone should try camping this summer because it is fun to hang out in nature. Being in nature is a great way to learn about our earth. Everyone should also know some basic survival skills like making a fire or shelter in the woods.

Camping can be really fun. It gives you a chance to be with your family and friends. You learn a lot while you're in nature and there is always something fun to do. If you go camping you'll have fun because it is exciting.

By, Fabian Valley



## Sleeping in

My favorite summer time activity is sleeping in. Sleeping in is my favorite summer time activity because it is fun and you get a lot of rest. One time I slept in until 12:00 PM. When I sleep in I feel really refreshed and wide awake.

You should try sleeping in one time this summer to see if you like it. Make sure you close your window if you have one so the light does not wake you up. You also need to lock your door so no one wakes you up in the morning. Then make sure to stay awake so you become really tired and want to stay asleep. You will also need to sleep with a pillow over your head so you don't wake up to weird noises.

I like to sleep in a lot because it is good for you to get a lot of rest when you're growing up. When you are stressed rest can really calm you down. When you are sleeping in you're taking time to care for yourself it's nice when no one bothers you.

By, Marcus Montez



## Lemonade Stand

Something fun I like to do in the summer is selling lemonade. It's fun to do and you can raise money for yourself, for your community, or for people who need it. You can also sell lemonade with some friends and family. Plus it's super easy to make. If you want to try making lemonade here is how to do it. First, you start with six or seven lemons and a pitcher. Then you'll squeeze all the lemon juice into the pitcher. Add water and sugar then mix. Finally you will put in the ice. When it is a hot day people need something cold to drink. Lemonade is the perfect drink for a hot day. My mom was the first one to teach me how to make lemonade. Maybe you could make lemonade with your mom too. I love selling my lemonade at my grandma's coffee shop. She is the best. **By- Sofia Vigil**



## Playing Lacrosse

One of my favorite things to do is play lacrosse. I learned how to play lacrosse by watching people on TV. Lacrosse is a game that was made up of by Native Americans. My brother and I play lacrosse in the summer. We always have fun.

If you want to play lacrosse here's how to get started. You're going to need a lacrosse stick and a ball. You put the ball on the ground then you scoop it up with your lacrosse stick. Then you throw the ball to your friend or brother. Your friend would catch the ball and throw it back to you.

Playing lacrosse is hard but it's also fun. It's more fun when you play with more people. Sometimes my brother and I invite my cousins over and play. If you try lacrosse you'll have fun and a good time.

By, Winterfox Yepa-Lujan





## Playing With my Friends

**During the summer I like to make time to play with my friends. I invite my friends to my house and we have a great time together. We play Roblox together or we go jump on the trampoline. I always have a good time when I have a friend over.**



**If you want to try inviting a friend over this summer follow these tips to have a good time. Plan some games or activities to do before your friend gets to your house. Find out what your friend likes to snack on and have some ready at your house. Make sure that your parents agree to your play plans.**

**I think I that if you pre plan a little you will have more time for fun. If the day goes well you might even get to plan a sleep over.**

**By, Ruby Spague**



## Playing with Pets

**One of my favorite things to do during the summer is play with my dogs. My dogs are always happy and they love playing with me. I really like to play catch with all of them. They love when we play in front of my house.**

**If you would like to play with your pets this summer make sure to pet them before you start to play with them. This makes them happy and shows them you're ready to play. Another thing you can do is give them a few treats to show them that you love them and care about them.**

**Playing with your pets is really fun. If you're bored inside your house your pets would love to keep you busy. They love you and they would like to spend more time playing with you. So this summer don't forget to play with your pets.**



**By, Jacob Gomez**



# WELCOME TO

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

## Grade



## Limerick Poetry



There is a planet named Saturn.

Whose rings have a special pattern.

They're made of rocks and dust.

And not rust.

With plenty of sky gas to burn.

**Candido Concha**

4th grade



There was a fast car,

It went very far

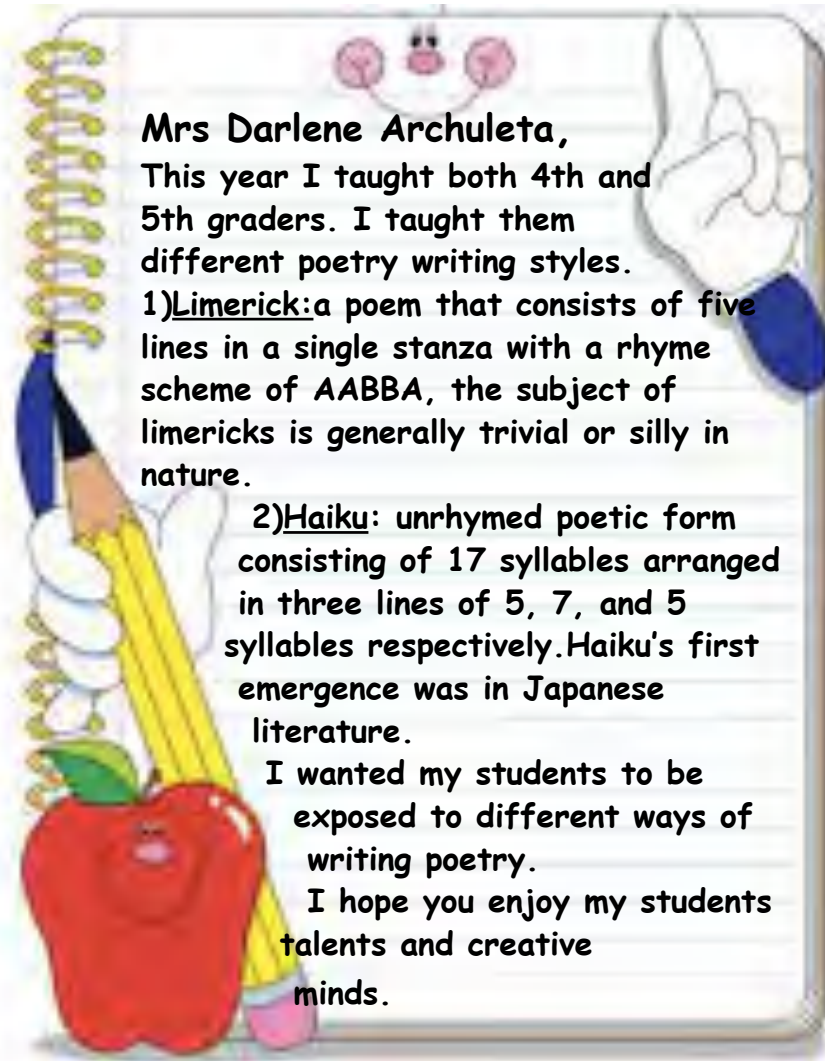
Until it broke down

In a small town

Now it sits behind an old bar.

**James Vigil**

4th grade





4th



Science is cool  
We do science in school  
Science is awesome  
It is also wholesome  
When you see good you'll  
drool

Pretty Plume Rainer  
4th grade



**Science is everywhere  
Even over there**

**We learn science in our brain  
Everyday our brain we train  
With chemicals you to handle  
with care**

**Pretty Plume Rainer**

**SCIENTIST WORKING ON A  
MAZE  
JUST STARED AT THE SINK  
IN A DAZE  
FOR HE GOT DISTRACTED  
AND AS HE EXTRACTED  
MISTAKENLY DUMPED THE  
WRONG PHASE  
CANDIDO CONCHA**



I once had a big  
red dog One day he  
sat on a frog  
All day long he  
hopped and he  
croaked

He jumped in the lake and  
then he was soaked  
It was odd that my dog  
turned into a frog

James Vigil



**Science is fun for me  
Also my pet bee  
When you make things  
with stuff  
It can be buff  
When I was three**

When you make slime It  
can be a lime  
When it's smelly  
It can be jelly When it has  
a chime  
Hunter Chavez  
4th grade



My dog is so crazy  
 And he is so lazy  
 He is so furry  
 And he snaps he's leash like he is in a  
 hurry

But he is still like a daisy  
**Anastasia Quintanilla**  
 4th grade



I like to  
 jump  
 I saw a big lump  
 I played with it  
 Until I quit  
 Then I took it to the dump

**Nick Gomez**  
 4th grade



I couldn't find that test  
 word

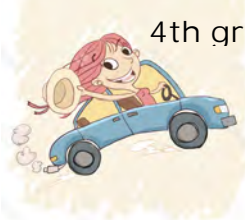
Then I saw a tiny little  
 bird

The bird was in a tree  
 The bird got fleas  
 Then I finally got that  
 test word.

**Anastasia  
 Quintanilla**

The new car is fast  
 as a shooting star  
 It takes you far  
 Stars to guide and  
 new places to find  
 Feeling like we are  
 lost in time Then  
 back to home in  
 my car.

**Amber Montoya**  
 4th grade



# HAIKU POETRY

## 4TH GRADERS

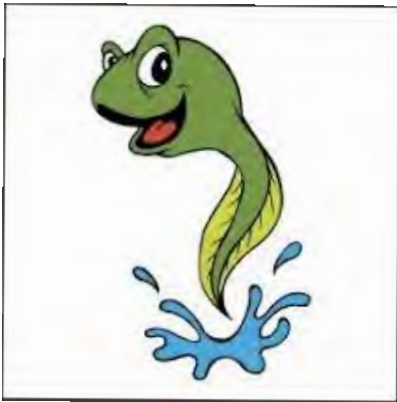
### What am I

I have a small tail  
I mainly sleep and  
eat food. I love  
belly rubs.  
( I am a Dog)  
**Anastasia**



### What am I

I like the water  
I am small and very fast  
I live in water  
(I am a Tadpole)  
**Candido**



Thank you to  
all 4th graders  
you did a  
fantastic job!!!!



### What am I

I am big and  
brown  
I like to eat fish so  
big  
I live in the trees  
( I am a Bear)

### What am I

I'm a bird of prey  
I hunt small mice every day  
Small eggs I can lay  
(I'm a Red Tailed Hawk)



**Pretty Plume Rainer**



### What am I

I'm big  
and scary

I can howl in the night

( I am a Wolf)

I can get angry

**Hunter Chavez**



# LIMERICK POETRY

Science  
can form  
an Alliance

Science can help you  
fight GIANTS

My pug smells like a dirty rug  
And he keeps a bug in a  
coffe mug  
I have a reliance for Science



A cuke was  
tickled  
To become a  
grand pickle  
He waited in a jar  
But didn't go far  
When he was sold  
for a nickel



A boy named  
Hawk  
went for a walk

He talked  
to his bro  
the Crow  
Hawk talks with  
a squawk



LightingHawk Lujan  
Yepa

I use geology when I'm doing photography  
I like to use mythology to find a  
Prodigy

A Skeleton isn't made out of gelatin  
I have adrenaline when I'm celebratin'  
A colony uses psychology

Peyton Winters



Katie Concha

5th grade



I love Science  
Yes I do  
Your my friend that is true  
Frogs swim in water  
And so do Otters  
So let's smash this  
Science class  
me and you.



I like to make slime  
And even act like a  
mime  
Volcanoes are  
orange and red  
So let's blow it up  
and go to bed  
With more projects  
next time.

**HAIKU  
POETRY 5TH  
GRADE**

I have a pet named  
**Mox**  
He is my pet fox  
who wears socks  
When ever we play  
He has a good day  
But I really love my pet  
named Mox!!!



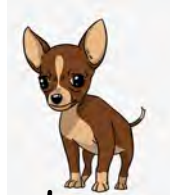
**LIMERICK POETRY**

There was a man who liked to lie  
Everyone wished he'd die I wanted to  
poison him and his girlfriend  
Kim  
So I gave them a  
poisonous pie  
**Taya Concha**



What am I

I can be very small  
I like to eat meat and  
greens I can be skinny  
( I am a Chihuahua)



**Peyton Winters**

What am I

I am Brown and  
round I love to spin  
in my cage  
I have lots of fur  
( I am a Hamster )  
**Taya Concha**



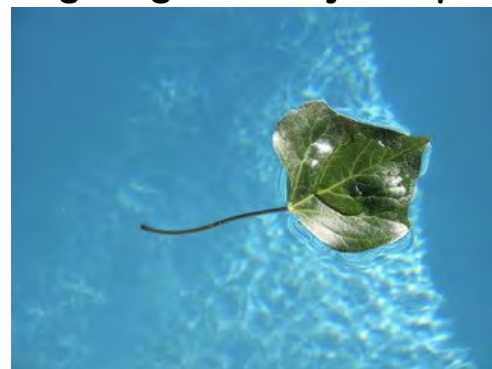
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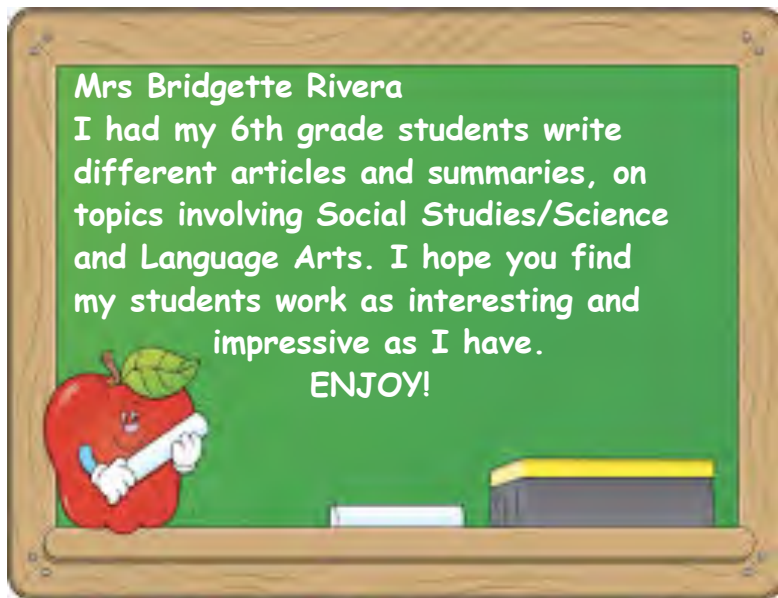
I change on seasons  
I am green in the summer  
I float on water  
( I am a Leaf)  
**LightningHawk Lujan Yepa**



What am I

I sit on tall pines  
My sight is sharp as my claws  
I am fast as light  
( I am an Eagle)  
**LightningHawk Lujan Yepa**





**Freak the Mighty**  
(Cause and Effect)  
By Emelina Lucero



Freak was small for his age and he liked to ride on Maxwell's shoulders because he couldn't see over people. He didn't walk very fast because he used crutches and had a leg brace, so Maxwell helped him. Freak was very smart and he had a small body but big brain, where he helped Maxwell by teaching him things he didn't know. Maxwell was not so smart but he was tall and big and he lived with his grandma because his mom died when he was 4 years old and his dad was in prison. His room at his grandmas was in the basement but that didn't seem to bother him but he had a favorite book that he carried around in his knapsack and it was a dictionary.

Freak and Max became good friends when Freak moved next door to Max. They remember going to the same daycare when they were toddlers. They had the best friendship anyone can ask for because they helped each other and never made fun of one another but always made their friendship a fun and honest one.

Even though they could tackle most situations together they had some hard times with some crazy memories. Max didn't like to remember his father Ken because he remembers that he was a really mean man and was not nice to him or his mother, he even believed that he may be the one that killed his mother. Freak had his health that would bring him down and he knew from hearing the Dr's say that he will have a short life because of complications with his body not growing.

This was just what happened to Freak after his 13th birthday and he ended up having a seizure and went to the hospital where he eventually died because his heart grew too big for his body.

I know that it might seem that Max would think after losing his best friend that he might want to just hide or die too. But Max seems to like school now and everyone is nice to him because he had lost his best friend.

## Hope on Wheels

There were children in Afghanistan that would go through a lot, mostly young women and girls. When going to school they didn't get treated fairly at all. Most children in Afghanistan didn't have much of a good education but all the sports and most education went towards men and young boys. Most girls and women in school only had education when they were 8 years and younger. After that they stopped letting them do school and getting the education they needed. They got treated like that, which I could imagine would be hard but there were also a lot of wars and fighting going on in Afghanistan at that time. I bet that was hard for them. They couldn't do all the sports that the boys did, the only things they got to do was play soccer, ride bikes and skate boarding. Once most of the wars and fighting calmed down there was a man that came to Afghanistan and set up a skate boarding program. He said that he wanted to start this because it was one of the only things girls could do freely so all the girls were starting to learn to skate. Not only did they get that, but with the skating program they also got lessons for all subjects! The man said that he created this because he wanted there to be a safe space for everyone, a place to relax and have fun but also get the proper education.

**BY: Caitlin Ortiz**



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## How the Pandemic Changed My Life

The Pandemic changed my life because I have been in it for over a year like everyone else and I think so many people dislike it so much because it has kept us away from our family and friends for so long. But I have been growing my hair for the past year and it has gotten much longer than I imagined. I have been thinking about cutting my hair this summer. My family has been thinking about what if on the weekend we can have a family dinner just to hangout and come back together. I think this year was tough. We lost so many innocent people's jobs, how they ran out of business, and the terrible part is we lost innocent lives. My auntie and her kids from Oklahoma were planning on moving out here to New Mexico to come live with us, so my sister and mom were planning to go pick them up. They left to go pick them up and me and my brothers waited until night for whenever they came. My cousin had brought his PS4 and my brother had a PC so we played online together and that helped with the boredom that was going on. 2021 has been getting better slowly and slowly.



There's nicer days now. We're finally coming back to school which I think is going to be a bit weird from us being separated for a whole year. A whole year is enough to change a lot of things. I just hope every bad thing that has been happening this whole year blows away along with this pandemic.

**BY: Isaiah Tenorio**

## Light up the Night

The Gay family is a family that puts lights on their house for fun. In 2015 they won the award for most lights in the Guinness book of world records; they put up 600,000 lights in all. The family adds more and more lights every year. They would use lights that are called incandescent. They were bad for the environment and used up too much energy. They switched to led lights because led lights don't use as much energy. They have a light show every year and have people drive through all the pretty lights.



Photo Courtesy: [www.guinnessworldrecords.com](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com)

## Bath Bomb Maker

Jelani Jones is a girl who started a small business. In her business she makes bath bombs. She started the business when she was 9 years old. She makes sure to finish her school work before starting the process of making the bath bombs. First she mixes her dry ingredients. When she makes her ingredients she has to make sure that the measurements are right. Her ingredients include baking soda and citric acid.



Jelani Jones Founder/ Owner Lani Boo  
photo courtesy, <https://theundefeated.com/>

Articles written By:  
Kiara Quintanilla

## Trapped in Ice

Climate change has changed the earth. There is not as much snow now even in the arctic. Scientists want to know more about the arctic in the winter. A lot of people avoid getting stuck in ice. There was a team of researchers who purposely turned their ship the Polarstern into an ice flow. The Scientists found all kinds of research about the Arctic in the winter. The Scientists used sleds, snowmobiles, and helicopters to travel. They collected samples of water to see what was inside. There were storms and polar bears that made things very dangerous. The researchers went home to study what they discovered.



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## IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE



This book was about a young boy who was Native American and would get bullied for many different reasons, one being because he was Native. He went to an all white school and couldn't make any friends for a while. He got bullied a lot because he also did not have a lot of money, so people would use that against him a lot. The boy also liked to listen to the Beatles, an old band. He knew everything about them and wanted to start making music like they did and play the guitar. Soon he meets a boy who just moved into town and they become great friends. This book has a lot of interesting topics in it. I enjoyed reading this book.

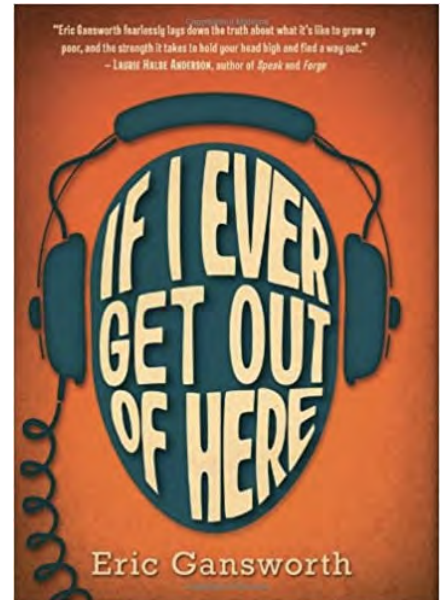
### Characters

The main character of this book is, Lewis Blake. He lives on a reservation with his family and doesn't have a lot of money. He also had trouble finding friends at his school. He also really liked a band called The Beatles.

George is Lewis's friend; he just moved into the town that Lewis lived in and they became good friends. He's the only friend that Lewis had at that time.

Carson Mastick is someone that Lewis used to talk to in school but they didn't get along too well. Lewis used to call him names because he thought it was normal but then Carson started to drift away from him.

Evan is a rude looking person as George describes him. He's in the military and would sometimes bully George and Lewis.



Book cover

## THE MUSEUM OF NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

The museum tour is better I feel in the virtual version for right now and it had a lot more information than I thought it would but it was incredibly helpful. My favorite thing in the museum are the small person beads. The reason why they are my favorite is because of how small and tiny they are they're just very cute. The thing I liked most about the tour itself is the fact it was very informative and it told you all the things the items were used for.

The thing I liked most about the tour was how much you are able to learn about one object (the history behind it, what it was used

for, what it is made of).



By: Reesa  
Concha  
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## Aztecs

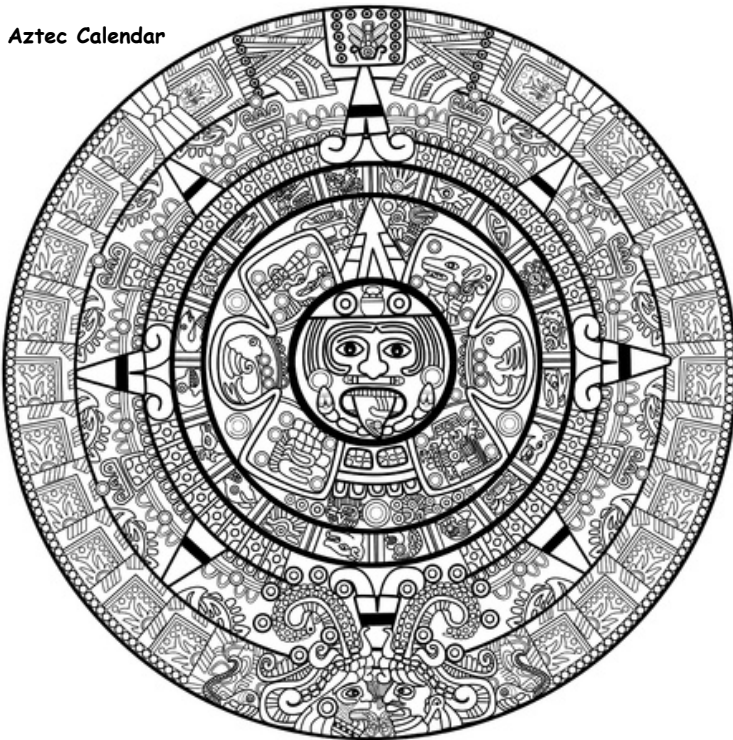
In 1325 the Aztecs founded Tenochtitlan, ( Place of the Prickly Pear ). The Aztecs would write in glyphs on a paper like material that was folded into a fanlike book called a codex. Even today we are finding many interesting facts about the Aztecs.

This is a fragment of a poem by early Aztec's that was translated into English. " Truly do we live on earth. Not forever on Earth, only a little while here. Although it be jade, it will be broken. Although it be gold, it is broken. Although it be a Quetzal feather, it be torn asunder. Not forever on earth only a little while here." This is just a fragment of hundreds of other Aztec poems.



Aztec booklet called a Codex  
photo courtesy: [mexicolore.co.uk](http://mexicolore.co.uk)

Aztec Calendar



The Aztecs made calendars to keep track of time and holidays. These calendars were different from our calendars today. The Aztec calendar had many glyphs on it. For example some of the glyphs are, Alligator, Flower, Rain, Flint knife, and Motion. The Aztec priests could also predict the future by studying the stars. When the Spanish conquered the Aztecs they forced many of them to be servants. The Spanish also brought diseases like chickenpox which was the cause of many Aztec deaths. Within ten years of the Spanish conquering the Aztecs they were almost completely under Spanish rule. The person that was sent to conquer them was named Hernan Cortez. The Aztecs had many festivals where they would dance, eat, sing, and play sports. They even had a game that was almost exactly like soccer. In this game you could not use your hands and

feet.

Instead you had to use your elbows, knees, hips, and head. The Aztecs would have rituals to become a priest such as learning to read and write in glyphs, fasting, bathing in freezing water, poking holes in your ears with thorns, painting your body black, and covering yourself in a paste made of bugs. The priests did many things like running schools and repairing ceremonies.

The Aztecs had very different lives than we did and though they had a great nation, they eventually perished. Their descendants still live today, in fact there are currently more than 1 million Aztec descendants. These descendants are called the Quora. These descendants are considered Mexican citizens. They live normal lives just as anyone else would.

That's the story of the Aztecs and how their great empire eventually perished.

**By Tabitha Tedesco**

## Fantastic Fungi

If you have ever tasted a mushroom then you have also tasted fungus. You have also tasted it if you have tasted mold or yeast. Fungi is more like an animal than a plant. Sydney Glassman, is an ecologist who studies fungi. Honey fungus is a parasite and they also grow a lot. They are the longest living organism on earth. Violet coral fungus grows in forests and they help fungi reproduce. Violet coral fungus is a decomposer. The bleeding tooth fungus looks like it is bleeding.

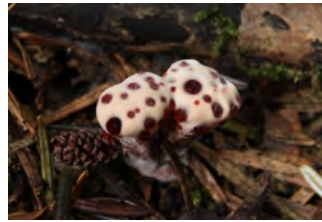
The blood is just extra moisturizer for the soil it absorbs. This mushroom grows tiny threads under the ground and the threads wrap themselves around the tree roots. Dung cannon fungus grows in animal poop; the fungus feeds on it and grows tiny stalks. The stalks shoot up high and fling tiny black caps filled with that cotinine spores. Glowing fungi is a glowing mushroom. It is so bright you could read a book by it.



Honey Fungi



Dung Cannon Fungi



Tooth Bleeding Fungi



Violet Coral Fungi



Glowing Fungi

By: Kiara Quintanilla

## If I

### ever get out of here

There was a young boy who was 11 years old. That got picked on for living on the rez. At school he got picked on. So the next day he cut

his braids off to try to fit in with the other students. His class had got a new kid and they immediately became friends. They got to know each other and started sitting together at lunch and talking together and playing for recess.

By: Max Martinez



## GAMES analyzed by Reesa Concha, Tabitha Tedesco, Kiara Quintanilla /6th



### \*Just Dance 2021

- All of the dances that are provided in Just Dance 2021
- All the songs that are in the game
- How you can earn your characters and backgrounds to create your preferred profile
- You can play the game with several participants
- Overall we enjoy the experience of competing with each other having fun

### \*Minecraft

- We believe Minecraft is a good game to express your creativity
- Minecraft is also a multiplayer game to play with friends and family
- You can freely explore the world of Minecraft
- You have to work your way up to more powerful and strong weapons, food etc.
- It is a thrilling and fun experience for all players.



### \*Among Us

- It is easy to play anywhere since it is mostly used mobile
- Has several different maps to choose from and play on
  - You can customize your own character with coolers and clothing
- You can also connect with others through the chat
- It became popular after about 2 years of being made

### \*Hand Shakes

- It uses hand gimmicks to create what we call a Hand Shake
- It's very fun to create your own Hand Shakes
- The Hand Shakes you create you can also share with your friends
- It is fun to do with multiple people and see how fast you can go to beat your records
- Hand Shakes are a why to show creativity and enjoy the time with your friends

### \*Uno

- Uno is a card game that has up to 10 players
- The main goal is to go out with no cards
- Uno also includes wildcards that change the fate of the game
- You also have to call uno when someone only has on card
- There are many versions of uno to play



### \*Monopoly

- Monopoly is a board game where you earn money to buy properties
- The farther down the board you get the more expensive the properties get
- You can also buy companies and railroads
- In the game there are real life experiences/ choices
- Monopoly is a game of strategy and takes from a couple hours to a couple days to complete



## Storyteller Pottery from Cochiti

By: Isaiah Tenorio



Storytellers are something almost everyone knows about, it is very old and its ancient art. Storytellers use patterns in many ways. It is very neat. I think you would have to be really creative to do this but everyone is good at this. It is a general public thing probably everyone knows about. It would take 1, depending on the size, about like 2 or 3 hours to make, now if you were to make 5 it would probably take 8 hours. If you were to fire it it would take about 2 hours. The next step is the fun part to paint it, this is the part where you have to use patterns on every side the same as the otherside.

Storytellers have been studied as a way to investigate and also archive cultural knowledge and values with indigenous Americans communities. Back in 1964 a woman by the name of Helen Cordero was the first one to make what we call and what is known today as StoryTeller pottery. The first time she had made a storyteller was in 1964 at the age of 45 learning for the first time and she started doing something else she had started making shapes of people and she took her shapes of people to the fair and somebody had bought all of them and they had quite a following. I have noticed there are quite a lot of people from Cochiti Pueblo such as Helen Cordero.

Most Storytellers come in so many different types and all kinds of them are made different. A lot of them come with children on them. In every pueblo people create different types different from other pueblos. Most of this pottery come from New Mexico, and these Storyteller pottery are really nice, unique and very creative. Every Storyteller has their initials on the bottom of every Storyteller. Every Storyteller teaches and passes it to generation to generation passing their knowledge. They take time putting work into these Storyteller pottery putting effort on each one.



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## How The Natives Lived Timeline By: Arik Gasco

1540

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado led Mexico's invasion of the north with an expeditionary force of 300 conquistadors and more than one thousand Indian "allies." Instead of Cibola, they found a small crowd that was the Zuni Pueblo of Hawikuh, whose warriors only answered with arrows when Coronado demanded that they swear loyalty to his king.

1600

Europeans of the time held steadfastly to the belief that their introduced diseases were acts of god being done on their behalf. One settler proclaimed while speaking about the deaths of Native Americans, "Their enterprise failed, for it pleased God to affect these Indians with such deadly sickness, that out of every 1000, over 950 of them have died.

1607

On May 14 1607, Jamestown was founded in Virginia by the colonists of the London Company. By the end of the year, starvation and disease reduce the original 105 settlers to just 32 survivors Captain John Smith is captured by Native American Chief Powhatan and saved from death by the chief's daughter Pocahontas.

1621

One of the first treaties between the colonists' and Native Americans is signed as the Plymouth Pilgrims enact a peace pact with the Wampanoag Tribe, with aid of Squanto, an english speaking Native American.

1689-1697

King William's war, the first of the French and Indian wars, this conflict was fought between England, France and their respective American Indian allies in the colonies Canada (New France), Acadia, and New England.

1711

Taking place in North Carolina, the Tuscarora war, led by Chief Hancock, was fought between the British, Dutch, German settlers, and the Tuscarora Native Americans. In an attempt to drive the settlers the tribe attacked settlers. The tribe killed several settlers and destroyed farms. In 1713 James Moore and Yamasee warriors defeated the tribe.

1745

Upon hearing of an impending French and Indian attack, Europeans massacred several Indian families in their wigwams at Walden in the Hudson River Valley. November 28, 1745 French military forces out of Canada, accompanied by 220 Caughnawaga Mohawk and Abenaki Indians, attacked and burned the english settlement at Saratoga. The 101 inhabitants were either killed or taken prisoner.

1776

Bacon's rebellion began July 30, 1676 when tobacco planters led by Nathaniel Bacon asked for and were denied permission to attack the Susquehannock Indians, who had been conducting raids on colonists' settlements. Enraged at Governor Berkeley's refusal, they burned Jamestown and killed many Native American before order was restored in October.



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## The Pulpi Geode By: Arik Gasco

If I had entered the Pulpi Geode I think it might be cold because it's a mineshaft and mine shafts are pretty cold. It can be dark, you might need to bring a flashlight. The crystals might be very fragile so I would gently touch the crystals so they wouldn't break. It may sound like maybe a little wind off the walls and probably like water sounds, probably. I think it might be a long descent down the shaft. I would be kind of scared to do it but not that scared who knows it might be a cool experience for me. The tourists might take us all the way down, give us a tour then let us explore but that might be a little hard to walk. That might be a nice thing to do if you're looking for an adventure to have as a family experience and a nice time. In conclusion, to have a nice time I would recommend the Pulpi Geode.



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### Smithsonian Museum

There are so many things I like about the Smithsonian museum. It shows so many artifacts and things like a stone carved head from the Middle Eastern Natives. They collected so many things from temples.

People went bidding for searched items from all over the world. They also talked a lot about cavemen. 20 century natives who had also lived in harsh conditions, also kept many things that many people like to see all over the world. The Smithsonian museum is my favorite museum because it shows many things to learn about from many past years. I hope to go see the inside of the museum and see the planes and World War 2 artifacts that have been found all over the world. There are so many museums all over Washington, DC. However, the first one I would go too, would be the Smithsonian museum. By: Querino Ty Lujan



## AZTECS

The Aztecs, self name Culhua Mexicanahuati speaking people who in The 15th and early 16th centuries ruled a large empire in what is central and southern Mexico. The Aztecs were a pre-columbian Meso American people of central Mexico in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries. They called themselves Mexica (pronounced Mexica). The capital of the Aztecs was Tenochtitlan. The Aztecs were famous for their agriculture, cultivating all available land, introducing irrigation draining swamps, and creating artificial islands in the lakes. They developed a form of hieroglyphic writing, a complex calendar system, and built famous pyramids and temples.

The Aztecs, who probably originated as a nomadic tribe in northern Mexico, arrived in Meso America around the beginning of the 13th century. The origin of the Aztecs people is uncertain, but elements of their own tradition suggest that they were a tribe of hunters and gathers on the northern Mexican plateau before their appearance in Meso America. The Aztecs Empire flourished between c. 1345 and 1521 CE and, at its great extent, covered most of northern Meso America. Aztec warriors were able to dominate their neighboring states and permit rulers such as Motecuhzmal to impose Aztec ideals.

The Aztecs state is actually the most documented Meso America civilization with sources including archaeology, native books (codices) and lengthy and detailed accounts from their Spanish conquerors both by military men and christian clergy. Sometimes around 1100 CE the city states or Altepetl which were spreading over central Mexico began to compete with each other for local resources and regional dominance. The empire continued to expand from 1430 CE and the Aztecs military bolstered by conscription of all adults males, men supplied from allied and conquered states, and such elite groups as the eagle and jaguar warriors swept aside their rivals. The empire was kept together through the appointment of the Aztecs heartland, inter marriages, gift giving, invitation to important ceremonies, the building of monuments and art work which was promoted.

The Aztecs' capital of Tenochtitlan on the western shore of lake Texcoco flourished so that the city could boast at least 200,000 inhabitants by the early 16th century CE, making it the largest city. The Aztecs may have modeled their new capital city on Teotihuacan (tay-oh-tee-wah-KAHN), an ancient city northeast of lake Texcoco. Teotihuacan flourished between 1 CE and 750 CE. It had roads, many palaces, and two massive pyramid temples, the sun (right) and the Pyramid of the moon. The Aztecs wanted a secure site for their new home and, with water on all sides Tenochtitlan was easily defended. It can be reached by mainland only by three connecting causeways.



By Ethan Keahbone



## Native American Medicine

By Emilina Lucero

We have been living in some uncertain times for the past several months as a lot of people say nowadays. Others say that it will get worse before it gets better. I believe that we just need to be grateful for our families and all that we have, because that is the only way we are going to smile above everything that is happening in our world today. I have thought really hard about what I was going to write about for my paper about Native Americans for Native American month, and the only thing that really makes me sad is that our people were dealing a lot with this COVID-19 epidemic and I know that they have dealt with a lot of other diseases in their past. Plant based medicines have been used to help with illnesses as well as sweat lodges and prayer/incantations. Our people have also dealt with a lot of death and they have beliefs of why people die or why bad things happen. We also know that times have changed and modernized and we are more educated now, but back in the day our people made a lot of sacrifices to keep their people and traditions thriving so that we can still practice and honor those same beliefs today. There are certainly a lot of plant based medicines that our native people used and still use to this day. I could name a few but the list is long and it would not be fair to just name a few. I have also learned that the Europeans have introduced a few more to us and took some of our ideas and remedies to study, to this day many medicines on our shelves may have been introduced by our people. The main people in the tribes that would study the use of these medicines and incantations were called Medicine Men and Medicine Woman, also called a "Shaman". These individuals were either born into the bloodline of past Shamans or were chosen to study and learn the Shaman ways from a young age until they were ready to practice on their own.

Today, Native American tribes still have Medicine Men/Women because some people still believe that these practices are just as good or better than modern medicine, or they are proud people who don't want to partake of anything outside of their traditional beliefs since they believe, all bad things came when the Europeans came to the Americas.

Native Americans have been dying from all kinds of terrible diseases from as early as the 16th century because Europeans have come to explore the newly discovered land and brought goods that they would trade. Some of these diseases include syphilis, mumps, measles, yellow fever, bubonic plague, and smallpox plus others that weren't as bad as the ones named. Our people would get sick and if no oral or topical medicines would work then they would use the sweat lodge where they would burn willow bark to act as an analgesic and conifer oils as a decongestant. Rattles were used during incantations over the sick person until they knew that whatever made them sick was gone from the body, and these rituals would go on for days. Sometimes the person could be healed and sometimes they would die. Our people have never had to deal with these terrible diseases so they had no idea that these diseases could be passed from person to person but that they could be an Omen from a greater power (Great Spirit) that didn't like how they were doing things in their beliefs or tribal laws or if a person did wrong to animals or their own.

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The Medicine Men/Woman would try to scare out the bad spirit from the person that was sick and they would use paint or masks to make themselves ugly and yell incantations or even give the person an awful tasting drink that the bad spirit might not like and leave the persons body. Other beliefs from tribes of why people got sick is possibly from animals who created diseases to protect themselves against humans. Another belief is that someone in the tribe is doing bad to another through witchcraft. Diseases were thought to be supernatural forces.

The effects of diseases within tribes was that they became smaller and some tribes even split up to quarantine and this formed a new tribe/clan over time. There were also people who could not have children because diseases would mess with their reproductive system and make the survivors sterile. If the disease wouldn't make one infertile then potential mates would be rejected because of poxmarks (scars) or blindness caused by the disease.

In conclusion, many researchers argue that indigenous treatments for diseases might have worsened the death rate and others believe that Native Americans actually improved their symptoms with their methods and decreased deaths. This does not mean that diseases doomed a tribe or was the only cause of a decreased population, but epidemics were just a portion of deaths of the Native Americans. There were wars, massacres, malnutrition, and alcoholism. Researchers might have been looking at different time periods in this argument, because some tribes who experienced early diseases or epidemics didn't know how to respond to it effectively and many died. Then there were tribes that later interacted with Europeans and gained some knowledge of the diseases and helped them avoid the disease more effectively until immunizations came around in the 1800's.

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## Native American Ledger Art

Ledger Art is a term mainly used for an art form mostly by Plains tribes, but also Plateau and Great Basin. You can draw or paint Ledger Art on paper and animal hide. Ledger art became a form of keeping history for the Plains tribes. It started with hide paintings to track history and events of one person or the tribe. It was done on paper from the cavalry, federal agents, or missionaries. It was used to track events that the Native people no longer had because of reservations. The tribes of the plains used the hide paintings

to keep track of years. If there was a war where the tribe won over another tribe. The stories on the hides would tell about that victory so they would not forget. It was used like a calendar. They would also keep track of the moon because they used the stars to navigate their directions. The moon let them know when the ceremonies took place. The hide paintings would show where the stars were at that time to document the time of the year or season.

It became popular in the 1860's to the 1920's because of the tribes of the Plains being moved onto reservations. Native people were put into prison on the reservations and were given ledgers from the cavalry. Men drew things that happened before being on reservations, the old way of life. Their drawings were traded for food or anything needed by people passing through the reservation. A lot of the time people who studied Native people would keep them.

Ledger art tells a story about events that happen. People who studied Native people would use ledger art to study the Plains people. The original ledger art was on hides where wars or big events happened. Mainly the stories were put on buffalo hides. Ledgers were the next thing that the Native people could use to keep telling their stories because the buffalo were being killed by the settlers moving to the west.

I am grateful for being able to see art like this. I appreciate being able to see how the Plains tribes kept records before contact. Before contact with Europeans the Plains people lived between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river. They moved from one place to another each season. During summer they followed the huge herds of buffalo and had summer camps in certain places. In the winter they stayed in the mountains to keep away from the winter storms. The mountains also gave them different animals to hunt.

Today, it has become popular again with Native American art. Artists use different ledgers from different places and for different reasons. Ledgers are traded and collected by artists. Ledgers can be bought and sold for a lot of money. Ledgers can add to the worth of the art. Artists will collect ledgers that can help tell the story of the art work. Each artist can choose what kind of medium they are going to use. Color pencils, water colors, and other kinds of drawing and painting tools are used to make ledger art.

I have a family who does ledger art. They say it tells a story of our family and our tribe. The artwork I have seen has everything from buffalo to cars in it. I really like the ledger art by ladies from all the



different tribes. The ledgers made by ladies have more floral designs and they show family and kids. I like looking to see what kind of ledgers are behind the artwork. The ledgers behind the artwork sometimes match what the drawing or painting is about.

**By:Sadie Pepion**

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## Native American Pottery in Different Tribes

Native American pottery was used for various purposes including cooking, and to hold water. They can also be used to preserve food, and grains, you can even make art design. The Native pottery was very old and all of our ancestors used to make pottery to preserve their food, water and their grains. The Native pottery was used for some special occasions and they used to carry the pottery on their head after they got the water from the river. All of the ancestors around New Mexico used to make pottery like Taos Pueblo. Other pueblos and tribes had their own techniques on making their own pottery. Last year at summer camp with Mrs. Young Max and Mathew made an oven out of adobe for the school. pottery have some nice art designs on them and you can make them have nice art pieces of the pottery. Native American pottery have nice art designs on the pottery and they are beautiful and you can make pottery in different kinds of shapes you can make bowls, cups, and wedding vases. The Native American pottery is very sacred to our people because, they made it along time ago before we were ever born, and continue to make pottery day. The Native American pottery clay smells good but you can't eat it because clay will get you sick. Native pottery in Taos Pueblo is for our traditions and when we do the Buffalo dance and we use the pottery for food when we our hungry.



Native American pottery can store change you find ( pennies, nickels, dimes quarters) in a small bowl you made, and you can put your keys in the bowl too. Native pottery is taken to the museum for people to see in the glass cases. Sometimes they even collect the broken pottery pieces and other stuff they can find, to collect and display with other pottery pieces. Native American pottery is very sacred to our Pueblo and to our people , so they keep pottery in their houses and all the other people in the Pueblo have pottery in their house and sometimes they don't have pottery in their house. Native pottery is nice for people too, and to smooth the pottery you have to have some sand paper and then you smooth the pottery with the sandpaper. The Native pottery is very nice and it smells good and I made pottery with my Grandma and I made a bowl then I put tiny tire marks. The Cherokee pottery was traditionally designed for function as well as for beauty. Pottery jug, bowls, cooking pots, storage jars, and other types of dishes were used for storing and serving food. Coiling is the most common means of shaping ceramic in the Americas. In coiling, the clay is rolled into a long, thin strands that are coiled upon each other to build up the shape of the pottery. The Navajo pottery is nice and they use it for special reasons and their pottery was taken to the museum for people to look at the masterpiece that the navajos have made for their people. The Zunis Make some nice pottery and they can make nice designs on their pottery and they can even make wedding vases. Cochiti pottery is nice and neat and their masterpiece is beautiful and they make bowls and cups.  
BY Ethan Keahbone 6th grade

## Celebrating Christmas in Japan

I chose Japan because it is very interesting to learn about other traditions and culture. I liked Japan and other countries too, but I like to learn other things. In Japan, the people celebrate Christmas, they go to temples and all of their family members come together to celebrate. The people in Japan do have Christmas trees. They have parties and eat together and drink together. On Christmas the public schools are closed. In Japan the people do not eat very rich foods. They have a special kind of sponge cake that has whip cream and strawberries. Christmas is a very big thing in Japan. They do like to celebrate the holidays. The people of Japan have a big religion on Christmas because its Jesus' birthday. People of Japan celebrate twelve days of Christmas. When you go Christmas shopping there will be lots of people out and about on the streets buying gifts for others. The trees are not like the Christmas trees we have here in the U.S. In Japan the weather is really sunny or even dry. There are many parties for kids to enjoy and have fun. Thru December 31st, to the 4th of January, is a very busy time to even go anywhere. In Japan there was a snow festival so people could enjoy it.

## Japan



## South Korea Celebrating Christmas

In South Korea some people do attend church on Christmas. The people do exchange the gifts they buy each other. This is almost like Japan but they have different traditions and languages. On Christmas the people that have work get a day off till the 26th. The people do have all closed schools and businesses. They don't take down the Christmas lights, they leave them up all year around. The people of Japan give money and presents. They do have a Baskin Robbins store in South Korea and they get ice cream cake for their birthdays. There is a large popularity of Christians that are South Korean. In South Korea they do not get much snow but freezing weather. South Korea is obsessed with holidays like Christmas and many other holidays. About twenty five to thirty percent of South Korea go to church on Christmas. What some people like to do on Christmas in South Korea is watch movies. Also they send cards and presents to family members. In South Korea they have a light festival for people.

## South Korea



## Mexico

Christmas in Mexico starts on December 12 th, until the 26th of December. They eat together with their family and play games. In Mexico they light fireworks and light candles .The people have parties at family members or their houses. The family likes to hit the piñata at night . They like to lay a special kind of flower which is 'nochebuena' in English it is called poinsettia flowers. The people go to church at midnight. Mexico is different from the U.S. Mexico celebrates one day before us. They celebrate early on December 24th. In the U.S we celebrate Christmas on December 25th.



When the people of Mexico start decorating, they start in November . They start markets and other things to go shopping early or they go to other places . At midnight they also have a night feast. After Christmas is all over, it's like a quiet season . Mexico has performances and rehearsals to practice for Christmas plays.

\* Christmas in Japan, South Korea and Mexico;

By: **Maya Kopepassah** 6th grade



Energy Sources are mostly good and provide power but they also all have their con's. Some are nonrenewable and some affect the environment dramatically while others are renewable and don't have effects on the environment at all. If we continue to use certain resources we will eventually run out of our resources. That is the pros and cons of the Energy Sources.



### Wind Turbines

PRO: The pro to wind turbines is that it is a natural resource that we cant run out of

CON: The con is that wind turbines are very powerful and have been killing many birds since the bid

## ENERGY SOURCES

### Hydroelectric dams

**PRO:** Hydroelectric dams produce 10% of the world's electricity and is a natural resource

**CON:** The dams stop overflowing in rivers which stops the process of sediment



### Solar Panels

**PRO:** Solar Panels are very useful to place in the southwest since it's mostly sunny there

**CON:** Solar panels are hard to use in cloudier places and are expensive to install

### Fracking Machines

**PRO:** When Fossil Fuel is found they are mostly in large amounts and are fast ways to get power

**CON:** Fossil Fuels are nonrenewable so when we run out we can't get any more



**BY: TABITHA TEDESCO 6th grade**

The old man sat on a chair in the porch  
While he sat there lighting up the torch  
But in the light his bald spot showed  
Which was shallow for the old fellow  
So it ashamed the old man in the porch

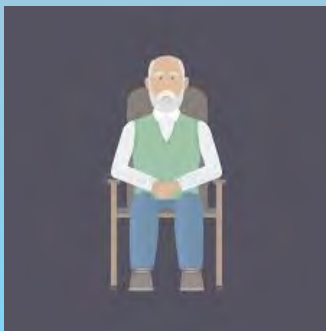
The funny looking man stood on the stand  
Presenting a project based on rubber  
bands

But the audience was fed up  
Because he spilled ketchup  
However, his performance was grand

**Limerick Poetry By: Morgan**



**The old man sat on the chair;  
And often would stare and glare;  
As he sat he rocked side to side;  
And dreamed of going on a  
carnival ride;  
THE old man in the rocking chair.**



**LIMERICK POETRY  
MATTHEW CONCHA**

### **Leo the Dog**

**Leo the dog sat on the rug,  
And tripped and fell on his mug;  
And he is hyper all the time;  
And he really loves to climb;  
And he is always a bug.**

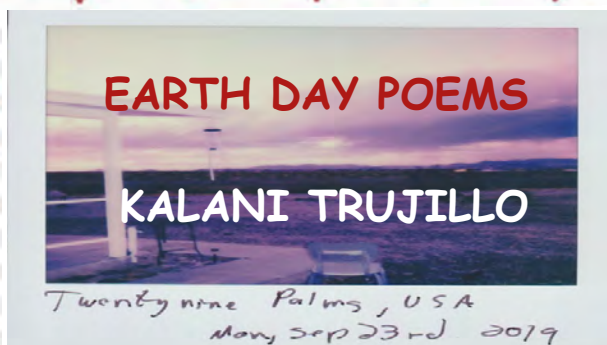


## 7th Grade Mrs Claireen Espinoza

Mrs Espinoza has been teaching at Taos Day School for 25 years. Her passion comes from taking students out of their comfort zone when it comes to modes of learning. As a teacher she likes to incorporate all styles students may learn; music, film, poetry, art experimentation and "thinking outside the box". The writings of poetry should be very personal experience and it allows students to bring out of them feelings and ideas they sometimes didn't even know they had.

Christmas Pantoum Poems- The 7th grade class was given the task to create Christmas Poetry using specific word patterns as defined by a Pantoum poem. The students were asked to brainstorm images of Christmas time and craft into a creative pantoum pattern.

Nature Poems- In support of Earth day and global community awareness the 7th grade class wrote 3 types of poetry about the environment; Diamante, Haiku and Limerick. The style of writing incorporated specific guidelines to follow and their personal view on the environment around them.



### HAIKU

Roses bloom bright red .  
Water as clear as crystals.  
Petals red as blood

## Couplet

What is this life, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.  
 No time to stand beneath the boughs, and stare as long as sheep or  
 cows. No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide  
 their nuts in grass

No time to see in broad daylight, Streams full of stars like stars  
 at night. No time to turn at Beauty's glance , and watch her feet,  
 how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can Enrich that smile, her eyes began  
 A poor life this is if full of care , We have no time to stand and  
 stare. Kalani Trujillo



## Diamante

Plant Tall  
 Peaceful Growing Rustling  
 Reaping Seed Herb Dirt  
 Vine Fading Hiding Mourning Dull  
 Gray Shrub  
 Kalani Trujillo

I wish that Native Americans and other races that are being discriminated should be respected and have someone hear what they have to say or their POV

Native kids were taken from their families and homes and put in boarding schools

Justice should be for natives because there is so much that we try to tell people, no one likes to listen

Usual natives now are drinking or doing drugs but we didn't know what was until the white men told us

So many people don't even know about natives or that, they stole our land from us

Trial of Tears, how Navajo people were slaves and were involved in " The long Walk" and so many died on the side

Insult by other people calling us savages for protecting what we have and our people

Culture about Native Americans seems to be the only thing people want know about or care about

Endless of missing sisters being raped and killed and their bodies mostly found in ditches and police not sending and official search parties

INJUSTICE-  
KALANI

## My Poems

Kalani Trujillo

When did we change,  
 From throwing paper airplanes,  
 And driving wooden trains,  
 To this  
 And when did we grow,  
 Form angels in the snow,  
 Lots of things we didn't know,  
 To this  
 Can you put your finger on the day,  
 When we never again did play,  
 Our childhood wasted away,  
 To this  
 And when did we get taller,  
 Our dreams get smaller,  
 So now the only thing left in life,  
 Is this



## Veterans Day

Armed with guns and  
 weapons in combat

Risking their lives for their  
 country and people they love.

Most important to honor them  
 in anyway possible

Young and old soldiers fighting  
 on the battlefield for their country



# Poetry and poems

By Evan Winters

## Couplet poem

Bees live in the trees with fleas  
They will freeze and movement will seize  
Bears climb trees to get the the bees  
And hairs have fleas that come with disease  
He's only hunting for mice  
The mice like to eat rice

## My haiku

The rain pours lightly  
The rain waters the flowers  
The rain disperses

## Acrostic Poem- Evan Winter

Pure fear and pumpkins everywhere.  
Un carved pumpkins on  
the grounds.  
Monsters carved in the  
pumpkins.  
Pumpkin patches filled  
with scares.  
Kit Kat bars, trick or  
treating and  
pumpkins are everywhere.  
In the forest pumpkins grow.  
Never underestimate the size  
pumpkins can grow



## My diamonte poem

Evergreen  
Big green  
Swaying moving falling  
Tree grove orchard forest  
Breaking cracking shady  
Large prickly  
Tree

In history racism has  
been happening for a  
long time  
Never will I let racism put  
me down  
Justice will be served  
Unite do not break up  
because of race or culture  
Sorrow will no longer be, see  
yourself positive not what  
other people see  
Tired of discrimination  
because of race or  
culture  
In history Natives have  
been killed and torched  
because of their race  
Communities if natives  
continue to be strong  
End all types of  
discrimination

Christmas is a time for giving and getting gifts  
Children waiting for Santa putting up stockings  
Snowball fights in the winter dominating in the snow  
Going sleighing in the snow is something fun to know

Children waiting for Santa putting stalkings  
Eating christmas dinner is always yummy and good  
Going sleighing in the snow is something fun to know  
No need to fear Santa will come this year

Eating christmas dinner is always yummy and good  
If your bad no gifts for you if you're good well, good for you  
No need to fear Santa will come this year  
Have a good time with your family Christmas isn't all about presents

If your bad no presents for you if you're good, well good for you  
Snowball fights in the winter dominating in snow  
Have a good time with your family Christmas isn't all about presents  
Christmas is a time for giving getting gifts

Evan Winters



Evan Winters

"I Survived 2020!"

It was a normal Friday in March of 2020 and nothing was out of the ordinary that day, we watched a movie at school not even knowing it was going to be one of the last physical school days for a while. I thought it was going to be a normal school break until we got a notice saying the break was extended for a couple weeks due to Covid -19. I was happy a couple more weeks off from school, but it kept going. We couldn't go anywhere, and we were in a quarantine.

One of the only things keeping me sane during quarantine was video games. One of the main video games I would play is Call Of Duty War zone. I would usually play with my friends and talk to them on my mic. I play War zone on my Xbox and War zone is a battle royal game where the last to survive wins the game. I had also made new friends in 2020 and the new friend I made was my neighbor, I would usually play with him outside. We would mostly play football together with my brother.

During the summer we would make short movies and play in the ditch. We would use fireworks to make military movies with my battleship. The sun was bright, and it was hot. We would play and go for walks.

The main concern I had was when we could go back to normal. It was hard just staying inside and playing video games. I would like to go bowling with my dad, but when covid hit we couldn't do those things. My mom had to work at the hospital and was exposed to covid positive people every day. I was concerned about my mom's health and me and my brother's health. When the pandemic hit things were very strict now things are different. The pandemic has grown but now we have a vaccine. There is some sort of normalcy in life. We can do more things than before, and we've learned a lot about the virus. But there's now a new strain of covid so we'll see what happens in the future. I've come a long way to dealing with this virus. It started in 2019, got serious in 2020 and is getting better now in the new year. There were so many things that happened in 2020 I'm glad it's over now I can say I survived 2020.

Poems  
Ashley Lujan

Haiku

The trees are so tall,  
whipped violently in the harsh spring winds  
The ants are falling

Couplet

Riding my bike is always a delight Especially in  
the Sunlight

Diamante

Summer

warm sunny  
run jump happy  
home frog flowers dogs  
swim climb skip dig  
cold windy

Winter



INJUSTICE

I am tired of fighting.  
No one helps me.  
Just a little longer.  
U still watch me in pain.  
Sunrise to Sunset I cry.  
Till I am tired of sadness.  
I can't hold it in.  
Crying won't do anything  
to help.  
Everything I do won't  
help.



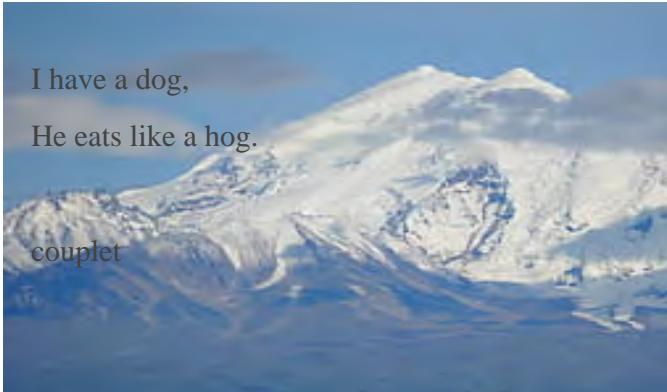
**\*Ashley Lujan\***

Acrostic Poem

**M**ymom found a mummy covered in honey.  
**O**nce I was asleep she found some money.  
**N**o one was around until we found a bunny.  
**S**o my sister dressed it up funny.  
**T**hen we woke up and it was sunny.  
**E**ven when we were awake there was a mummy.



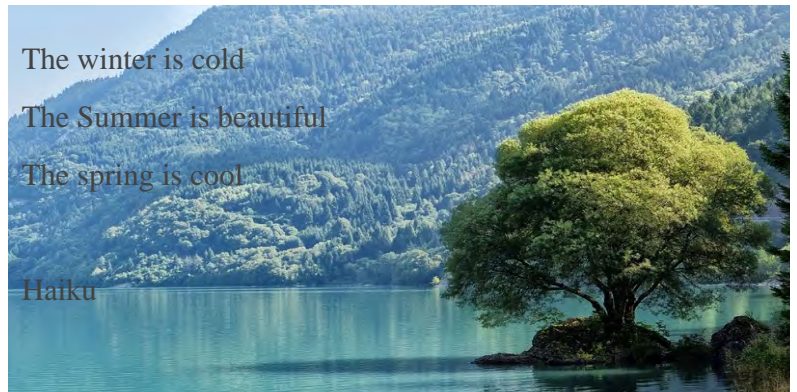
**7<sup>th</sup>**  
**grade**



Dear Mighty,

I know you have been through a lot and I just want to say I'm sorry for your loss. I hope you have a good year and I hope you and your family gets better. I would like to ask if we can be friends, you and Freak were really cool and I wish he was still here. You were like his legs and he was like your brain. Happy Valentines Day Mighty, everyone is hoping that you ain't mad at the people who were mean to you. I have respect you and Freak and your family. Freak was really smart and you were always cooler than most people so Happy Valentine's Day to you and Freak he was a hero.

From Allen  
Kopepassah



**Veterans Day**

My Grandpa was drafted during the Vietnam war and during that time he



was in college. He would have to leave his home, Taos Pueblo and go to war. Those days would have been hard because he was in the Army. I will always remember him as a Hero, My Grandpa Redbird.

By: Allen

**In today's world people are getting treated differently  
Nationality has been a problem in the US for a long time  
Justice should be served all around the world because people are getting treated unfairly.**

**Usually people are getting arrested because of their culture or their race  
Schools long time ago would take Natives away from their homes and their families**

**This world will never be the same again because of all the stuff going on  
Indigenous people are being treated unfairly, We were the first people to be in the US**

**Care for people who are being treated badly**

**Ever since history books were made they sometimes talk about Injustice.**

**Injustice poem and Surviving Covid Essay By: Allen Kopassah 7th grade**



Personal Essay: "I Survived 2020!"

When 2020 started it was normal for the first two months until Coronavirus hit. After covid hit I got let out of school because of this new virus, so I was really sad because I wasn't able to see my friends. While I was home, I didn't really do much but play video games or hang out with my family. During this time it was about April and it was my birthday so I was really happy, but it was only my family that was there but I was still happy.

Summer is about to start and, in my mind,, I think it is going to be fun, but it is going to be not really fun. I was still sad that I would not be able to hang out with my friends but at least I still had my parents. We went for walks and we had also gone swimming and right about now the black lives matter protest started and when I had looked at the people who were shot and hit and that was some of the saddest stuff to see on tv.

Summer is ending and it is September 30th, there are no vendors and not too many people for feast and that is kind of sad to not see a lot of people for feast. The feast day that I was used too is when there are a lot of people coming around, but we must wear masks and social distance to watch pole climbing, the feast is over, and now we have to worry about the holidays that are coming soon.

Halloween is here but I can't go trick or treating, it's okay because it keeps us safe. I am sad because I won't get to see haunted houses or go to Halloween parties, but it is just to be safe from covid 19. It is now November, and it is Thanksgiving. I can't see any of my family, but it is okay. It is just to be safe; I get to eat food with my parents and my grandparents and those are the people who make me happy this year. Winter is here and I still have to wear a mask and it is Christmas, I get to see my grandparents for the holidays. I got to open presents and that was really fun, I also got to eat and it was really good and my family had a bonfire. Now it is New Years and 2020 is over. I got to light fireworks and all that fun stuff, 2020 was an interesting year. This is how survived 2020.

Mia Williams

10/19- In what ways are pets like people and in what ways are they not?

Ways pets are like people are they need food, water their own shelter and some ways they are not like us. Some can see in the dark and can jump far unlike us humans.

10/20- Just what does it mean to be "responsible"? Does it mean something different for young people than for adults?

What being responsible means to me is to take care of what you have and don't break it.

10/21- What are you really good at? Explain.

What I'm really good at is being flexible. Why I'm like this is because I was in the gym from ages 4 to 9.

10/22- What are you not so good at? Explain.

What I'm not so good at is be organize I just can't do it because I'm to lazy

10/23- I think the best pet to have would be a... because...

The best pet I think is a cat because they sometimes like to cuddle, and they are good companions for when you are sad and they're not that hard to take care of.

# 7 Seventh Grade

A Hero is someone who is a good role model and someone who is nice to every one.

Someone who is a strong minded person

Someone who is my hero is Harriet

Tubman, she is my Hero because she is a strong Black woman. She has helped many people get to freedom. The other reason,

she is my Hero is because she is my Great Great Grandmother. By Mia Williams



I am tired of seeing people treat Native people less than  
Natives deserve justice  
Just because the color of their skin is different doesn't mean they  
are less than  
Us Natives are people too  
Slaves is what they used us for  
Too many people look down on us  
I don't want to see Natives cry because they are different  
Caring is what we are, not savages  
Everyone needs to be treated equally

### Santana Rodriguez

Personal Essay: "I Survived 2020!" When I first entered 2020 I thought that it was going to be better than 2019. Then all of a sudden there was a global pandemic and the schools told us that we will be back in a couple of weeks. Now it's been almost 10 months. At first I was happy that we got a long time off of school but after a while I started to miss going to school and going out with my friends. My friends and I used to go to the movies almost every weekend and then hang out but we can't do that anymore and I really miss that. Last summer me and my friends would go swimming almost every day.

Now that we really don't have anything to do at home I started getting into video games and watching Anime again. I think the best thing about my 2020 was my summer. Then when fall and winter hit and the covid rates went up I started to stop hanging out with my friends again. This winter was really weird. Christmas was really different so was New Years and January 6th. last summer me and my friends were supposed to go and have a weekend in Albuquerque and rent a hotel but that didn't go as planned.

2020 was really surprising and crazy. I really hope that 2021 is going to be better. Last year I also came out as pansexual. It also makes me sad because there were a lot of things going on last year that I didn't get to do, for example I was supposed to go to a BTS concert in Denver, Colorado. I was also supposed to go on a trip with my best friend. But I'm just glad that my family and friends are happy and safe.





## Personal Essay: "I Survived 2020!" Hunter Concha

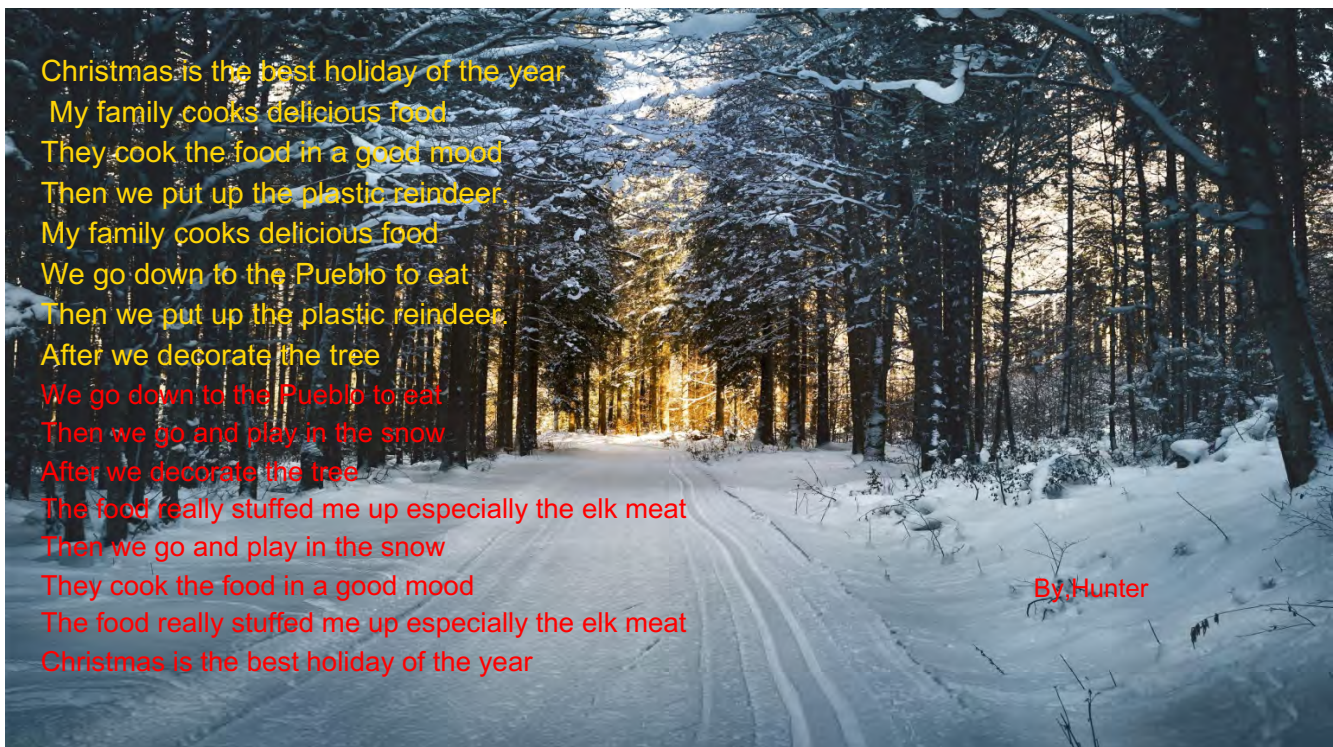
2020 was a pretty crazy year for all of us. There were many losses that will be with us forever. But we have to accept the fact that they are not with us anymore. We lost Kobe, Chadwick Boseman, Pop, Smoke, George Floyd and more to count due to the protesting and riots. May they rest in heavenly peace.

But now on to me, I was struggling to get past 2020 but I somehow made it. There were many things I was struggling on such as my personal life and I've been quarantined for a while now. I made it through 2020 by my family and friends. My friends mainly. I was too scared to tell my family I was struggling in this sucky year. I was more comfortable with telling my friends that I was. But I made it and that is all that matters. My friends are really funny and like to joke a lot. They really helped me get through 2020. Even my family helped me allot as well. They helped me by helping me focus on school. 2020 was a boring year too because people all across the world were quarantined and still are.

There were many great things in my life in 2020 though. Such as getting all b's on my report card. Last year my grades weren't really great as this year. It was because I wasn't focused and I was always getting distracted but my friends. I really wanted to focus more on school than life so that I wouldn't flunk. But this year I've been more focused on school and life as well. I'm really proud of myself that I am doing better than I've ever done.

My stepdad is in prison for something that he didn't do and he has Covid-19 and that's the part that I'm really worried about. My stepdad is a great dad and I love him but he can get on my nerves a little but I still love him. We did everything together, we went fishing, went for walks and went for drives. Mainly anything a father and son would do. But I'm afraid that if I lose him then I'm just losing another dad. But I'm just hoping that he gets better.

2020 was a traumatic year for me and many others. But 2021 is here now and I just hope that 2021 is a better year for me and everyone on this earth. There were many things that happened my life. Some good, some bad. But that's my story on how I survived 2020.



In the history book it said.

Native Americans were first to own our land

Journey to the North was everyone's dream

Unable to catch Harriet she escapes, but turns back to  
free slaves

Sadness was in their eyes, slaves were getting killed The slaves  
were killed for years over their slavery Inside of the German  
territory there were over 6

million Jews captured and killed

Countless amounts of slaves and Jews were saved by American  
soldiers

Everyone was badly injured, but not all are safe.

This was the war that never would forget.

Hunter Concha

# 7th Grade



Dear Mighty,

Happy Valentine's day!!! I am sorry for your loss but i am really glad that you are back in class. How are you and what do think you are going to do for V-day? I was really shocked that your dad actually started to strangled Larreta. I hope that Gram and Grim are ok. How is that dictionary that Kevin gave you for X-mas? It was nice for Iggy to help you get away from your dad.that vinegar stuff that Kevin mad was have really smelled . I want to know if you are going to start another book with all your adventures that you will take? I am happy that you are feeling better to come back to class and that you are trying new things like Kevin said.

From,  
Keira R.

## My Halloween Poem

**S**cary frights in the tunnel of darkness

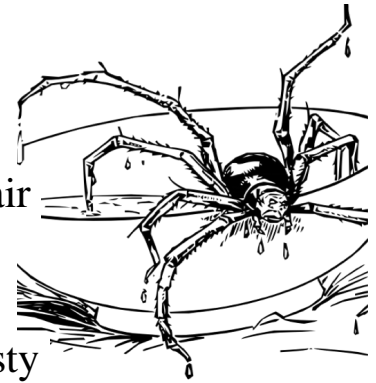
**P**erpetually terrifying monster with sharp teeth and long hair

**I**nsects creeping left and right trying to escape

**D**ripping slobber from the big hairy monster with a big nasty scrape

**E**yes so black that they are not even there

**R**ed everywhere from the big scary monster while cleaning up his mess.



**KEIRA ROBINSON**

## SEVENTH GRADE



*Christmas cookies are the best  
When we mix the dough together till  
nice and creamy  
We get sticky and feel kind of greasy  
Mom rolling them into balls of  
tastiness  
When we mix the dough together till  
nice and creamy Popping them into  
the oven  
Mom rolling them into ball of  
tastiness  
Waiting what seems like a long time  
with my cousin  
Popping them into the oven  
Cookies are out of the oven looking  
the best  
Waiting what seems like a long time  
with my cousin  
Can't wait to decorate them with  
white snow  
Cookies are out of the oven looking  
the best  
We get sticky and feel kind of greasy  
Can't wait to decorate them with  
sweets snow  
Christmas cookies are the best  
\* Keira*





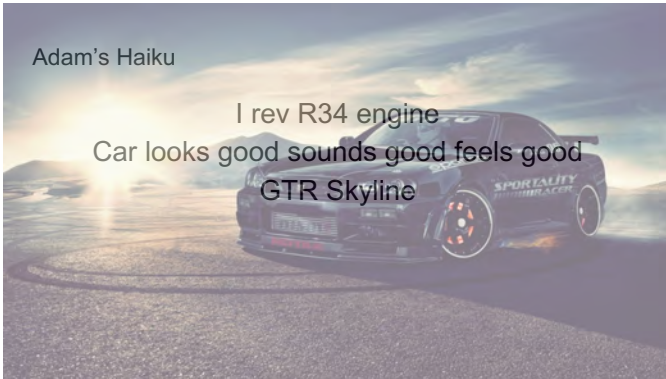
Couplet

Look at my tree for  
me and you  
Green and blue just  
like you



Diamante Poem

Mountain  
alive, beautiful  
walking, sounds, listening  
Adam, Dad, wildlife, river  
Hunting, fishing, shooting  
Happiness, thankful  
Life



Adam's Haiku

I rev R34 engine  
Car looks good sounds good feels good  
GTR Skyline

I In the book of justice  
N Natives have rights too  
J Justice will be served if you don't  
follow rules  
U United and strong Natives won't let  
discrimination get to them  
S Suffer no more  
T Tall and short all rights matter  
I Injustice not tolerated  
C Center around positivity pushes out  
negativity  
E Enter positivity push out negativity  
Adam

Z zombies are dead humans  
that are looking for flesh to eat.  
O Omg there is zombie in my  
yard!

M my dog found a dead  
zombie.

B before I run from the zombies  
I need to save my family.

I I looked into the eye of a  
zombie

E Everyone was a zombie

S Save me! I yelled and ran  
down the street!

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Christmas poem  
By  
Adam Concha



**Andrea Suazo**  
**Earth Day Poetry**



**Haiku**

**Daisies are so cute**  
**Running through pretty flowers**  
**Flower crown for you**



**Flowers**

**Pretty blue**

**Pretty white**

**Daisies, sunflowers, dandelions Soil, rain, sunlight, shade**

**Lilies, roses,**

**tiger lily**

**Pretty red,**

**Pretty**

**orange**

**sunny**

**Bouquet**

**7th**  
**grade**

**Insane action**  
**Native American**  
**people own the**  
**land**  
**Journey to the**  
**North**

**Andrea Suazo**

**Uneasy and not focused**  
**Say why people didn't respect**  
**other people? Why did the**  
**world have to be so cruel**  
**Twice you do it again, it may**  
**never happen again**  
**It follows whatever you do,**  
**but it never records of what**  
**you do**  
**Come allow other people to be**  
**in the team don't act so mean**  
**Egos's around to bring Joy..**  
**Stay with it until it goes**  
**INJUSTICE**



**Couplet**

**Take a rain shower**  
**Like a spring flower**  
**Stare at the sky**  
**It almost made me cry**  
**I want to be free**  
**Like a buzzing bee**

# 8TH GRADE



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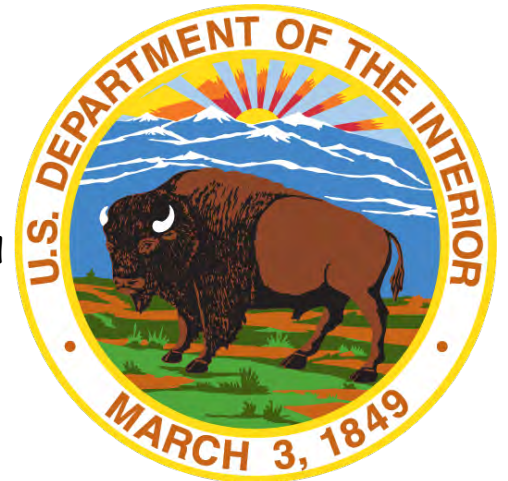
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