

# Exploring the Iroquois

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An Anthology of Iroquois-Inspired Creative Writing  
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## INTRODUCTION

*Exploring the Iroquois* is a collection of creative writing work written by the 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students of P.S. 677. All of the work here sprung from our investigative learning about the Native American tribe known as the Iroquois. Once local to the New York region, the Iroquois are a central part of the 4th grade curriculum, and the purpose behind our work together was to foster a deeper understanding of local history through the process of writing.

Using the topic of the Iroquois as a lens to exercise our imaginations, we experimented with different genres of writing throughout the residency: poetry, song, playwriting, and folktale. Each genre paralleled a chosen theme from the Iroquois tradition. For example, the Iroquois sang songs of devotion, so students wrote songs about what they felt grateful for. For the performance writing, students worked in partners, imagining they had just woken up in an Iroquois longhouse, exercising their skills for dialogue. The folktales required students to hone their understanding of story and narrative in a manner that mirrored the folktales of the Iroquois, including animals, spirits, and morals.

We read, watched, and listened to a number of sources in order to write about the people and places we were learning about. In order for students to accurately depict what it might be like to wake up in a longhouse, for example, we had to read about longhouses and observe photographs, merging our inferences with facts in order to portray the setting in detail. Watching clips of performance festivals gave students a counterpoint when writing their plays, lending them the opportunity to distinguish the difference between what was considered a performance then versus now.

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It is my hope that by encouraging students to examine the history of the place they find themselves to be, that they become curious about their own personal histories and narratives. Who came before you and how might that have contributed to who you are today? This kind of reflective thinking exhibits an emotional maturity that can help prompt students to make life choices with more deliberation and clarity, as it situates one's sense of self in a larger context. In this spirit, I have included the poem we began with on day one: *Prints*, by Joseph Bruchac. A present-day poet of Native American lineage, Bruchac muses – in a mere single sentence no less – on this notion of seeing one's self through the seeing of one's ancestors.

Dear 4th graders of 667 – thank you for your work and willingness to be surprised by your work. Remember, should you ever feel like you're not being heard, writing gives voice! And it will always be available when you wish it to be.

Alice Pencavel

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## Prints

by Joseph Bruchac

Seeing photos  
of ancestors  
a century past

is like looking  
at your own  
fingerprints —

circles  
and lines  
you can't  
recognize

until someone else  
with a stranger's eye  
looks close and says  
that's you.

## TEAM WOLF

Jashawn A.  
Gaida A.  
Osama A.  
Mark B.  
Devon B.  
D'angelo C.  
Destiny B.  
Richard C.  
Isaiah C.  
Allanah D.  
Christian G.  
Olivia G.  
Alana H.  
Jamyia J.  
Reyno Yonkely M.  
Zarianna M.  
Tiara N.  
Ameeya N.  
Craig R.  
Danielle R.  
Kenny S.  
Darianny Tavares R.  
Mirielis T.  
Hailey R.  
Isiah T.  
Luis S.

## **THE BIG WISH**

**Jashawn A.**

Once upon a time there was a girl and a snake. The girl was a princess. But she wanted more. And the snake had no tail – and he wanted more. The girl wanted to be queen and the snake wanted it all. The snake ran away from home and they both ran into each other. They tried to get what they wanted and they found what they were looking for. First the snake got a tail and then the princess became a queen.

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## **THE LION AND THE RAT**

**Gaida A.**

Once upon a time a lion was sleeping. A rat came and climbed up on the lion. The lion was so angry he almost ate the rat. But the rat said, “Please, please don’t eat me. I promise I will help you one day.”

But the lion kept laughing. He said, “You’re lucky that I last ate so recently.”

An hour later, the lion was captured. Everyone was looking for him. But the rat said the lion needed help.

So the Spirit of Strength went in to the rat so he could break threw the rope and free the lion. He scared the people and the rat said to the lion, “Boy.”

The lion said, “Ow, you want to climb on me?”  
And they became friends.

**PLAY IN A LONGHOUSE**  
**Osama A. & Reyno K.**

*(Morning, in the longhouse...)*

GREG: Hey, we have to go work for food.  
ALEX: No.  
GREG: Then you won't be able to eat.  
ALEX: I don't care.  
GREG: Go to work, Greg, so we can get food.  
ALEX: I don't want food.  
GREG: We could get some cookies.  
ALEX: Fine.  
GREG: We could cook chicken?  
ALEX: No.  
GREG: Bread?  
ALEX: Sure.  
GREG: Get some so we can share.  
ALEX: Okay, fine.

*(The next day they both go to work.)*

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**HOW THE CHEETAH LOST ITS TAIL**  
**Mark B.**

Once upon a time a cheetah lost its tail. The other cheetahs were making fun of him in front of the other cheetahs. So, the cheetah ran away in the forest and he ran into a spirit and the spirit told the cheetah to go to the pyramid. When the cheetah walked into the pyramid, he saw other animals getting tails for free. He picked the golden tail. At the end, the cheetah lived happily ever after. The golden tail reminded the cheetah of his grandpa.

**LIFE IN A LONGHOUSE**  
**Devon B.**

*(Early morning. In an Iroquois longhouse.)*

ANDI: Good morning, Kirby.

KIRBY: Good morning. I'm really hungry! What should we eat?

ANDI: We can find fish to catch.

KIRBY: That's a great idea. I'll grab a spear.

*(KIRBY and ANDI go fishing. They see their friend NORATO.)*

ANDI: Norato? What are you doing?

NORATO: I am fishing. Are you guys fishing too?

KIRBY: Yes we are.

ANDI: It's going to be dark soon. Come on.

KIRBY & NORATO: Okay, we're almost done!

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**HOW THE SNOW WOLF FOUND HIS SUPER LONG EARS**  
**D'angelo C.**

Once upon a time there was a snow wolf who was named Spike. Spike was addicted to lying.

One day he wanted to take a shower in a lake, but then a spirit with the powers of thunder started to make the worst thunder storm ever. Then he ran to his rabbit hole that he found two years ago. Spike decided to go back to the lake. Then Spike hit into this really big cat thing. Then that cat said, "Are you okay?" Spike was frightened. Then the big cat thing said, "My name is Larry," and then Spike said, "My name is – " but before he could say anything there was an arrow right over Spike's head.

The God of Arrows shot two arrows at Spike, then hit Spike at the ear, which is how the wolf got eight inch ears.

## THE BODY SWITCH

### Destiny B.

#### Chapter 1 Switching Bodies

One day there was a panda wandering around. His name was Angel and he met a monkey. They went to a cave and the Narwhal cursed them to switch bodies. It was like a thunder storm. Then they realized that they had switched bodies. They were in a cave that time when they switched bodies.

They had to look for the spirit animal which was the narwhal. They went to bed and in the morning ate breakfast, packed their bags, showered, and brushed their teeth, and left to look for the narwhal.

#### Chapter 2 Looking for Narwhal

They went to the cave where they were when they switched bodies. She was not there. They asked, "What was the narwhal's name?"

"Emily," someone said, but left before they saw her. They both started looking and left the cave to look in all the rivers or lake, looking for Emily the narwhal to cure them. And they were off to look for her.

#### Chapter 3 Narwhal Wants Something

Soon after they left, someone said, "She is in a clear ocean and only people can go."

And they went to switch their bodies back to normal and travel away to Cali.

They saw the narwhal which was Emily. She wanted something. She wanted a gold stone.

They dug holes and holes to the morning to midnight and finally found it and gave it to Emily.

They switched back to normal and they went home and slept.

## THE LOST SISTER

Richard C.

A wolf named Stewey was hanging out with his sister. They were playing tag in the forest. Then Stewey's sister got lost. Stewey ran and ran and POW! Stewey banged his head on a tree! He ran into a dark, warm cave. He saw another wolf. The other wolf said, "What are you doing in my cave?"

"Hi, my name is Stewey," Stewey said. "I'm looking for my sister."

"Well, my name is Jordan," Jordan said.

"Well, let's go," Stewey said.

"Well, hi there," a creepy voice said from behind.

"Who's there?" Jordan quickly responded.

"Well, me the Kitty Spirit," the Kitty Spirit said. "And I've got your sister right here."

"Wow," said Jordan.

"It was nice meeting you," Stewey said.

**SATURDAY IN A LONGHOUSE**  
**Allanah D.**

*(ELLA shakes JANAE while she is sleeping.)*

JANAE: Wake up!

ELLA: Ugh no, it's Saturday!

JANAE: Okay, I'm going to get breakfast!

ELLA: Whatever.

*(ELLA goes back to sleep while JANAE goes to make breakfast.)*

*(MOM enters.)*

MOM: Morning, Janae!

JANAE: Good morning, Mom!

*(ELLA finally gets up.)*

ELLA: Hi Mom.

MOM: Good morning, El.

**THE FISH AND THE BIRD**  
**Allanah D.**

Once upon a time there was a fish and a bird. They were best friends. They went everywhere with each other. They had so much fun. Then they met a bear. They were not friends with the bear. They were not nice to the bear, so the bird and the fish left.

## HOW DOG GOT HIS TAIL Christian G.

Dog used to roam around the world. But he had no tail. All the other animals he saw had tails. He was always left out of the tail-based activities. On his way to his doggy house he ran into Cat.

“Oh, if it isn’t the tallest doggy duffs dog,” Cat said.

“Don’t mess with me Cat, you know I’m faster than you,” said Dog.

“Dog, I am just trying to tell you the Spirits of Wind and Lightening are going to cause a storm tonight, so you should get to your house.

“Whatever,” said Dog.

When Dog got home he went straight to sleep. As he slept, a tree branch landed on his backside and rolled all over it. When he woke up he had a tail. He was so happy. And that’s how dog got his tail.

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## LONGHOUSE PLAY Olivia G. & Tiara N.

*(JADE lies in her nice, cozy bed, while LILY jumps on JADE’s bed.)*

JADE: Lily, do you know what time it is?

LILY: No, remember I’m only five years old, so I don’t know how to tell time.

JADE: At least can you tell me why you’re jumping on my bed?

LILY: Because my bed is filled with clothes. So I’m jumping on yours.

JADE: Go clean it up then!

LILY: *(rude)* No!

JADE: MOM!

LILY: Okay, I’ll clean up my bed! Also, we need to go to the Harvest Festival.

JADE: *(gasp)* Oh no, I almost forgot. Let me get ready!

LILY: Well, you should get ready because it is something something.

JADE: What do you mean by something something.

LILY: The time.

JADE: So what are you waiting for? I have a dance planned for you!

## **BAD LUCK BIRTHDAY**

**Olivia G.**

Once upon a time there lived a little girl named Lilly. She was four years old. She lived in a longhouse with her dad, mom, and her little brother. Lilly was happy because tomorrow was her birthday. She thought that tomorrow was going to be the best day of her life. Lilly's favorite food is moose and blueberries. The next morning she woke to moose, no blueberries. She stubbed her toe on a rock.

"Uuhh! My toe, my toe!" she cried.

Later she and her dad went fishing. Instead of pulling the fish out of water, it pulled Lily in. She tried to do five cartwheels because she was five. When she walked home with her dad, she saw people in her house. It was a surprise birthday party!

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## **HOW THE UNICORN GOT ITS HORN**

**Alana H.**

One sunny day there were two horses named Midnight and Winter. They went to the beach together.

"I wish I had a horn like a unicorn," said Winter.

Midnight said, "I know, me too. Let's go ask the unicorn queen, Amethyst."

Midnight and Winter trotted to go look for Amethyst.

"Hello, what do you need?" asked Amethyst.

Midnight said, "We want horns like unicorns."

"Okay, but you must repay me afterwards," Amethyst said.

"Okay," Winter said. Amethyst used her magic to turn them into unicorns.

"Thank you," they both said.

"You're welcome."

## THE TALKING FISH

Jamya J.

Once upon a time there was a talking fish named Gilbert. In the sea other fish always told Gilbert to stop talking. One day he went to the movies and he talked through the whole movie. The fish next to him told him he had a problem called Talkabavabious. Gilbert said, "I have a problem," and Chase said, "Yes, you do." Then Chase said, "But I could get you fixed."

So they left the movies and were on their way to the Talking Spirit. When they arrived, Chase said, "We're here."

"All you have to say is Shablam and the Talking Spirit will come out."

"Shablam!"

The Talking Spirit came out and said, "Why are you here?"

Gilbert said, "I'm here because I have Talkabavabious."

Gilbert opened his mouth and the Spirit opened his jacket and some magic shot out from his heart. Gilbert fell to the floor.

Then Chase asked, "What's wrong with him?"

Then the Spirit said, "Nothing, he will wake up in a little while."

Then he walked away.

Gilbert woke up and Chase said, "Are you okay?" But there was no answer. And when Chase asked him again, again he did not answer.

Everybody in the sea was very happy that Gilbert couldn't talk anymore. The mayor said, "It's so amazing that Gilbert can't talk. It's so peaceful in the sea."

Gilbert didn't like that he couldn't talk anymore. Chase didn't like it either. He couldn't talk to his friend. Then one day Chase went to Gilbert's house. He saw Gilbert's stuff was packed up and he had left a not saying goodbye.

Chase cried and said, "He left."

**WOLF FAMILY**  
**Reyno Yonkely M.**

Once upon a time, there was a wolf without any family. He had no food. He was so hungry. He looked for a wolf family, so he ran and found one. He talked to them and asked if they would help and they said yes. They got him food and they were a family. Then he went to play with the baby wolf and one time, a lion was going to eat the baby. But then the wolf came to start a fight with the lion and the lion ran to hide from the wolf. The lion learned not to bother the wolf family.

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**THE TERRIFIC TRIPLETS: SONG**  
**Alana H., Allanah D., Zarianna M.**

“Cause baby, we are grateful  
For everything, we are grateful  
For everything,  
But I know God loves me  
So I tell myself (*clap clap*)  
But the devil hates,  
So I tell myself I do, I do, I do!”

“All the stars are closer, closer, closer!”

“Now we are grateful for everything,  
Because all the stars are closer.”

**SHAPES**  
**Tiara N.**

I looked in my  
palm and I  
saw shapes

So I started  
thinking and I  
thought of my sketch book

then I thoughts of a verb  
to go with the sketch book  
so I thought of drawing.

**SNAKE & RAT**  
**Tiara N.**

Snake was the nicest animal in the forest. While Rat was the meanest of them all. Snake was always the teacher's pet, but Snake was being bullied by Rat. Rat was so mean, he could bully a bear.

Snake one time went to Rat's fake party and that was the biggest mistake. The Spirit of God came down to tell Snake not to go to the party, but Snake didn't listen and still went to the party.

When Snake came to Rat's fake party, Rat and his friends put Snake in a sack and beat snack up in the sack. While in the sack, Snake got mad and he ate all of the rats. That is the reason why snakes eat rats today.

**STRAWBERRY: SONG**  
**Tiara N. & Olivia G.**

“Dear strawberries: you’re the best thing  
You are so yummy, I want to eat  
Every single one of you...”

“Dear strawberries,  
I want a bucket of you!”

“Dear strawberries  
You are so good, I really love you  
I really wish I could eat you every meal.”

“Dear strawberries, you are so good  
I want to eat you every day. Love!”

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**SPIRIT MOTHER BIRD**  
**Ameeya N.**

There once was a bird who was in an egg that got hatched. When the mother bird went to get some food, a raccoon took the baby bird. The mother bird came and did not see her baby bird in sight. So the mother bird went to all her friends and told her friends that her baby bird was missing. One of the friends said to the mother bird that there is a spirit that can help find her child. So the mother bird went to the spirit.

Mother Bird was at the cave of the spirits. There are a lot of powerful spirits that can help animals like Mother Birds, so the mother bird told the Spirit what happened. The spirit gave Mother Bird super eye vision.

The mother bird flew away. The mother bird saw her baby with the raccoon and went super fast. Her baby and Mother Bird thanks the spirit.

## THE LEOPARD AND THE WOLF

Craig R.

Once upon a time there was an awful white haired leopard that was so perfect and smart. Until one day he left to go hunt, but when he came back, he saw half of the world was thunder, storming. And whenever he would try to cross he would get electrocuted and get a black spot and his cave was on the storm side. The spots were permanent and he tried soooo hard he had more than ten thousand spots.

And then he ran away crying and screaming, "Help me!"

Until he bumped his head into a snow wolf by a lake. They looked at each other.

"My name is Larry," the leopard said.

"My name is – " but before he could say anything, an arrow went flying over his head and started bleeding by the little cut. The wolf said, "We have to run. It's the God of Arrows."

Then Larry said, "I can handle it. What is your name?"

"I'm Spike," the Wolf said, then dodged the arrow and helped the leopard dodge it too. And then they became friends.

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## HOW THE SNAKE GOT HIS TONGUE

Danielle R.

Once upon a time, there was a snake that didn't have a tongue. But the Spirit of Shape Shifting watched and offered to give him a tongue. There was a rabbit who was sneaky and he hated the Spirit of Shape Shifting.

Then the rabbit saw the snake and pushed him. The snake went walking after and that's how he got a tongue. But the rabbit was still hating on him this day. Also, Snake got a tongue. For as Rabbit, he lives with a bear and that's how it went down.

**SPAGHETTI POEM**  
**Kenny S.**

Lines like spaghetti  
I love spaghetti  
and I love to eat it.

It tastes so good  
That's why I love it!

**THE WOLF WITH THE SISTER**  
**Kenny S.**

One day a wolf named Jordan was in a cave and another wolf came in and said, "What are you doing in my cave?"

"Hi, my name is Stewey. I'm looking for my sister," Stewey said.

"Well, my name is Jordan," Jordan said. "I will help you look for your sister. Let's go."

**THE CAT, THE DOG, THE BEAR**  
**Darianny Tavares R.**

Once upon a time there was a cat and a dog. The cat was super duper mean to the dog one day. The cat wanted to do something mean, so he set up a trap to catch the dog. The cat caught the dog and the dog lost its tail.

But another animal came. It was a bear. The bear also had a spirit so the bear was able to help the dog get back its tail. But the cat is now in a bad place. Everyone else lived happily ever after.

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**SURPRISE DOG**  
**Mirielis T.**

One day my mom gave me a surprise dog. At this moment, I love my dog. Her name is Ducky. Ducky and I go to the part.

My dog said, "Wo, wo, wo."

I said, "What happened to you, Ducky? Okay, relax, relax. Everyone is not here." I told my mom. I told her I am so tired. And my dog is my family from this day on.

## HOW THE SPIDER GOT A TINY WAIST Hailey R.

Once upon a time there was a beautiful big green spider that had the Spirit of Hunger. When her friends would have food she would steal it and she would be so greedy. One day she heard that two of her friends were going to the big feast. Because she was greedy, she wanted all the food for herself. She had a plan. She went to Frog and said, "Have you heard about the big feast?" While Frog talks, she secretly ties a string on Frog's leg. Then she said bye.

Then she went to a hippo and asked the same question. Hippo invents something and she talks, Spider ties her string on the hippo's ear. She goes on the top of a tree and ties the string on her waist. She says, "Mmm, they are going to lead me to the big feast."

Suddenly she ran out of the web and the frog and the hippo were so fast that Qweek, the Spider said, "Her waist looks so tiny I do not recognize her." So she apologized to everyone she stole from and said instead of taking food she is going to let the food come to her.

## THE SONG Hailey R.

"I used to feel alone  
Until I saw you,  
So I sing this song  
To show my gratitude."

"If you want to climb  
I'll be your ladder,  
If you want to scream  
I'll be your voice,  
If you want to cry  
I'll be your shoulder,  
If you want to laugh  
I'll be your smile."

"And so you know  
You'll never be alone,  
Keep this song and when you are here  
Remember me."

**GRATITUDE: SONG**  
**Isiah T.**

“I feel your broken heart  
I know what it’s like,  
If you don’t tell me  
Just don’t say a word.”

“I felt your heart  
It pumps like a bull  
So let me  
help you.”

“Oooo, aaah,  
So let me help you  
Let me heal you  
Because you need the help.”

## THE WHITE WOLF

Luis S.

A white wolf was taking a walk by the river and saw some fish, so he went in the river and tried to get some food because he was hungry. But it was hard because the fish were too fast for him. He saw a snow rabbit and wanted to go and eat it. But it was getting dark. So the white wolf went to his den and went to sleep. When he woke up he went to the river to see if the snow rabbit was still there. Then he picked up a scent—it was the rabbit. It was eating berries. The wolf snuck up, but the rabbit said, “Hello Mr. Wolf, how are you?” The wolf didn’t want to act suspicious, so he replied, “Good, how are you Mr. Rabbit?”

“Good, Mr. Wolf.”

“What a nice day we’re having, Mr. Rabbit.”

“Sure is, Mr. Wolf. Well, I’ll be on my way.”

So the snow rabbit went to get some more food when suddenly the white wolf jumped from the bushes, and the snow rabbit hopped as fast as he could to his hole. Luckily he was close to his hole so he leapt into his hole and took a breath.

“Just now I know to not go near that river.”

“That wolf tried to eat me?”

The white wolf was behind a bush and suddenly “poof” a Yellow Spirit appeared. “Help, Mr. Wolf. Why are you trying to get that bunny?”

“Well, Yellow Spirit, want to eat it?”

“Call me friendly, and why do you want to do that? He’s harmless.”

And the wolf said, “I am hungry.” He did a spell to make him friendly and bring food.

“Why do I feel friendly?”

“I made you friendly and gave you food.”

The white wolf went to the hole of the snow rabbit.

“Mr. Rabbit, if you’re there, I am sorry for trying to eat you. I haven’t eaten in a day and I hope you can forgive me.”

“Yes, Mr. Wolf, I will forgive you because I understand how it feels.”

And from that day on they became best friends.

## TEAM TEJADA

Josiah A.  
Dashelin A.  
Andre A.  
Angel B.  
Khalid B.  
Olakorede S.  
Qhau diar B.  
Nathaniel B.  
Ciara B.  
Angel D.  
Darriella D.  
Nesochi E.  
Kamir G.  
Violet G.  
Jada H.  
Kendall J.  
Sarai M.  
Daniel M.  
Jaleek N.  
Danielle N.  
Harry P.  
Davaughn P.  
Dalvin R.  
Jayvon R.  
Jahda S.  
Madyson T.  
Nova W.  
Donheir P.  
Sharlin R.  
Carrington P.

**MORNING IN THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Sarai M. & Josiah A.**

*(JESSICA wakes up on her uncomfortable bed.)*

JESSICA: Oh, the bed is very uncomfortable!

ALEXANDER: Tell me about it.

JESSICA: I'm going to get wood to make breakfast.

*(JESSICA leaves.)*

ALEXANDER: Can I come?

*(ALEXANDER follows JESSICA.)*

ALEXANDER: I'll get the ax.

JESSICA: Okay, but don't fool around.

ALEXANDER: Okay, I won't.

*(ALEXANDER cuts a tree with the ax.)*

JESSICA: Alexander! You cut down somebody else's tree!

*(JESSICA stomps her feet back to the longhouse with the wood she cut down.)*

ALEXANDER: Oops, sorry. Let's run back to the longhouse.

JESSICA: Do you want toast?

ALEXANDER: Sure. Let's run home first, and fast.

*(ALEXANDER and JESSICA run home as fast as they can.)*

JESSICA: Go back to bed and I will make breakfast. I will get some berries from the forest.

ALEXANDER: Okay, I'll start a fire.

*(ALEXANDER starts a fire.)*

*(JESSICA leaves the longhouse and goes to the forest to pick berries.)*

ALEXANDER: I'm going to find Jessica.

*(ALEXANDER goes to the woods to find JESSICA but gets lost.)*

ALEXANDER: Jessica! Jessica!

*(JESSICA hears a voice.)*

JESSICA: Who's there? Ahh!

ALEXANDER: Jessica, help it's me! I'm lost, help!

### LION KING'S SON Josiah A.

Once upon a time there was a lion that wanted to be stealthy like a cheetah and strong like an ape. He was the Lion King's son, which made him the prince of the lions. There was a lion that betrayed them, so he snuck out of the lion's territory and joined the cheetahs so the cheetahs made an attack. When the lions saw the traitor they got mad and fought back and won the fight. When there were five cheetahs left, they retreated, but eight lions died, so five lions went to go sneak attack the cheetahs. Two cheetahs were on guard so the lions were spotted and took out the guards and made an attack on the King. The king of the cheetahs killed all the lions, so the King of Lions made an attack on the King of the Lions, who won the fight with a lot of injuries.

**MUY FELIZ**  
**Dashelin A.**

Abia una ves a via cuatro niñas el nombre era Dashelin Ashley Hade Alana había una quedo le estaba inunda la jete pobre el hombre era Alana. Cada ves que las otra muchachas end sella del lado y desea algo malo y las otra le daba comida agua muchas cosa y la jefe pobre le daba las gracias después fuero tres anos después Alana combo y ahora Alana anuda. A Dashelin ashley y hace y Dashelin hace. Ashely le da las gracias a Alana y enas siguieron anudado la jefe pobre hasta que un día a Alana a atracaro le mitayo toda la comida y dinero después Alana fue a la casa y redijo lo que paso y las otra se que dado con la boca. Abierta y entone tu fiero que trabajar y tiberio que para de dale comida a la jete hast tablero suficiente dinero para poder dale comida y macha comida y agua y la jefe pobre fuero muy feliz para siempre.

**IT'S EVERYDAY BRO: SONG**  
**Dashelin A.**

“It’s every day bro,  
With that Disney channel flow,  
Five mill on YouTube  
In six months,  
Never done it before.”

“Past all competition,  
man, Putie Pie is next,  
Man I’m pumping all these checks  
Got the brand new Rolex.”

“They met the lamb too,  
They come in with the crew.”

## THE TIGER AND THE RABBIT

Andre A.

Once there was a rabbit looking for carrots in the woods. When he was looking for the carrots there was a tiger chasing him. While the tiger was chasing him, he was looking for a place to hide. The rabbit jumped up on a tree when he saw the tiger couldn't climb the tree. The rabbit asked the tiger, "Why were you chasing me?"

The tiger said, "I just wanted some food."

Then the rabbit said, "Then you should ask me for some food and you did not have to chase me."

Then the tiger said, "I couldn't find any food."

Then the rabbit said, "Let's be friends." So they went to go find some food.

Then there was a wolf that was going to attack the rabbit. And the tiger. But the rabbit said, "Stop! Do you want some food too?"

And the wolf said yes. Then the tiger said, "You can come with us."

They all went to get some food and they all became friends in the the end.

**FIRE NEAR THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Angel B. & Nesochi E.**

*(Early morning in the longhouse. But something is not right...)*

JERIMAIH: *(moving to another place)* I smell smoke.

*(JESSIE looks around.)*

JESSIE: Maybe there's a fire.

JERIMAIH: I think.

*(JESSIE gets up.)*

JESSIE: I'm going to check the kitchen.

JERIMAIH: Is there a fire?

JESSIE: I hope not.

*(JESSIE exits.)*

**TIGER & BEAR**  
**Angel B.**

Once upon a time there was a tiger and a bear. The tiger always scared the other animals. One day the bear was tired of the tiger because the tiger was scaring little rabbits. Bear went and told him to stop this. Then the bear threw him in the mud. When the tiger came out, he had stripes. Tiger ran and stopped scaring other animals. All the animals were cheering for Bear.

## THE LION AND THE TIGER

Khalid B.

Once there were two men named Lion and Tiger. Tiger was rich, and Lion was poor. They were on a trip to collect money from someone and give it to the government, but then they got lost on an island.

They found a smelly wizard who barely had any clothes on. Tiger started laughing, and Lion told him to stop. Then they started fighting.

The wizard told them to stop. He asked what their wish was. Tiger wanted to be the king and Lion wanted to be able to protect himself.

The wizard sent them to a dungeon to make their wish come true, but they were sent to the wrong dungeon. Lion had to face all the animals in the world. Tiger had to face a pack of wolves. Lion found a way to be different from all the animals and Tiger tricked the wolves with a curse. He scraped himself, so now he has stripes.

The animals bowed to Lion for him to be their king.

**CHORES IN THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Khalid B. & Harry P.**

DAVID: What are you doing?

MICHALE: Taking a nap!

DAVID: Get up now!

MICHALE: Why? I'm tired.

DAVID: We have to chop the trees.

MICHALE: Why can't you do it?

DAVID: Mom said you and I have to chop the wood.

*(MICHAEL and DAVID go get their axes.)*

*(In the kitchen, DAVID and MICHALE start eating bread.)*

DAVID: The food was yummy.

MICHALE: Yeah, it was good.

*(DAVID and MICHALE go to chop the trees.)*

DAVID: Why are you not doing anything?

MICHALE: I don't want to do anything.

DAVID: You don't have a choice. Now start working.

MICHALE: Okay, fine.

DAVID: Better.

MICHALE: Can we play lacrosse when we're done?

DAVID: Okay.

*(DAVID and MICHALE chop wood for an hour.)*

DAVID: We are finally done.

MICHALE: Come on, let's play lacrosse.

DAVID: Okay.

*(DAVID and MICHALE go to play lacrosse.)*

MICHALE: First to ten points.

*(Couple of minutes later David wins ten to nine.)*

**WAGGLES**  
**Olakorede S.**

It was the season of fall and a girl named Lori was walking her dog named Waggles. After she finished walking him, he went to the backyard, chasing a butterfly. He ran off.

Lori was calling Waggles, "Come over here!" But he didn't come back and got lost in the forest.

A bear ate Waggles' tail and he ran off. He was barking and he stopped and saw a house.

There was a strong, brave giraffe inside. He went in to ask if the giraffe could give him his tail.

The giraffe said, "Only if you do three tasks. Go to a waterfall, drink it, and your tail will grow, thanks to the Spirit of Growth."

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**THE SAVER**  
**Qhaudiar B.**

One night there was an old lady that was going in to the woods. A tiger wanted to eat the old lady. The wolf was going to save the old, then the tiger was going to bite the old lady. Then the wolf bit the tiger, then the tiger ran away. The old lady was never found.

**LACROSSE IN THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Nathaniel B.**

JOSH: Hey Jack.

JACK: Hey, Josh. What are you doing?

*(JOSH is making breakfast.)*

JOSH: Nothing, just cooking.

JACK: Okay.

JOSH: So, you want to go play.

JACK: Sure.

JOSH: Okay, let's go.

JACK: So, what do you want to play?

JOSH: Let's play in the longhouse.

JACK: Okay.

JOSH: Or we could play lacrosse.

JACK: Okay.

JOSH: I'm going to get you.

JACK: Okay, later, I'm building wood.

**THE DREAM**  
**Nathaniel B.**

One day there was a cat and a dog that were brothers. They were always fighting. One day the cat was not talking to the dog and the dog was asking the cat to play, but that day the cat ignored the dog.

The dog was getting sad and the dog started crying. The cat was not happy with what he did to his brother.

The dog woke up and realized that the cat was his spiritual brother.

Then the dog realized that the cat did not have a brother and it was all just a dream.

**MORNING IN THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Ciara B. & Madyson T.**

*(In a longhouse, JESSICA wakes up on an old bed.)*

*(CLEO comes in with a nice breakfast for JESSICA.)*

CLEO: Good morning, Jessica. You want some breakfast?

JESSICA: Sure, I will be glad to have breakfast! Thank you, Cleo, for breakfast.

CLEO: When we finish our breakfast we need to get working.

JESSICA: Okay, no prob. Hey, after we do all this work, do you want to go to the corn planting festival and we can even go and make a mask?

CLEO: Sounds good.

**HOW PANDY WAS NICE TO CHARLIE**  
**Ciara B.**

Once upon a time there was a Panda named Pandy. Pandy was mean to a goat named Charlie. Pandy was a bully to Charlie, and called him names.

The next day there was a puppy named Bella. Bella the puppy was the bravest little girl to stand up to Pandy for Charlie. Bella the puppy told Pandy something important.

Bella the puppy said, "Pandy, you need to stop someday, or you are going to get bullied."

The next day there were two wolves named Max and Jay. Max and Jay were bullying Pandy and then Pandy was so sad.

Pandy went to Charlie's house and said, "I'm so sorry one day can we be friends?"

Charlie the goat said, "Yes, some day."

Then the next day Max and Jay said sorry. And everyone learned their lesson.

**BY THE WATERFALL**  
**Angel D.**

One day there was a baby lion that never listened to his dad. His dad told him not to go in the river because he would not be safe.

One morning he went to the river by himself. He was holding on to a rock next to the waterfall when he slipped into the water. His dad was looking for him and when he found him he tried to get him out.

A tiger said, "Do you need help?"

He said, "Sure."

The dad slipped, but he didn't fall in the deep, deep side of the river.

The tiger said, "Hang on. I'm going to help."

When the tiger left, the dad got his son out. When the tiger got back with his family, the dad said, "Do you want to eat something?"

**EMMA & GEMMA**  
**Darriella D. & Jada H.**

*(EMMA is sleeping.)*

*(GEMMA is singing and cutting wood.)*

GEMMA: I hope Emma's awake.

*(GEMMA walks to EMMA. GEMMA throws water at EMMA.)*

GEMMA: Oops.

EMMA: What was that for?

GEMMA: Get your butt up, it's time to work.

EMMA: Alright, I'm up.

*(While EMMA and GEMMA cut wood and find food for the longhouse.)*

EMMA: Gotta get cooking.

GEMMA: You know it.

**HOW THE PUPPY GOT FLOPPY EARS**  
**Darriella D.**

Once upon a time there was a puppy who was cute, but mean. He wanted to be strong as a gorilla, fast as a cheetah, and smart as a monkey. There was only one goddess that could do that: the Black Panther. He had to walk one hundred of the one hundred miles to get to the beautiful land of Wankanda. As he walked to the throne. The goddess was at work and didn't want anyone by while she worked, so she asked the guard to move him from his sight. The guard threw him out of the castle, but the puppy used his karate moves to slide the turtle out of the way. The Black Panther felt disrespected and so the Black Panther took the puppy in the room and started his work.

The puppy said, "I want to be strong, fast, and smart."

The goddess said, "You ask for too much. I'll give you floppy ears."

## HOW THE UNICORN BECAME VISIBLE Nesochi E.

Once upon a time there was an island called Magical World. This world is about a unicorn with soft white fur and a rainbow horn and rainbowy soft long tail. The unicorn was invisible, so she went to a fairy and the fairy gave her three tasks.

For the first task she went to a bears cave and she had to defeat the bear to get the potion. She drank it and she felt strange and nothing happened. Then she went to the flamingo volcano of fire and that didn't work.

So she went to the wizard and she drank the potion and her whole body felt strange and then she became visible.

## HERE I AM: SONG Nesochi E.

“Once again feeling lost  
But now and then I breathe in in,  
To let it go, go, go,  
And you don't know  
Where you are now  
Or what it will come it.”

“If only somebody could  
And you figure out how to lose  
The moment you disappear  
You don't have to be afraid  
To put your dream in action,  
Never fade – you'll be the main attraction!  
Just remember me  
When you make it shine!”

**MORNING IN THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Kamir G. & Olakorede S.**

EVIE: Hey Alex, I slept for eight hours.

*(EVIE wakes up.)*

ALEX: Wow! That was a long nap.

EVIE: How do you feel?

ALEX: I feel hungry.

EVIE: What do you want to eat?

ALEX: I want to eat berries.

EVIE: Let's go! Come on Alex.

*(EVIE and ALEX go get berries.)*

ALEX: Yummy.

EVIE: Stop. Focus on picking berries.

**PLANTS VS. ZOMBIES**  
**Kamir G.**

There was a dark night and thousands of zombies were in town. There were thousands of plants in town. Zombies saw plants and plants saw zombies when they were friends at first when met. One zombie stopped on a plant purposefully. Then all of the plants wanted to have a fight with all the zombies.

**GRATITUDE FOR FOOD: SONG**  
**Kamir G.**

“I got bread and cheese  
Mac & cheese in the oven.”

“I got a burger and I got some milk,  
I like my food, aye, yeah.”

“I got some food, got a phone  
I'm grateful for my mom  
and of course, Pokémon.”

**BUENOS DIAS LONGHOUSE**  
**Violet G. & Dashelin A.**

MARIA: Me aqua de lebantar.  
BIANKY: Que bueno.  
MARIA: Bueno yo voy a pescar.  
BIANKY: Pero te voy a ayudar.  
MARIA: Cuando ven amos a limpia la casa.  
BIANKY: Yo voy a cosi narel pescado.  
MARIA: Okay.  
BIANKY: Vamos a em pesar.  
MARIA: Okay.  
BIANKY: Voy a salir de la casa a cosinar.  
MARIA: Y tu puedes a ser el pan.  
BIANKY: Y te acuerdas que tenemos que ser la dan sa.  
MARIA: Yeah, yo termine y tu.  
BIANKY: Cuando terminemos vamos a bailar.  
MARIA: Okay.  
BIANKY: Ya baymon abailar.  
MARIA: Terminamos de todo.

**GRATITUDE: SONG**  
**Dashelin A.**

“I’m grateful for my Mom  
Because she treats me like a princess  
Which makes me feel glad.”

“I’m grateful for my school because  
My teacher is cool.  
She taught me to read and not  
I’m doing good deeds.”

**FOLKTALE**  
**Violet G.**

Carlos and Lusía había una vez un perrito de la raza puppy que se podía deparillan pero also había un gatito muy pacheño que podía bolar. Un día en la noche Violet, Madison, Sharlyn todas ellas se serían eran mis amigas ellas venían de la escuela para su casa pero cuando estaban caminando se encontraron a Carlos el puppy que se podía desparillar siguen to a Lucía la gatita que podía bolar y cuando Lucía estaba corriendo para que Carlos no la oír para que se corrió Asia un árbol y comenzó a volar Asia la playa pero cuando llegó a la playa no sabía que allí estaba Carlos así como llaga y desparillándose pero also hipan llegando Violet, Madison, and Sharlyn cuando llegaron a la playa vieron a la gatita y al puppy abrazados.

**THE POWER TO LEARN: SONG**  
**Violet G.**

“You’re the person  
But I got the, I got the, I got the power  
You make rain  
But I’ll make it, I’ll make it, I’ll make it  
Shower!”

“You should know  
How grateful I feel  
For my Mama.”

*(Drops mic.)*

## TIFFANY THE PUPPY

Jada H.

Once upon a time there was a puppy named Tiffany. Tiffany wanted to dance at the circus. Tiffany started dancing on Facebook and Fortnite.

Tiffany got two thousand million views on Facebook and Fortnite. Tiffany became the most famous dancer puppy in the whole universe.

Tiffany's mother was named Marianne. Her mother was famous for singing like Beyoncé. Her father was named Matthew. And Matthew was famous for cooking. Tiffany lived in a mansion. Tiffany works for Mister Sassy Pants.

She gets paid more than her mansion rent and Tiffany loves to dance.

## **THE BEAR AND THE WOLF**

**Kendall J.**

Once upon a time there was a place named Animal World. There was a wolf that was fast, had sharp teeth, and a pretty fur color. It could talk.

The wolf said, "I am so, so hungry." So the wolf went to a river and had some fish, but was more hungry than before.

There was also a bear with sharp teeth, and pretty fur color but was not so fast and hungry like the wolf, so he went to get some berries. And meat.

They were both going to eat each other, but the wolf was fast.

## **HEARTS: SONG**

**Kendall J.**

"The trees, the planet, and all the animals,  
Tree, you get cut down  
for your wood."

"Plants you get eaten  
by other plants."

"Animals, we kill you for your fur and meat."

"The trees provide air for us to breathe,  
Thank you."

**PALM POEM**  
Sarai M.

Lines circles  
everywhere, looking  
at my ancestors  
in photos

thinking on me  
but not

wiggling myself  
a stranger's eye,  
has to be you  
that's who.

**HOW THE PENGUIN LOST HIS NECK**  
Sarai M.

It was snow storm season in the Arctic and Penguin was fishing for fish. Fox was the richest animal and the one thing he needed was Penguin's neck. The Spirit of Fixing (whose form was that of a snow bunny) was watching the penguin fish. Fox brought a tornado maker from the market. When he turned it on, the penguin went to it. Fox said, "Go through it, it will be fun." Penguin went through it. Penguin spun around and around and around. The penguin's neck started to fall off his body. When his neck fell off his body, Fox turned off the tornado maker and grabbed the neck and ran. The snow bunny stitched the penguin. The snow bunny kept Penguin safe for the rest of his life. Penguin said, "I, the penguin, will never go inside a tornado or trust an Arctic fox or any other fox ever again." The moral is to never trust a fox.

**LONGHOUSE FISHING**  
**Daniel M. & Dalvin R.**

YOERI: Bryan, wake up!

BRYAN: I just woke up. Leave me alone!

YOERI: Okay, I am going to shower.

BRYAN: I am going to cook some fish.

YOERI: Okay, I will be back.

*(BRYAN goes outside to fish.)*

YOERI: Okay, I finished showering.

YOERI: Did you catch a fish?

BRYAN: Yeah, I did catch five fish!

YOERI: Okay, we going to eat good tonight.

BRYAN: Okay.

**THE WOLF AND THE LION**  
**Daniel M.**

Once upon a time, a lion and a wolf were running.

A tiger looked at them running, and then started to chase them. The wolf and the lion looked back and started running faster because the tiger was chasing them. And then they looked right in front of them, for there was a bear.

The bear saved the lion and the wolf and when it went home, the bear came over to play.

**DOG**  
**Jaleek N.**

Once upon a time there was a dog that had magic powers. He killed the cat with his magic power.

Then he drank the potion. Then didn't have any more magic powers.

Then the cat family came to kill the dog, but they didn't. Then the dog drank some more potion to get his magic power back.

He then said sorry to the cat family for what he did.

The dog had more potion and he gave some to the cat so they could have magic power together.

**CHIWAWA**  
**Danielle N.**

Chiwawas are small because they were born small. Chiwawas are cute and small. They have small legs and small heads. They are smart and have paws. They have black, brown, and white fur. They have small tails and small necks.

Also, they have sharp teeth and bark. They have short ears and cute eyes. Also, they have fluffy fur and run fast.

**TOUGH LIFE: SONG**  
**Danielle N.**

“Life can be bad  
Just play the game,  
I try to make it work  
But I cannot change.”

“Zoom zoom baby,  
Never stop, oooo baby, I gotta stop!”

“It’s just life is just life  
Can’t trust nobody,  
But keep trying, no crying  
No playing, no tracking, keep flying.”

“It’s just my life, just my life, just my life,  
Keep track in school, don’t lack.”

“I need to get out of this dream  
Because I’m right at the seams,  
I’m glad for what I have  
Because it’s all that I’ve got.”

**“M”  
Harry P.**

My veins are in my fingers  
and they look  
like an M.

My veins are in my fingers  
sometimes they look like  
they linger  
like they could M forever;  
M will always be in my hand.

**HOW THE PANTHER TURNED INTO BLACK PANTHER: THE SPIRIT OF LIFE  
Harry P.**

Once upon a time there was a panther as bright as can be. One day, the Creator of Everything was working on an animal with big teeth, a long tail, and big body. This animal was called the crocodile.

The panther bothered the Creator while he was working. The Creator began to get angry and poured ink all over the panther. The panther was no longer bright. The Creator put claws on the panther so he could be scary and climb up trees.

The panther ran and was nowhere to be found.

Legends say if you get lucky, you'll find a black panther. But most of the time it's hiding in the dark. The lesson is to not bother somebody when they are working.

**FOLKTALE**  
**Dalvin R.**

A via una vez un gato y un perro que era amigos y fue ron a pasear y a un lago y estaban paseando e una canoa y el gato secado al gato del agua y lo jefa alaohrija y el perro je va al gato al hospital y el doctor. Le di que el gato estaba bien y cuando el gato salé on del hospital con el perro estaba bien y fueron a sus casas.

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**THE CHEETAH AND THE ANTELOPE**  
**Davaughn P.**

Once upon a time there was a cheetah that was boasting about his speed. "I am the fastest animal in the world," he said.

"Then why haven't you raced me?" said an antelope. "All you ever do is try to eat me."

"That's because I'm a predator," snapped the cheetah.

The next day Cheetah was still bragging. "No one will beat me in racing. I am the fastest animal in the world."

"Then let's race," said Antelope.

"On your mark, get set, go!"

Cheetah zoomed past Antelope and took a nap right after he ran one mile. Finally, when Cheetah woke up, Antelope had won the race.

"I am still the fastest animal in the world," said Cheetah.

Cheetah growled while the other animals laughed.

Cheetah ate the animals then he burped. BURP! Then he went to the jingle to be boastful again.

Then he was being boastful to a gorilla and the gorilla killed the cheetah!

**A VERY LONGHOUSE MORNING**  
**Jayvon R. & Jerron T.**

*(JASON wakes up.)*

JASON: That was a long nap.

MICHAEL: It was! We were asleep for three hours.

JASON: I'm going to get breakfast.

MICHAEL: Okay, can I come.

JASON: Sure.

MICHAEL: Thank you.

JASON: I'm cooking fish and bear.

MICHAEL: I'm going to play lacrosse.

*(JASONS's done with the food.)*

JASON: Food's done!

MICHAEL: Okay!

**THE CHEETAH**  
**Jayvon R.**

Once upon a time there was a cheetah who met an animal who was running from the tiger. The cheetah didn't know that the tiger set up a trap for him. Then the cheetah ran as fast as he could and got trapped. The tiger's family came to cook the cheetah, but while they were getting ready to eat him, the cheetah was trying to break out of the trap. He got out and ran as fast as he could. And the tigers never got him again and that is why the cheetah is so fast.

**THE HOPEFUL SONG**  
**Jayvon R.**

“Hopeful, yes I am  
Hopeful for today,  
Take this music and use it,  
It will take you away.  
Be hopeful, hopeful  
And you will make a way,  
I know you can.”

**DANCING LINE**  
**Jahda S.**

I see lines  
I see a number line  
I see a dancing line  
I see a finger print  
I see lines all over the place  
I see a line in the dark.

**MAGIC MIKE**  
**Jahda S.**

There once was a lion that had no teeth. Then there was this guy named Mike. He had long dreads and he could do anything.

A lion went to Mike and asked him if he could give him his teeth back, but there was another animal named Hawk Guy who had no ideas. The hawk got his eyes, but the lion did not get his teeth.

They had to do it later, so they made an appointment for 3:30 pm the next day.

The lion came to Mike at 3:30pm the next day. But he still had Hawk Guy from yesterday.

Then he finally finished with Hawk Guy and then he did the lion and it took him a long time to do the lion's teeth, but he was done with everybody.

## **EATING BOXES**

**Madyson T.**

In the store  
I saw a man  
be looked weird  
because he had a head band.

He had huge  
boxes of M&Ms  
and he loved to make  
groups of ten.

## **WOLF VS. CROCODILE**

**Madyson T.**

Once there was a world called Wonder World. This world was full of lots of animals and waters.

In this world there as a huge wolf. He had large spikes and a large brown and black tail and his name was King Zion. There was also a giant crocodile. He had a long body and blue spikes. His name was Giant James.

King Zion and Giant James were both looking for huge fish to feast on for breakfast. King Zion had found a huge, huge fish and so did Giant James, but when they both pulled the fish out from the water, Zion had the part of the head, and James had the tail, and they had the same fish fighting over it.

They kept pulling the fish back and forth until it fell and they just started fighting without the fish, but then James punched Zion and Zion got really mad.

Zion ate James even though he was so huge. But Zion's stomach was hurting and James and Zion were really close friends.

Zion learned from his mistakes. The moral is to be respectful of others.

## **THE PUPPY AND THE TURTLE**

**Nova W.**

Once upon a time there was a puppy and a turtle playing together. Puppy and Turtle had a race. Puppy ran across and still lost because he gave Turtle a head start. Then he started to run when turtle was at the finish. Puppy started to get mad and said, “Why did you cheat?”

Turtle said, “You gave me a head start! Then you started running when I crossed the finish line.”

Then Puppy said, “I don’t like liars, so I’m not your friend anymore, so BYE.”

Then Puppy and Turtle weren’t friends anymore. Puppy got mad at Turtle, (thanks to the Spirit of Speed).

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## **THE ANNOYING LIGER**

**Donheir P.**

Once upon a time there was an annoying liger. The liger didn’t have friends, but he wanted to be friends with Cat, but Liger couldn’t figure out how to be Cat’s friend. Until he got an idea to go to the Spirit of Judgement. As soon as he met the spirit, he said he wanted to be cute and fluffy.

The spirit told him if he wanted to be cute and fluffy he had to do three tasks. The first was to find a diamond in the ruby cave. The second was to make a hammer to break the diamond. The third was to climb to the top of Mount Everest and bury the diamond dust. Liger agreed.

Liger did the first two with ease, but the last was much harder. He tried and tried but never made it all the way up. He was so disappointed with himself. But he went back and told the Spirit of Judgement he couldn’t complete all three tasks. And so the Spirit of Judgement instead of making him cute and fluffy, made Liger huge and scary with huge teeth and sharp claws. When he went to confront Cat, Cat was freaked out and scared. Cat jumped then ran away from Liger. Liger didn’t know why until he looked in the water and saw himself. He was so angry he rawred with all his might. RRRRAAWWRR!

## UNICORNLAND Sharlin R.

Once there was a land called Unicornland where all unicorns have rainbow hair and the unicorns can fly.

There was this queen named Shablin. She also lived in unicorn land. She was the prettiest unicorn ever. And there was this land called Candy Land. They travelled with their beautiful wings to get food from Candy Land, but then there were three evil guard's but in unicorn land, there were fifty unicorns in all. Thirty went to Candy Land, twenty were guarding Unicorn Land.

The queen said, "Quick everyone, activate your powers!"

All the unicorns have powers. Using their sparkles, the unicorns fought the guards and they all got candy from Candy Land.

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## HOW THE CAT GOT INTERESTING AGAIN Carrington P.

Once upon a time there was a cat – the very first cat alive. She could talk. She could run as fast as a flash. She can stretch her tail all the way to space and make it short as a mouse. Once the cat got sick and passed away and made more cats, but the cats were boring. She was so curious. Why were the cats so boring? So she went to the Goddess and asked if they could bring her back to life. The Goddess said, "Why do you want to go back?"

"Because the cats are so boring nowadays."

So they brought her back and she made them more fun.

She was so proud and went back to heaven.

## TEAM ACHIEVERS

Christopher B.  
Melvin B.  
Noah C.  
Mekiel D.  
Kishawn E.  
Walter G.  
Jahiem L.  
Jaylen S.  
Steve T.

**TIME TO GET UP**  
**Christopher B.**

*(Morning in a longhouse. GEORGE enters.)*

GEORGE: Good morning, William.

WILLIAM: Don't good morning me. This longhouse is a mess.

GEORGE: First, let's go and plant some crops. Then I will help you clean up.

*(GEORGE and WILLIAM go outside and plant crops.)*

WILLIAM: I am helping you, but you need to help me clean up the house!

GEORGE: Okay! Okay! But I want to go to the Corn Festival!

WILLIAM: You're not going to any festival without cleaning this house. I'm tired of this!

GEORGE: But the festival starts in fifteen minutes. How am I going to clean the house that quickly?

WILLIAM: Too bad. You better hurry up quickly.

GEORGE: Okay, fine!

WILLIAM: That's what's up.

*(GEORGE grabs a stick and some leaves and starts cleaning.)*

**GRATITUDE: SONG**  
**Christopher B.**

"I'm grateful for having a mom  
I'm grateful to be safe from bombs,  
I'm grateful for having a dad  
I'm grateful for not being bad,  
I'm grateful to have a best friend  
And that's Ms. Braswell!"

"I love my mom, I love God  
and my dad  
and if everything is gone  
I will be sad  
and bad  
and now that's the end."

## HOW THE SNAKE GOT ONLY ONE LEG

Melvin B.

Once upon a time there was a lion and a snake who lived in a jungle. Back then, the snake used to have two legs. The lion and the snake were enemies who met in the jungle.

The snake poisoned the lion. The lion said, "Don't be mean to others because it will come back to you."

Some days later, the snake was in a cave. Rocks filled the cave and fell on the snake's leg. And that is how the snake came to have only one leg.

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## HOW THE ANT GOT TINY

Noah C.

Once there was the ant. He was the biggest animal in ever created. He thought he was the best in the whole wide world. He would make other animals do all his work.

One day the ant came across a rabbit. The ant told the rabbit he was better than him.

"I can build tunnels, what can you do?"

The rabbit said, "I can hop higher than you."

The ant did not care and walked away.

Every animal the ant came across he would tell them how great he was. All the animals were tired of hearing how great the ant was.

One day The Creator heard the ant boasting about his size. The Creator said, "You think you are the biggest?"

The Creator became so angered by the ant's boasting that he pushed the ant down to the ground, until the ant was no bigger than a pea.

From that day forward the ant had to do his own work. He learned to dig tunnels all by himself. He no longer boasted he was the best.

The Creator thought the ant had learned his lesson. So he created more ants. The ants now work together as a team digging tunnels.

## FISH UNDER THE SEA Mekiel D.

This folktale takes place under the sea. There once was a tuna fish, a star fish, and a shark spirit.

First the tuna fish swam past the star fish.

Next, the tuna fish bumped into the star fish. Then the star fish said, "Stop." But the tuna fish did it again.

The star fish said, "I'm going to tell my mom."

The star fish went and told his mom and his mom told the tuna fish to stop.

In the end the tuna fish stopped and said sorry.

The tuna fish bullied the star fish, making fun of it for not being able to move. The moral of the story is to stop bullying each other.

**ZEBRA LINES**  
**Kishawn E.**

Zebras have  
lines on  
their backs.

Zebras can run  
very fast.

My palm  
looks a little  
pink.

**QUEEN WIDOW**  
**Kishawn E.**

Once upon a time there was a queen black widow called Queen Widow. She liked to eat everything like beetles, flies, worms, butterflies, but her favorite food of all was tranchala hawk.

She could not wait to eat, so she sent her minions to go catch her a tranchala hawk. But there was one thing she did not know: tranchala hawk's favorite snack was black widows.

Her minions went off to Sunflower Lane. They found one in a sunflower. It was a tranchala hawk, and it was looking for a tasty snack in the sunflower.

He spotted Queen Widow's minions and swooped down to bite one of the minions, but he missed. Then they all ran back as fast they could run. When they finally made it back to Widow's cave, they told Queen Widow what happened, but it was too late. The tranchala hawk was there. He had made it to the Queen's thrown where her and her minions were.

**DIAMOND PICKAXE**  
**Walter G. & Jaylen S.**

*(Early morning in a longhouse.)*

*(JOE walks in to the longhouse with a diamond pickaxe.)*

JOE: Hi, get up.

AIDEN: Good morning.

JOE: Can you just get up now, so we can mine some stone and oak wood?

AIDEN: No, can you give me five more minutes?

JOE: Fine, you can have five more minutes. But just hurry up.

AIDEN: Can you give me corn, please?

JOE: Fine. Here's your corn.

*(AIDEN eats the corn.)*

JOE: Now come on, so we can cut down some trees and hunt some animals.

AIDEN: Deer, turkey, beaver.

JOE: And after that we can cut down trees.

AIDEN: For the Harvest Festival.

JOE: No, that's tomorrow.

AIDEN: Joe, can we go to sleep?

JOE: No!

*(AIDEN gets out of bed.)*

JOE: Okay, let's get going.

AIDEN: Can we kill ducks and cut down trees?

JOE: Yes, that's what I was saying, Aiden.

*(AIDEN and JOE cut down trees.)*

JOE: Here, hold these logs, Aiden.

**OUTSIDE THE LONGHOUSE**  
**Jahiem L. & Noah C.**

*(Outside the longhouse, JOEY comes across BEAR.)*

JOEY: Hi Bear.

BEAR: Hi Joey.

JOEY: You want to play?

BEAR: I'm too tired. Maybe tomorrow?

JOEY: Okay.

*(JOEY waits until the next day.)*

JOEY: Hi Bear. Are you hungry? Let's go hunt for food to cook.

BEAR: Yes.

JOEY: Let's go. Bear, do you want honey?

BEAR: Yes!

JOEY: Bear, do you want to hear a joke?

BEAR: Yes.

JOEY: I need help with the honey, but I can *bearly* reach it!

BEAR: Stop.

JOEY: Why Bear? Wait, Bear, I hear music.

BEAR: Me too.

JOEY: Let's go see what it is.

BEAR: No, Joe.

JOEY: Yes, let's go now.

BEAR: Go where?

JOEY: To the Corn Festival.

BEAR: I heard they have the best corn.

JOEY: Did you know they have games like who can chop down the most trees?

BEAR: I bet I will win.

JOEY: I bet I will. I am the best at chopping wood.

BEAR: I doubt that.

JOEY: Let's go find out who will win.

**ANGRY VEINS**  
Jaylen S.

Every time I  
get mad  
my veins

Start to  
pop out and  
my hands

Start to get  
red when I  
get mad.

**PANTHER & LION**  
Jaylen S.

Once upon a time there was a black panther and a mountain lion. They lived in the woods.

One day they were playing tag with each other. Then they went to the board shop. A Hunter Spirit appeared.

“I’m going to get you,” the Hunter Spirit said.

The black panther didn’t want to get caught. He was afraid of the Hunter Spirit. So he said, “Go get that mountain lion.”

The mountain lion hated black panther for doing this. He felt betrayed. They weren’t friends any more. Each of them got new friends.

ROCA & STARBOY  
Steve T. & Mekiel D.

ROCA: *(screaming)* Wake up!

STARBOY: I am up!

*(STARBOY sits up.)*

ROCA: Let's go plant corn, beans, and squash.

STARBOY: After that, let's go hunt for wolves.

ROCA: Okay.

STARBOY: Let's go.

*(Off they go.)*

ROCA: I found a wolf.

STARBOY: Do you want the ax? The arrowhead?

ROCA: Yes, please.

STARBOY: Okay.

*(STARBOY runs in to the longhouse.)*

ROCA: Hurry up.

STARBOY: Got it.

*(He gives it to ROCA.)*

ROCA: I got him.

*(They both walk back to the longhouse.)*

STARBOY: I finished cooking the wolf.

ROCA: Finally.

BOTH: Yum.

STARBOY: *(yawning)* I'm tired.

ROCA: It's only 6 o'clock. But I'm tired too. *(yawns)*

BOTH: Let's go to the longhouse.

*(They both go to sleep.)*