## PS 188Q Now I Will Tell You...

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#### Introduction

"I have a voice, my voice is powerful, my voice can change the world." This is the mantra that began every session this year and what a year it has been. The students and faculty at PS188Q this year were a consistent delight during a time in which the world has become less delightful than we all would have liked. This year we deepened our exploration of the world in which we live, while also exploring our own personal landscapes. We were inspired by and in conversation with a diverse range of poets such as Frank O'Hara, Gwendolyn Brooks, Shirley Geok-Lin Lim, Ross Gay, Gloria Fuertes, Edward Hirsch, Ishle Yi Park, Dylan Thomas, and Wallace Stevens. We exercised our imagination using a wide array of poetic tools – repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia, imagery, simile, metaphor, personification, rhyme, and syntax. We wrote deeply autobiographical poems, sharing delectable pieces of ourselves such as memories, obsessions, and fears. We worked together to create sonnets and villanelles and lunes (I love the word *lune*). Even as we transitioned from meeting in person to meeting virtually, we continued to read and write – playfully, diligently - together. We wrote and wrote – the way writers do. PS188Q is a school that is unflappable in its journey towards greater knowledge and joy. Thank you Mr. Carneiro, Ms. DiFilippi, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Politidis, and Ms. Wingenfeld for welcoming me into your classrooms, both live and online. Thank you Principal Caraisco for your continued support of this residency, even with the challenges of moving to virtual learning. And of course, a warm, enormous, and sloppy thank you to the Third and Fourth Grade Gifted and Talented students of PS188Q for your hard work, dedication and joy throughout this year. Thank you for remaining joyful, for continuing to be excited by things like dogs, cats, bananas, nature, music, friends, potatoes and basketball (among many, many other things). Thank you for reminding me how fun the world can be. You are so powerful and you will change the world.

Sincerely, Amina Henry

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#### Recipe #1 for Bliss Ms. Garcia, Mr. Politidis and Ms. Wingenfeld's Classes

First, chop up your phone into tiny little pieces. Place the pieces in a bowl.

Add powdered sugar. Set bowl aside.

Take your tv and beat it gently. Add it to the bowl with the phone.

Add more sugar and love, lots of love, brown and pink gooey love.

Pour in the first bite of your mom's cooking.

Cut money into large squares and add that as well.

Take your family and place them gently on the green grass.

Sing Christmas songs, loudly, or any other songs that come to mind.

Whisk a deck of cards, then play cards for as long as you're having fun.

Give your family as much pizza as they want, and cherry tomatoes, and all sorts of cookies. Also, fruit.

Oranges, apples, pears, mangos, bananas, plums.

This should be a feast.

The world is now your bed.

When you are all full, maybe sleep or play a prank or two.

Simmer in the sun like a red plant. Dream about whisking cats, lots and lots of cats. Remember the time

you went to Pesos with friends and laugh to yourself.

Consider all of the pets you have or might want in the future.

Preheat poetry.

Bake your bike in a Minecraft oven. It should melt like milk chocolate in a warm pocket.

When it starts to smell like positive vibes, remove from the oven to cool in the air.

Crumble the feel of a dog's fur over everything. Make sure that the dog is the cutest puppy in the world.

Go fishing and read  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of a book.

Harry Potter works well, but any beloved book will work.

Finally, play with all of your friends on a playground on a sunny day.

Laughter is encouraged.

Roller skating, snowboarding, basketball, ice skating, bike riding, volleyball, are optional garnishes. Whatever you like. Have fun.

Some people like to add video games for texture and sweetness, but this is not required.

This recipe works best in winter or in summer, but really it can be whenever you need it. It should taste like happiness.

#### Recipe #2 for Bliss Mr. Carneiro and Ms. DiFilippi's Classes

First. relax. Be very, very calm. Dream of a world without COVID-19. Wheee! Dig a hole and bury the virus deep in the ground. Chop up some bananas and blessings and toss them in a blender. Sift four or five clouds into the mixture. Sprinkle on a little light rain, cover and listen to the whirrr. Add ½ cup of salty waves and 4 teaspoons of wind. Set aside. Because black is cool, put some in a bowl, with red, purple, teal and neon orange. Add a large slice of the ocean, golden sunshine, eggs, and lots of flour. Peel the sun. Bounce a basketball. Play a game with Kobe Bryant in a sky that looks like water with many colors. Add sushi, two snakes, a few cats and stars. Pour in a cup of sleeping sloths. Don't wake them. Pre-heat your pants while watching the Cartoon Network. (Nickelodeon works just as well.) After adding a little yeast, use your fingers to roll and shape your dough into: penguins, koalas, and pandas. Make art. Enjoy emojis. Draw sheep and llamas. After learning about Greek mythology, create your own myth. Cut the world into squares and visit each square. Take an airplane to see this square world. Add potatoes. Real ones. Lots and lots of potatoes. Add a little snow powder, enough for a snowman or a snowball fight. Cover the whole thing with God's smile. Then dance on a beach with Jesus in Greece or Japan or South Korea or Taiwan. Eat ice cream or a Big Mac while in nature. Put inside of a video game. Sip on a gallon of WiFi while listening to a musical meditation. Go skiing or watch anime. Speak different-colored languages. Laugh. After a while, fold in a soccer ball. Bake until it smells like summer rain. You'll know it's done when the golden retrievers, Alaskan Klee Kais and Motion Mountain dogs sing. It should tingle like Disney World when it touches your tongue. Let it sit until the end of the Spy School book series. Garnish with Pusheen, a bootiful, chubby cat. Share with loved ones while on a trip to California. Or anywhere. It should taste like peace and pizza and sleep, although occasionally it tastes like cake. It goes well with a *Harry Potter* book or a generous helping of yeets and yays. Some people like it with a few math games, so you can try that as well.

## Ode to Earth #1 Ms. Garcia & Ms. Wingenfeld's Classes

Oh, Earth

You beautiful bowling ball You are a cuddly blue pearl A water balloon that breathes oxygen A sweet and juicy melon A beautiful painting of life Your oceans are a soup The best ice cream We love to stare at your sleepy trees and play in your outside while nature sings The commotion of life is welcome It is a magic jewel that we can hear Your eyeball sees fire, water, love and all of the places that hum with busy, chatting people Hum with poetry and bees and family Inside the center of your marble are donuts and people singing We love your messed-up smiling face We love your beds and cupcakes Your oxygen and your kitties Inside of you, we can play with our IPADS Play with our electronics Annoy our sisters And travel to: Korea, Hong Kong, Japan Game Palace, Maryland New York City and the Philippines and Disney feeling happiness and sadness

Because of you we can read and chew bacon We can go to China, Italy, Hawaii, Romania, Aruba or Bermuda breathing the oxygen and eating noodles You make us happy happy And we want to protect your big heart You have all the aunties And all the bees And all the books, especially Harry Potter Your plate is always full And we love you, You deflated soccer ball You neon watermelon You're so fun! Without you No Nintendo or poetry or yummy cuddles No YouTube or penguins No Mexico No seafood or seaweed or eggs No culture or family No school or pandas No otters or unicorns No water or life We don't want to ever leave this Minecraft

## Ode to Earth #2 Ms. DiFilippi & Mr. Carneiro's Classes

Oh, Earth You are the ultimate snowglobe with your orchid cheeks LegoLand nose and emoji clouds There are not enough libraries or memes or bittersweet words to describe vour ice cream beaches your Skittle rainforests or the taste of your sushi ocean There are so many silly, cute things in you you Hershey kiss planet Such diversity Such technology Such palm trees! We love your candy and your cheese your gouache waters your cookie sun your many cultures and ways of life You are the best marble in the universe A beach ball of creativity A golf ball mother Volley ball of life Your animals - pandas, dolphins, quokkas and dogs are the wonders of the universe Your blooming flowers are sorbet Your rain like crystal jewels Your periodic table like gold We sit in your colorful painting and feel freedom in all of your spaces: Alaska, Taiwan, Korea Canada, Niagra Falls, Athens Disneyland, Harry Potter World, the Caribbean Universal Studios, Cancun, New York City And the places where it snows We want to play soccer with your Paris mountains and sleep in your caves We want to eat Twix forever in your waterparks go bowling in Miami dance with Pokemon

in Europe and Alaska We want to listen to the calm sound of your water music Without you, no books or agriculture No video games No tigers or Alaskan Klee Kais No basketball What would we do without YouTube Or sawfish Or school Or words You are the best Minecraft creation of God and Jesus and Buddha and science A home for all of the redwoods and families Because of you, we believe in imagination And magic You are the breath and diamond of nature With your oceans of hope and bursts of living things You make us want to make memories make music make math and yeet out to the universe Oh, pretty planet, you are the best myth An awesome golden-striped adventure You are what dreams are made of You are our favorite TikTok

#### Found Poem #1 Ms. Garcia & Ms. Wingenfeld's Classes

A poem is a smart sorcerer in a great sky glass elevator in a dainty China country A trustworthy bear alien You know who He obliviates things, but propagates infinity Here I am! Yummy: rain cupcakes Haha: gob stones Healing word: bees Wisdom: Follow your heart Simple sweetness

## Found Poem #2 Mr. Carneiro & Ms. DiFilippi's Classes

To be writers open shining eyes Build your ghost ship while chewing on a chicken Set sail for your adventure Weee! You are brave wolves with golden eyes and horses and furry mice racing the moon Sea wings lie at the base of an angel To unlock the white glow of the clouded moon dance under a thick blanket Beat drums wildly Yeah! Dream big, not small Don't let the icicle cat catch you Chew on a stinging nettle with tears of happiness, giggling If you give up you'll never know what comes next Give us a raspberry sorbet thingamagiggy, whispers long and sleek, super secret potato business and ripe plums Fill our heads with interesting stuff Teach us something crazy, please

Mr. Carneiro's 4th-Grade Class

**Thehan Abeyweera Ethan Chan Preston Chang Justin Cheung Everett Clark** Chloe Deng **Timony Eng** Brandon Gaetan Austin Gao Abigail Gilbert **Brandon Henderson** Sarah Hersh **Hunter Kang** Taha Karim **Noelle Kong** Sean Lee Azalea Li Elenor Li Dean Lin **Evelyn Mui** Gordon Ngai Ethan Ngo Ahmet Ozmen Sumedha Pillai Jonathan Richman Jade Swei Alice Wang **Aaron Weisser** Janice Zhang Muya Zhou

#### **Class Poems**

Oh! Hamsters, pajamas, sodas! You really are awesome! Earrings, violins, Smarties, Skittles Yeet! They are with us every day. They have meaning. They're soft as pillows.

#### School

Because we get to hang out with friends Because we eat chicken for lunch Because we get to play basketball at recess Because the teachers are nice Because we get to go on cool trips like to the Native American Museum

#### PS188Q Sonnet

It's April or March or June and the wind blows Blue, orange, black, yellow and white The brown doors open and close, open and close In kindergarten, boys and girls sometimes fight Teachers give out raffles and toys We all play kickball and basketball Somebody sits on the rocking chair and makes a rocking noise Mr. Carneiro's "dad" calls and Mr. Bruno dances and Ms. Hoey dabs in the hall In the yard, a worm and a rolly poly fight to the death We play jeopardy in the class and sing a Christmas song We meet friends with our every breath We listen to top hit songs all day long In higher grades, sometimes there's a little violence but for one second, there is a "yeet" and then blissful silence

#### **Group Poems**

## Childhood Sonnet Abigail G., Brandon H., Sarah H. and Hunter K.

Childhood is sadness in the dark All alone in a hammock He was bullied at the park He is in a calm panic

Poor Jimmy was swinging on the swing And then he started shooting hoops He was punched by Yao Ming And his head was in loops

Crying home all the way It seemed like 200 billion miles to go His mom asked if he was okay He said he had to stay low

Jimmy woke up to pancakes with whipped cream He realized it was all just a dream

## Childhood Sonnet Elenor L., Dean L. and Gordon N.

One girl is hiding They are in a town One boy is climbing And another is going down

Some kids are playing Most of them are on the top Two kids are fighting One wants to drop

There are two big pillars And one big door They are having a few thrillers One is standing on the floor

There is graffiti on the wall They are all having a brawl!

#### Thehan Abeyweera Harry Potter flows through my veins.

Oh! Bubble tea, console games and burritos You are amazing! You bring VR to life, you fill my tummy with your cold mixture and you, my burritos, feed my taste buds Dab! They are with us every day! They always have meaning in life These items are fascinating like the parts of a robot put together!

#### Now

Now I will tell you About the time I played Laser tag for the first time The laser pulsed onto my chest and it was Raining tears from my eyes when I saw that I was a boat sinking in points

Then I will tell you about The time the Allies tricked Nazis with Inflatables - tanks - to win D-Day

I am a falcon I jump on new subjects And learn them in just a snap

## Baseball

Racing through the field wind blowing against my face I crossed someone like a train going through a tunnel putting them right in the thunder zone by his teammates going for a shot the ball flew like a falcon soaring through the sky the ball sliding through his fingertips and going straight for the goal

## Tree

He stands tall and proud Untouched by the wind All the branches, like the hands Reaching for the sky The age of the tree blows everyone Older than me and my mom It's bark getting more brown as time passes by

The trees are the next generation of the army Standing strong against the wind Strong and sturdy as a wall

As of now it's still here waiting for quarantine to pass Waiting outside for the children to interact with it Who knows what the tree has gone through

The tree like a big chocolate bar Sometimes dark chocolate The roots are the chocolate syrup going through the ground

Since how old it is the mysteries will never be known Did this tree get shot by a bullet or meet a president? Also how the tree stands there no matter what If a rainy storm comes all I can hear is "whoosh, swish" from the tree branches

It is still there bravely

Sometimes I think the tree is a squid with its tentacle roots reaching through the ground The only thing that puts this thought aside is

the tree has a dark coat of brown on the trunk

Every time I see this tree it makes me feel bad Since imagine how many storms he has been through while we were cozy inside Sometimes you have to think we should be grateful for what we have and trees don't have

#### Ethan Chan I can shoot a free throw.

Oh! Fortnite, Packaxe, Chug Jug! You all help me a lot! Hoodies, CS, Kit Kats Yeet, yeet, I'm a sheep They all have a meaning. They're rock hard like Dwayne Johnson

Oh! Fanta, Sprite, ginger ale They all give a sugar rush Mining, fighting, fishing They all help quite a lot

#### Now

Now I will tell you that when I went to Mexico I saw so many colors I saw blue, green and lots more! I heard the ocean roaring And planes were soaring

Then I will tell you How Mayan basketball players will cut off the leader's head if they win so they can play the next game!

Even though I'm not so tall I am good at basketball And I can shoot anything

## Helping

Because he was lonely Because he was new Because he was Chinese Because he had a unique name Because no one knew him I helped him and he is now my friend!

## **Basketball Villanelle**

A basketball is quite a thing It makes a satisfying sound It can even make you sing

The whistle makes a spa-ding A basketball is orange and round A basketball is quite a thing

Basketball is always best in the spring Some play rough as hounds It can even make you sing

One the court, one is king The ball is about a pound A basketball is quite a thing

The shoes act like the players' bling The rim is shiny and round It can even make you sing

Defense is just a thing There's a game where you go around A basketball is quite a thing It can even make you sing

## Phoebe Chang I love my pet hamster, Bob.

#### **Niagara Falls**

Because of the lights at night Because of the rushing water Because of the boats sailing down it Because of the fireworks Because of the hotels near it I like Niagara Falls

Oh! Books, friends, TV You are great But what's better is family, food, beaches You are almost always with me! They have meaning. They are as great as food!

## Bob

As my mom asked me, Are you sure? we drove to PetCo

I wanted a hamster, not too big, not too fluffy

My mom questioned an employee who pulled the perfect hamster from bedding

Not too big, not too fluffy, like I wanted

Best of all, he was chill, the nicest hamster there

That's how I ended up with Bob

#### Hamster Villanelle

My hamster was a fluffy ball He made everyone smile He was better than them all

Bob was short; he wasn't tall He chased sadness away for a while My hamster was a fluffy ball

I didn't buy him at the mall He never touched the kitchen tile He was better than them all

Squeak! Squeak! Squeak! was his hamster call He was very agile My hamster was a fluffy ball

He liked to hide in my mother's shawl Nobody challenged him to a hamster trial He was better than them all

I would never let him fall My hamster never ran a mile My hamster was a fluffy ball He was better than them all

#### Lune for the Letter M

Climb the mountain. Oh no, I will fall! Don't fall. Climb.

## Preston Chang Play game, I'm dead, this sucks.

#### Now

I went to my friend's home for Thanksgiving We played and played Then we ate the yummy dinner Then I started feeling bad Then I barfed on the road Then I went home

Native Americans were smart They invented sports They made a government And they made lots of stuff that we use now

I am a TNT because I explode and I have many, many memes

## Rage!

Rage is arguing in a Chinese accent Rage is serving a weird fat guy Rage is like a fat guy eating all your work Rage is when there are people that are better than you Rage is no rights

## Secret Hideout

My hideout is in a chicken I dab inside I use a teleporter to get in it My sister comes by it It shoots explosive eggs at her I eat pizza there I also play games inside If I want to raid area 51 The chicken explodes it And while I watch memes It smells like fresh memes

## Sheep Villanelle

Sheep are fluffy clouds filled with joy Calm and gentle As swift as silver coy

They make me feel like a one year old boy Soft and gentle I named this one Roy

And I named a baby one Troy Calm and gentle They make me say "Hoy!"

And if a wolf comes, I say, "Mo gao chio!" Soft and gentle They don't really destroy

They make me laugh, hoi hoi hoi On a ship's ahoy Soft and gentle They're something I enjoy

## Banana

The banana is as colorful as a rainbow moving all around and as yellow as the sun

The banana's bright color means a lot during this dark time It means a good day and a happy one too

I've eaten a lot in my life; they are delicious So sweet and tasty and there are still a lot

They smell so good They look so good and they taste DELICIOUS!!!

## Justin Cheung I'm really nothing without Season 4

#### The Dive

As I got ready to dive I suddenly felt something

A feeling, a bad one and I was scared at the moment

And I almost didn't Hear the guy say GO but

In a matter of milliseconds I dived It was almost like I dropped through glass and

I felt a hard boom as I fell In, suddenly forgetting to climb

Out of the pool only to Do the same thing over again

#### The Bars

As I jumped on to the cold Metal bar I felt a shiver

A very bad shiver, as I started Moving forward and I kept losing

My grip, slipping and falling Halfway there but it felt

Like forever before I got There and I as I heard the

Wind blowing, blinking Softly, I jumped on

To the platform Of the playground

#### **Electronics Villanelle**

Poetry is electronics surfing Playing video games at night Playing video games in the morning

Poetry isn't allowed in the morning It's allowed in the night Poetry is electronics surfing

It's hot when it's the morning I feel despair without it and that's not right Playing video games in the morning

Only when life is really boring I re-watch *Stranger Things* season 3 in the morning Poetry is electronics surfing

When I ask my mom, she's ignoring Life is very sad; that ain't right Playing video games in the morning

It's very fun when I'm allowed to be playing And she says she might Poetry is electronics surfing Playing video games in the morning

# Everett Clark I must have a mansion!!! Immediately!!!

Oh! Red pandas, pajamas, brisk iced tea You are very great Electrical gadgets, gummy bears, video games You are my favorite things

## Now

Now I will tell you About the time I went to Kalahari I went to the arcade and spun the wheel Then I stopped it It spun slowly and it stopped and I got a BONUS!

Then I will tell you that Native Americans served the people Slaves were adopted or killed and They were always at war

My life is a window to another world

## Sun Villanelle

Without the sun, I would be dead It lights up the world Without it, I would be filled with dread

When the sun went down, I went to bed In the morning, a bully punched me in the face and I'm swirled Without the sun, I would be dead

Good morning, the sun said I belly flopped on the floor and I curled Without it, I would be filled with dread

When I got to school, I met someone named Ted On a hot summer day, I felt that the sun hurled heat at me, hurled hurled hurled! Without the sun, I would be dead

The sun is so powerful, it can melt even lead Again I got punched in the face and this time I curled Without it, I would be filled with dread

Dead, dead, dead, I will not be dead I really like the world Without the sun, I would be dead Without it, I would be filled with dread

#### Chloe Deng I never get bored of books.

#### The Home I Will Always Love and Remember

Because my family is here Because I can have a hug as warm as hot chocolate Whenever I want Because I play here, I read here, I sleep here and I eat here Because of its laptops, i-phones, i-pads and our gigantic tv Because of the love I feel the moment I first step into my house Because it is my home

#### Now

Now I will tell you Of the time I went to Maine and ate lobsters We ate them for three days Every day it would taste a tiny bit worse Because I was bored of it From the very first day By the second day, I didn't want to see The bright red of the cooked up Maine lobsters

Then I will tell you that Native Americans were pretty smart Just like you and me They learned to survive when America Was still mostly green

I am a noodle For I am underweight 28 percent, the doctor told me At my yearly check-up

#### Surfing, Kinda

It was my first time surfing, well, actually, just laying on the flat rainbow-colored board, kinda,

with my mom at my side, we waddle forward, Against the tiny waves of the turquoise-colored

ocean, we are far from the beach, With grains of golden sand,

A big wave rushes forward and then

within a second

PLOP, I land in the whispering Waters, my face drenched with

the salty water and I swim to the surface and breathe in

The warm air filled with sunshine and I get back onto the board

## Birds

There are so many The colors of the rainbow and more Flapping their wings at dawn

Their beauty awestrikes me Each one of them are different from another

Robins, ducks, blue birds and more How can there be so many of them? I ask myself Yet all are branches of the same tree

They all might be different from another But at the end of day, they are the same Let the day end with these birds flying peacefully

Red, blue, green black They are all beauties to behold What would the world be without them?

Birds greet the sun making a sign of dawn The job of the birds

A broken bone, I think, is like a broken wing Neither beneficial

A bird flapping its wings, Is it like a human walking? Will it get tired flying?

## Timothy Eng Pizza is always the best food.

#### **Bamboo Plant**

Sitting there just like a rock not being moved. Like it would not move. Like there is no way of touching it. Just bamboo in a vase

> but it is way more. Why is it there? Near computers a spell is cast on it may never spill on the computers. It is calm not being touched like a room with no one disturbing you.

It reminds me when I am alone like the world stopped the room as silent as space. As the air blows a rhythm on the plant it creates a song but soon the player leaves to cause rain to fall. It is calm like a person meditating. Not being distracted from anything. Just slowly rippling when the table is pushed like a bird's flight.

It slowly sways with the cool wind that brings the freshness it needs. Even when the wind is gone the bright sun still shines. No need for water because a vase with water, just still a bamboo plant and KABOOM! That's what you get.

Through all the pushes of the table it is still able to not slip or fall. Through lots of yells and cries not even a single scratch it is protected walls.

It's been here since we moved in. It was in our living room until we got a table and put it right here.

I'm pretty sure it got cut down because it is as short as a

cat.

#### Brandon Gaetan Roblox always leaves me very joyful!

Oh! Roblox, My Hero Academia, Pokemon You really are cool! Cheetahs, dragons, Deadmaus 5, Skittles Yeet! They are with us every day They have meaning. They're as cool as sunglasses.

#### Now

Now I will tell you how when I First went to Korea I went by plane and found a beautiful place For me, mom, and dad I saw things in beautiful colors and shapes And smelled new, wonderful things

Then I will tell you that Jackie Robinson became a very Famous baseball player

Though I am 9, I am very intelligent and I am a graceful swimmer; I am a dolphin

#### Basketball

The timer starts as the orange blur flies through the

Net and scores points and my teammate explodes when

He is scoring a bunch of points, he's on fire all right

and soon the timer stops and we win by 34 exploding points.

#### Joy

Today I felt joy watching all those people accomplishing their goals full of yellow and pink feelings jumping up and down everywhere, nonstop, feeling a blazing, happy feeling Joy said, *You're doing great* It is an amazing feeling that I felt

#### **Basketball Villanelle**

Basketball is an orange blur With a satisfying crossover wave Bumping into someone like a raging disaster

Falling though the net like a soft purr The audience falls silent like a grave Basketball is an orange blur

The players make the air stir With all the people daring and brave Bumping into someone like a raging disaster

As the coaches say, "Sure!" And the benches are a man cave Basketball is an orange blur

With unexpected things that occur Basketball heroes save Bumping into someone like a raging disaster

With the super power of the Spurs And the audience cheering for Dave Basketball is an orange blur Bumping into someone like a raging disaster

Lune for the Letter O A speeding basketball! As cool as a dragon! At supersonic speed!

A glistening moon Powering against the deepest darkness As it shines

#### Austin Gao Chess, life: can they be alike?

Oh, chess, YouTube, Roblox, Fortnite You're really awesome! Fried rice, chicken, flute, Naruto, Yoink They're with you every day They have meaning They're hard as rocks

#### Now

Now I will tell you about Fortnite And that I chatted with my friends And that I stole their climations I won almost every game

Then I will tell you that A US soldier coughed up a bullet 60 years after the Civil War

I am a sweet fruit that cares about others

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is in the midst of the wind I use my imagination to get there When danger approaches, he sends me off to safety When I sleep, he rocks me to sleep When I call my friends, he shushes He brings me to places I've never been before

## Lune for the Letter X

Two swords fight They fight without any mercy They clash loudly

#### **Family Villanelle**

Family is grand Family is a fluffy rug Family is the softest sand

Family like soft sand Family is a giant hug Family is grand

Family is a soft band Family is better than a cardboard cat or bug Family is the softest sand

Family is better than pasta, canned My family is a commercial plug Family is grand

Family is a wide stretch of land Family is better than bugs Family is the softest sand

The bond is stranger than a rubber band Everyone in my family, we all shrug Family is grand Family is the softest sand

## Abigail Gilbert Pages filled with words turn silently.

## Fall

Oh, fall! You are splendid because of your bright, amber leaves Because of your cool breeze that blows worries away Because of pumpkin pie and Thanksgiving Because of Halloween frights and treats Because of comfy sweaters and fuzzy Uggs Fall, you are the most special of all

## Now

Now I will tell you About the big beautiful horses On the wood chip path I tightened the helmet with the black scroll and A man hauled me onto a golden horse With a long, white mane I heard the clicking and tapping Of shiny hooves against the ground We rode for one hour and I enjoyed every moment

Then I will tell you about global warming And that we must save our earth While we can

I am a window Always open to try new things Looking at the view from up high Admiring nature and our precious home A new perspective Always

## Because

Because it was precious Because it was shining in the moonlight Because it was the holiday season Because of the loud crash And because it was nobody's fault but mine I felt a knot in my stomach Because of the consequences I knew would come next I tenderly picked up the glass ornament and told my mother

## Zipline

I felt the sharp start as I kicked the stand And brought my feet to the well gripped pedals

My muscles tightened As trees zipped past my eyes

And as I leaned forward I felt the cool breeze

My feet turned at the speed of light When I halted to a stop

## Nature Villanelle

Nature is the key Bright green in every sight Feeling calm, I close my eyes to see

A baby bird chirps in the tree There, a quiet flock in flight Nature is the key

A fragrance filled with glee And this is why I write Feeling calm, I close my eyes to see

I'll do whatever you plea And run like wild, I might Nature is the key

Dew drops glisten on a lily Soaring like a kite Feeling calm, I close my eyes to see

A big and happy family The sun is their only light Nature is the key Feeling calm, I close my eyes to see

Lune for the Letter O A quiet moon

On a dark indigo night The last light

#### Brandon Henderson Curry breaks your ankles and one.

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my free throw point at my first game There was so much pressure The score was 22 to 16 I threw the ball to the hoop and the score was 23 to 16 We won!

Then I'll tell you that if you were buried alive you could ring the bell from your salty coffin

I am an all-star!

The Fast Break As I run up the court with no one defending me

and the ball soaring in the air gracefully

the ball comes into my hands and I put it up

The ball takes one bounce of the backboard and swish!

#### Sadness

Sadness is walking slowly in the Freezing cold air, wearing the

Saddest suit ever, knocking on Each door, trying to find a home

Sadness says, "We'll have to Try again later."

**My Secret Hideout** My hideout is on the moon where I bounce gracefully and calmly up and down and up again - woo hoo!

The earth is so far away but so close! The earth looks so small it can fit in my hand as a surprising souvenir!

My brother and friends come in spaceship of their own We play catch with a baseball but it is slow as a snail slow but satisfying! The day is over, down goes the sun but another day comes with so much more fun!

## **Baseball Villanelle**

A baseball is a dirty meteor coming to me It's a bomb over the left field wall It went further than the eye can see

We crushed the other team so they flee As the ball is about to fall A baseball is a dirty meteor coming to me

The ball wandered as if it was free The ump called, "Goodbye, baseball" It went further than the eye can see

It was like a perfect lock and key The feel was like feeling better after a pass A baseball is a dirty meteor coming to me

The other team felt like they were stung by a bee The batter gave it his all It went further than the eye can see

Baseballs are fun when you hit them off the tee Anyone can play, short or tall A baseball is a dirty meteor coming to me It went further than the eye can see

## Sarah Hersh I have dreams, but they're real.

day

## The Mystery Bag

The day I lost my bag was the saddest day of my

life because all of my things were in there and I was gonna be late for

school and how can this day get any WORSE, UGH, I say

But then my bag appeared and I was happy as a clam!

## Now

Now I will tell you of how I saw a puppy being born When it came out of its embryo we claimed her as our dog Right out of her mom we had "Leia"

Then I'll tell you how money is made: It prints out and people steal it

I am a closet that does not open... I have secrets...

## My Furry Pet

It was on a summer afternoon that we came home with our fluffy, furry new dog Cute little Leia loves to play catch, and is very friendly

The color of her fur is that of a graham cracker

Little Leia brings joy to us everyday But she can be naughty and stubborn too In these times, I'm very lucky to have her

Leia's soft fur always reminds me of warm hugs and cuddling My fondest memory of little Leia is her licking my dad's bald head When I think of my dog, I remember her jumping into our arms the day we met her

These days, Leia is very lazy and bored She is always so eager to go outside once in a while She likes to sleep a lot, sometimes the whole

One thing that I love about Leia is her stubbly brown tail It reminds of a weightless feather

It looks so cute when she wags it

The most interesting thing about little Leia Is a small patch of white fur on her chest It reminds me of a blanket of snow

Leia's soft kisses on my cheek Are like a velvety blanket across my face To me, Leia is a big, compassionate heart walking on four legs

Sometimes, I like to think of Leia as my twin We are similar in many ways For instance, we both love our family

## **Cloud Candy**

My secret hideout is a cloud It is shaped like a star It always smells like the moon And it tastes like cotton candy Cloud candy

Only my dog is allowed in We make ideas for the next decade

## Lune for the Letter O

Oh! Oh! Ha! They look just like Skittles I love Skittles

## Hunter Kang Play BrawlStars, eat, sleep and repeat.

#### **Brawl Stars Villanelle**

Brawl Stars is a golden lake Watching other people die It's a great treasure to take

You can never make Or you lie Brawl Stars is a golden lake

Some might have a rake But you should always try It's a great treasure to take

The belt shines like the lake Don't go in or you will die Brawl Stars is a golden lake

Get things to make Oh, oh my! It's a great treasure to take

Cross the ocean or lake And try not to die Brawl Stars is a golden lake It's a great treasure to take

## Money Lune Money is everything

You need it to live Now get money!

#### Taha Karim Kevin Durant, you're such a snake!

#### Game 1

I remember my game Back to back, steal

We're 1-0 cause we won May we'll go 82-0

I hope so, but will we, Probably no

Maybe I'll score a 3 A buzzer beater, three and we win

#### **Basketball Villanelle**

Curry is a murderer because he knocks down his shots Giannis is a freak who came from Greece Oracle Arena has the most filled parking lot

My ASL got torn cause it hit a pot LeBron is washed up; he used to be a freak Curry is a murderer because he knocks down his shots

Ben Simmons can't hit a shot I'm a piece Oracle Arena has the most filled parking lot

MJay hits his shots His 3 point shot increased Curry is a murderer because he knocks down his shots

Kobe, it's his shots Golden state needs to find the last piece Oracle Arena has the most filled parking lot

Mr. Wall's ASL was torn because it hit a pot Kobe steps back three Curry is a murderer because he knocks down his shots Oracle Arena has the most filled parking lot

> Lune for the Letter C C is Pac-man C is a moon shining And a boat

#### Noelle Kong Another picture unlocks a new memory.

## Ways of Looking at Rain During a Pandemic

Rain is as beautiful as crystals from the sky After it stops, I hate to see it dry Rain falls from unknown fluff from up high!

Rain pitter-patters on my window sill, soothing my soul, keeping me still I love how much sadness it can kill

Rain makes me think of a mirror, giving a reflection Reminders of my childhood in every direction The tingle of rain drops on my skin give me affection

Rain is falling onto leaves and petals I long to see how the morning dew settles Oh! Do you see what I see? A beautiful rainbow shines down on me Hope is on the horizon, we shall soon be free

## Snowflakes

Off the porch onto the hard concrete

the winter breeze seems to be targeting me

It blows onto my face, making my cheeks

feel hot and cold at the same time.

I exhale deeply, then see a fog come out

of my mouth. Winter is truly here.

I lick my teeth. I can feel the winter breeze humming

as if it's a sweet lullabye sung by my mother I look down onto my hands. Snowflakes.

#### Lune for the Letter C

C, a moon It's a glittery, shining substance in the sky

#### Bermuda

Now I will tell you how it felt to be on the sand watching the waves crash on the shore. The shells were white-white and light pink. The sand was a salmon pink red. The summer breeze seemed to make the sun lower by the second.

Then I'll tell you how little sand grinds become beautiful shells over the years.

Though I am just a 4th grade girl I can be quite a sea of curiosity.

#### Sean Lee I will always dominate basketball games.

Oh! 2K18, math, basketball! You really are great and fun! Tennis, Harry Potter, Monopoly, Arcades They are truly the best and here with me every day in my mind They are meaningful They're as soft as a stuffed animal

## Now

Now I will tell you how I saw Hawaii to myself The waves crashed along the beach shore and beachgoers held surfboards as they crossed the streets and just gazed at the scenery

Then I will tell you that Native Americans in the Iroquois tribes formed the Great Law of Peace Very similar to our Constitution

I am a big nerd because I'm smart while being independent

## **Free Throw Games**

I remember my basketball game yesterday, as I got my stance

ready to shoot free throws when the timer starts and I hear the

clock ticking as I dribble the ball three times I get my form ready and release the round ball

and watch it swish through the sewn-net , without touching the

metal rim, as if they are bitter enemies who hate each other

and I do just this for the rest of the long game

## 2K20 Villanelle

2K2O is a diamond covered in solid gold It's extremely special because it's a great game It should always be told and sold

As you can see, it's very bold And soon, it'll earn more fame 2K20 is a diamond covered in solid gold

Without it, life would've been cold And it's never really lame It should always be told and sold

At stores, it is very quickly sold And it will make its name 2K20 is a diamond covered in gold

It's even more valuable than gold This game already has lots of fame It should always be told and sold

For those who think it isn't bold Wait until you try this HUF game 2K20 is a diamond covered in gold It should always be told and sold

## Lune for the Letter S

A snake slithers Within the hot, aching desert In African turf

#### Lune for the Letter Q

The glorious apple Oh! There's a worm! Eek! No more apples!

#### Azalea Li Destruction is my little brother, Christopher.

#### Woodloch

I like Woodloch Because of the lake by the resort Because of the fun games Because of the delicious food Because of the family and friends Because of experience and vacation Because of the activities Because it's fun!

#### Now

Now I will tell you about when My cousins put whipped cream On their heads The white foam piled on top While they sat with their swimsuits on In the green grass

Then I will you That bees only live less than six weeks

I am a butterfly

**The Hallway** Pushing through a dizzying Crowd, heading for the door,

Swirling, pushing, in a mess Of backpacks and more

Although we know what to do We can't seem to get through

Joy Joy is watching The horses galloping gracefully

Dressed in a Japanese robe Of glowing light

Joy says excitedly, "I can't wait to see the sights of Japan"

## **Family Villanelle**

Family is a special kind of care Showing each other the way they will always be there

When anger is somewhere They always know what you're trying to say Family is a special kind of care

Family is a special kind of care Even when you fight one day they will always be there

Even when you're not being fair They will always be there, okay? Family is a special kind of care

In the cold air On a chilly winter day they will always be there

They will know where They will pave the way Family is a special kind of care they will always be there

Lune for the Letter D A small hill A stubby, helpless, tiny hill There it waits

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is in a forest Swirling secrets pass all around Whirling wind and fog cover bits of color Just on the inch of my bed and l'm there The smell of forest pines cover the leaves Trees bend their branches carrying mystery and wonder

## Elenor Li The best word ever is why.

Oh! Wolves, fur, potatoes and hot chocolate How lovely you are! Checkers, recorders, Reese's Pieces, and bacon! Yas! They are ze best and with us every day Yummy as potatoes

#### Now

Now I will tell you that When I went skiing The snow was cold and white I was toasty warm in my jacket The skiing boards were neon pink I tumbled down the bunny hill and I was as cold as the snow covering me

> Then I will tell you that White cats are deaf

> Though I am a monkey I am nice to my friends

#### Soccer

Running as fast as the wind, playing at The house on the left of me

Trying to get the ball going Left, right, left, right, chasing people

Boom comes towards me as I see the Ball disappearing from my sight

Oh no, I trip seeing a black, White, and gray blur going against the fence

#### Lune for the Letter U

U, a smile Little itsy bitsy smiley face On your test

#### Dean Lin Why did God make me human?

#### Games

I like games Because they are fun Because they are very fun Because they are very, very fun Because they are very, very, very fun Because they are very, very, very, very fun Because they are very, very, very, very fun I have played games They are very, very, very, very, very fun

#### **Head Hitter**

As I shoot the nice, shady orange basketball I hope that it gets in the hoop and net

I see the ball not hitting the rim and it's Falling and I'm hearing footsteps and talking

> And I get hit in my nice nose Hurting my body and happiness

> Making me feel gloom and hurt In the basketball class

#### Power

Power, power, power is Sitting all-mighty powerfully on his horse, Adventure

Holding a bow and arrow ready to Strike with his mind

Traveling around the globe, looking and waiting For a peep, like a soldier in a party

Looking in the mist at the same time at Adventure Waiting and waiting, day and night, riding to his destination

#### Lune for the Letter Z

When it's night Z changes to N then Robs the banks

#### Evelyn Mui My sister is annoying to me!

#### **Great Wolf Lodge**

I like it Because of the games Because of the water park Because of the comfy beds Because of the food Because of the arcade

## Now

Now I will tell you about the time I went to Great Wolf Lodge I felt slippery slides and the popcorn was delicious Fun arcade games A funny and scary movie

Then I will tell you that Pigs eat trash They also poop and eat their poop People eat pigs I read it from a book

I am a book The amount of pages I have! The words are so fun and interesting Every word means something

## Adventure

Adventure was eating dinner with her friend Adventure said, "I have a book that is so good" Her coat hung on top of her head

Adventure was filled with stories from all around the city Stories about China, India, New York, water parks, Even a tree house

## **Book Villanelle**

A book is a calm ocean It has waves It moves with motion

Books make you soft like lotion Some books are like caves A book is a calm ocean

Books have emotion Some books are intense like games It moves with motion

There is a potion Some books used to save the day A book is a calm ocean

They have promotion Most are my faves It moves with motion

Some are scary like explosions To books, I'm kind of a slave A book is a calm ocean It moves with motion

## Lune for the Letter O

Wow! A circle As round as a sun A curving circle

A shining sun Way too shiny for me A big sun

# Lune for the Letter V

A twitching ear As sharp as a tooth A cat's ear

## Gordon Ngai I love to read many books.

Oh! Dogs, history, food! You are really awesome! Cars, cards, lychee candy, vegetable rolls and wraps Yeet! They are with us every day They have meaning They're as soft as a dog's fur

## **Vegetables Spring Rolls and Wraps**

Because they are healthy Because they taste good Because they have a lot of flavor Because they are crunchy and soft Because they are filling

#### Wandering into the Ocean

As I wander towards the large waves Smelling the salt in the air from the ocean

And my large group of friends Run next to me, laughing happily,

We feel the hot and prickly Sand between our small toes

And I can suddenly feel the coolness Of the salty ocean water on my face

Cool as a fan and Salty as French fries

**Childhood** Childhood is carrying Large bouquets in the hot sun

Childhood says, "Hard work" And "Heavy things"

Childhood rides automobiles And a horse-pulled cart

#### **Teddy Villanelle**

Teddy is a toy Teddy is a soft blanket, so gray Teddy gives me joy

Teddy is a good boy His eyes are like a clear blue bay Teddy is a toy

Teddy looks like a blue koi I sleep with him every day Teddy gives me joy

Teddy doesn't like to eat soy Teddy likes to eat hay Teddy is a toy

Teddy smells like chips ahoy Teddy eats off my tray Teddy gives me joy

Teddy likes to see bok choi Teddy likes to neigh Teddy is a toy Teddy gives me joy

Lunes for the Letters V and I Oh! A fin In a bowl of soup Oh! How delicious

Oh, a tooth In a very jagged shape An extravagant find

Wow, bumpy sandpaper It has a pointed tip It feels rough

Oh, a treadmill Let's run faster and faster Let's gain stamina

#### Ethan Ngo Sleeping is my number one hobby.

Oh, rhinos, t-shirts, Sprite! You are really cool! Badminton, dragons, Skittles! Yeet! They are with us every day They have meaning They're derpy, cool things

## Now

Now I will tell you about The time I went to San Francisco I saw the trolleys roll down the tracks I remember land and houses zooming past me Soon the trolley stopped at the edge of the track I hopped off and saw the wide ocean

I could even smell seawater and seafood We were at Fisherman's Wharf

Then I will tell you that dragons Were made as a myth from The giant skeletons of dinosaurs

I am a squirrel And my head is full of curious thoughts I always think about exploring

The Water Slide As I stepped up the steps I felt worse for each step I took

And my dad, sister and brother Encouraged me to go on

We got to the top And the helper put the giant tube down

We all hopped in there and I started to panic As the helper pushed the tube

My whole stomach flipped and the slide was Speeding past the whole entire tube

Air was rushing past my face at the speed of light

And our tube turned roughly

Waters splashes up As we hit a rough bump

## **Family Villanelle**

Family is like a big hug It can always make you smile They are together like a gang of pugs

It's like a lot of electricity going to a plug Family love can reach you from a mile Family is like a big hug

Family is not like a bunch of thugs They have fun while They are together like a gang of pugs

My love of family is stronger than a bug Mu love of family is not a tiny pile Family is like a big hug

Family is spending time on a rug Family is exploring the Nile They are together like a gang of pugs

Family is not a slug Family is a touching tile Family is like a big hug They are together like a gang of pugs

## Lune for the Letters W

A pelican soars It scoops a large fish Like a net

Lune for the Letter U A long thing Made up of atoms and Has tiny swirls

## Ahmet Ozmen Me love pizza so much - yum!

Oh! The Greek Freak, the annoying squirrel, 2K19! You are awesome!!! Hoodies, XBox, Minecraft, and memes are my dreams! Nightmares are my flow That how I like to go

#### Now

Now I will tell you About the smell of sweet, Sweet chocolate in me Delicious flavors flow in me

Then I will tell you That Milton Hershey made the delicious Hershey bar from the fresh, warm milk of A newborn cow and thousands Of pounds of sugar

I am chocolate!

## Soccer Villanelle

Soccer is a meteor coming out of the sky Soccer is the riches of the world Soccer is a goal to which you can fly

As fast as you can hide Miss one goal and the world will die Soccer is a meteor coming out of the sky

If I don't make this, I'll die Soccer is a ball crushed into the sky Soccer is a goal to which you can fly

I will fly out of the sky The world will be my friend Soccer is a meteor coming out of the sky

I fall down and cry I will be depressed from the world Soccer is a goal to which you can fly

I will fall from the sky The world will be as cruel as the world Soccer is a meteor coming out of the sky Soccer is a goal to which you can fly

## Sumedha Pillai The SSN is important to everyone.

Oh! Family, friends, and lionesses! You give life to us! School, pencils, papers, soda, and gum! Yo! You give joy to us They have meaning, soft as silk And smells like butterfly milk!

## Now

Now I will tell you About the time I went to Kalahari The water pushed me down and there were swirling colors, light mixing with dark, As I went down the slide It felt like I was on a rickety boat On an ocean that was roaring like an angry lion

Then I will tell you that Wars keep raging in secrecy and Imagination can actually lead you to success

Though I am a little girl in fourth grade I can be a raging sea at times Or a soft breeze

Swimming at the Beach As I float along The crystal clear blue liquid

And I feel the warmth Of the golden ball above me

And I climb out Walking on the miniaturized gold

And I hear the sound of water lapping against the sand, As I make a sand castle, I feel salt on my lips

# Courage

Courage is the woman carrying a big bouquet of flowers giving them away

And all within night's mercy the flowers

Make silvery shadows dance Along the flower

And give courage to the children Who are all alone And in the dark

## Nature Villanelle

Nature is a gentle wave It is a forest of peace It is a sleeping lion in a cave

Nature is what I crave It is a missing puzzle piece Nature is a gentle wave

Nature is a thing we should save Your forehead shouldn't crease It is a sleeping lion in a cave

Nature is a gentle wave It is a forest of peace Nature is a gentle wave

Nature should be everyone's fave Don't make your forehead crease It is a sleeping lion in a cave

Nature is what I crave It is a forest of peace Nature is a gentle wave It is a sleeping lion in a cave

#### Lune for Diversity

Diversity is an ocean full of little fish all working together

# Lune for Me

Rippling waves across the ocean surface: a representation of my feelings

# Jonathan Richman Riley and Charlie are lovable dogs.

Oh! Dogs, pajamas, soda! You are really great! Hats, recorders, Skittles, Starbursts, yay! I see one every day. They have meanings! They're big as mountains.

# Now

Now I will tell you that I won my first basketball game With a win of 24-10 On the C team Not really wanting to play I ended up doing pretty good

Then I will tell you Over the summer I (surprisingly) learned How to play soccer

Although I am small I am as wild as an animal In a fun way

# Because

Because she was 11 Because she pushed me on the ground Because I was going to tell Because every blink was a tear Because of the silence in the house I locked myself in the bathroom And she kept saying sorry

# Family Villanelle

Family is a trustworthy animal stopping anyone in your way Acting like a protective suit of skin Acting like waves in a bay

When you are with them , they are softer than hay They are as sharp as a pin Family is a trustworthy animal stopping anyone in your way

With their money, they will always pay As strong as tin Acting like waves in a bay

They always tell me what to say Smelling like flowers in a tin Family is a trustworthy animal stopping anyone in your way

They always say okay Holding me in a bin Acting like waves in a bay

They tell me what to say With family, you always win Family is a trustworthy animal stopping anyone in your way Acting like waves in a bay

# **The Big J** A fishing pole Could even be a mountain Possibly a tree

## Jade Swei I love noodles. Dumplings, too. Chomp!

## **Italy and Taiwan**

Because of the gelato, I wanted to jump up Because my mom picked pistachio I wanted to Fall down The smell made me sad, but I was still glad Because I was in Italy

Because of the fun arcades Because of upside-down hearts that look like spades I was happy to be in Taiwan

## Now

Now I will tell you that A flashlight turns on and off

I slide down the slope The long sticks on my feet Shred the lumps Then I return to my home

I am a wolf, brave and adventurous I sneak through the day Looking for my prey And my prey is breakfast!

# Skiing

As I drift through the thick snow Gracefully like a swan but swans make mistakes

I hear the snow going shhh and I watch the Hot cocoa pour into my cup and feel warmth

On the outside, I jump onto the soft cushion and lay my head on the pillow who will lose me in the morning

# Secret Hideout

Inside a dark land, but nothing's scary I hear "Arf! Arf!" and "Woof!" I go farther in to find A land of make believe Flowers, puppies, money, my fake Inventions and electronics My hideout is in my imagination

# **Boston Klee Kais Villanelle**

Boston Klee kais are like shiny stars They are tiny bundles of fun Together you can run far

Next to a window in a car When you park, they run in the sun Boston Klee kais are like shiny stars

They whimper at the melting tar They don't even eat a ton! Together you can run far

They know who you are They are small like bread buns Boston Klee kais are like shiny stars

Throw them a thin bar But they can't laugh at your puns Together you can run far

They MIGHT give you a scar But it will heal and the healing will be done Boston Klee kais are like shiny stars Together you can run far

## Alice Wang Sometimes I am curious in life.

#### Japan and China

Because of the soft pink leaf petals Because of the smooth flower dresses Because of the adorable cat cafes Because of the rock hard, thick wood sandals Because of the yummy bubble tea Because of the delicious dumplings Because of the bright, colorful light in the tall building

#### Boba

As I walked towards the counter The cool air blew on me

There were 1000 cups with this Liquid in different colors and black shiny bubbles

> I feel a shiver in my body thinking Is it poison?

I grab a cup and start drinking and the liquid goes in my mouth and I chew a black bubble

#### Family

Family is something that Lasts forever Something that sticks with you Everywhere you go in life

> Even if you have to Walk in the cold air And dirty, stiff mud

Family says, I love you

# Lune for the Letter O

The moon is quiet in the night, shining like a star

## Aaron Weisser Bananas are alive with me! Hey!

#### **My Favorite Things!**

Oh! Dogs, pajamas, Fanta, family! You really are amazing! Bananas, necklaces, drums, Crunch bars, Reese's peanut butter cups, myself Yeet! They are with us every day They have meaning. They're soft as bananas.

#### Banana

As I gently peeled The peel off

The banana slip Out of its peel but

I cut it up and Savored each piece

And I let it melt In my mouth each time

#### Lune for Bananas

Bananas, bananas, bananas Oh, they are the best I love them

#### Me

Now I will tell you That when I got my dog I strangled him with happiness He was brindle brown and Orange with black stripes Just like a tiger

Then I will tell you That dogs only have their front leg bone Connect to muscle

I am a yummy banana It's as bright as the sun As I am in kindness

## My Tiger

Tiger is my dog. He's as scared of truck noises as an elephant is scared of a mouse going up its trunk. When he's scared, his paws go tippity tap on the wooden floors of my house.

Tiger is my dog. He's the color of his namesake. He plays with other dogs. He always gets scared. Then why does he do it? I'll never know!

Tiger is my dog. When I first got him, I remember how I picked him up In my loving hands. I wish I still could - but now he's too big.

Tiger is my dog. He's resting on my mom's bed, Maybe thinking about my mom and I taking him to see his namesake in Africa.

Tiger is my dog. He's my best friend. Time for a snuggle party.

## **Romantic Adventure**

Adventure is sitting with his girlfriend On a stool in the banana cafe Adventure says, "Will you marry me?" And "You were always my love"

But then Adventure's girlfriend leaves In her shiny car

She leaves Adventure crying

# Janice Zhang Puppies = amazing, helpful, cute, fantastic

Winter, winter, winter How grateful I am because of your bright, sunny snow A cool winter day just delights my face The fuzzy socks people wear, the joyful Christmas, The delicious gingerbread houses, my birthday a And Christmas spirit! Because of fuzzy Uggs and

## Now

more!

Now I will tell you About the amazing time I went to the Bahamas Calming, crashing waves I walked down to my hotel, sniffing the fruity scent in the air

I went scuba diving A man helped me down in the water I saw fish, small sharks and more

I am as wild as a cheetah

# Sun Lune

Sun is bright The sun is gleaming on the solid ground

# A Centipede

It's sitting as still as a rock It's sitting there munching its food It's as quiet as the calm wind swaying around

It's so interesting, The sharp and small legs all around it The long and slim body

I've seen many bugs and insects, But nothing like this This amazing creature

As I watch the insect eat its food, I stay calm and interested The centipede eats its food piece by piece

It's staying still Not moving one bit Same spot for ages

It's finally moving its legs Slowly crawling around the ground Finding its way home

# Muya Zhou Musical, animal loving, Chinese-American = Me

Oh! Mammals, pajamas, music! Candy canes, tv, school You are extraordinary As calm as music and soft as Soft serve ice cream

## Now

Now I will tell you About the magnificent beach in Miami Colors of the sunset Softness from the hot sand Warmth from the soft, wavy ocean

Then I will tell you There are many thousands Of beautiful cats

I am a lion roaring through the wind Telling each and every animal to come But deep inside A little house cat comes through me

# Violin Concert

As the first strokes were played, I played it Faster and faster, the low notes starting out

And the eyes gawked at me as I played the notes of my song I got more confident and I enjoyed it as much as I could

As the last colorful strokes touched my violin I stopped, I curtsied and I heard the applause of the audience

I saw the lights kiss Bright and I went down with more applause

# **Beach Lune**

Calm, beauty, happiness The warm, blue-green calm waves Soft, hot sand

## Life Villanelle

Beautiful new life all around Flowers blooming, animals being born Sweet lovely sound

All happiness has been found Sadness has been torn Beautiful, new life all around

Love is all around And all the colors of a unicorn Sweet lovely sound

All animal life has been found All of nature is becoming a town Beautiful new life all around

Birds chirping all around Music has been reborn Sweet lovely sound

All happiness has been found All of nature is becoming a town Beautiful new life all around Sweet lovely sounds

# The Best Star

In the brightest, most musical star, it's there: my hideout Go in by going under my magical table Sit on the rug Transport there Inside, the music plays The temperature's just right Under a petal, showering trees Colorful lights hover everywhere My best friends and I play in the soft things We eat cotton candy and junk food Friendly animals roam freely All in this shining star

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#### **Class Poems**

Oh! Bunnies, pajamas, Fanta! You really are cool! Backpacks, piano, chocolate, soft-baked cookies. These things are with us every day. They flow like water.

#### Learning to Love School

Because we can spend time with friends that care Because we get food at lunch Because the teachers help us learn Because we get lots of work Because we get to go home at the end of the day

#### PS188Q Sonnet

Tuesdays, art, recess, everyday There are rainbows on the art room wall We draw Naruto, anime, and make a mess, what can we say? Outside, we run around and there's chaos and people fall Like little LeBron James monkeys, we play basketball Dominating the orange basketball court We play beyblades for an hour, sometimes, and never feel small There are at least thirty computers of a decent sort Where we can program a robot In third grade, we did a culture project and learned about each other Our friends are sometimes in our classes, sometimes not We've gone from the third grade to the fourth grade, no crying for mother Now we read chapter books at our desks, and not just a few On June 26 there's nothing left to do

#### **Group Poems**

# A Sonnet about Childhood Noah B., Eugene L., and Melina S.

Three toddlers come out to play They have fun in the sun It's such an awesome day They heard a great pun

They start to drink pop It's very sweet They like to play robber and cop Running with their feet

The kids want to jump Then they decide to sit down They want to sit on a stump Then one starts to frown

They notice they are next to a brick wall Then they see that they're not too tall!

# A Sonnet about Childhood Marc T., Fiona J., and Annabelle P.

Childhood is a sunset on Halloween And kids wearing creepy masks One girl feels like a queen No one stops to ask

Waiting for treats They go to houses Instead they get meat Or some mouses

Then they are doused with water! And look at their feet There they totter And forget their treats

They cry, "Why me?" Then they flee

# A Sonnet about Childhood Chloe C., Avery N., and Erin K.

Childhood is laying on a hammock, legs peeking over the edge The darkness swallows the room Her body is stuck on a ledge It looks a little like doom

She lays there Not daring to move In her pretend secret lair Too lazy to groove

Peacefully lying down Thinking about spies Maybe bearing a frown Thinking at something they despise

In a deep Sleep

# A Sonnet about Childhood Tiffany L., Fiona W., and Maya A.

Childhood is fun We dance and prance all through the day We play in the warm sun But at night, sleep is okay

Summer is warm and hot Then school has begun Fall and winter is not We have to catch a bus, so they run

Snowflakes drizzle in white Big parkas, boots, the big old coats Why don't you come for a flight?! Let's go float!

Then the sun shines over us We say, "Goodbye," to the big, yellow school bus!

# A Sonnet about Childhood *Preston W. and Timothy E.*

There are three boys Together in a group Wait! They don't have any toys! Or any soup!

They look really sad In the street They wish they had A few good treats

Or some candy To chew on Plus a house might be handy So they can play on the lawn

At least they have a place And it has some space

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# A Sonnet about Childhood Nicky V., Adrian C., and Jayden Y.

Creepy dolls with a boy Standing by the ocean side Once of them with a toy Then in comes another tide

The ocean tide fades away They stand in the bright light During the end of day Everything is black and white

As the sun starts setting down The boy has to go home His face starts to frown Then he finds a garden gnome

He places the gnome in his garden Then the old plants start to harden

Lune Links Marc T. and Michael P.

A golden bow Its silver strings blindingly bright Arrows fly by

Cut in half The moon envies and cries A shining aura

Frost at peak Freezes everything in its path Its everlasting legacy

## Maya Antal Pomeranians. Cute. Adorable. MINE! SO CUTE!

#### Now

Now I will tell you How that frog flung on its pad The dripping water leaking behind it, Throwing a splodge of green onto the black shadow That stood before it Crossing the line of the rounded object It leaped on, catching those small objects One by one, throwing its tongue back and forth As it gets closer and closer to me

Then I will tell you how 1+1 will always Equal 2, no matter what you do You write it down like a fox catching its prey Your lights flickering like you see it come and go When it pops up everywhere you see

I will tell you how funny I can be Like the jokebooks, spitting out words on my tongue, Like the sun and clouds crying out loud with laughter and the Big, clear puddles splashing all over me, like the funniness I can spread

#### **Slipping Down a Stairway**

I quickly slip down the stairway Down, down, down I go

That 10 foot stairway skidding father Down, down, down I go

My foot catches a ring, causing me to lose balance as my feet

fall slowly down the stairway down, down, down

I'm still falling, my body a stick My feet moving weirdly down

I jump tall like the ballerina I've wished to be

Hmm, I'm not falling anymore my feet move fast, walking

## **Cheese Villanelle**

Cheese is a god, yellow like a light Don't worry, I eat it all day And I eat it all through the night

When I eat it, I'm always right Don't worry, I eat it all day Cheese is a god, yellow like a light

Yellow like the sun, oh so bright Take a bite, because I say And I eat it all through the night

I have it locked in my sight I love cheese! Yay! Cheese is a god, yellow like a light

I might eat it too much, I might, I might Every time I eat it, I must get my way And I eat it all through the night

The cheese I eat is always right I'm obsessed! What can I say? Cheese is a god, yellow like a light And I eat it all through the night

# Lune for the Letter D

A crescent moon Making its way to whole A wonderful dream

#### Noah Bui The world is like a game.

Oh! Snakes, glasses, water You really are nice Oh, noodles, Kit Kat, books You really are awesome

## Now

Now I will tell you how I won chess The black and white game was set As we played, soldiers were sacrificed Then I saw the opening And I won

Then I will tell you How Thomas Edison created the light bulb

I am the book under all the electronics waiting for someone to read me

# Tennis

The yellow tornado comes towards us I try to hit it but I miss

I shout for my partner to hit it She does and the spinning sphere Goes into the air

When it falls, it hits my head And my head starts to hurt

This is one reason I don't like sports

# Life Song

My life is a purple swoosh In the morning I hear the bus going by At school, kids are chattering and listening to teachers In the afternoon, pencils are scratching In the evening, the tv keeps on whirring At night, lights clicking can be heard In my life, it is never quiet

## **Toast Villanelle**

Toast is a Harry Potter book Though boring, it still tastes good Sometimes I wish I could cook

Sometimes I feel I am a crook Dragging darkness wherever I've stood Toast is a Harry Potter book

When I play chess I feel a rook Freshly made out of wood Sometimes I wish I could cook

Sometimes I feel really shook Hiding under a hood Sometimes I wish I could cook

Sometimes I wish I could return the things I took If I could, I would Toast is a Harry Potter book Sometimes I wish I could cook

# **Bird Poem**

A bird of many colors sits on a tree branch It swoops to the ground like a whirlwind then it glides back up like a speeding air plane

It interests me how it can be so many colors The red, the blue, the green All of it put together; it just amazes me

It reminds me of art with many colors to use It relaxes me It makes me feel happy and calm

The bird flies toward its chicks They chirp like little bells jingling and Jangling all day long

# Olivia Chen Swish, swish, listening to large waves.

Oh! Bunnies, pajamas, water You make my day perfect! Gummies, French fries and potato All so yummy yum!

#### Now

Now I will tell You about how I played With a dolphin. Those soft backs and Those fins ah So soft!

Then I'll tell you about How I learned Some bunnies can be The size of a Young child!

Lastly, I will tell you About how I'm Just like a bunny Getting its way around.

#### **Hunting for Clothes**

As I look in my closet I see the colorful choices

But I say, "I have nothing to wear!" After a moment ,

I find the perfect thing! Just as perfect as a rose blooming!

#### My Life Poem

My life is a colorful, unexpected life. In my morning life, I hear, "Wake up!" When I leave my house, I hear, "Get in the car," As well as swaying leaves. At school I hear, "Good morning," While kids chatter. In the afternoon, I hear parents say, "Get in the car." In the evening, I hear, "Dinner time." At night, I hear, "Go to bed now!"

## Oh Bananas

Bananas yellow, brown, curvy as crescent You don't do much but be like couch potatoes

You are interesting because you can be green, yellow or have brown spots like the top of Lego's. You can amaze people by your curves and colors

You, bananas, make me think about yellow crescents You make me feel hungry, hungry as a hungry hippo

You feel like dolphin skin, but when you are too ripe you feel as mushy as mashed potatoes

**Lune for the Letter O** A mouth open Droopy, sad, because it's missing Two dot eyes

Lune for the Letter Q An orange swirly White lollipop with nothing but Tastiness and sweetness

Lune for the Letter S A curly string Or could that be a Curly hair piece?

## Chloe Cheng Sometimes the world isn't very understandable.

Oh! Ramen, piano You really are delicious! London, chocolate ice cream, no homework day, chips, books, Electronics, Coco-cola, home, art, strawberries These things are with us every day They are as strong as a pencil

#### Zipline

One day I was more than ten feet up in the air

My legs dangling from a black zipline

Swish, swish halt

I was stuck Frantically pulling

tired But I made, after two tries

## **The Clueless Flower**

Nature It just has no idea. This beautiful spring The usual rains And the trees And the animals They all have no clue

And now, this tiny speck of wilderness A flower colorful, it just sits there In the the silent garden In the chaotic world.

It amazes me that Even with the quiet streets The lack of people The necessary crowding at supermarkets And the occasional sadness That even this little flower Is unchanged.

InTeReStInG. The un-wilting stem The bright colors I wonder if the flower has totally no emotions at all.

I think about being free Not life being so different Not having to cluster at a store just to find out "Aw man, there's no toilet paper!" And wonder whether people have the guts to water their flowers

I dream of A difficulty-free world But Just know that there is no such thing

This flower Looking the same Makes me feel hope That we'll get out of here That everything will be fine

But I also feel dismay That everything is canceled The festivals Field day EVERYTHING Well.

This will eventually get better, right?

## Adrian Chu Strawberries are like a red triangle.

Oh! Birds, top hats, Brisk iced tea! You all are very sweet! Backpacks, piano, bubble gum

## Learning to Love School

Because of lots of classwork to do Because of lunch like pizza and chicken nuggets Because of making friends Because of learning new things Because of going home at the end of school

#### The Forest

Now I will tell you How I got lost in the forest With my family At a park Not knowing where to go Wondering if I could find my way out

Then I'll tell you How the Native Americans Created the American language With their foreign language

I am like a koala Since I just sit down and do nothing When I'm tired

**Going on a Walk** As I meander through the park I see flowers blooming all around me

and the smell of blooming flowers gives me an allergic reaction

but I still enjoy the smell of small trees that have beautiful and wonderful colors

Then I meander around the park again and find kids enjoying the playground

while my brother nudges me with a pencil

## Норе

Hope is playing a mystic flute Hope wears a light green robe She says," Cherries come in different colors" Hope admires how the sun is red as a strawberry

Lune for the Letter D It's a bow You use bows on hills Islands are sand

# Candy Villanelle

Candy is heart and brain You rely on candy more than anything Sometimes candy makes you feel pain

Melted candy can leave stain You can fling gummy rings Candy is heart and brain

Sometimes bad candy tastes like the rain Candy is everything Sometimes candy makes you feel pain

Boring candy is plain Eating candy makes you feel like king Candy is heart and brain

My favorite candy is candy canes Candy is a fascinating thing Sometimes candy makes you feel pain

Candy can make you insane Candy gives you wings Candy is heart and brain Sometimes candy makes you feel pain

# Timothy Eng Pizza is always the best food.

#### Now

Now I will tell you when I first went to a waterpark It was wet and fun It looked very colorful It had lots of food There were a lot of people

Then I will tell you about how all Native Americans had to work together to survive

I am athletic like a cheetah I am fast and I am strong

A Soccer Game I feel butterflies in my stomach Everyone is cheering

I feel like I would fail with a bad score Five more minutes left

This is the most intense battle I pass under legs, the kid is shocked

My teammate takes the pass and kicks way over It scores!

Everyone is amazed I won the battle!

# **Book Villanelle**

Books are a colorful mind Anything can be made It's all my kind

You read line to line It may take you all day Books are a colorful mind

It can be sad, mad, excited or kind! You can read anywhere, like in a tree's shade It's all my kind

How many can you read? How about nine?! As you read, the pages fade Books are a colorful mind

The book can be good or not, that's fine When the pages sway It's all my kind

You can bring them when you dine That's all a book can pay! Books are a colorful mind It's all my kind

# Lune for the Letter I

It's a body Like one really, super bored Standing and waiting

## Zayn Islam I love potatoes; I am one.

#### Home

Because I live there Because it's my shelter Because it has food stored inside Because it's warm like a heater

# America

Oh! Soccer, soda, freedom! These things are amazing! Oh! Chocolate, candy, video games They go well like chips and salsa!

# Now

Now I will tell you About how I got lost in London I went to look around When I got back No one was there My sister and my dad were on the London Eye All red, white and blue My mom came back soon

Then I'll tell you How one planet's side Is super hot and the other side super cold 14 light years away

I am a squirrel I am very smart

# A Day in Sounds

My life is a red rock and roll song I wake up to my mom yelling, "Get up!" Squeak! The fence is squeaking. Kids yell at school. Pew! Pew! Off! I just died in my game. I hear my mom saying, "Do your homework!" I hear my sisters fighting and talking before I sleep. I don't hear anything while I'm asleep.

It's black silence.

# My Cat Still Waits

She watches like a hawk awaiting the arrival of an unknowing bird She waits and she waits

Her deep yellow eyes Her soft gray fur My cat still waits

She reminds me of my parents just downstairs watching an intense game of cricket while my cat still waits

Even now when the game is long over my cat still waits

Crash! Boom! The TV is displaying a movie nearby Meanwhile my cat still waits

With their branches dancing with the wind even the trees outside seem less still than my cat, still waiting

The other cats in the neighborhood laugh at her with their hunting skill, acting like gold medalists and my cat still waits

But wait! Something appears! Is it a plane? Is it a bird? Yes! My cat has finally earned her own gold medal and she goes to sleep, ready to do the exact same thing tomorrow

Lune for the Letter O A potato's walking On a large, wide street *Hi,* it says

## Fiona Joa (Minecraft) Night time and creepers are here!

Oh! Minecraft, sushi, puppies! You are very cool Hoodies, violin, Kit Kat and Skittles! You make me, me

#### Minecraft

Because of my brother Because of the cool buildings people made Because I was bored Because my brother wouldn't play with me Because there were cute animals Because I wanted to try something new Because there was so much to learn I felt like I found a new world

#### Now

Now I will tell you about the time I got lost in Mexico I was all alone, wandering around the streets Everywhere I saw strange buildings in every color The wind gently blew against my face Making my tears dry quicker

#### Walking

As I walk through the tall grass I hear the birds chirping in the morning sun

> And tiny little dogs run around Barking everywhere

The wind's breeze make a soft whoosh, making the grass sway back and forth

And my really annoying brother Yells at me, ordering me what to do

## Lune for the Letter O

A small potato Waving at people passing by His beautiful garden

## Erin Kim K-pop is the most interesting music.

Oh! Wolves, sweaters, pink lemonade! You really are amazing! Roblox, Fortnite, piano, Chocolate, gobstoppers! These things are with us every time,

Every day. They flow like blood through our veins.

# Learning to Love School

Because there's tons of work to do Because there's friends everywhere you go Because there's nice teachers that give you a lot of homework (like Mrs. DiFilippi) Because there's recess in the middle of the school day Because there's books at every turn Because you go home with friends at the end of the day

# **BTS Concert**

The lights flash and the crowd is cheering as BTS comes out I feel like I never have before- happy, crazy, wild!

I wave my ARMY BOMB crazily in the air -My favorite band is performing in front of my eyes!

My favorite idol comes out and I scream very loud This concert makes my life happier than ever

# **Swimming Contest**

before - BTS!

I feel hot in my cap and towel as I walk to the main entrance The water is twelve feet deep

The bell rings and I go into the water As I hear the whistle blow, I swim furiously, leaving white foam behind

The bell rings as I touch the wall with my hand I have won first place in backstroke!

# **Book Villanelle**

A book is a wonderous new land Filled with Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, and more! Where the beach is filled with crystal sand

Leaving Earth to join a world that's grand And eating an apple core A book is a wonderous new land

I think I'll make a new brand Oh! My arms and legs are sore Where the beach is filled with crystal sand

I'll have to make the land expand I'll open the magical door A book is a wonderous new land

In the book BTS, I see a band I walk to the beautiful shore Where the beach is filled with crystal sand

I go into a crowd A book is a wonderous new land Where the beach is filled with crystal sand

# Lune for the Letter S

A poisonous snake It's a super weird thing That kills life

# Lune for the Letter M

A bird's beak Opening to eat its food Only finding none

#### Lune for the Letter Z

This amazing letter Mostly found near sleeping people Listening to snores

# Dexin Kong I am a happy potato chip.

Oh! Wolves, pajamas, potatoes! You are really amazing! Backpacks, piano, lollipops, chips These things are with us every day They flow like Fanta

## Library

Because it's awesome Because it's my second home Because of books I love to read Because of its smell Because it's cozy Because of the laptops with free Minecraft Because I just like it

## Now

Now I will tell you how I Tripped, stumbled and Tumbled from the hard, black Bars of my bunk bed and how I Crashed with a thump And an off, and how I Nearly died up there

Then I will tell you The all famous word Everyone knows, potato, came From the Native Americans

I am sneaky, like a wolf stalking prey, A spy, a ninja, able to steal (totally) And keep secrets and Be silent

# **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is under a waterfall I sail in a boat, a tiny, wooden boat Drip, drip, drip A roller coaster carries me into an aquarium All blue Everything is glass, glass and water A soft patch of moss welcomes me Wolves howl In the forest, there are flashing firefly lights I'm on a bed of soft clouds

# The M Owl

Flying through the Sky, silent, dark, hunting for food, no mercy

# Her

I saw her for the first time, Her little, sleeping, red face

Peaceful, cute, a bit ugly, Loved

She starts crying, but no tears Come out of her eyes

Still fat, a bit cuter than at first Face getting better

Not as red as a chili pepper But pink

She wakes up and I see her yes

She looks like me

## Eugene Lee I'm not that good at following rules.

Oh! Potatoes, Gucci, water You really make me happy Yeezus, electric base, Skittles These are with me every day They make me hungry And food

## Home

Because it has many games Because we can rest And we have no work Because we can run around Because I don't have to go to school Because it helps me focus (kinda) And I can make my nightmare about work go away

## Now

Now I will tell you How I got lost In the country of Spain in a hotel And how I barely managed to find them After a couple of hours

Then I will tell you How cow farts Are one of the reasons for Climate change

I am a couch potato Barely wanting to move a finger Unless it's for the tv

# Life Song

I am a red rap song "Get up!" and Beep, beep, beep! Rrrvvv and "Brrr, so cold!" You're late!" and the yelling of children "ZZZ..." and "It's time to go" "Yawn!" and my dad snores In the middle of the night Explosive blue silence

# French Fry Villanelle

French fries are yellow, yummy sticks So good, tastes really great When I eat them, I don't feel sick

They taste like ice cream when I give it a lick Eating French fries is my destined fate French fries are yellow, yummy sticks

If I see French fries, I wake up with a kick French fries make my heart beat at a faster rate When I eat them, I don't feel sick

Playing with French fries, I mush them into a brick Eating French fries makes nothing late French fries are yellow, yummy sticks

My favorite food, French fries I will pick I think, French fries can be great fish bait When I eat them, I don't feel sick

When I eat French fries, my head goes off with a tick

French fries are something I will never hate French fries are yellow, yummy sticks When I eat them, I don't feel sick

# Lune for the Letter O

A fat zero Looking at me, creepily staring a hole Into my soul

## Tiffany Lei Twist, turn, dance to the music!

#### Now

Now I will tell you about My first debate tournament. I shivered At the thought of being against a 4th grader (I was in 3rd grade). I couldn't do this... but I Couldn't let my teammates down. Here we go...

Now I will tell you about my clumsiness. I am as clumsy as a bat in the sunlight!

I may be young, but I contain A lot of facts and emotions!

My First Time Ice Skating I watch as others gracefully move I watch in jealousy

l continue to try Toppling and falling helplessly

I jump and swizzle But still I fall

No one helps But I use my remaining determination

I begin to go faster and faster I whoosh past the other skaters

In this second, I realize my love for skating And become more elegant every step

My Secret Hideout Rain pours and the sun shines Creating a rainbow Carefully, I walk up to my secret hideout A cloud

I taste the soft taste of Cotton candy My mouth fills with a strong strawberry flavor

I feel safe... nobody can come... except me

I feel like I belong here I am one and united like a rainbow

#### Life Villanelle

Life is a wondering dream Quite an amazing star It's a beautiful, bright beam

Quite a soft nice cream Not too far Life is a wondering dream

We are a team Just a nice lil bar It's a beautiful, bright beam

Don't even scream It's NOT bizarre Life is a wondering dream

Together we're a team We make a sweet chocolate bar It's a beautiful, bright beam

Together we beam We are never far Life is a wondering dream It's a beautiful, bright beam

Lune for the Letters O, Q and M A moon shines So bright and beautifully blinding Wandering around me

A graceful cat Jumps through the green meadow A soft purr

Frost hisses darkly Glaciers threaten to attack, scratch Hissing for frost

## **Brandon Marmott**

## A Sonnet about Childhood

Childhood is a hot sunny day Our expressions are blank on this day Ice cream cooling us like Antarctica's bay Who knows why, but there is nothing to play

The ice cream is melting before us The hot sun is melting us "Hurry up, I want to sing a chorus!" We wish and wish every which way, hoping we can have some crush

We are hoping for the breeze Hair black as the sky at night So we can be free to freeze I hope the pool is not small so we don't have to fight

The day will be ending soon "Hurry up, let's play a bassoon!"

#### The Weird Poem

Now I will tell you about Great Wolf Lodge, The blue clear water, white little waves splash Against my feet and it felt like Ice cubes melting on my feet The water cold as the freezer, sliding down Water rubbing in my face and I Played in the pool like a fish, too small for a Fisherman to cook

Then I will tell you penguins have knees That you can't see but The x-ray can prove it all

I am lazy like a sloth or bear in the winter The air is cold, but the computer or my phone Keep me entertained

#### **Bedroom and Book Villanelle**

A bedroom is a quiet cave It makes it great to read The words in a book are a wave you crave

Not like a concert's rave The book is the best to lead A bedroom is a quiet cave

So I can remember my page to save I like making bracelets with beads The words in a book are a wave you crave

There's no road to be paved It is as peaceful as planting a seed A bedroom is a quiet cave

It is like a soft ocean wave The pages are something I need The words in a book are a wave you crave

It doesn't hurt like when you shave It's not as hard to train as a K9 breed A bedroom is a quiet cave The words in a book are a wave you crave

#### Lune for the Letter Q

I see a bird's beak or stew with a silver spoon

There's a bird pecking at its food, eating *Delicious*, it says

Stew with spoon oddly, weirdly, stirs itself *Why,* it questions

## Avery Ngai I feel calm when I'm alone.

#### Canada

Because of the cool mountain air Because of the rough rocks scraping my hands Because of the view on the top of the mountain Because of the silky water in the lake Because of the strong pine scent Canada is the place I love

#### **Ocean Action**

As I dash toward the water sand glides between my toes

and sharp shells stab my feet as I slip into the cool water and

I taste the salty ocean water and I peek underwater

and I see only murky brown water but the ups and downs

of the waves satisfy me and I float towards

the gliding sand and sharp shells.

#### Fox

Now I will tell you the first time I went to martial arts I remember I leaped and jumped, I punched and kicked. I tried and tried and failed and succeeded. I was tiny but I was quick and was able to dodge.

Then I will tell you that foxes are smaller than tigers and lions, but are equally fierce in my opinion.

I am a fox. I am tiny but fierce. I am quick and can slip through small holes.

#### **Earth Villanelle**

Earth is a golden terrain Swirling rivers and blue days Pouring clear rain

Antelopes feed on silver grain An emerald mantis prays Earth is a golden terrain

Lazy sloths feel no pain Colorful flowers flourish in the time of May Pouring clear rain

Look, the silky feathers of an angel-like crane The ocean floor is a flounders lays Earth is a golden terrain

See, the prickly points of a sugar cane In a village, natives make clay Pouring clear rain

The world is a big food chain Now the sky is a stormy gray Earth is a golden terrain Pouring clear rain

# Lune for the Letter S

It's an ocean A sea of harsh waves Crashing against shore

# Annabelle Pan Smart, loving, caring, responsible, capable me.

## **Happy Things**

Oh! Unicorns, hoodies, Minecraft! These are very happy things. Earrings, sushi, math! These things are in our every day life. They give life meaning to dream and wonder.

# I Wrote It

Because the teacher told us to write it Because I had nothing else to do Because I didn't have any other things to write about Because if I didn't I would be doing nothing Because if I didn't I would be thinking which makes my brain hurt Because this was my only idea Because I was too lazy to think about something else I sat at my desk The idea came to me And I wrote

Lune for the Letter Q Oh! Look! A cat! Why is it now climbing? Oh no!

Lune for the Letter A Hi! I am Your mental mountain, but you can go through

# **Chalk Heart Villanelle**

Ha! It's only a chalk heart But as sweet as it is Everybody starts

You walk to the mart Which is his Ha! It's only a chalk heart

They are called Sweet Tarts! And the chalk gives a fizz Everybody starts

And tastes it, but it might fall into the cart And hiss Ha! It's only a chalk heart

It's not better than a tart But it has the word "kiss" Everybody starts

And though it's in the marts It's not in an abyss Ha! It's only a chalk heart Everybody starts

# Tiny Dots

As I crunch across the Grass, a satisfying noise

The sunshine growing dark As if there was no sunshine

The glowing dots appear I open my bags

They look like open mouths Screaming and so I chase bugs

Swinging and turning Tiny dots

## Michael Peng Basketball: swish, foul, hoop, rim, repeat.

Oh! Basketball, tigers, potatoes, Dr. Pepper You really are cool Ice, jawbreakers, chocolate, Call of Duty They help me with life Books, walking, snow, robotics All stored in my heart With my life

#### **Green Bush**

He or she is as still as a tree, It is standing still but on some days the branches sway But most times she's just still

The green bush provides fresh air, In a world with quarantine all you need is a bush, To make you happy

This bush makes me feel I am worth something, Every time I play basketball I see it and it makes me go on, This bush is a motivated me

This bush is a statue of the greatest me, Known throughout the world, The story of me

Oh, the bush looks at me, It seems to say, I will make your day

I am reminded that I can't give my dreams to quarantine

I get my ball, some objects, and head out In my driveway there is a course, That I have to do every day.

Now I know that I can't give up Nice try quarantine but you're not good enough.

#### Death Villanelle

Death is a peaceful stillness Not a lot of something Sometimes it's just silliness

Death can come from illness When you die you see nothing Death is a peaceful stillness

You don't get any fitness What is that thing? Sometimes it's just silliness

It's a little grimness It can come from hunting Death is a peaceful stillness

It's a weird business You don't have worry anymore about your PC's ping Sometimes it's just silliness

When you enter its complete craziness You could be gaining Death is a peaceful stillness Sometimes it's just silliness

#### Basketball

The guard drives for a Lay up with a quick flick

Of a wrist, a rainbow forms Before the ball falls in the

Net while I run back to play defense And he passes the ball to the center

But I steal it instead and I pass To the guard who passes

To a forward who fakes the shot, Passes to me and I lay it in

# Sharon Song Creativity lives in my body's soul.

# Me

Oh! Potatoes, dress, water You make my day Gucci, Ocarina, Starburst You are the best These are the things that flow in my heart

## Don't Need It

Because I am eight Because I don't need it Because I don't want to steal Because I don't want it Because I didn't want to get in trouble Because I didn't want to be humiliated Because I knew it wasn't the right thing to do Because other people would need it I didn't steal the fifty dollars on the floor

# Now

Now I will tell you about that sad moment when my chinchilla died It was June 2nd on a Tuesday and my chinchilla died while bathing It lost all color in the house, black and white, so dim, so sad.

Then I will tell you that 2X2 will always be 4 No matter how hard you try it will always be

I am a joke, a very funny joke, A meme, something very funny

# My Days

If my life was a song It would be rock A light blue rock In the morning, be-be-be-beeep, be-be-bebeeep! Knock knock! "I'm coming, Alvin!" Swish! Swoosh! Cars! The bus is here! Clap clap! Why do boys like hand games so much? Chomp! Chomp! Screech scratch! Pencils. Beep - beep - beep "I want Peppa Pig!" "Pep pa piiig!" Chirp chirp crickers "Good night" I'm laying in black silence

# **Candy Villanelle**

Candy is my light I can't live without candy With my candy, I will take flight

Without it, I will fight It's very small and handy Candy is my light

Without it, I will ignite Some candies are chalky With my candy, I will take flight

It's a very nice sight I love candy Candy is my light

I chew it with great might Some might be candy With my candy, I will take flight

Monster candy gives me a fright I name my candy "Mandy" Candy is my light With my candy, I will take flight

## Melina Stolatis I love potato, the mashed kind.

## Library

Because of free books Because of thousands of books Because of blank paper sitting in the basket Because of laptops, waiting for someone to log into games Because of a giant beanbag chair reserved for reading

# Greece

Because of family Because of soup (avgolemono) Because of pasta and paticho Because of random cats roaming EVERYWHERE Because of sun Because of heat Because of life

## Aliens Like Me

Now I will tell you about the painted lady Butterflies The orange and black on their wings And how they used to be little worms Like thread that did not look living They climbed on my hands and I was done raising them

Then I'll tell you that orcas speak human And door And you should keep them in the wild Unless you want to get bitten

I am tiny But can do many things Like an alien from Jupiter Who can do things you can't

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My hideout is in a marshmallow I first bite it and the marshmallow blinks The bite disappears and I walk into the marshmallow Inside, it is a blinking rainbow With marshmallows and things I can't name I read And read And read Until I give up and just watch GACHA LIFE Until I hear someone shouting my name

Lune for the Letter M

There's a cat The cat has high ears Is that bad?

## Betsy

She is as tough as the tiger, but soft as the lamb, rubbing and nipping for attention

Her grey and orange head meow a blue cry for attention, but when we decide to give it to her, her back is to us, head to the window

I remember all the stray cats in Greece and the one, who looked like Betsy, He, we named Mimi.

I remember when we went to the shelter and almost got a cat that looked just like Betsy but had no fun in him and Betsy's sister who got adopted before we went back to the shelter for Betsy

Now Betsy is under the table minding her own business and sleeping while before she was nibbling at me and following me at 5:00 for attention

## Hao Chen Sun

## **Stuff Today**

Oh! Puppies, potatoes, soda, books! You really are awesome! Piano, kickball, chess, chocolate, Jawbreakers, and basketball These things brighten my day They fly like birds rising into the sky They sink beneath the ground like a lost city But not matter where they are, they are me

#### Now

Now I will tell you about when I learned how to ride a bike That day was hard for me; I kept falling but I kept trying and finally got it right

Then I'll tell you about the Natives who worked together to create a community

I am thought; I am not the most funny guy ever, nor am I the most somber

## Basketball

As the ball touched the hoop, it turned into an orange blur, spinning as it fell

My legs were sour and felt like boulders As I moved back and forth on the court

A forward passes to me I didn't even dribble the ball

When a player on the other team that I marveled at stole the ball

and I felt that time was flowing away but we got the ball back in my hands

I forced that orange ball into the air and it sailed through the net like a bird

# Lune for the Letter M

Tall, bright mountains looking bright and snowy white side by side

#### Lune for the Letter O

Look! A wheel tolling on the ground, following A shiny car

## Marc Tsang

#### USA

Because of all the friends I've made Because of all the special holidays we celebrate together Because of all the fun that I have Because I have a great family here Because of the great restaurants in the great Manhattan city Because I have a good home Because I have a long, great life that's in the future Because I will spend my time wisely

#### Now

Now I will tell you about the time I went to Niagra Falls The water was running - it looked Like a storm and a hurricane Even though there was danger lurking inside The water was white and blue Like lapis and pearls It smelled like salt - a lot of salt Now I know why birds liked it so much The water is magical

Then I'll tell you another kind of magic -Harry Potter from JK Rowling, the best book -Magic, magic, magic

I run like a cheetah I love sports (even though I get injured) I do tennis, swimming, etc

#### Faith

Faith is on stage and everyone is happy like a person with a good life

Faith is wearing a striped red dress, a ruby Glimmering like a shining fire

Alongside her are the three men Whose black blazers burn like a typhoon

One has a drum and the others Have a base and a trumpet Music flows like a river "Ahhhhhh," she sings and the song is finished

Everyone cheers, the crowd going Wild as bulls seeing red

## Music Villanelle

Music is something that pleases you It can have an amazing tune Music makes it bright blue

Before when it was played, plants grew It can turn sand into dunes Music is something that pleases you

Music is something that you do It can take you to the moon Music makes it bright blue

Music is a diamond morning dew It can change into a typhoon Music is something that pleases you

Sometimes music is a clue It is maybe covered by a fume Music makes it bright blue

Music is amazing new It can blow up like a balloon Music is something that please you Music makes it bright blue

#### Meena Viswanath

Oh! Bunnies, pajamas, soda! You make my day! Earrings, guitar, gum, chocolate! These things are with us every day They are all sweet in their own way!

#### Money

Because I had enough money I didn't take the \$565 Because the police were at the station Because I was able to hand it in Because there were 12 people staring at me I felt bad so quickly grabbed the money and Gave it to the police I found out it got returned to the rightful owner and the 12 people staring at me got angry

#### Now

Now I will tell you how my day at the beach I was getting lost and the flow of the wind pushed on clouds, making it rain and I also made puddles of water in my lap, waiting for a call from my beloved parents and waiting until I heard a call from my mom and dad and I was back home with my parents!

Then I'll tell you that Native Americans had to learn how to use the resources that were provided for them

Though I am not the smartest kid in the class, I am super bright and my brain scheme is like a growing bean stalk getting bigger

# Lune for the Letter O

A sun shines! It beams so beautifully, wow! This is great

#### Lune for the Letter Q

Pot and spoon! Make some pasta, cool, right? Time to eat

## Lune for the Letter D

Bow and arrow A target full of colors I made it

# Nicholas Vitellaro Push-ups and curl-ups: both my specialty.

Oh! Fortnite, Gucci and Wi-fi! You are very important in my life candy , days off school and writing You are all stored in my small brain and my heart! You all flow in my heart like Wi-fi in electrical towers

## Learning to Love New York

Because of the different cultures everywhere Because of the personalities Because of the foods everywhere Because of the differences Because of the skyscrapers Because we are independent and free Because of all the memes Because of JEFF Because in the end we are all one

## Line Drive

Now I will tell you sbout the time I hit a walk off line drive All I could see was 8 blue jerseys cheering and jumping around BAM! Everyone was screaming and tackling me I hit a walk off

Then I will tell you about how Native Americans built their own structures and weapons

I am a cheetah I am the wind blowing in winter I am an athletic, strong, growing boy

## Baseball Villanelle

Baseball is an out-of-the-park game It's simply just GREAT Don't ask me why some say it's lame

Hitting a homer is everyone's aim It may never be your fate Baseball is an out-of-the-park game

This is why everyone came Just remember, DON'T BE LATE Don't ask why some say it's lame

Baseball slowly increases fame Say no to the steroid they shouldn't have ate Baseball is an out-of-the-park game

You can make HERO your name Oh my God, all the gum on those crates! Don't ask me why some say it's lame

And still, no one is the same What comes around goes around and that's hate Baseball is an out-of-the-park game Don't ask me why some say it's lame

# Preston Wang Books are the best thing ever.

## Now

Now I will tell you how I won a tennis match, how I was Iosing and came back and won. Down 3-0 and I won 4-3 - by 2 points! He had 3 match points. I did it. I won the match.

I read a book about funny animals. A bull crashing into a candy store. Dogs stealing shoes and other items.

I am athletic as a cheetah, fast as a raging bull, vision and accuracy like a lion. I can do anything.

# Life Song

"Come on, wake up!" Vroom! Vroom! "Oh say can you see..." Stomp! Stomp! Chomp! "This food is good!" "What's for dinner?" Flush, chirp, chirp! "Go to sleep!" When I go to bed it's silent... black silence... then "Psst, Preston, do you wanna play video games secretly?"

# Lune for the Letter W

An upside down Mountain, standing tall and strong Facing the sunshine

A sideways zigzag zigzagging down the big city Super duper fast

An upside down

M, so tall and grand An amazing sight

A bird's beak Opening wide for his supper It's caught something

# **Tennis Villanelle**

Tennis is a goal with a lot of fright In order to succeed, just wait Wait until there's light

To show you can fly as high as a kite So you're not late Tennis is a goal with a lot of fright

Make a strategy, see if it's right Don't hate Wait until there's light

You can also wait until the time is right But don't be late Tennis is a goal with a lot of fright

Get to the right height To smash the ball into the crate Wait until there's light

Tennis is awesome, so reach your max height! You aren't stuck in a crate Tennis is a goal with a lot of fright Wait until there's light

## Fiona Wong Roblox is amazing. I LOVE ROBLOX.

Oh!

Because of Roblox I have fun Because of Roblox I'm not bored Because if I don't have Roblox I will rage Because without Roblox I will scream Because I scream loud LOL

#### Now

Now I will tell you how I got lost on a Mountain while skiing I skied and skied, I swished and swished And somewhere else I went *Down I go* Oh no, I went down the wrong side

Then I will tell you How your skin is The biggest organ on your body

I am a small child, small as a cabinet, smaller than a germ, Very tiny. I totally don't scream louder Than a person getting bit by a tarantula

## Lune for the Letter Q

A white umbrella Flies away, never seen again Up and away

#### Lune for the Letter U

A wiggling thumb It keeps on wiggling wheee! What a thumb

# Arthur Wu Do not touch my games ever!!!

Oh! sharks, hoodies, Fanta! You really are awesome! Brawl stars, pizza, bubble gum, lollipops These things are with me every day They go with the flow in my heart

## Now

Now I will tell you about my trip to Canada In the hotel pool, I was wondering, why can't mom let me swim to the deep end? Then for some reason my mom DID let me

Then I will tell you how I got lost in Canada When we were in the city, we got lost

I am a lazy, lazy potato, not willing to move unless for a video game controller

# Lune for the Letter Q

A grey cat Fell into the garbage can Meowing for help

# **Skiing Villanelle**

Skiing is a snowing place Skiing is very fun Skiing is a race

Skiing is a way to keep up the pace Skiing is never done Skiing is a snowing place

Skiing is space Skiing is not a ton Skiing is a race

Skiing is a trace Skiing is a run Skiing is a snowing place

Skiing is just an amazing base Skiing is like a drum Skiing is a race

Skiing is a way to lace Skiing is like a pun Skiing is a snowing place Skiing is a race

## Zachary Yau I like big, juicy French fries.

Oh! Roblox, money, hockey and laptops You are as cool as can be Ties, dreams, spaghetti and Smarties These things are with us every day They are like light hitting earth Hard, brave, strong

#### Now

Now I will tell you how I got lost in China in an arcade all by myself, No parents, alone, playing Super Mario Bros and other games while not noticing I was alone

Then I will tell you how cheese is made of rotten milk

Though I'm a lazy couch potato I can still play sports

## Adventure

Adventure is hunting in the forest Adventure is wearing a plain gray shirt Adventure has TNT in a gun as ammo Adventure says, "Let's hunt. Kids, please go away."

## **Hockey Villanelle**

Hockey is a cool video game It makes me feel some pain Sometimes it may sound lame

Zooming past people so fast I feel insane We play even when it's plain Hockey is a cool video game

Hockey is so insane You might get a serious pain Sometimes it may sound lame

Some hockey people have some fame I need to take some time to train Hockey is a cool video game

Hopefully you won't die from being lame Although some people might think the same Sometimes it may sound lame

After 72 years of hockey I will need a cane Maybe it will train your brain Hockey is a cool video game Sometimes it may sound lame

## Lune for the Letter T

A hammer hits A nail in a wood The nail breaks

## Christopher Ye My most favorite day is Friday.

Oh! Tigers, jackets, mango smoothies! You are the best! Sunglasses, drums, Whoopers, Kit Kat!

### Now

Now I will tell you How I caught 37 fireflies with the help of my dad and brother Going home, closing them in a water bottle, Giving them a little air Putting them in a tank until They ran out of air

Then I will tell you the time I learned that I will always be the youngest In my class and in my grade I will be 8 when everyone is 9 Waiting for a few more days to become 9 myself

Although I am young, I am a very angry cranky furious tiger

## Chess

I set up the game Putting the clock on my right

Beginning my match, Looking at my opponent

Setting up the two sets, getting ready to play

I move certain pieces, placing pieces carefully Trying not to make a mistake, I start over like twenty times

Placing a queen at forty seconds My opponent places a queen, checking my king

I win a capture of their king At seven seconds left

## Tiger Villanelle

A tiger is a wonderful magical thing Filled with courage and it's still strengthening Without him, you might start crying

A tiger is the animal king His power is still growing A tiger is a wonderful magical thing

He can knock down anything with a cling A tiger is so powerful one stomp can make the ground ring Without him, you might start crying

A tiger can beat anything with one sting He's sometimes the only one thinking A tiger is a wonderful magical thing

In the food chain, he is topping He can knock a building and it starts falling Without him, you might start crying

A tiger is stronger than Tom Riddle, still winning In power, a tiger is still the king of all things A tiger is a wonderful magical thing Without him, you might start crying

## Lune for the Letter C

Turn it around. Oh! A rainbow. It looks Like it's new.

### Jayden Yiu Roblox and Fortnite are the best.

Oh! Tigers, pajamas, water! You really are the best! Hoodies, recorders, gummy bears, lollipops These things are with us every day They are as strong as a brick

### Florida

Because of the sun Because of the beaches Because it's fun Because I get to swim Because the ocean is there Because of the cold water

#### Now

Now I will tell you How I got lost in a forest The leaves were red and green I was waiting for my mom to find me The dirt rubbed on my shoes I saw trees covered with leaves Then I was found The leaves were all filled with magic

Then I'll tell you how the Native Americans survived They built their homes alone I am a lion or a fierce tiger I still play sports

### The Basketball Tournament

It is the final game I want to get the ball

I feel the rough ball in my hands But I just hear, "Pass! Pass!"

The ball goes right through the net The sound of the net gives a boost

I give the ball and a hoop a glare The ball ripples through the air

We win the game My team runs to me

I have won the tournament My team tackles me

## Ryan Zhou Don't let people put you down.

#### **Christmas Eve At My Friend's House**

Because of their big house Because of the warm fireplace, and cookies with hot chocolate Because of the friendship crawling through my veins Making me want to say my name is Jeff

#### Because

Because he was lonely Because he was sad I walked up to him and Because his belly was growling I gave him my money Because he had ragged clothes Because someone had just beat him up I cared for him until I left I saw a smile form on his face, running to the corner store To get some food The next day I gave him my daily saving and my mom caught me She smiled and also gave him money Enough for a studio apartment Because of that tears fell out of his eyes Tears of joy

## Now

Now I will tell you how I got lost at skiing and how blue I felt with a pinch of... or should I say a handful of worry? With the security, rushing for some hope

Then I'll tell you how the Natives made friends with the pilgrims

I may have problems without action or with action and all can be as hard as a rock. I never win cause I'm as soft as a piece of paper.

#### Ms. Garcia's/ Mr. Dipolitis's 3rd-Grade Class

**Madyson Abad** Leena Baker **Trevor Chan** Alice Chen **Christina Chen Tomas Choroco** Sera Cheng Tiffany Ge Leia Hong John Kim **Morgan Kim** Mason Kwan **Rachael Yu Lee Grayson Li** Reagan Li Evan Liu Aarav Maini Veronica Matye **Kevin Ng** Andrew Quach **Chloe Santora Ruishen Wang** Muhn Yan **Isabella Yang** Lea Yang Alexa Yuan **Ethan Zhang** Kelly (Shuhao) Zhang **Kyle Zhang** Zachary Zhang Eden Zhao Nemo Zhong **Emma Zhuang** 

#### **Class Poems**

Oh! Dogs, t-shirts, lemonade! You really are precious! Guitars, necklaces, sunglasses, Hershey's! Yay! These things are with us every day!

#### Learning to Love School

Because of recess Where we race Because of learning to code Because of poetry Because of Mrs. Garcia Because she's nice

#### PS188Q Sonnet

June. We're all in the schoolyard together Yellows and browns, greens, blues, and reds are everywhere Kids play hide and seek around the brown benches forever We're running around and we discover, with flowing hair, That we'll be in the same class next year, learning in style! Basketballs boing up and down, up and down Someone ran eleven laps – a whole mile! He pants like a tired cheetah clown A couple of us play Yu-Gi-Oh, the card game There's shrieking and laughter in the air We're all chattering birds, but we're not all the same The basketball hoop, a spidery web, gives us an encouraging stare One of us thinks of bending wires with a smile And another remembers the hundred on his test and laughs for a while

#### **Group Poem**

## A Sonnet about Childhood Muhn Y., Andrew Q., John K., and Rachel L.

Childhood is Halloween, full of glory And it's time to take a nap Mother calls, "Time for a bedtime story" And the children do what they are told in a snap

> In the middle of a nap They are dreaming About a blue cap And they are breathing

They wake up with a clap From their dream They had a good nap And their sleeping space is clean

One guy is staring into space While the others are trying to cover their face

## Madyson Abad I'm a caring and loving person.

#### Now

Now I will tell you About when I went to London It was full of colors

An interesting fact about me is I'm an organism I am a mouse because I squeak When I laugh

#### **Basketball Game**

The court is huge and I Start dribbling the ball up to the three point line

> I hear the timer ringing and I Chess pass the ball to my teammate

> > She shoots and she scores We make two points

Once the game is almost done I pass the ball once again

To my teammate and she drives to the hoop, Scores and we win!

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My hideout is inside of a peppermint I first go on the candy slide When I get to the peppermint It usually greets me with more candy Gingerbread waves to me When it sees I am sleeping It turns off the candy light switch When evil gingerbread comes to the peppermint it has lasers to protect me When it swallows me there's candy inside his fluid When a human bites it, he turns green and bites them

#### Lune for the Letter M

A big mountain! I can go up and down all day!

## Leena Baker I am really good at staring.

Oh! Kittens, cats, kitties, tabbies, calicos, Russian blue short hair! You really seem magical in being adorable They can be a magical surprise! I truly believe these things are anywhere and that they are truly adorable

## Now

Now I will tell you As an 8 year old girl I made s'mores When my dad took out brown bricks and white soft pillows I set a pillow on fire and ran So my dad would not put out the fire I ran and ran until the white, soft thing was black And I put out my breath which was like an invisible extinguisher The fire was out and I put the demon on a honey cracker And put the now-broken brick on the other honey cracker And mushed it together as I made my dad commit to "eat the failure"

In fact, I even burned the stick the marshmallow was on!

I am a demon because I was greedy For the chosen one, for the demon, for the good s'more

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is inside my stuffed animal fox

I normally need to feed it a potato with a smiley face on it before I ride A marshmallow and scratch it in a good place Then it lets me in and I see hundreds of other stuff animals to keep me company There is a rainbow of all colors All the animals bounce with me Then roller skate to the blanket forts and end up dreaming About a huge plush party I would let Alice, Madyson and Katherine inside It tastes like cotton candy in here If you lockpick the candy safe with my hairpins It sounds like dance music and "nom nom nom" when someone picks the safe It smells like chocolate chips and flowers that smell amazing When I sleep, Dash turns his light off and the fox starts singing In case my dad comes, the fox sniffs until he falls down after seeing The picture of me to trick him

## Lune for the Letter O

I find O as an amazing moon, waiting for an eclipse

Another way to define O is as an orange. No reason.

### Trevor Chan I like everything that is weird.

Oh! Books, magazines, articles! You are so informative. Ruishen, Kyle, Trevor, all stuff that I like These things are bases, every day and war They are all strong as unbreakable, indestructible, big and iron rocks As hard as turtle shells falling off cliffs and mountains Slipping down trees Rocking back and forth like a plain floor

#### Because

Because there are fouls Because there are hoops Because I am eight Because there are dunks Because there are jumpballs Because it is basketball It is fun!

## The Game I ran through the basketball court to meet the audience I got ready for the game

It was my ball

I heard crowds shouting

I passed it to my teammates as the ball swooped around my hand and they got a score

I reached my hand up and got a foul They took a foul shot and didn't make it in

I jumped and jumped until I got the ball I shot a free throw and I made it in

> I passed it to my teammate He also made a jump shot

### Lune for the Letter M

M is spikes A trap used by ninjas Shark tooth sharp

### Alice Chen I am very friendly around people.

Oh! Kittens, dresses, lemonade! You really are precious Pianos, earrings, lollipops These things are with us every day!

### Swimming

I wiggle my toes trying hard to touch the

ground with marble tiles and start

to move my arms and

kick my legs until my grip

is tight on the wall

## Friendship

Friendship is sitting in a restaurant and drinking tea while talking and laughing then putting on a hat while walking out of the restaurant happily

## Family Villanelle

Family is getting together Including the cat Even if there is bad weather

Drawing pictures forever My brother swinging his baseball bat Family is getting together

I'm never leaving my family, ever My cat's napping on the mat Even if there is bad weather

Mom's wearing a purse made of leather My dad's wearing his baseball hat Family is getting together

I might draw a girl named Heather I wish I could get a pet bat Even if there is bad weather

My grandma is wearing a hat with a feather I love my grandma's hat Family is getting together Even if there is bad weather

## Lune for the Letter O

Deliciously juicy oranges Holding them in my hands Orange brightness shining

A bouncing O In the bright blue sky Catching it high

## **Christina Chen**

# Exploding Room

I went into my sister's room and The room exploded

Toys scattered everywhere As my sister laughed

My maniac sister danced While I stepped on her toes

#### Family

Family is looking at your child and wearing warm clothes Standing on a beach Hugging our child Closing your eyes and saying, "I love you"

Lune for the Letter Q Apples are sweet Lollipops are tasty and sweet Bombs explode powerfully

#### A Broken Villanelle Sushi is smart

Flowers are smart Food is my heart

Salmon is awesome Flowers are sweet Sushi is smart

Cookies are crunchy Roses are red Food is intelligent

Pizza is delicious Blossoms are lovely Sushi is smart

Cookies smell great Flowers are good Food is intelligent

Sushi is intelligent Yellow flowers are beautiful Sushi is smart Food is intelligent

### Sera Cheng I am always sleepy at school.

#### Basketball

I sit in the corner watching the ball go here and there

The round figure comes closer to our team's hoop and bounces near the hoop but

falls in disappointment and bounces to the corner and bounces one last time

There's a big BOINK and I fall to the ground, panting breathlessly, frowning and

I get up and my world is shaking and I pick up the round figure on my tummy

#### Joy

Joy is walking barefoot over dirt Next to her two bald brothers Whose legs are as long as beans The older brother is next to the father who is wearing a hat bigger than the older brother's hat

#### **River Lune**

A curvy river A long S shaped river A beautiful river

#### Adventure

Every day is an adventure I go flying with butterflies or go on a mystery about a ballet shoe.

I can write a summary of today's adventure on one page Readers flip through my pages, waiting for their journey to begin.

> What am I? A book.

## Tomas Choroco I like pizza, games and apples.

#### Because

Because I was in a bad mood Because she was a sore loser Because she's annoying Because I hate her Because she hit me Because I had no breakfast Because I felt angry Because she sucked I hit my sister once and it felt better I hit her

## **Peppermint Grass**

All I see is grass Plain old grass in the field Chocolate cake that looks like grass Tastes like peppermint

### Tiffany Ge I feel great about my friends.

Oh! Tigers, pizza, and lemonade You are all magic Violins, earrings, Kit Kats You are all great

#### Because

Because I was nice Because I was not a cheater Because I wanted to get a good grade Because I was a good person Because if the same happened to me I would feel bad Because I don't want to get into trouble Because I do things good on my own I did the spelling/vocabulary quiz on my own

#### Now

Now I will tell you How my cousin did his first steps The laughter burst The colors began to come to me

Then I will tell you that I just learned area in math They are unit squares

I am a kitten because I am adorable, Everyone says

#### Life Song

My life is a yellow song Wake up, zzz Silence, vroom Chatter, chatter Munch, chomp, ha Chatter, vroom Zzz zzz When I sleep the color is blue silence

### **String Lune**

A colorful string! Bright colors all around me! It's so colorful.

### Leia Hong

### Learning to Love Turks and Cacos

Because of the warm air Because of the bright sun Because of the yellow sand and the big gray rocks

**Life Song** My life is one of those typical Songs you hear on the radio

In the morning I hear splashing Water in the kitchen

On the way to school I Hear the blabbering of the people

On the radio and at school All I hear is la la la

As the kids sing the pledges and In the afternoon I can hear

The bouncing of basketballs I get back home and eat dinner

Munch much munch During the night I lay in bed

In complete silence and Fall asleep

Lune for the Letter H The letter H Oh so very simple, used In many words

#### Now

Now I will tell you how I saw the blue ocean from the sky in a wide, open area, strapped to the seat and pulled by a white ship I dipped into the blue ocean, almost touching the big, gray rocks, taken out of the water and Pulled back to land

Then I will tell you About the hottest place on the earth called Dallol There are many salt mines there

I am small, but I am smart I am like a device And I have good advice

### The Sharpest Turn Ever

The clean white door opened with a giant push, the wind blew across my face

And the birthday girl danced across the ice I slowly went onto the ice and gracefully

glided across, seeing my blades leaving the smallest marks on the ice, my blades fell into

someone else's marks and I made the sharpest turn I ever made, grabbing the rims on the walls

stopping my ice skates and making the deepest marks to stop myself

### John Kim I like science more than anything.

#### Because

Because I was annoyed Because I was tired of waiting for my family Because I felt like a volcano about to explode Because my family wasn't listening to me Because I felt like I wanted to do something crazy Because I have a patience limit Because I was mad at my family I ran down a hill like a crazy madman

#### Now

Now I will tell you that I fell off a hill The summer sun was shining in the clear blue sky There, bright green, slippery grass and the dew of water Mist in the sky and then I fell flat on my face

Then I will tell you that DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid

I am a tiger because I am intelligent And a stalker

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My hideout is in the core of the sun I go on my water bottle rocket ship and it lands on the sun The sun makes a hole and I jump in When I sleep, the core dims down to a faint light Only I can go in When aliens attack the sun, the sun sets fire to the universe When the sun sets me on fire, it sets me back out with wind When an asteroid crashes into it, it explodes

## Weirdness

Weirdness is being a squashed person with 8,000 heads Walking across the street to go to work in public while Everyone stares at you, wearing a rainbow dress and A shirt with a clown on it and saying, "Why is everybody staring at me?"

## **Books Villanelle**

Books are the solid rainbow form of learning They entrance me like a beautiful cloud But the cloud reminds me of money earning

The book was burning The learning of the world was dying very loud Books are the solid rainbow of learning

I am dying But my heart tells me to read a book as thick as round But the cloud reminds me of money earning

Books fascinate me more than any other thing A book is a cute, useful hound Books are the solid rainbow form of learning

Books make me think of new things while thinking

Books stop that circle going round and round But the cloud reminds me of money earning

I am reading

And the reading make me hear a good sound Books are the solid rainbow form of learning But the cloud reminds me of money earning

Lune for the Letter K That table is Very, very beautiful and expensive I want it

#### Morgan Kim

### My Secret Hideout #1

My secret hideout is underground in a diamond mine I first go on my "impossible Morgan monkey bar" That leads to underground When I get to my diamond mine I take a nap on my cotton candy soft diamond bed Then I eat sparkly edible diamond rock candy and rock popcorn rice

#### My Secret Hideout #2

My secret hideout is in a red envelope First I run on a fortune marathon runway When I get into the red envelope I eat Lucky Fortune cookies and rest on my soft marshmallow-filled red envelope

### Mason Kwan Buy one, get one free weirdness.

Oh! Hamsters, t-shirts, cappuccinos You really are cool Electric guitar, bracelets, bubble gum Yay! You're with me almost every day

### The Event

As I was standing On the block

In my swimsuit Ready to race

Shivering and Feeling nervous

The horn blows And I plunge

Going butterfly I race someone

Doing two laps; I was winning

Going back I Did butterfly

I ended first And I won

Exhausted Forgetting my time

### My Secret Hideout

My hideout is in a basketball I smack the air valve And it shrinks me and sucks me in It looks brown inside It tastes like rubber It sounds like pounding Air and I can go in

When someone plays with my hideout I scream at the top of my lungs STOP And they won't stop After three times, I poke them with An injection full of molten metal and dirt

## Lune for the Letter Q

Yum, a cherry You know what, eat it Just do it

## Lune for the Letter B

A butterfly's wing What happened, you poor butterfly? Must've been painful

### Rachael Lee I think math is super great.

#### Japan

Because of the food like sushi, ramen and candy Because of the cherry blossoms Becomes of the cute and cheap stuff Because of the amazing eraser toys Because of the high speed train Because of the sights

#### Now

Now I will tell you I went to Japan to a 2-part candy store The total was \$600 and it took 30 minutes To find the total We had 12 baskets and after we bought everything We had 7 bags of candy

Then I will tell you That a leap year Is 4 years

I am a banana because I like banana and sometimes I wear a yellow shirt!

#### **Candy Store**

I can smell the familiar smell of candy Candy is around me, left, right, forward, backward

Skipping through the aisles like I'm in Candyland Feeling like a fair in fairy land

Feeling the cool wind in the Japanese candy store The sun shining like an orange

Seeing us pay 600 for one bag The cash register checks the cost for thirty minutes Skipping happily Out of the shop

### **Candy Villanelle**

Candy is a waterslide of sweet It is full of little kids' joy Candy is a bird singing tweet tweet

A thin stripe of a thin candy sheet Is like a chef making boy choy Candy is a waterslide of sweet

A thin strip of candy sheets And a little boy is jumping with joy Candy is a bird singing tweet tweet

Without a thin strip of candy sheets You can annoy a boy Candy is a waterslide of sweet

Candy is a waterslide of sweets A kid plays with a toy Candy is a bird singing tweet tweet

A thin strip of candy sheets And a girl munches on Chips A'Hoy! Candy is a waterslide of sweet Candy is a bird singing tweet tweet

## Lune for the Letter d A bird singing Tweet tweet tweet it sings Until it's midnight

Lune for the Letter A (A Lighthouse) Blinding your eyes Showing boats where to go Toot it goes

### Grayson Li I like funny comics, nonfiction books.

Oh! Dinosaurs, T-shirts, coco-cola You are truly cool! Piano, rings, lollipops! Yay! These things can get to be with me.

#### Because

Because he will cry Because he is young Because my dad will throw me out of this house Because I am in a bad mood Because my brother will hit me back Because my brother is in a bad mood And my dad is in a bad mood I do not

## Lune for the Letter Q

Lollipops are yummy so they are very, very Popular, so popular

#### Now

Now I will tell you about seeing my baby cousin for the first time He is cute but I can't play with him Now that he can walk, he follows me around

Then I will tell you There are trees bigger than blue whales **The Best Game** The court is very big In the basketball court

And the other team is around and And I have the ball;

As I try to shoot, The other team blocks me,

I pass the ball And it almost gets caught

My teammate shoots It misses the hoop

I catch it Then I shoot

I get it in Be we have one shoot to go

The other team shoots Oh no, it's tied

10 to 10 One basket to go

I do a lay up And I make it in

We celebrate me I say good game

When we leave It is the best day of my life!

### Reagan Li I love watching a colorful sunset.

Oh! Pianos, skirts, frappuccinos You really are precious! French horns, bracelets, caramels Yay! You make me happy Every day!

### Now

Now I will tell you How fun it was to go to Hawaii It had lots of colors and warmth Lots of laughter and movement

Then I'll tell you That the weight of a baby panda Is as light as an apple

I am short but I am smart I am a dolphin Because I love to swim

## The Walk of Annoyance and Peace

As I skip through the cool breeze Toward the yellow and orange gleaming sun

I hear the wonderful laugh coming out Of my maniac sister

Running through my head loudly, Constantly and annoyingly

Until it stops and I take a Sigh of relief to look at the purple sky

The color spreading through the sky Like the scent of roses filling my nose.

## Anger

Anger is the silence between The two people sitting side by side Not looking at each other But looking at something With a sign of red fire Taking over their minds Wearing the colors of madness Red and black covering the body Going from place to place Spreading to one another with no sign Of love between them They say nothing But a whole lot of "I hate you's" and "You're wrong"

## Lune for the Letter A

A is the Eiffel Tower, as tall as the great giant

### Evan Liu I am the best at basketball.

#### Now

Now I will tell you How I won a basketball game The fun and laughter is the best that can happen

> Then I will tell you All organisms have Very, very, very, very tiny cells

> > I am super I am nice and very cool

## The Basketball Point

As I defend on the court My teammate steals the ball

Yesss! I say and Passs! I shout Pass! And vroom as he speeds past fast toward the

> Hoop, but a defender is here so He passes it to me and I shoot it

And make the point while the Crowd goes wild

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My hideout is in a basketball. I slide through the black lines Inside the basketball. I win and win all day long. Many people think I am singing a song, but I am just playing basketball all day long. When I sleep, everything turns into a bed. Then everyone lays down their heads. My friends are the only ones inside and NO parents!

#### Lune for the Letter Q

Qs a magnifying Glass with a mystery solved No more cases

## Lawrence Liu

Oh! Chips, cookies, cats, tigers, pizza, lemonade You are all wonderful

> My secret hideout is in the earth's core I get there by digging a hole straight down

#### Aarav Maini

Oh! Tigers, sweatshirts, mango juice! You really are amazing Flutes, bracelets, Sour Patch Kids Yay! All these things are with us every day!

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my two-year-old brother using *please* and *thank you* My yellow t-shirt brother wanted the blue I-Pad and asked my black shirt mom, *Please, can I have the I-Pad?* My mom said, *Sure* and my brother said, *Thank you* 

Then I will tell you that the peregrine falcon is the fastest animal in the world

I am a butterfly because I am nice to everyone

The Soccer Game The shines and the sun glimmers brightly

and the forwards race for the ball,

teammates shouting, *Pass!* to receive the ball

The forward runs fast as he approaches the goal,

readies his legs and shoots an amazing goal!

**Family** Family is a group of people playing checkers

They wear dresses, coats, and funny-looking robes

They say, "This is the best match I've seen"

They were all young kids in a previous life

#### **Poetry Villanelle**

Poetry is a red door When you open it, your mind increases in imagination When you close it, you get such a bore

Without it, we would feel so poor It also gives you a lot of inspiration Poetry is a red door

If we are in it, we can think of so much more You can even use levitation When you close it, you get such a bore

In it, you can even ride a wide boar There is no need for sanitation Poetry is a red door

On boats, you don't need an ore Everyone is in this nation When you close it, you get such a bore

You can have a rainbow door A button can have many effects from its activation Poetry is a red door When you close it, you get such a bore

## Orange Lune An orange, so sweet and sour at the Exact same time

**Boomerang Lune** A boomerang swishes in the air, as peaceful as can be

## Veronica Matye I love sushi so, so much!

#### Now

Now I will tell you that my baby sister was walking clearly and smoothly across the floor A flash in her green and pink onesie across her mat, quickly to her brown pillow, where she fell asleep

Then I will tell you how magnetic force pushes the floating train up while gravity pulls it down It never floats away

I am a hummingbird because I am fast and pretty No one sees me coming

**The Whirlpool** I look out in the pool to the special spot

where the water swirls and whirls

I step in and I float on the top

swirling around, thinking about how to get out

I grab onto the opening and struggle to get out

and as I go into regular waters I shout to my mom, I'm going again!

## Art Villanelle

Art is a rainbow side of me Inspiration can come from a good book Art is a sweet as yummy green tea

Sometimes I draw a golf tee Inspiration I always took Art is a rainbow side of me

When I brainstorm, sometimes I laugh, tee hee Inspiration comes when you want to cook Art is as sweet as yummy green tea

Can I draw a pretty tree? I might draw a picture of being shook Art is a rainbow side of me

Or maybe I'll draw a pesky flea For inspiration, I always look Art is as sweet as yummy green tea

Maybe I'll draw the sea I know what I'll draw... a hat on a hook! Art is a rainbow side of me Art is as sweet as yummy green tea

Lune for the Letter O Pretty rainbow colors Floating silently through the air Suddenly, nooo... pop!

#### Kevin Ng Minecraft is my favorite video game.

Oh! Tokyo, chocolate, sharks You really are precious Pearls, pianos

#### Now

Now I will tell you how I used to feed the little worms I fed them mulberry leaves Without helping them, they can change from a caterpillar To a beautiful butterfly

> Then I'll tell you How I learned about Gravity and balanced forces

I am excited because I am a roller coaster

#### Weirdness

Weirdness is singing weird and Wearing red clothes in the blue night Why are you wearing the colors of the sun When it is dark and nighttime? Weirdness is weirder than everything so she does not match with anything So why did you hire a band? If you hire a band you are going to sing the wrong tune

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is in the squashed place under the couch You go under the couch and into the tunnel You take the smelly elevator Then go into a goat's mouth Now you are in my base

#### Lune for the Letter K

A red arrow hits a target far away I don't know

## Andrew Quach Lily is my most favorite song.

Oh! Peregrine falcon, pants, ginger ale You really mean something to me! Electric guitar, bracelet, aspirins All well-known and popular Still makes a poem spectacular

## Now

Now I will tell you I saw a grizzly bear eating puffy marshmallows It came from the creepy dark woods where we saw a snake and a deer

Then I will tell you a leap year because it takes one year and six hours for Earth to rotate around the sun

I am a peregrine falcon because I am fast

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is inside a dirty, delicate desk In order to get there, I touch a special pencil Then BAM I shrink and I'm inside my desk My hideout has games, Nintendo switch, TV, snacks, and bean bag chairs Behind the workbooks and folders It smells like chips It sounds like FLUMP which is me flopping on my chair I play Fortnite, eat chips and sleep ALL DAY LONG Only I can come here If someone else touches the special pencil It feels like a worm

## Basketball Villanelle

Basketball is as happy as a smiley face It's full of glory and joy It's better than winning a race

It's as easy as tying a shoelace To a boy basketball is as happy as a smiley face

It's not hard like a detective's case Don't treat the ball as if it as a toy It's better than winning a race

It you're good at it, you could beat Grace! A victory's better than eating bok choy Basketball is as happy as a smiley face

You need to set your speed to a steady pace It's easier than calling soy sauce "soy" It's better than winning a race

Keep moving and make sure your shoes don't have a sticky paste When playing basketball there's nothing to annoy Basketball is as happy as a smiley face It's better than winning a race

## Chloe Santora I am a very fierce tomboy.

## Now

Now I will tell you I have seen quite a crazy storm The lights went out as I had planned With a quick flash of white, I set up walkways with yellow candle and heavy silence

Then I will tell you that all organisms have a relationship Cells are what make up every single living thing

I may not seem like it, but I am a fierce wolf howling in the wind

### Doing a Back Walkover

As I feel my hair brushing against my face I see all my friends staring at me

I take a step back, lifting my trembling foot and I feel myself straining my neck

With me defying gravity and nothing at all worrying my mind

I did a full 360, landing in a perfect 100% gymnastics pose

#### Adventure

Adventure is a girl with short black hair with a beanie hat and blue earrings ripped jeans and bright green long sleeve cropped shirt She looks at a Hollywood star riding a horse galloping in the wind Adventure says to follow the special star on this special night and with a flash of lightning Adventure runs into the undiscovered

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is in the basement of an abandoned house I have to swing on a vine of ivy to get there It is a small house covered with planks of wood and ash walls It sounds like the creaking of wood, every step you take Only my best and most trusted friend are allowed I sit by the window and write scary stories all day long

## Lune for the Letter M

Snow dusted mountains Cold flakes fill the air An amazing sight

Wonderful roller coasters Everyone screaming with joyful delight It is thrilling

Claws of dogs Calmly scratching at the wall Such a sight

#### Ruishen Wang Swimming's awesome and it's very fun!

#### Because

Because it is a good sport Because I can play Because it is cool - "ice cool" Because it is nice in summer Because it is good exercise Because I am good at it I swim

#### **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is in a castle! I would get there with a snap of my left hand finger There is stored millions of yummy food and servants who serve me! Only Ryan, my little brother, can come in We play board games and talk about stuff Like tomorrow

#### Friendship

Friendship is people giving away flowers

Friendship is nice everywhere you go

Friendship is something people have deep inside

Friendship includes flowers and humans

Friendship leads to kneeling to someone

It includes many loves between humans

It is great stuff for us all

## Lune for the Letter U

U is a valley in the South canyon with many visitors

#### Muhn Yan TV makes me have different emotions.

#### Because

Because it was Mother's Day Because it was a present Because it looked nice Because I love her Because it had a heart as love Because she helps me Because she cares for me I bought a necklace for my grandmother

#### **Finding Something**

Losing my tooth I ran down the

stair, found my tooth and my

sister's water bottle and ran back up

the stairs and told my mom the

good news about finding my sister's water bottle

I excitedly went to bed and I heard my sister say, *Halleluah* 

super loud and I had to shut my ears tightly with my hand

and I waited for a year for her to stop screaming like a crazy maniac

#### Life Song

My life is a weird song In the morning, I hear, "Wake up, Emma" In school, I hear, "Turn to page 395 in your math workbook" In the afternoon, I hear write write write on paper In the evening I hear non nomnom yum During the night I hear snooore snooore Tick tock tick tock tick tock zzz

## Isabella Yang I like to play Minecraft thoroughly.

### My Home

Because my house fills with the delightful smell of the meals Because of the enjoyable songs from the piano

### Life Song

My life is a pink song I hear buzz buzz buzz Bitter patter bitter patter Chomp chomp chomp Scratch scratch scratch Awwwwwww Pz pz pz pz pz pz Uhhh Silence is colors

## Mountain Lune

A big mountain It goes up and down It's another world

## Lea Yang My most favorite color is red.

Oh! Wolves, headphones, ice cream You really are awesome Electric guitars, red, checkers You make me really happy!

### Creativity

Creativity is colors. Creativity is patterns. Creative is what shines the most. Creativity lights the clock. Creativity shines from inside out. Creativity shines in your heart. You shine and light up from creativity. Creativity is you singing from your heart. show your heart from creativity

#### **My Secret Hideout**

Under my bed lies a little cottage I enter my code and slip right into a tunnel Darkness is what covers my hideout I hang out and eat chocolate bars in here I only let certain people come in and Anyone who tries to get in has to figure out the hard password People often ask me, How did you fit inside here? I just stay silent If strangers ever come in, they will regret it very much and wish they 'd never come in here I just stare into the darkness, sometimes smiling and sometimes, I eat peppermints

## **Sleepy Villanelle**

Sleep is a red lazy sheep Sleeping on a dark blue bed In a sheep's white heap

Eating something can be a big feast Playing hide and seek, pretending to be dead Sleep is a lazy red sheep

Like a turkey, chicken and duck with stinky feet Walking around in a home wood shed In a sheep's white heap

On a cheap fence covered in bleach Trying to pick up a pen Sleep is a red lazy sheep

And you fall so deep In the ocean den In a sheep's white heap

Doing big lazy leaps In your mind, accepting evil and greed Sleep is a red lazy sheep In a sheep's white heap

### Alexa Yuan Alexa, great friend to all people.

### **Favorite Things**

Oh! Fluffy bunnies, flippy dresses, strawberry smoothies! You really are lovely! Piano, necklaces, earrings, Twix Yay! These things are with us every day!

### Now

Now I will tell you When she was born, her skin was so smooth, so white, barely any hair, so cute, so beautiful Her name was so sweet - baby Alena Now she is one, she can walk and she's shining in bright colors glistening in my eyes

Then I will tell you that all organisms are related by their awesome traits

I am a puppy because I am playful, joyful and great

## **Amazing Adventure**

I flee onto my bike pedaling at top speed

as my sister chases me and

I see colors of red, green,

and white, all everywhere, So beautiful, I think

Christmas is coming and bells are ringing

So I stop my breaks And my sister catches me

And we both laugh And I hug her

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is in Candyland To get there, you first ride a magical cloud When I get there, I find a cozy spot and I grab some candy to eat Then I move onto the next level Sometimes I get cold candies Nobody can come in here so I can have peace when I'm tired I don't need to brush my teeth because the candy isn't sugary and time never passes so I can stay there all day

## Lune for the Letter Q

The sweet lollipops Filling are the letter Qs So deliciously yummy

A crunchy apple Perfect for hungry, tired teachers A healthy treat

What is that? My magnifier searches and sees A big mystery

## Ethan Zhang I like to play video games.

Oh! Oranges, my fish friends and snacks You really are great Potato, people (some are annoying) Yay!

### **My House**

Because my mom cooks delicious meals Because of my computer Because of my bed Because of my blue room

#### Now

Now I will tell you about the time my sister took her first steps over to me in her spotted onesie then to my dad, then my mom then down to her pillow where she naps

> Now I will tell you that Minecraft is made by Mojang

I am a tiger because I scare people

### The Shot

As the breeze pressed in my face the ball landed on the floor

I picked up the ball and said, Catch

My teammate caught it and shot the ball through the hoop

and made an amazing shot!

## Kyle Zhang I'm a really good soccer player.

#### Because

Because I love origami and he's my friend And he was still learning to make A transforming ninja star And I was trying to be nice Because I'm a good friend I helped him

#### Life Song

My life is a green song In the morning, I hear chirping On the way to school, I hear the radio When I get to school, I hear blah blah blah In the afternoon, I hear silence During dinner, I hear chomp chomp At night, I hear silence at 11 AM

#### Turtle

His back looks like a rock He is crawling His head can go in and out of its shell

> He is crawling slowly Go go go His eyes looks around

It even crawls slower but keep going Finally, it arrives

It's looking at me It's hungry His tongue is sticking out for food

It's happy and enjoys the food Tastes so good Now it goes to sleep

### Lune for the Letter M

It's a spiky Mountain, going up and down And up again Zachary Zhang I like clams, no matter what.

Oh, crabs, T-shirts, clams You are all so cool

#### **Everyday Things**

Yawn "a little longer" Brrr poof SLAM Vroom Musical notes floating in the air Slam bam "Yay, breakfast" "Bye bye"

> Sss poof Chirp chirp So relaxing at 12:00 am

#### **My Secret Hideout**

It is under my bed somewhere It is inside a hole under my bed The hole goes deep inside the wall Look up and climb the rusty metal stairs to the sky hole Go inside the sky hole You will end up in a wide, empty pipe in the roof Go right, then take a left into a smaller pipe filled one third with water Go straight Don't go left again or else you're going to end up in the toilet Keep going straight You will end up in a room There will be a tunnel Go inside the tunnel Then you will end up in my hideout

Eden Zhao I am a weird video game.

#### Lune for the Letter T

This is creepy It can make me dizzy can't be undizzy

#### Lune for the Letter C

Clouds go away Why can't it be peaceful? A natural disaster

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is on a map in space You have to get a spaceship And wait

> It is a planet in space far from Earth I do nothing but play *Brawl Stars*

No one is allowed in except maybe you

## Nemo Zhong I like to annoy my dad.

## **Growing Melon**

I put the seed quickly In the dirt

Then it G up within a year

R O W S

## Life Song

My life is a bad aqua song In the morning I hear yawn clang clang Ahhh! Grumble, grumble In the evening Yummy, burgers! Zzz zzz zzz Black is my silence

## Bomb Lune

Bombs are explosive Bombs can be useful normally Bombs are cool

## Food Villanelle

Food is a silver sun And also a screen toy You can use it as a pun

Kids can use it for fun Most boys eat choy Food is a silver sun

Kids want it for a pun So they can play, oh boy You can use it as a pun

So you should never use it as a pun Cause they want to eat the pun Food is a silver sun

And you can cook it with a sun When you have no toy You can use it as a pun

You can use it like dun dun dun You can annoy Food is a silver sun You can use it as a pun

#### Emma Zhuang I feel very good about boredom.

#### Because

Because my little brother is annoying Because he always cries Because he is annoying Because he scribbles on everything Because he is a baby Because he gets in trouble Because he is bad Because I will get in trouble if I hit him I didn't

#### Now

Now I will tell you how I used to feed worms which died

Then I'll tell you that I learned area in math

I am a lion because I'm a little foolish

#### Orange

As I was trying to shoot a basketball on

the window, I ran and threw it and as I

> fell down flat On the floor

I saw an orange fall into a hoop as somebody cheered

#### Boredom

Boredom is scribbling or drawing on a wood rock and turning it into animals for no apparent reason while wearing thin clothes and robes and feeling sad, like nothing

## Ms. Wingenfeld's 3rd-Grade Class

Penelope Carratu **Thomas Cecil Christy Chan Skyler Chang Aaron Chen** Mia Choe Grace Chou **Aimee Deng** Logan Donahue **Aaron Gong** Morgan Kam Alisa Kaykova **Bethany Kim Caleb Kim** Jonathan Lee Sylvia Lin Lucas Liu **Zoey Ludwig** Nathan Liu Audrey Ng **Katherine Ng Emily Revello** Massimo Sabatino Leonardo Su Vanessa Tao Victor Tu **Constance Wong** Ryan Wu Millie Yao Winnie Yin **Ming Zhang Henry Zheng** 

#### **Class Poems**

Oh! Dogs, jackets, hot cocoa! You really are great! Scarves, piano, violin, cotton candy, Kit Kats! Yay! These things are with us every day. They're soft as pillows.

#### Learning to Love School

Because we get to draw pictures Because we get to write stories Because at recess we get to run around and play Because we can eat lunch with our friends

#### **PS188Q Sonnet**

It's a few days before winter. In the yellow classroom We are meeting in the meeting area, surrounded by animal fluff In the room, there are tan-brown and silver chairs and a broom Our teacher, our bright flower in winter, is talking about stuff In first grade, we taste vanilla ice cream and lemon sorbet, so merry In third grade, we watch shadows to the seasons dance On Halloween, everyone looks like a tiny and scary fairy On pajama day, everyone looks like cozy teddy bears that prance On ugly sweater day, everyone looks like ugly, pretty autumn trees The Culture Project party gives us foods from around the ocean blue We meet new and best friends, oh, yay, yes, please Lunch is fun and recess, too Today we take a math test and feel really tall After, we happily roar up and down the hall

#### **Group Poems**

## An Incomplete Sonnet about Childhood *Lucas L., Grace C., and Ryan W.*

Kids are eating ice cream On a hot summer day With sunscreen Watching other kids play

They are not wearing sneakers While eating their ice cream Inside the cabin are some speakers Outside the cabin is hot steam

The floor is made of wood And a bird chirping out loud I wonder if they would And should be proud

Childhood Sonnet Bethany K. , Caleb K. and Leo S.

The girls are poor They are wearing blue They went outside of the store They are going home to eat stew

The girls have shoes The girls got clothes from a mall They also have the blues They wish to play ball

Three girls are out in the cold At home they were mopping One of them is wearing gold They wish they were shopping

Now they are home They wish they were in Rome

#### **Childhood Sonnet**

Winnie Y., Aaron G., Penelope C., Mia C., and Ming Z.

Childhood is life as a child Dancing on the street Acting all wild While feeling the heat on their feet

A girl is wishing her nails were filed Soon they will go in to eat Their dishes of food will be piled At the table they'll take their seat

The weather outside is mild They soon will go to bed and get under their sheets Their parents worry that soon they won't be a child At breakfast they look through the window and see wheat

After they eat They go back out to dance on the street

## A Sonnet about Childhood Audrey N., Zoey L., and Millie Y.

Childhood is a child dreaming Morning, noon, and night In a hammock while relaxing The child has no sight with no light

In a hammock relaxing With feet over the front The child is on the hammock collapsing Shadows are on the hunt

The child is relaxing outside Shadows around the world Like a bird to the side Legs shining like a pearl

With some light You can see in the bright

# A Sonnet about Childhood *Katherine N. and Logan D.*

Childhood is sometimes poor With nothing to play Go stand by the door Or think of something good to say

Red brick on the wall They fight up high Don't care if they fall Standing up in the sky

Four kids up high Then the four kids fight with all their might No one else knows why One kids in the shade and wants more light

Sometimes childhood is boring Just sit there watching birds soar

## A Sonnet about Childhood Alisa K., Aimee D., Jonathan L., and Henry Z.

Childhood is crazy The mom's brain is fizzy Since kids are lazy Mom's always busy

Childhood is a weird thing We're held by a busy grown up Tucked underneath a mother wing We sometimes cry in a cup

Childhood makes a mom work hard With no time to drink tea And no time to cook a mallard Childhood makes moms want to flee

Childhood is hard to manage Even more with an empty fridge

## A Sonnet about Childhood Emily R., Morgan K., and Aaron C.

Childhood is a friendship of three It's standing in a doorway Staring at a tree Friendship is holding a straw of hay

Childhood is also fun around the house Childhood has its ups and downs Two friendships crawl together like a mouse And when friendship is sad it can frown

Childhood is poof No amount of money can buy childhood They can stand near the door But many think it would

Childhood is bad and good And childhood does not wear a hood

## Penelope Carratu

Oh! Dogs, ice cream, sushi, rainbows, chocolate, Christmas You are all beautiful! So cute dogs! Delicious sushi gum! Oh! Victorious, I Carly You are both my favorite tv show

## Because

Because I wanted to know him more Because he kept annoying me Because my mom said so Because he was drawing and stalking me Because he had some of the same interests as me Because I wanted to give him a chance

Because he was acting a little nice I made friends with the person who was my enemy

And he finally asked me to be his friend, so like, Why not?

## Now

Now I will tell you about when me and my dad ate some blueberries and I stuffed them in my mouth We watched tv together while eating blueberries - yum I had my dad with me and since he was there, he helped me clean off my face, if it was dirty, and by accident I threw a blueberry at him but he didn't get mad, he just laughed We had such a good time together, and that moment, I'll never forget

Native Americans are bold, they're brave, they're beautiful Well, that's the three Bs I made and maybe one day Native Americans will be nicer, nicer, NICER!

I am as small as a bunny

I am as brave as a cat to jump three stories up! I am as messy as a dog when he jumps in the mud

## Норе

Hope is singing with her striped orange and red dress

Hope expresses her feelings through her singing She has rose earrings that shine and reflect her Innocent face and her good will of singing

## Secret Hideout

My hideout is in a cloud The bird swoops down and picks me up From the hot land and drops me On the cloud Where I cannot see my dog because He is white He is barking, a barking cloud and It smells like fresh buttery milk With the sun shining on me The rain drops and I sink in the cloud Where I feel nothing but floating and My dog meets me and We go to sleep (Woof)

## Thomas Cecil My favorite person is my mom.

Oh! Tiger, wolf, hot cocoa, art, lamb chops and spaghetti Mommy, Daddy, I love you You taste good and You are beautiful

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my tiger drawing that took three days straight When I finished, it looked beautiful with water and logs over it and the white tiger over it I was very proud

Then I will tell you about how poor George Washington had only one tooth going into the army

I am very tall Some toddlers say I am as tall as the Empire State building

## Secret Hideout

My hideout is in a tiger's eye I first go on its tooth zipline When I get to my tiger's eye, it usually makes Me small So I can fit in it She shuts her eye so I can sleep She is very crafty When an elephant comes she shoots her extra pair of claws into the elephant's feet The tiger's eye is found in Ramthambore National Park In India

## Christy Chan My family is caring and loving.

#### School

Because I have gym and I love to run Because I have art and I love to draw Because I have music and I love to play instruments Because I have computers and I love to play Because I have Ms. Wingenfeld! They're as beautiful as roses

#### Now

Now I will tell you the time I went to Thailand It was so hot I felt like a boiling potato

Then I will tell you what I learned in math Area is what it is Unit squares, square units, no difference

I am a cheetah because I run so fast and win lots of races and not lots of raisins

#### Chips!

Joy is two people painting sculptures As time flies, like butterflies zoom through the air, To sell and to get The man says, "I like chips, I prefer chips" He wears a green and white tuxedo

#### Secret Hideout

My secret hideout is in a turtle's shell I hear swish swish swish As I feel the turtle Drift away from the shore When I wake up I hear boats go, "Honk! Honk!" I hear the closest crash To the waves that go Shhhh as she lays again And starts again

#### Lune for the Letter Y

It is a large brown tree, moving from Side to side

#### Skyler Chang I always want to play Subway Surfer.

Oh! Skunks, t-shirts, Gatorade You really are wonderful Headbands, recorders, zombies, Skittles, Ring Pops! Yay! These things are with us every day They are as yummy as sushi

#### Ride

Because my parents convinced me Because I felt confident in myself Because I was brave Because I wanted to go on it again Because I was on the line Because it wasn't long Because my parents were coming Because I had support I did it again

#### Now

Now I will tell you about when I made origami with my mom, doing each step one at a time, and we made beautiful drawings like carts, hats, and even a snake I wanted to show everyone in the world

Then I'll tell you ants can carry things three times their weight

I am an iguana because I do weird stuff even though I don't think so

#### Power

Power is getting flowers She wears a ribbon across her chest and has a long dress Going to her toes She says, "Thank you for the flowers" I listen to her voice

#### Lunes for the Letter S

Oh, curly hair Right beside some other hair Like a family

> I like ropes We play tug of war With the ropes

## Aaron Chen Muji is so so so cute.

#### Goods!

Oh! Diamonds, cats, friends! You are the best! Winter, piano, hot chocolate, gifts, video games and my house! They're the best things in the WORLD!

#### Because

Because I wanted to be with my friend Because I had to drink water Because I could learn Because I had to learn Because my parents said I had to go Because there was free food Because it got a little better Because I might get a new friend Because I had to tell my friend something

#### Now

Now I will tell you that my sister was the one that made me play the games She told me it was because she found the game in the app store or her friend told her or she got the game by watching an ad

Then I will tell you that I don't have a girlfriend because people think I have a girlfriend even when I don't and I'm a human

## Life

Life is moving, wearing clothes, making food, playing instruments And being life.

#### Mia Choe

#### My Home

Because I get to play with my dog Because I am surrounded by family Because it's my favorite place on earth Because I can play with my favorite toys and games Because my favorite memories are kept there

#### Now

Now I will tell you how I got my dog He was white and the school desk color, but brighter I had been asking for a dog for my whole entire life Now I finally had one of my own

Then I will tell you that my mom never said, Yes She said, Only if we get a nice house with a big backyard But that day she said the word the I never thought would be the answer to my question Her word was YES!

> I am as happy as could be Like a rabbit getting one million carrots for its birthday

#### Lune for the Letter A

Tall beautiful mountains Ahhh what an awesome sight In the morning

## Grace Chou Parents pay for everything I need.

## **Beloved Things**

Oh! Bunnies, dresses, cranberry juice! You are all very special! Necklaces, guitars, ice cream, cotton candy! Yay! These are with us every day! They're all as happy as monkeys!

## Now

Now I will tell you about how a sea glass ended up in my beach bag I was trying to dig up the sand to build a sand castle and when I was digging, all of a sudden I found this blue piece of glass in the sand I was so happy I found it I showed my mom and dad

Then I will tell you about a book that I found that said George Washington enslaved people

I am pretty and sharp and brave I am a cactus and a bunny

## Ms. Wingenfeld Villanelle

Ms. Wingenfeld is a bright yellow sun She makes me feel like learning While eating a big mighty bun

From Ms. Wingenfeld, I would never run Cause that is concerning Ms. Wingenfeld is a bright yellow sun

With her, it's always fun From her, no one is ever turning While eating a big mighty bun

With her, you're never done And you'll never be crying Ms. Wingenfeld is a bright yellow sun

She calls me, "Hon" In the class, there is always a yearning While eating a big mighty bun

With her, I feel like I've won I will always feel like returning Ms. Wingenfeld is a bright yellow sun While eating a big mighty bun

## Lune for the Letter Z

A lightning letter That has no curves in it, like X

#### Aimee Deng I really like everything about YouTube!

#### **Lovable Things**

Oh! Puppies, skirts, television You really are great Mittens, piano, nerds, cotton candy! Yay! These things are with us every day They're as soft as pillows

#### Because

Because she punches me Because I never get revenge and I don't know how to Because I want to be nice Because I want to be nice and I don't want to kick her Because I want to get her in trouble I try to Because I didn't want a long talk, I forget about it this time

#### Home

Because I get to watch tv Because we get a bed Because I get to play with my toys Because I get to jump on the sofa Because I get to eat

#### Now

Now I will tell you how my sister and I got into a snowball fight. I was making a snow angel on the ground. I shook and shook and I got snow on my sister. She was mad like a witch. She made an enormous snowball, like the belly of a snowman, and threw it at me. I was mad like a witch, too. I built a snow fort and made a giant pile of snowballs. Then I threw them at her since she didn't have a snow fort. She got covered in snow. Then she got out and was sneezing all around. But then suddenly I got hit by a snowball. This time I was as mean as a witch as I pushed her in the snow, but I then tripped on her and also fell with her. We both made mean and weird snow angels on the snow.

#### **Decorating the Tree for Christmas**

Christmas is coming so The tree should be decorated

I swish and swirl the confetti on the tree

I put the star on top of the tree and it glows as

bright as the sun It's so bright it glows in my house

## Logan Donahue Nature really calms angry me down.

Oh! Armadillo, violin, pasta! You are gems! Pen, pad, stuffed animals You're with us every day! You're soft as clouds

## Because

Because two wrongs don't make a right Because I didn't want to start a fight Because there was another way Because I could forget about this day Because I didn't feel like giving revenge Because this person is really a friend Because I knew I had to let it roll off my shoulders I wasn't mean

## Now

Now I will tell you about how the snow fell on December 3, 2019 The only trees with leaves were the evergreens

Then I will tell you that owls can only turn their heads 180 degrees

I am a giant brain and I was very smart from the very start

## Lovebear Villanelle

Lovebear is like a soft cloud He is really special to me To have him makes me very proud

When I hear him talk, he is never loud Having him makes me happy Lovebear is like a soft cloud

He is the one I want to crowd His foot always goes tappy To have him makes me very proud

When I hugged him, he bowed His ears are so cute and flappy Lovebear is like a soft cloud

His eyes are never browed He is never lazy To have him makes me very proud

He never shouts out loud He would never go crazy Lovebear is like a soft cloud To have him makes me very proud

## Lune for the Letter W

Two pencil points have been glued together no good reason

## Aaron Gong YouTube changed my whole, entire life.

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my vacation trip when I went on a roller coaster that I didn't want to go on I did because I felt like it and there was a backwards drop

> Then I will tell you that the average person blinks about 26,000 times per day which is a lot

#### The Fish

The white fish swim around as they watch the decorations and people passing by

the fast swimming fish and the beautiful colored fish have a unique designs

which is beautiful but sad that the fish died and we will not being able to see them ever again in our whole lives

> just swimming around looking very bored but I am ok and not worried about it too much

## Morgan Kam (Candy) Sweet and yummy, into my mouth.

Oh! Peacocks, sushi, music! You are so emotional! Yay! Earrings, recorders, gum, cotton candy! All these things are hard as Jawbreakers!

#### Why I Love Japan!

Because their designs are always cute! Because I love sushi and ramen

#### Alisa Kaykova Pizza made my life pizza land.

Lovable Things Oh! Cheetahs, shirts with hoodies, ginger ale! You really are awesome! Jewelry, violin, Kit Kats, cupcakes! Yay! These are here with me every day They're lovable and entertaining

Oh! Bunnies, soft shirts, hot cocoa You really are fuzzy Earrings, piano, life savers, Kit Kats Yay! These things are with us every day! They're soft as feathers and lovable, too They will be with us in heaven, too

#### Now

Now I will tell you about the time I went to a carnival in Russia that had Balloon pops and bumping car rides and stands with (yum) cotton candy and more sweets I got cotton candy and munched it up like the cookie monster

> Then I will tell you about the time I went to a place with lots of plants

#### **Decorating a Christmas Tree**

I hear my dad bring the Christmas tree balls with patterns

down from the attic floor and I am excited like a flaming fire

I rush downstairs and feel a gust of wind behind me

I feel the music my dad puts on running through my ears

calming frustration like a melody

We hang ornaments here and there, everywhere!

## Bethany Kim Outdoors calm me down like vacation.

Oh! Fancy dresses, high heels, capes, hot cocoa You are really great Jewelry, diamonds, bunnies, cotton candy, flute Yay! These things are with us every day They're sweet as candy

## Home

Because I am with family Because my bed was mine from five years old

## Because

Because I didn't know the answer Because I knew I shouldn't Because it would be mean Because it would be like stealing Because cheating was the wrong answer Because I didn't want to cheat Because I didn't want to start a fight I didn't cheat on the test

## Lune for the Letter D

Oh shiny boat Sailing in the green ocean Ocean of doom

## Now

Now I will tell you about my birthday My cake was pink for strawberries, had chocolate crunches and white for vanilla ice cream There was a banner, two balloons, pizza and watching tv at my house I Facetimed my grandma and we sang happy birthday to me I felt special in a way or two This is what I say to you

Then I'll tell you about the time when my tooth fell out in kindergarten It was my front tooth, the one on the left It finally grew in second grade That's all I will dare to say to you

I'm pretty and graceful like a humming bird and I like to read non-stop sometimes

## Dancing

Beauty is dancing A pink ribbon, a dress as white as snow, hair, a brown tan, and Shoes as pink as cotton candy She says, *Dancing is beauty* The teacher teaches while beauty listens

## Caleb Kim Cough! I get sick every winter.

Oh! Cats, dogs, jelly beans and boots You're all really great! Scarves, piano, violin, ginger ale, Skittles Yay! These things are with us every day They're soft as cats!

#### Now

Now I will tell you about the time I went to Korea to see two temples I went on a shortcut to the temple and I got to ring a bell Also at the temple we got to see things that were still existing in ancient times

Then I will tell you what I learned from school about what happened to the Native Americans They met the Columbians and they traded food

I am a dog because I am intelligent at math

#### Power

Power is hard work She wears a white dress and she says, "It's tough" She's rolling dough like she's petting her dog She just works and works and works and never stops

Lost

As I was feeling the cold breeze My toy was lost

I looked there and here

But it was nowhere

I lost him

So sad

So sad

## Jonathan Lee I saw a crab crawl around.

## Things

Oh! Islands, turtles, trees You are very brilliant Valleys, streams, all the mountains, everything we ever explored Things like rivers and reefs Even things off the planet They are all as big as the Milky Way

## Then

Now I will tell you about my time at the Hall of Science where I ate lunch, saw an art gallery, played in a virtual game where you plant plants and make water go to the land and I saw creations and models learned in science

Then I will tell you that the first hamburger was served in America

I am a ship and therefore explore every day

## Lune for the Letter T

Red and jumpy Really fun to jump on Just not indoors

## Lune for the Letter U

A musical harp Makes the sweetest musical notes Unless it breaks

## **Brave Roots**

The tree standing still, in the sunny skies It waits as patiently as a fisherman absorbing nutrients for numerous numb hours like an owl patrolling the premise for prey

As the tree sits and waits it makes the best sound: silence

Every spring, its blossoms sprout, spewing yellow pollen like a silent cannon firing This triggers a thought of the lush, sustainable rainforest, where life thrives

Its green silky leaves feels like the smooth, soothing feel of an orca's blubber Every day its proud stem stands tall beside me When I near it I have a relaxing and lively sensation It seems that the tree is a keystone to my house

To this day, its modest branches still extend. Its lively leaves still twirl and its brave roots still absorb and finally, its great spirit still grows.

The tree standing tall, like the pyramids in Cairo, its branches flowing like the Grand Canal Its roots growing like the redwood trees Its spirit getting greater like the grass on the lawn.

Its cells work behind plasma membrane It's all about science with botany and arboriculture Trees with harvest are about agriculture But mine is a corn tree (it just looks like corn) so it's all about botany

Just inching near it will warm your heart It will also enlighten your soul It always had been right beside me It's always been a keystone

Its body once emerged from a tiny seed Now it stands modest and tall In the big pot it dwells I will always remember these brave roots

#### Sylvia Lin My pet rabbit is the best!

#### Home

Oh! My favorite place is home Because my mom makes the best food Because I can play with my siblings Because I can play with my pet rabbit Because I can play piano Because I practice ballet there

#### Now

Now I will tell you the time I got a rabbit She was white and a little black Her name was Minnie She is fluffy and cute, and a little shy and scared

Then I will tell you that rabbits can bite people when they are young or when they get scared, but they usually bite when they meet someone new

I am a mouse because I am small like one

#### **Minnie Rabbit**

A rabbit is like a fluffy dandelion It eats and chews and sleeps and plays I just want to snuggle with her all day

A rabbit is cute and fluffy, too It eats from my hands and is nice She doesn't bite so she doesn't hurt people

When we went to the pet shop and looked at many none of them were perfect Then we saw a rabbit that we liked

My Minnie is peacefully curled up in her cade Resting from her big day Getting ready for sleep and then the next day

#### Lucas Liu

Oh! Lint, dogs, soda, chess, worms I like you somewhat

#### **Beetroot Villanelle**

Beetroot is sour The thing looks at me It doesn't smell like a flower

It doesn't give you power It can't attract a bee Beetroot is sour

Don't put it in a tower Beetroot costs practically no money It doesn't smell like a flower

> The thing needs a shower It doesn't grow on trees Beetroot is sour

Beetroot is still ripe for an hour It tastes like black peas It doesn't smell like a flower

Beetroot doesn't need a bower It doesn't wear skis Beetroot is sour It doesn't smell like a flower

> Lune for the Letter O A blue lollipop is in a person's mouth until it's done

## Zoey Ludwig My dog is fluffy and cute.

Oh! Dogs, zebras, giraffes, strawberries, hot chocolate! You are really the best! Recorder, violin, Milky Way, Kit Kat, horses, rock climbing, golfing, bunnies Yay! Soft as a fluffy cloud with a pillow on top

#### Now

Now I will tell you about when I got my dog I brought her home and my mom and dad named her Kona Kona has black fur She is very soft and fluffy

Then I will tell you that there are many cultures Cultures can have different homes They can have different clothes Also, different food

> I am a bunny I am cute and small I'm lovable

#### Adventure

Adventure is people going on a trip with their colorful suitcases

Going on an adventure is a Fun thing to do

#### Lune for the Letter Q

A stopper knot: It is for your safety in rock climbing

## Lune for the Number 8

A figure 8 A knot for rock climbing To hold you

## Nathan (Nate) Liu Nature is good for the earth.

## Because

Because nature is beautiful and harmless Because bees are helpful Because if there's nothing to do You can find something to do Because you can collect sticks to make a fort

## Audrey Ng I love pink and more pink.

#### Foods

Oh! Mint, pink donuts, hot chocolate You are so great Ice cream, cotton candy, sushi Yay! You're amazing You're all so yummy

## Now

Now I will you how I had fun with my puppy My puppy licked me We played fetch We snuggled with each other while watching movies We ate together We both had fun and this is because my puppy had some love in its self

Then I'll tell you that bananas are the most Popular food in the world

I am a bunny because I am small and eat carrots

## **My Secret Hideout**

My hideout is in the clouds I first snap my fingers A staircase of clouds appears As I walk up the clouds I see A rainbow and the cloud fades away I jump on the rainbow I reach the other side and land on a cloud I see my secret cloud room and go in It's blue and smells like the fresh air of the clouds I am the only one allowed in as I Walk to the other side of the world Tweet go the birds and now I'm in The beautiful world of nature

## A Villanelle for Emily Emily is a heart She makes me smile

She's super smart

She can't eat pop tarts She has a good style Emily is a heart

We are never apart Not even for a little while She's super smart

She likes art She doesn't like crocodiles Emily is a heart

She also likes charts She likes to make piles She's super smart

She shops and fills up her cart Emily is a heart She's super smart

## Letter Lunes

A comb She puts it in her Soft, silky hair

A boat sails On the sea through the Waters of mysteries

Oh, a ball Let's throw it around and Have some fun

## Katherine Ng I love travelling so, so much!

#### A Pillow for Fun!

Oh! Art and travelling, these things are just so, so, so, so, so, so, so, so fun Art is a bunch of shapes, colors, sizes and lines and more! Travelling is a storm of adventures Both of them are a pillow for my fun!

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my trip to Cancun, Mexico I stayed a resort with more than ten pools because every room had a pool outside I was with my sister, mom, grandma, cousin and aunt I was melting like an ice cube in Mexico I got sick a few days after cause if you go to Mexico, there's a chance to get sick often

#### **Spheres Lune**

Spheres are important because Earth is a sphere Other planets, too!

#### **Cold Fun**

You want to know A fun chore?

Shoveling snow with your sibling!

We shovel the road or pathway

We kinda made a snow castle

It was a pile of snow!

It looked like a castle, though

## Emily Revello Audrey is my best friend forever.

Oh, Audrey! And Katherine! And Jenna! My friends. As sweet as a candy.

## School

Because I love it Because it's so fun Because we go learning Because we do different things Because in music we get to sing!

#### Adventure

Adventure is singing in a tree on a summer evening The bird's name is Audrey and she keeps going and singing that song, singing, "Oh, go fly in the sky, flying on the grass don't need a mass... that is the last time you get into my mind now..."

## **My Secret Hideout**

My secret hideout is a book To get inside I slide on the words And take that ride My secret hideout is full of color Yellow, green and many others It smells like the paper with the same ink I slid on I slide on it like an ice rink My friends, they are allowed to accompany

## A Villanelle for Audrey

Audrey is a bright yellow sunshine When she's here, I feel that I have a special friend And I share her; she is not all mine

She tells me the time We will be together till an end Audrey is a bright yellow sunshine

She hears the wind chime To each other, there's things we will lend And I share her; she is not all mine

She does not enjoy eating limes There are no rules that she ever bends Audrey is a bright yellow sunshine

The clothes she wears are very fine When she writes, she always extends And I share her; she is not all mine

I can't think of another rhyme But she is someone on whom I can depend Audrey is a bright yellow sunshine And I share her; she is not all mine

## Massimo Sabatino I like books, I like Mobistary!

#### Alive

Oh! Cats, boats, milk! You are super, super great Shirts, books, snap cubes, Legos, chocolate! I can do this all day They're as alive as people

#### The Turtle

Oh, the turtle, the turtle, all shriveled and gray I wonder if he is hot on this warm summer day Walk slowly, walk slowly, walk slowly, you may as a turtle is not very fast

> How old ,how old, how old, you ask I am not sure A guess,103

If, if, if, if the turtle is 103 He, he, he would look like my great grandmother, you see? All shriveled and shriveled and gray.

> The old turtle is just shambling, you see? A sign of heat on this warm summer day

#### Lune for the Letter C

C is a frowning face on me during writing in school

## **Christmas Ornaments**

I stare at them as I put them on the evergreen

Starting to speed up, I become happy and calm

The smell of pine is strong and soothing

They remind me it is December

## Leonardo Su My room is like a pigpen.

Oh! Scarves, stinky socks, jackets and hats You re as soft as clouds Social studies, writing, math and reading They're always at school They are important like money in my life

#### Cheating

Because I can get in trouble Because someone will tell on me Because it might be wrong Because I am nice Because I don't cheat on tests Because I love tests Because I am going to get it wrong Because I don't like to cheat on tests That is why I don't cheat on tests

#### Now

Now I will tell you about when I got a fish He is a red goldfish and he is green and he is really big He is the colors of fall

> Then I will tell you that Japan is made out of 2,000 islands

I am as short as a foot I don't eat a lot!

## Weirdness

Weirdness is playing checkers He wears a tutu and he wears a black hat He says, "I don't dance but I wear a tutu" The captain plays checkers with him

#### Lune for the Letter Q

A giant mouth eats a small French fry and never stops

## Vanessa Tao Me and Elise played on swings.

Oh! Rabbits, t-shirts, juice! Piano, nerds, cotton candy, ice cream! Yay! These things are with us every day They are yummy as candy

## Home

Because I get to play with my toys Because I get to watch tv Because I get a room all to myself

## Now

Now I will tell you that my dad and I threw snowballs It was cold I went up to the apartment to get a shield All I got was a big piece of cardboard Once I got it, I stuck the cardboard in the snow and started to make big, fat snowballs I threw balls at him Whenever he threw snowballs at me I dodged them and kept them

Then I will tell you that the first microwave was like a refrigerator

I am a bunny because my skin is smooth and soft as a bunny

I like to sleep on my own bed like a bunny and I Like to eat small carrots And jump a lot

## Love

Love is a lady She wears a red dress She says, *I love grapes* The men sit next to her Love likes to eat grapes

## The Tent

It's a pink tent in the living room I go in the door It's a round pink circle in here And fresh air I tell my sister my plans to spy on our parents "Savannah, let's spy on our parents" We're so mysterious in here

## Season Song

Splish splash tweet Shhh thump thump whee Whooo shhh crunch brrr Chirp chirp buzz drip drop zoom A rainbow

## Lune for the Letter Q

A giant mouth eats a small French fry It is beautiful

#### Victor Tu

Oh! Jaguars, diamonds, Sprite! You are really awesome! Underwear, violin, Zither, gyroscopes Yay! These things are with us every day They're awesome like diamonds

## Because

Because she entered my territory Because she is a savage Because she needs \$5 a day Because she is like a ferocious lobster I didn't let my sister into my birthday party

## Lune for the Letter G

It's a hunter's trap in a cave. Animals fall To their doom

## Lune for the Letter U

A pencil tip Blunt from writing all day It's hard work

#### Constance Wong Monotremes are mammals that lay eggs.

#### Learning to Love Japan

Because it has delicious sushi Because it has many rapid trains Because it has amazing ramen Because I can watch YouTube unlike in Guangzhou, China

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my first time to Texas Roadhouse and how my friend, Vienna and I, slipped on the peanuts on the floor and we nearly knocked down the raw meat a chef was holding and we almost started to bleed while we were trying to get butter on the bread we got from the kind waiter and I remember how good the meat was

Then I will tell you that Megan Markle and I share the same birthday

#### Love

Love is dancing She wears a bright red dress and gloves that are As bright red as a heart and a golden headband She says, *I love you* Her sweet maid carries an umbrella over to love *Thank you*, Love says to her maid

#### Ryan Wu

#### Canada

Oh! The money, the stores, food there is so good

I love things there and it is so fun and good Canada is a special place for me because I barely get to go out of the country

## Now

Now I will tell you about when I spent hours on a drawing One time in my afterschool I was done with homework

I got a piece of paper and I spent hours putting small spikes

next to each other and I spent hours working on this drawing

An interesting fact is that Nevada, USA is the brightest spot in the world and I spotted McDonalds there

I am a building because I am tall and big

## Corgi Villanelle

A corgi is a cute fur ball It makes me feel happy just rolling down the hall

My corgi comes when I call

He comes to me as he must A corgi is a cute fur ball

The corgi rolls on the wall He plays just like dust rolling down the hall

Corgis can be very tall Corgis will come to a gust A corgi is a cute fur ball

They give much attention to all But they will eventually turn to dust rolling down the hall

The corgi wails as he falls My corgi will punch until my enemy busts A corgi is a cute fur ball rolling down the hall

## Lune for Corgies

Corgies are the cutest thing you have ever seen in your life

#### Horse Lune (the letter W)

I see horses trotting and then stopping and looking around them

## Millie Yao I really love dancing to K-POP.

#### **Lovable Things**

Oh! Bunnies, sweaters, hot cocoa You are really great Checkers, piano, cotton candy Yay! These things are with us every day These things are soft as marshmallows

Beauty is serving She puts on white makeup and wears a blue dress She works every day

#### Learning to Love School

Because Ms. Wingenfeld, my teacher, teaches me math Because we have friendship Because we get to read books Because school is important just like money

#### Friend

One beautiful sunny day we got a new student named Christy

She did not wear glasses and she said, I like your shirt

I said, *Thanks* and the teacher told her to sit next to me

And I knew somehow we were going to be friends

## Winnie Yin (Family) They come and live with me.

Oh! Pink, dancing, Mom, Dad, summer, winter You are all so warm to me Bunnies, dogs, Orlando, trees, dress, strawberries You are as pretty as a sunset

#### The Lost Toy

Because it was lost Because it was important Because it was right Because it was special Because it was wrong and I did the right thing Because it was right to give it back

#### The Bike Ride

I got on my bike and I was so scared but my

dad was waiting for me to take the wheels off and he

took them off and he pushed and I was screaming

and after a few minutes I was doing it yesss I did it all by myself and I stopped and

> got off and I was so proud of myself and I had

a big smile on my face

#### Love

Love is holding her baby and caring for her Love is hugging the baby tightly before she sends her baby away on the boat Love loves her baby She says, I love you so much

#### The Pretty Flower

What is that beautiful flower dancing in the air like a pretty bird? It holds lots of honey nectar and fresh smell. It makes me feel like I am in a huge field of flowers which I remember planting in my garden. It makes me feel so happy when the garden gets bigger and bigger.

## Ming Zhang

Oh! Games, pizza, Legos! You really are great! Hats, shorts, shirts, Tootsie Rolls! Yay! These things are great They're as hard as a boot

#### Now

Now I will tell you about my sister Crying for thirty minutes My dad said give the bowl to me, But take the apple out But she cried because she wanted the apple

The oldest computer is thirty tons

I am a shark

#### Power

Power is looking She wears red sunglasses and black shoes She says, "I am a clown" The lion is next to her Power kills people

#### Henry Zheng I love playing the electronic X-Box.

Oh! Cats, Fortnite, Roblox and Minecraft Yay, you're s energetic! Soda, Kit Kat, sushi You are really great

#### Because

Because I would get in trouble Because I knew I should not play at night Because I can't wake up tomorrow Because my mom will yell at me Because I know it is wrong Because I know what to do This is why I didn't play the game tonight

#### Now

Now I will tell you about the time I got lost in the supermarket! First, my babysitter was pushing me in a stroller When she was talking to my mom, two minutes later I disappeared! I ran away by moving the stroller myself I ended up in the jade store I am a monkey because I am so naughty

#### Secret Hideout

My hideout is behind the sofa First I pull the soft to give me space to hide Then I get behind The mommy monster comes looking for me She looks under the bed Under the blanket In the closet "Huh? Where is Henry?"

Inside my base there are thousands of potions and portals It smells like chocolate I feel like I'm On an island all my own

#### Childhood

Childhood is dancing She wears a yellow flower and a yellow belt She has a white dress with a choker topping it off She says, "I am pure beauty and I love dancing" Childhood listens to the wonders of the world