

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER**  
*A Writing Project for Inspired Youth*  
2021-2022

**Ms. Anderson**  
**McCutcheon School**  
**Hassan D., 7<sup>th</sup> gr.**

Dear Ms. Anderson,

You always help me when I was struggling in any subject, and you always help me when I raise my hand. I want to say thank you for being so kind and nice to the people who don't know the work that much. I wasn't the best at multiplication and division but when you helped me it all changed. Now I am very good at it. You helped me be better at everything. Thank you for what you have done.

I learned about dividing integers in your class. Right now, I would've been very bad at math and everything but when you helped me in 5<sup>th</sup> grade I got better and better at math and other subjects. You made me very good at math that I always keep telling my siblings to ask me a math question. It is my favorite subject.

Sincerely,  
Hassan D.

**By Mouruya B., Pre-K**

Dictated to his tutor Dan S.

At school, I like playing and I like doing projects.

I like ABC projects. They give us a folder and I bring it home, every project. I do dancing at school. I copy the dancing video. At school gym, I like doing basketball and scooter, and playing shark attack with my friends. I like doing projects at the school library, like Halloween stuff and tree stuff. Trees make oxygen for us.

**My Favorite Teacher: Ms. QUAID**

**By Raul V., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.,**

**Arthur E. Canty Elementary School**

Math is my favorite subject because of my teacher, Ms. Quaid.

An amazing teacher makes people happy.

The math we didn't know, we learned from Ms. Quaid, like dividing decimals.

Happiness that I get is from Math.

**By Mushtaq D., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.**

My favorite teacher is Mr. Henkin. I appreciate him because unlike the other teachers he lets us do whatever we want in class. He is a really great science teacher, and he knows a lot about science. He influenced my life because at first, I really wasn't interested in science, but he showed me that science can be fun and there's lots of cool experiments to do. I learned that there are different types of motion and energy, and he gave me confidence to try new things and learn more about the history of science. 😊

**Ms. Jamerson, Haun Elementary (Haun Huskies), 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, by Himaneesh D., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.**

I like the way she teaches us in all subjects, and I have no homework. She gives us 29 days to finish a sheet with 100 math problems, and we have 20 minutes to read a book every day.

**\*Tell what you've learned from your teacher.** English. I'm Indian and speak another language. She teaches us reading step by step, so it is not too hard or too easy.

**\*Tell how your teacher has influenced your life.** She gives us options, one that is almost easy, and one that is more medium. When we're good at math, she lets us play Prodigy.

**By Himaneesh D., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., Haun Elementary School**

My teacher is Ms. Jamerson. She teaches second grade at Haun Elementary in Plano, outside of Dallas, Texas. I like the way she teaches us in all subjects. For example, the other second grade teachers tried to have all their students learn the standard algorithm. In my class, I'm in the Blue Group, which already knows it. In other second grade classes, the teachers tried to have all students learn the standard algorithm, which was too hard. Instead of homework, we have 29 days to finish 100 math problems, and we read from a book for 20 minutes. She also helps me with English, which is my second language. On Mondays, we do Weekend Adventures, when we write about something that we did. Her class has changed me because she has given me easier work and teaches me different math strategies.

**My Favorite Teacher by Bianca V., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.**

My favorite teacher is my Science and Social Studies teacher. Her name is Mrs. Ahmed. She is my favorite teacher because she is fun when we do projects like her simple electrical system with my classmates. She doesn't give homework. She is just very sweet and nice to the class. She tells us to respect the speaker or in general with people.

**Mrs. Palmer, Goudy School, from Rianna J 1<sup>st</sup> gr.**

Dear Mrs. Palmer,

You are my favorite teacher! You are so nice, and you are such a good teacher. You make learning fun. I love being in your class. You help teach me math, how to tell time, and how to send letters. These skills helped me at home a lot. Thank you for being the best teacher ever. Sincerely, Rianna

**Mr. Barcelow**      **From Leonela C., 11<sup>th</sup> gr.**  
Senn High School

Dear Mr. Barcelow,

Thank you for being my teacher at Senn High School. Your hands-on teaching made physics more enjoyable and easier to understand what we're learning. I liked when you taught us about direction and displacement using race cars.

**Ms. Herllo - Kindergarten Teacher at Swift School, from by Rithwik N., 4th grade**  
Thank you, Ms. Herllo, for teaching me about the months and weeks. Also, thank you for making me a little more creative. Thank you for teaching me how to count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.

In first grade my teacher Ms. Gill would tell us to close our eyes and count to 120. Ms. Herllo taught me how to count to 120 in kindergarten!

One of my favorite memories of Ms. Herllo was when we could win tickets, then we could cash them in for toys. She also allowed us to play with orbeez which was a lot of fun!

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER. by Jaylen S., 5th grade, at Goudy School**

I'd like to write about Ms. Nguyen. She was my third-grade teacher. She was nice. She was kind to everyone, and she wasn't strict. I don't remember the assignments she gave us because it was two years ago. She was funny. She would tell us a joke every day. She let us play fun games. I did well in her class. I got straight A's. She is still at my school, Goudy, and she still teaches third grade. I wish I still had her as a teacher. She was my favorite teacher.

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER, by Arohi S., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.**

Mrs. Liman was very kind and nice. She taught us lots of things. She read a book that I liked. It was a book about a school. The book was funny. Mrs. Liman looked old. She had gray hair. She was not real tall or short. She taught me some math.

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER, Mr. Vercanti - art teacher, by Shasha R., 2nd gr.**

He teaches us about art and since I really like art, it being my favorite subject, I really love how much he teaches us about art. He's also a very funny teacher which makes being in school and taking his class more fun. He has also taught us about famous artist self-portraits which has been really interesting to learn about.

**By Jonathan Carmona-Cruz, 1<sup>st</sup> gr.**

Ms. Yun [his teacher at school] teaches math and gives us homework.

Ms. Yun is a good teacher. She gives us a lot of homework.

Ms. Yun also teaches us how to read. We are reading different books. One of the books is Carrots. Another is Elephants. Lions. The books have pictures and words. We leave these books at school to read. We read these books by ourselves.

For math we have worksheets to take home.

Our report cards will come this Wednesday! I am in the first grade.

**Teacher's Name: Mrs. Savas      School's Name: Beaubien**

**Student: Tanish A., 2nd gr.**

The topic for this essay is my favorite teacher, 1<sup>st</sup> grade advanced teacher, Mrs. Savas.

I admire and appreciate Mrs. Savas because the assignments she gives are not random - they are directly related to what we are learning. When the assignments she gives are challenging, she gives more explanation. (Some teachers will provide the same level of explanation for all assignments, easy and hard.) This can make a big difference for students who are challenged by the assignments.

I have learned a lot from Mrs. Savas, including measurements and time. She taught me about the analog clocks with the hands. I learned about a lot of variations of measurements. Mrs. Savas has taught me a lot of things.

Mrs. Savas has influenced my life by teaching me about measurements and time. I don't use these skills every day, but they help with my everyday learning, because I do have assignments that involve measurements and time.

That's why Mrs. Savas is my favorite teacher - because she taught me measurements and time, and she explains the assignments.

**By Sathwik N., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.**

Miss Baker is my favorite teacher. She lets us use Epic, which is a game that helps us read, during school. Miss Baker is helpful. She lets us do fun math stuff like games. Also, she has us do fun activities like watching movies. We get to watch the Magic School Bus in her class. Miss Baker also taught me which countries have crazy, big storms.

**By Nathan L., 8<sup>th</sup> gr.**

My favorite teacher is Mr. Rodriguez at Goudy School. He is the best teacher in 8<sup>th</sup> grade because he's the funniest :). For example, when he talks to Adetola, it's funny watching him yell at Adetola. For one: no one likes Adetola. No one likes him, trust me. Mr. Rodriguez is also the most chill teacher, as he let a high schooler in his class, and I invaded his homeroom like it was nothing. He also lets us chat during science with our friends while we do the work.

He also let us keep pets in class, like our planaria. They are small worms that can regrow after being cut in half. We also get a chance to bring them home. We cut the planarian in half to get 2 planarias! Currently we are learning about the skeletal system.

**From Max A., 5<sup>th</sup> gr.**

Dear Mr. Gonzalez, (He taught math. He was my homeroom teacher.)

I'm really sorry about the people that left this year. But you are my favorite teacher so far. The reason why is that you taught us one thing that is really important: "Work smarter, not harder."

You have taught me so much during the past two years. You were the best teacher I've had so far, from Pre-K through 5th grade. You were the best teacher of them all.

Sincerely, Your student, Max

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER, by Adithi G., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.**

**Dear Ms. Kokstecki,**

I like how you are creative, and you teach us stuff which I enjoy (the coding you teach us is really enjoyable). The way you teach us, with love, I adore! :) You teach us with care, and I promise to 227 in the future and will be less talkative. And we will listen to your directions more carefully. Sincerely, Adithi



**By Pranathi Y., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.**

Ms. Alaya is my favorite teacher because she's nice. She teaches me everything. She's my main teacher. I've learned addition, fractions, multiplication, subtraction, and division.

**By Marwan D., 10<sup>th</sup> gr. Gr.**

Thank you, Mr. Q, for teaching me about transition words because that made a big difference in my life. What I have learned about Mr. Q is that he is easy-going and relaxed, calm, and chill. For example, when we do group work and if we don't pay attention, he doesn't get mad, he just tells us to do our work. He taught us transition words, which is a word or phrase that shows the relationship between paragraphs or sections of a text or speech.

**By Tanisha S., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.** My Favorite teacher at school is Ms. Collier, because she was my first teacher at Goudy School. I like my teacher because she lets us play at our free time. She teaches us new things, like sight words. She is so kind.

### **MY FAVORITE TEACHER, by Harasha P., 2<sup>nd</sup> gr.**

I love my teacher because she taught me everything. She taught me addition and subtraction. She gave me a hug. In her class I colored. I drew some cartoons. One was about Sonic. (((???) My teacher liked my cartoons. My friend liked them, too. The school was Swift Elementary School. Also, in her class, I played Legos. I made airplanes with Legos. Also, we read books, books about animals.

### **From Carl A., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., as told to Beth P.**

A Teacher he liked: Ms. Ponce. After all the holidays we have been together, we have been ... all of them are so good, because you have helped me achieve my goals. At Halloween, you put on a funny costume. At Easter you put eggs around the classroom. On Leprechaun Day, when the green elves come out, you put money around the classroom, so students could find it. You gave us a good time.

### **My Favorite Teacher, by Baron, F., 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.**

My favorite teacher is Ms. Jones, at Walt Disney Magnet School. I had her when I was in kindergarten. Ms. Jones was my favorite teacher because she made me smile every day, and she knew that I was ahead of everyone in class, and she wanted to give things that I learned to the class, such as multiplication, how multiplication works. She always heard me out when I was having a bad day.

I learned something new from her when I was in kindergarten. She taught me addition. And at the end of the year, she gave my class cookies which the school had made. She was the nicest teacher throughout my school years.

### **By Jordynn J., 6<sup>th</sup> gr.**

My favorite teacher at Goudy is my math teacher Mr. Dillion. He's my favorite teacher because he's very entertaining and funny, unlike some of the unfortunately boring teachers out there. I really admire how he is always willing to help his students; when I ask for help, he encourages me to keep trying. Not only has he taught me about tape diagrams in math class; he has also taught me to treat others the way you want to be treated and respect people's names, etc. I will always appreciate how nice a teacher he is and the kindness he shows all his students. **Bianca V., 4<sup>th</sup> gr. (as told to her tutor, Beth P.)**

My favorite teacher in fourth grade is Mrs. Meyer. She teaches math. She is my favorite teacher because she gives us fun activities to do when we learn the stuff.

One thing she wants us to do is to put our names in fractions. Here is my name in fractions: My name, "Bianca E. Vazquez," has 14 letters. I have 7 out of 14 vowels. The short way to do it is: "one out of two" ( $1/2$ ) as a fraction. I also have 7 out of 14 consonants. "One out of two" ( $1/2$ ). That is my name in fractions!

Another thing I like about Mrs. Meyer is when we have something wrong in our notes, she lets us try again to get it right. She also gives us easy homework.

She also gives us something to do for the celebration of a special event. For example, she gave us a clover for St. Patrick's Day, and we colored it, and she told us to write something we were lucky for. I wrote that I can make people happy.

All of this is why Mrs. Meyer is my favorite teacher.

By Donovan Dimitri F., 5<sup>th</sup> gr., Walt Disney Magnet School

I don't have a favorite teacher. I didn't care. They do not call on me when I'm the only one raising my hand. One time I asked my teacher for help. She read the problem again. I said, "What do you mean?" No comment. She just sat back at her desk. Why...the same for my nurse. At recess I fell from a tree and hit my head and got nausea. My friend took me to the nurse. She did not seem to care much. She said, "Omg, you again!" "This is only my second time being here. What is your problem?"

That seemed to change in grade three. On my first day of grade three, a lot my friends started to be nice to me. "What is going on?" I asked them. I reluctantly sat in my seat, but two girls had a crush on me. This wasn't the first time this happened. They keep asking endless questions. I told them, "Maybe in the future, but not now," and they stopped messing with me. After that my teacher started to not appreciate me, like bruh why? Turns out , they were crying all night. On the first day of April. everything was normal after that. Things took a wild turn in fourth grade. We were remote and were normally in the break-out room, and I was the only boy most of the time during my reading class. I was chosen to read a book. I was confused when the teacher said my name while I was sleeping, so I did not know what was happening. "Read the book," Ms, Hicks said. I responded by saying, "What book?" "You didn't hear what book," said Ms hicks. "No" I said, with a sigh of disappointment. My teacher said, "Time for lunch."

I don't dislike my teachers. There is nothing different about them, because they all act the same way. like a normal teacher, and there's nothing to like about them. That is my story.

**Clay's favorite teacher** (Clay is the tutor of Donovan F. and also of Himaneesh D.)

James Szymanski, who taught fourth grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Cleveland, Ohio, was my favorite teacher. Mr. Szymanski was a strict grader, but he also found ways to make learning fun. He modeled some lessons on the game show *Jeopardy* that helped the class remember what we had learned in different subjects. To help bring American history to life, he used an audio-visual program with photos and folk songs from different periods, including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, westward expansion, and the Depression.

The most important thing that Mr. Szymanski exposed me to was silent films. To give us a break, he would show us classic silent films by Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, and Harold Lloyd. For the rest of my life, I have been fascinated by this art form. I have probably seen more than 200 silent films as well as many short silent films that last five to ten minutes. Every year I discover new silent films and artists. Without Mr. Szymanski, I might never have discovered this passion.

