

Sky Clouds Make a Picture

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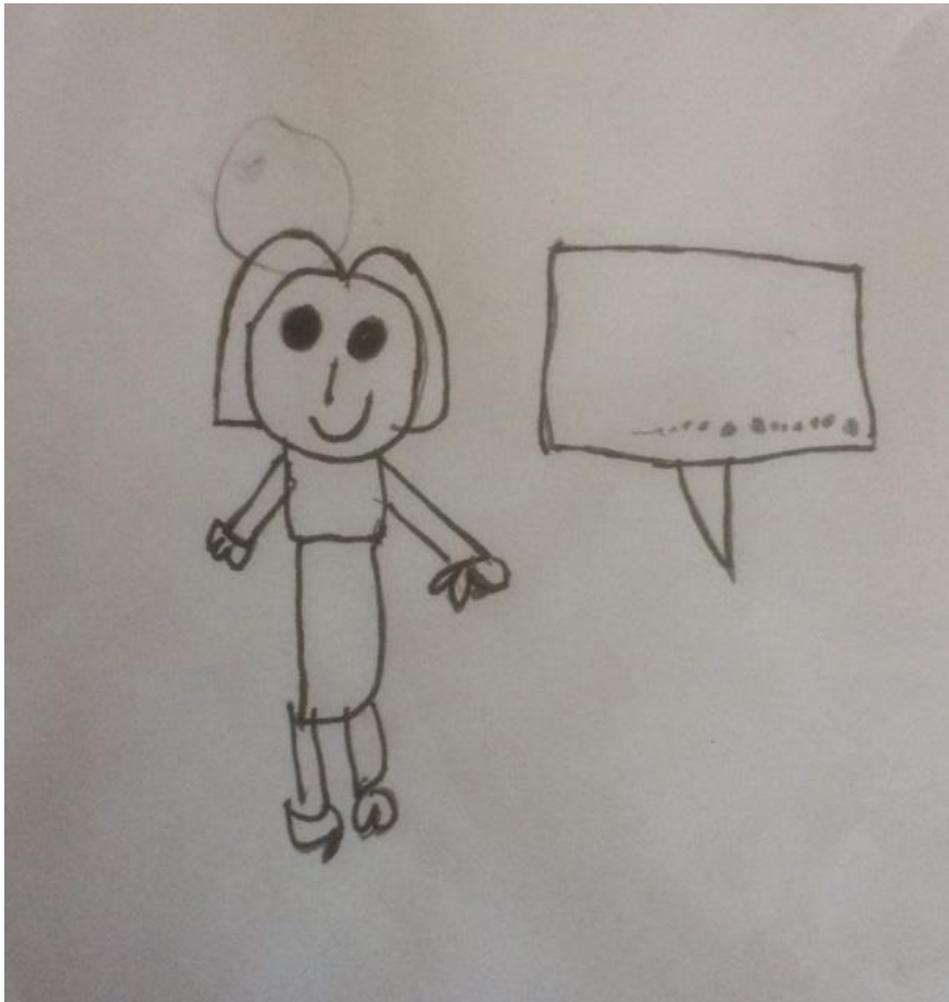
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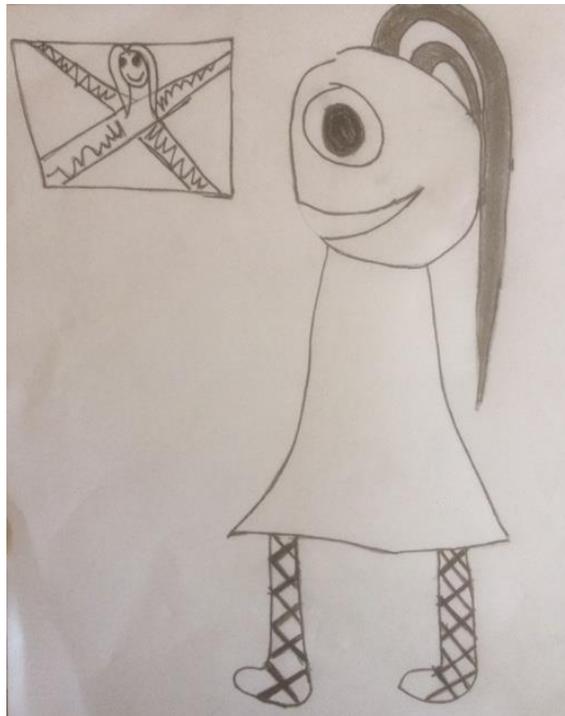


Introduction

It has been a real treat to work with the Louis Armstrong Middle School this year. During this five-week residency, I decided to focus on the basic goal of the Teachers & Writers Collaborative—exercising the imagination. Yes, we used time-tested effective poetic devices like simile, metaphor, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, and repetition. We re-visited the five senses and how one might utilize them to create dynamic imagery in a poem. But perhaps more importantly, we focused on seeing the world around us in a fresh, creative and exciting way; we also explored ourselves in new ways. We wondered what it would be like to be animals or to go inside of various objects. We felt spring through our fingers, feeling it, sniffing it, hearing it, tasting it, and seeing it from an ice-cream fresh perspective. We twisted letters with our imaginations, turning them into things like mountains, snakes, mice, chairs and half-hearts. We acknowledged the diversity inside of us, considering all of the elements that make us unique individuals. We also experienced poetry together from poets such as e.e. cummings, Gwendolyn Brooks, Rainer Maria Rilke, Charles Simic, and May Swenson.

Thank you to the students, the teachers, and the teaching assistants who helped generate this work. I loved being in your classrooms and experiencing your diversity, your exuberance, your curiosity and ultimately, the poetry you were brave enough to put on the page and share with the world.

- Amina Henry, Teaching Artist



ANIMALS

Ms. Baron's Class

OWLS

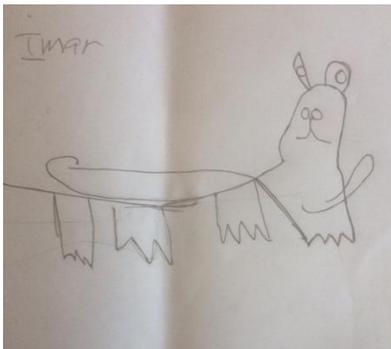
Natalie Bogusz

Sleep in the daytime
In the trees
They hoot
They eat mice and berries
They fly
They have big eyes
They are brown like trees
They can turn their head
all the way around

CAT

Imar Esquilintugwell

I am a cat
I live at home
I am gray and white
I have two ears
I have whiskers
I have one tail
I say "meow"
I like to eat milk
I am cute and soft
I look like a tiger



ZONKEY

Sofia Eliades

I am a zonkey
I am a zebra
and a donkey
I am white
I am black
I have stripes
I have four legs
I am a hybrid
I have two ears
I have hair

DOLPHIN

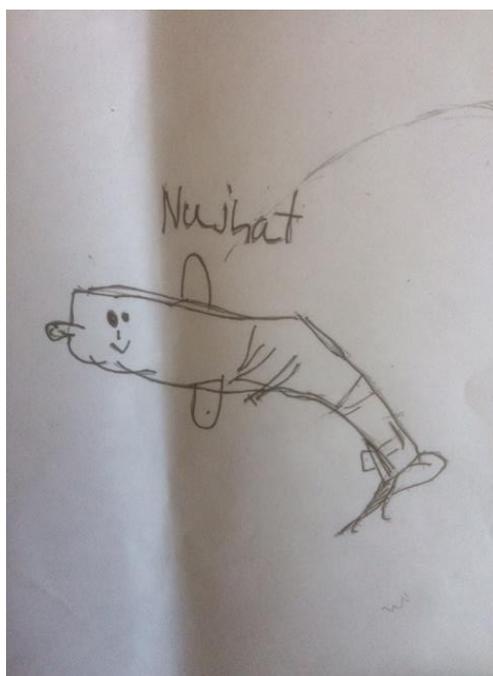
Sofia Eliades

I am a dolphin
I live in the ocean
I have teeth
I eat fish
I am silver like a bracelet
I swim and play all day
I am fun
I dream of playing with my friends

DOLPHIN

Nujhat Hossain

I am a dolphin
I can swim
I have wings
I live in the water
I flourish like weather
I have four feet
I can jump and eat meat
I dream of having a partner
To live, swim, and eat together



DOG

Suhani Jain

I am a dog
I live with my family
I am white
I walk in the park
I like to eat bones
I am big
I have a leash
I play games
I attack people
I take a bath every day
I love to swim
I like to take care of myself



PANDA

Dayna Millien

I am a panda
I am a black bear with black and white fur
I live in South Central China
I weigh 150 – 220 lbs, I am big
I sleep in the winter
I am cute and cuddly
I love to eat bamboo grass, bulbs, some
insects and fruit
I climb trees
I dream about bamboo

BUTTERFLY

Caterin Ortiz

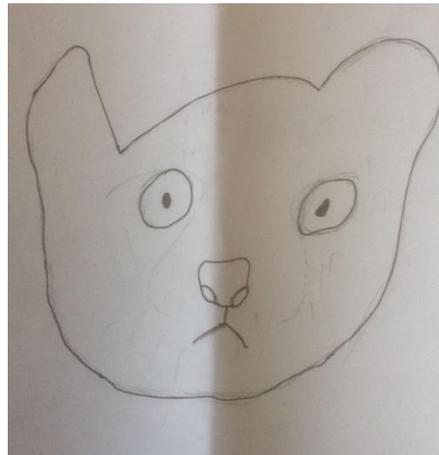
I am a butterfly and I eat nectar
I have wings, my wings
I fly and land on people
I am blue
I dream about nectar



CHEETAH

Michael Zambrano

I am orange and black spots
I live in Africa
I like to run fast
I can only go straight
I jump high almost to the sky
I dream of meat
I love to EAT



WOLF

Amare Rambert

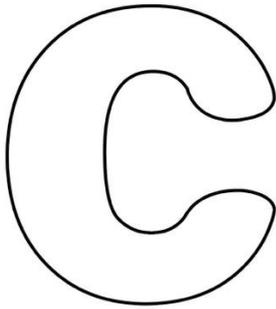
I am a wolf
I live in the forest
I eat meat
I am a gray wolf
I am fast as a tiger

MONKEY

Dominick Sanchez

I am a monkey
I like to jump up and down
I like to jump up and down!
I love bananas
I love bananas!
I live in the wild or the zoo
(I live in the wild or the zoo)
I dream of swinging in the trees
I dream of swinging in the trees!

LETTERS



Ms. Conway's Class

WHAT ARE YOU, HUGE S? Mallek Abdelmagid

Slithering like a snake
you make people scream
You eat other small things
like if they're with cream

You have no legs
You slither away
You lay them eggs
You have nothing to say

DRIBBLING O Helen Aguaiza

Who are you, dribbling O?
You are in my eyes
My letter helps me sign
My letter wants food
My letter dreams about basketballs
My letter would say, "Ohhh"
My letter feeds by opening its mouth

THE LONELY MOUNTAIN V Nadia Alalou

The lonely mountain stands there
All she wants is a companion
She dreams of having a little mountain by
her side
She says, "Come over, little mountain!"
The lonely mountain feels upside down
The lonely mountain stands there
Waiting

WHO ARE YOU, E? Reina Aguilar

Who are you, measured E?
You are placed between two inches
Measure wherever you want
You dream of becoming an inch

WHO ARE YOU, LETTER U? Tiffany Arpi

Who are you, letter U?
Perhaps part of a roller coaster?
Oh the joyous, frightful screams
of your riders
All you want is peace
Nostalgic for when you were
a scrap of metal
No yells or screams



WHO ARE YOU Q?

Nicole Banegas

You are a little pest, scrambling
in the night
trying to find some food
but then comes that
big, mean, old pet
and before you know it you're being
chased
Now you are playing cat and mouse
All you want is some food
to eat, just longing for
food
Will your life just be a
game? Sadly, yes, a game of
cat and mouse

WHO ARE YOU, L?

Abhijeet Biswas

Your name rings a bell
The alphabet is your home
Don't kids make you out of foam?
Who are you L?
I'll call your parents with my cell.
All is solved.

WHO ARE YOU, L?

Yodi Carrucci

You are an empty corner.
You want someone to take up your space.
You dream about people filling your
emptiness with happiness
but no one ever does.
No one ever will.
The only thing you would say is,
"Fill me with endless love and compassion."
You're stuck and sad and depressed forever.

WHO ARE YOU HUNGRY O?

Tracy Choying

Hungry O is how I would call you
Hungry O, looking for food
Relaxing and watching TV
after eating

WHO ARE YOU, LETTER Q?

Leslie Delacruz

Who are you, letter Q?
Are you hiding from me?
Are you feeling alright?
Are you playing hide and seek?
Found you!
Why don't you come out?
There's nothing to be afraid of?
You are never like that.
Do you want a treat?
Here comes the treat!

I knew you would come out.
Let's go for a walk outside.

BRANDON

Brandon Ferrera

I am Brandon.
The letter looks like the first letter of my
name.
My letter expresses me and my feelings.
B wants to be human.

X

Patrick Francisco

The crossing of paths
Disagreements
Never meeting again
Separation
Losing yourself
The agony or relief of letting go

O

Patrick Francisco

Going round in circles
Things repeating in an instant
Mistakes repeating
Never getting out
Stuck in one position
Just moving on but
 life just kicks you in the
 face until you finally tap out
Your only question is
 why?

I AM THE LETTER Q

Jason Jiang

I am the letter Q

I have a beautiful
mustache that goes
on and on

I have a
tail that is
attached to a
cat

I am a mirror
with a squiggly line
for a design

So unique

WHO ARE YOU LITTLE t?

Karen Matute

You are the shape
of every anchor whom
belongs to a boat

When you take away
that extra curve on
the left, you look like
a +

You stop a ship
when you're released
down to the bottom,
leaned against a rock
at most times

X

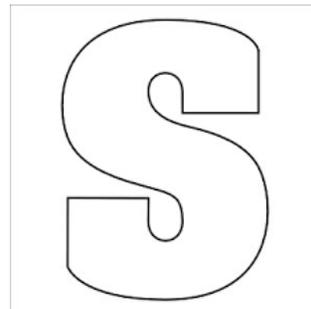
Cristhian Salinas

My letter marks a place
where treasure can be
found
It says or shows if something is wrong

WHO ARE YOU, HOOKING t?

Sade Teriba

You hook up the fish in the sea
Instead of letting it swim freely
capturing them to feast on
like a hungry deviling beast



WHO ARE YOU, S?

Kacper Walczyk

Just sitting there, laying unused
Lots of visits, but never gets noticed
Lots of shouts, lots of noise, wondering
what is out there?
Dusty old garbage, it wants to go out there!
Finally, its call has been heard.
A little lad comes along.
Grabbing it, going out into the warm sun
The las is in the backyard playing with the
jump rope, the S.

WHO ARE YOU, BIG E?

Sophie Yasharian

Once tall
And bold
Now cut in half
And fallen
On the fresh burned ground
They pass by you and into
Your fallen remains
No longer will you stand
No longer will you sway
Not now, not ever
Now swept away

WHO ARE YOU, BIG V?

Sophie Yasharian

Up and down
And up again
You sharply curve
At a point
Spread your walls
They choose to inhabit you
Shelter them from
Some winds

i

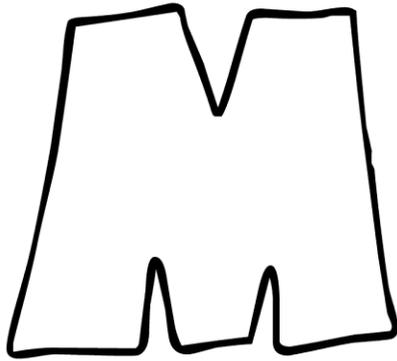
Moustafa Youssef

Everybody say bye
to the letter i
If you turn it over
he is mad
you make it smile
so never notice it

THE LITTLE s

Daniel Lozada

It looks like a snake getting ready to attack
It looks like the tracks of a man running in a
random direction
It looks like a hook
It looks like a slithering snake on the ground
It looks like a piece of string
It looks like a strand of long curly hair



Ms. Mortenson's Class

THE LETTER IS P

Jesus Astudillo

Half a lollipop
Half tasty
Half an apple
An upside down d or b

S

Samya Bond

A snake
Half a heart
An unfinished 8

L, WHO ARE YOU?

Willow Brown

L, who are you and what's your meaning?
I always wanted to know.
Some people say you are a leader,
shining in the radiant sky,
or a lonely shadow playing hide and seek

No matter who you are,
you hide in plain sight.
Not even a blind eye can seem to mark
your spot.

People do not look for the lonely,
they look for a leader.
The only problem is that they end up
playing "follow to the leader."

J

Jalen Charles

Umbrella
Saves you from the water
Don't worry about getting wet
Now you are saved
Hurray

WHO ARE YOU, O?

Jonathan Chung

O, like a mouth ready to eat food,
like a pie that a family will eat
O, a mysterious portal, none have
dared to venture through
O, a circle that a kid drew in school
Oh, O, so many things you can be,
but what are you exactly?

M

Marwan Elharmel

M is

a
wing
flipped

M

Luna Garces

Mountain
You are a mountain
You are a crispy, crunchy, snow-covered
mountain
You rise up and reach to be the best and
biggest mountain of all
You dream of touching the stars
You let people complete the difficult
journey of hiking
You host some exotic animals that are
almost gone
You have lived through dozens of cultures
who have drunk your water and have eaten
your food
You are a beacon of hope
You are a mountain

O

Raquel Gonzalez

A portal.
A whole.

S

Sofia Grncarski

Ssnake...
S, you slither like a snake.
The sound you make is ssnappy.
You dream of coming out from the rocks.
You want to be free.

WHAT ARE YOU, S?

Alexiss Gualpa

What are you, S?
Sss... a slippery snake slithering through
the mountains of the mysterious M,
looking for food to feed its starving stomach

What are you, S?
A string of hair on the floor, detached from
the rest of the hair on top of her head.

X, WHERE ARE YOU?

Riley Hill

X, where are you?
A lonely shadow of the letters
accompanied by Z.

But there is potential and
opportunity coming together
like how X marks the spot for treasure

X, where are you?
In a math problem, waiting to get solved
A missing factor, a quotient

But Y has moved and you are the spotlight
until a number replaces you
Those darn numbers!

You are big, you are small, but nothing at all
A place holder, opportunity, a shadow
X, where are you?

WHO ARE YOU, M?

Jonathan Kimyagarov

M, you are a mountain
thrust up
to the
sky

X

Jhoel Lliguicota

X marks the spot where secrets lie
beneath the sky
I don't think X is the spot
the spot is
beneath your heart

R

Ruby Lopez

Letter R, letter R, are you an unfinished B
on which a child is yet to finish?
Are you a 1 and 2 up against each other?
Are you a sideways pair of glasses?
A poorly shaped lollipop with two sticks?
Is it possible that in the end you're just a
sideways half heart?

V

Verenice Martinez

An unfinished triangle
A tent
An upside down roof
A mountain
An unfinished A

WHO ARE YOU, J?

John-Carlos Mateo

Who are you, J? Are you a
cane helping people walk, or the
cane you eat during Christmas?
Perhaps you are a hook to catch a
fish out of a crystal lake.
Maybe you are a question mark, just
unbent.
How I wish you could talk.
You would sound so elegant and playing
because of how you look.
There are many more things you could be,
but what are you exactly?

WHO ARE YOU, B?

Emmanuel Muratov

B, you are half of an 8.
You are like butter waiting to get eaten.
You are a butterfly
that a kid drew in school.
B, you are an origami
that can turn into a circle.
You are like the butterfly waiting to
sprout its wings.
You are asking what am I?
What am I?
Really, B, I wish you could be
more than just a letter
because you are many more things.
B, you want to be free of the form
that you are.

S

Luis Quito

Looks like a snake
Looks like a vine

WHO ARE YOU, M?

Pedro Pavon

A very high mountain
that sees from above and below
He dreams of visitors that he has
never seen before
He cries sorrow until the day comes

e

Jenna Salem

Who are you, e?
You are a cup with a broken handle
You are a rocking chair rocking a baby
to sleep
You are a special bed for an angry couple
Or you are you an e
Just tell me exactly, what are you?

C, THE INCOMPLETE O
Aislinn Shrestha

How I wish I could reach my fullest
potential and be an O.
I'm forever incomplete.
However, there is one reason for
hope, one thing O cannot compete with.
A smile.

j
John Silaban

A fishhook, sharpened to the slightest of
points
A cane, upside down, with a ball point
A hooked pen, with an oversized ball point
An unbent question mark, turned right
A skinny candy cane, composed of gray
A turn to the road, the size of a worm
An umbrella without the plastic
A magnet, with a very long side, holding an
iron bearing
Who are you, j, just who are you?

WHO ARE YOU, S?
Tatiana Skibola

You are down low and unseen
You break away from old skin
Please don't poison my friends
Thank God you do not fly
You have a spine but it seems not

F
Filip Stepien

What are you, upper case F?
You are a sniper to me
and also my first name initial

WHO ARE YOU, A?
Digna Tenelema

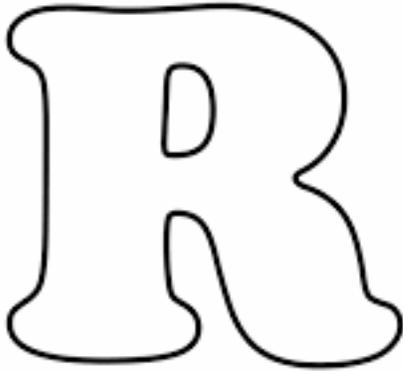
You are high and snowy
You are very edgy and risky

WHO ARE YOU, Q?
Joyslyn Udeochu

A bomb, pressed against the bag of a
soldier, running in fire
A portal, a brave one stares to step in
A bowl of rice, with a trusty spoon by your
side
A pool, with a high diving board
An onion ring from Burger King
Until we meet again, Q!
You don't know me, I don't know you!

S
Sebastian Zamora

A snake
A string
A piece of hair
A crazy straw
A flower sprout
A worm
A wire
An incomplete infinity sign
An incomplete 8
A squiggle



Ms. Rodriguez's Class

P

Dominick Alatorre

I am a pot.
I cook boiled eggs.
I want to cook a cow.
I dream about being the biggest pot.
I want my pot inside filled with cold water
so I can trick
Charlie Brown into wearing me.

DELICIOUS O

Jailyn Bolano

O
My letter wants to be baked
My letter wants to be delicious
My letter's dream is to be the best
chocolate chip cookie

Slithering S

Sasha Jara

You are a snake
Slithering around
You dream of dancing with people
You want to swim in the ocean

WHO ARE YOU HUNGRY LETTER G?

Joseph Nieto

You look like a video game from the classics
called Pacman.
Do you like to eat ghosts?
I bet you hate going through the maze.
If you are hungry, I can tell
David, Jorge and Charley
to make you a big cake.

WHO ARE YOU, NERVOUS S?

Emily Nieves

A little inchworm nervous to be eaten by
the bad, mean lizard.
He starts sweating.
Soon, he is safe.

MY LETTER IS C

Monce Olivera

My letter is the top of a castle
My letter wants to have a princess
My letter dreams of having a happy ending

WHO ARE YOU, G?

Garrell Prophete

I see games at the video game store
and I want to play them
at home
You are a snake
Slithering around
You dream of dancing with people
You want to swim in the ocean

WHO ARE YOU, LETTER R?

Riaz Rahman

I am a rat.
I am enjoying my cheese.
I want to be the king of rats.
My dream is to fight the biggest cheese in
rat world.

ELEPHANT

David Romero

You are an elephant
You are horning like a truck
You want to hear others singing
You dream about being independent and
safe

WHO ARE YOU, LETTER M?

Jorge Rubio

I am a mountain
I want to enjoy the cold
My dream is to be the king of the
mountains

WHAT ARE YOU h?

Charlie Valladolid

I am something that you sit on
Right now you can see me in schools and
homes
Do you know what I am?

V

Emily Vizhnay

I am a Christmas tree base that puts
joy on people's faces
and happiness
I can be trouble when you try to put me in
but I can still make you smile



Ms. Sarno's Class

u

Abdal Abir

Hi there you, yeah you
You are a glass just waiting
to be filled. You are
half of an oval but
with a little tail
you are afraid of your
evil twin n who looks
just like you

You are used in many
words like umbrella
and even things people
wear like underwear
but no need to cry
because you are super
You're also in the word
YOU
Yeah, you

LITTLE o

Jade Alvarez-Zumaeta

little o, little o, so simple yet bold
you wish for a little nose
so small, so timid
eyes wide with curiosity
As you dream, you holler with glee,
"If only I had an edge,
so much more I could be!"

little o cries until sleep

WHO ARE YOU, R?

Muhammad Asmar

An alligator or a crocodile
waiting for prey

Y

Joselyn Baez

Hi big Y, you look like you're reaching high
into the sky
Why are you surprised?
Did you accomplish a thing or two?
Faith, keep it in you

ROLLERCOASTER

Tiffany Batista

Q with twists and turns
spins you round and round
Upside down you view the world
Big and scary for most
This crazy roller coaster you ride

WHO ARE YOU, A?**Alyssa Joscher**

You are an easel
 waiting for a canvas
 all day long
 waiting for something
 to get painted
 all day long

WHAT ARE YOU, d?**Alyssa Joscher**

You are a woman
 eight months pregnant
 waiting for a baby to be born
 She is about to become a mother

O, WHAT A DREAM IT WOULD BE**Richard Linnen**

The window of hope
 afraid of the new world and life
 saying to itself
 it's a new life, bad or good,
 it must change

A new chance, one you should take
 Step forth towards the motionless
 Unreadable portal
 Step through, there is no coming back
 Be who you are and make your
 dreams come true

M**Ileana Miranda**

M, a master of disguise
 filled with dreams of gold
 but with a heart of stone
 You can only be found when
 a pair of large piercing eyes are
 staring deep into you

M**Dimitrios Moukas**

How many M's can I see?
 M is for
 Minneapolis, Madrid, Minnesota, Miami,
 Manhasset, Memphis, Michigan, Missouri,
 Mexico, Moscow, Massachusetts
 There are 11 kinds of countries, states, and
 cities that start with the letter M!

WHAT DOES D AND V MAKE?**Emily Naula**

D is a bow from which is very dangerous
 I am D who you can believe to be as
 dangerous as my friend V
 You, V, are the sharp part of an arrow
 V is as dangerous as D, but more
 V is deadly when shot by a bow
 You shoot through a heart like Cupid
 on Valentine's Day

WHO ARE YOU, R?**Jaiden Ortiz**

A kid looking for an adventure?
 Crawling through places that you know is
 very dangerous, looking for something to
 do, I come across you, but you always break
 through your fear. Me and you share the
 same dream, to find a very difficult
 obstacle.

A

Amelia Pieklik

Sitting in an old art room
abandoned by its owner
an old art stand stands
hidden deep in the dark
Every day it calls,
Come back to me!
But everyone is gone,
far, far from its sight
With two legs, not four,
it can't choose its dreams

BITS OF YOUR HEART

Isabelle Quiles

B, you are a pair of shades
waiting to be with someone
You are quirky and kind and
you dream of being given to someone
yet you are missing
part of your heart

ENERGETIC A

Dechen Ponchung

A, you dance and run around
You are trying to do the splits
You scream out playfully
But fear drives you, scared of being hurt
You dream of a life without pain

A

Aishi Sarkar

I'm the tip of something important to
students and also adults.
Always willing to help people get work
done.
Don't want to brag but I am the most
Important part of a writing utensil and I
can help bring success to someone's life.
I can be someone's best friend as an object.
Unfortunately, I am forgotten.
I may face death.
Broken or worn out.
It doesn't matter because my family
is used every day.

YOU ARE B

Abin Swar

Wearing glasses with pride
on a sunny day at the beach

WHO ARE YOU, V?

Vivien Szaniszlo

Are you a U that has become sharp over the
years?
Do you dream of being what you once
were?
Or are you a mountain in a parallel
universe, where all is upside down?
Are you the slit that allows us to speak
or the tippie-top of the mountain peak?

WHO ARE YOU, P?

Kevin Tenezaca

Are you a cap hanging up,
hoping someday you will
be worn?

Q

Sashenka Trinidad

Who am I?

I'm the only one with the mustache

I'm the funny looking one

I'm the weird one

But I feel unique

I feel special

I feel different!

J

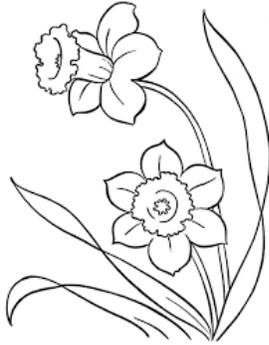
Ivory Velazquez

like a hook

from the sea

just from the water

SPRING



Ms. Baron's Class

BLUE BIRDS AND RICE CRISPY TREATS Sofia Eliades

I am spring.
I look like butterflies and blue birds.
I smell like green grass and flowers.
I taste like mashed potatoes and rice crispy treats.
I feel like velvet and brownies.
I sound like rain.

SUN AND GRAPES Imar Esquilintugwell

I am spring.
I look like rain and the sun.
I smell like flowers and grass.
I taste like pizza and grapes.
I feel like clouds and rain.
I sound like birds.

PINK FLOWER Nujhat Hossain

I am spring.
I look like a pink flower and a purple flower.
I smell like a sunflower and mom's cooking.
I taste like pizza and a hamburger.
I feel happy and like rain.
I sound like a bird singing.

RAIN AND CHOCOLATE CAKE Suhani Jain

I am spring.
I look like a flower and rain.
I smell like flowers and cut grass.
I taste like pizza and chocolate cake.
I feel like happiness and smiles.
I sound like a bird.
Tweet tweet!

FLOWER AND HOT DOG Dayna Millien

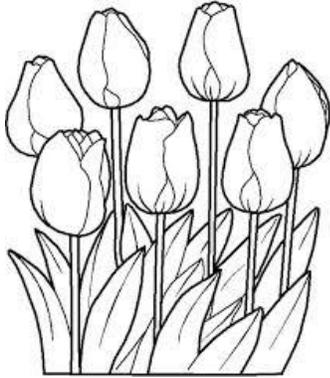
I am spring.
I look like a rose and a garden.
I smell like a flower and a dove.
I taste like a milkshake and a hot dog.
I feel fresh and relaxed.
I sound like spring.

SOAP AND MARBLES Kimberly Naidu

I am spring.
I look like flowers and the sun.
I smell like a flower and soap.
I taste like chocolate cake and water.
I feel like rocks and marbles.
I sound like laughing.

ONE DIRECTION Dominick Sanchez

I am spring.
I look like flowers and rainbows.
I smell like yellow roses and birds.
I taste like French fries and Chinese food.
I feel like velvet and the sun.
I sound like One Direction.



Ms. Conway's Class

EVERYBODY SPRING!!!

Mallek Abdelmagid

Whistling in the warm wind
Birds chirping at night
Wake up to the rooster

Acorns starting to spread
Squirrels running to catch them

Pink trees catching your attention
Making wishes to the dandelions

Central Park packed with families
Playing board games in the sun

Ice cream tasting extra creamy
Caramel corn extra sweet

EVERYBODY SPRING!!!

ACORNS

Helen Aguaiza

Nice warm breeze running through
my feet
Flowers blooming everywhere
Long lines towards the ice cream truck

Acorns crack under my feet
Blowing on dandelions
Amusement packed with screaming kids

SAY HELLO TO THE RIVER

Reina Aguilar

Spring is the start of flowers
Flowers blooming everywhere I turn
Winter's gone, say hello to the river
Animals starting to offspring
Families having a picnic
Ice cream truck coming
Children running to get on line
Blowing on dandelions
Making wishes for upcoming summer

SPRING WAVE

Sasha Aguayo

Shimmering lake, twinkling like stars
Smooth lake, glossy like glass
Sandy lake, burns my nose like fire
Swirling lake, spins like a tornado and
bubbles like fish

Sweet flower, it smells like candy
Soft flower, it feels like silk
Buzzing flower, I hear the bees
Tasty honey, thank you flowers and bees
Bright flower, shows off like a rainbow

Rain trickles from clouds like tears
Rain sprinkles the grass and my face
Rain pounds, crashing into the grass
Cold rain runs down my throat
Fresh grass that I thank the clouds for

I THINK**Nadia Alalou**

I think about the beaches to come
 The beautiful salt water glistening
 The smell of wet, wet grass
 I can taste the sweet ice cream by the park
 Hearing songful birds tweet the song with
 the world
 Feeling the warm sun on my face
 I realize, spring is almost over
 Summer is yet to come

SPRING**Tiffany Arpi**

Pit-pattering of the rain
 Icy raindrops on your clothes and skin
 The tense feeling of a coming storm
 Bird and insect chirping comes to a halt
 The pinecone closes
 All is still

A-choo!
 The stinging smell of pollen
 Everything gray and dull
 under the crying sky

Alas, the sun steals its rightful place
 in the now blue sky
 Clink! Cold drinks are sipped
 The birds' chirping fills the sky
 along with laughter and chatter
 The wonder after the storm

IT'S FINALLY HERE**Nicole Banegas**

It's finally here!
 The sun is out, all
 shiny and bright!
 Right now, all I need is
 this good feeling.

Splish, splash, splish, splash!
 It's finally here!
 I get to jump in a puddle
 that goes splish-splash-splash.
 This feels good.
 I open the umbrella and
 the umbrella says POP!
 The sky is crying and flowers
 are blooming!

It's finally here!
 My favorite season, meaning summer,
 is close and then school's out!
 Oh, how I love this feeling!
 The wet grass, this feeling. Spring fever!
 Oh, how I love this season!
 It's finally here!

CHIRP CHIRP**Abhijeet Biswas**

A green grass field
 The smell of barbecue
 The sweet taste of cool salads
 A cold feeling of breeze
 A faint chirp chirp

SPRING HATE**Jayleen Cajamarca**

Spring looks all
shiny bright
sun is out
with a good
day

Spring smells
good with all
the flowers but
Ah-choo! I
have allergies

Spring feels
nauseous
my nose is runny
Ah-choo!

Spring sounds like
ah-choo and ah-choo
blowing on tissues
I hate spring

SUN IS OUT**Edder Campoverde**

Sun is out
The sunshine makes flowers grow
Kids are playing
Ice cream truck is playing the music
I'm sweating
Playing soccer with friends
Kick the ball
Score a wonderful goal
But at the end
I play Xbox all day

LIKE A PUNCH**Yodi Carrucciu**

You wake up and look out the window
The heat hits you like a punch
You tie up your hair as sweat trickles down
your neck
Pink blossoms grow on trees
No long-sleeves, only t-shirts
Sports get played

IN SPRING**Patricio Castillo**

In spring
I hear the birds

In spring, I
see the birds

In spring, I feel
my feet in the sand

In spring, I feel the
wind

In spring, I smell the apple pie

Spring is awesome

FUN, CHILLY, WARM**Alex Cuenca**

Spring looks like the sun
Spring smells like grass
Spring tastes like leaves
Spring feels warm
Spring sounds like the wind
It's fun

SPLITTER SPLATTER**Tracy Choying**

Splitter splatter, splitter splatter
Rain tearing from the sky

Chirp chirp chirpity-chirp
Birds quietly waking me up

Beautiful flowers blooming
from the tree
The sun shines brightly
through the blue sky

Soon we may have a
break from school
What a relief!

SPRING!**Leslie Delacruz**

The sky
is a lovely blue
The birds are chirping too

The ice cream melts on
my hand, the ice melts
on my drink

The flowers have
a lovely scent

The leaves go with
the wind
swoosh swoosh

bzzz bzzz bzzz
the bees are stinging

Spring!

GREEN, SPRING

Brandon Ferrara

Spring looks like
green, spring smells like
flowers, spring tastes like
ice cream

EYES BURNING

Patrick Francisco

My eyes burn as the pollen falls
My nose feels terrible
Snot begins to form
I lie in bed, suffering from spring
I hear the birds chirp
I smell the flowers across the room
The trees are starting to grow
People are happy while I lie in bed
Some may love spring
but going outside is my greatest threat

SPRING!

Mia Guerra

The snow cleared
The sun's out
It blinds me
when I look
up

It's hot

The hot cocoa
we drank
is gone

Now out

with the lemonade

I smell the fresh
fresh air as
I pick up
my glass and
Relax as I
hear the birds
chirp

The sun
goes down

(But as the
flowers die
you realize you
have school in
the morning)

CRUELTY AND TREES

Jason Jiang

Spring looks like a tree just sprouted
Spring smells like the trees
Spring tastes like weeds
Spring feels like cruelty (because we have
school)
Spring sounds like cars

SPLISH SPLASH**Karen Matute**

I hear the
birds, chirp chirp
every day when
I wake up

Splish splash I feel the rain
When I go outside
I feel my hair get wet

I smell the freshness
of the rain and air
It smells like nothing
except for freshness

Every day I see colors
of flowers popping out
I taste the water
falling down

I feel the wind's
breeze pass by me
making me feel cool

During this time we
take a break and
do not go to school

Spring it here!

LIKE SPRING**Jason Sealey**

Spring is like spring
Chirp chirp
It's so sunny
it hurts my eyes
but then I
realize I've got
school tomorrow
and there's no
going back when
I did not do my
homework and
I'm sleeping
now

WARM HAPPY PLACE**Devon Smith**

Spring looks like a warm happy place
Spring smells like heat going in your nose
Spring tastes like warm deliciousness
Spring feels like another place

I pick up a dandelion and
blow those white "flowers"
off the stem
I love the way ice cream tastes
I hear the birds chattering
I smell apple pie

SPRING LOVE**Sade Teriba**

Kiss kissy kiss
Love is in the air
You smell each other's scent
You taste the chocolate
Chirp chirp chirp
You hear the birds over you
You taste the caramel chocolate
You see your partner's face
SPRING

FLOWERS, SHOWERS
Kacper Walczyk

The clouds have cleared
The sun has appeared

The hum of the bees
you hear while you feel the breeze

You sniff the flowers
while rain still showers

Finally, spring is here

FLAP FLAP
Sophie Yasharian

Flap
Brightly colored
Up and down
Said to cause a storm

The scents it carries
Fresh cut grass
Tall and strong
Now short and passed

I taste the cool mist
Splashing up against
My cheek

I hear it
Flap flap flap
Up and down
And up again

Disappearing
In the void

SPRING
Moustafa Youssef

You feel happy
You are in the warmth
Everything is wet
It looks joyful



Ms. Mortenson's Class

SPRING, SUNNY AND AMAZING

Jesus Astudillo

Sunny, amazing blue flowers
The goodness of strawberries
Chocolate tasty
Summer

SPRING IS HERE

Samya Bond

Spring looks like birds flying, bright colors,
stinging bees
Take a nice walk and come upon big
growing trees
As you know, spring is a little warm
But still brings rain showers
Step outside, taste the air and bring
knowledge and power

FLOWERS AND RAINDROPS

Jalen Charles

In spring, it looks
like flowers falling
just like the raindrops
the day before. I can hear
everyone cheering, overcoming
their allergies. Birds
chirping, kids screaming.
Flowers are blooming, it's just
like a soothing sound. You
can taste the fruit
while sitting down. There are
so many rainbows.

SPRING

Jonathan Chung

Spring feels like the good, cold rain falling
on me.
Spring looks like beautiful flowers and trees
all around.
Spring smells like the amazing smell of
flowers.
Spring tastes like fresh fruit.
Spring sounds like birds chirping and
animals
scurrying around.

RAINBOW AFTER THE RAIN

Marwan Elharmel

Spring looks like a rainbow after the rain
It smells like blossomed flowers
It tastes like pomegranates
It feels hot and it sounds like
"Bounce Back" by Big Sean

SPRING...**Luna Garces**

A fresh new beginning
 birds flying in the sky and children
 running below
 wet soil coming from the freshly planted
 garden down the block
 fresh squeezed lemonade waiting
 for you after school
 light sweaters and jackets after the burden
 of heavy coats
 a baby bird being born in the nest on
 the tree above
 chirp chirp chirp chirp

SO BREEZE**Raquel Gonzalez**

Spring looks like flowers and trees
 Spring smells like nature
 Spring tastes like ice cream
 Spring feels so breezy
 Spring sounds like birds chirping
 Spring is exciting

FOOD AND NATURE**Sofia Grncarski**

Spring looks like a tree with leaves
 Spring sounds like bugs
 Spring reminds me of food
 Spring smells like empanadas
 Spring tastes like empanadas

Spring looks like nature
 Spring smells like flowers
 Spring tastes like food
 Spring sounds like bugs
 I guess spring is cool

SPLISH SPLASH**Alexiss Gualpa**

Splish... Splash... Whoosh
 Rain falling from above
 Dot dot dot
 Raindrops dotting on windows
 Flowers blooming, the colors are booming
 The smell is beaming into my nose
 Yumm...
 The lovely taste of ice cream flying into my
 mouth

FRESH BEGINNING**Riley Hill**

A fresh beginning of nature
 The soil sprouts a blossom
 The foal takes its first steps
 The bunny takes its first hop

The blossom opens into a beautiful flower
 The fragrance is unbearable
 A bee begins its first journey to the flower

The silent foal stands with its mother
 then stands on its own
 Realizing what it has done, it tries to gallop
 but falls down in a bed of morning dew

A puff of soft fur moves, rustling
 Two ears perk up and a pink nose sniffs
 a fresh juicy strawberry
 then nibbles it up

SO PRETTY**Jonathan Kimyagarov**

trees
 rain
 so pretty
 bing bang, the rain says
 the trees whooshing
 so beautiful

BUZZ AND RAIN

Emma Lagumdzija

I hear the bees buzz buzz buzz
I see the flowers trying to bloom
I smell the dirt after the rain rain rain
I taste the soft serve ice cream
I touch the wet leaf from the rain rain rain

CREEPY CLOWN

Jhoel Lliguicota

Spring looks like a hate season
Spring smells like garbage
Spring tastes like onions
Spring feels like jail
Spring sounds like a creepy clown

RAINBOW AFTER A STORM

Ruby Lopez

Spring, you look like the rainbow after a storm
You smell like freshly bloomed flowers
You taste like chocolate received by someone special
I hear the humming birds humming

SPRING TIME

Verenice Martinez

Spring looks like a new beginning of beautiful growth
Spring smells like beautiful fresh air, full of the scent of beautiful new flowers
Spring tastes like freshly baked apple pie
Spring feels like the fresh warm breeze blowing through your hair, with flowers floating in the air
Spring sounds like the new life of born birds singing on the tree above

SEASON FULL OF JOY

John Carlos Mateo

Spring, the season full of joy
The air's aroma is fragrant with flowers
I can hear the sound of kids playing
There is greenery as far as the eye can see
I can feel the humidity from last night's storm
I can taste sweetness from my ice cream
Some of these things describe spring but still there is more to be discovered

STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM

Emmanuel Muratov

Spring looks like rainbows after rain
Spring smells like flowers
Spring tastes like strawberry ice cream
Spring feels like walking on clouds
Spring sounds like a Drake album

PEDRO'S POEM

Pedro Pavon

Spring is fun
but when it rains
it thunderstorms
and stakes its claim

when it stops
we all play games

SPRING

Luis Quito

Spring is sunny and cloudy and rainy
Spring looks like plants growing
It smells like fresh air

YOU

Jenna Salem

You come in and warm up my day.
You blossom the nature on my windowsill.
You start a new thing.
You recreate flowers from the mothers that
live
far away from the young.
I think of this as I smell and sneeze from all
the pollen
that gets stuffed in my nose.
I think about this as I eat honey with milk.
I think of what happens in spring as I hear a
bird
coming back from vacation.
I love spring.

THE FIRST PAGE

Aislinn Shrestha

Spring is the first page of a new book,
giving a chance for a new beginning

Spring feels like dead flowers blossoming
again,
able to be reborn

Clink, the sound of glasses together filled to
the top
with fresh lemonade

Chirp, the sound of birds soaring across the
sky
Like no tomorrow

A GOOD FEELING

John Silaban

Rain puddles
as clear as glass

The air smelling
like lilies of
the summer valley

Hoppity-hop
says the
jackrabbit

Chocolate eggs,
delicious, to be
gobbled

The trees, their
leaves filling
a glossy cup

Seeing into
The far mist,
the butterflies

Hearing the
cool north
wind

Yes. I've got
A good feeling

TULIPS AND POURING RAIN

Tatiana Skibola

Spring looks like a colorful carnival lighting
up at night
Spring smells like blooming roses, tulips and
sunflowers
Spring tastes like dandelions and pouring
rain
Spring feels like the warm glowing sun
Spring sounds like birds chirping
Spring is exciting

SPRING

Filip Stepien

Spring smells like fresh flowers
...good...
the hippity hop rabbit is out smelling the
flowers
spring looks like heaven and sounds like fun

FLOWERS POPPING

Digna Tenelema

Spring looks like flowers popping out of the
soil
Spring feels like the grass is a bed to lay on
Spring sounds like kids are having fun and
the rain drops on the ground
Spring is like a playground where kids are
having fun

SPRING RINGS

Sebastian Zamora

Spring rings
flowers everywhere
drink drink
it's pretty warm
think think

LOTS OF COLORS

Britney Torres

Spring looks like
lots of colors in the ground
flowers grass
bugs
Spring smells like
sunflowers in the ground
Spring tastes like
juicy lemonade waiting outside to be
grabbed
It feels sunny and sounds like
birds chirping in the trees above the
ground

SPRING

Joyslyn Udeochu

What does spring look like?
Spring smells like the flowers
blooming up from their cold death.
Spring.

Spring feels like a warm
Room with toasty blankets
and hot chocolate.
Spring.

Spring tastes like the
opportunity to retrieve
a frosty snack at the
store down the road.
Spring.

Spring sounds like
birds a-chirpin' in
the sky, swaying to
the breeze.
Spring, spring, spring.

Spring looks like
Heaven. More springs
to come since I'm only 11.



Ms. Rodriguez's Class

SPRING TRAP

Dominick Alatorre

I look like a spring trap that grabs tiny animals
I smell like a snake and I don't want to be grabbed by a person
I taste like meat and meat is my favorite food
I feel like a dinosaur that eats meat
I sound like a lion and lions are champions
I sound like ROAR

ROSES AND CHERRIES

Jailyn Bolano

I am spring
I look like roses and tulips
I smell like lavender and the fresh breeze
I taste like strawberries and cherries
I feel like a cool breeze and raindrops
I sound like bees and birds
I sound like BUZZ

FLOWER IN THE RAIN

Sasha Jara

I am spring.
I look like a flower in the rain
I smell like wet grass while I absorb the nice rain
splash swish
I taste water on my petals of beautiful colors
I taste like a salad with a fresh look and a fresh taste
just made
drip drop as the water falls on my petals
I feel full of life
I patiently look at people passing
I feel full of happiness
dancing in the rain splash splash
vroom vroom
I hear cars passing
I gently flow in the rain
I am a happy flower in the rain
I feel like myself
a beautiful blue flower
In the nice cool rain

SPRING CHOMP

Joseph Nieto

I feel like rain and clouds
I look cloudy with a little sunshine
I smell like flowers and grass
I taste like chips and pizza
I sound like birds and the rain
I sound like crunching
chomp

ROSES AND RAIN**Emily Nieves**

I look like roses and rain
 I smell like wet grass and pollen
 I taste like nectar and honey
 I feel like allergies and slippery
 I sound like chirp and buzz
 and whoosh

NATURE AND BREEZE**Monce Olivera**

I look like a blossom and daisies
 I smell like nature and flowers
 I taste like cherries and honey
 I feel like cold water and apple juice
 I sound like the birds chirping and the
 breeze gives you a kiss

IN SPRING**Garrell Prophete**

I look like clouds and rain
 I smell like flowers and roses
 I taste like chocolate ice cream and a
 chicken sandwich
 I feel like rain and grass
 I sound like raindrops and Haiti
 Raindrops falling

CHICKENS AND COOKIES**Rias Rahman**

I am spring.
 I look like the flowers and rain.
 I smell like the red rose flower and wet
 puppies.
 I taste like a chicken that walks fast.
 A bird is chirping.
 I sound like bees and cars.

YUMMY FRUIT AND BUZZ**David Romero**

I am spring
 I look like flowers and grass
 I smell like rain and grass
 I taste the yummy fruit growing on the trees
 and yummy
 cold juice on warm days
 I feel like the warm days from temperatures
 70 degrees to 80 degrees
 And the grass on my face
 I sound the bees buzzing for flowers and
 pollinating and
 sneezing
 I sound like a bee (buzz!)

DAISIES AND PUPPIES**Jorge Rubio**

I am spring
 I look like the plants who grow in spring and
 birds chirping
 I smell like daisies and puppies
 I taste like hot dog and mustard
 I feel like a puppy that runs fast and I feel
 like being nice to people
 I sound like a dog barking and birds chirping
 I sound like woof woof and chirp chirp

SO WAVY**Emily Vizhnay**

When you are you I'm so wavy
 And I make noises when I chirp
 I can have bad days when you feel
 splat splat on the palm of your hand
 I see some flowers blooming that can bright
 your smile up



Ms. Sarno's Class

BLOOMING WORLD

Abdal Abir

Spring looks like a whole new blooming world
Spring smells like fresh new roses and violets
Spring tastes like newly made honey
Spring feels like a whole new year, but it isn't
Spring sounds like children laughing and playing

SPRING

Jade Alvarez-Zumaeta

Sad, yet happy
Tears falling from the sky
The turtle comes out of its shell
Splitter split splat
A pit and a patter
Baby birds will fly

The wind, it starts whooshing
A kite in the air
Beautiful daisies in bloom

The chicks are chirp chirping
The bunnies hop hopping
A lovely exciting scent
Of soil and grass
There's a break from class
So many dreams I have dreamt

ALL COLORS

Muhammad Asmar

Spring is happy, blooming
Spring smells fresh and sweet
Spring has different berries that taste
 too good
Spring feels perfect with a blue sky
Spring has birds chirping
Blue, green, orange, red
All colors
The best season and time of year
 is spring
The time of all colors

JOY AND FREEDOM

Joselyn Baez

Spring feels like there is
joy in the air and freedom
Spring sounds like happy families
laughing and playing
When you walk in the park you see
a new life for flowers
When you open your mouth
you taste nature
the dirt, animals and grass
You see rain

WHAT OR WHO ARE YOU SPRING?

Tiffany Batiste

You are full of color
Blooming flowers everywhere
I feel your refreshing breeze
as it touches my skin
The birds are chirping with glee
up high in the trees
I feel relaxed as you take me
into a calming state
While I walk in a calm state
the smells of nature come to play
It tastes like clear, clean
water, energizing every corner
of my body
This is why I envy you

AIR, APPLES, TREES

Bryon Bishop

Spring smells like clean air
Spring looks like trees growing apples
Spring feels like rough trees
Spring sounds like birds chirping

BUGS EVERYWHERE

Anthony Carreto

Spring looks like bugs everywhere
Spring smells like dead flies after a week
Spring tastes like fresh fruits
Spring feels like allergy season
Spring sounds like buzzing from bees
Bzzz Bzzz

PEACEFUL LAND

Qeon Cayenne

Spring looks like a peaceful land of
creatures
Spring smells like fresh sunflowers
with bees
Spring tastes like
chocolate eggs
Spring feels like warm wind
through the air
Spring sounds like trees rustling
from the breeze

YOU LITTLE KIDS

Brandon Hernandez

Spring is a time when flowers grow
And the wind goes by like a very fast car
The fresh smell of flowers smell
Like heaven has fallen
The people and kids go outside
And buy fresh cold ice cream
So cold, so cold you can get
A brain freeze
And do not get me started
The bad thing about spring is
Kids, KIDS, horrible kids
Silent but deadly a
VERY LOUD Ha Ha Ha killing all the plants
Step by step, oh you darn kids!
Why do you treat flowers like this?
This is the only reason I think that
Kids should have a leash...
This is the only reason kids are
horrible at spring
Because for them it's freedom from
Boring school and homes
You darn little kids!!!

LIKE NATURE

Alyssa Joscher

Spring looks damp, like it just rained
Spring smells like nature
 The flowers start blooming
Spring tastes like all the grass around you
Spring feels fresh
Spring sounds like the wind blowing
whoosh whoosh whoosh

A NEW START

Isabel Kozikowska

Spring is a new start
I see the birds flutter
and the sky goes forever on
The meadow of grass feels like
 feathers in my hands

The wet rain has a fresh smell like no other
Click clack, the wind shield goes
The hot sun never leaves me
and it follows me all the way home

I bite into a fresh orange
The taste buds are dancing in my mouth
It is a long day
and another one will come

THE REAL KNOWING

Richard Linnen

The feeling of warmth,
 the sun is coming out
The taste of fresh fruit,
 I feel like I'm going to shout
Hearing the birds chirp,
 they're coming back now
I see the earth blooming around me,
 playing with my friends
The real knowing of spring is
 the smell of fresh air

BUNNIES

Jason Matute

Hop, hop, hop, like a bunny does
Hop, hop, hop, like they always do
Hop, hop, hop, like a bunny does
Hop, hop, hop, like they always do

In spring, I hear bunnies hopping
And they feel very soft
They look like hopping baby sheep
But every spring a bunny gets killed
And I eat that bunny!
Bunnies, when they're cooked, smell like
chicken
And taste like chicken

FRUITS AND NATURE

Steven Mejia

Spring is the beginning of summer
With the smell of fruits and nature
A garden of happiness
A labyrinth of nature
Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh
The spirit of the wind
Breaking the silence
Tasting like chocolate bunnies

SPRING

Ileana Miranda

Spring
A time when you adore the earth
with its beautiful rainbows on the ground
when trees are no longer bare
A time when you enjoy
The absence of the cold roots that sink
into the ground
not hesitating to cause chaos
A time when the howling winds of winter
are cut, replaced with the gentle
wind of spring
tugging the leaves of the trees

SNEEZE

Dimitrios Moukas

Spring smells like air
Birds build a nest
Bees make honey
Spring is sneezing from the flowers

SPRING

Emily Naula

Blooming roses with thorns hidden in the
bushes
The scent of daisies is sweet
The rain tastes like water, water for the
plants
Spring feels soothing, with all the animals
Spring sounds like melodies and harmonies
from the birds
Splish splash, the rain goes hitting the
window pane
Bunnies hop in the grass
Birds mate and chirp
Spring is a calm blooming season
Spring has a soothing breeze
in the wind
Splish splash, the rain goes again
in a puddle of rain
The open doors to picnics is a surprise
A batch of flowers in a garden is like
pastels around you
Different pages, different colors of you
are here

WAKING UP

Jaiden Ortiz

It almost feels like waking up,
just as the sun rises
You take off your white blanket and...
BOOM!
You realize that it is already spring
That white blanket that covered
 your neighborhood was snatched,
 taken away
As you sneeze, you smell candy
Looking up you see something move
 very quickly
Seeing trees bloom, daisies flying
 throughout the air
ACHOO!
You are irritated by the gunk you
 have in your nose
Kids screaming loudly... allergies...
Easter bunny, give me my winter back!...
You walk outside, feeling a light breeze
The Easter bunny guides you to your friends
 and disappears
You get carried away
 playing with your friends

COLOR AND CHEER

Amelia Pieklik

Spring, a time in the year
full of color and cheer
Blooming tulips, red and yellow,
filling up the entire meadow
You feel refreshed,
just like a new start,
take a whiff of air
and smell the blooming roses
Hear the silence around you
as you walk in peace,
looking at the sight of the new beginning
Take a bite of a fresh apple,
washed by the morning rain
Click, clack the rain goes on,
but don't worry,
tomorrow's another start

SPRING FLOWERS

Dechen Ponchung

Flowers blooming, playful
Spring looks full of vibrant color
Spring smells like pollen and roses
Spring tastes like ice cream
Spring feels like happiness
Spring sounds like buds opening
 up, gasping for air, to become
 a daisy or a cherry blossom
I go to the beach, hearing
the ocean water slosh and
splatter and the people scream out
 playfully
I think of the fresh air and beautiful
pastel-colored tulips I saw
passing by

NOT SHINY AND METAL

Isabelle Quiles

You're not shiny and metal
but your many people's favorite scene
You give everyone a new start to
your open doors
Your spring smells like the bloom
of a red nose, but everything looks
so peaceful and quiet
Spring feels so soft and comfortable
with families sitting on your grass
You have the taste of a cool breeze
in your lungs and the sound of
everyone coming together and
enjoying company
This is the only thing
I need

WONDERFUL SEASON

Abin Swar

Spring, what a wonderful season
Dandelions growing, zip zap zoo
Smelling like nature with animals saying
Boo

TIME FOR FRESH STARTS

Aishi Sarkar

The time for fresh starts
What was once dead is happily
Coming back to life
Bird chirping giving the place a calm
And relaxed sensation
Oh spring
Making the air smell fresh after her
regular rain fall
Seeing all the animals and beautiful flowers
Coming back, making the streets light up
with happiness.
The warm humid breeze smells like
fruits

ALL THINGS GREEN

Vivien Szaniszlo

Spring
The beginning of all things green and
colorful
The feeling of the refreshing breeze
Feels like silk between my fingers
The faint smell of freshly cut grass
lingers in the air no matter where you go
The sounds of delighted children playing
outside and the flapping of the birds flying
Finally free from the biting cold

DAISY FLOWER

Kevin Tenezaca

Spring looks like a daisy flower
coming out of a seed
Spring smells like a bunch of daisies
all in one big tree

A COLORFUL SEASON

Sashenka Trinidad

Spring is a colorful season
Spring spring spring I love
The smell of your roses blooming
Spring feels like a new beginning
Spring sounds like children laughing

THE BLOOMING MEADOW

Ivory Velazquez

The quietness of the blooming meadow
The spring looks like the fresh breeze of
the wind flowing upon the meadow

Spring smells like the bark on a tree
It tastes like the water of the rain
from the gray clouds

Spring feels like a new beginning for
everything around me
Spring sounds like the noise of the birds
singing
as the light shines from the sun
Just playing and jumping, just enjoying the
weather!



Ms. Baron's Class

I AM

Natalie Bogusz

I am purple
I am the afternoon
I am summer
I am hot
I am in the park with my friends
I am mac and cheese
I am the day my mom lost her car
and I had to find it
I am a dream about a kitten and a dog
I am not homework
I am, "Coke."

I AM

Sofia Eliades

I am red
I am night
I am spring
I am cold
I am home
I am French fries
I am that time I went to Ireland
I am wearing makeup
I am not thunder or broccoli or gum
I am, "I love you!"

I AM

Imar Esquilintugwell

I am blue
I am morning
I am spring
I am sunny
I am New York
I am French fries
I am laying with Mom and Dad
I am Batman
I am not fighting
I am, "Sorry."

I AM

Nujhat Hossain

I am purple
I am the afternoon
I am spring
I am sunny
I am school
I am beans
I am going to be a teacher
I am a teacher
I am not vegetables or apples
I am country music

I AM

Christina Kaczurak

I am orange
I am night
I am summer
I am cold
I am school
I am a fish

I AM**Dayna Millien**

I am red
 I am the afternoon
 I am summer
 I am hot
 I am Hershey Park
 I am pizza
 I am friends
 I am kissing a boy
 I am not a bully or a pigeon
 I am Steph and Anna, my friends

I AM**Caterin Ortiz**

I am red
 I am morning
 I am summer
 I am sunny
 I am a library
 I am pizza
 I am mom cooking my rice
 I am my family
 I am not rats or snails
 I am the sound of birds

I AM**Kimberly Naidu Phyllis**

I am red
 I am morning
 I am fall
 I am sunny
 I am the park
 I am chicken curry
 I am my parents
 I am a taxi driver
 I am not dribbling a ball
 I am not a curry leaf vegetable
 I am the fork sound on a plate

I AM**Amare Rambert**

I am red
 I am morning
 I am summer
 I am hot
 I am the USA
 I am pizza
 I am playing basketball with dad
 I am a dream of being kidnapped
 I am not a tomato
 I am, "Yoi!"

I AM**Dominick Sanchez**

I am red
 I am night
 I am fall
 I am wind
 I am home
 I am yellow rice
 I am Max, my puppy
 I am free
 I am not a bully
 I am, "Lopez!"

I AM**Michael Zambrano**

I am red
 I am the afternoon
 I am summer
 I am cold
 I am my aunt's house in Queens
 I am pizza
 I am that time I went to Ecuador
 I am a dream of skydiving from an airplane
 I am not a bird or a bully
 I am velvet



I am

Ms. Conway's Class

I AM

Malleck Abdelmagid

I was not born in America
America was born in me
I am Emerigan

Egypt is in Africa
Just like how Egypt is in ME

I am a large iced coffee with milk
and sugar – a little ice

I am also a falafel sandwich with
a little extra hummus

I AM A CHILD

Helen Aguaiza

I am a child
I am a child of America and Ecuador
I am Ecuadorian
I am not Italian but it's in my HEART!
I am mostly American every day
but not so much of an Ecuadoran
Ecuadorian is in ME!

MYSELF

Reina Aguilar

I am a child of immigrants
Half Ecuadorian
Half American
Parents coming for a new life
For their children to succeed
A spoiled brat I am
But not afraid to speak Spanish
Proud to be Latina
It is an honor

I AM MORICAN

Nadia Alalou

I'm not American
I'm not Moroccan
I'm both
I'm lucky to be both
I can eat traditional foods
I can also eat pizza
I can eat both
And that's who I am so don't judge me for it

Everybody is unique in some way
Everybody's different
And that's what makes us
interesting and new
so deal with it

DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS

Tiffany Arpi

I am a child of Latin America and America
A child of Ecuadorian folk
A Latino-American Roman Catholic
Born in New York
Daughter of immigrants
My first language was Spanish
Then it was English which I speak with pride

The stinging smell of garlic and spices
The sweetness of tamales
The sun beats down on my flesh
As I harvest crops from the fields
and tend to the chickens
I am Spanglish

ONLY ME

Nicole Banegas

I was born in America
My mom and dad
were born in Ecuador
I know both English
and Spanish
Spanish is a part of me
because of my parents

I consider myself Ecuadorian
I'm both
I'm both American and Ecuadorian
and I love myself for it
My past is obviously unknown
I really don't fit in
my parents' country
but I'm me
And only me

I AM AMERICAN

Abhijeet Biswas

I am American
I am a walnut shell
I am a loud Bengal tiger
I am dark as black
I am cold as winter

PUZZLE OF COUNTRIES

Yodi Carrucciu

I am passed on by a French and Italian
family but inside
I'm American, too
When people ask me where I'm from
I'm from a continent full of history

I am trapped in a puzzle of countries
Trying to fit each in its place
but the reality is that I'm from two
continents, North America and Europe,
the places of love and determination
despite what the haters say

I'm me and only me
from France and Italy,
the place of spaghetti and pizza,
the place of croissants and macaroons,
the place of hot dogs and burgers,
all united in one, which equals
me (of course)

ALL ABOUT ME

Tracy Choying

I am born in America
Mom in Indonesia
Dad in Kathmandu, Nepal
Spicy foods are in me
But I eat pizza
I am no good at speaking in English
correctly
I speak Chinglish – Chinese and English

I AM**Leslie Delacruz**

I'm not Mexican
 or Ecuadorian or Peruvian or
 American I am all four

there is spring,
 summer, autumn,
 and winter

they are
 naturally apart
 but I keep them close

colors all
 over traditional
 clothing

the warm
 sun of Mexico

the warm lakes
 of Peru

and the old
 ice skating rinks
 of New York

TWIZZLER OF AMERICA**Brandon Ferrera**

I am a Twizzler of America
 a light-skinned Medusa
 I'm kind of all fries
 I'm a Dominican warrior
 I'm a Cuban sandwich
 I love rice and beans
 It's yummy in my tummy
 Music bursting my ear drums
 My ears bleeding and screaming for help
 I'm a fry

CHILD OF RICE**Patrick Francisco**

I am the child of rice
 Yellow and unique to my country
 Uses everything because soon there will be
 nothing
 I am Filipino
 but was raised as a New Yorker
 MTA is how we get around

Self-deprecation is the way I go
 I am a French fry
 A rice grain
 An ant in society
 Just trying to make it around
 Crashing and burning is how I work
 It's the way I work
 Dreams, don't have them
 Proud to be broken

I am nothing but an ant
 Just trying to make it around
 Trying to thrive
 That's it

I AM**Jason Jiang**

England, China, and America
 Rice, a mango, a shrimp
 I am a dog
 I am a dog who likes to eat tacos
 Like a little grain of rice
 I am mostly American and Chinese

AMERICAN AND MEXICAN**Daniel Lozada**

I am the fries of America but
 I am the tacos of Mexico
 I play golf like Americans but
 I like soccer better
 I am both American and Mexican

ALSO, MYSELF**Karen Matute**

I am...
I am American and Ecuadorian
I live in America
But the Ecuadorian spirit is always alive
Queens in my home
Red, blue and yellow are our colors
Which are always reminding us of our culture
I am not fully English
I speak the language at school
But at home we speak Spanish
And eat our traditional foods
I am not American
I am not Ecuadorian
I am totally both
I'm also myself

BURRITO**Cristhian Salinas**

I am the burrito of Mexico
I love and respect America
Living in New York for me is life
I am 100% Mexican, born in Morelos

I play soccer as my sport

It never snows, it's always warm

I AM**Devon Smith**

New York but also Queens
R and B, rap, hip hop
Wish to be an NGA superstar
I am fried chicken but I'm also corn dogs
Big family gathering
I am spring but I can also be cold like winter

HALF AMERICAN, HALF NIGERIAN**Sade Teriba**

I am Nigerian
Half American
Half Nigerian
It's hot in the country of Africa
The heart of the country beats loudly
I am Nigerian but can't speak the language
I am American but don't know many words
I should speak Yorugish – Yoruba and English
But I only speak one
It hurts my head
The strong cooking smell, the loud speaking of the language
The constant music
But especially the trying to fit in

POLISH**Kacper Walczyk**

I am... not exactly whole.
Polish, American, add Austrian and Ukranian
But what do I really find myself as?
The answer to that is Polish
No worries for food, most likely potatoes
Potatoes make one of the best foods, pierogis
No worries about music, they have English-Polish radio!
Poland is not like America, it isn't loud and crowded, houses spread apart, a nice, peaceful place
You can't miss America when you're there
There are McDonalds and Burger Kings

Four different parts, only one is the best
That's Polish

I AM MYSELF

Sophie Yasharian

I am a states woman
I am a city girl
I was born in the city
I know fast food
and king-sized dishes

I am middle class
though my past is unknown
My tongue is English
but my grasp may extend

I am not Spanish
though it runs in my veins
No habla español
but I still try to learn

I am not rich
I am not poor
I am myself

BIG FAT BURGER

Moustafa Youssef

I am Egyptian
Egypt is in my blood
Egypt is my home
I am a little American
I am a big fat burger with
 a little fries on the side
I am the meat
A spicy meat
With American and Egyptian to
make it spicy



Ms. Mortenson's Class

I AM

Jesus Astudillo

Ecuadorian, Russian,
Argentinian, American

Russian, Albanian

Guinea pig, cricket, monkey,
chicken, cow, dog, snakes, fish

I jumped off a 50-foot long pool.
I went on a roller coaster inside my
mother's stomach

I AM

Samya Bond

I am Samya Bond
A southern girl that comes from Queens
A child of many talents and traits
I am not from Africa
But African-American is in me
I am food from many cultures
I am empanadas, all types of chicken and
fruits
I speak my mind
My only language is English
Small imagination, big dreams
I am unique
I am me

DIFFERENT

Willow Brown

I am nothing close to normal
I am different but quiet yet
really loud when I need help
but no one hears me

I am not average, I am not smart
Although I am none of those things
in a way I am
but I am still just a thing to people
around me and I am categorized
as what people think of me

But is it everybody?

Sometimes I feel like I am too different
because they see me that way
but I know there are better days
I guess that's the reason I live and
Why I'm here and still too different

Have you ever felt you're nothing
It feels like you have nothing to worry about
Just a blank space in your mind and
you're anywhere

I AM HOT WINGS

Jonathan Chung

I am Chinese, American, and Guyanese
I am hot wings
I am not avocados
I remember my birthdays
I am famous
I speak English and Spanish
I am blue
I am green
I am video games

CHILD OF MANY

Luna Garces

I am the child of many
From the south of Americas to the north
I am the child of Medellin, Colombia
I am the child of the city that never sleeps

I am a child of waking up at 6:00
for soccer games
I am a child of no meat eaters, believing in
a plant-based diet
I am a child of dreams where I
Become the first woman president

I am a child of bilingual-ness
Where I can communicate to two different
types of people
I am yellow, blue, and red,
the colors of my background,
yellow the riches, blue the waters, and red
the blood of my people
I am of a country that was once united with
two others, though we still share the same
color
I am the child of books and stories, of an
imagination that cannot be contained
I am me
A child of immigrants
A child who experiences new cultures every
day

I AM

Raquel Gonzalez

I am American
Ecuadorian
Chilean
I like empanadas and ice cream
McDonalds is a quick meal for all Americans
I am not school
I am dance

I AM DIVERSE

Sofia Grncarski

I am Yugoslavian, I am American,
Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian and also from
Montenegro
I am diverse
I eat foods from every country
I remember when I discover things for the
first time
I dream of visiting every place on earth
I speak Yugoslavian and American Sign
Language
My favorite color is blue
Blue is the color of water
Water is the majority of the earth
My favorite thing is travelling and exploring
where I go

ECUAMERICAN

Alexiss Gualpa

I was born in America
My parents are from Ecuador
I am Ecuamerican
Empanadas, thin crust layers, filled with a
magical delightfulness inside
McDonalds, a typical meal for Americans,
quick, delicious, amazing
I speak Spanish
I speak English
Sometimes Spanglish, like some others, too
Yellow, blue, red, amazing colors make up
our glorious Ecuadorian flag
Dreaming of going to Ecuador
with my family
I remember going to Ecuador with my
brother and becoming closer to my heritage
I LOVE MY HERITAGE

CHILD OF THE AMERICAS

Riley Hill

A dash of Polish
A pinch of German
About a cup of Jewish
All white and blonde
That's me

All American
All white
All blonde

I'd like to think I'm Japanese
Or German all the way
But no
Just American

Nothing else

I AM BASKETBALL

Jonathan Kimyagarov

I am basketball
I am not school
I am white
I am not a hater
I am not a bully
I am The Flash

BOY FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Jhoel Lliguicota

I am a boy from South America.
I am a boy who believes that Flash could
save his life in two week.
I am a boy who is getting annoyed by a girl!
I am a boy who dreams of being a
professional soccer player.
I am a kid who speaks Spanish.

I AM AGUA

Ruby Lopez

I am Mexico
I am tacos
I am pizza
I ate tacos and pizza yesterday
I will own four dogs someday
I am Spanglish
I am aqua
I am Pokémon
I am "The Walking Dead"
I am me

I AM SPANGLISH

Verenice Martinez

I am
From the Mexican and American heritage
I love the flower and the taste of unique
tamales and pizza
I remember the beautiful fields full of crops
And the long, clear stream floating over the
dry big rocks
I will travel around the world
I am Spanglish
I am the colors of my family's country's flag
Green, white, red
I am proud of where I'm from and where I
am
That's what makes me, me

I BECAME MEXICAN

Pedro Pavon

I was American, but Trump became
president so I became Mexican
I loved being American
I was happy
I was playful
But the saddest day of my life came
He was elected as president
I decided to become Mexican
I eat tortillas every day
I watch Univision Telemundo
I am planning to be Mexican for four years
Until then, *bye amigas*

I AM JENNA

Jenna Salem

I am weird and silly
I am books and mystery
I am friendly and the loveable one when
you get to know me
I am Egypt and Ohio
I am Michigan, Virginia, Florida
I am Harry Potter, Emma Watson
I am happy, sad, angry, excited
I am all the feelings in a salad
although I dislike hatred
I am helpful
I am unique
Who am I?
I am Jenna

CHILD OF THE INDOS

John Silaban

I am a child of the Indos
A dark-beige skinned child of South Asia
A child of Catholics the same race as me
Born in America, I speak Indo and English

Jakarta is in my flesh
I have the appetite of an American,
Indonesian, and a small amount of Mexican,
And Thai as well
And Chinese

Yes, I am the Indo-American
With a lot of cultural tastes

The colors of red and white show
My true passion, and playing games show
Myself

And a memory that I have is when
I slipped into a waterfall

I am one that doesn't smile, but there is
None needed

I am the one

I AM MYSELF

Tatiana Skibola

I am Croatian, I am American,
I am New York
I am burgers, salads, I am nachos,
I am *cevape*, I am *palichunke*
I am full of bad and good memories
I feel lonely sometimes
I am from Croatia, I am from America
My name is French
I am blue, purple, and green
I love wit, pugs, and spicy food
Ya san ye volu moy ime
I am Tatiana

I AM**Filip Stepien**

I am a child of the Americas
A light-skinned Polish boy
I am a Polish Catholic
My mom's an immigrant with my dad

I AM**Digna Tenelema**

I am from Ecuador
I am not a hipster
I went to Ecuador when I was in third grade
I've dreamed of going to a fair
I speak English and Spanish
I like the color red
I like to listen to music and
I like soccer

I AM MYSELF**Britney Torres**

I am a child of the Ecuamerica
Light dark skin
A child born in America
I am an Ecuadorian
I am empanadas and ice cream
I speak English and Spanish
My dream is to won a big house
I am blue, purple, hot pink
I am good and bad memories
I am nice
I am not a bully
Yo amo mi nombre
I am myself
Yes I am, yes I am

I AM QUEENS**Joslyn Udeochu**

I am Jamaican African American
I am Queens
I am sweet, savory, sour and spicy
I am a warm sunset
A cool dip in the pool
A tasty treat
A deep sleep
Rice and peas
Beef patties and sour soup define me
Magical unicorns, flying disks, and happy
days define me
I speak English with a New York accent
Haitian doriba
Unknown colors describe me
Passion, sports, Netflix, and chill
I'm not Croatian, I'm not Mexican,
I'm those inside but don't speak
I'm dark, but not deep
I'm a light, but not cream
I am unique-positive
Sup?



Ms. Rodriguez's Class

I AM

Dominick Alatorre

I am from Mexico where *habla español*
I am Chile – I am really *caliente*
I am maracas and replay and
really *bueno*
I am negro because I wear a black sweater
I am not an *araña*
I am a taco but don't eat me
I know I'm really so *bueno* but
no me comas

I AM

Jailyn Bolano

I am pink
I am afternoon
I am summer
I am *caliente*
I am in *la casa con mi familia*
I am *arroz con habiculas*
I am a big sister since Lenny was born
I'm not mean, I'm not a bully
I'm not sporty
I am a hot dog

I AM

Joseph Nieto

I am a child from Ecuador
I have a lot of *amigos*
I am an *empanada*
Charlie, David, Jorge, and Emily V
are about to eat me
I'm a song called *Billondo*
I am blue
I believe I can fly
I am not *carne* and I am not *huevos*
I am a *nino* that fights
My name in Spanish is Jose

I AM

Emily Nieves

I am Junction Blvd. in New York
I am *pollo, arroz y sopa*
I am *cumbia*
I am red, blue, yellow
I am not a smoker
I am *anjel*

I AM

Moncerat Olivera

I am pink
I am waking up in the morning
I am fall
I am spring
I am potato chips
I am a child ripping paper with
my friend, Gloria
I am black with crystals
I am not milk (it smells like rotting eggs)
I am paint

I AM**Garrell Prophete**

I am blue and green
 I am six pm
 I am summer
 I am sunny
 I am Times Square
 I am pizza
 I am the memory of graduating from 5th
 grade
 I am Coney Island
 I am not bullies or broccoli
 I am music

I AM**Riaz Rahman**

I am blue
 I am afternoon
 I am summer
 I am sunny
 I am a rocky beach
 I am rice and chicken
 I am childhood
 I am an undercover police officer
 I am not bored or loud music
 I am love and peace

I am Flushing, New York
 I am a burrito
 I am a taco
 I am a nacho
 I am salsa
 I have the colors of
 red, white, and green
 with a logo of an eagle
 eating a snake
 I am not peanut butter
 I am not a spider
 I am a *cucaracha*

I AM**Jorge Rubio**

I am green
 I am morning
 I am summer
 I am sunny
 I am Brighton Beach
 I am a taco
 I am my puppy
 I am an undercover police officer
 I am not onions or pickles
 I am my puppy, Jerry

I AM**Charlie Valladolid**

I am New York and Peru
 I am fries with chicken nuggets and Coke
 and barbecue and McDonalds
 I am dancing to the sugar fairy
 I am red, white, red
 I am not *vaca, loco, or burro*
 I am hard as stone

I AM**Emily Vizhnay**

I am Corona, New York
 I am Ecuadorian
 My hair shines bright as the sun
 I like baby blue, pink, and red
 I am *pollo y arroz*
 I can be shy as a turtle but
 I am *bachata*



Ms. Sarno's Class

CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE

Abdal Abir

I am universe
I am galaxy
I am Siri
I am solar system
I am Earth
I am North America
I am the United States
I am New York
I am Queens
I am Jackson Heights
I am not an alien

I

Jade Alvarez-Zumaeta

I am Guayaquil
With some New York
That sweet taste of *maduras*
So good

I am books, math and rock
Harry Potter, Percy Jackson,
Nirvana, System of a Down

I am intelligent, stubborn, and determined
A truly creative thing
I am an introverted shadow
With a fierce verbal punch
But physical, not so much...

I AM MONEY

Muhammad Asmar

I am money
made of one hundred dollar bills
I am priceless
No one can buy me
I am too expensive
No one can tell me
I am free

CHILD FULL OF LIGHT

Joselyn Baez

I am a child full of light
I am calm, clever, you can
Name it all
I am superior, competitive
I am a girl

WHO AM I?

Tiffany Batiste

Who am
I am the mangoes you pull off the tree
I am the lemons you pick
You can dance to the tune
of the *merenge* I play
I am the soil under your sandals
I can spice up your life
I am loud, screaming with glee
through the walls
I am the river with a strong current
I am Dominican and American
and many other things I don't know
I know I am special and unique

I AM ELMHURST

Anthony Carreto

I am Elmhurst
I am Mexican-American
I am strawberries
I am not homework
I am my mom and dad's house
I am fat

MI LLAMO VALERIA

Valeria Castro

Hola, mi llamo Valeria
I am the daughter of an immigrant
I am creative
I am a movie fanatic
I am a very religious person
I am a child of the Americas
Yo soy

I AM QUEENS

Qeon Cayenne

I am Queens
I am black
I am life
I am my parents
I am a gamer
I am a pianist
I am a Rolex
I am Minecraft
I am Trinidad
I am America

CHILD OF THE AMERICAS

Ian Dajic

I am a child of immigrants
I am white skinned but red hearted
I am blue like a diamond in the dark of night
I put together the hearts of those I love
but chase the one I love
My planet is all colors
My planet is that of a bear, furious, that
never gives up
My planet is seven continents the same as
seven brothers, alike, but "not the same"
My planet is that of Bosnia and America
even though I am a child of the Americas

HAPPY AND LOVE

Ian Henao

I am a person
I am part Columbian, Ecuadorian, and
American
I am an empanada
I am a part of a huge family
I am positive and never look disappointed
I love my family
I am *not* Donald Trump
I hate Donald Trump
I have friends that support me
I am always and happy and love
If I could change anything
I would change nothing
I am me and no one else
I've travelled to Europe and love my life
I love Columbian music
I am me and
I am whole

I AM**Brandon Hernandez**

From Mexico
 The person that likes tamales and tacos
 Not that smart
 A child with wild dreams to complete
 The crazy kid that runs on the streets
 The kid that does not like homework
 The active kid
 The kid that likes art
 I am

ALL OF THESE THINGS**Alyssa Joscher**

I am Irish
 Yet I've never been to Ireland
 I am Spanish and Puerto Rican
 But I can't speak the language
 I am German though I know nothing about
 it
 I am Italian but I hate spaghetti
 I am all of these things but I was born in
 America

I LOVE THE COLD**Isabel Kozikowska**

I am a child of Brooklyn
 Not born in Poland
 Known for its pizza
 But I live in Queens

 I love the cold
 It's just like my soul

FROM ASTORIA**Richard Linnen**

From Astoria
 That guy you would probably like
 I'm crazy, fat, and lazy
 I am the hype man of your dreams
 I am the gamer of life and that basketball
 player that can
 only win

I AM, I AM**Jason Matute**

I am Elmhurst
 I am Ecuador
 I am not homework
 I am, I am

CHILD OF THE MATRIX**Steven Mejia**

I am a child of the Matrix
 A light-skinned *caleño* from Columbia
 I'm an *empanada!*

QUIETNESS AND FOOD**Ileana Miranda**

I am from a place filled with
 giants in slumber
 covered in a large blanket of trees
 I am from a place surrounded with a
 vast ocean, near a place of
 free-dumb
 I am from a place filled with
 quietness and food
 I am... not sure

CHILD OF THE EUROPEAN WORLD

Dimitrios Moukas

I am a child of the European World
A boy who knows everything of the Hellas
A boy of many things, born into this
Conference at a Cross Creek
I am a Hellenic Greek Orthodox
A Christian of the Hellas I have never known
An immigration of the Holy Spirit of Jesus
at Church
I speak Greek with passion and courage

CURIOUS

Emily Naula

I am from Cuenca in Ecuador
A girl who is curious
I am also a New Yorker

I am flexible, funny and
other things too
People may not know this
I am not what you think

HOLA!

Jaiden Ortiz

Hola, mi nombre es Jaiden
I am a Dominican American
Child of two Dominicans.
I am a follower of the Roman Catholic
Church
Child of God
I am empathetic, but a little too much
I am very caring of others
From my parents to my
Great, great, great
grandparents

I AM UNIQUE

Amelia Pieklik

I am unique
A light-skinned girl from Poland
I am a child of the lands
Born into this country
I am Polish-American
Living in the land of the free
Following my lifestyle
Just as it goes
Once again, I am
Unique, positive

ORIGIN

Dechen Ponchung

I was born in Manhattan
Not really that mixed
Tibetan and a little bit of Indian
Living with my *Ama* and my *Aba*
Oh, and my sibling too
Ect, do, deen, char, panch, che, su, att no,
das
I was ten last year
A little bit of American
A lot of Tibetan
And a little bit of Indian also
I've visited India, but not Tibet
I hope to do so one day
Although I'm mainly Asian
I guess that's what makes me
Me

OF AMERICA

Isabelle Quiles

I am me
I'm not you
I am a Dominican
I'm Puerto Rican
I am a loser
but don't worry
cause I know
one day you'll
wanna be like
me. I'm weird
and quirky. I
speak English
and Spanish but most
importantly I
speak Spanglish.
I am the older sister
of a Pokémon.
I am a guitarist with
hidden secrets.
As before, I am me, not
you.

HUNGARIAN IN MY BLOOD

Vivien Szaniszlo

Én vagyok az amerikai gyerek
I am a child of the Americas
Egy lány, akinek szíve Európában van
A girl whose heart is in Europe
A product of the same type
With Hungarian in my blood
And English on my tongue
I am of different words

I am loud
I am proud
And I have an opinion

MI NOMBRE ES KEVIN

Kevin Tenezaca

Hola, mi nombre es Kevin
I'm an Ecuadorian
And I'm proud to be an Ecuadorian
I'm a child of two Ecuadorians
I'm a follower of Roman
I'm free but for Trump

CHILD OF THE AMERICAS

Sashenka Trinidad

I am me
I'm a tannish-skinned person
I was born in America!
I am a dark Columbian-Dominican
I love talking Spanglish
I love my food, family, language, everything

I am me again!
I am competitive, smart and friendly
I am

SHADOW IN THE NIGHT

Ivy Velazquez

I am a shadow in the night
I am Dominican
I am Puerto Rican
I am French
I am a twin
I am a person
I am a creepy pasta
I am a girl
I am from America
I am me!!!

WALKING



Ms. Baron's Class

WALKING

Natalie Bogusz

I am walking
My eyes touch an owl
It is purple and as big as an apple
It feels smooth
It is cute and yellow
It makes me think about flying
It makes me feel good
My eyes also touch a dollar
It is green and floppy

WALKING

Imar Esquilintugwell

I am walking
My eyes touch a flag
It is blue and red and as big as my shirt
It feels soft
It is nice and beautiful
It makes me think about America
It makes me feel proud
My eyes also touch a cash register
It is red

WALKING

Nujhat Hossain

I am walking
My eyes touch a computer
It is black and as big as a small box
It feels smooth
It is shiny
It makes me think about my homework
It makes me feel like researching
My eyes also touch a fridge
It is white and cool

WALKING

Christina Kaczurak

I am walking
My eyes touch a ball
It is red and hard
It feels like a brick
It is round and tight
It makes me feel sad and blue
It is hard

WALKING

Dayna Millien

I am walking
My eyes touch the door
It is blue and as big as a giant
It feels bumpy
It is decorated and beautiful
It makes me think about boys
It makes me feel wonderful
My eyes also touch Steph, Anna, and boys
It is an escape

WALKING

Kimberly Naidu

I am walking
My eyes touch pictures
They are blue and red as big as index cards
They are plastic
They are happy and crazy
They make me think about my life
They make me feel excited
My eyes also touch the page
It is good

WALKING

Caterin Ortiz

I am walking
My eyes touch a computer
It is black and as big as a cat
It feels smooth
It is fun and it helps me learn
It makes me think about cool math games
It makes me feel happy
My eyes also touch the sky
It is beautiful

WALKING

Amare Rambert

I am walking
My eyes touch a karaoke machine
It is pink and as big as a small refrigerator
It feels rough

WALKING

Dominick Sanchez

I am walking
My eyes touch a computer
It is black and as big as a TV
It feels hard
It is fun and exciting
It makes me think about games
It makes me feel happy
My eyes touch its screen
It is colorful and attractive

WALKING

Michael Zambrano

I am walking
My eyes touch a table
It is beige and as big as a mini car
It feels smooth
It is long and tall
It makes me think about home
It makes me feel sleepy
My eyes also touch a friend
She is at the table





Ms. Conway's Class

CANDY ON FLEEK

Mallek Abdelmagid

Mom, may I please get some candy?

Sure

Thanks

Bees are buzzing

Sniffable dandelion fuzz

Only doing whatever I do when walking

My candy was on fleek

My sis thought it was on weak

I said, "You with get your behind beat if you say it again."

DOWNTOWN

Helen Aguaiza

*Mother, may I please get money
to buy glue?... Thank you. I love you.*

Walking my way downtown,
stepping on muddy grass –

Lies. I went to Starbucks

A nice afternoon with

Midnight Mint Mocha

Stores everywhere with

samples to get me interested

Climb on a tree

Watch the sun

Leave with my drink in my hand

WALK

Reina Aguilar

Walking down the street

The birds chirping to each other

The gorgeous sun over my eyes

Ice cream carts all around

Trying to avoid someone's house

Basically, jogging

Oh well

HOME SWEET HOME

Nadia Alalou

The rocks crackle off the cement
underneath my feet

I'm on my walk home

Ice cream truck rings

Kids run to it

They say, "Thank you," and walk away

I'm on my walk home

The smell of candy-sweet

I walk to my door

I walk up the stairs

Home sweet home

BOOKS**Nicole Banegas**

Skipping my way through the
crowd under the
sun's powerful stare
Feeling hot
happy
yet I feel
like a mouse
TRAPPED!!!
as if I'm never going to
get to my destination

Books, I need
Books, I think, without
books I feel like
death has come upon me

Stores, stores, and more
Stores, but no books in sight

The street is buzzing and I see
The library and I run
and wait near the door
hoping and waiting

My brother, a 6 year-old, looks at me and
says, "You're a nerd."
I raise my eyebrows and roll my eyes.
I dismiss the comment and say to myself,
"I don't care."

COOL WARM**Abhijeet Biswas**

Cool warm breeze in the spring
blowing against my face
I walk home
On my trip, I smell barbecue
I see a dead rat that I pay no attention to
I walk to the deli
then to the bus station
then home

I WALK**Yodi Carrucciu**

I walk. And walk. But not just walk.
I see, too.
A variety of dogs, colored
from white to black.
Birds on the electricity cable.
Shirts and shorts.
Soccers and basketballs, punching the
ground.
Ice cream cones melting in people's hands.
Kids all ages running and playing.
I realize something's different.
There aren't any backpacks.

MY WALK**Tracy Choying**

I am walking home from school
on a nice sunny day
The sun is shining through my body
The birds are chirping chirping chirp
Rocks on the cement sidewalk

Meeting random people
Playing varieties of sports
Waving to the people I know

Vroom vroom honk honk
Noisy cars

WALKING HOME**Leslie Delacruz**

I am walking home
Umbrellas everywhere
Not because it's raining
But because of the
Sun-dorable sun

Heat on my face
I wish there was rain
Walking up and down the hill
My legs are tired
My back hurts because of my backpack

Ice dream-licious!
Trees-colorful!
I'm almost home
I'm running yay!

I can hear the sound
of my mom calling
my name
I'm home
I'm home at last

WALKS**Brandon Ferrera**

Walks, walks, walks
are so helpful
They make my day
and make it shine

THE SUN GLARES**Patrick Francisco**

The sun glares at me
The heat penetrates my skin like fire
The burning sensation is overwhelming
The clothes on my body slosh around
People start to stare
Sweat drips down constantly
Teenagers smiling as they loiter around
school property
Honestly, is it worth walking or is it a
mistake?
Going on will be a treacherous threat
I think about the cold
The idea of AC is exhilarating
I start sprinting
I stop
Someone approaches me
On it's a crossing lady
Sprints again
I make it home
The bitter cold makes like worth living
Eggs-tremly cold weather makes my life
worth it
But it's not
Well that's eggs-tremly disappointing
But I still got some yolks up my sleeve and
I hope they will crack you up!

DOWN THE HILL**Daniel Lozada**

I was walking
down the hill
with myself and
the sun was shining
so bright and sunny

WALKING

Karen Matute

Coming out of school
I see the happy sun
It's surrounding me with
Its warmness

There are groups of
people chatting and
walking different
directions

I see the light blue
sky, it is beautiful
I also see the
lime-green trees blowing
by the warm breeze

I smell the scentless air
I go near the
colorful ice cream cart
It has candy too

I feel tempted to buy candy
But I say to myself,
"Just save up money."

WALKING HOME

Sade Terriba

I am walking home
with my good report card when...
OH MY GOSH THERE IS A DEAD RAT
I quickly avoid it and continue
With the sun blazing on my
dark chocolate skin
I walk past many people staring and I
happily wave back
even though they didn't wave
and keep going
I walk past Dunkin Donuts, seeing
the beautifully creamy white
whipped cream on a vanilla mocha
I see big trees hovering over me
I hear the birds chirping
I think about getting a big smile
from my parents
and a welcome home...

DOWN FAIRVIEW AVENUE

Kacper Walczyk

A walk down Fairview Avenue
Going to the park
The sun blasts heat on me
My ball bouncing on the ground
is the only sound I hear
The birds fly overheard, making a
bird-lightful sound
I climb the fence and I'm at the park

WE ENTER

Sophie Yasharian

We enter the
splendiferous woods
small yet huge
in its complexity

a dawning sun
flies across our heads
red and orange tape
shows us the path

feathered friends fly
tweet

tweet

twit

I lie in the grass

tweet tweet

tweet

twit

WALKING

Moustafa Youssef

I like to walk
When I talk
I get ice cream
when I finish swimming in the stream



Ms. Mortenson's Class

WALKING TO SCHOOL **Jesus Astudillo**

I am walking to school
I see cars-beautiful
I see bikes-awesome
I see trees-pretty
I see insects-lovely
I see incredible people
Never know if that's me

THE POND **Samya Bond**

I am walking
around a pond
squirrels-calm
water reflecting my personality
tall trees-tremendous
people walking dogs
people riding bikes-lovely
sun shining on flowers-beautiful
fantastic day

MY WEIRD WALK **Jalen Charles**

I was walking
down a hill and
I tripped and started
to roll. When I got
up I was bruised.
My dad helped me
up and I went
to get an ice pack
from the store
with my dad.
Then I got ice cream
and went to the
water park with
my friends.

WALK AROUND THE BLOCK **Jonathan Chung**

When I walk around	I sometimes remember
the warm	summer nights
when I	was young, I
walked around	the block. I
walked with	my parents or
my brother	around the
block-glorious	I saw the
trees—nice,	the pretty
houses, the	animals—amazing.
Although	it was short,
there was	plenty to
see. I was	excited every
time I	walked around
the block	on those
summer nights.	I might even do it
again,	tonight.

DOWN THE STAIRS

Marwan Elharmel

I am running down the stairs and I trip
The bottom edge of the stairs hits my head
The world is black
Birds spinning
I go to the hospital
I feel better thanks to the birds-amazing for
taking me
I hit my head again

SUN BEAUTIFUL

Luna Garces

My feet carry themselves as we walk to a
destination that is unknown.
We walk through a blazing hot day.
I walk by the park and see the
sidewalk-fabulous covered in chalk art.
As I walk, I stop and take a break.
When I sit I notice other children running
free of all cares, begging their mothers for
at least one scoop of ice cream.
As I walk, I see nature come to life.
The bees are doing their jobs and birds
are chirping.
I see my neighborhood at work on the
sun beautiful day.

WORLDS

Joel Garcia

I see a small person walking next
to me
I see trees
Beautiful color green
Bushes filled with leaves

I AM WALKING

Sofia Grncarski

I am walking
on the soil of the earth
I am walking
past trees with the sky above me
On that tree, there is a bird chirping
At the bottom of the tree lays a pile of rocks
with snakes and insects crawling
between
I continue my walk and see people
playing in the tremendous field
I end my walk by seeing the
beautiful earth
as it is

MY WALK

Alexiss Gualpa

Beautiful weather outside
No internet connection inside
Nothing to do today
A thought comes to my mind
A walk, that's kind

As I open my front door
The wind blows into my face
It is amazing

A petal falls from above
It is lovely
I give it to my mother to compliment her
personality

The sky clouds make a picture
I see a heart
It is pretty

As I go home I see my adorable kitty cat
Waiting for me
Licking me with her licks
It is so adorable

ONE MILLION WOMEN

Riley Hill

I am walking
Not only for fun
But to be a part of
 one million women—strong
And to have my voice heard

I am walking
With a pink cat hat on my head
And a sign in my hand with
 one million women—strong

I am walking
Walking onward
Thinking that the White House knows what
we're here for
Knowing that I won't stop
And marching on
With one million strong women

SUNSET

Jonathan Kimyagarov

The sunset at eye level
So beautiful
Coming closer and closer

WALKING

Emma Lagumdzija

While I am walking, I see things. I see
people protesting about their jobs.
When I walk, I see
strangers working their jobs.
When I walk, I see
the sun shining on strangers.
When I walk, I hope
I don't fall and make a fool out of myself.

MY SUMMER WALK

Verenice Martinez

In just summer when the world is
 warm and sunny with the trees
covered in the warm breeze and the
ice cream truck surrounded
 with excited kids
the squirrels running up and down
 I wonder how the world came to be
I feel the sparkling sun pointing at me

CAT-GLORIOUS

John-Carlos Mateo

I'm walking
I see trees-nice and birds-fun
What vaults in front of me, surprising me?
It is a cat-glorious
I think to myself, "I'd love to pet it."
It is quite clear that I'm happy to see
the cute feline

WALKING

Luis Quito

I'm walking to school
On my way, I see trees
I think about nature

THE WALK

Jenna Salem

I walk down the street filled with
stick figures, thoughts exploding from
their minds
I enter a world full of nature
I see a turtle playing with fish in a
pond-warm, filled with lily pads-shiny
I look to my left
I see a flower bed
I feel like lying down so I keep walking
walking
walking
I end up at a place where the waves
Laugh against my feet
I fall back so I am sinking in just enough
I close my eyes and relax
The water touches my toes
This spectacular feeling touches my head
I feel safe, I fade, I sleep
I wake up to the sound of my phone ringing
I jerk up and realize that I am
I am
I am
still in my room? I look and it's 6:00
Oh well
I guess another day to live in my new house
in NYC where the sun
does not shine
like it does in Michigan

I AM WALKING

Aislinn Shrestha

I am walking with the sky as bright as it can
be with the sun as a source of happiness
Every soul is beaming with a marvelous
glow
Birds are chirping as loud as they can
Flowers are blooming and trees are
providing us shade
As my feet carry me throughout my
neighborhood, sweat drips down my face
like ice cream melting

But the world's not going to be forever
happy, dead pigeons and animals are
unable to enjoy their last breath

A WALK IN THE SKY

John Silaban

I walk into the clouds, the stars
sparkling in the twilight
The promenade paths, painted the colors of
the sun and the moon – celestial bodies to
be reckoned with

I pass through Orion's kingdom
King Orion is seated at his
throne of insanity
His advisors Sagittarius and Ursa Major,
they too are seated on thrones of insanity

I feel enchanted

I wake up

Only a dream

THE BEST WALK EVER
Tatiana Skibola

I see the amazing sky
while the beautiful and warm sun
gleams on my face.

Dogs bark which reminds me of good times.
Insects climb the trees which reminds me of
my incredible family helping me.

The sparkling water along the sidewalk
makes me feel good and warm. I know I will
feel better taking a walk after a long day. I
see lots of trees which look glorious against
the sun's light.

Before you know it, I am back home and
can't wait for another splendid walk
tomorrow.

WALKING
Filip Stepien

When I take walk, I see
trees-amazing
They are tree-licious
I see grass
It is grass-licious
I go to the park
I see dogs
They are dog-licious

IN JUST WINTER
Digna Tenelema

In just winter when the world is cold-calm
the warm train came and I got on the warm
train and five minutes later the warm train
left me in my location
I tripped on a rock and hurt my arm
the sky sparkling in my hurt arm
when I got home I felt better
I put a smile on my face

THE AMAZING WALK!
Britney Torres

Amazing sky when I walk outside
the trees bloom lovely
awesome insects in the ground
sparkling water
I stand on the sidewalk looking
everywhere
Before you know it, I am home
I can't wait for the next day

TREMENDOUS WALK
Joyslyn Udeochu

I walk from Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens
to Sutphin Blvd
My feet are cold
Breathing lightly
The graveyards
I think about the fact that I haven't eaten
yet but it's okay
Four miles later
Rays of light
Sunny
I see McDonald's
Two crispy delicious wraps
SALTY fries
A small drink
The day is done
The birds flying home
We praise
We are home
Oh what a walk that was!



Ms. Rodriguez's Class

FLUSHING WOODS

Dominick Alatorre

I am walking in the Flushing woods
They are filled with darkness
On this walk I see a
big snake with sharp teeth

When I think of snakes, I am
thinking that I have a pet snake

It makes me feel excited because you
get to feed the snake and you can
play with the snake

PUPPY

Jailyn Bolano

I'm walking with my family to the park
Suddenly I see a cute white puppy
This cute puppy makes me think of
a soft snowball
This makes me feel happy
Woof Woof

HAPPY FACE

Sasha Jara

I'm walking down the street with a smile
on my face
I see many people with a secret face but
That doesn't stop me with my happy face
I see cars and bikes passing by me as
I feel the wind blowing on my face
It's blowing good, it's blowing hard, but
nothing can stop this happy face
There's many colors on the street
I see blue red white and green
I see little jackets walking around me
I have never felt this happy
I smell coffee and bread and hot cocoa
Especially hot chocolate
It makes me feel happy and warm inside
It's the best time of year
Have you figured out it's Christmas?
The best of all and I know it's only
summer and summer is the season I'm in

WALKING IN QUEENS

Joseph Nieto

I am walking in New York City in Queens
I see the birds chirping
I see the trains passing by every train
station
One thing that I don't like to see is bugs
It makes me think that I am in a video game
And I'm trying to find a Nintendo Switch,
Will U and PlayStation 4
It makes me feel happy, great and
optimistic
Now it's 10:30 pm and I'm ready for bed
I say, "Riaz and David read me a bedtime
story."
I say, "Emily V, Emily N, Dominick, and Jorge
can give me chips and pizza every day."

WALK-OPTIMISTIC
Emily Nieves

While on my walk-optimistic, I
see dogs with their owners happy
Birds together in family
I am thinking about getting ice cream
Yum! Yum!
I feel enthusiastic because everything
I see around me is happy and
trustworthy

WALKING
Moncerat Olivera

I am walking
My eyes touch an ice cream truck
It is pink and as big as birds
It feels great
It is bumpy and hot
It makes me think about May
It makes me feel that I'm in the desert
during a thirst
My eyes also touch a flower
It is yellow

WALKING ON THE FARM
Garrell Prophete

I am walking on the farm
My eyes touch a goat
It is white and calm
It feels soft
It is friendly and cute
It makes me feel interested
My eyes also touch a llama
It is cute and furry

WALKING On 70th STREET
Riaz Rahman

I am walking on 70th Street
My eyes touch Burger King
It is brown and as big as a car
It feels hard and smooth
It is good and delicious
It makes me think about a sandwich
It makes me feel hungry
My eyes also touch games
They are awesome

MY WALK ON JUNCTION BLVD
David Romero

I go out on a super fun walk
on Junction Blvd
I see the delicate Burger King
I also see the warm sun
My eyes touch the beautiful wind
I hear the happy ice cream truck
I feel the joy of the ice cream
I smell the fresh air in the window
It is amazing

WALK
Emily Vizhnay

Walking through the beautiful breeze
Hearing birds chirping, chirp, chirp
Feeling grateful to be who I am
Thinking about the future
Seeing the beautiful sky with its flawless
clouds
The sun shining as bright as me



Ms. Sarno's Class

ONLY

Jade Alvarez-Zumaeta

A meadow flows until the woods
It is bright, yet full of shadows
I am in the meadow
It is me and only me
Me and me only
It smells of soil and grass
I am surrounded by nature
Walking into woods
I am alone with my thoughts
And I am being philosophical
I'm thinking and thinking
Not being quite logical
Hoo!
There's an owl perched on a tree
But why, it's plain daylight
Don't bother asking me
I am concentrating on nothing
I'm concentrating on everything
I feel like my mind is free

MY JOURNEY

Muhammaed Aswar

Walking around my block
Clearing my mind
Fighting dragons
Running from the line and the dragon's eye
Showing straight and saying
Bye bye
See you next week
I hope I don't lie

WALK

Tiffany Batista

You leave darkness inside
As the door closes
Rain-relax
You open your mind to a new world
Quicker and quicker your steps go
Silence-peaceful
The further you go,
the more peace swallows you
Trees-beautiful
Surrounded by nature that you hope
will last forever
Beautiful is ugly, for it is what
we don't understand
Back at the blue house
you open the door to
newfound light and peace in your world

THE MOST FAN-TABULOUS WALK EVER

Valeria Castro

Going on a walk
Walking though trees on a hot summer day
Hearing the tacos sizzle
Seeing cute dogs
Children screaming fun
The sun shining over my eyes
Feeling the cool breeze from the trees
Twists, turns,
Everything so fun

WATERFALL

Isabel Kozikowska

The cool air on my skin as a layer of ice
Critters of the night come out
The cows, horses, and pigs sleep beautifully

My mind is full of thoughts
and my blood rushes with excitement

I reach the waterfall

WALK

Richard Linnen

On my journey through the path
I'm not sure that I can go on
Mustn't rest have to go
Finish the journey by tomorrow
Live to the day that I can see
The brightness that has grown with me
Now that I'm at the end
I have to start another journey again
Now that the other journey has started
Have to observe the things I see
Everything non-living is talking to me
They act happy and exiting inside
When I didn't have to leave but I need
To go pee

ONE HOLLYWOOD WALK

Steve Mejia

I am walking on smooth cement
Seeing celebrities' names down below me
In a simple star showing a name
of famous movies, books, sports,
video games, brands, companies,
and other people taking pictures
with the stars. I walk
with my dad, looking for a specific name,
my favorite actor: Paul Walker.
I feel embarrassed to take a picture but
I feel it is worth it. I go to a new star
And see my name: Steven (Spielberg).
Next I go to another one and
Ha-ha! Jackie Chan!
Then I leave to go to
Disney Land!

A WALK

Emily Naula

It was a fun day
A nice, silent walk around Flushing Meadow
Park
I saw trees, dogs, plants, people, and other
animals, too
The flowers and plants are pretty-beautiful
I see cars zooming through the roads
In a zoo
There are grass rocks donkeys peacocks
snakes squirrels which were
fun, cute and calm
The breeze was a soft gust against my face
I wish I was back in this day again

GAMING LIFE

Jaiden Ortiz

I am walking through the warfare
of my favorite characters, exciting, extreme
As I walk out of the game I trip
on the power button
Everything is dark
I'm so lonely
I see a light
Boop!
I am back to my life in an Xbox

“Gaming Life”

I am walking though warfare
My favorite character in Overwatch,
exciting, extreme
I walk away telling my favorite characters
Goodbye!
I trip, accidentally click the power button,
so lonely,
alone

I see light!
Boop! I am back to my normal life
in an Xbox!

WALK

Amelia Pieklik

In the woods
on a morning walk
nature surrounds me
listening to the peace and quiet
smelling the pine of marvelous trees
feeling the dew
touching my face

In the distance
deer appear, approaching slowly
A single car engine
rumbling in the distance
scares them away

In the silence,
trees-breezy
rattle with their leaves

I close my eyes,
clear my mind,
listening to the birds singing,
like a conversation between two people

Slowly walking home,
appreciating the silence,
finally, I'm free

WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST

Dechen Ponchung

I go visit my uncle's house
He has a forest and a huge field
 Big trees-beautiful
A path leads to a corn field-calm
Bright blue sky-silent
and the clouds drifting
from above the corn field-tiny
 dogs barking-cute
I walk back-breezy
leaving the field
The field of yellow and green
and the long trees with
green as lime leaves-pretty

MY WALK

Isabelle Quiles

I pass all
the colorful
homes the
trees moving
with a breeze
flowers-pretty-
calming
Beautiful silent animals
running around as I
enter a forest
Wild walks are what
I go on
Short-long walks is
what I do
Won't you join me for one, too?

WALKING IN THE SUN

Abin Swar

What a wonderful day
Getting ready to see the sun rise
Off to my adventure
Heading to the park, I see birds
What a wonderful day
I lay in the grass
Sun starts to set
Mt adventure comes to an end

A WALK TO REMEMBER

Vivien Szaniszlo

An escape from reality
To go into the woods
And walk blindly in the darkness
Fear overlapped by a blanket of silences
The humid air embracing you like a mother
to her child
But the light will soon come back
And shatter the peace you have gained
Full of shadows and mystery
But you will soon see
That the shadows are somewhat friends to
me

THE WALK

Kevin Tenezaca

Walking through a forest
Lost. I'm going through
Very dangerous obstacles.
Extreme and very
curious. In the
dark I walk. Very
scary because I
feel like someone
is staring. It's
only me alone.
It smells like
grass and soil.
Surrounded by
nature trees!
Me and my thoughts
walking through a
forest lost... BAM!
Lightning strikes
Rain falls on me and my thoughts
walking through a forest
lost and alone.

BEST WALK EVER!

Sashenka Trinidad

My favorite walk was walking home from
school
I think it was weird, but who cares
I love the walk because I feel a breeze
I feel hungry a lot!
I feel calm
I hear silenced music all together
I hear nothing but music
I love it!
I love that nobody is disturbing me
I love being alone, nobody around
I love clearing my mind
Thanks for these walks

IN THE FOREST

Ivory Velazquez

In the forest, dark and alone
A shadow is lurking behind me
Turning around
Nothing is there
I turn back around
The hairs on my neck stand up
I don't turn around
Bravely determined to keep going

GOING INSIDE



Ms. Baron's Class

HEART

ALL

Inside a heart
it's red
There are puppies, kittens,
turtles, rainbow bunnies and
a unicorn
all hugging and singing
It's warm, loving, caring and kind
It's a zoo
People are dancing, eating pizza and
having fun

FLOWER

ALL

Inside a flower
is the sea
and a green leaf
bees are making yummy, sweet honey
a happy grey puppy eats a cookie
it's hot and sunny inside
it's red

outside the flower
kids are dancing

RAINBOW COOKIE

ALL

Inside a rainbow cookie
It's red, orange, yellow,
green, blue, purple
Brad the Panda lives there
He does backflips, eats bamboo and sings
the panda song, "Hello, Neighbor"
He's having a surprisingly good day
He's happy
outside the cookie is a bakery and
It's raining

Ms. Conway's Class



FIDGERT SPINNER ALL

Inside is a runner who can never stop
There are three cities of
 rainbow hamsters spinning
Everything is rainbow
The weather goes fast
Shiny, happy, rainy,
 earthquake-y, firestorme-y,
 tornado-y
it never stops
Outside are human giants
 eating cheesecake

RICE Mallek Abdelmagid

I want to be inside a single piece of rice
I want to eat my wat out
Once I'm out, I'm the size of an ant
I look and see an Asian water monitor
coming towards me
It licks me

FIRE

Sasha Aguayo

Flickering red lights hide it all
like a beautiful shawl
A city light
A city warmth

Waving orange lights act like a carpet
to keep the people hidden
Dancing people cause the fire to move
Sleeping people cause the fire the end

Still yellow light stands tall
These are the buildings,
the buildings that shelter them
They smile

They see us watching
They see us smile

HAIR

Helen Aguaiza

I shrink to an ant size
I go up the little hair
I see a lot of water and skin
 They cut me
I go inside a trash bag
and see how there is so much
food but it's nasty and smells

CUPCAKE

Reina Aguilar

Inside a cupcake
Either chocolate or vanilla?
Which one should I choose?
My hair is very heavy on me
People's teeth shove in me
Next thing I know
I'm in somebody's mouth

MY BRAIN

Nadia Alalou

In my brain, it's confusing
I hear sweet, melodic music
I see vibrant colors
Blue, green, purple
In my brain, there are friends
I hear the endless laughter at school
I see so many faces, all with smiles on their
faces

They are all different colors
Peach, brown, yellow
In my brain, there's love
I hear the sobs from the hard times
I hear the laughter from the good times
I see hearts flying around
They are all soft colors
Pink, turquoise, purple

BRAIN

Tiffany Arpi

Halls, halls and more halls
Doors, doors and more doors
Open one to find hidden memories
A man in a hazmat suit –
Killing the toxic, not memorable memories
Or the memories one may want to forget
But some don't die easily
And instead demolish the man
A doctor – assisting sadness, anger
And other negative feelings
But many times there isn't a cure
An office worker –
Filing the memories
Many are happy and joyful
But sometimes those files are lost...
A woman –
She sends positive messages
To the giant outside
But many messages can be left unheard
The mystery of the brain

RAIN DROP

Nicole Banegas

People, people, and more people
Oh! They're not any
kind of people, NO, NO, NO!
These people, they're...
people who are
water...they're...
water people!

They live in a
city inside
a rain drop
Everything is... liquidy
It's lively, happy per se
They like falling
down
No, no, "like" isn't the
right word... hmm

It's passion! It's
their passion
to fall down and

they never want to stop

TREES

Jayleen Cajamarca

Inside a tree
is a world,
the best world where
magic creatures live
They take care
of the tree
no matter how the weather
changes
There is a little moon
for all
the creatures
It is such a good day
The creature in the tree watches
kids running

CAT**Edder Campoverde**

Cats are fluffy and nice
 They are fun
 Inside the cat is magical
 rainbows and sun
 Snowmen are singing
 Food is floating in the air
 Cats are eating fish
 Dogs are running around
 and bunnies hop and hop
 It was a wonderful place
 but the place that is wonderful
 is at home with
 Clouds, my cat

CLOUDS**Tracy Choying**

Clouds are puffy but not made out of puff
 They are white
 Bunches of air and water are in the clouds
 Precipitation falling from the sky
 Rain, snow, hail and sleet
 Different shapes are formed
 Guessing what it is
 Wow! What a nice day!

EYEBALL**Alex Cuenca**

Eyeballs get controlled by your brain
 Eyeballs get red when you are tired
 Eyeballs are big on the inside
 Eyeballs are slimy in the head

TWIG**Leslie Delacruz**

Just a twig rolling along just to be
 stepped on. I wonder what's
 inside. Wow, a wonderful and
 colorful surprise inside. I didn't know
 it could be this
 beautiful.

FIRE**Jacob Diaz**

I'm fire
 I am strong
 I can burn things down
 but people don't know
 I'm fun

I have a water kingdom in me
 If you kill me my kingdom turns to fire
 Then I am water
 Then I am truly invincible

HEADPHONES**Patrick Francisco**

Inside small little blobs copy each other
 They keep talking
 Barely having a break

The mic overhears you sending a message
 for the other side, creating the blobs to
 copy your message to you or sending it
 straight to other blobs

It spreads like a wildfire
 So many blobs overhear
 It's over once something new is overheard

TEACHERS

Mia Guerra

Inside a teacher is
work and questions
some people say but the
best teachers
have awesomeness
They also love
work and questions
but they make
it fun for us
to do. Grade 6
of 2017 I have
the best teachers
in the world, Ms. Conway and Mr. Cappello

ICE CUBE

Karen Matute

An ice cube is not
a specific color

It picks up the
color around it
An ice cube is clear

Inside it is a frozen
substance that was
once a liquid, but it was
put in a cold blizzard and
it froze

It looks like a cubed
crystal, it looks like a
cold storm happened
inside

In an ice cube, there
is a storm that
will disappear into
nothing but what it
was before

ICE CUBE

Devon Smith

Ice cube
I'm in an ice cube
I can feel the cold, cold
air rising on my face as I
come down these ice
stairs
There is no sound but
it's hollow and freezing cold

INSIDE AN EYE

Sade Terriba

There is a little person,
a little me
watching TV
There is a cable cord
that connects to an outlet
that turns on my vision
It's purple in there
and every morning I wake up
and watch TV
At night, I watch TV
until it's time to sleep
and I unplug the cord
and everything goes
BLACK

EXPLORING CHEESECAKE

Kacper Walczyk

Swimming in cheese
Lots of holes inside
So cheesy, haha
All of it is yellow except some parts
blue-ish green from the mold
At first, it's weird but you get used to it,
the squishy, cheesy feeling
You can take bites all you want
but it endlessly stands, all so cheesy
There is only one thing you think:
CHEESECAKE!!!

TWIG

Sophie Yasharian

Inside of a twig
is where I would be
A twig can split and still survive
while leaves die
and fall away
A twig will never falter
When you grind down a stick
fast
and
swift
you see sparks
and fire
before you
conceal it
The sparks
move burning cities
with a passionate heart
but they conceal their
destructive power
in a twig

TV

Moustafa Youssef

I'm going in
It's a city of cartoons
Oh, it's SpongeBob
It's a home run
I see the weather
It's snowing and it is life



Ms. Mortenson's Class

RAINDROP ALL

It's a triangle and an oval
It's blurry
Inside there are turtles dancing
A dolphin does backflips
It's cold
A pink unicorn flies and eats
 holographic grass
There's an ocean
There's happiness and sadness
It's teal clear

Outside is a bucket
 and unicorn skin

APPLE Samya Bond

It's all the colors in the rainbow
There are worms dancing and talking
Having a blast!
Juicy
A treat for a unicorn
Flying high in the sky
Imagine

TURTLES Jalen Charles

I see green
Skin
So many molecules
So much blood
Feels so weird
Cause I might
be a busboy but
you just got served
Yo
I play basketball
I really like green so
Put me on
a team
Get ready for me
cause I'm
about to
attack you
Try me

FLOWER Jonathan Chung

I see the grass and the turtles
In the green grass, there are a bunch of
colors
The colors mix with the green and the
turtles are eating them
I see a big brown thing with leaves on top
Some turtles are on it
I have a green long string coming out of me
going in to the ground

INSIDE THE MOON

Luna Garces

Inside the moon
there's glistening silverness contained in
a crescent shape
There's earth visiting its neighbor
coming over for coffee

Inside the moon
there's glaciers and waterfalls
hosting the strangest
extraterrestrial creatures
There's an astronaut that never made his
way home

Inside the moon
there's a view that cannot be beaten
full of fireballs shooting from the skies
There's hope of a new land waiting to be
discovered

UNICORN

Sofia Grncarski

It's bright
There is cotton candy everywhere
There are holographic sparkles
There is a pineapple

PINEAPPLE

Alexiss Gualpa

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?
SpongeBob SquarePants
It's yellow and sweet inside
It has a protective barrier outside
It has green leaves

CLOUD

Riley Hill

Lie still
Sink down into nothingness
Open your eyes

Blinding white
The atmosphere is light
What is holding you?

You think of something
It appears only in white

Cloud creatures
dance in cloud meadows
eat cloud food
splash in cloud lakes

You fall
down
out of the cloud

Onto another
cloud castle
Cloud people
Cloud creatures
Cloud imagine

TURTLE

Jonathan Kimyagarov

Unicorns
 Jumping
 Kids
 Laughing
 Dolphins
 Flipping
 Rollercoasters
 Yelling
 Calm
 Summer
 Breeze
 Orange
 Basketball
 The
 Hoop
 Swish
 The
 Crowd
 Goes
 Wild
 Turtle
 Turtle
 Shell

TOILET PAPER

Emma Lagumzija

It's a world filled with the Dolan Twins
 I see Ethan Dolan
 A pink snap back
 It's exciting
 A beautiful creature flues
 He breaks the toilet paper
 Everyone falls out of the tissue
 I'm happy and scared
 We land on the corner of the stall
 Outside it looks like it will wipe
 your tush, but inside, it's a happy hand

SPACE

Verenice Martinez

Inside of space
 It is a wonderful place
 of unknown creatures and
 Stars shooting from its dark
 unknown sky
 There is no end
 The possibilities are endless

SUN

John-Carlos Mateo

It's wavy
 There are puffins
 dabbing
 It's hot
 A dolphin is flying
 while eating holographic meatloaf
 It is very happy
 It is very orange, yellow, and red
 Outside is the blackness of the void

DROP OF INK

Emmanuel Muratov

Black unicorns
 Zombies come to life
 Black liquid ink everywhere
 It's cold and dark
 I hear loud screams
 People shouting for help

QUARTER

Pedro Pavon

Inside a quarter
 it's grey
 metallic and sad
 I see a metallic office
 and a metallic president
 Outside the quarter there is a kid
 buying a cookie

PHONE

Luis Quito

The company who makes it is Apple
I think there are apples in there

MOON

Aislinn Shrestha

Inside a moon is a person
A person that beams with happiness
A person that's happy and content to be

Inside a moon is a stone
The stone keeps the moon intact
The stone is gray and tough

Inside a moon is a telescope
The steel gray color views
extraterrestrial life

SOMBRERO

John Silaban

It is loud
There are maracas shaking
Women twirl like ballerinas
It is spicy
There's a sexy mariachi band
The sky bursts with orange, red, yellow,
all the colors of the rainbow
Guitars of red pimentos
and accordions of corn
Yes, it's all happening inside!

Tatiana Skibola

Inside a blue marker are endless oceans
There is a cold feeling inside
This marker represents my eternal sadness

The mixture of sky blue and turquoise
reminds me of my eyes
I see the light coming towards me

It hits me, I am in the place I want to be
As the door to others open I see other
colors, borders and other life

COWS

Sebastian Zamora

I see white liquid
Milk
Black spots everywhere
I also see rocks
It feels chill
Relaxing
It makes me want to sleep
It also makes me want to quack

MARKER



Ms. Rodriguez's Class

LEAF

ALL

Inside are raindrops
falling on trees
An ant eats a donut
A grasshopper is jumping
There's a dance party
A firefly is a disco ball
It's spring and fall
Green, red, orange, brown
It's walls are smooth and crunchy
It's actually cold
Feels like home
Outside, it's noisy because of peop

GUM

Dominick Abatorre

It looks like a bouncing *casa* and it's
so pink and sticky
It sounds like nothing
It smells like strawberry and vanilla

ICE CREAM

Jailyn Bolano

My object is vanilla ice cream.
It looks like a delicious cold cream.
It sounds crunchy.
It smells like vanilla.
It tastes like cold whipped cream.

SNOWFLAKE

Emily Nieves

Inside a snowflake I see
a white world
I see crystals
It's white, white, white!
It sounds like a raindrop.
It tastes like the ocean.
I feel cold.
I see people playing.
I smell lavender.
I feel happy.
What a wonderful white world!

DANDELION PUFF

Moncer Olivera

It looks like a soft cotton ball
Sounds like a bee licking the petals
It smells like candy and fresh honey bread
It tastes like sweet candy canes
I see the dandelion color
white as a werewolf on the snow
looking for food

GUM**Garrell Prophete**

Inside it's red
 There's an empty beach
 The waves sound calming
 It's summer
 It's hot with a breeze
 I'm happy because there's a beach
 Outside is a pack of gum

PAPER CLIP**Riaz Rahman**

I am silver and shiny.
 I see other paper clips around me.
 Clink clink around me.
 I smell like ink.
 I taste like metal and I am hot.
 The color around me is black,
 blue, pink, purple, red, and orange.
 I say, "Don't put me in Staples,
 I want to stay with my paper clip friends."
 Inside, the mood is sad.

PIZZA**David Romero**

Inside there is an oily surface
 In a pizza box
 A pepperoni spices up the music
 A mushroom starts singing
 There's a party humans do not notice

Humans are eating the pepperoni
 Nom! Nom! Nom!
 They eat the yummy tomato sauce
 Nom! Nom! Nom!
 They eat the entire pizza slice
 Nom! Nom! Nom!
 There's white, yellow, red, black, light gray,
 and brown
 It feels like a forest of pepperoni, olives and
 hot tomato sauce

Outside it is loud because people are
 playing and there's music

MARSHMALLOW**Jorge Rubio**

It feels fluffy
 Smells like vanilla
 Tastes like vanilla
 The colors I see are
 White, blue, red, pink, green,
 Orange, and yellow
 The mood is happy like Jerry.



Ms. Sarno's Class

CLOCK

ALL

Outside, kids stand in an antique shop
Inside the clock, hamster thoughts
turn the wheels
There's a town of little people
They turn the hands
Their rainbow town is
in the stars
It's sometimes peaceful, sometimes gloomy
A troll protects the bridge
When they're sad, it rains
Sometimes a unicorn stops time
The world is full of chaos
Full of numbers
There's dust and mystery

BOARD GAME

Abdal Abir

The people or objects make the rules
and chooses who wins
When they are put back in their
dark boxy home
They cry to come back alive
And when you don't play with them
they get cursed
You can make your own game but they
don't obey their master

WITHIN THE PAGES OF A BOOK

Jade Alvarez-Zumaeta

Inside the book the pages turn
Outside a child is drifting to sleep
Within the pages lie small friendly monsters
Full of words, stories and hope
Each of their hairs is a new different tale
And their hair always grows
Meep is in charge of that fresh parchment
scent
Glop is in charge of the drama
Beep is in charge of the anticipation that
grows
Flop is in charge of the karma
Their leader's the one that's in charge of it
all
He makes the pages turn
He'll hypnotize you
And make you fall
Oh no! You've tripped!
That's fine, just keep reading
Soon enough, you'll hit a wall

BATHBOMB**Muhammad Asmar**

Filled with different colors
 and mysterious little elves
 playing and throwing grenades
 Also, filled with superheroes
 and villains fighting with all they got
 until it is time
 BOOM!!!

TREE**Joselyn Baez**

Gnomes live in trees
 Inside the tree there is a village
 They are the ones who help the tree grow
 You might think of it as a piece of wood
 but it's magical
 They stay inside because
 it's their escape from reality
 The good and bad

MOON**Tiffany Batista**

Moon twinkles in the sky as night falls
 What could be inside?
 You jump in
 There's an unlimited rainbow
 The unicorn leader commands the
 marshmallows and the chocolate fountain
 All the sugary sweets cheer as they see their
 queen
 Their gorgeous town of chocolate chip
 cookie houses
 The sweets go down the glittery road to
 work

APPLE**Byron Bishop**

In an apple, there are fries, cheeseburgers,
 chicken nuggets and a milkshake
 It tastes like apple pie
 It looks like a yellow apple
 The apple is hanging from a tree
 The sun helps it grow

FIREWORK PEOPLE**Anthony Carreto**

There's a firework in a shop
 Filled with tiny people
 Partying all day
 It's dark but has light
 Light from their mood
 as well as from the glow sticks
 Music everyone enjoys
 Once it reaches a certain limit
 in the sky
 It explodes
 There's different colors when it explodes
 Shines bright
 Shaped different for each firecracker
 After a few seconds
 the light goes out
 because the people are afraid of heights

INSIDE A DOG**Valeria Castro**

Inside a dog
 Little dogs control movements and thoughts
 Controlling when the dog talks,
 He is sad based on how the little dogs feel
 The dog himself?
 Chaos
 No control
 Outside is chaos
 Everything in slow motion
 Scary, sometimes
 What do you think is inside a dog?

TREES

Qeon Cayenne

On the outside is a wood skin
On the inside is a hollow space for animals
On the outside, it's raining as the tree
grows from a sapling
On the inside is filled with the health and
nutrients
Outside is land and soul which lets the tree
grow its roots

GALAXY

Ian Dajic

Inside, a world of colors
An explosion like a bath bomb under water
filled with minions
led by an almighty leader
Humfrey
Books have pages
Clocks have hands
Earthlings have hearts

FIREWORK

Ian Henao

Happy all the time
Making people yearn but why
Many use it
For a special day
But no one
Knows what lies inside
Frighten every time
Tiny, tiny stacks of people
All the time
Crowded every day
Waiting until the day that
They see fire and fly
Far away
People are happy
Once it
Goes away
Blowing in the
Distance while
People say, "Yay"
The people
In the village in a sunny day
Happy until fire comes
Their way
Once very high they
Blow up in the sky ending
The day with sparks
Everywhere
many are sold
Some
not permitted
But with one small gaze
Many smile, all of the people inside
are happy for a while
until they fade away
leaving everyone
for more
of the awesome
view of the amazing day

CANDY CANE**Brandon Hernandez**

A mysterious place shaped like a cane
 Inside, very active gummy bears
 are in this place named Crazy Town
 It looks delicious
 sweet and CRAZY
 The buildings are made of crackers
 that taste very good
 which birds eat
 candy birds
 The candy tastes like a pancake and syrup
 and gummy bears
 Grape, strawberries, and watermelons
 The colors are red, yellow, and all of the
 other colors of the RAINBOW

MOON**Alyssa Joscher**

Inside the moon is another Earth
 A smaller Earth
 Tiny elves live there
 It always smells like marshmallows
 It's a peaceful place
 A unicorn is the queen of the moon
 The elves live just like humans do
 It is very shiny there
 This is top secret

MOON**Richard Linnen**

The moon, tattered like cheese
 Little people live on it
 You just can't see them
 As John Cena would say
 We live on it
 A dome with trees for oxygen
 There is an evil person
 He litters and ruins the city
 Find him and be rewarded as
 The owner of the new moon dome

POTATO IN A BOTTLE**Ileana Miranda**

Inside there's a potato
 in a bottle
 A land
 filled with Billys
 A small ship
 Filled with Billys
 Small, little houses
 filled with Billys
 Magic
 made by Billys
 Dragons
 killed by Billys
 Dragon tails
 sold by Billys illegally
 Billy
 is coming for you

RECORD PLAYER**Dimitrios Moukas**

It has a wooden box
 It spins the records round and round
 It plays music
 The records are black
 It cranks up the music

NINTENDO SWITCH**Steven Mejia**

Inside every one
 there is a secret that no one
 knows about
 a secret that will be shared
 quickly, the one that
 shows that video game characters
 are red, here we go

Gold Mario riding inside a
 circuit special cart with slim wheels
 and a plane glider, racing in a Music Park

INSIDE OF A GAME

Jaiden Ortiz

Inside of a game
a person, waiting for your command
There's people yelling at it
Frozen, not knowing what to do until your
command
You are the leader of the console
They look up to you, tell them what to do
Inside a game, when it's not on, they rest
You are Billy
Billy is life

ACORNS

Amelia Pieklik

In the dark woods
acorns look
They look plain, but are filled with wonder
Inside is a wooden village
filled with shades of brown and mahogany
Little names running around
building up their little city
Wooden hats being crafted
for the acorn to wear for its next season
Inside, the weather is gloomy,
rainy, windy, and chilly
Taken away by
a squirrel
going ahead on its next journey

VIOLIN

Isabelle Quiles

Music. That is all you are known for.
People don't think to get to know the real
you.
Your inside is a village.
The village of music.
The village of strings.
The village of joy to others.
The people are NOT people, but notes.
Your leader is the thing that keeps people
alive! Tony! He is the leader of everyone
and plans to take over the WORLD!
Everyone helps control the strings and pegs
to make the music. With the help of your
partner, the bow, you become free.

TREE

Aishi Sarkar

The only tree left in the world
Hidden in an unknown forest
War has destroyed everything on earth
Population is decreasing
Somberness all over the world
But hey, look
There is still one bit of happiness
on the earth that is left
A tree
Home to adorable tiny little trolls
The happiest creatures in the world

TREE**Vivien Szaniszlo**

Outside is a storm of pavement and chaos
The moon is the only light, and darkness is
welcomed
The tree stands alone in the dark
But inside is a beam of light and a portal
A portal to a parallel universe
Where people are happy
And mood is weather
Yet it is always sunny
Giants rule the world and there is peace
The tree has turned into a forest
And there is only light

SOCCER BALL**Kevin Tenezaca**

Inside of a soccer ball, there is
a whole new world.
There is the place where all your
Thoughts and imagination goes.
Someday it will pop
And all your thoughts and imagination
Will go away and be lost
Forever, but a new soccer
ball will come by to keep
safe your thoughts and imagination.

THE DOLLHOUSE**Sashenka Trinidad**

When there is no one in the house
They went until the coast is clear
The dolls come alive and wake up all the
dolls
Then they have a secret door that only dolls
can see
When they go inside it is a wonder place
It is a flower town and things similar to that
There are tree houses, normal houses, and
flower houses
It smells like a flower
The town is sunny in day but at night it is
dark and scary
Their mood depends on a special farm
And the leader is Barbie
They have to go to the dollhouse
Bye

BATH BOMB!**Ivory Velazquez**

The colors exploding inside and out
Right when the water touches
everything inside shakes
Rainbow shooting bubbles outside
The water sparks flying everywhere
It calms down, drowning bark under it's
dark home in the water... it's gone, just mist
Darkness, and bubbles fill the water
until another comes again
another earthquake in the water
Goodbye

