

**A STORY IN A PICTURE**  
***INSPIRED YOUTH WRITING***  
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*Students were given a picture, from a different part of the world or a different time, and asked to write a story about it. The students wrote excellent stories.*

**SPIRIT RIDING FREE**

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

Once upon a time there was a city girl who loved animals. Her name was Lucky. One day Lucky was on a train, and she saw a horse running from a group of cowboys. She quickly ran to the back of the train to see what was going on. After the train ride, she saw the same horse by the train. She saw the horse and gave the horse an apple, and Lucky gently let the horse touch her. Lucky named the horse "Spirit."

**MY DREAM HOME**

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

Hi! My name is Alex. I live in the desert with my family. My family is upset because we don't have a house. In the desert there are a lot of rocks and mountains. I wish I could stay in a shelter and play with friends. One day I could get out of here and go to the shelter with my family. If I had a house, I would feel safe and more powerful because I would have water, food, and somewhere to sleep with my family. I hope some day this dream will come true.

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

The kids are playing jump rope. The people that are in it are sisters. They like to jump rope. It is in a back yard. It is in the morning.

One of them fell. They gave her a bandage and she felt better.

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

It was raining in Vietnam. Three girls were under a broken umbrella. It's spring time. The three girls are wet. A man fixed the umbrella. They took him to brunch to thank him. They ate fries and pizza. The girls said "Bye," and went to do homework.

By Kayla, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., dictated to her tutor

I am lying in the grass with my pet lamb. I see flowers and grass around me. The lamb has a red collar on her. The lamb is white, with a little brown on her head and ears. I smell cherry pie. I feel hot. There's no wind.

I hear the lamb making small sounds. I can also hear horses in the distance.

I was playing in the park and then eating my cherry pie. Then I got tired and lay down in the grass with my lamb. And then I went home and read my favorite book, "My Little Pony."

**THE SISTERS AND THE MONKEYS**

By Arianny L., 1<sup>st</sup> gr., dictated to her tutor

This is a picture of a girl and her friend. They were walking down the stairs to the jungle. In the jungle they are going to see monkeys. The monkeys are brown. The girls are happy because they are together. They are friends, but they are also sisters. They live in China. The monkeys are excited to see the girls because they talk to them, and that makes them feel happy. The jungle is beautiful and smells like trees. The monkeys like bananas, and the bananas grow in the trees. The girls play with the monkeys. Their favorite game

is tag. Overall, the jungle is a beautiful green place where everyone is happy.

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

One day in 2008 the Dahir family were playing soccer. One of them was good at soccer. He was passing the ball to his team and then Hassan threw the ball to the goalie. They won. My team and I were mad because Hassan's team won, and we made a dare to make another match. That match my team and I won. Hassan's team was so mad that they never played soccer again.

By Adithi G., kindergarten, and her tutor

Once upon a time, in my country, Thailand, I was taking a picture of my baby sister when she was just born. Then after the picture, I hugged her. One day, there was a terrible thunderstorm and my baby sister got sick. I couldn't go to school because of the storm so I helped her get better. Everyone was so happy, and we threw a party. I was proud.

By Lindsay L., kindergarten, and her tutor

My family and I were in the truck, driving to the farm. The farm has chickens, cows, and dogs. It smells good. I hear animal noises. When we get to the farm, we pet the animals. The animals are fluffy. The chicken's name is Me. The cow's name is Rainbow. The dog's name is Flower. I give the animals a hug and say good-bye. This makes me sad. Then my family and I leave.

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

Two sisters picked an apple off a tree. They went home to eat the apple. They cut it up. It tasted very good.

By Gianna and Zuly, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., and their tutor

Two boys and a girl are riding a bike. They stay on the bike and don't fall off. Their names are Charlie, Maria, and Lucas. They are nice and not mean.

MOMMA?

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

I don't know what to do. It's hard to think.

"Where's Momma, Daddy?"

"She's gone to get food." Me, knowing that's a lie, but telling your own son, "Momma's dead," is a hard thing to do. It is hard to believe but .... Boom, it all happened so fast.

Now I don't know what to do. I have a 2-year old son and a 13-year old daughter. My daughter is off to get breakfast every morning, and that leaves me and Nicko alone, waiting for the breakfast. My daughter is the mother figure now, and I will always be here for them, and I love them so much.

THE MAN AND THE CAMEL

By Rithwik N., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

The man is happy because he had a camel. He also is hugging his camel. The man is wearing a red shirt. The man and the camel are in Africa. They are taking a photo. The camel and the man look like they are friends.

HELPING PEOPLE

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

You should help people in need. If you help them, they will think you are good. You

should help people cross the road. You should help old people. You should be kind to people. You should not be mean to people.

By Giselle F., kindergarten, and her tutor  
Giselle was feeling hot in the desert. Her family loved the desert so they were moving. She was playing with her sisters Michelle and Rachel.

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By Malik O., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., and his tutor  
They are going fishing. The little kid is on the dad's back, and he is happy. The little kid is with his friend. They are going fishing so they can catch food to eat. When they are fishing, they were on a boat. Then they jumped into the water.

By Tanish A., kindergarten and his tutor  
I see a boy surrounded by ducks. The ducks are quacking. The boy is laughing. The ducks are tickling the boy. There is hay in the background. The boy is wearing a white shirt with red cubes. He is wearing yellow shorts. He has a brown band on his left arm. His hand looks like he is about to pet the ducks.

By Malachi H., 4<sup>th</sup> gr.  
The picture shows a dad and son near a fire. The mom died in a fire when she accidentally dropped a candle. The school burned down, too, so his dad is home schooling him.

They are in the desert. The dad loves the son very much. It was a hot day in July. The son likes to play soccer, and the dad likes to read books. The dad is energetic, and the

son is nice, but very serious and competitive.

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

The dad and the girl are laughing and having a good time. One is an adult and the other is young. They are on a couch. It is morning.

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

There are three girls and they are at the beach. They are taking a picture. It was in the afternoon. They have sand all over them. They wiped off the sand.

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

The little boy looked into a box, only to see a fiery abyss. When the little boy tries to get away, a hand reaches up and grabs him. Legend has it that the little boy has since returned as one of hell's greatest generals.

By Baron F., 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

Billy was thirsty. Some people went to get him some water. He drank the water. He liked it. Then they went out of the water for some food. Then they went back.

## THE TWO LAUGHING BOYS

By Sethwik, kindergarten

Once upon a time there were two boys, and a boy in the distance. The two boys are looking at a book in reading class. Nothing can be smelled except the book's smell. I feel moisture from the book. I can hear the two boys laughing about the book they are reading. I am watching them read a book, while I read a different book.

After they read the book, they went and played outside. After I finished my book, I went and played outside with them.

By Gahana R., kindergarten, and her tutor

One day my dad and I were walking through a field of wheat. My dad pulled off some seeds. I got to touch them! It was very windy. The seeds blew away! "Oh, no!" said my dad. I decided to get more seeds. There was so much wheat it was the only thing I could see! The wheat smelled so good. I could hear the wheat rustling in the wind. The wheat fields are my favorite place on the farm.

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

Once upon a time there was a little kid named Alex. He had a family, but the family didn't like him, so they threw him away, and now he lives in the streets with no food and no home.

Now there was this box with toys and clothes, and Alex looked inside. He was amazed because he had never seen toys before. So Alex took them out and played with them. Alex was happy that he had toys.

By Carlos C.-G., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

The little boy and his dad are sitting on the steps on the truck. Then the boy put on his seat belt. The boy is asking his dad if they are going fishing. His dad works on a farm. The dad goes to the store to buy the cowboy boots and the hats, and the boy is going home. The boy went to go to sleep, and his dad had to work on the farm. They had animals on the farm.

Then the boy was on the phone calling his dad. The boy said, "Where are you, Dad?"

"I'm almost coming home."

And the boy said, "Dad is here!" Then the boy said, "Dad, I was missing you."

The dad said, "You were missing me!"

And the boy said, "I love you, Dad."

The dad and the boy wanted to watch the TV, and the mom was there, too.

The boy said, "I love you, Mom. We became a family."

The family went to sleep and the family woke up, and the family ate food. The dad went to work, and he got home. The family watched a program on the TV.

Then the family took a taxi and went to the movie. The family went home. They brushed their teeth and went to sleep.

By Himaneesh, kindergarten

I see trees. I see a baby and a farm. It's yellow, so it's hot. They left. They are laughing.

ONE AMAZING DAY

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

One day there were eight boys playing outside. They were playing tag, and one boy went up a tree. Then the other boys tried to catch him, and then they went up the tree. Then they saw something amazing in the sky. It was a rainbow! Then they went back down to eat supper.

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

Once upon a time I was running with my family in the mountains. It was in August, and it was hot. We were doing exercises. The air was smelling like flowers! We were laughing and smiling and eating, too! I heard birds talking. It was a fun day!

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

In the picture the girl in the red T-shirt is whispering to her sisters about a joke. Her sisters are laughing at the joke. This is the joke she said. "What did the baby say to the giraffe?"

"Ahhhhhhhhhgrrrrrrrrr."

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

There is a lady at night in a fancy dress. She is walking in the dark. It is midnight, and she is looking for her car. She is in Florida, near a casino. She is alone. There are a lot of lights on in the city. Her friends were waiting in the car for her, but her friends left her, and she was sad and lonely.

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

Long ago where wizards roam you couldn't walk to the store without seeing one. Some used fire, some, water. But a rare type is time. A time wizard used a spell on a little boy riding a horse. He said with a grin, "Like seeing things."

The boy said, "Yes."

Then in a boom they heard honking and a beep. "Get off the road."

Then the horse ran in a flash because he was so scared, and he tripped over a rock. The boy was so confused and thrilled, thinking, "What magic is this, people riding in metal?" Then, BOOM! went his neck.

### BELLA AND ESTEPHANI

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

In India there were two girls named Bella and Estephani. They always found themselves in the park. But when they went to school, they were upset because they

couldn't see each other. Bella asked her parents if they could move. When the parents talked, they accepted that they would move to a new house. A month later they moved to a new house and saw Estephani's puppy. Bella realized that she was close to her best friend, Estephani. When Bella went to the school for the first time, she was happy for the rest of the day because she went to school with Estephani. They always see each other at the park every day.

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

Bob, the cowboy, is growing wheat. The cowboy is happy because he loves to grow wheat, and he loves his apprentice, Charlie. The apprentice likes the cowboy because he is teaching him how to grow wheat. They live in Mexico on a farm near a forest. → Charlie and his father worked in the field picking wheat. Summer was coming to an end. If Charlie went back to school, Bob needed someone else to help him with the wheat. Then Bob asked his neighbors to help, and they said yes.

### RAINA'S NIGHTMARE

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

One Sunday night on a street in California, there was a girl named Raina. Raina was running from the dance party. Raina was running to her car because a burglar was chasing her from the dance party. She was running fast, and one of her shoes fell when she was running. She accidentally got dirt on one of her feet. She ran to the car as fast as she could. She finally made it to the car. She got in the car and locked the doors and

sped away. She never saw the burglar that was chasing her ever again.

### THE POOR KID

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

On one summer afternoon, Brian was dying of hunger. He could not hold it anymore so he had to go look for food in the garbage can. Brian finally found a garbage can that was full of food that will fill him up the whole night. Brian kept digging until he found mashed potatoes that were full of dirt. He did not care, so he put it aside. Then he looked for dessert because he wanted to be full with salty stuff and sweet stuff. He dug and dug and finally found a piece of cake. It was only a piece, but he still ate it. Finally, he gathered all of his stuff together and found a bench to sit down on. He sat and ate his food and thought it was yummy. He walked around the park and found a water fountain and drank some water. Then he walked away. 5

### THE UMBRELLA

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

*Chapter 1: It Was 1775*

The year was 1775. Back 15 years ago in India, there was a family who were poor and would always go see the sea shore of the ocean. There was a single father named Hafsu who had three children. The three children were 2 boys and 1 girl. The girl was the oldest and was 7 years old. Her name was Farhath. The middle boy was named Ahmed. He was 4 years old. The youngest was only 2, and his name was Abdulla.

Today, as usual, they went to the sea shore and saw a big cloud coming. The cloud had thunder, giant waves, and tornados. The scared family went to their

cave in between the trees, and as the storm had come by, the scared family were huddled up together and fell asleep by the storm.

The next day, Farhath woke up and went outside her cave. She was surprised by what she saw, the trees on the ground, injured animals, and almost all the village was destroyed. The rest of the family woke up and were also surprised, and started to clean up everything! When they were tired, they went to the shore and found something! Everyone asked, "What is it?"

*Chapter 2: What Is It?*

Hafsu went and held the "thing" that no one in the village had seen before. Hafsu carefully inspected it. He was confused. He didn't know what to say to his children. So, Hafsu said that it was an umbrella. The kids didn't know what an umbrella was. But what the children didn't know was that Hafsu just made the word up. Hafsu was scared that if he told his children that he didn't know what the "umbrella" was, that his children were not going to love him any more, because his children would expect that their father would know everything.

So then, as days went by, Hafsu and the family would go with their "umbrella" to the seashore and would hug it, or sometimes put it on top of their heads as a long hat when they didn't know what to do with it.

Hafsu thought and thought about how to use the umbrella, but it was a waste of time. Every week Hafsu would go to his cave and use everything to figure out what the umbrella was, "How to use it? Where does it go?" And he would ask more and more questions of himself.

*Chapter 3: A Discovery*

Hafsu studied the umbrella so many times that he even had to ask people from his village. But all they would see was that they wanted it. Criminals and robbers wanted to steal Hafsu's umbrella, but one time when they tried to, the umbrella opened up like a flower.

Hafsu ran back to his cave, and when he got back, the kids were confused and asked, "What happened, Papa?"

Hafsu said, "Oh, nothing. Don't worry about it."

Farhath said "OK."

But still on the inside, Hafsu felt disappointed and dumb, thinking that one day, he would know what this object was.

After he was thinking and inspecting it, he didn't know what the umbrella was. He had found a new discovery! Hafsu could get so rich, but also his kids could get upset and find out that he was lying this whole time! Hafsu was scared that if he told his kids he was lying the whole time, his kids would be disappointed and sad.

The day after that, Hafsu went back to the place he found the umbrella and prayed to God, "What is this discovery?" Then, the whole village turned cloudy and had big thunder. Hafsu ran to his cave as fast as he could. But he tripped right into his cave and fell unconscious.

#### *Chapter 4: The End?*

After, Hafsu wakes up and sees a bright light outside his cave and opens his cave's door. Hafsu sees heaven! He is amazed by everything, and he sees Jesus.

Jesus asked Hafsu, "What is your wish, young person?"

Hafsu replies, "I want to know what this is."

Jesus laughs and grins, "I gave that gift you."

Hafsu says "Oh, I never knew that. Well, thank you, Jesus."

"You're welcome," Jesus replies.

Hafsu wakes up and grins. He gets up and starts to look for a job, until he had more than enough money for a house, and other things. When Hafsu was done working, he bought a house, but with the rest he did not pay for clothes. Hafsu paid just enough money to have a camera, and some for his clothes, too. Hafsu set up the camera with his umbrella, looking at the shore, and "click." When Hafsu looked at the picture, he smiled and put the picture in front of an empty new journal that said, "The Umbrella," and started out on the first page.

By Dorieana B., 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

Once upon a time I was with my dad and mom on the camel. The camel had lots of stuff, like branches and big circles of a rope. My dad is leading the camel to our house. He is going to make a rope ladder so I can jump on the rope to go to my treehouse and to play with my friends and family.

BREAKING NEWS, 2/29/1954

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

On Sunday, Mary Johnson was driving to Woolworths, but then her car was broken into. The police arrived at the scene. She was talking to the police officer ... or was she?

*Commercial break.*

Mary and the officer talked. Mary talked, and the officer wrote on the first page of his new report book. The officer put away his book. Then they started looking for a place for Mary to sit down. They walked towards

Woolworth's. They noticed that virtually no one was inside Woolworth's except the store clerk. Mary and the officer walked towards the clerk, with intention.

*Commercial break.*

Mary tells the clerk to open the cash register. The clerk said, "OK, if you buy something."

Mary said, "No, open the register NOW!!!!" The clerk shook in fear.

Mary said, "Open it, or else..."

*Commercial break.*

Mary pulls out a... Hershey bar? The clerk takes the money and says, "Your total will be 5 cents." (Mary forgot her weapon at home, and she brought her snack instead.)

Mary said, "No, forget this happened just... just give me the money." Mary walked towards the clerk.

The clerk runs away.

*Commercial break.*

The clerk locks the doors and calls the real police. Mary got the money and ran towards the door, but it was locked. Mary and the fake officer were trapped. The real police arrived. Mary and the fake officer were arrested and both were sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

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

Once a man loses everything, money, family, friends, so he sleeps next to a tree and eats from a bush, berries and nuts galore. But to him, it was trash. He wouldn't eat nor sleep and wished for fish all day long. So you will see him begging for fish, and he's skinny to the bones, for he was a rich man, and was greedy for more.

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

Jayden is hiding from his mom because he is about to get his ass beat for leaving out of the house without telling her. Jayden is sneaky, goofy, and smart. His mom is strict and mean. Jayden came in late and didn't tell his mom he was leaving. He had to do chores, and he was grounded for the rest of his life.

KIM LOST, AND BACK AGAIN

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

Once upon a time, there was a horse named Kim. He was very intelligent and strong. It was a cloudy summer afternoon on Independence Day in 2000. Kim was returning back to his stable after the parade. While passing through the city, he got lost between the crowd and traffic. Then when he was waiting, a man named Muhammad Oli found him. Muhammad Oli was a stable worker. He works at Kim's stable. Kim got happy when he saw Muhammad. Kindly, Muhammad took Kim back to his stable.

Deamiya P., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.

They are family. They live in Chicago. They were partying outside. They were playing They got lost. The family helped them find their way home.

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

Once upon a time, an old lady was walking down the street. She was walking down the street with bags in her hands. She accidentally dropped her bags. A nice cop helped her pick them up. She thanked the cop and said, "Good-bye."

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

The kids are playing. Three girls are playing on the street outside this year. She is sad. She will let her play.

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

Once upon a time, in 1980, there was a woman named Maria. She is an elder. One day she was in a car by herself, getting out from the market. She had a lot of things, and she had on her dad's old lucky hat. When she opened her car trunk, the trunk lid knocked her hat off. There was a young man named Robby. He saw Maria and helped her.

A few days later somebody knocked at Maria's door and it was Robby. He had a normal-sized present. He gave it to Maria. It was a normal hat. Maria gave a hug to Robby, and she invited him in for coffee.

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

On a Thursday, Apple released AirPods Plus+. He was the first one in line. He bought them, and became homeless because he paid two dollars for a train and the rest on the headphones. He got the headphones, but the problem was he didn't have anything to pair it to. He became homeless for four and a half years. A random person donated an iPhone 6, and he could pair the AirPods Plus+ and listen to Polo G.

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

One day as a little boy was walking all alone with nobody next to him, he came upon a box. He didn't know what was inside the box. It was just an ordinary box. The little boy made it seem like he didn't know what he was doing. He looked lost. It looked like

he was on a street that he doesn't know about. As he came upon this box, he looked inside and saw a jack-in-the-box. It was a toy that when you spin the knob, a clown will pop out. When he found the toy, he was walking and came upon a park. He sat on a bench and was playing with the toy.

As he was playing with the toy, a man came up to him saying, "You like the toy. Don't ya?"

The boy didn't say a word. The man was getting mad and told the boy, "You want candy?"

He answered and said, "Yes." So the man carried him to the car and drove off.

Lesson learned: Don't leave your kids all alone and don't let a man trick ya.

By Carlos C.-G., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

My dad goes to work at the police station. The bad guy stole the money. There is an emergency. The bad guy stole the money, and my dad went to the police. The police drove fast. The police said, "Stop the vehicle." The bad guy, he got in jail. In the night the police just sleep and Dad went home. The dad brushed his teeth. He put on pajamas. My dad went to sleep.

The next morning the family got on the CTA Santa Claus holiday train. The family is happy to get on the holiday train. "Watch your steps," said the train driver. "Let's go!"

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

In 1920 in Spain, a family went to the country to spend time with each other and get out of the busy city. It was a beautiful, sunny day. They were traveling by

horseback. They all can fit on the horse because Lucy and Johnny were still small. They were excited to visit a carnival in the next town. While they were riding through the open fields, they saw many horses carrying hay. When they were close to the carnival, Lucy saw the carnival. She asked her dad if she could see the carnival.

The problem was that the carnival was a little crowded. Johnny got scared and asked his father to leave the carnival. Another problem was that they didn't eat yet. The children were getting hungry, and George bought them something. They left the carnival and went to another one that was close to the river and that was quiet.

By Miracle C., 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

She loves goats. She went farming with her mom and dad, and the goat was lost in the woods, and she saved it. The goat was her friend.

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

There's a boy in Africa. It's the afternoon. He has a weird thing in his hands. It's a plowing machine. He is plowing the field.

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

On a hot summer day, Zack, Christopher, Lisa, Sammy, and Michael decide to go to the beach. They went to the beach to cool off since it was a hot day. They built sand castles and played in the water. It was getting dark out, so they went home. They all came up with an agreement to go again the next day.

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

Sheriff Mike helped poor Ms. Jessica across the street and walked Ms. Jessica to a

shelter. Ms. Jessica took a bath and got dressed and had a good time.

By Josiah M.-R., kindergarten, and his tutor.

Once upon a time, I was at the beach with my family. Then I saw a sea monster in the water! It was big and spiky and green. I pushed the sea monster in the water. The sea monster became angry. The sea monster threw me under the water. I draw my sword. I slice the sea monster. The sea monster hits me in the stomach, so then I killed the sea monster, saving everyone. My family was happy that I saved them, so we went to get tacos.

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

One day in India two girls wanted to go to an arcade and play games. They got hungry and wanted to eat chicken leg masala. Their parents said, "Yes!"

After they got done eating, they wanted to play more games, and their moms said, "No, you need to wait till your food goes down, or you might throw up."

So they just sat down and listened to their parents talk. Then they finally got to play. And their moms continued to talk about clothes.

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

A father and his son are making a sculpture for his grandfather for his birthday because his grandfather completed building a big house for the family. For appreciation, they are sculpting the grandfather's building, a big house to show the level of achievement they have reached.

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

The man is hiding under a slide from a dinosaur that was going to eat him. This was long ago. He was hiding under the slide because the dinosaur cannot fit. So the dinosaur ate another thing.

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

The dad and daughter are playing together. They are telling jokes. Joe and Lillyna are playful at home in the afternoon. The daughter is sick, and the more she laughs, the worse it gets. She got some medicine and went to bed.

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

Once upon a time there was an old lady. She was going to a store, and she dropped her bag. Money was in the bag. The police saw the money fall out. He gave the money back.

Carlos C.-G., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.

My mom woke me up. My mom asked me to brush my teeth., and she took me to Goudy School where I am in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. My name is Carlos D. C.-G.

After school I went home. I was on my phone. I played a game.

“Mom, I want pizza,” I said.

She said, “OK. Let’s go get pizza.” My dad got in the car. He drove slowly.

“We’re here for pizza.”

Then we went back home.

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

I see a girl. The girl is playing with a goat. She is so happy with the goat. She is playing in the grass with the goat. She lived on a farm with her parents.

By Hannah B., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.

This lady’s name is Linda. She was walking down the street after collecting a movie award. Then a car came up, and she can see it’s a Ferrari. She can see it is going at a high speed. Even though it was speeding, it was very distant from her. Once it came closer, it stops, and she believed that she was alive. She realized that cars shouldn’t cross the speeding limit when pedestrians are crossing the street.

By Sheldon J., 1<sup>st</sup> gr., and his tutor

Once upon a time there was a boy named Sheldon. He was riding a horse, named Laylay. Tessa was walking really slow in the streets, and she was about to get hit by a car, but Sheldon came to the rescue and saved her! Tessa said, “Thank you.”

By Uriel M., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. and his tutor

The daddy and a little kid with a toy monkey are looking at something cool. They are in a park, in the fall, at three in the afternoon. They are happy because they are seeing a dragon. They are not afraid.

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

A woman is in the back yard, looking over a fence. It’s in the early morning or early evening. Something happened and it’s dangerous. She needs to go to her basement and hide, with some food and water.

By Miracle C., 1<sup>st</sup> gr. Kitten and puppy and cat were playing in the house, and the puppy scratched the kitten, and the kitten and the puppy had to go to the vet, and the

kitten and the puppy were better again.  
They both said, "Sorry," and the puppy and the kitten and the cat were playing again. 11

By Isabella R., 1<sup>st</sup> gr.

There is a little girl who was hugging a sheep. She likes the sheep. The sheep loves her, too.

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

HIS HOME....

It all started when he was 5 years old, with his mom, dad, older sister, and his older brother. They were having a family reunion at their get-away home in the Bahamas, and they were also a wealthy family. Okay, so they had their butler cook them a meal while they were chatting on how they missed each other. Then after the butler finished cooking their meal, his mom, dad, older sister, and his oldest brother, they all played a game of "Family Twister," for about 5-10 minutes. Afterwards, once Josh and his family finished playing their game, they all took a nap except Josh. Josh went outside for a little, then afterwards he went back inside to have a nap like the others.

Okay, so after Josh finished playing, he went for a nap right? Well, no. He didn't. He actually went to the kitchen to make himself a sandwich, but he realized he had his Nintendo switch. As I said, he does have a wealthy family. But the butler left the fire on. Josh wasn't paying attention, and he put the wooden spoon on the fire as he made himself his sandwich. A little while later, his dad was rushing everyone out, but Josh was the only one to survive. They told him when he was 18 he would get all of his parents' fortune. But after the fire, Josh had to live on the street.

By Evelin Z., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.

Once upon a time there was a man named Jake and a woman named Maria. Jake was coming back from the shop to his brand new car, and he saw a woman writing on it.

Jake yelled, "Hey! That's my car."

Maria said back, "No, I just got back from a long walk. I have to go to my friend's house. I'm really tired. I don't want to get lost."

"Would you want me to take you home, or wherever you need to go?"

"Sure, I would love to."

Two hours later, Jake took Maria home, and Jake went to his friend's house.

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

One time in 1890 a woman was a deaf teacher. She knew all the sign language. But women were not allowed to go to work, so she made a place that was far from homes. All kids were allowed, but it was only for deaf kids. She made their parents pay her money. But even if their parents couldn't pay, she would still let their kids go. In 1930, the police caught her and she went to jail for not listening to the rules. But some parents wanted her to teach deaf children, so some parents did not take their kids to school until the teacher was back and the rules were changed. In 1942, the rules were changed, and they let the teacher out of jail and into freedom. In 1963, the teacher died, and many deaf kids were crying at her funeral. Thousands of people were there. Everyone should remember her. 71

