

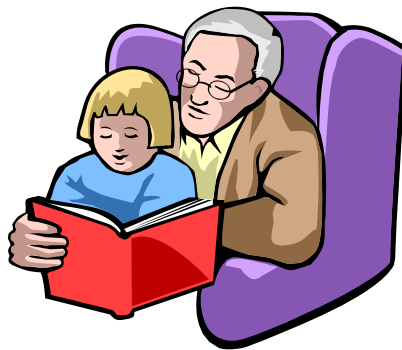
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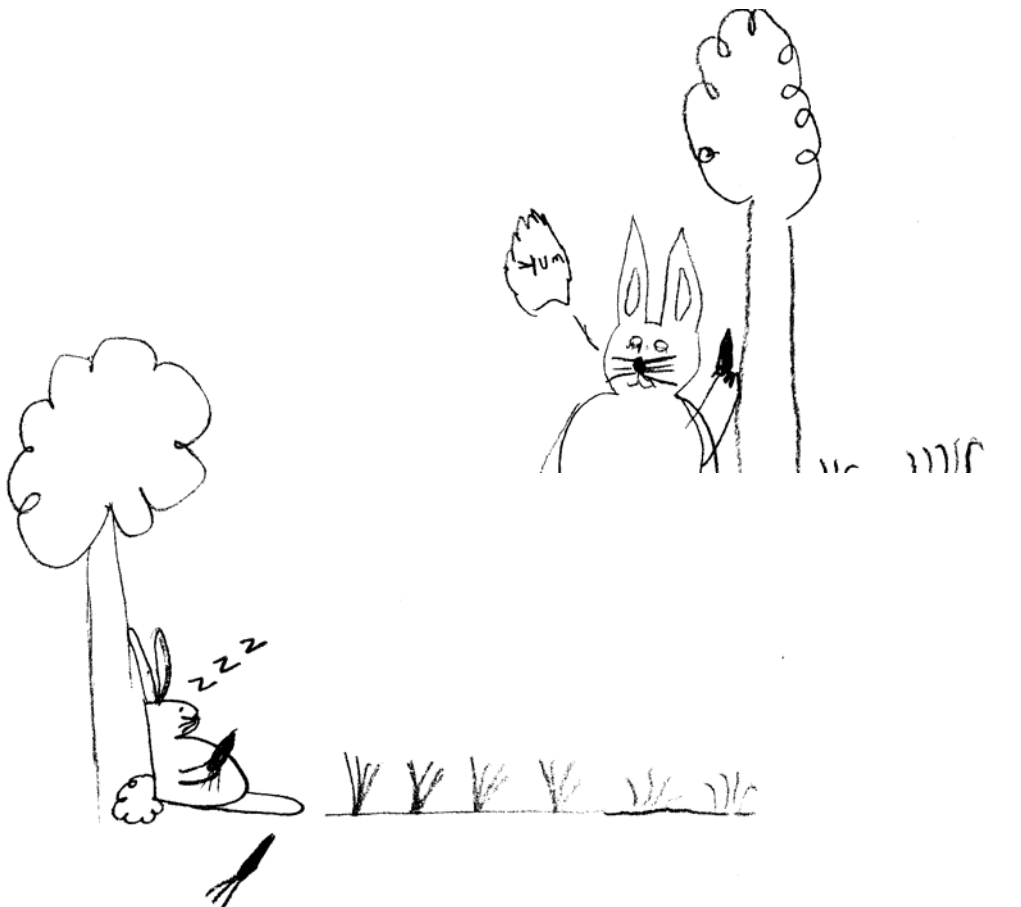
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...thought if he could find a metal detector, he could avoid the traps. Suddenly, he remembered that he had seen Mr. Crab himself using one. The search was on to find it. Rabbit hopped into the barn for a quick look, and there it was, sitting by Mr. Crab's coffee cup. Rabbit took it to the garden and started searching. Beep, beep went the detector, and Rabbit hopped to the left. Then beep, beep, and Rabbit hopped to the right. There was the patch of big, crunchy carrots. He put the metal detector down and started feasting. After hours of eating, he was exhausted and full. He fell asleep.

When Mr. Crab looked in the garden, there was Rabbit fast asleep by the metal detector. Mr. Crab was so impressed with Rabbit's ability to outwit him that he let him get away. Rabbit lived happily ever after.

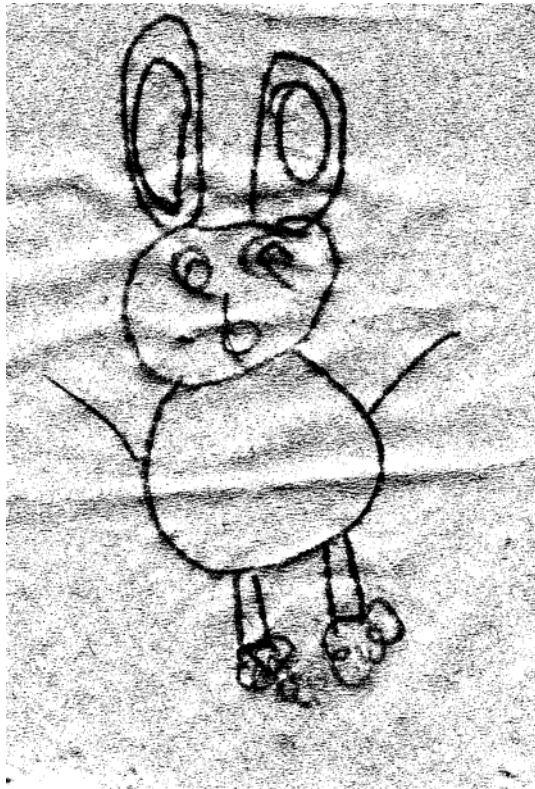


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... decided to watch the gate for Mr. Crab so he would know where to hop. Mr. Crab came out of the house and went into the garden. Rabbit watched Mr. Crab and when Mr. Crab left the garden, Rabbit crawled through the fence. He was searching for a big juicy carrot. He was so hungry that he didn't notice Mr. Crab come back into the garden with his gun and his dog Gunshot. Rabbit was so startled he didn't notice a trap baited with a carrot. He was caught! Mr. Crab kept Rabbit as a pet.



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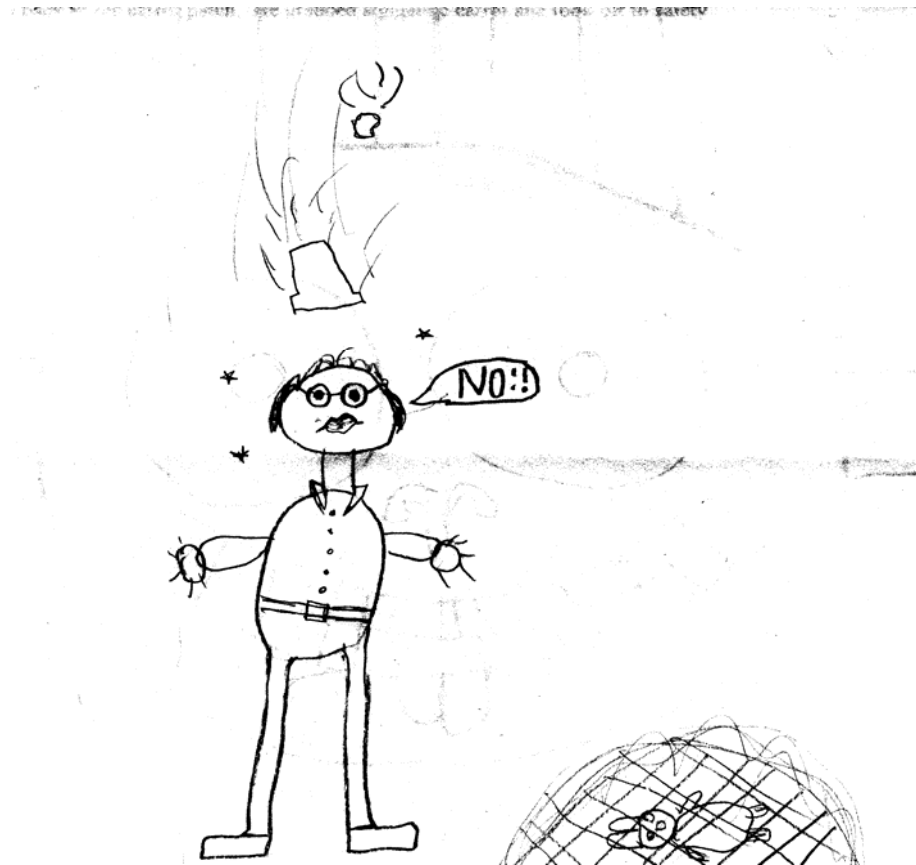
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... had a blue jacket with lots of pockets, and the pockets were filled with stones. Whenever he saw something suspicious – maybe a trap – he threw a stone at it. This way, he didn't get caught and made it to the best carrots.

Feasting away, Rabbit didn't notice Mr. Crab. Mr. Crab saw Rabbit and tried to catch him with a net. Mr. Crab jumped at Rabbit with the net and he was caught! Mr. Crab took Rabbit to his shed.

In the shed, Rabbit noticed pots piled up all over. He still had his pocketful of stones, so he threw one at a pile of pots. They came tumbling down and knocked out Mr. Crab. Still in the net, Rabbit spied a mouse – a mouse Rabbit knew and who owed his life to Rabbit. The mouse chewed the net and released Rabbit. Rabbit bolted out the open door and back to the carrot patch. He grabbed a gigantic carrot and took off to safety.



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Rabbit, suspecting that there might be some traps, decided to think of a plan. He decided to go around the traps, which he noticed Mr. Crab had hidden behind rainbow-coloured leaves. Just then, Mr. Crab came out of the house to pick some lettuce. Rabbit hopped away into a bush. Mr. Crab bent over to pick some carrots. He went to his house to eat. Rabbit hopped quickly and he picked four carrots and four lettuces and some sabbage (rotten lettuce). He hopped away into this hole and shared the carrots with his family.

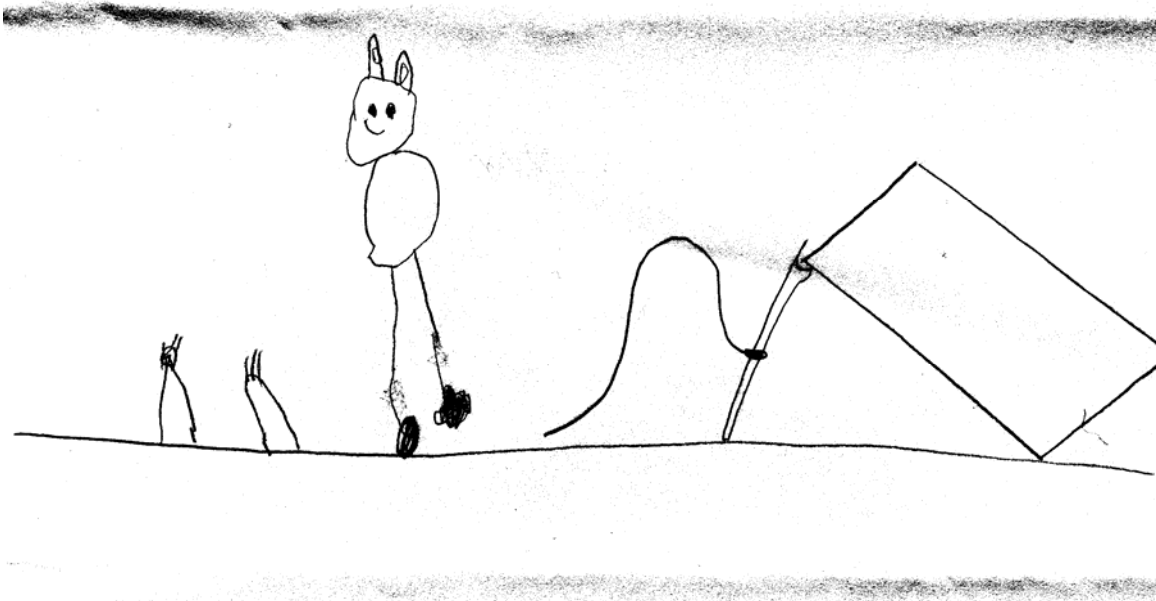


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...decided he would walk around the traps. After he walked around the traps he grabbed a handful of carrots. Rabbit decided to leave. He walked around the traps again. After that, he ate all the carrots and he got very fat. In a few days, his stomach hurt from all the carrots. His tummy rumbled very loudly. He went back to Mr. Crab's garden when he was hungry again but this time Rabbit ate lettuce.





Delaney
By: Gabriel, Age 5

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... found a girl rabbit sitting in the field. Then he turned into a prince after he ate a really sparkly carrot. Then the girl turned into a princess. Then they got married.



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... decided to jump over the traps. He hopped to the middle of the garden where the farmer couldn't see him. And there he feasted on carrots. Then the farmer came out and saw Rabbit. He put Rabbit out of the garden. Rabbit really didn't mind because he was full. And the farmer was happy because Rabbit was gone.

The Rabbit Story

By: Charlie

He wiggles his nose and looks both ways as he crawls under the fence. Keeping his ears up, he listens for danger. He runs really fast to get the carrots in the garden. Rabbit eats them there, getting fatter and fatter. Then he has to hide until night time because he is sleepy from a full tummy.

The Rabbit Story

By: Jillian-Rose

He jumped over the garden fence at lunch time. He looked around him. Mr. Crab had set a net to trap big, hungry rabbits. He went to the trap and he chewed the net, so that it wouldn't fall down on him. Then he jumped through the net and went to the vegetable patch. He found two nice, juicy carrots to bring home. He crunched them up, went to bed and had a good nap.

The Hopping Hare

By: Rylen

Carrots, a big, white hare, hopped over the fence. He saw Mr. Crab in the vegetable patch. The box trap was under a bush. A string was attached to the ground. Carrots pushed Hopper, a pretend bunny under the box. Mr. Crab heard a noise and checked under the box. Hopper ran to the carrots and pulled them out. He went around the fence and made it home.



Michael

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The Happy Bunnies

By: Andrew and Michael

Rabbit is going to sneak over the grey fence. He jumps into the trap and his leg gets stuck in the rope. A big, black metal block falls on his head. Catcher, his friend was following him. He snuck in the house down the chimney and saw Mr. Crab working on his computer. He quietly crawled over to the hook to get the key to the block. Then, he went back to the garden.

Catcher set Rabbit free and Rabbit was glad. The friends ate apples, bananas, oranges, carrots, lettuce, radishes and cucumbers. Then they jumped away, back to the farm. Mr. Crab couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the mess. He thought that he would make it one hundred times bigger.



A Smart Rabbit

By: Cody

He looked around and saw that Mr. Crab had dug a big, round hole in the garden. Into it he put 198 carrots that looked like they grew out of it. An itzy-bitsy rabbit named Jay, snuck into the garden, under the frame of a wheelbarrow. Mr. Crab went to work picking the vegetables. The itzy-bitsy rabbit fell into the carrots and ate them.



The Rabbit and the Carrots

By: A., J. and D.

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...was going to send in a fake rabbit first to set off all the traps for him. If that didn't work he was going to send in his brother, Bunny, and split the profits with him.

Bunny said, "Sure, if I get three quarters and you only get one quarter." They agreed and Bunny went in. He stepped on a carrot and set off all the alarms.

Well, sight to be seen, there was vegetables flying everywhere. Bunny scooted and skipped with nasty traps flying off left and right. Bunny dove out of the garden, his breathe coming in short hiccups.

Rabbit, disappointed that Bunny only came out with two carrots and one broccoli, started to argue with Bunny. A fight ensued. Mr. Crab heard the commotion and came to see what was the matter. Mr. Crab ate the two carrots and one broccoli while the brothers argued. Seeing that they were now fighting over nothing, they quit and laughed at how silly they were being and went to the nearest vending machine to split a V8.

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Our Version by Becky Wilson and Her Mom.

He had tried a number of ways before now, slipping in under the fence, and the carrots had been delicious. Mr. Crab had quickly added more fencing underneath the rails and now he couldn't get under there. He had tried going over the fence, but the fence was just too high for a little rabbit to leap over. So he had watched from the tall grass, longing for the taste of the sweet carrots day after day as Mr. Crab had tended his garden.

One day, he waited for night to come and he dug under the fence until morning, then he went back to his hiding place to wait until Mr. Crab went inside for his dinner. As soon as Mr. Crab had left, the little rabbit dug a little bit further and popped up all dirty and tired, but inside the garden fence. Again the carrots were delicious and he went out back under the fence hoping that Mr. Crab wouldn't notice his hole, so he could come back tomorrow for more carrots. Too bad, Mr. Crab found the hole and filled it in, using rocks to make sure that the rabbit didn't dig under again.

Rabbit had to think of another plan. He wanted those carrots so badly, it was almost all he could think about. But he was out of ideas. Suddenly, he thought of something and his little paws twitched with excitement. Every week or so, Mr. Crab would bring a wheelbarrow full of compost for the garden. He would often leave it outside the fence in the morning and when he came back from eating his lunch, he would take the wheelbarrow into the garden through the gate and dump it in a heap till he had time to spread it out. Rabbit had decided to hide in the wheelbarrow when Mr. Crab went in for lunch.

Rabbit hopped along and when he saw his chance, he leapt up to the wheelbarrow and burrowed deep into the pile of compost. His little nose twitched and his paws moved to make himself comfortable and he settled down to wait. After a time, he felt the wheelbarrow begin to move, and he knew he was going inside the garden. He waited and when he felt the wheelbarrow tip he knew he was inside. Still he waited, not wanting to jump out of the pile and get caught by Mr. Crab. Finally he heard the creak of the gate and Mr. Crab's heavy footsteps moving away.

Out of the pile he wriggled, shaking the compost from his fur. His nose twitched at the sweet smell of the carrots and he quickly hopped to where the row began. Nibbles and tugs at the leaves finally pulled the carrot from the ground and he settled down for a nice little carrot snack. Suddenly his ears caught the sound of the gate and he flattened himself to the ground, trying to not be seen. Oh, no, he felt the unfamiliar touch of a human hand picking him up and what's this, the carrot was picked up too.

“Oh, you'll make a nice pet for my little girl,” Mr. Crab said, stroking the rabbit's soft fur. “And I see you like my carrots, I'll be sure to tell her, so she'll feed you some every day.”

And that's how Rabbit got to have carrot treats every single day.

THE END

Rebecka Wilson and Sharon Panas (mom)

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.....went under the patch to get the carrots. Rabbit knocked some of the plants down. Mr. Crab turned around and he saw Rabbit, but Rabbit didn't see him. Mr. Crab saw Rabbit picking the lovely carrots. Then Mr. Crab came running and caught Rabbit. He threw Rabbit out of the garden.

The End

Breagh Chiasson (age 6)

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.....ran into the garden and then he jumped over Mr. Crab. Then Rabbit jumped on Mr. Crab and he was flat as a pancake! Rabbit then picked all his carrots.

The End

Liam Chiasson (age 4)

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He.....dived into the hole beside the fence and started digging as fast as his little paws would go. Down under the villainous traps he dodged all the wires so he wouldn't set off the traps. When he came out of his hole he saw the scrumptious carrots he wanted. He stepped on an alarm, then Mr. Crab came out with a shot gun and started shooting at the rabbit. The rabbit was too quick for Mr. Crab and dodged all the bullets. The rabbit jumped into the hole and waited until dark to try again when Mr. Crab was asleep. Mr. Rabbit went for the traps again knowing where all the traps were. He tip-toed to the carrot patch. He pulled one carrot but he was still hungry so he headed back for more. He was halfway to the hole when the dogs spotted him. Mr. Crab came out and shot the rabbit in the leg. He crawled into his hole wishing he had never seen Mr. Crab's carrot patch, but luckily Mr. Rabbit was a DOCTOR!!

Colton Gillach (Grade 6, Age-12)

Crime Doesn't Pay

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He..... circumnavigated the traps, tripped over his ears, did a somersault and split his pants. He jumped up and ran home to his mother. Crying he said, "Mom, can you mend my pants?" "Mend them yourself," said Mom. Everyday Rabbit was getting in some sort of trouble and she wanted him to learn some responsibility. So Rabbit took some safety pins and pinned his pants together. Unfortunately, he forgot to do one up. He put on his pants and sat down on a sharp pin and he rose and shone.

Moral: That's why rabbits are known as early risers. You can also say they get the point.

Residents of the 2nd Floor, High River Hospital

How Mr. Crab Got Carrot Cakes

By: Taya & Layne Guidinger

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Rabbit planned to zigzag around the traps. Rabbit thought he was quite clever and because he had very keen eyes he thought it would be the safest way through the carrot patch.

Rabbit began hopping and zigzagging. He got going so fast that he didn't see the bunny trap right beside the big crinkly carrot next to Mr. Crab's house. Oh NOOOO! Rabbit bounced right into the trap. SNAP! Rabbit was caught. "Maybe zigzagging wasn't the best way through the carrot patch," Rabbit thought to himself. Rabbit became very scared. How was he going to get himself out of the trap? What would his mother say?

Mr. Crab was in his house making spaghetti when he heard the SNAP! He went outside and found Rabbit caught in the trap. Mr. Crab became angry that Rabbit had been in his carrot patch trying to steal his precious carrots.

Rabbit saw that Mr. Crab was very mad. So Rabbit tried to say he was sorry. But all that would come out was "Ah, ah, ah". Mr. Crab saw how frightened Rabbit was and he began to feel sorry for him.

"Since you are so scared I will let you out of the trap. But you must promise to help weed my garden and never try to steal my carrots again," said Mr. Crab.

Rabbit was so relieved that he almost fell over. Mr. Crab let him out of the trap. Rabbit worked very hard that afternoon in the garden. Mr. Crab was happy to see that Rabbit had done such a good job. So he gave Rabbit some carrots to take home to his family.

When Rabbit arrived home with the carrots his mother could not believe her eyes. For dinner she made carrot salad, cooked carrots, and carrot cake for dessert. It was a big feast for the rabbits that night. Rabbit told his family what had happened that day and how kind Mr. Crab had been to him. So Mrs. Rabbit baked another carrot cake for Rabbit to take to Mr. Crab the next day.

Mr. Crab loved the carrot cake so much that he told Rabbit that he could take the carrots to his mother anytime he wanted, as long as she would share her carrot cakes with him!

The End

The Garden

Once upon a time there was a bunny that was very hungry. The best place to get food was Mr. Crab's garden. But, he didn't let any pests or creatures near his garden except him. One day the bunny decided to get some food. It wasn't easy. There were a lot of traps!

He writes a note to Mr. Crab and says that he will not try to get any food from the garden. Then Mr. Crab takes all his traps away. He leaves one trap. The bunny sees the trap and takes a fishing rod and casts a line over the trap and hooks onto some of the vegetables. He tugs the line very tightly and the vegetables come flying over his head and into the rabbit's hole. The bunny invites all of his friends over for a nice carrot feast. They have a toast to Mr. Crab's garden.

By Anthony Farrow
Joe Clark School 4M

Mr. Crab's Garden
By Chris

He dug a hole in the field and a tunnel under the garden. He ate some of the carrots and fell in the trap. Mr. Crab came and the bunny dug a hole out of the trap. He went home and went to sleep for another day. He wanted to play with his friends at the theme park on the biggest roller coaster in the world to get sick. He had a good day!

The End

Mr. Crab's Garden
By Carly

The rabbit dug under the traps. Unfortunately he bumped into the water pipe and could not go through. He would wait until night and would think of an idea while he waited.

Finally Mr. Crab fell asleep. The rabbit gave the dogs each a bone and he tiptoed passed them. He dug under the carrot garden and pulled the carrots down into his tunnel.

He did this many nights until there were only five carrots left. His wife baked many carrot pies, carrot cakes, carrot cookies and carrot muffins. The rabbit family enjoyed it so much they moved closer to Mr. Crab's garden.

The End

The rabbit was thinking of a plan. He thought that when Mr. Crab was putting away the old traps and putting in the new traps that he would climb in and steal the traps!

This is what happened and the rabbit got his carrots! They tasted great and Mr. Crab was so mad that he planted a new garden with special rabbit-proof traps that don't get old.

**By Russel Howe
Grade 4
Joe Clark School**

There was a bunny that was very, very hungry. He was looking for a garden that grew good carrots. But all he saw was plain old grass! Then he spied a place where there was a BIG carrot. He decided to try his luck in eating this treat! It was going to rain, so he tried to find a place to stay dry. All of a sudden in the morning he saw that the carrot was all gone! Oh, no! He realized that a carrot would not be there unless it was in a garden so he started to search for the famous garden.

He found the garden and ate another yummy carrot!

Miranda

Gr. 4-

Joe Clark School

**The rabbit found a hole in the ground.
He dug to the carrots. Mr. Crab was very
angry at rabbits! He moved far away and
made his garden in a new place, far from
rabbits!**

**The rabbit had a party with all his
friends and they ate all the carrots! It
was a fun time for them, but not for Mr.
Crab!**

Ty Larsen

Gr.4

Joe Clark School

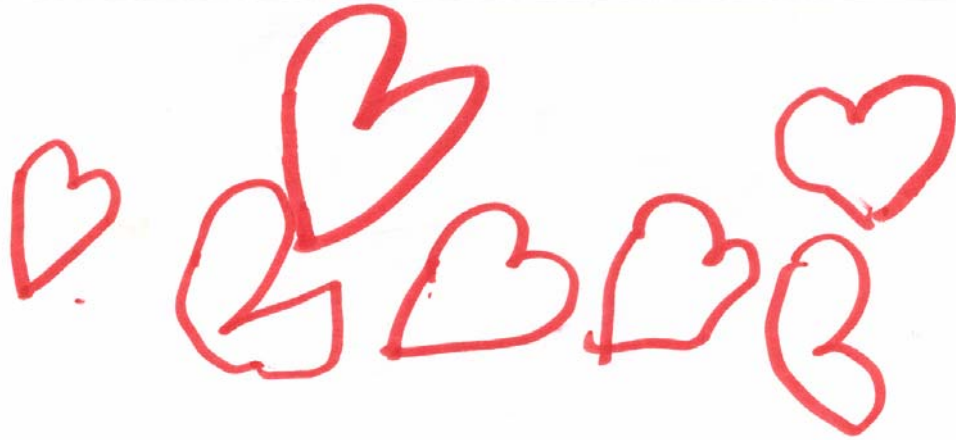
The Bunny Story

One sunny day there was a small bunny whose name was Joe. He liked to eat carrots. One day he was just going to get lunch at the farmer's. But suddenly he heard a bang! He kept on going. When he got to the farmer's garden there was a spiked fence. The bunny had an idea. If Joe didn't come to eat the carrots the farmer might take down the fence.

So the bunny waited for a couple of days and the farmer did take down the fence. The bunny dug a hole through the ground and under the farmer's garden. He took the carrots underground back to his rabbit house.

The farmer noticed the carrots were gone so he built a brick wall with water surrounding his garden. When the rabbit tried to dig under the garden the water kept him back and went into the house. Luckily the other rabbits filled the hole!

By Ben Parkhouse, Gr. 4, Joe Clark School
The Dinosaur and the Fox



The Princesses and the Princes

By: Keldan and Roxcy

Once upon a time there were two beautiful princesses. Their names were Princess Keldan and Princess Roxcy. They lived in a big castle covered in flowers and grass. One day an evil guard from the castle took the princesses away and locked them in two cages. There were keys to unlock the cages hanging outside.

On Saturday, two handsome Princes names Prince Brian and Prince Peter rode their dragon by the cages. The evil guard was napping. He woke up and drew his sword on the Princes, but their dragon opened his mouth and gulped up the evil guard. The princes opened the cages and took Princess Keldan and Princess Roxcy back to their castle. Prince Peter married Princess Roxcy and Prince Brian married Princess Keldan and they lived happily ever after.



By Kyle & Adam Woolcott

One day a baby dinosaur named Adam and a little fox named Jack were lost in a deep mysterious forest. They had both been separated from their families, but they found each other in a cave.

Adam and Jack knew that their families were gone for good, so they decided that they needed some food and water. They set off walking together, but all of a sudden they heard a loud thump. When they turned around they saw a brown teenaged raptor. Jack and Adam screamed and ran, but they fell over a waterfall. They almost drowned, but the water pushed them onto the shore, so they were safe.

When they woke up from a very deep sleep, they realized that they had almost grown up. When they looked around, they saw that they were in a perfect place to hunt food and to get water. They even found a dug-up hole that was big enough for both of them to live in.

Adam and Jack had many happy hours playing together.

The End.

Heaven

By: Sydney S.

Sydney has a multi-coloured cat named Heaven. Heaven used to fit under the vent when she was smaller. She was a cute little kitten when she layed there. Heaven got bigger and she can't fit there anymore because she grew. Sydney gave Heaven some special food for her birthday. (Fancy Feast Salmon) Heaven can do a special trick. She can pounce in the air and catch a jingly orange ball. Sydney loves Heaven!

Heaven.

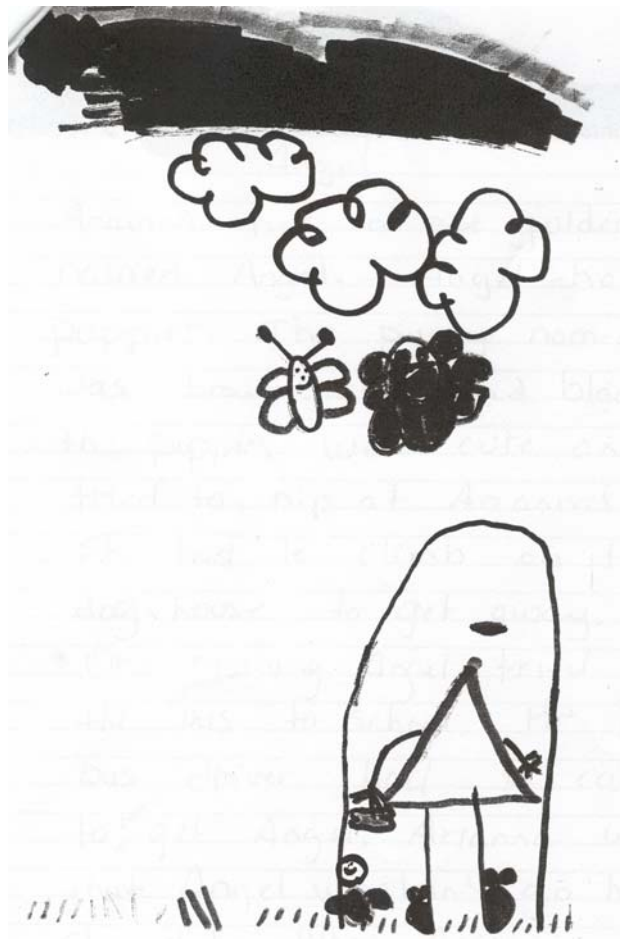


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By: Arianna L.

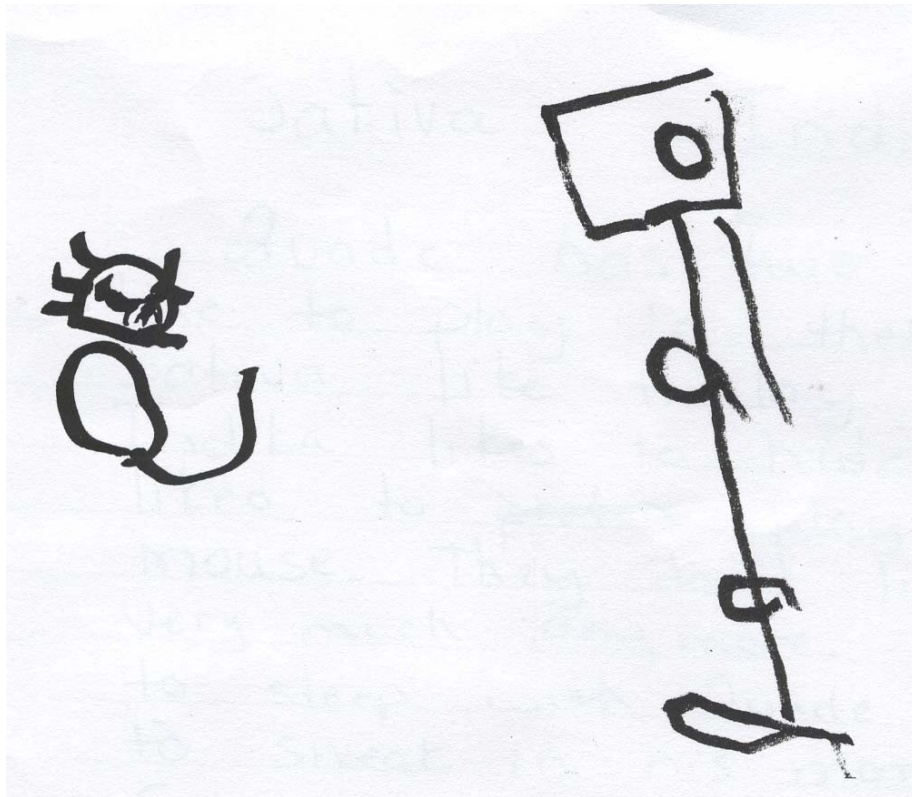
Arianna has a golden retriever named Angel. Angel had seven puppies. The puppy named Isabel was brown, white and black. All the puppies were cute and they tried to nip at Arianna's pyjamas. She had to climb on top of the dog house to get away. One morning Angel tried to follow the bus to school. Mr. Brown, the bus driver had to call Mommy to come get Angel. Arianna was afraid that Angel wouldn't go home, but she did. When Arianna gets a bone from the bucket she tells Angel to "jump". Angel jumps right up to get it.



Sativa and Indika

By: Quade B.

Quade has two cats. They like to play in their cat house. Sativa likes to lay on the roof. Indika likes to hide inside. They liked to play with a pretend mouse. They don't like each other very much anymore. Indika likes to sleep with Quade or tries to sneak in his mom's room. Poor Sativa has no one. She is very shy.

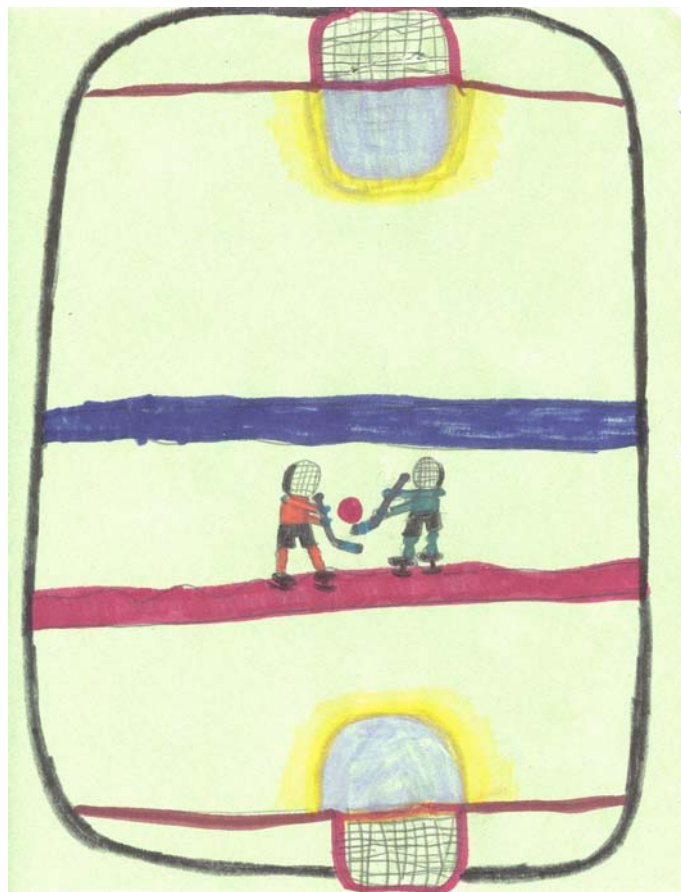


Justin Wins the World Cup

By: Justin M.

My name is Justin Marks and I played forward for the Tampa Bay Lightning in 1965. In this season I kept putting the puck in the net for my team. We were at the top of our league at the end of the season and I was the top scorer. One game I scored six goals.

In the World Cup final I shot the puck so hard I broke my stick, the goalie's stick, the net and the boards. The puck went through the boards into the control room and broke the control panel, and then it hit the control room person in the bottom and bounced back onto the ice. I got the puck again and shot it with the best stick in the league. It went through the goalie's pads and I scored the winning goal of the World Cup. The goalie I scored against was Mika Kippersoff!



A Beautiful Princess

By: Olivia

A long time ago there was a princess named Melba. Melba lived in a castle.



She went to a ball to meet the prince.



Melba had very bad step sisters living with her in the castle. The prince helped princess Melba. He told the sisters to behave. The sisters got mad.



The prince and the princess got on a horse and rode to a different castle.

The End

A Kitten and a Horse

By: Stephanie S.

One night a horse escaped from the stable on a farm. It was very dark. The horse accidentally stepped on a small orange kitten named, Princess. The mother cat went to the farmer's house, went up the stairs to the farmer's bedroom and jumped on the bed. The farmer woke up and went outside to see what was wrong. He found the kitten and picked it up. The kitten was not dead. The next morning, he took it to the veterinarian, and the vet said, "Give it some food and it will be okay". So the farmer took the kitten home and it ate all the food. It started to purr again, and everyone was happy!

Jacqueline Made a Mess

By: Rebecca M.

Rebecca and Jacqueline were playing in their bedroom all by themselves one day. They were playing with a big stuffed dog and little toys. Jacqueline opened the dresser drawer and grabbed all the clothes in the drawer. She threw all the clothes on the floor. Mom came in the room and said, "WHAT A BIG MESS".

DINOS

By: Keano G.

In the morning dinosaurs wake up and eat breakfast. The dinosaurs hunt for frogs and mushrooms for breakfast. After breakfast the pterodactyls learn how to fly. Then they splash in the water and play hide and seek. Night time comes and the dinosaurs go to sleep. The end.

Crocodiles Have Adventures

By: Mackenzie Kuenz Age: 6

Once upon a time there was a crocodile, which was slowly floating in the river. He stopped because he saw a waterfall, the poor crocodile was scared he would fall over the mountain. He started to get pulled down the waterfall, when he noticed another crocodile beside him. The other crocodile was scared too. Both crocodiles were snapping at the water to try to get up, but the more they tried to get up the more they were pushed down. Even though they tried not to, they still went over the waterfall and ended up in the sea. They saw fishes and sharks and they got stung by a jellyfish. They tried to eat the Jellyfish up, when suddenly they saw a shark behind the Jellyfish. The shark said, "What are you two Jellyfish doing in my sea?" The Jellyfish didn't answer the shark, so the shark ate the Jellyfish. Now the crocodiles felt safe and they lived happily ever after in the sea.

THE END

I GOT A PONY

By: Natalie Pretty – Age 6

Once upon a time, Natalie asked her Mom if she could have a pony. Mom said “You can have a pony if you take care of it.” Natalie promised that she would and thanked her Mom. That night when Natalie went to bed she could barely sleep because she was so happy and so excited, thinking about the new pony she would get. The next day Natalie and her Mommy went to Gail’s to ride a few ponies. First a lady named Celia rode the grey pony, his name was Rebel. After Celia finished riding she told Natalie to try Rebel out. Natalie jumped on the pony & rode him around the arena, she had him do a few small jumps, which he did nicely. After riding Rebel she wanted to ride another pony, he was pitch black. Natalie enjoyed her ride on the black pony but she preferred the grey pony. So the choice was made but before they could take Rebel home they had to wait for the Vet to check him out, so they had to leave him at Gail’s for another day. The next day after the Vet checked him out and said he was fine, Natalie got to take him home. Mom and Natalie had to walk Rebel around their field so he could get to know his boundaries. Our other horse named Ricky chased Rebel around, he chased him because he is a little mean sometimes & he thinks he can be the boss. But the real boss of the horses is a big black horse named Rave. Natalie loves her pony and since she got him she rides him often and takes good care of him. She also takes him to horse shows and together they have won many ribbons.

The End

ICE AGE

By: Keifer Biddle – Age 8

Once there was a Woolly Mammoth, he had no friends because they were all dead. Keydrick was his name, he was the last dinosaur on the earth (he thought). It was too cold for the other dinosaurs, so that's why they all died except for Keydrick who had a lot of wool to keep him warm. All Keydrick had to eat was snow, ice and snow mice. Keydrick was traveling south to find warmer weather and hopefully friends. Keydrick had to be careful while he was walking, because sometimes he had to walk on thin ice that could break and he could fall through. Keydrick didn't think about it, but thin ice means warmer weather. Keydrick was thirsty so he stomped on and broke through the ice, so he could get a drink of water. A few days later he found a lot of water holes, which he hoped meant he might find someone else that was alive. Keydrick stepped on a layer of thin ice and just about fell through but he stepped back and saved himself just in time. One day he found some fish and felt happy that he had something else to eat and hopefully he could find a friend to. Soon he found more and more fish, when suddenly he saw another Mammoth. Keydrick's new friends name was Levi. Levi was very happy he found Keydrick, because he was looking for a friend as well. They searched together to find food, they were lucky they found lots of food that they liked. Together they walked further south and found warmer weather. Keydrick and Levi were very happy to find food, warmer weather and each other. They were now able to live happily ever after.

THE END

Dinosaurs

By: James Boonstra - Age 5

Once upon a time there was a Pterodactyl and a Protoceratops. These Dinosaurs were silly friends, they liked to tickle each other. Everyday they played silly games like Hoky Tokia. In this game whoever bites (not hard) the other one first gets a point. Today when they played Hoky Tokia the Pterodactyl got the 1st. point. The next time they played the Protoceratops got the 1st. point. After a while they got board of this game and decided to play a new game on their computer. The new game was called Three Little Bears. The Pterodactyl won the first game and the Protoceratops won the next game, because it was a tie they both gave each other a prize. The prize was a new computer game called Paint the Dragon. Whoever painted the dragon the quickest won, it was a very exciting game. One day the Mommy Dinosaurs were having tea and the kid Dinosaurs were playing. They played very noisy games and they were very noisy also, this made the Moms upset. The Mothers told the kid Dinosaurs to be quiet but they didn't listen so they had to go home. The next day they were quieter so they got to play together all day.

The End

The Hockey Game

By: Mitchell Lyon – Age 8

One day there was a hockey game in the Calgary Flames Saddledome. The teams were the Calgary Flames and the Edmonton Oilers. The Calgary Flames scored 2 goals in the 1st. period, 3 in the second and none in the third. This game was very important; it was the Stanley Cup Finals! In the second period the Edmonton Oilers got a breakaway and scored a goal on Miikka Kipersoff. The fans were mad they started to throw popcorn at the Edmonton players. The refs had to stop the game, and clean up the mess. It was the end of the second period, when the Calgary Flames came back on the ice, they lit the flames and there was loud music and very loud fans cheering. The Flames almost scored a goal, then the Oilers got another breakaway and scored another goal. The score was now 5 for the Flames and 2 for the Oilers. In the third period, Jerome Iginla had a breakaway; he was almost ready to shoot when an Oilers player tripped him. Iginla couldn't get up he was hurt, and then there was a big fight. It became a bench-clearing brawl! The fight stopped and there were so many penalties and injuries that each team only had one player and one goalie left. Both teams decided to play and the Flames scored in overtime, the Flames won the Stanley Cup, the crowd went crazy.

The End

Olly the Vowel

\By: Teisha Vogel – Age 5

Once upon a time there was a tree. Around the tree flowers were growing, butterflies were fluttering, the sun was shining and Olly came over and said, “Hi”. Olly was a vowel and she is a friend of mine. That day Olly and I played with barbies outside. Everyday I see Olly at school, she likes to help our teacher with reading. Olly likes to play on the slides with me, and sometimes with her friends too. Her friends name’s are: Ally, the **A** vowel, Elly the **E** vowel, Iggy the **I** vowel, Uggy the **U** vowel and Yippy the **Y** vowel. They like to play around with the children’s heads; they like to confuse them by mixing themselves up in words. The vowels lived happily ever after and they will always be my friends.

The End

The Lion Was Hungry

By: Leighton Vogel - Age 8

Once upon a time a Lion roared! Why? because he was hungry, he wanted food, he wanted **MICE**. He was so hungry he could eat a Deer, maybe seven and a half Deers. So he went looking for his breakfast. As he started to walk he smelled mice, but he couldn't see them. The mice were hiding in their hole in the ground, they thought they were safe in their hole. There was only one problem with their hole, the mice made their hole **too big**. When the Lion came by the mice hole, he didn't notice it with all the leaves covering it. The Lion walked right over the leaves and half way across he fell into the big mouse hole. He was trapped, he was stuck! The mice started to nibble on the Lion and this tickled him. The Lion began to laugh, he laughed and he laughed until he laughed so hard that he burst out of the hole. The Lion was free! He ran away fast, he was scared of those mice, they tried to eat him! The good news about this story is..... The Lion and the mice lived happily ever after, but the Lion was and would always be scared of mice.

The End

I've Always Wondered About.....

By: Nicholas Salmon - Age 8

I've always wandered about the Loch Ness Monster. If I go to the beach, I wonder about the Loch Ness Monster that lives in the Ness Lake. But the scientists can't find out how the Ness Island shakes. Scientists don't know how the monster breathes but some people think that there is a hole in the back of the monster. Most people think that it pops its head out of the water. Nessie, the lake monster eats fish, sharks, squids, fishermen and abandoned ships. Most people think that Nessie exists.

A cool web site:

<http://www.loch-ness-scotland.com/>

The Tarantula and the Teapot

Once there was a tarantula who lived in a teapot, because no one could see him in the teapot. One day the teapot fell off the shelf and the lid broke. It broke the teacup too. Hot tea spilled on the floor. When the tarantula tried to crawl in the pot, it was too hot. He had to find a new home. He found a closet no one used and moved into that.

Josh Brown Age 3

The Found Bunny

Once upon a time, there was a little girl. One Easter morning she found a little bunny in her basket. She loved the little bunny so much that she named her "Love". One spring morning, when the little girl looked in her bunny cage, she had 7 little babies. She named two of them "Cutie" and "Friend". The little girl loved them. When the bunnies got older the little girl sold them to all her friends. Her friends loved the bunnies too.

Shaelyn Hardie Age 5

Winnie the Pooh and the Train Ride

One day Winnie the Pooh decided to leave the house. He wanted to go on a train ride. He wanted to take the train to the airport. J.J. the Jetplane took him to the dinosaur museum. His friends were at the museum. They saw a stegosaurus. They broke a bone off the stegosaurus and the museum got mad. They replaced the bone and left the museum.

They walked to the volcano. They noticed that it was dangerous, so they put ice cream in it. It became sticky ice cream lava. J.J. the Jetplane signaled his friends and then took them back home to Winnie the Pooh's house.

Kyler Pearce-Brooks Age 4

The Dragon and the Prince

Once there was a dragon who lived in an underground cave under a castle. The dragon's name was Bo. A prince lived in the castle. His name was Terry. Prince Terry did not know that a dragon lived under his castle. There was a moat around the castle.

One day when the Prince was on a journey, the cave fell in. The castle fell into the cave. The dragon made a tunnel and he could still get out.

When Prince Terry came home from his journey, he found a big hole where his castle used to be. The dragon came out and talked to the prince. He said, "Your castle is in my home!"

The prince asked, "Where is your home?"

Bo said, "In a cave under your castle. Why don't you move somewhere else and go to a different home?"

Prince Terry said, "Good idea" and he left.

Kyle Kreis Age 5

The Little Reindeer

Once there was a little reindeer named Hallie. She lived at the North Pole with her Mom and Dad. Her Mom and Dad helped pull Santa's sleigh. Hallie wanted to pull Santa's sleigh too, but she was too small. When Santa told her she had to wait 10 years to pull the sleigh, she ran away.

She jumped on top of a roof and played there. No one saw her. She played Hide and Seek with a rabbit. One day she jumped so high she almost touched the sky and she was afraid she would knock her antlers off, so she went back to the North Pole.

Santa was so impressed that she could jump so high, so he let her help pull the sleigh. Hallie was so happy!

Hannah Christianson (age 5)

Gregory the Train

I am a red locomotive and my name is Gregory. I pull long trains with boxes full of hay and big boy toys. I go from De Winton to Calgary to New York. I have two blue cars behind me. All the things on this trip go to one three-year-old kid named Jack. He lives in New York. My driver is my friend and he keeps me safe from cars. When the arm is down, it means the train is coming. Santa asked me to help him because I am a really good locomotive. Jack was very happy that I brought him presents and he said, "Thank You".

I take boxes to grown-ups too, because Santa is too busy. Santa takes toys to all the kids.

Gregory Romanow (age 3)

Andrew the Race Car

I am Andrew the Race Car and I have a jet attached to the back of me. My driver is called Robin and he is a robot. Scientists use us for experiments on electronics. We also race on loop-de-loops and we always win because we have a rocket. We race on two tracks that are attached to each other.

One day on the race track, our rocket ran out of power. We had to stop in the middle of the race track, but a tornado came and launched us ahead of the other race cars. We won a trophy that can do anything in the whole entire world. It can rescue the world.

Andrew Romanow (age 5)

Zoe the Bunny

Zoe the bunny was hopping along in the Quinn's back yard looking for food. Out of the corner of her eye she saw five deer. She counted them - one - two -three -four- and five. She snuck closer to get a better look at the deer. The deer saw Zoe under a tree and they said, "Let's catch the bunny and keep her for a pet!" Zoe wanted to be their pet because they were nice deer. She peeked out from under the tree and said, "Hi, my name is Zoe". The deer took her home, put her in a bowl, and gave her carrots.

Rhiley Quinn (age 4)

Grandma Coulton

Last summer I went to Grandma Coulton's house. She has a big back yard with lots of raspberries. I like to pick raspberries. They are really sweet. That's why I picked a lot of them. I didn't know which ones were ready at first. My brothers and sisters showed me which ones to pick. I ate them all and we went home.

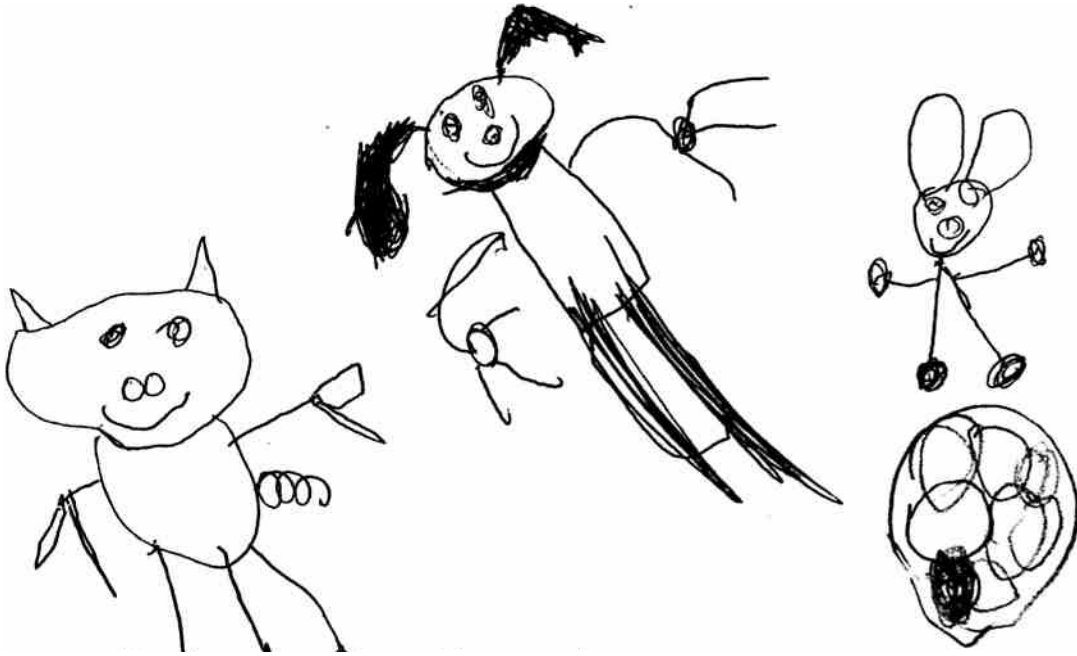
Another time Grandma Coulton took us to the water park in High River. I ran under the sprinklers in the tunnel.

Grandma Coulton also likes to bake cookies with us. We make Christmas cookies. I liked the ginger cookies best. She took me to the Santa Claus parade. We sat with blankets and then ran to get candy. Sometimes they threw it right to me. Grandma Coulton gave us a flag and a pencil at the parade.

I like to go to Grandma Coulton's house because she is fun and she plays lots of games with me.

Kiara Chan

Beach Day

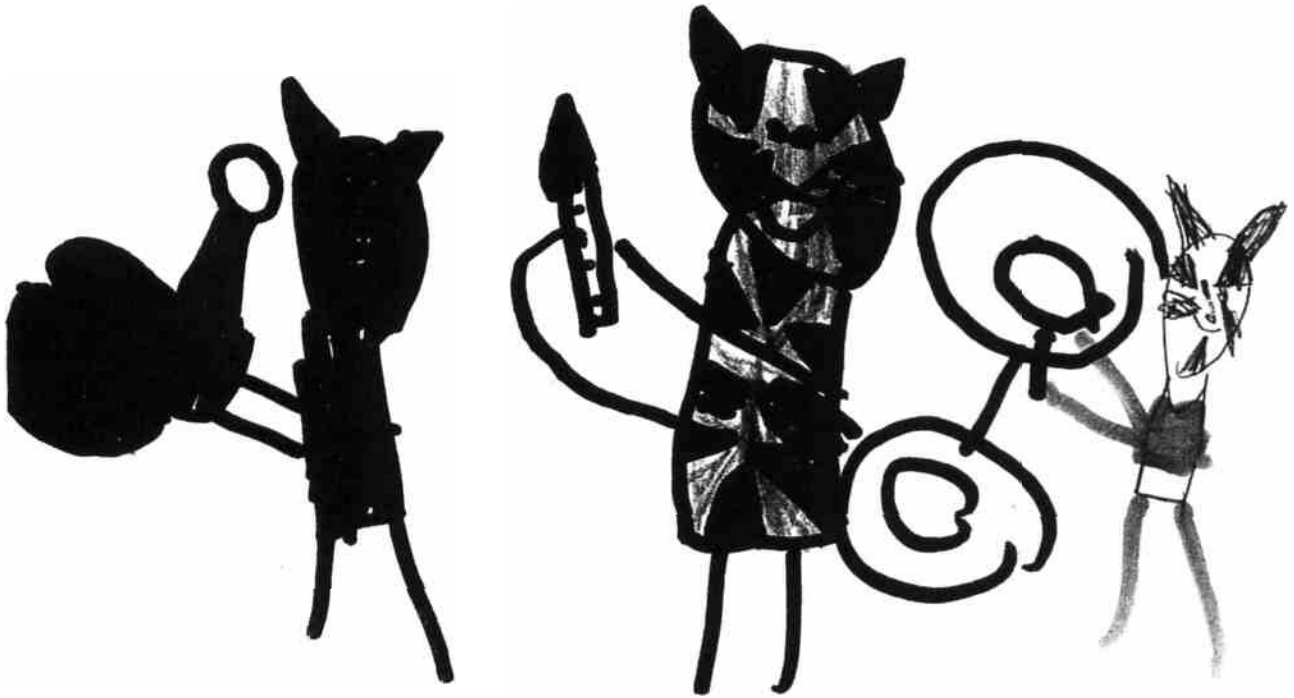


Once upon a time there was a sleeping pig named Paul and a bear in a log named Papa Bear. One sunny day, Paul and Papa went to the beach to play ball with a little girl named Kelly. First they played Piggy in the middle, then they played pretend picnic. When it was time to go home Kelly and her dad drove in their yellow car to their pink house. Paul and Papa Bear went home because it was time for Bear's nap.

By: Renee A.

Age: 4

The Cat Band



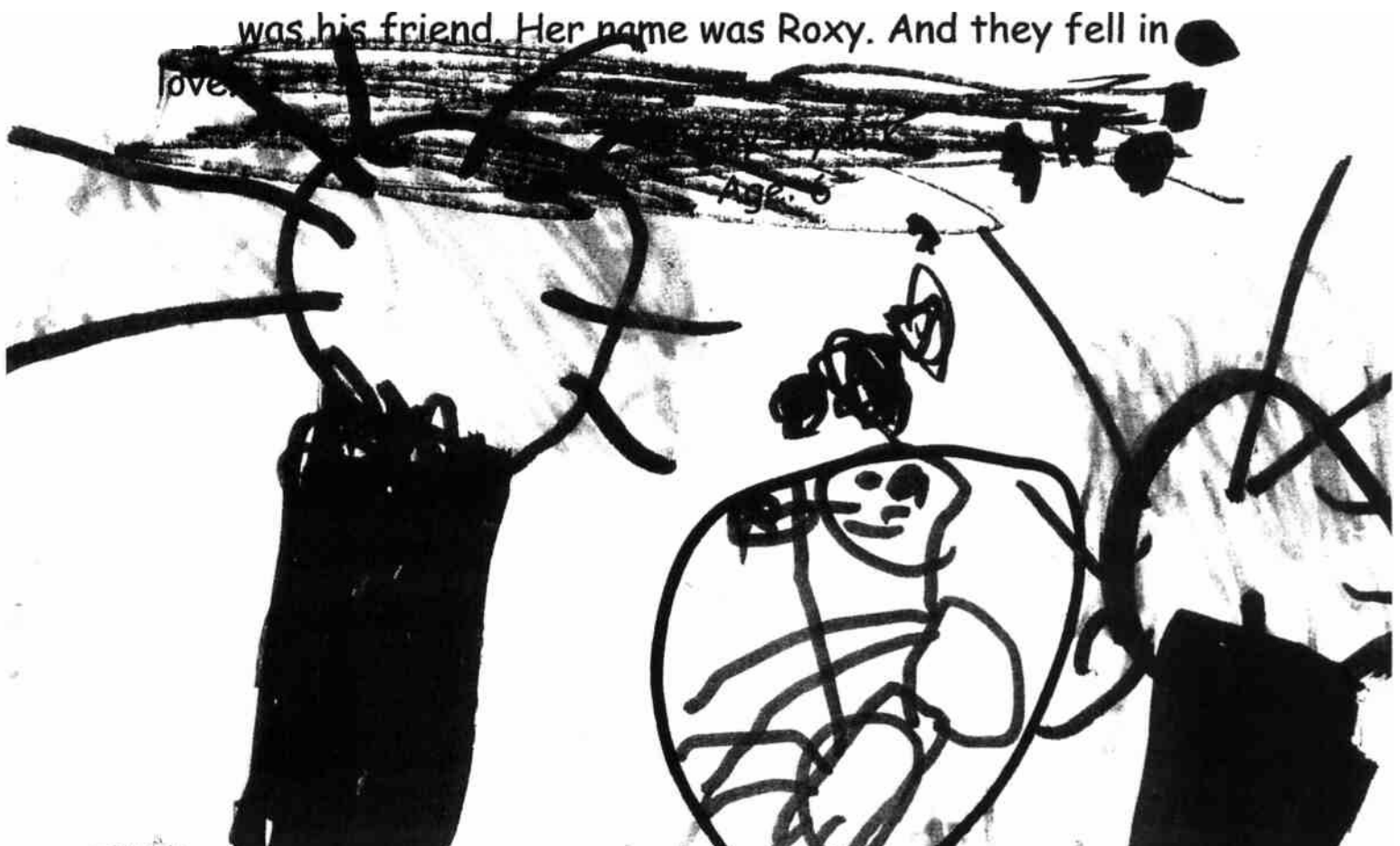
The cat went to the wall and jumped over it. The dog and cat had a fight. The cat ran for his life. He ran fast to his band. He was the leader of the band called the Cat Band. He played the flute. The dog liked listening to the band and he danced all over the place. When it was over, he went home.

By: Tyler A.

Age: 6

Foxy the Fox

Foxy the fox was going through the beach and he was lying in the sun. He saw a nest and then he saw a person driving in a car on the road. On the beach he saw a lake with two boats on it. He walked so far it got snowy and he saw an alligator freezing. He called the King and the King's cat came and he seen the alligator freezing and then the fox walked back to his home in the forest and he saw a bear in a log and then it started raining. He found a place to keep dry from the rain. The other animals got lost in the forest when they were trying to find Foxy. They found a place in the forest where they wanted to live. Now they might find Foxy. They walked so far they found Foxy lying in the den with another fox who was his friend. Her name was Roxy and they fell in love.



Josh the Bear



Josh the bear saw a frog flying a kite when it was raining. Josh went to keep dry in a log. Then the sun came out and a cat came out to play. Then the bear saw the cat and ran out of his hiding place and jumped on the cat. The frog jumped out of his hiding place to scare Josh the bear away. The frog and cat went to chase a mouse together.

By: Adam M.

Age: 6

Caity the Kitty

Caity ran away from a dog because it was chasing her. She ran very fast to the mountains. Caity found an igloo and fell asleep in it. When she woke up, she saw a mouse and ate it. She decided to live in the igloo forever.

C.S.W



Tito the Fluffy Kitty

Tito the kitty lived with Gracie when he was a baby. He layed on his back and kicked and meowed. He drank a bottle of milk. Tito came to live with us because Mommy liked him because he was fluffy.

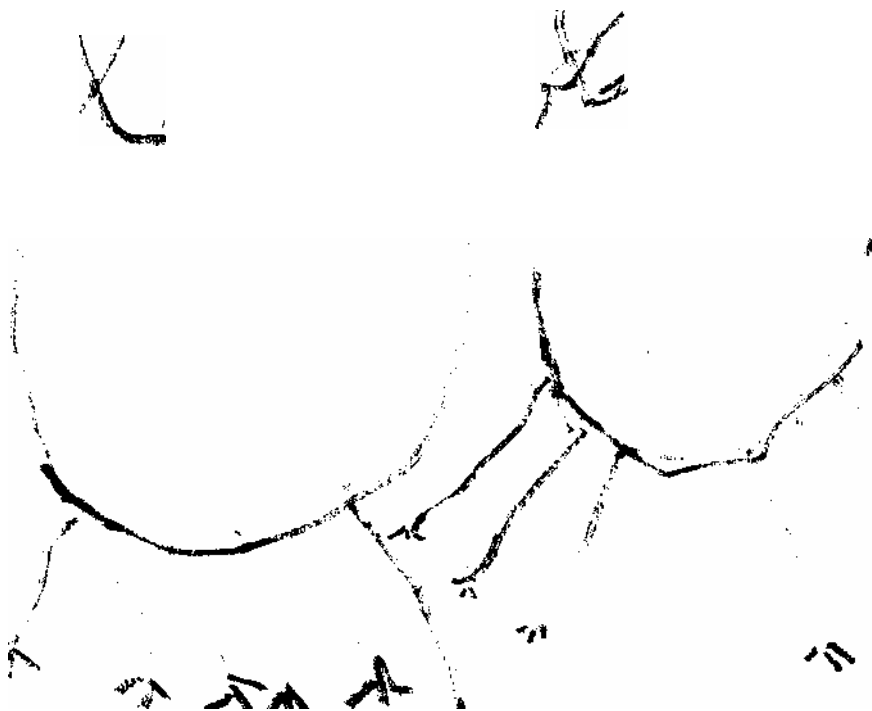
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Charlie the Frog



Charlie the blue frog liked to play games. He' *
played Checkers with a green frog, Charlie
won! The green frog felt sad. He wouldn't play
anymore. Charlie said, "I'm sorry!" Then they
played Snakes and Ladders.

By: Kirsch L

Construction Cake



The people at the bakery baked a construction cake for me. It was a chocolate cake with vanilla and it had black icing. It was round with sparkles on top of the frosting. It had five rainbow candles on it. It tasted delicious.

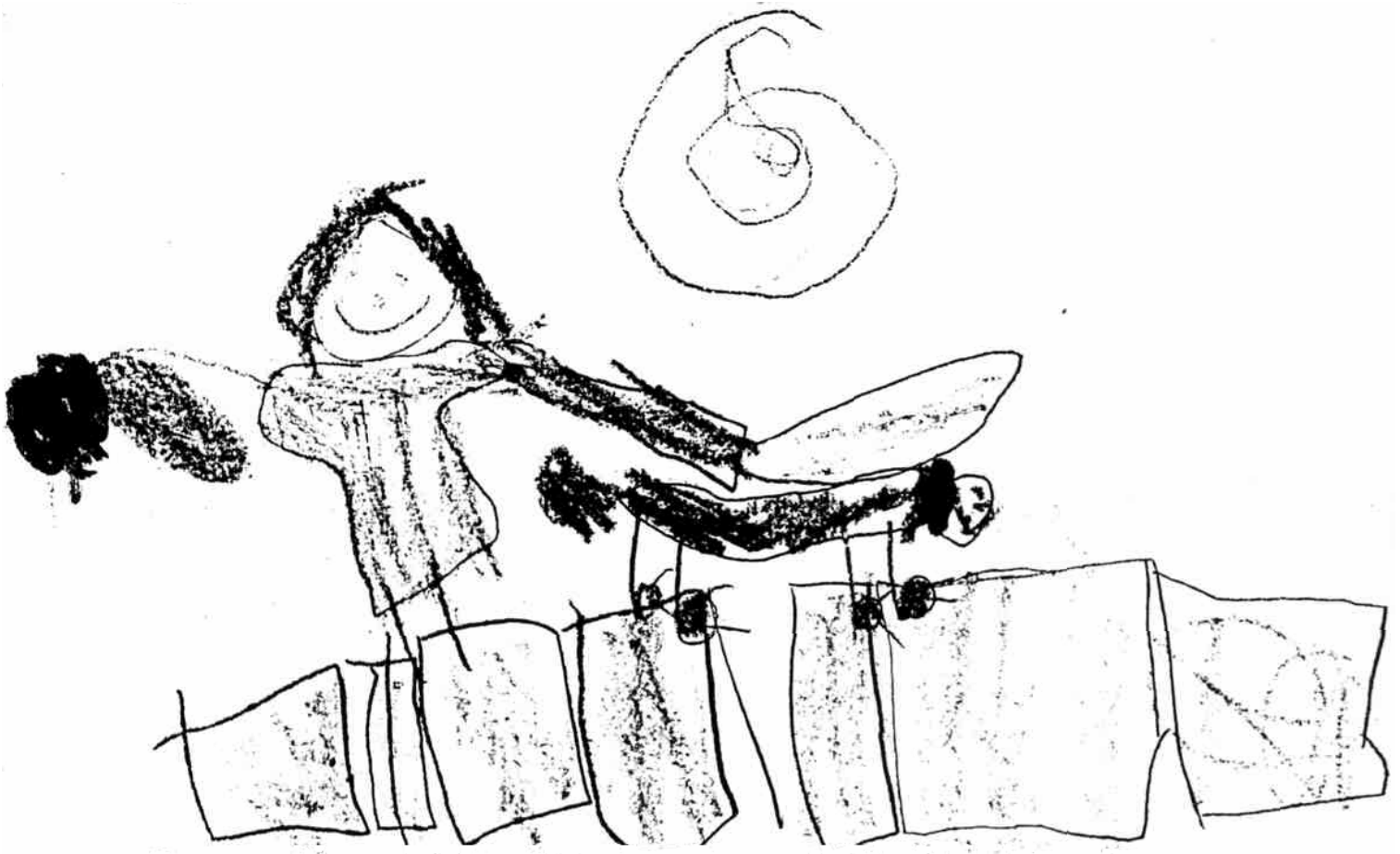
By: Chase 6.



There was a zebra and an elephant. The zebra tried to eat some grass and the elephant flew off. They lived at the zoo. The elephant stomped. He was noisy and the lion stopped him. Rrrr!

By: Corbie

Mr. Mog and Pog



Once upon a time Mr. Mog and his dog Pog were walking in the park. They ran away because there was fog in the way. The dog started to jog and then tripped over a log and fell into the bog. Then Pog started to get the hog all goopy, so they all spent the rest of the day playing in the tub.



By: Amber L.
Age: 5



Taylor's Button Story

By Taylor

Age 5

Taylor has a little ladybug button and a golden button. His buttons can roll. They could go on a shirt or on a jacket. Buttons are lots of shapes. Leanne has a lot of buttons in her box. / would like to keep them all. She let me keep the one that looks like a carrot.



The Bug Family

By Maria

Once there was a bug family. The bugs had a big bug parade and they met a little boy and his name was Bobby. They met a girl named Maria.

They met a lady named Leanne. She had glowing earrings. They had a parade with them. The bugs were bare naked. The people were wearing jumpsuits and they had red suits. To Maria and Bobby's house the parade went. They climbed trees with their big drums. Then they went to Maria and Bobby's house. They had fun.

There once was a dinosaur named Argle, who had no friends. One day there was a T-Rex coming to their land because he was hungry. The other dinosaurs saved Argle and recognized that they weren't being nice to him. And now they were being kind of nice. Argle was pretty happy.

Tycen Allan
Cayley