

STORIES BY STUDENTS OF INSPIRED YOUTH TUTORING PROGRAM, 2022-2023

Short Story

Character: Two best friends, Setting: Forest, Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity

A Short Story, by Marwan D., 11th gr.

One upon a time two best friends, Josh and Stefon, were camping in the rainforest where there are monkeys and other wild animals. After they got everything ready, they went to get other equipment. They saw two other people, and the people asked if they were famous football players. They said, "No, we're just two dudes exploring the rainforest." After that they walked away.

The Adventure of Three Friends, By: Arohi S., 3rd gr., dictated to her tutor, Michelle J.

Once upon a time there was a princess named Sofia and the princess had two friends. They decided to travel to a deserted island in Hawaii. First, they went to the beach and it was very sunny. They felt very happy to be there and they had lots of fun. They later went scuba diving together. While scuba diving one of Sofia's friends left her. Sofia felt very angry because her friend had betrayed her. Then the princess and her remaining friend made a plan to find out why her friend would do such a thing. They decided to try and find some clues to find out what had happened. They found a bracelet that had been given to Sofia's friend by Sofia. Then as they continued searching, they found some footprints that looked like they belonged to Sofia. They decided to follow those footprints, and as they went along, they spotted Sofia's friend. Once they found the friend their anger from the betrayal returned. They went up to the princess' friend to talk about what she did. Their friend told them that she had been upset about Sofia not including her in their scuba diving game. She felt very angry with her two friends so she ran away and left them behind. Sofia felt bad for what she did, so she told her friend that she wouldn't do it again and she would always include her in their games. After they all forgave one another, they decided it would be best to return home. The End.

Short Story, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr. 10/27/2022

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Once upon a time there lived two happy, friendly friends that were walking through a forest together to see their grandma. On their way they saw some berries and ate some. They picked some to put in their basket. It began to rain. They found a shelter to stay for one day. The next day they saw some flowers to give to grandma. They put some flowers in the basket too. The basket was getting full. One day they saw a big bad wolf! It was scary. But the wolf did not see them. Then the wolf saw the two little girls and asked them where they were going. The wolf quickly ran to grandma's house and ate her and stole her clothes. The girls knocked on grandma's door. And grandma said, "come in". "You look different from normal," said the girls. "You're not grandma!"

They ran out of the house.

Short Story by Harasha P., 3rd gr.

Character: Lion, Setting: Forest, Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

One day there was a lion in the forest that he went hunting. But after a few minutes the lion saw that it was gonna rain. So the lion saw a zebra that was in a shelter. The lion went chasing the zebra but it started raining. The lion was lost in his way so he found a shelter. But after a while there were violent storms and one of the bolts of lightning that hit the ground. He was in danger but he needed to get out so he remembers when he was a kid he used to chew leaves and as he chewed them there was water. In it he got the leaf and squeezed it and all the water came out and he got the water and poured it on the fire and he went home.

Short Story, Harasha P., 3rd gr.

Character: Soldier Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

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There is a man called John and he is 20 years old. He is a soldier that looks like an old man. The Ocean's name is called the Arctic Ocean and it looks so blue and the sand is like a peach color. The king called Rapheal to tell John and his crew members to go to the bottom of the ocean to rest since they did the task that the king asked them to do in the castle. John's personality is like a brave soldier and a self-controlled man. John likes to work with the king because the king always asks him nicely. Therefore, John packs his stuff and goes to the beach and swims in the ocean with the golden sword left out on the beach.

The fishes look like they are normal fish but they are not. The temperature drops to -50 below the ocean. John has a golden sword because he was the only brave person. The king said, "I will give everybody a sword that is golden except John because everybody doesn't have it but John has it." So John's crew members got the swords and they swam in the ocean. When they came out of the ocean, they looked at their swords. John couldn't find his sword.

They saw a footprint that leads to the house of mysteries. They saw their swords, and they needed to go back to the castle, and if they weren't they would be out of the castle. Then they saw a thief stole it, and they went chasing him and got it, and they went back to the castle. Next time John will put it somewhere safe.

Short Story, by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Princess, Setting: Deserted Island, Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

There was a fairy who was on a ship. The ship became heavy and almost sank. The fairy was heavy, so the people on the ship made her get off the ship. Then she lived on a deserted island, until she used her fairy powers to fly off it.

Short Story, by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Bear, Setting: Your school, Conflict/Problem: Got lost

There was a bear who got brought to a school. At recess the bear played with the children and lost his way back to the classroom. The bear was found by a kid who kept him for show and tell. When he brought it to show and tell, the bear became the class pet, because the teacher was too scared to say anything. At the end the bear got a new home and everyone except the teacher was happy.

Short Story, by Mushtaq D., 9th gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Forest Conflict: Mistaken Identity

Once upon a time, there was Fred and Kristina who were the best of friends. They became friends in high school. Fred was a very lonely kid at school because he had social anxiety. Kristina often noticed how he would sit by himself at lunch or anywhere. One day, she decided to approach him and ask him why he was sitting by himself. When she asked him the question, he didn't respond, but Kristina assured him that it was okay to talk to her. From then on, they would sit together everyday at lunch. They're still friends ten years later :). Fast forward to the present day and Fred and Kristina are 24 years old. 😊

Fred wanted to hang out with Kristina at a bowling alley. Kristina said "Sure, why not!". The next day, they went to the bowling alley. It was very crowded with people because there was a tournament going on. Kristina wanted to participate in the tournament and Fred said "Go for it", and they both signed up to be the ultimate duo. Kristina and Fred were new to bowling, but they were having fun.

There was a man standing in line to bowl before Kristin. As soon as he threw the ball, he hit someone with it on the head. When he saw what he had done, he pushed Kristina in front of him to make it look like she did it. Everyone started gasping and looking at Kristina. Kristina was confused as to why everyone was staring at her. Then, she saw Fred pointing to the person on the floor, and she was horrified. 😱 People were whispering, "Look what she had done. Who brought her here?".

Then Kristina ran out and Fred followed her. She was afraid that the police were going to catch her because they all thought that she was the one that did it. The police were chasing her, so the nearest place she could go was the forest. Fred tripped on a log and broke his arm. 😞 Kristina was overwhelmed because a lot of things happened in such a small period of time. She gave him the death stare and he pulled himself together. After they got away from the police, Kristina tried to help Fred with his arm by using branches and twigs. He probably would get infected and die but that would be the least of her problems.

Fred and Kristina spent days in the forest fearing for their lives. The police managed to find them and took them into custody. Kristina and Fred were both saying goodbye to each other because they thought that it was over for them. When Kristina was being interrogated, the police asked her if she was the one that did it. Kristina said that she didn't do it and she suggested to look at the tape.

The police decided to look at the tape from the bowling alley and saw that Kristina was telling the truth. They apologized for their actions and they said that she can live happily ever after with Fred.

Short Story, by Krithin R., 3rd gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity

There are two best friends named Zilly and Venkatesh. There in a forest, the forest is dark and big. Zilly is fishing while Venkatesh is making camp. Then it was dark. Zilly was lost. He found a person. Then he asked, "What's your name?" He said, "Bill." "So sorry. I met the wrong person." He went back.

Short Story, by Krithin R., 3rd gr.

Character: Cowboy Setting: Tree house Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it.

Pill the cowboy lives in a tree house, because he likes to play in the tree house. He brings a board game called Sorry. One time when he went outside of the tree house he saw a boy named Maci. After he showed his board game called Sorry to Maci. Then he and Maci went back to the tree house so they could play Sorry. Maci lost a game. She yelled at him, "You are cheating." She ran away crying. So Pill didn't help, so Pill just laughed at her for losing. Then he met Fred and Fred always called Pill a loser for not winning a Sorry game. Now Pill wanted to be Maci's friend, so he found Maci and apologized.

Short Story, by Krithin R., 3rd gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Got lost

This is a special school. This is special because its art is the best! But there was a bear. It escaped the zoo and attacked people. The people were frightened. The school closed all doors. Nobody went home. The bear was scared of the people. Then one door was open. The bear entered, but one person was brave and became friends with the bear. The friend was named Sammy.

THERE ONCE WERE TWO FRIENDS

By: Arohi S., 3rd gr.

ONE DAY THEY WENT TO A FACTORY THAT MADE BAGS, BUT AFTER ONE HOUR A MACHINE BROKE, BUT THEN THE MACHINE STARTED TO MAKE LIVE BAGS, BUT THEN THE TWO FRIENDS KNEW WHERE TO GET IT, BUT IT WILL TAKE ONE WHOLE DAY, SO WHEN THEY CAME BACK, THE LIVE PAPER BAGS WANTED TO FIGHT THEM, SO THEY FOUGHT AND THEN THEY WON SO THEY FIXED THE MACHINE AND WENT BACK HOME.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

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Short Story, By Hassan D., 8th gr.

Character: Lion Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

One day there was a lion in a forest. He was looking for food. Then he found a bird, and he wanted to eat it. But then the bird saw the lion, and he flew away. The lion was still hungry, and he thought he had a bad day. After that there was a violent storm that happened. And then after the storm finished, the lion found a new prey, which was a rat. So he wanted to eat it. He sneakily went there and bit it, and he enjoyed his lunch for the day.

Short Story Prompt: I got an eerie feeling when I heard...

Author's Name: Hassan D., 8th gr.

I got an eerie feeling when I heard

the closet was opening in my room, and I was scared. When I hid under the bed, I saw someone jump out of the closet, and it scared me a lot!

It was a clown! I saw a clown come up and I'm really scared of clowns. The clown had a big red nose and rainbow hair.

Little did I know, it was a birthday surprise! So there was no point of me getting scared, because it was something good for me, but I did not appreciate what they did to me.

Short Story, by Devesh Chunduru, 3rd gr.

There was a fairy named Joe. His school was named Fairytale. Joe was the first one to get 100/100 on the test. Then he got distracted by the beach nearby his school. Then he got an idea, he quietly got out of his class. Then he took his shirt and put on his swimming clothes and jumped in the salty water. The teacher went to ask Joe a question but noticed that Joe disappeared. Then, he looked at the window and saw that Joe was playing in the salty water. Next, he told the principal that Joe snuck out of his class. Then, the principal went to the beach nearby the school and told Joe that he needed to come to her office. After he left her office, he thought that he would not leave class anymore.

Short Story, by Adithi G., 3rd gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

"Yay!" said Adithi, "It's my birthday! I will invite all animals to my birthday." Adithi plans a birthday party and invites all the animals. One of the animals is Mr. Bear. Adithi tells a secret to Mr. Bear. The secret is that Adithi is from India. While eating the cake, Mr. Bear tells the secret to Ms. Bunny. When Ms. Bunny asks Adithi if she is really from India, Adithi asks Mr. Bear what happened. Mr. Bear says "I accidentally told Ms. Bunny,". Adithi forgives him and all animals have fun!

Short Story, by Shasha R., 3rd gr., with her tutor, Yim Yan

Character: Soldier, Mermaid Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

Starlight's Stolen Pearl

Once there was a soldier and a mermaid. They were best friends. The mermaid lived at the bottom of the ocean, and the soldier lived on land. The mermaid was named Starlight. The soldier was named Mechan, short for Mechanical. Starlight and Mechan were different from each other, but they were still friends. Sometimes their other friends would tease them about their friendship because they were different.

One day Mechan's friend, Neon, said he would give Mechan a dollar if Mechan stole something from Starlight. Mechan thought about it. Mechan felt mad and frustrated that his friends teased him, but he thought maybe his friends were right about Starlight. So he did it. Mechan stole Starlight's favorite pearl.

The next day, Starlight came in and saw her pearl was missing. She was really sad. Starlight told Mechan what happened. Mechan said to Starlight, "Don't worry. You'll find it soon. Maybe it's around school." Starlight said, "Okay. I'll look around the school."

Mechan told his friends about his conversation with Starlight, and his friends started laughing. Starlight overheard the laughing and got mad. Starlight confronted Mechan, and Mechan realized his friends were mean and wrong. Then, Mechan returned the pearl to

Starlight. After he apologized to Starlight, they became friends again. Mechan told Neon he did not like what Neon had said about Starlight. Mechan also said he wouldn't be Neon's friend anymore if Neon kept this up. Neon didn't realize it, but he was hurting Mechan. Neon also apologized, and they became friends again.

01/30/2023: Short Story, by Shashi R., 3rd gr., and her tutor, Yim Y.

Character: Princess Setting: Deserted Island Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

Once upon a time there was a kingdom called Meleze. Zelden and Lezen were sons of Zeleem. Zelden's little brother, Lezen, can't be king for many, many years because Zelden will become king first since he is older. Lezen had to look for another job, so he became the captain for a cruise.

He wanted revenge because he wanted to be king first and to be treated like it. When Zelden met with Dala, it was love at first sight. Zelden and Dala were in love so they decided they should have a honeymoon. They wanted to go on a cruise for their honeymoon. Because Lezen was captain, he offered a cruise to Zelden and Dala. At first Lezen was not going to do it but then he had a plan to get the revenge he always wanted so he said he would captain the cruise for free because they were family. The cruise would start from Love River to Breeze River. Lezen planned a scheme to kick off Zeldan and Dala while they were on the boat. The worst part of it is that there were hungry hippos and crocodiles. One thing Lezen didn't know was the hippos and crocodiles were actually not very dangerous at all. In the myths, hippos and crocodiles were shown to be dangerous, but they were friendly to people on boats. So when Lezen kicked Zelden and Dala out of the boat the hungry predators did not eat them but they helped them. After a while the animals got both of them free they both said thank you. Soon they reached their kingdom and told Zeleem the king about what happened and the punishment he got was to go to jail for 9 years the end.

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Short Story, by Tanish A., 3rd 10.13.2022, 12.22.22

Character: Two best friends, Setting: Jungle Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it

Once upon a time there were three friends, Bob, Joe, and Rick. Rick and Joe were best friends. Once Bob needed help to do a project, but Rick and Joe were busy doing something.

Bob heard someone could help him, so Bob went to find him. Rick and Joe were looking for Bob, and they heard he was in the jungle, so they went to the jungle.

Rick and Joe went from a park and kept on walking and got to the jungle. Soon it became night, and Bob found the person. He finally finished the project, but he was lost.

Soon Rick and Joe went to Bob's house to see if Bob found his way back from the jungle, but he was not there. Bob's mom and dad were worried and called the police, and Rick and Joe thought this was a good time to leave.

Then Rick and Joe went to Bob's backyard, and in twenty minutes of walking in a straight line, they saw Bob playing catch with the person who helped Bob with the project. His name is Max, and Rick and Joe brought Bob and Max to their homes.

Short Story, by Devesh C., 3rd gr., 1.9.2023

Character: Lion Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

Once there was a lion named Cutter. He was not scared of anything. Then there was a storm, and he didn't care. Water came, and he did not like water. He got so scared that he ran.

Ghost and the aliens attack, by Harasha P. 3rd gr., 2.6.2023

Character: Ghost Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

Once upon a time there was a ghost (a costume of course not a real one) who went to a birthday party. When she got there, she saw a big cake that was as big as a wedding cake. When she came, they first sang "Happy birthday to you," and then they got a cake.

Before anything --- a bite, a breath, the aliens came. They ruined the cake: the birthday, the time of happiness. They couldn't even be thinking of this. Everyone thought it was a dream. No, no, no. It couldn't be. It was the worst. The big and grand beautiful party was ruined. The ghost came and scared all of them. They went back. It was such a disaster, such a mess. It cost a lot of money, and other things were damaged. It was bad luck.

But this wasn't real. It was a dream. She gasped so badly that everyone woke up, and it was just a dream. She did not panic, nothing, nothing, nothing. It was the best. She did not want that to be a real dream. Never, never, never did she want that to be real, ever, ever again. Then she was happy.

Short Story, by Varun B., 4th gr.

The Time John Rage-Quit

There are two best friends: John and Barret. They love to play Fortnite. One day, Barret mistakes John for an enemy and here is how the story goes.

When John and Barret play, they go X-games mode. When Barret sees an enemy, his first instinct isn't to shoot. Instead, Barret watches the enemy for about 10 seconds. Once he thought he found John camping. Barret was also camping under a tree in Loot Lake. Most of Loot Lake is covered in a forest. The real John says, "He's going drink a shield potion." But Deere, the enemy, did not because Barret was watching Deere. So Barret started to doubt. He still believed it was John, but he was starting to doubt. Once he found the *real* John, Barret thought that was Deere. Friendly fire was on. Then Barret shot the real John. After that, they were never best friends again and they never duo'ed up again. Barret regrets this for life.

Short Story, by Devesh C., 3rd gr.

Character: Dragon Setting: On a cross-country train Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

Feb 6 2023: Once there was a dragon named Mike. He wanted to go to London, so he packed his laptop and luggage, and then he went to the train station. Then, he goes to get a ticket. Finally, he found his train and hopped on. Then, one man came to him, and said "Come to my house, I'll give you some gold". He said, "My apartment number is 228, and my house is in London." Then, Mike said, "Okay". Then, he told someone his secret. After he arrived in London, the man that talked to Mike went to apartment number 228, and he rang the doorbell. After, the guy that spoke to Mike in the train had a bat and...the guy hit the other guy and he ran away.

Short Story, by Devesh C., 3rd gr.

Character: President of the United States Setting: The battlefield Conflict/Problem: Betrayed a friend

02/13/2023: Once there was a man named George Washington. He met up with Abraham Lincoln. "Sup," said George Washington. "Good," replied Abraham Lincoln. They both took out a friendship cookie, and George Washington gave Abraham Lincoln his cookie. Then, Abraham Lincoln gave his cookie to George Washington as well. After, they then took out their swords. Abraham Lincoln said, "You betrayed me!" And then, George Washington said, "You betrayed me too!" After he said this, they put their sword back in their backpacks. Then, they took out the swords again. Then, for real, they betrayed each other. Abraham Lincoln sliced George Washington's backpack. George Washington then broke Abraham's sword. After they betrayed each other, they became friends again. Then, they finally went to Abraham's house for dinner tonight.

Short Story—by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Lion Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

There once was a brave lion living in a forest full of animals. His mane was shaped like a shield, and he had fangs sharper than any sword. The lion was in the forest doing normal lion stuff, when a little donkey came to him and said "There is a huge storm coming! It is destroying everything!" When the storm finally arrived, the lion was ready. He led an army of bunnies into the storm. Then the rabbits got scared and the storm threw them into the forest. The lion used

his super speed to create a giant whirlpool of leaves. The leaves and a river created a hurricane and the hurricane destroyed the tornado. Every animal came running to the lion and celebrated his heroic heroism.

Short Story—by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Ghost Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

There once was a ghost who was turning 10 years old. He invited his ghostly friends to a haunted birthday party. On the ghost's birthday the guests arrived at the normal time and they had a normal cake, except that no one could eat the cake because their hands kept going through the cake and spoon. Then they went outside and had a piñata. Then when the ghost put on a blindfold and tried to hit the piñata, a giant hamburger shaped spaceship descended from the sky. One alien came out of the ship and looked at the piñata. The ghost swung the bat and tried to hit the piñata. He did hit the piñata, but then the piñata flew off the rope and hit the fence. The piñata bounced everywhere until it hit the alien. The piñata exploded and burst candy all over the alien. Then the alien ate a piece of candy, and exploded with joy. He gave the candy to the rest of his alien community. The leader of the aliens then said "I would have called an invasion on this planet, but you brought these amazing sweet treats and made me super happy! Now I will spare your planet and we will live here in peace." After many years on the planet of the ghosts, the aliens became very good friends with the ghosts of htrae.

Short Story—by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Monster Setting: Your favorite restaurant Conflict/Problem: Need to make the game-winning shot

There once was a monster with sharp horns and giant powerful arms. The monster was at a restaurant. The monster was with other monsters in his species. Then a random monster came from the floor and turned from a shadow to a monster. The shadow monster told the monster about a horn ball game in the capital city of htrae. The monster had went to the capital city of htrae before so he could get there quickly. The next day, the monster flew on the local bird taxi service. The birds got him there at the right time before the game started. The monster sharpened his horns and claws to get ready. Finally, the game started. He was the batsperson. He held the bat hard so it did not fly away. First he would have to fly the bat for one kilometer. The well trained bat was very fast and he easily finished $\frac{1}{3}$ of the game. The next game was about swimming. He would have to ride a killer whale for half a kilometer. He completed this round, but one of the best athletes in htrae did too. The final round would decide who wins, and who goes home with 2nd place. The final game was a game of horn ball which combined the last 2 rounds. He would have to ride a barca (a combination of a bat and an orca) while playing basketball. After a while, the timer had 10 seconds left and the score was tied 3-3. Whoever got this goal would win the entire game. The monster got his hands on the ball but not for long, because then the other monster took it. The other monster threw, but missed. There were 3 seconds left of the game. Somehow the monster ended up with the ball and shot, but missed. 1 second was left, but then the ball bounced off the wall and bounced into the hoop. The referee came in and checked the rule book to see if that still counted, and the rule book said "If the ball goes in the hoop, the monster that threw it gets a point no matter what happens to the ball." Everybody got off their barcas and cheered. The monster had won the horn ball triathlon.

Short Story, by Farhan A., 4th gr., 2.15.2023

Character: Two rivals Setting: Outer space
nation

Conflict/Problem: A plague sweeps the

There once was a planet in outer space called Placea. On the planet, 2 aliens lived. Their names were Gooda and Bada. One day Gooda was taking a walk, when he saw the news on a billboard. It said that an evil scientist named Evila was creating an evil thing to do evil stuff. Nobody knew what Evila was making, and Gooda and Bada wanted to find out.

Once Bada noticed that Gooda was not at home for a while, he got suspicious. Bada decided that he needed to see what Gooda was doing. When Bada realized that Evila was making something, he did not know that Gooda was doing his own investigation to find Evila and stop him. When Bada went to Evila's not at all secret lab, he did not expect to see that Evila had no protection or security installed to his lab. Bada walked into the lab, and then Evila said "How did you get in here?" Bada responded and said "what do you mean? You have no security, I just walked in here."

After Bada walks in the lab, he steals Evila's lab, because he is bad. While Bada is doing bad stuff, Gooda has found the lab and finds out that Bada is the new owner of the lab. Gooda also finds out that Bada is using Evila's robots to create something. Bada could not do it himself, because he is very bad at science. Gooda looks around the lab for clues on how to destroy the bots. Bada finds Gooda in the lab's basement, so Gooda runs into the robot room. He is shocked to see that Bada is making the robot create a powerful virus. The virus will be powerful enough to destroy Placea's entire government in weeks.

Gooda finds robotic parts near the robots, so he swiftly grabs the parts and makes a robotic suit. The robots may be really good at science, but they can't tell a wombat from a walrus. Because of this Gooda is able to wear the suit and hide within the robots and find out how to make the Anti-virus. Gooda is very good at science, so he takes a few good looks at the ingredients the robots are making, and knows how to make the Anti-virus. The ingredients he needs to find are radioactive mushrooms, peanut butter, and spicy hot sauce. He easily finds the mushrooms, but Evila doesn't like peanut butter, so Gooda could not find it in Evila's lab. He has to go to the basement to find the butter. Bada was watching T.V. in the basement, so that would be very difficult. Gooda puts on the robot costume, in hopes that Bada wouldn't notice him from far. He sneaks into the basement, and grabs the peanut butter, but when he leaves, a skunk almost sprays him, and makes Bada notice him. All the gas from the skunk lets Gooda escape the basement. He has to get the sauce before Bada stops him. He escapes the basement, but not for long because Bada delays the virus making so that the robots could catch Gooda. The robots chase Gooda through the lab. A few moments later the robots have Gooda cornered, and Gooda hasn't found the hot sauce.

Then a giant hole in the wall appears, and a black figure falls through it. Evila lands next to Gooda. He says "I can finally get my lab back!" He tells Gooda that he came back to defeat Bada for stealing his lab. He destroys the robots, and both of them run into a safe room. Gooda tells Evila what happened. Evila goes to the virus room and destroys the robots making the virus. He tells Gooda that he was a good guy the whole time and aliens have always thought that he was evil because of his name. He stops all the evil stuff Bada did in his lab. Aliens soon find out about Gooda, Bada, and Evila. Gooda and Evila become famous for saving the planet from the virus.

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Short Story—by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Princess Setting: Deserted Island Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

There was a princess that was going to be married to a prince. One day she went out and bought some essential items but a thief got her and took her into his hideout. Then she saw him, her fiancé was there in black clothes and he looked surprised. The thief heard the fiancé say that he was looking for a princess in the west coast and was expecting her to come after a week and it has only been 3 days. The fiancé was too focused on the thief, so the princess had the perfect opportunity and left. The princess was found and this time the fiancé made sure the princess wouldn't get away so he trapped her on a deserted island and she was left with some wood, some food, and some water. She was kept there for 3 weeks and she had been saving up resources to make a boat. She then made a paddle and left the island. Once she had made it to land she had no idea where she was so asked locals and they said she was on the west coast. She was on the other side of the planet so she needed to find a way back home. Meanwhile the thief had no idea she left. The prince was very worried so he sent out troops to find her and one troop managed to get the rough location of her, so they flew there and the locals told them where she was. She was found and taken back to her home. Then the princess sent out another mission to stop the crooks and then she lived in peace ever after.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Soldier Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

There was once a soldier that got his boat stolen. But, that wasn't the most important thing. He also got his prized possession, a pure gold box that had "Timmy K" engraved onto it. The cube was probably taken to a pawn shop and sold for tens of thousands. He was searching for years and couldn't get a single lead so he eventually gave up. But after many, many years there was a single lead. It was that the person was somewhere next to the town of Pennyville. He got there as fast as he could and he actually found its rough location and it was underwater so he rented a submarine and wasn't giving up so easily. He found a small ball that looked like it had opened before so he checked it out and there was so much gold and jewels in there but something stood out. Then, he found it, the cube. He was so happy and when he got home he instantly put it in a vault and made sure to never lose it again. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Dog Setting: Lake Michigan Conflict/Problem: Cheated on a test

Once upon a time there was a dog that loved water, so he would go to the ocean every day. He lived near an ocean, but one day he really wanted to go to a lake instead of an ocean. Lakes have less salt than oceans, so the dog wouldn't float as much. In a lake, he would be able to stay underwater longer, and it would be a completely new feeling. He told his owners, and they scheduled a trip, the dog got ready, and they went in a car. It took them several hours with numerous stops for food, gas, and a hotel. When they made it there, the first thing the dog did was jump in the lake. The family was resting on the bleachers on the side, and the dog was astonished that he could go that deep in the lake. He spent the rest of the day bouncing around and playing, and before he knew it, it was already nighttime. They all went back home, and the trip was long and tiring. When he got home, he fell asleep. That day was the best day of his life. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Cowboy Setting: Tree house Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it.

Once upon a time there was a boy that loved the olden times and deserts so he decided to become a cowboy. He then completed tasks and got paid so he spent his money on a treehouse in a small town called Subara. He then wanted to become a better cowboy so he enrolled in a school for cowboys. One year later, everything was going well, except that he had a big test coming up. He studied really hard and when the day came he got ready and was trying his best. In the middle of the test, he got really stumped and didn't know how to solve a question. He asked a student and was hoping for the answer. The student replied, "I will not help you cheat, if you fail, that's on you." The cowboy was really sad so he tried his best. A year later, that same friend really needed help, and the cowboy really wanted to say no to get revenge, but his heart was too kind and he helped the student. Both students slowly became best friends and they were best pals. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Got lost

One day, there was a bear that went to elementary school. He just moved there so he didn't know that much and the elementary school was huge. He was attending it when he had to use the bathroom and when he had to, his class was called to go out of the building because there was a fire. The bear got out and couldn't find his way out so a firefighter came and searched for him. The fire had been extinguished and the firemen were worried. They couldn't find the bear until an hour later because the bear had been walking around to try to get out. They got out and the bear was saved. The bear now never went to the bathroom when the teacher was called. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Unicorn Setting: Playground Conflict/Problem: A plague sweeps the nation

One day there was a unicorn that went to the park with her friends. She was playing and playing, but all of a sudden she started coughing. Her friends helped her up but they started coughing. They all went to the hospital and got treated. The doctor told them they got a virus

that was not seen for 20 years. It was called Covid-19. One year later in the year 2043, the plague was getting more severe and half the population had it. Soon the whole world will get it. The people that didn't have it all went to Texas, and they built a barrier and built safety masks and safety tools. The unicorns all gathered up and the unicorn was nervous. She had wanted to become a doctor her whole life and now was the opportunity. Three months later, she had created an invention that would change the plague. She had created a device that could take the virus and make it an antidote. She soon gave one to everyone that didn't have the virus and they all put masks on and gave the invention to the sick people. Soon, most people were healed but some were still sick so the unicorn had to make more. She made more and did the same thing but there was one village that was still sick. The unicorn couldn't get to that village because the villagers were staying in their homes and not coming out. The unicorns tried to explain but they didn't listen. They had to break in so that's what they did and the unicorn gave the villagers the antidote and the virus was no longer a thing. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: President of the United States Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Lost Something Valuable

One day there was a man named Bob that later became president. He was successful and there was a birthday party coming up. He brought an expensive gift to the party and he left. An hour later he arrived and looked for the present. He went inside and placed the present down on a table. Then everyone ate cake and had a fun time. He was going to give the present now but he couldn't find it. Bob looked everywhere and there was no trace except fingerprints. Bob was a detective before he became president so he examined the fingerprint and found out it was from a person in the party. They already left so he told everyone and one guy said he was going to his house which was on 2235 Handley Ave. Bob went there as quickly as he could and confronted him. He quickly resigned and gave him the present, Bob called 911 and the police arrested him. He went back to the party and gave the present to the birthday boy. Then, Bob went home and that thief never stole again. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Lion Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

A lion was in a forest when there was a storm. He got caught in the storm and was flying around. When the storm cooled down a bit he got off and landed in a tree canopy. The next day, he was outside when another storm hit. This time he hid under a tree and didn't get caught so far. Then, the storm looked like it ended so he got out but the storm didn't end and he got caught. This storm was even more violent, he screamed for help and lost some of his fur. He then held a tree and swung around it. The storm had passed and he was lucky to survive. He then never underestimated a storm and always took precautions. The End

Short Story, Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Fairy Setting: Beach Conflict/Problem: Got in trouble with a teacher

Once upon a time, there was a fairy that went to a beach. She loved the beach and swam in the ocean. She got ice cream and had a fun time. but then she realized she had tutoring that day. The fairy quickly got on her phone and started the zoom. The tutor was confused on why

she was wet and at a beach but didn't ask. The tutoring went well and after that she had another fun time at the beach. The End

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Ghost Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

Once upon a time, there was a ghost that lived next to a graveyard. He was lonely and wanted a friend so he went to a party nearby. The party was about a boy named Miguel and he was turning 11. The ghost came and he never learned manners so he ate all the cake. Then, he took all the presents and went home. One of the presents was a drone and he loved using it. Then, one night, he was playing with it when a U.F.O came flying down and the aliens looked mad. They said something the ghost didn't understand and the aliens came down. One alien came down and took his drone, then many drones that looked like his came down and started attacking him. It turned out the drone was one of the aliens and they wanted it back. The ghost gave it back and he got a new drone. The ghost played with it like he did with the other drone and Everyone lived normally ever after.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Superhero Setting: Cabin in the mountains Conflict/Problem: Embarrassed in front of everyone

One day, a superhero that could fly went to town. He went and defeated a guy named Barrock who was a villain. Then, he went and bought some new clothes. When he wore it, he didn't like it and right before he tried to take it off, a villain broke through the wall and revealed to everyone what he was wearing. Everybody laughed, including the villain. The superhero was embarrassed and left the town. The villain came to him and they fought, the superhero won and he never went to that town again.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Monster Setting: Your favorite restaurant Conflict/Problem: Need to make the game-winning shot

One day in a world of monsters, Bob decided to eat at a restaurant and he ate all he could. After that, he saw an arcade next to it so he went in with \$10 and spent it. He had 50 cents left and if he didn't make this basketball shot, he would waste his money. It was all down to this moment. He decided to calm down and take it. He made it. He Made It, Bob was so excited and he won a plush elephant. He went home and decided to go to that arcade again another time.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Dragon Setting: On a cross-country train Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

Once upon a time, there was a city of dragons and one of them decided to go to Canada using a train. On the train, he found out someone had a fear of mirrors and he decided not to tell but when he got off, he told everybody about it and they laughed. That person felt really bad for themselves and he decided never to tell anyone anything ever again.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: President of the United States Setting: The battlefield Conflict/Problem: Betrayed a friend

Once upon a time, there was a president who helped fight in WW3 along with a good friend and they fought for 19 days. Both were fighting hard and they were both tired. One day, they fought a guy named Mancory, and he was with another guy named Samuel. The president then fought them and in the end, they were about to win, but his friend decided to join the other team and in the end, the president had to leave. He went back to the white house and did his duties as president. His friend later died and the president's team won, he respected the friend's decision.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Your favorite actor/ movie star/ singer/ celebrity Setting: Basketball court
Conflict/Problem: Lost something valuable

Once upon a time there was a player that decided to create his own game, he decided to use a hard ball and bounce that. It needed an objective and that was to make it in the hoop. He made a point and foul system and then let people try the game. They had fun and played it every day. The game was known as Basketball. One day, the player played and he lost his phone. He looked everywhere but he couldn't find it. Then, he got a new phone and didn't lose it.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Jungle Conflict/Problem: Didn't help a friend who needed it

There were two best friends and they played every day. They wandered into a jungle and found many, many animals. They then came out miraculously and the next day, they went back in and then got lost. They found each other but didn't know where they were. One friend then got stuck in a tree and the other didn't help them. He went outside and the other friend got out and found his way. The friend was mad at the other but he forgave him and they continued to be friends.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Princess Setting: Lake Michigan Conflict/Problem: Cheated on a test

Once upon a time there was a princess that was taking a test. She lived in Michigan and was in school. The test was hard and she answered as much as she could. Then she zoned out and lost track of time. She was looking up and didn't know. Then she woke up and the test was about to end in 5 minutes. She quickly answered but she didn't know some. Quickly, without thinking, she cheated and saw someone else's work. She scribbled down the answers and turned in the test. That was the only day she had cheated. The End.

Short Story, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Two rivals Setting: Outer space Conflict/Problem: A plague sweeps the nation

Once upon a time in a world with warriors, two rivals had fought since they were babies. They kept on fighting and grew stronger. One day they both were sent to space on a mission to Mars

and they had been strong enough to handle it. They arrived and one guy wanted to make peace and not to fight and the other agreed. They both found items and one day, one guy decided to fight the other and they continued fighting when a plague hit Earth and they returned immediately. The plague had gone over the nation and created sickness for most. They decided to fight more and soon everybody left that area. The older one won and the younger was defeated so he went back home. The older one helped fight the disease. The plague had ended with most surviving and everyone was happy that it was over.

Short Story, by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Cowboy, Setting: Your school. Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

Introduction: There is a cowboy learning in Cow Elementary school. The day was very normal, and it was a Tuesday, the normalest day of the week. After hours of studying the cowboys and cowgirls went out to recess. Recess was very normal, the vice principal was playing football, and other people were doing normal stuff. The cowboy was sitting on a bench thinking about things like "I wonder what is for dinner." After he decided what color of the cow village from his favorite book should have been, he went to play tag with his friends.

Body 1: While the cowboys friends ran around and played tag, the cowboy found it interesting that there was a giant shape in the sky. He guessed that it was a big cloud and continued with his tag game. Sometime later, the shape comes a little more down, and the cowboy realizes what it is. He asks his friends if it is normal to see a giant rubber ducky emerge from the sky. The cowboy's friend looks up and says "I'm not sure, let's ask the teacher." The 2 cowboys run to the teacher and ask her about the ducky. The teacher looks up and says "Oh-no." Everyone looks up at the giant rubber ducky, as if they were playing together so well they did not even notice a giant rubber ducky in the sky.

Body 2: The students and teachers watched in awe as the rubber ducky landed. lizard-like aliens came from an opening in the ducky. The cowboys and cowgirls stepped back, as the aliens used their technology to transform a small disk shaped piece into a high tech suit. The aliens' supersuits had lasers they used to explode parts of the playground. The cowboys, cowgirls and cow teachers evacuated the building. The aliens ran into the school. 4 cowboys ran into the school. These cowboys were cowboys from another part of the planet. Because the better cowboys from the Mostly Elite Cowpeople Agency or MECA were on vacation, MECA had to send the cowboys that were at the top of the worst agents list. These cowboys were the reason MECA had a "mostly" in the name. The Aliens sent out four extremely powerful aliens, with their super suits against the MECA agents.

Body 3: The aliens were destroying the entire school, while the MECA agents were still running to the school. When the MECA agents arrived, half the entire school was destroyed. The MECA agents chased the aliens for a long time. Then the aliens chased the MECA agents. Some time later the agents and aliens got tired and sat down for a break. The MECA agents talked to the aliens, and eventually the aliens found a football. The aliens inspected the ball. that gave the MECA agents enough time to run into the aliens ducky ship. They found that while they were at the duck, the aliens started playing football. The MECA agents observed the aliens and the ball. The agents went into the football match and saw that the aliens enjoyed playing together with the football, so they said that if the aliens could throw the football into a basketball hoop first, then the MECA agents would let the aliens take over the school. But if

the MECA agents got the ball into the hoop first, then the aliens would have to fix the school and pay for other repairs. The MECA agents got a ball and the aliens got a ball. The aliens missed a few times, but the MECA agents just watched. Finally, the MECA agents threw their ball, and it rocketed towards the hoop. The ball missed and flew to a deer, who threw the ball to a fox, who threw the ball to a cow racoon, who threw it strait towards the aliens' duck spaceship. The aliens saw the ball hit the spaceship and became extremely angry. the MECA agents ran around in circles, while the aliens chased them. The aliens trapped the MECA agents in a laser cage.

Conclusion: The aliens threw the ball almost into the hoop. Moments before the ball landed in the hoop, a small robotic ball flew out of the duck ship's mouth. The ball slammed onto the aliens' robotic suits, disabling the suits. Then it bounced off of the suits and landed in the hoop. The puzzled aliens looked at the ball. One of the MECA agents said, "The ball got in the hoop! Now you have to repair the school." The aliens said that the it should not count because the ball became a robotic ball. Then the cow-racoon said "the MECA agents never said anything about that in the deal." He said that he was the one who made the ball a robotic ball. The aliens fixed the school, and left in peace. The End

Short Story, by Himaneesh D., 3rd gr.

Character: Ninja Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

There were two best friends living in a cabin deep in Green Titans, Misbille , Unixerest. Their names were Meadow and Rein. Not long ago they joined BigFoot BelieVerS because they believed in bigfoot. And Meadow was enjoying a nice cup of tea when Rein said. "Let's go on a walk. We'll find lots of nature and maybe even bigfoot." Meadow said, "Let's go now," so they geared up and went on the trail. They only saw bugs and squirrels on the trail. After 15 minutes Rein said, "Let's go off the trail." Meadow hesitated, then nodded his head. Now they saw birds, sloths, and even jaguars. Then they went deeper, and then they saw BIGFOOT! They got their tranquilizers and shot for their lives -- LITERALLY! Bigfoot was charging at them, then finally a tranquilizer hit bigfoot. They contacted the BigFoot BelieVerS. and with the help of the few rangers, they got as close as 1 inch from a BEAR. Rein cried, "WHAT THE WHAT!" Then Meadow cried, "WHAT THE ... IT'S JUST A BEAR." Then they had to pay 50 dollars for going off the trail and 50 for shooting wildlife. Rein said, "We pay 100 dollars FOR JUST DOING THOSE TWO THINGS!"

Short Story, by Himaneesh D., 3rd gr., and his tutor, Monish A., 6th gr.

Character: Cowboy Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

Yo, the name's Woody, and I walked into school today with a cowboy costume, as it was dress up day (and because my name's Woody, so it fits the context). I expected the day to be chill, but I couldn't have been so wrong. "Today is a mega busy day," my teacher said. "We have five tests, two essays, and nineteen pages of schoolwork, which you have to complete in 20 minutes," my teacher exclaimed. I was just about to start crying, but just then I heard, "April Fools!" My teacher was capping all along. My teacher snickered, "Why were you all so scared? It's not like aliens are attacking the school!" Just as she said "school," the school floor rumbled, but just as it shook, one of my classmates said, "It's an earthquake." "Neat single file

line," shouted the teacher. We went into the bathroom and didn't come out until the school announcer said, "It's safe to come outside." Then it rumbled again, and we went back into the bathroom and I was like, oh come on. We waited for 2 hours but it still didn't come on that the school announcer said anything. It was pretty suspicious how it rumbled, and then stopped, rumbled, and then it stopped. One of my classmates said, "I need to go to the bathroom." My teacher said, "How long is this drill going to be? This is very suspicious." After two more minutes my teacher said, "Up! Let's go back to class." And I was so confused. My teacher never ever said, "Let's go back to the classroom," before the school announcer said, "It's safe," but I agreed with her. We've been waiting about 3 hours by now. Then after 5 minutes the school announcer said, "It's safe," he also said, "Sorry for the two-hour delay. Sorry kids I'm going to go pick a bone with a school announcer. We've been waiting so long and he says it's a delay. I'll be back after 5 minutes." It had been 10 minutes since she had left. There was mayhem in the classroom. I told my friends that I was going to sneak out, but if they wanted to come, they had to be extra sneaky. The blinds in our classroom were covering the windows but the windows in the hall we could see clearly. I was scared to death when I looked outside. There was a humongous spaceship right outside of school. I nodded to my friends and said we were going to split. Half of us were going to warn the class and half of us were going to go into the principal's office. I was in the half that was going to the principal's office. I was scared to death, like I literally wanted to die. I saw a tentacle going to the principal's office and then I stopped. I told the others to stop, too. We stopped for 5 minutes and then we went and ventured on into the school. We really have never been into this part of the school, ever. I looked to the ground I saw a tentacle prints. Now I was like, "What the what?" I was chosen as the leader to look for the principal's office. I led them back to the classroom and said, "It is way too dangerous. We are going to exit this building right this second." After 1 minute they calmed down from panicking and said, "Who's going to be our leader?" Then one of our classmates said, "What if the aliens catch one of us?" I shuttered like an iceberg breaking on top of the school. Then I said, "This exit is way too dangerous. We're going through the windows." We found one private window that gives us the cover of the bushes. We ducked out. Then no one was there, so we kept evacuating. Then I remembered my classmate that went to the bathroom. I took three classmates that volunteered to look for him so we went to the boys' bathroom and I found him washing his face. Then I heard someone talking to someone; then I realized that someone is our teacher. We all hid in the boys' bathroom and didn't come out until the voice was right outside the bathroom. Then one of my classmates said, "Look at these metal rods." and I nodded to him. Then we took the metal rods, and bam on our teacher, and the person who was with our teacher and turns out they were aliens, which was no surprise. Then I took a moment to recognize the unknown face and realized he wasn't a complete stranger alien. He was the principal and he was yelling at us. We ran for our lives and then found ourselves cornered. Then one of our brave classmates took the metal rod from the floor and bammed into the people that were cornering us. Then we made it outside the window and found our classmates captured by aliens. Luckily our smart friend had plenty of metal modes and we all bammed into the aliens that were cornering us. Then we gave our classmates a metal rod, and we kept hitting each alien like they were a piece of cotton, and then we made it to the alien spaceship and surprisingly those were not like adult scary controls. They were just kiddy controls. So we took off on the alien spaceship to a planet. Turns out the spaceship we were on, it was filled with human prisoners. So we took humanity and put it in another planet like earth, and luckily that planet did not have life. It had food, water and all the supplies we

needed. So yeah, it was a happy ending, but not for Earth. Our classmates, the brave ones, said, "Should we take a look at Earth from space?" Then we saw it had fire all over it, and more motherships were coming to us filled with little, little tiny ships like the one we stole from them. Turns out they were here to take the human prisoners back, and their spaceship. I was surprised they would still come and get it. Then I told some of my friends that are the sciencey type and the best scientists on earth to figure out a defense system because they were not in a rush. After 2 days they finally reached our new Earth and then they started firing like crazy. Luckily, we figured out the best defense system that was on Twin Earth and Earth. We sent nukes to mother ships, and then we survived. It was crazy that the people put us in charge of Twin Earth. We were called humanity's savers, and I was the leader of that group.

Benefits of Twin Earth

- no money, only trading
- new places to explore
- have a spaceship
- no hunting allowed at all
- no extinction
- and new animals to find

Short Story, by Krithin R., 3rd gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

My name is Brown. I am a bear that is going to a birthday party. It is the birthday of my friend Lily. Lily told a secret to me. She said Moksha stole a candy from Harsha. Don't say this to Moksha. She will get angry.

Moksha "Hey (whisper), Lily said that you stole Harsha's candy."

"No, I didn't. That girl is so mean."

"Hey, that's a lie, birthday girl. Why did you lie to me? You're in big trouble."

"I am sorry for lying to you. I will forgive you now, but never again."

"Hey, you lie, boy Brown. You told the secret. You are in big trouble going home."

"Before going home, I want to say something. I am sorry, Lily, for telling a lie."

Short Story, by Harasha P., 3rd gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Got lost

There once was a bear named Ted, who was 5 years old. He used to live in the woods. He was so scared because at night it looked dark and spooky. He and his family left and moved to the city. He was so relieved but the city looked so big, and he thought about nights in this city; he thought it would be spooky as the forest.

So he went to his new school that was big and spooky. He was very scared. Then when he was in recess he was sitting on the bench with no friends. Suddenly he wanted to explore the whole city, so he tiptoed and wanted to go to the Dollar store. He was lost!

So he called his mother. She didn't pick up her phone. Then he was scared.

He saw the police and said, "Can you help?" said the bear.

"Okay," said the police. "Give me the address."

"I don't know the address," Ted said.

The police wondered and wondered. Then he said, "Give me the phone number," said the police.

Then Ted said, "Yes."

The police had a low battery on the phone. Then they were still wondering what to use. They were going to use the power bank. Then they tried it, but it had no electricity. That means no power. But they saw their neighbor, and then the neighbor took her neighbor home. *the end*

Short Story, by Pratiksha P., 3rd gr. 2.27.2023

Character: Dog Setting: Lake Michigan Conflict/Problem: Cheated on a test

One day, Berry didn't do his homework because he wanted to play with his friend outside. He was playing hide-and-seek with his friends Tommy and Michelle. Then one day, Berry and his mom Mary went to Lake Michigan to have a picnic. Then Berry's teacher, Ms. Sary, was also at Lake Michigan taking a walk. There Ms. Sary saw Berry's mom, Mary, and they talked about Berry's cheat sheet. When Berry's mom saw Ms. Sary's evidence, she was mad. Berry got grounded for cheating for the whole test time.

Short Story, by Devesh C.

Character: Monster Setting: Your favorite restaurant Conflict/Problem: Need to make the game-winning shot

The monster is wearing a red t-shirt with blue pants and has no shoes on. The monster is entering KFC and orders chicken and a chicken burger to eat. While the monster was eating his KFC meal he saw that three boys were playing monopoly. Then, he wanted to play monopoly, so he went to ask the boys if he can join. The boys told that he can join and one of the boys told that if you win you get \$1,000 from me. Then the monster told ok and started the game. After 30 minutes the monster won. Then, the boy gave the \$1,000 and the monster was rich.

Short Story, by Devesh C., 3rd gr.

Character: Dragon Setting: On a cross-country train Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

Feb 6 2023: Once there was a dragon named Mike. He wanted to go to London, so he packed his laptop and luggage, and then he went to the train station. Then, he goes to get a ticket. Finally, he found his train and hopped on. Then, one man came to him, and said, "Come to my house, I'll give you some gold." He said, "My apartment number is 228, and my house is in

London.” Then, Mike said, “Okay.” Then, he told someone his secret. After he arrived in London, the man that talked to Mike went to apartment number 228, and he rang the doorbell. After, the guy that spoke to Mike in the train had a bat and...the guy hit the other guy and he ran away.

Short Story, by Rithwik N., 5th gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity

Logan and Jacob are best friends. They do everything together. One day they went to the forest to camp. Logan brought matches and toothpaste. Jacob brought matches and by accident brought nail polish. When they got to the forest, both of them did not pay attention and fell into a pond. When they got out of the pond, they reached the campsite. They opened their bags and took their matches out; they were all soaked. They put them out to let them dry. But then it started to rain so they checked on them and Jacob’s matches are now water proof because they dried off. Then they started a fire and were safe because they were out of the rain.

The End

Short Story, by Rithwik N., 5th gr.

Character: Princess Setting: Deserted Island Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

Once upon a time, there was a little princess that was beautiful. One day, she went outside, and saw a man that looked handsome to her. She followed him all day, and one day she proposed to him. He also loved her, but one day, he betrayed her, by taking her to the desert and leaving her there, and the love he had was fake. The princess had walked all day to find hope, but there was no hope. One day, she made it home, and told her father he had betrayed her. As a result of this, the man was incarcerated for seven years. The princess lived happily ever after, at the end.

Short Story, by Himaneesh D., 3rd gr., with his tutor Monish A., 6th gr.

Character: Soldier Setting: Deserted island Conflict/Problem: Stole something

There was a battleship cruising around the Hawaiian Islands. Many of the Hawaiians were scared and angry about why the battleship was circling them, why it was so big, and why it had to be so big. Then the battleship cruised into the bay, and Hawaiians ran.

Then the army came off and shot like crazy, shooting every single Hawaiian they could see. Many Hawaiians were scared and confused. Many Hawaiians sailed off to other islands to hide. But no one was getting off the island or onto the island without the army knowing; they planned this very carefully; they put up cameras everywhere on the islands, and then they went into the battlefield. Plus, there were also like 300 soldiers guarding the bay, and many people couldn't even get on their boats, let alone sail to another island.

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The information and his guess were that a Hawaiian person came to America and stole tons of gold and then went back to Hawaii, and that's all they could find, so they are attacking every single island until they find the pounds and tons of gold.

They couldn't exactly locate me, but I felt bad for the Hawaiians, and there was a group of Hawaiians with him, so, well, it makes sense that there might be 10 people, and the Hawaiian Islands also did a lot of mischief, and when I say mischief, I mean they made like outlaws in the communities, and they once even pushed off a high stone that killed more than 800 people. So I guess that they were doing justice for the whole island.

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Then there were like 500 gunshots outside, and then when I went out, the Hawaiian Army was like right outside the caves and they were shooting. Luckily it was just a team, so the soldier took them down but there were still more Hawaiian armies in America, and the battleship was screaming. "Get back onto the battleship. There's an incident. It wasn't on this Hawaiian Island. We have located him. He's in a cave in the other Hawaiian Islands."

But just then, everyone rushed outside. My foot was caught on a branch. A Hawaiian soldier came toward me. He even said on his walkie-talkie that there was a spy on the island. "There's a spy." I took the walkie; I was still tight onto the branch and was in the roots. But I could reach the walkie, and I caught on to the walkie and said, "False alarm. It's not a spot. It's one of our Hawaiian soldiers."

So then I ran. Then I used my knife, which I thought was not there, and cut off the branches in the vines, in the roots, and ran toward the ocean, and took a dive. I thought gunshots were outside. I heard gunshots outside and heard them saying, "There's a soldier on the islands."

The Americans were like, "What do you mean?" I swam until he found a little, little island. It can't even fit a home. So I climbed aboard to take a breath, and I planned to take another dive and try to head to the island. The soldiers heard that was where the heist people were. But then I realized I still had the walkie and looks like my arm was stuck on a branch now and the water was freezing, and it could put me into sharks, and on the other hand, I mean I can't swim like one mile, right? And this is the only place in the whole entire ocean I could get a break, and on the other hand, there were sharks.

So I just called up and started walking and we got a call from the soldier. "I was stranded," he said. "I was shooting on a root. Someone said when the American battleship called to us to climb aboard."

The Hawaiian general said, "We don't believe you. Give us proof where are you on a small island. I cannot exactly locate where it is, but I'm sure it's not."

"I can't even fit a house on it, so I'm pretty sure you won't be able to locate me, so just send a message to the army and yeah just send a rescue party, a Hawaiian rescue party or just plainly a soldier, an American soldier with the boat. This is my second day here, so please just please send anything, a Hawaiian dinner set."

"We don't still believe you. Is there a palm tree there? No. Then it's not a Hawaiian island."

The soldier could understand that the General was making fun of it, and I clearly understood what does one soldier value to American army. So I left it. With that, I dropped the walkie. I took a moment, then I dropped the walkie into the ocean and I would never touch it. So I prepared for the next day.

I had a bottle, and I guess a bottle is good for catching air, and I had a knife so I could cut away from the vine on the mines and the shrubs on my leg. And there was a plenty of food source on the island. It was just a little shrub and yeah, so I took my next dive.

I went hours and hours into the deep ocean. After another mile or so, it's like I got tired. So I found a little floating island. It's not exactly floating but as you can see, it was smaller than the last island, but just barely big enough for me to fit on it.

It was very small, about the size of a pillow. It was not even like an island with just a few small plants going on it, and yeah, so there were berries, so that was good. I also found lots of berries on the bigger island than this, but this was still small. That island was like the size of a door. So I kept journeying and journeying on into the wilderness of the ocean. Occasionally I would just find a coral reef, sit there for a second, take a break, and then lift off and dive, and swim again. I was still very, very tired.

Then he found another little, little island barely the size of a pillow barely, just barely. You could also say if someone that had a poor vision would say it's the half, not even, it's not even the half a pillow and that was true. Here almost it was not half a pillow. It was stronger than the other one that was as big as a pillow but it was stronger than the eyes know it was a pillow size, but this one was way more vegetated. When I say vegetated, I mean just a shrub and it has lots of berries. So I can't even put my feet on it, or my head, so I just hang on top. Then I kept venturing on to the ocean.

I was very scared when I saw a shark, but still I just kept venturing and venturing and venturing. Occasionally I saw an island or two but missed them. I had been doing this for seven to 10 days. My food was the berries that were growing on the island, but soon I needed something else than berries. Embarrassed. I needed something that was proper and a good source. Those just gave me a little snack. I needed something big.

So I kept adventuring onto the ocean and then occasionally I found the island, and I found a stick. So I tied it around, and grabbing the grill and then just fished. My first step was to catch a fish in the morning. Then apply fish bait. The fish will be the fish. I believed just a little piece, and then I would fish, fish, fish until so I kept going and going on the 20 days.

I became super tired and realized not that I just didn't need to take an hour break, I needed to take a one- or two-day break. I mean after all I been going miles and miles and miles, and that could hurt your lungs, your feet obviously, and it could make you a little wobbly and insecure in this different place from when you were, you know, in the army. So I just rested on the island a day or two, and then I could catch some fish.

I didn't exactly cook the fish, because I mean, I realized it would be a bad idea to set up a fire on a sandy island. I mean not that actually I thought it was a bad idea because it would be a waste of my new swimming stick which means I didn't have to use my legs and when I could just use my miles for like extra charge. Who knew? So I didn't have a fire but I just found the

stick on the other island so I cooked there, and I didn't get just going with the flow. Normally straight, and normally I would do the same efficient strategy, or just like play a game.

A DRAGON'S JOURNEY, BY TANISH CHELLIBOYINA

Character: Dragon Setting: On a cross-country train

Conflict/Problem: Told someone else's secret

A Dragon's Journey, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Once upon a time, there was a dragon who went to college and got a degree in rubik's cube solving. He was so fast at it and even learned to do it blindfolded. He was getting better and better until he had no money left for him to learn more. He finished college and had to get a job, so he called hour after hour, day after day, until he found one suitable for him.

He needed to go on a train to a different country for it so he booked a train ticket and would go there. He got on and slept in his bed area while cubing. Cubing was his hobby and not really a career until he found out about competitions. They were held in various places including where he was headed, so he had to go.

Someone had come up to him and complimented him on solving a rubik's cube. He said it was easy and showed him again. This time, he was more fascinated. The dragon taught him the easy way that was slow and he wanted the fast way. The dragon explained how it takes a long time to learn and the other person had a goal of solving it in under 30 seconds. He told the dragon a secret, he had always wanted to solve one but didn't know what to do.

The next day, he was almost there and in the time he had left, he researched more about competitions. The train was there and the dragon got off. He got his job and it was like that for a year. One day, he had his worker solve a cube for the first time and he wanted to learn more too. The dragon told him he was like the guy in the train and they didn't mind but he remembered he was not supposed to tell and felt guilty. He forgot about it the next day and didn't feel guilty anymore.

He learned more things about cubing and went to fifteen competitions so far. He had gotten a 7 second solve and was placed 10th in the world. He continued going to **competitions** and winning them over and over until he got a 5 second solve and was placed 3rd in the world. He got closer and closer until on a day in December, he got the world record, which was 3.46 seconds. He achieved his dream and retired from cubing. He had a good life and became a millionaire because of the prize.

SHORT STORY, BY VARUN B., 4TH GR.

Character: Soldier Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

Prologue

There was a very intelligent chef who put pineapple on pizza. This upset people who like pizza without pineapple. After 2021, people started an online war about whether or not pineapple should go on pizza. The war is like a game because it's VR.

There was a 13-year-old boy named Mark. He *loved* pineapple on pizza. When he was talking to his friends, they said, "You should play this game. It's called *Does Pineapple Belong on Pizza?*" He's been playing ever since.

One Year Later . . .

Mark is 14 now. He is a pro at this game. In the game, his other friend, who hates pineapple on pizza, made him go to the bottom of the ocean. That was a glitch, so the anti-cheat detected Mark and banned him from playing. The anti-cheat thought that he was cheating. But really, his friend should be banned. His friend is much better at *Does Pineapple Belong on Pizza?* than Mark.

Mark got so angry, he ragequit, went to his friend's house, stole his headset, and broke it in front of his friend's eyes. Mark then began eating a slice of pizza with pineapple on top. His friend then breaks Mark's headset. Then he eats pineapple with pizza!

Mark then said, "Hey, I thought you didn't like pineapple on pizza!"

His friend said, "I do! I'm just doing this for the game! I hate pineapple on pizza only in the game. But in real life, I think it tastes pretty good."

Short Story, by Pratiksha P., 3rd gr.

Character: Soldier Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

Once upon time under the ocean there was a soldier name Tyler. One day he found so much gold he was trying to figure whose gold was it. When he was trying to find whose gold it was, he ran into a pirate named Zoey. He asked Zoey if this was her gold, and Zoey said, "Yes that's my gold." Then Tyler gave the gold to Zoey. Then Tyler asked Zoey how her gold got off the ship and how it went into the ocean. Zoey said that her pirate ship ran into a medium kind of rock. Then her ship fell, and then all of her gold spread in the ocean. After Zoey explained how her ship fell, she said, "Thank you," and went on her way.

Short Story, by Noshitha Y., 2nd gr.

Character: Princess Setting: Deserted Island Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

Once upon a time, there was a princess named Lizzy who lived on a deserted island. She got to the island when her boat crashed, and she swam to the island. She had no food – only coconuts. She lived there a long time. The boat crashed because another princess, Lena,

thought Lizzy was the most beautiful princess, so she fixed the boat to crash. She betrayed the princess.

Then she swam to an island and lived on the island. Another ship came to the island. On the ship there was a prince named Blake. He came to save her. They lived happily ever after.

SHORT STORY, By Tanish A., 3rd gr. 3.27.23

Character: President of the United States Abraham Lincoln

Setting: Birthday party His birthday 1863 54 years old

Conflict/Problem: Lost Something Valuable golden orange

There were 1,000 people at the White House for Abraham Lincoln's 54th birthday party. His old friend Bob gave him a set of golden fruits, including golden apple, golden orange, golden apple, golden pear, and a golden pomegranate. Later in the party, Lincoln couldn't find the golden orange. He put up a big sign saying that whoever returned the orange would get \$100. But no one gave the golden orange back.

So he locked the doors of the White House, so no one could go outside. Then he interrogated all the guests at the party. Most did not seem suspicious, but ten guests were nervous and stuttered. Lincoln told his guards to check their pockets and bags. Still there was no sign of the golden orange.

But five of them were bald and had expensive shampoo in their bags. The president said very quickly, "Robbers say what." All but one person didn't say "What." Lincoln said that quickly so he could trick the robber.

So they checked his bags and pockets and found the golden orange in a secret compartment in his bag. The police took the robber away, and the party kept going.

SHORT STORY, by Varun B., 4th gr., and his tutor

Character: Ninja Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

It was 8:30. The day had begun. I woke up. I didn't remember it was my birthday and thought it was a normal day. When I walked out and went to Charles's house, he said he was invited to a birthday party and he was going to go there to decorate. For a second I thought *Whose birthday party?* and then I thought *Why didn't I get invited?* Before I could say anything, he left. Charles walked out and then I did too. I remembered I was a ninja 'cause I'd been practicing for three years. So I did what any other ninja would do: follow him!

Charles went to the beach. That was *my* favorite spot! I went to the beach, and I was climbing up the trees. Then I saw a banner that said, "Happy Birthday," but the name was covered up. I saw people coming. I thought the party was getting started. Then I remembered, isn't today my birthday? So while everyone was watching the popcorn machine, I uncovered the banner. It said: James! I read the whole thing out loud: "Happy Birthday, James!"

People started looking at me and yelled at me, "You shouldn't be here!"

I said, "Isn't today my birthday?"

My buddy Charles came from the back saying, "Yeah, it's a surprise birthday!" My mind was blown. All of these people were cheering at me saying "Happy Birthday!"

And then, and then, and then, we all had a good time. But when everyone was about to leave, a sandstorm appeared. Everyone was screaming, running for their lives. For the second time that day, I remembered I was a ninja! I grabbed all of the people I could pick up and hid them in bushes. Then we all just waited an hour for the sandstorm to stop. When everyone was about to go, we realized we forgot the cake!

When we realized we forgot the cake, everyone started panicking, looking for the cake. We thought the sandstorm took the cake. *Until* Charles remembered the cake was in a heavy box, so the sandstorm could not have lifted it up so easily and the cake could not have gotten dirty from the storm. We all turned into pirates, looking for the cake until Charles found it buried. Then everyone called it "Buried Treasure Cake." Everyone had a good time and everyone left, including me. I will never forget this birthday.

Surprise! Surprise!

SHORT STORY, THE SOLDIER OF THE SEA, by Prashun M., 3rd gr. 3.28.23

Character: Soldier Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

The Soldier of the Sea was named Geronimo. He protects the North Caribbean Sea. He set back all of the disasters, and all the fish celebrated because of him.

One day Queen Blossom told Geronimo that the Wizard of the Black Pearls stole the golden pearl and was going to steal the other six enchanted charms.

Geronimo got ready for the attack. Then when the Wizard of Black Pearls arrived, they fought together. While they fought, Geronimo couldn't get near the Wizard of Black Pearls, because he kept using his wizardly powers, and Geronimo had to block it with his sword. Geronimo realized he couldn't attack, so he asked his fishy friends for a ride.

Once he got close enough on the stingray's back, both of them attacked. The stingray attacked with its stinging tail, and Geronimo blocked the attacks from the Wizard of Black Pearls. Once Geronimo got close enough, he took the golden pearl and sent the Wizard of Black Pearls down the deep abyss, so everyone in the Kingdom of Fantasy was safe from the Wizard of Black Pearls.

Short Story, by Harasha P., 3rd gr.

Character: Your favorite actor/ movie stars/ singer/ celebrity Setting: Basketball court

Conflict/Problem: Lost something valuable

One day a boy called Tom Holland went to play basketball. When he went, he got his money in case he needed to buy a water bottle. So as he was playing, the wind blew the money away. When he was done playing basketball, he went back to his seat and when he checked everything, he saw that he couldn't find his money. So he was there for a few minutes. Then he

heard something in the tree. When he went there, he saw his cash on top of the tree. He said, "Can I borrow your ladder?" So he said, "Yes." He went and at last he found his money.

Short Story, by Pratiksha P., 3rd gr.

Character: Monster Setting: Your favorite restaurant Conflict/Problem: Need to make the game-winning shot

Once upon time there was a monster named Tom. One day Tom went to his favorite restaurant which was McDonald's. He ordered fries and Coca-Cola. When he finished his food, he spotted a basketball game that needed to have 2 players, so Tom went to play. Then he met Leo who was playing with him. Then they started the game. When they were playing, Tom noticed that Leo scored 21 basketball shots. Then Tom noticed that he scored only 13 basketball shots, and he noticed that he only had 5 seconds left. So Tom hurried up, but then the 5 seconds was over. Then the winner was Leo. Tom was sad that he lost.

Short Story, by Tanish A., 3rd gr.

Character: Two best friends Bob, Joe Setting: Forest Amazon rainforest

Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity Lost Person, Rick

One day two best friends, Bob and Joe, are walking through the Amazon Rainforest because Bob dropped his phone off an airplane. Bob had an Airtag on his phone, so he knows where it is located. They split up because the Airtag breaks, but they are close. A few minutes later Rick, who looks like Joe, saw Bob and went to him. Bob said, "Have you found my phone?" Rick said, "No." Rick was confused. Bob and Rick start walking, and Joe comes and asks, "Who is the other person?" to Bob. Bob said, "Which one of you is Joe?" Rick said, "Not me. I have been lost for 4 days here." And then Rick found Bob's phone. Bob and Joe knew how to get out of the Amazon Rainforest, and they took Rick too.

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Once upon a time, there was a Princess named Shopia. She was on a desert island, and she was hungry and tired. She didn't even have a house, but one day, there were soldiers on a ship and one Prince named Leo. Then, Prince Leo saw Princess Shopia, then Prince Leo told his soldier to park the ship at the desert island. Then, the Princess noticed that the prince was coming, so she dusted off her dress, and introduced herself to the prince, and the prince Leo also introduced himself to princess Shopia. Then, Leo said that he was going to help princess Shopia by giving her a house and food, then Prince Leo said he was going to come tomorrow and then princess Shopia said, "Yes." Then prince Leo and his soldiers left the next day. Prince Leo and his soldiers - with his ship - didn't come. Then, Princess Shopia was mad.

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Character: Princess Princess Peach Setting: Deserted Island Jingle Bell Island

Conflict/Problem: Betrayed Toads & Toadette

Once upon a time there was a Princess named Peach and she had many servants called Toads and Toadette. Then the Toads and Toadette got tired of being servants, so they took Princess Peach to Jingle Bell Island on a boat saying there was a golden banana, which was a lie. The next part of the servants' plan was to give her a random map and told her to follow it to find the golden banana. Secretly, the servants left with the boat. Later once Princess Peach was at the red X on the map, she saw a golden Orange. She called the toad to say she found a golden Orange not a golden banana. They were surprised and wanted the golden orange, so they came back. Princess Peach went backwards to get to the boat and there was the boat with the servants who then got a raise to a knight for telling her where the golden orange was. The End

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Short Story, by Himaneesh D., 3rd gr. with his tutor Monish A., 6th gr.

Character: Ninja Setting: Birthday party Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

There were two best friends living in a cabin deep in Green titans, Misbille, Unixerest. Their names were Meadow and Rein. Not long ago they joined BigFoot BelieVerS because they believed in bigfoot. ADD Meadow was enjoying a nice cup of tea when Rein said let's go on walk we'll find lots of nature and maybe even bigfoot Meadow said lets go now so they geared up and went on the trail. They only saw bugs and squirrels on the trail. After 15 minutes Rein said let's go off the trail. Meadow hesitated then nodded his head. Now they saw birds, sloths, and even jaguars. Then they went deeper and then they saw BIGFOOT! They got their tranquilizers and shot for their lives LITERALLY! Bigfoot was charging at them then finally a tranq hit bigfoot. They contacted the BigFoot BelieVerS and with the help of the few rangers they got as close as 1 inch from a BEAR. Rein cried WHAT THE WHAT. Then Meadow cried WHAT THE IT'S JUST A BEAR. Then they had to pay 50 dollars for going off the trail and 50 for shooting wildlife. Rein said we pay 100 dollars FOR JUST DOING THOSE TWO THINGS.

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There was a battleship cruising around the Hawaiian Islands. Many of the Hawaiians were scared and angry about why the battleship was circling them, why it was so big, and why it had to be so big. Then the battleship cruised into the bay, and Hawaiians ran, and then the army came off and shot like crazy, shooting every single Hawaiian they could see. Many Hawaiians were scared and confused. Many Hawaiians sailed off to other islands to hide. But no one was getting off the island or onto the island without the army knowing; they planned this very carefully; they put up cameras everywhere on the islands, and then they went into the

battlefield. Plus, there were also like 300 soldiers guarding the bay, and many people couldn't even get on their boats, let alone sail to another island. There was a soldier on the battleship, and then, in the next hour, the next wave of soldiers came. He was part of the wave, and he was the main general. This was his first time in the army, and he climbed the rankings so fast that he became the main general in just two days of training. His name was Mike, and he was not quite sure why they were attacking the Hawaiian Islands, but he had a guess, and he was informed just a little about why we were attacking the Hawaiian Islands. The information and his guess were that a Hawaiian person came to America and stole tons of gold and then went back to Hawaii, and that's all they could find, so they are attacking every single island until they find the pounds and tons of gold. They couldn't locate him. He felt bad for the Hawaiians, even though they were very mischievous. They became outlaws in the communities, and they once even pulled off a humongous heist that killed more than 800 people. They were doing justice for the whole island, and then just about the next wave came, and they were searching the caves, and there was a gunshot outside. At first, he didn't think it was anything, but then his walkie kept beating like crazy and he was getting suspicious, and then there were like 500 gunshots outside, and then when he went out, the Hawaiian Army was like right outside the caves and they were shooting, and luckily it was just a team, so the soldiers took them down, but there were still more Hawaiian soldiers, and the battleship was screaming to get back onto the battleship. There's an incident. It wasn't on this Hawaiian Island; we have located him; he's in a cave in the other Hawaiian Island, but just then, everyone rushed outside. His foot was caught on a branch. A Hawaiian soldier came toward him. He even said on his walkie-talkie that there was a spy on the island. There's a spy. He immediately killed the Hawaiian soldier with his gun. He took the walkie; he was still tight onto the branch and was in the roots. But he could reach the walkie, and he caught on to the walkie and said, "False alarm. It's not a spy. It's one of our Hawaiian soldiers." So then he ran. Then he used his knife, which he thought was not there, to cut off the branches from the vines and the roots, and he ran toward the ocean and took a dive. He thought gunshots were outside. He heard gunshots outside and people saying, "There's a soldier on the islands," and the Americans were like, "What do you mean?" He swam until he found a little island. It can't even fit a house. So he climbed aboard to catch his breath, and he planned to take another dive and try to head to the island. The soldiers heard that was where the heist people were. But then he realized he still had the walkie-talkie, and it looks like his arm was stuck on a branch now, and the water when it's freezing and there were sharks, and on the other hand, I mean, he can't swim like one mile, right? And this is the only place in the entire ocean he could get a break, and on the other hand, there were sharks, and so he just called up and walked, like we got a call from the soldier. "I was stranded," he said. "I was shooting at a root. The Hawaiian general said, "We don't believe you". "Give us proof:" "Where are you on a small island?" "I cannot exactly locate it," but I'm sure it's not on a map." "I can't even fit a house on it, so I'm pretty sure you won't be able to locate me," so just send a message to the army, and yeah, just send a rescue party, a Hawaiian rescue party, or just a plain old American soldier with the boat, and this is my second day here, so please just please send anything or a Hawaiian dinner set". We still don't believe you". Is there a palm tree there?" No". "Then it's not a Hawaiian island." The soldier could understand that the general was making fun of it, and he clearly understood what one soldier valued about the American army. So he left it. With that, he dropped the walkie-talkie. He paused for a moment before tossing the walkie-talkie into the sea, vowing never to touch it again. So he prepared for his next day. He had a bottle, and he guessed a bottle is good for

catching air, and he had a knife so he could cut away the shrubs on his leg. And there were plenty of food sources on the island. It was just a little shrub, so he took his next dive. He went for hours and hours into the deep ocean. He's exhausted after another mile or so. So he found a little floating island. It's not exactly floating, but as you can see, it was smaller than the last island, but just barely enough to fit his weight. It was very small, about the size of a pillow. It was not even like an island; just a few small plants were growing on it, and yeah, there were berries, so that was good. He also found lots of berries on the bigger island than this, but it was still small. That island was like the size of a door. So he kept journeying and journeying on into the wilderness of the ocean. Occasionally, between 30 minutes and an hour, he used to find coral reefs, he just sits there for a second, takes a break, and dived, then swims again, and he was still very, very tired. Then he found another little island, barely the size of a pillow. You could also say that someone with poor vision would say it's the half and not even the half of a pillow, and that would be true. It was almost not half a pillow here. It was stronger than the other one that was as big as a pillow, but it was stronger than the eyes could tell because it was a pillow size, but this one was way more vegetated. When I say vegetated, I mean just a shrub that has lots of berries. So I can't even put my feet on it or my head on it, so I just hang on top. Then I kept venturing into the ocean. I was very scared when I saw a shark, but still he just kept venturing and venturing and venturing, and occasionally he saw an island or two and takes a break on them, and he had been doing this for the next seven to 10 days. His food was the berries that were growing on the island, but soon he needed something other than berries. Embarrassed. He ate sea snails. He needed something that was proper and a good source. So They just gave him a little snack. He needed something big. So he kept adventuring into the ocean, he found an island, and he found a stick, so he tied it around a part of sea snail and then just fished. So he kept going and going on for 20 days. He became super tired and realized he didn't just need to take an hour break; he needed to take a one or two day break. After all he went miles and miles and miles, which would hurt his lungs lungs, and his feet obviously. He just rested on the island for a day and then he could catch some fish. He didn't exactly cook the fish, because he realized it would be a bad idea to set up a fire on a sandy island. Not that he actually thought it was a bad idea because it would be a waste of his new swimming stick, which means he didn't have to use his legs and when he could just use his miles for like extra charge. Who knew? so you didn't have a fire, but he just found the stick on the other island, so he cooked there, and I didn't get just going with the flow, and normally straight and normally he would do the same efficient strategy or just like play a game with some rocks, making it take me a long time to just go to Ohio, and I live in Pine Island. He didn't know that he was going to America—Texas—and he was really worried.

Short Story, by Himaneesh D., 3rd gr. with his tutor Monish A., 6th gr. (This may be a duplicate.)

Character: Unicorn Setting: Playground Conflict/Problem: A plague sweeps the nation

Once Upon a Time there was a little boy. He felt so happy that he was actually going to the playground. He never went to the playground because he was working away in the house because, well, he was a servant/slave. But now since Abraham Lincoln saved the world, he could actually live with his family and go to see the playground which was the best perk. But then when they just reached the playground, Bam, there was a huge ding in everyone's phones. Suddenly Ben's mom said, "We have to go home or to a shelter home because there

At the party the first person Gocy saw is Doodo. He probably saw Doodo first because he was at the front of the door waiting for Gocy. At the door, Doodo was excited to see him at his party from the last 600 years. Doodo asked, "Can you give me a sneak peak of what you got me?" and Gocy replied, "I got you your dream shows because I know that you have wanted them forever." After that, Gocy said, "Happy 4,987th birthday!" Right after they got inside, all the windows broke and aliens started to come in from the broken windows. Everyone tried to escape but one fast alien blocked the door so no one could leave the house. Nobody could jump out of the window because after the alien got inside, they also blocked it with the extra alien trash that they needed to get rid of forever.

2 The Alien counter

*All the aliens attacked and nobody could do anything about it, but the only people who did were Doodo and Gocy. They got the best protection. Gocy and Doodo also got their old armor they had made. The armor was as hard as diamonds. Since Gocy was only 1,000 years old, he wasn't allowed to use the knives to attack the aliens, but he got from under Doodo's permission. They put on 50 protection goggles for extra, extra protection. They also used a spatula, and Doodo was too old to use Pokemon, so Gocy got all his strongest Pokemon, plus ghost vs alien battle. All Gocy's Pokemon knew what to do and used their strongest battle moves. Someone even put battling music to make it even more fun. He giganta-maxed Alcremie and it broke the roof. Then he told Alcremie to use g-max cream smash. He also giganta-maxed Pikachu. In just a couple moves, they defeated the aliens, but the aliens kept coming. Then Gocy saw a super alien high tech watch on all of the aliens. Then he saw the leader of the aliens. Then he thought maybe if he broke the watch on the leader's tentacle, none of them could call for help. So Alcremie used G-max icicle rain, and just as he thought, all of the watches sparked, then broke. All of the watches fell off of their tentacles. They defeated all of the aliens. They forgot about the alien disaster and continued with the party.
THE END!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Short Story, by Arya M., 1st gr., with her tutor Rathna K.

Character: Princess Setting: Deserted Island Conflict/Problem: Betrayed

There was a princess named Ariana. She was 25 years old, and she lived in a castle. She had two kittens, and one goldfish. She liked to play with her cats and feed them. She also like to read. There was also a handsome king named Aloha. Ariana and Aloha loved each other but Ariana won a golden trophy and Aloha did not. When Ariana was sleeping, Aloha took the trophy and sent Ariana to an island. Ariana was very sad, and she wanted to go to her kingdom. She asked all of the animals how to get back. She asked a bird, and it was scared that Ariana would eat him. Then she asked a kangaroo named Ice Cream. Ice Cream said to go straight.

Short Story, by Tanish A., 3rd gr., 4.20.23

Character: Soldier Bob Setting: Bottom of the ocean Indian Ocean

Conflict/Problem: Stole something golden pear

Once upon a time, there was a soldier named Bob who betrayed his army by stealing their prized possession which is the only golden pear in the world. There is a guard for the golden pear, so Bob went to steal the golden pear during the guard's lunch break, but the guard of the golden pear came back when Bob was still inside the vault. Then Bob went to an underwater prison at the bottom of the Indian Ocean for attempting to steal the golden pear. Bob wanted to escape the prison, so he made an escape plan. During lunch, in the cafeteria Bob is going to keep some of the gravy in his food and take it to his cell. Then Bob will put it on the bars of his cell every day, so the bars would rust and break. Bob only wanted to escape because he hates the food they serve every day. Now the bars broke from the rust Bob gets out of his cell at night and finds scuba gear and air tank and a door to leave. Bob swam up and up for 30 minutes until the air tank ran out of air he kept on swimming. After 1 minute underwater with no air tank he got to the surface and saw a museum with a sign that says "In this museum there is the only golden pear. Now Bob decided to try to steal this again. 10 minutes before the museum closed Bob went in and hid in the bathrooms until all the guards and everybody left and then Bob took the golden pear with no setbacks and after 3 years Bob got the golden pear.

SHORT STORY, by Tanish C., 5th gr.

Character: Dragon Setting: On a cross-story train Problem: Needs to learn how to do Magic

Once upon a time, there was a dragon in college. He was about to finish it and needed a job. He searched for a job for hours and nothing that he found was good. He ended up becoming a magician which was the best one for him. There was one problem, he didn't know any magic. He needed to learn it fast, because he would have to go to the stage in five days. He tried calling everybody he knew, and couldn't find anybody who knew magic. Then, he asked strangers if they knew any magicians. One person told him he could go to the hospital and learn some magic from the nurses, who used magic to cheer up the kids. The dragon declined and went home. He decided to use an app with lots of magicians. He scrolled for hours but all he found were people doing magic and not teaching it. He had one last idea and that was to look it up online. He finally found it. It was a place that teaches people how to perform ten magic tricks a day. He signed up and was happy, but he already spent a whole day trying to find something to learn magic from. The next day, he woke up, and did his morning routine. He then went over to Magiceria, which was the place he signed up for. They gave out really good service and was probably the best thing he could've done. He learned five magic tricks so far but as he went, he started to find that things were getting repetitive. It wouldn't be an issue for learning, but it would make it boring and demotivating. He continued through and it worked out. He learned ten tricks that were surprisingly good. He continued this for the rest of the three days and sooner or later, he knew forty tricks. He had to make sure he only used ten, because if he used more, he would run out of tricks. The first part of the tricks had already played. He came up and showed the audience the first few tricks that were the easiest. Then the second part played. He came in and played the fifth and sixth tricks, which were more challenging, and better. The next three needed volunteers. He picked three people to do the shrinking, the cut in half, and the knife tricks, which are all classic tricks. The audience clapped thinking it was the finale but then he surprised them with one last trick. It was the final

part, part four. He called up four people. Put them in a circle, and count them down. This came down to the setters who set the stage up and the dragon. If either messed something up, it wouldn't work. The dragon counted down to one, and now the most nervous part happened. There was a brief silence, as if it didn't work. But it did, the volunteers shot up into the sky, and with an Abracadabra, they disappeared. It worked. And then they came through the back door. The trick was over and the audience clapped and clapped. The dragon was extremely happy and then everybody left. The dragon then passed the test. The main magician set up a test to see if the dragon would pass or not, and he did. The dragon could now actually perform and make more money. But for now, he got a paycheck of a hundred and twenty-seven dollars for making it in. He did better than any other magician and was placed in the higher levels. He was extremely happy again and now was a full-time magician. He continued to do this until he was proficient, and learned to not underestimate the setters who never failed. At the end, he performed magic for eleven years and retired peacefully.

Short Story, by Pratiksha P., 3rd gr.

Once upon time there was a ghost named Samantha. It was her birthday today. She invited all of her friends to her birthday party. Samantha even wore her best dress of all the other dresses. Samantha was ready for her birthday party, so she watched the TV while she waited. Then she heard a knock on the door. It was all of her friends. While Samantha was having a great birthday with her friends, she took photos and sent them on Facebook. Then Stephanie who bullied Samantha and everybody also came. And Stephanie is alien and all of her friends too. She saw that Samantha didn't invite her to her birthday party. Then Stephanie called her alien friends and told them to go to Samantha's house and wait for her. Then Stephanie and her alien friends were right in front of Samantha's door. Then Stephanie knocked on the door. Then when Samantha went on the side, and as she opened the door, Stephanie and her friends attacked Samantha's party.

Short Story, by Farhan A., 4th gr.

Character: Cowboy Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Aliens attack!

Introduction: There is a cowboy learning in Cow Elementary school. The day was very normal, and it was a Tuesday, the normalest day of the week. After hours of studying, the cowboys and cowgirls went out to recess. Recess was very normal, the vice principal was playing football, and other people were doing normal stuff. The cowboy was sitting on a bench thinking about things like, "I wonder what is for dinner." After he decided what color of the cow village from his favorite book should have been, he went to play tag with his friends.

Body 1: While the cowboy's friends ran around and played tag, the cowboy found it interesting that there was a giant shape in the sky. He guessed that it was a big cloud and continued with his tag game. Sometime later, the shape comes a little more down, and the cowboy realizes what it is. He asks his friends if it is normal to see a giant rubber ducky emerge from the sky. The cowboy's friend looks up and says, "I'm not sure, let's ask the teacher." The two cowboys run to the teacher and ask her about the ducky. The teacher looks up and says, "Oh-no." Everyone looks up at the giant rubber ducky, as if they were playing together so well they did not even notice a giant rubber ducky in the sky.

Body 2: The students and teachers watched in awe as the rubber ducky landed. Lizard-like aliens came from an opening in the ducky. The cowboys and cowgirls stepped back, as the aliens used their technology to transform a small disk-shaped piece into a hightech suit. The aliens' supersuits had lasers they used to explode parts of the playground. The cowboys,

cowgirls and cow teachers evacuated the building. The aliens ran into the school. Four cowboys ran into the school. These cowboys were cowboys from another part of the planet. Because the better cowboys from the Mostly Elite Cowpeople Agency or MECA were on vacation, MECA had to send the cowboys that were at the top of the worst agents' list. These cowboys were the reason MECA had a "mostly" in the name. The Aliens sent out four extremely powerful aliens, with their super suits against the MECA agents.

Body 3: The aliens were destroying the entire school, while the MECA agents were still running to the school. When the MECA agents arrived, half the entire school was destroyed. The MECA agents chased the aliens for a long time. Then the aliens chased the MECA agents. Some time later, the agents and aliens got tired and sat down for a break. The MECA agents talked to the aliens, and eventually the aliens found a football. The aliens inspected the ball. that gave the MECA agents enough time to run into the aliens' ducky ship. They found that while they were at the duck, the aliens started playing football. The MECA agents observed the aliens and the ball. The agents went into the football match and saw that the aliens enjoyed playing together with the football, so they said that if the aliens could throw the football into a basketball hoop first, then the MECA agents would let the aliens take over the school. But if the MECA agents got the ball into the hoop first, then the aliens would have to fix the school and pay for other repairs. The MECA agents got a ball and the aliens got a ball. The aliens missed a few times, but the MECA agents just watched. Finally the MECA agents threw their ball, and it rocketed towards the hoop. The ball missed and flew to a deer, who threw the ball to a fox, who threw the ball to a cow racoon, who threw it straight towards the aliens' duck spaceship. The aliens saw the ball hit the spaceship and became extremely angry. the MECA agents ran around in circles, while the aliens chased them. The aliens trapped the MECA agents in a laser cage.

Conclusion: The aliens threw the ball almost into the hoop. Moments before the ball landed in the hoop, a small robotic ball flew out of the duck ship's mouth. The ball slammed onto the aliens' robotic suits, disabling the suits. Then it bounced off of the suits and landed in the hoop. The puzzled aliens looked at the ball. One of the MECA agents said, "The ball got in the hoop! Now you have to repair the school." The aliens said that the it should not count because the ball became a robotic ball. Then the cow-racoon said, "The MECA agents never said anything about that in the deal." He said that he was the one who made the ball a robotic ball. The aliens fixed the school, and left in peace. The End

SHORT STORY, By Tanish A., 3rd gr.

Character: President of the United States Abraham Lincoln

Setting: Birthday party His birthday 1863 54 years old

Conflict/Problem: Lost Something Valuable golden orange

There were 1,000 people at the White House for Abraham Lincoln's 54th birthday party. His old friend Bob gave him a set of golden fruit, including a golden apple, golden orange, golden pear, and a golden pomegranate. Later in the party, Lincoln couldn't find the golden orange. He put up a big sign saying that whoever returned the orange would get \$100. But no one gave the golden orange back.

So he locked the doors of the White House, so no one could go outside. Then he interrogated all the guests at the party. Most did not seem suspicious, but ten guests were nervous and stuttered. Lincoln told his guards to check their pockets and bags. Still there was no sign of the golden orange.

But five of them were bald and had expensive shampoo in their bags. The president said very quickly, "Robbers say what." All but one person didn't say "What." Lincoln said that quickly so he could trick the robber.

So they checked his bags and pockets and found the golden orange in a secret compartment in his bag. The police took the robber away, and the party kept going.

SHORT STORY, By Tanish A., 3rd gr.

Character: Two best friends Bob Joe

Setting: Forest Amazon rainforest

Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity Lost Person Rick

One day two best friends Bob and Joe are walking through the Amazon Rainforest because Bob dropped his phone off an airplane. Bob had an Airtag on his phone, so he knows where it is located. They split up because the Airtag broke, but they are close. A few minutes later, Rick, who looks like Joe, saw Bob and went to him. Bob said, "Have you found my phone?" Rick said, "No." Rick was confused. Bob and Rick start walking, and Joe comes and asks Bob, "Who is the other person?" Bob said, "Which one of you is Joe?" Rick said, "Not me, I have been lost for 4 days here." Then Rick found Bob's phone. Bob and Joe knew how to get out of the Amazon Rainforest, and they took Rick too. The End

SHORT STORY, By Tanish A., 3rd gr.

Character: Princess Princess Peach

Setting: Deserted Island Jingle Bell Island

Conflict/Problem: Betrayed Toads & Toadette

Once upon a time there was a Princess named Peach, and she had many servants called Toads and Toadette. Then the Toads and Toadette got tired of being servants, so they took Princess Peach to Jingle Bell Island on a boat saying there was a golden banana, which was a lie. The next part of the servants' plan was to give a random map and told her to follow it to find the golden banana. Secretly, the servants left with the boat. Later, once Princess Peach was at the red X on the map, she saw a golden Orange. She called the toad to say she found a golden Orange not a golden banana. They were surprised and wanted the golden orange, so they came back. Princess Peach went backwards to get to the boat and there was the boat with the servants who then got a raise to a knight for telling her where the golden orange was. The end.

Short Story, by Tanish A., 3rd gr.

Character: Soldier Bob Setting: Bottom of the ocean Indian Ocean

Conflict/Problem: Stole something golden pear

Once upon a time, there was a soldier named Bob who betrayed his army by stealing their prized possession which is the only golden pear in the world. There is a guard for the golden pear, so Bob went to steal the golden pear during the guard's lunch break, but the guard of the golden pear came back when Bob was still inside the vault. Then Bob went to an underwater prison at the bottom of the Indian Ocean for attempting to steal the golden pear. Bob wanted to escape the prison, so he made an escape plan. During lunch in the cafeteria, Bob is going to keep some of the gravy in his food and take it to his cell. Then Bob will put it on the bars of his cell every day, so the bars would rust and break. Bob only wanted to escape because he hates the food they serve every day. Now the bars broke from the rust. Bob gets out of his cell at night and finds scuba gear and air tank and a door to leave. Bob swam up and up for 30 minutes until the air tank ran out of air he kept on swimming. After 1 minute underwater with no air tank he got to the surface and saw a museum with a sign that says "In this museum there is the only golden pear. Now Bob decided to try to steal this again. 10 minutes before the museum closed Bob went in and hid in the bathrooms until all the guards and everybody left, and then Bob took the golden pear with no setbacks, and after 3 years Bob got the golden pear. THE END

SHORT STORY, BY TANISH A., 3RD GR.

Character: Dog Max Setting: Lake Michigan

Conflict/Problem: Cheated on a test Finals

Once Upon a time there was a dog named Max. He was 11 years old (in dog years). Max was in high school at animal school at the time, which was the half year finals. He studied the wrong part of the book, so he had no idea what the answers were. Then Max copied Bob, the cat's, paper and nobody noticed. Until one day Bob said, "You wrote the same ten sentences in a row, and I gave my test first." Then Max said, "That was question one, so maybe you copied me." The next day there was a field trip to Lake Michigan. They were on the same bus, and when they arrived, Bob and Max enjoyed the scenery. When they looked to the side, they didn't see their class anymore. Max looked all around and did not see them. Max told this to Bob, and Bob almost fainted. Max thought of the logical thing to do and call someone to help in the phone booth. Max didn't have money, so he asked Bob. Bob had 50 cents, but he didn't want to give his money to Max for no reason, so he said, "No I don't have any money." Soon it became dark and Max thought he wouldn't get found and would stay there forever, so he decided to tell Bob he cheated off his paper because he studied the wrong part of the book. Since Max told the truth, Bob told Max he did have 50 cents and Max asked if he could have the 50 cents. Bob asked why he needed the 50 cents. Then Max said, "There is a phone booth, so we can call someone to pick us up now." Bob gave Max the 50 cents. At this point it was almost pitch black, so Max had to go there with muscle memory, and he found the booth quickly, and he called his dad. Max's dad named Rick answered, and Max told him everything that happen, and he picked them, and Max and Bob were friends after that. THE END

Short Story, by Adithi G., 3rd gr.

Character: Soldier Setting: Bottom of the ocean Conflict/Problem: Stole something

Once upon time, there was a princess with her own soldier. One day the princess went to the beach and wore her favorite pearl necklace. While she was swimming, something in the sea stole and snatched her necklace. She commanded the soldier to find it. The soldier put on his swimming suit with an oxygen tank and dove into the sea. He soon learned that there were no creatures in the sea. He asked the one and only fish why there were no creatures. The fish replied that a huge killer whale stole and ate anything he could find. The soldier asked if the fish had seen the killer whale with a pearl necklace. The fish said that he had and he told directions of where to find it. When the soldier had reached the killer whale's cave, he saw a huge bunch of fish bones. He soon learned his oxygen tank was running low and that he had to convince the killer whale to give back the necklace. When he asked the killer whale to give back the necklace, the killer whale said on one condition. The soldier asked what it was and the killer whale said the sad story that all sea creatures were afraid of him and didn't want to be friends. The killer whale had gotten angry and started stealing everything he could find. The soldier had felt sorry and said that he would be friends if he stopped eating fish. The killer whale made a deal and gave the necklace, but the soldier had lost oxygen and was unconscious. So the killer whale had put the soldier on his back and swam him back to the princess. When he woke up, he saw the princess and the whale hopefully smiling. He asked what happened and learned that the killer whale had saved his life. To thank him the soldier had put in more fish and sea creatures for the whale to become friends with. From that day on the soldier, the killer whale, and the princess had become close friends and the whale didn't eat fish anymore.

Short Story, by Adithi G., 3rd gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Got lost

One day at our school, we went on a field trip and we went on a nature walk. We saw all sorts of different woodland creatures. Our teacher separated us into partners, and I got to be with my best friend Faiqah. Me and her got to walk in our own parts of the walk. We went and eventually found a cave. Inside we went and saw many golden diamonds and jewels. We took one as our souvenir and as we left, we heard a low growl. Eventually we found out it was a bear. When we started running out of the cave, our teacher asked what happened and we told her that a bear was chasing our class. As we got in line, me and Faiqah got separated in all different directions running from the bear.

Short Story, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr.

Character: Two best friends Setting: Forest Conflict/Problem: Mistaken identity

Once upon a time there lived two happy, friendly friends that were walking through a forest together to see their grandma. On their way they saw some berries and ate some. They picked some to put in their basket. It began to rain. They found a shelter to stay for one day. The next

day they saw some flowers to give to grandma. They put some flowers in the basket too. The basket was getting full.

One day they saw a big bad wolf! It was scary. But the wolf did not see them. Then the wolf saw the two little girls and asked them where they were going. The wolf quickly ran to grandma's house and ate her and stole her clothes. The girls knocked on grandma's door. And grandma said, "Come in,"

"You look different from normal," said the girls. "You're not grandma!"
They ran out of the house. The end!

Short Story, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr.

Character: Bear Setting: Your school Conflict/Problem: Got lost

Once upon a time a little bear was getting ready for school. He woke up in the morning. He brushed his teeth. He took a shower because it was Halloween. He dressed up as a zombie. He went downstairs to eat breakfast. His mother packed him some yummy lunch. He said goodbye to his mother and father and little young sister. When he got to school he didn't know where to go. He got lost. A little bear came next to him to help him find his way to class. His name was Teddy. When the bell rang he and his friend went home together but they split up because they had different routes. They lived happily together.

Short Story, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr.

Character: Fairy, Setting: Beach, Conflict/Problem: Got in trouble with a teacher

The Good Fairy

Once upon a time a little fairy was scared to go to school because last year she got in trouble with the mean girls. Ms. May was not happy, plus she got Ds on her report card and her parents were not happy. But she had to go anyway. She was unhappy. She ate breakfast and walked to school. **And her clothes were ok but not fancier than the mean girls.** Then when school was over, she went to the beach with her friends. It was almost like she was ignoring the mean girls. and she was. She was having the best day ever! w

Short Story, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr.

Character: Soldier Setting: Deserted island Conflict/Problem: Stole something

There once was a soldier, that was nice. He was stranded on a deserted island. He was walking down the street, but got kidnapped and is now lost at sea. The soldier found some gold and he saw a shovel and dug up the gold. The soldier realized he had found a lot of gold! People liked what he had in his hand, so they chased for it. He found some people on a ship and he tried to get their attention so that he could leave the island and be free.

Short Story, by Tanisha S., 3rd gr.

Character: Unicorn Setting: Your favorite Restaurant,

Conflict/Problem: Caught in a violent storm

There once was a unicorn that was very colorful and she loves to draw at her favorite restaurant. On her birthday she went to her favorite restaurant where she was happy. At the restaurant, the unicorn sat down and ordered her food. It started to rain and it slowly turned into a violent storm. The rain became so heavy, it started to leak into the restaurant making it cold. The unicorn ran to the fireplace to get warm. The water was still leaking, but the storm had stopped. Suddenly, the whole restaurant saw sunshine with a rainbow.