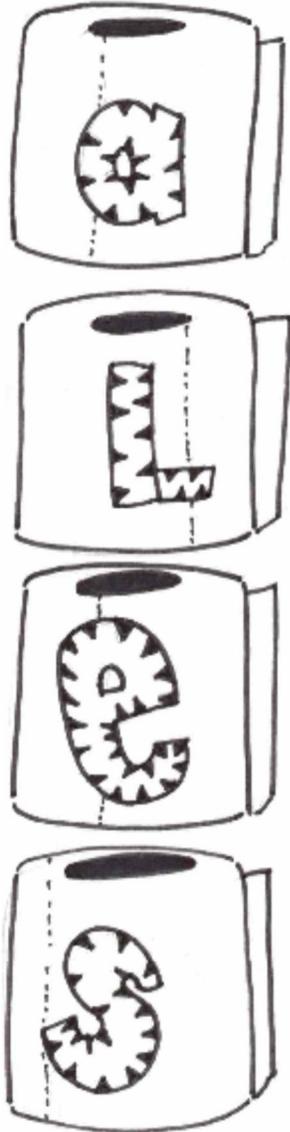


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Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Moon

By: Leah Phillips, 3rd Grade

The moon shines brightly,
It shines reflecting the sun,
And it controls tides.

Cats

By: Jackson Devers 3rd grade

Cool felines
Awesome at mousing
Tigeriffic cousins
Super pooper cool

Snake

By: James Etim, Third Grade Zemke

**Slithery
Nice and cool
Awesome
Karl and I studied them
Epic**

The Three Worms and a Trout by Quinn Kunkel 3rd Grade

There were 3 worms - the little worm, the normal worm and the BIG worm. They wanted to cross the bridge, but under the bridge there was water and in it there was a Trout. And if you went across the bridge, the Trout would jump out of the water and gobble you up whole. But the little worm went anyway and half way up the Trout jumped out of the water and swallowed the worm up whole. Then the normal worm made it all the way to the end of the bridge. He thought he was safe, but the Trout jumped out of the water and gobbled him up whole. But when the BIG worm came up, the trout jumped out of the water and the BIG worm grabbed the worms out and threw the Trout back in the water and the Trout never came back again. the end

Hazel (my stuffed doggie)

By: Renee (Rean Bean) Kramer, Third Grade

Hazel is awesome
And I love her
Zoey has not met her
Either way
Love her I must

I love her
So much

Another day gone!
I cannot find her!
Really sad, WWWWWHHHHHHHHYYYYYYYYY!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Hiking

By Ellie Johnson, 3rd Grade

Have you ever been hiking before? It is really fun, but it hurts your legs a lot. You can hear lots of birds and other sounds of nature. You even see animals! You may discover waterfalls, streams, ponds, and other forms of water, lots of different types of trees, and sticks too!

I started hiking with my family and we traveled up and down a bumpy hill. We noticed a fallen tree. My cousins and I did not find our trip interesting at all so far. However, my sister and another cousin LOVED IT! My parents were enjoying it too along with my two uncles and aunts.

We were almost to the waterfall so we could take a break. My legs tired and stinging like a million bees poking me. I began to enjoy the hike a little more; however, I wanted a bench. I wanted to lie down and take a nap. I longed to be in my comfy bed.

I bought along a book to help me identify possible animals that I could discover. But I had no luck finding any. We continued to journey on to the waterfall. My legs hurt SO bad now! I could not wait to get there. There were a lot of tree roots making our journey even more difficult. Trees towered over us and my sister wanted to climb one, but I told her it would not be safe.

Finally, we made it to the waterfall, and it was SO COOL!!!! We weren't the only ones there. As I looked around, I noticed people painting and taking pictures. The waterfall was huge, and the water was blue. We took lots of pictures. My sister wanted to play on the rocks, but I wanted to eat lunch and so did the rest of my family. We enjoyed our lunch and time at the waterfall, and this made our hike worth it.

So, if you and your family are looking for a cool way to enjoy nature and the great outdoors consider taking a hike. You never know what you might discover.

Myrtle Beach

By Valentino Baxter, 3rd Grade

Where is your favorite place to go for vacation? Mine is Myrtle Beach. You can build sandcastles, ride carnival rides, and run freely.

One summer I went to Myrtle Beach. We were on a bus for a while. We left at 10:00 p.m. and got there at 7:00 in the morning. On the bus I got to watch a movie and sleep.

I was excited an when we got there, I raced from seat. We were finally going to the beach! But when we were walking, it started raining. I went to the pool, inside the hotel, until it stopped raining. I thought it would never stop because it kept starting and stopping.

Finally, the rain ended, and we went to the beach. We did the same thing on the second, third, fourth, and fifth day. On the sixth day we left. It was the best vacation ever!!!!

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Getting a Pet Fish

By KyA'sia Bell-Sewell, 3rd Grade

After watching fireworks outside at Grandma's house, I ran inside to my mom to tell her, "I love you mom." She suddenly ran to my brother's and dad's bathroom and closed the door. She was planning a surprise, but I didn't know it at the time, and she didn't want me to see it.

After that, I went to my room where I noticed a mysterious box. I was confused. It had a note that read, "A wish is coming true for you," mmm, my mind begins to wonder..." can it be a dog, toy, or pet?" "Did you get me a pet?" I asked my mom after reading the note.

She said, "I don't know." She left the mystery hanging in thin air. She seemed to be looking at me weird. I am not sure why, but I don't have a good feeling about what's going on. My mind began to wonder. First, I think that maybe she was having a bad day, but I noticed she was smiling. I think she's happy. I was tired so I decided to take a nap for an hour.

Mom closed her door loudly. I woke up and tried to open the door, but it doesn't work. So, I go back to my room. I continued to wonder what was going on and I heard a tap, tap, tap. I was not sure what was causing the noise. I heard it two more times, but it was softer, so I think mom is tapping on the wall. So, I try to open the door again and again it does not open.

Mom finally opens the door, but only a little bit. I try to peek in the room. She opens the door completely. OMG, I see two fish. One blue and the other white in a beautiful fish tank. The best surprise

I Am a Little Reindeer

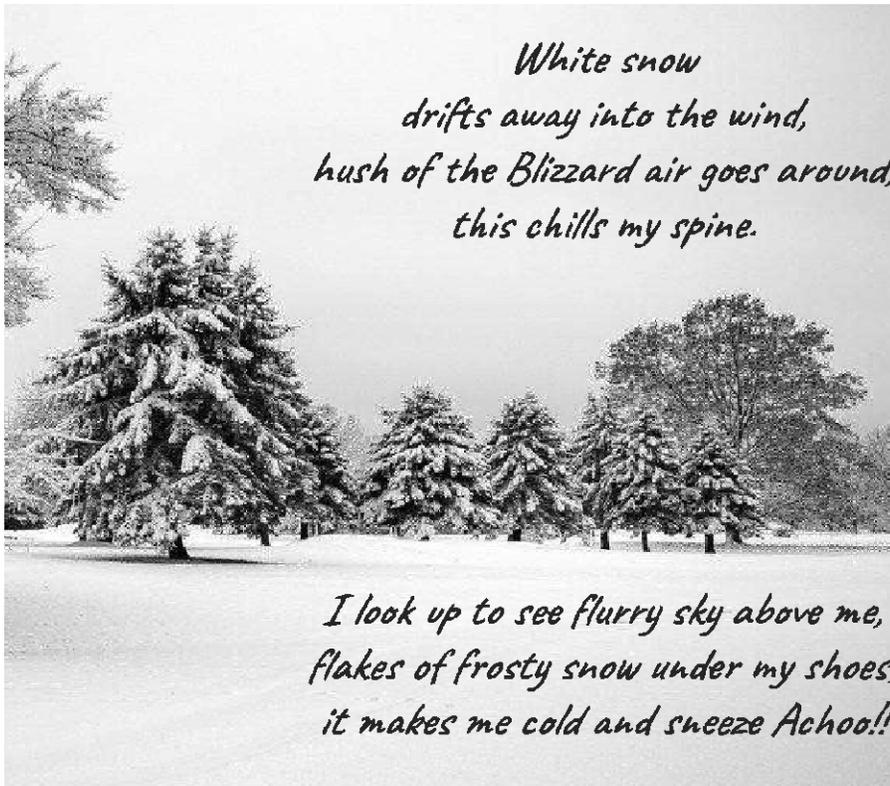
By Charlene Newman, 3rd Grade

I am a little reindeer
Ready to fly,
I'll pull Santa's sleigh up in the sky,
Christmas is here,
We can't be late,
All the children just can't wait.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Snow Storm

By Abeera Rahman, Third Grade



My Dog -Tucker

By:Bailey Mae Hunstad 3RD

TERRIFIC ALWAYS
UNIQUE
CURIOUS
KIND
ENERGETIC
REALLY FUN
AND A GOOD PET

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Football

By: Stephen Flora, 3rd Grade

Field Goal
Officials
Out of bounds
Touchdown
Ball
A lot of fun
Linebacker
Long throw

Inspection Time

Mom strolls into Garrett's room.
Mom screams, "Why did you leave on the lights?"
Mom sees that it is only the sun.
"I made a mistake," Mom said.
"You succeed in your inspection."

Free Verse Poem
By: Garrett Trad

The Cursed Penny

By : Liam DeGurse , 3rd Grade

Bob attends Midway High. Bob was walking to school when he saw something shining on the ground. When he bent down to see what it was, it was a penny! It had landed on tails. Bob slipped the penny in his pocket. Bob's friends said, "He was cursed with bad luck because of the penny." Bob said

"No way!"

When Bob got to school he looked in his backpack and his homework wasn't there. When Bob's teacher asked where his homework was, Bob said, "at home". "That's extra homework," said Miss. Hun.

When Bob got to lunch he did not have any lunch money. In science the teacher caught Bob talking behind his back. The teacher gave him detention! After Bob served his one hour detention he started to walk home when.....Biff the bully popped out and pushed Bob over, then he ran away.

When Bob opened the door to his house, he heard crying. Bob remembered that he had a baby brother. Bob did not sleep that night. The next day when Bob got to school he remembered his homework when Bob looked in his backpack he saw his homework but....

It wasn't done! "Oh no "said Bob!

When Bob got into the classroom, Miss Hun said, "Where is your homework?"

He said "At home"

Miss.Hun gave Bob detention. At lunch Bif stole his lunch money!

"HEY GIVE ME IT BACK"! Yelled Bob.

In science Bob got in trouble. On the way home Bob saw a penny on the ground it had landed on heads. Bob slipped it in his pocket. The next day he turned in his homework. He ate his lunch. He had good luck.

THE END!

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Nina at Terraset
By: Nina Frey, Grade 3

No bullies
In Mrs.Zemke's class
Nice kids here
Are my friends
A+
Teachers
Tigers
Economically
Read stuff
Rallies
At terraset
Smart kids
Everything is
Tiger-tastic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Banana Bread by Quinn Kunkel

Today my mother and I made banana bread.
We put bananas in a bowl. We mooshed them and gooshed them.
The eggs, we cracked them and mixed them. We stirred them and smooshed them.
We put milk in and sprinkled cinnamon all around the edges.
We put oil into the bowl to make it moist.
We added flour to make it thick.
We added sugar to make it stick.
We put it in the pans.
And then we put in the oven to make it stiff.
When it was done we GOBBLED IT UP!
OOOOOOOOOOO Delicious!

Tiger Tales
By: Scott Misisco in 3rd grade

TALES
IN
GREAT,
EXCELLENT
READING

TIGERS
AT
LOTS OF WORK AND
EVERYONE IS LOVING
SCHOOL

Hawaii
By: Katie O'Brien 3rd grade

Sunny,sunny,sunny, like the sun
Hula dancing is so much fun
Snorkel in the sea
Shave ice is tasty
Surfing on big waves
Exploring coast caves
We wear our leis
That is all today!

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Yetis

By: Teddy Piotrowicz from 3rd grade

Yetis like the cold in the mountains,
Extra versions of bigfoot like Yetis where they live...
Temperatures are extremely cold,
In the mountains there's a spot where Yetis live,
See over there, those big white moving figures, those are Yetis in Yeti village!

Weird Deer

By: Zoey Rosst, 3rd Grade

One day Zoe Greengrass went out into the woods. After walking for thirty minutes or so, she saw and heard the most unusual thing...

A talking deer! The weird deer whispered, "Climb into my mouth, Zoe".

So she did.

In the end, Zoe got eaten.

Sunsets

By: Gabriele Bouwma, Grade 3

Sunsets are beautiful with the beautiful colors of pink, golden yellow and orange.

Sunsets can be beautiful even on cloudy afternoons.

The setting sun looks like a golden phoenix coming down to earth.

Sometimes when you see a sunset you stop and look at it in awe.

Sunsets are beautiful.

Nature

By: Ethan LaFollette, 3rd Grade

**Rushing waterfalls
Young fawn running happily
Leaping big bass flop**

Nate

Neat your man

Able to do many things

Terrific

Excellent

Nate Sanchez-Moreno - Grade 3

Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Three Little Ants And The Big Bad Anteater

By: Chase Cooper 3rd Grade

Once upon a time there were three little ants and they were trying to build a home. Each ant built their own home. One ant went one foot down, the second ant went two feet down, the third ant went three feet down. A couple minutes after they were done making their houses, an anteater came along and said "Gimme some eggs so I can make a cake for my grandma or I'll put you in my cake". The first ant said "I'm too far down for you to eat me". And the anteater tried getting him out of his hole, and the first ant got eaten. The second ant said he didn't have any eggs, and he was too far down for the anteater to get him. So the anteater tried to get the ant out of his hole, and the anteater got him. The third ant said "I have eggs. I will give you the eggs if you can get me out of my hole". So the anteater tried and tried, until he was too tired. He stopped and went back to his home. But the third ant felt bad and told the anteater "I will give you the eggs". So the ant gave the anteater the eggs, and the anteater went to his house and made the cake. Once the anteater was done making the cake, the anteater gave the ant a piece of the cake and the cake was two years worth of food for the ant.

To the Sky

By: Eva Burks 3rd Grade

I climb to the sky, from the mountains feet,
through the clouds, to the highest peak,
I reach for the sky I still have a lot to go,
I'll keep on climbing to my goal,
Will I ever reach the sky?
I think to myself,
Yes I will reach the sky!
I reach for the sky, I'm almost there,
I won't give up here, I'll keep climbing
to the sky.

Jackson

Jackson Huskey - Grade 3

Jolly

Awesome person

Cool kid

Successful

Obedient

Nature lover

Jackson Huskey - Grade 3

Gabriel

Great Gabi

Agreeable

Busy boy

Really likes reading

Incredible

Eager to please

Loveable

Gabriel Villa Maldonado -
Grade 3

Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Monster Under my Bed By: Leo Lloyd Sloan Schulte

One night I was getting ready to be tucked into bed. This was my first time having a bedroom to myself so I don't have to be annoyed when I go to bed because of my siblings. I was getting ready, putting on my pajamas. I guess this was my 10th birthday present. I plopped into bed and turned out the lights. I started hearing sounds. I got scared and flicked the lights on. I never believed in monsters mainly because I was in a bedroom with my loud sisters to drown out the sound. But now that I hear the creeks and breaking branches sounds I knew there were such things as monsters. I looked outside my window and I became calm. Looking at the beautiful and peaceful nature from my window really helped me, but I started getting curious if there were such things as horrible and terrifying monsters that hide under innocent children's beds. I looked under my bed with a scared face and shot my arm through the blankets under the mattress in my own bedroom. With all the faith I had I wiggled my arm around trying to grab the guilty monster under my bed. But suddenly I felt a slimy and fuzzy loud breathing animal under the blankets of my mattress.

Suddenly I screamed, "Come out with your hands or whatever you have for touching in the air." And then I felt the monster start struggling to get out the grasp of my hand. I let go to see it. I waited and waited. And waited.

Gulp, "Hi? You there. I'm not scared of you." He did not come out. I went downstairs into my pantry to grab a cleaning broom to defend myself. Finally the monster crept out of the dark under my bed. It jumped out of my bed and at me.

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH" I SCREAMED VICIOUSLY.

IT ROARED WITH A MIGHTY ROAR

"RRRRRRRRRRROOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRR."

The broom flung out of my hand and out of my reach. I ran to the broom and pointed the end of the broom towards the blue, fuzzy, slimy, green eyed monster. Instead of poking it I threw the broom straight at the monster's face. And it talked?

"Hold on, hold on. *sigh.* Look I know I look all disgusting and scary but can we be friends?"

"Huh?" I was confused...

"Yeah just bed buddies."

"Sure!" I smiled.

"I can help you, protect you, and stuff." The monster sighed.

"I look forward to seeing you in the future." I smiled. I now slept perfectly without worrying about the friendly monster under my bed.

Nalia

Nice

Amazing artist

Loveable

Incredibly quiet

Adorable

Nalia Revelo - Grade 3

Aviance

Awesome

Very kind

Interesting

Amazing

Nice

Cheerful

Enjoyable

Aviance Wieland - Grade 3

Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Brave Bug

Karl Daniel, 3rd Grade

The green leaves were his favorite because they were so juicy. On Friday all the leaves were gone and all there was left was ashes! Suddenly he felt something hot on his back so he turned around and he saw fire!!! He watched the fire come closer and when it got too close he opened his wings and flew away. But he knew he couldn't do that every time. He was angry with himself for being so small and that he didn't grow any bigger. while he was lost in angry thoughts he didn't see the big tree branch in front of him but When he saw it, it was already too late! He still tried to turn around but instead of getting hit in the face he hit his wing and fell! He was certain he would die, but he landed on a leaf. At first he thought that he was dreaming but he wasn't. As he lay on the leaf everything got blurry. At first he thought that he was dizzy from the fall but when he rubbed his eyes everything was still blurry. And then he knew what it was, it was the fire. But suddenly he saw a small hole in the tree just his size. When he looked he noticed the fire would devour him in seconds!!! So he decided going in the hole was his best chance. So he desperately squeezed himself into the hole. As soon as he made it he immediately fainted. When he woke up the fire was gone, and now he was glad to be small.

THE END

Apes

By: Garrett Trad 3rd Grade

A rocket crashed into Earth,
People evacuated in flying apes,
Everyone thought it was a bad idea,
Seeing that you can't breathe in space!



Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Three Little Girls and the Wicked, Wicked Witch

By: Brienne Lee, 3rd Grade

Once upon a time there were three girls. One was named Bethny the other was named Tethny and the last one was named Lethny. Their parents were going out so they had to get a babysitter. "Be good." The dad said, smiling. "We will." The girls said.

They walked up to the babysitter. The girls looked at each other and smiled. "Hi, I'm Kate." The babysitter said "Ahh! She has a beard! I'm going upstairs!" Lethny cried as she ran upstairs.

"What do you girls like to play with?" Kate asked.

"We like to play with dolls." The two girls said as they went to the toy box to get their dolls.

"Which one is your favorite doll?" Kate asked as she peered into the toy box. She thought she saw a million dolls in there!

"We like all of them." the two girls said at the same time.

"Can you girls go and get your sister for me?" Kate asked the girls.

"Ok." The girls went up to get Lethny. When they found Lethny, she was reading a book called, The Bearded Ladies. Lethny had learned that witches have beards!

"We need to pack." Lethny said to her sisters. "Why?" her sisters asked.

"Because this book says to get to a safe room and get things to survive a witch!"

"Ok..." her sisters responded.

"Do you want to lose happiness and love?" Lethny asked.

"No!" her sisters responded.

"Tethny, find a safe place to go. Bethny get food and water and I'll get clothes." Bethny and Lethny grabbed the stuff they needed and then Tethny took them to the safest rooms in their house. They waited for what felt like a year.

"How about we think of a way to defeat the witch ourselves?" Bethny asked.

"We could throw a party!" Tethny said with excitement.

"But who will we invite?" The sisters asked.

"Our friends!" Lethny said. They went to get the stuff for their party. Then they went down the steps quietly so if the witch was downstairs, she wouldn't hear them. She wasn't in the living room so they guessed that she was using the bathroom. They started setting up the party. When they were done, they invited their friends over. Then they called the witch down for the party. She got stuck in the middle of the crowd and her eyes got big. After a few minutes, the witch got so overwhelmed that her disguise vanished!

Then the witch ran away for good and the three sisters lived happily ever after!

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Sebastian

Sweet

Excellent on Roblox

Brave

Awesome

Superstar in the kitchen

Terrific at making origami

Ice cream lover

Absolutely loveable

Nice to friends

Sebastian Quinn - Grade
3

Tommy

Terrific gamer

Outstanding friend

Modest

Mighty mathematician

Yellow is my favorite color

Tommy Bolt - Grade 3

Free Verse Poem by Liam DeGurse, 3rd Grade

Mountain Biking

Rushing down the trail on a mountain bike. Seeing a jump up ahead. Going over the jump. Feeling you float in the air for a few seconds. This is my dream. Then landing. And zooming towards another jump.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Sunerella

By: Hayden Martinez, 3rd Grade

One dark cold night in space, Sunerella was getting bossed around by her stepmoon and was cleaning the whole house. Every day Sunerella wished to be the princess of the universe and rule all the planets. She also wished to marry the prince of the universe. "Sunerella make lunch. I am starving!" her stepmoon replied. So Sunerella had to go to the kitchen and cook. She cooked a really big turkey alien. She went up to her bed and took a nap for a really long time, over two hours. Then her stepmoon woke her up and got mad for sleeping on the job. The stepmoon gave her extra work to do. She was looking at the castle half of the time. That night she slept well.

The next morning the mailman came. The stepmoon opened it and it said, 'Come one come all to the ball' From, The Prince. The stepmoon said to Sunerella, "You are not going."

That night the stepmoon set off. Then a fairy Jupiter came. "I see you want to go to the ball." said fairy Jupiter. "You can!" POOF!

"Thank you!" Sunerella said.

"You can only be there until 12:00 and the spell will break." the fairy Jupiter said. Once Sunerella was there, she found the prince and started to do a dance. "Ding dong!" She ran home and lost her shoe.

The prince came to give her the shoe back and asked to marry her. She said yes and lived happily ever after.

My Friends Coming Over

By Tommy Bolt, 3rd Grade

On a snow day in December, Nalia and Sebastian came over to my house. They came over for a sleepover. I was so happy that they came over. My plan was to play a game, eat and sleep. The game we played was called Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. I was Terry, Nalia was Peach, and Sebastian was Ike. I selected a level. It was my favorite level. I guess I should ask my friend what they play, I thought. Sebastian lost the game. He was angry because he was in 3rd place. Sebastian was watching our battle. Nalia and I were still in the game. I was at 0% and Nalia was at 100% in the game. I got a point, and she respawned. She was at 0% now. She hit me, I was at 21%. I hit her back. I hit her back again, and she was at 178%. I hit her again, and I won! She was so happy for me that she yelled "Hooray!". I had 10 KO's, Nalia had 8 KO's, and Sebastian had 0 KO's. Sebastian was still angry about being in 3rd place. I told Sebastian a joke. He laughed and was happy. It was time for dinner. We had pizza; cheese and pepperoni. We started to eat. It was time for bed and we slept in my bed. In the morning Nalia and Sebastian had to leave. Their mom and dad came to pick them up. I sad "Bye Nalia, bye Sebastian!". It was the best. The end.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Worst Day of My Life

By Casey Blackwell, 3rd Grade

Hi, my name is Katelin. Yesterday was the worst day of my life. My dog died. Not only was he my friend, he was my only friend. It's even worse because it was my birthday. Let me tell you my story. Yesterday when I woke up I noticed my dog wasn't very active. My parents told me he wasn't feeling very well. I got a little worried. At least my mom didn't have work today so she can take care of him. I got ready and my mom took me to school. During lunch when I was passing out cupcakes the principal came in. She told me to follow her. I was scared, was I in trouble? I was also confused because I knew I didn't do anything wrong. When we got to the office she said I had a phone call. Then I thought it couldn't be that bad. So I answered the phone. It was my mom. She said my dog was in the hospital. I was speechless. Then I started to cry. I've never felt so miserable in my whole entire life. The principal asked what was wrong. I told her my dog was in the hospital. She felt sorry for me. Later that day my dad picked me up from school. Even though it was my birthday I wasn't too excited. My dad said we were going to the hospital where my dog was. I felt like he was trying to make me feel worse. When we got there I saw him lying there on a table. My mom saw me starting to cry again. My mom told me to forget about what was happening and try to think of something good that could happen. A second later I heard a noise. Beep. That noise meant he was gone. For the last time, I felt his soft fur. I burst into tears. I think what my mom said wasn't working. Right after my mom left. I wondered where she went. My dad took me home and I saw my mom's car in the driveway. Maybe she was too sad to stay. When I walked in I didn't see any presents, but I saw my mom holding a box. Was it my present? Then I thought, since my dog died and my only present is a box, today was definitely the worst day of my life. My mom and dad told me to open it, so I grabbed the box and started to open it. I gasped. It was...a dog! He reminded me of my last dog, and his name was Albert. I said, "Even though you're not just like Albert I love you just as much as I loved Albert. I thought maybe it wasn't the worst day after all.

The Fight

By Brian Calhoun, 3rd Grade

There was a boy named Bob. He hated his brother, Jeff. Jeff hates Bob back. One day, Bob went into Jeff's room. Jeff said, "Get out of my room!". Bob did not get out. Jeff got mad. Then Bob got out.

Later that night, Bob was playing on his iPad. Jeff snuck into Bob's room and started a fight. Jeff punched Bob, Bob punched Jeff. The fight went on for 5 minutes. Then, Jennifer yelled at Jeff. Jeff went to his room.

At 7:00, Bob went into Jeff's room with a Nerf gun. He shot him 10 times, then he realized Bob and Jeff are never going to be even. So Bob got out of Jeff's room, and they never bothered each other again.

Run

By: Christian Madera, 3rd Grade.

Once there was a boy named Robinson. Robinson wanted peace and quiet but his parents had a baby. I wish we did not have a baby. They are so loud and they chew on your stuff. His baby sister got taller. Robinson tried locking his room but she cracked the code and told him. Then, he has an idea. Then, he makes it, Then, his sister never bothers him again.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Moving

By: Avery McCusker, 3rd Grade

Hi. My name is Lily. I'm six years old. I have a ten year old brother. I live in New York. I moved here a year ago. It was new here. Here is my story!

"Wake up!" "Okay," said Lily in her bed. This is Lily's room. "I should get dressed," said Lily. After getting dressed, Lily went downstairs to eat. "Good morning," said Mom. "Good morning," said Lily sitting at the table. "What is for breakfast?" "Cereal". Yay I love cereal! "Oh Lily... we are moving," said Mom. "Why?" said Lily! "We need to move because of your dad's job," said Mom. "I think I'll walk to school," said Lily.

On the walk... "I don't want to move," thought Lily. "I like living here. I'll just go to school."

At school... "Hi Lily!" said Emma. "Hi. Why are you so sad?" "I'm moving," said Lily. "Oh," said Emma. "Well bye." "Bye." After school...

"Lily, pack up. We are leaving." "Ok". After packing, "I will miss you, old house" thought Lily. At the new house... "I love it here! Can I see my room?" "Sure". "Woah! I love my room! It's so cool. I'm happy we moved, Mom. I love it here."

And that's my story of how I moved. Bye!

Going to Disneyland

By Rose McGregor 3rd Grade

Olivia's family was in the airport waiting for the plane to California. Ding! Olivia's mom reads the message, "Our plane is delayed until tomorrow." "Oh man, now we can't go to Disneyland until tomorrow.", Olivia said. Two hours later at 9:10, "I'm hungry.", Olivia said. Mom says, "We have no food, go back to sleep." In the morning, Olivia is really hungry, so they find a restaurant that is open to eat at. At 10:00, they find out their flight is at 12:00. Then, Olivia's mom says, "We should go buy some food for the plane because it is a 5 and a half hour plane trip." Olivia says, "Okay mom." They had 2 hours, but it only took 30 minutes.

Now that they got the food for the plane, suddenly they realized there was a play area to play in until their plane was at the airport. Then suddenly they realized that it was 11:30. So they had 30 more minutes until the plane to Disneyland, which is in California, would come. So then Olivia went to the play area with her sister and brother. So for the next 30 minutes they played in the play area. 30 minutes later, they hear, "May I please have boarding group A board the plane." "That's us!", said Olivia's father. So they got on the plane and got comfortable. Ding! Olivia's mom reads the message, "Since our plane was delayed, we get a month free discount to Disneyland!" Olivia says, "Yeah!" So they had an awesome time at Disneyland and California Adventure.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Essay

By Claire Pattee, 3rd Grade

One day, a girl named Sasha was at school with all her classmates. They were all given the same task. They needed to make an essay about themselves, then share it to the class. Sasha asked so many questions about the essay, which was fine, but she asked too many questions. Her first question she asked dramatically, "Do we have to share it with the class?" Her teacher answered, "That's optional, but if you want the class to learn cool things about you, you might as well share it."

When Sasha got home she tried asking her parents some questions about her, but they were busy. They both said maybe later. Meanwhile, Sasha tried researching about herself in the picture books her parents made for her. After talking with her parents and reading most of the picture books, she finally decided to write about the time she broke her leg in soccer.

The next morning Sasha started writing her essay. It took her 2 hours to write her essay. She thought she was going to get a B-, but at least she knew she worked hard on it. When she was finished she put it on the kitchen table. At dinner time her parents asked about her essay. "So, how did you do with your essay?", they asked. "Um, fine." Sasha said. "Can we read it?", her parents asked again.

"Wait!", said Sasha. "Where's my essay?" "Oh. Um, I think I took it off the table before setting it, but I forgot where I put it.", said Sasha's mother. "School is in two days!", said Sasha. "If I don't have it in two days, I will be doomed!" Sasha ran upstairs to start looking for her essay.

Sasha had no luck at all! For some weird reason it started getting cold. The whole entire house felt cold. So Sasha put on her sweatshirt and went to bed with a warm and heavy blanket. Something felt odd about her sweatshirt.

The next day Sasha had school. Sasha had not found her essay yet, so Sasha had to go without one. It was 37 degrees outside so Sasha got on her sweatshirt and her coat. After she got her shoes on she said "Goodbye!" and ran to the bus. There she saw her best friend Cloey and sat next to her in the 3rd row from the back.

When Sasha got to school, she decided not to mention to anyone that she had lost her essay. Her teacher asked what her essay was about. Sasha said it was about when she broke her leg in a soccer game. Then her teacher asked, "Can I read it now?" "I want to make it a surprise!", said Sasha. "So you're sharing it with the class?", said her teacher Mrs. Shea. "Um, maybe." said Sasha.

When it was time to share our essays, Mrs. Shea called on Sasha first. She got nervous so she asked, "Can I get my sweatshirt before sharing?" "Why of course, Kevin can go first.", replied Mrs. Shea. Sasha ran as quickly as she could cause when she gets a scared feeling she's usually cold. When Sasha got back to her seat her teacher called on her. Sasha put her hands in her pockets and walked to the front of her classroom. Then she realized something about her pocket...

It was her essay! "Thank goodness!" said Sasha. She thought it was odd her mom put it in her sweatshirt, but at the same time she thought it was smart.

"Are you ready to share Sasha?", asked Mrs. Shea. "Of course." said Sasha. After 7 minutes of fame she had finished. Out of everyone, she got the loudest claps of all!

Silver Diner

By: Kevin Sanchez Vilchis, Third Grade

One night, a group of four went to the Silver Diner at the Reston Town Center. Jack and Kevin went to go find their friends, but Lizzie and Brian went to Jack's house but Jack and Kevin were at Silver Diner. So, Lizzie and Brian went to Silver Diner and Lizzie and Brian saw Jack and Kevin. "Wow," said Brian. Two hours later, "Ok," said Jack. "Let's go to Jack's house," said Lizzie. "Sorry," said Kevin, "I am going home." "Ok," said Brian, and they all had fun. The end

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The Three Elves

By: Maggie Dougherty, 3rd Grade

One fine day Santa Clause fired three elves, Stinky, Smelly, and Sink. They had to leave and they all went to find a house. Stinky found a lady selling ice. Stinky asked the lady for 199 pounds of ice to build his new house. He started to build it. Smelly found a man selling gingerbread. Smelly was excited to build a gingerbread house! Sink is a girl and most girls like pink. Sink is one of them. Sink found a rare shop that had just opened and they sold pink ice so Sink bought 200 pounds of pink ice. By the time Stinky, Smelly, and Sink were done building their houses, they decided to take a nap. "KNOCK! KNOCK!KNOCK!" they heard on the door. "Hmmm I am not expecting company" said Smelly. Smelly did not get a chance to open the door when a pig said,

"Let me in!"

Not from my skin of my shiny shin shin" said Smelly.

"Then I will stink up your gingerbread house!" said the pig.

"I will move to Stinky's house!" Smelly said and off he went to Stinky's house. A few minutes later at Stinky's house, the pig came. "KNOCK!KNOCK!KNOCK!"

"Let me in!" said the pig.

"Not from the skin of our shiny shin shin!" said Stinky and Smelly.

"Then I will stink up your house till it disappears!" said the pig.

"Then both of us will be moved to Sink's house" said Smelly. Stinky and smelly ran to Sink's house. The pig followed them to Sink's house.

"Let me in!" said the pig.

"Not from the skin of our shinny shin shin shin!" said Sink. The pig tried but his stink would not go into their house. The pig felt so embarrassed that he ran to the barn.

OMG My Halloween Story

By: Alanzo Roberts, 3rd Grade

Once, me, Alajjah, PJ, DJ, and AJ were walking down the sidewalk laughing. "OMG! Oh no! OMG! Look at the basketball court! THE CLOWNS!" I said.

"OMG! Run! Run!!" the others said.

"Go! Go! Run!" I said.

"Go in the house!" said Alajjah.

"OMG!" we shouted. We made it. Thank goodness.

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Sydney and Kaity

By: Daniella Bernaola, 3rd Grade

On a rainy Friday, two 9-year olds were playing soccer at recess. They would play every day. One of the girls was named Sydney. She had light brown skin, long black hair, and light brown eyes. The other girl was named Kaity. She had pale skin and blonde hair and green eyes. Sydney was older than Kaity by a month and Sydney was taller. And when it came to being athletic, it was always Kaity who was more flexible and athletic. She could do the splits and an aerial. But Kaity could be pretty sassy sometimes. Sydney, on the other hand, was really smart. She was not as flexible, but she could do a cartwheel. Sydney was happy most of the time.

That day, they were playing soccer. Sydney started the game and Kaity was doing cartwheels. Sydney said, "goal!" Kaity looked at Sydney and gasped.

"That's not fair!" Kaity said in a sassy voice.

"Yes, it is." Sydney said

"No, it's not!" said Kaity.

"It is fair." Sydney said. "You weren't paying attention. You were just doing cartwheels."

"Well, if you're starting the game, at least tell me." said Kaity in a smart mouth voice. Then Sydney started walking away to go tell the teacher, Ms. Carling. As she was kicking her soccer ball, Kaity "I'm still telling on you." said Sydney. She saw the teacher and she ran to Ms. Carling. When she got to her, she said, "Kaity threw a stick at my leg and she was being so, so bold to me."

"Go get Kaity, please." said the teacher.

"Ms. Carling needs you" Sydney told Kaity.

"So, what happened?" asked Ms. Carling. Sydney started explaining.

"I was playing soccer with Kaity and I did something and Kaity yelled, 'you can't do that!' and I said I could because it's my ball and she said it's hers, too and she was being very sassy." said Sydney. Ms. Carling looked disappointed.

Later the classes go inside and Sydney and Kaity see Ms. Carling on the phone and Sydney and Kaity get very worried. Then, Ms. Carling said, "Sydney, Kaity, your parents are coming to pick you up. You may head to the office.

"Okay." said Sydney and Kaity.

Both girls go home. Sydney said hi to her mom and her mom said, "Come with me, Sydney."

"Okay." Sydney said. They walked to Kaity's house and Sydney's mom said,

"Go say sorry!"

"Okay..." Sydney said. She knocked on the door and Kaity opened it. Sydney said, "I'm sorry."

"I'm sorry, too." Kaity said. They hug and are friends again.

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The Chocolate Mess

By: Vanessa Fairbank, 3rd Grade

One time there was a boy and girl named Cody and Michelle. Cody was ten years old and Michelle was eight years old. One day they woke up at 6:00am to watch T.V. They watched the news for thirty minutes. "I'm hungry. Let's go ask the parents for a snack." said Cody.

"Okay," said Michelle. They walked upstairs to ask their parents for a snack. But they walked up the stairs hearing snoring from their parents, assuming they were asleep. So they walked back down the stairs and walked into the kitchen and they saw so many chocolate bars on the counter. "Is that what I think it is?" asked Cody.

"What do you think it is?" asked Michelle.

"I think it is... chocolate!!!"

"Wow, that was a little loud, Cody"

"Should we eat it?"

"No," said Michelle.

"But why?"

"Because it's not ours."

"Michelle, we can eat the chocolate bars but we'll pretend that we put them away so then the parents won't see."

"Great idea, Cody!" Michelle replied. So, the kids grabbed all the chocolate and brought it into the bathroom and ate the chocolate. When they were done eating the eleven chocolate bars they went back into the living room and relaxed on the couch for a while until Michelle licked her lips and they tasted like chocolate. "I taste chocolate." Michelle said.

"Well, go look in the mirror." Cody told her. Michelle went to the bathroom and looked at herself.

"Um... I think we should clean our faces off." Michelle said. They both grabbed their mom's favorite towel and put water on it and wiped their faces with it. "Uh oh, we're in trouble!" They said when they saw the stains on the towel. They threw it away and looked for the spare towel in the closet but it wasn't there so they grabbed one that looked like it and put it in the bathroom. "Perfect!" they said.

A while later, the kids' mom went to the bathroom. She came out and asked the kids' Dad, "Honey, where's my favorite towel?"

"I don't know." he said. "Check with the kids."

"Ok." she said. "Kids! Do you know where my favorite towel is?"

"Ummm..." said Cody and Michelle.

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"Tell me the truth." the kids' mom said.

"Yes. We know where the towel is." the kids said.

"Where is the actual towel?" the kids' mom asked.

"In the trash" they said.

"Really?" she questioned.

"Yeah, Mom. You told us to tell the truth." the kids said.

"Okay. You're going to get a punishment. Let me think about it." the kids' mom said. Michelle and Cody thought about what they could do to make it up to their mom because they thought their mom might take away TV for a month.

"I think we should do chores to get money from Dad to buy a new towel just like the one we ruined." said Michelle. So Cody and Michelle took the trash out and cleaned their rooms and washed the clothes and washed the bathrooms and they each got fifteen dollars so they could buy the thirty dollar towel. It was close to Mother's Day so they made a little box out of paper. Then they put the new towel in the box. Michelle said to Cody, "Cody, it's Mother's Day. Let's give Mom the present... Oh yeah I forgot! We need to give Mom a card." So the kids wrote a card and drew a picture of her favorite towel. Then they made her breakfast in bed and gave her the present.

"Oh my gosh!" said the kids' mom.

"Open the box!" said the kids.

"You are the best children ever!" the kids' mom said. Then their mom put the new towel on display and their mom never forgot that day.

Squirrel and Bob

By: Jayden Guevara Jones, 3rd Grade

One day, Bob was getting ready for work at 5:00pm. He put on his bow tie and a checkered blue and white shirt. He did not know a squirrel was watching him through the window. The squirrel got closer every step Bob made. The squirrel was so creepy like a ghost.

Once Bob got to the car, he remembered his keys in the house. So he went to get them in the house. When he found them he went back to the car and got in.

So, Bob arrived at work. He lived so close to work it took two minutes and he was there. While Bob was in the car the squirrel was also there.

Once Bob got to work, the squirrel found Bob at his office and climbed on the wall to the roof. He watched Bob all day. Later, the squirrel lost him because Bob went to get a Coke. The squirrel found Bob going to his car and the squirrel made it to the car, too.

Bob almost closed the door but the squirrel got in. Bob went to the gas station. He had to fill up his gas tank. Meanwhile, the squirrel found a Gatorade and it was leaking. So he drank it. The squirrel went out to the street and got run over by Bob.

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The Halloween Prank

By: Abby Dougherty, 3rd Grade

One fine day Abby, Emma, Kaleb, and Miah were playing outside and Abby thought of an idea. She told the kids they should do a prank. The kids' mom and dad came out and the kids were looking at their parents very mysteriously. Then Miah put up her hands and it looked like she was getting revenge. Then Abby, Emma, and Kaleb started to do the same thing. Then their faces were squished and then they went back in but they were running. Then all the kids went back in and started to do a creepy smile. Then they started to run up the stairs. The kids were actually getting ready to do a prank on their mom and dad. So then they had dinner and Abby, Emma, Kaleb, and Miah started to move their heads from side to side and they made creepy smiles. They ate dinner upstairs but stopped when their mom and dad left. Then it was nighttime...The kids put on their Halloween creepy suits. Emma and Miah helped Kaleb put on his clown suit. His costume was so scary that it even scared Miah. She said, "I am never going to forget this day." Then the kids all got in their places and turned on the creepy music. The kids' parents woke up because they heard the creepy music. Then they got out of bed. Abby, Emma, and Miah got behind them. When they got to the living room Abby, Emma, and Miah said,

"Five, four, three, two, one..." quietly. Then...

They said, "Happy Halloween Mom and Dad!" then they jumped up and got pretty high from the ground. But then their parents turned around and they were so scared that when they turned around they were shivering. The kids were laughing so hard that their stomachs started to hurt. They stopped laughing but were still giggling. Then their parents got mad and said,

"Why would you scare us that hard? We thought that someone broke into the house!" Then Kaleb walked very quietly and put on his clown mask. He said,

"Hello!" in a very dark, creepy voice. Their parents turned around and they screamed so loud that they ran up the stairs. The kids started to laugh and then their parents came back down and they were shivering and hugging tight. They were walking slowly down the stairs. But then they started to run and take off Kaleb's mask. Then they got really mad. So they said,

"Why, why would you scare us so bad? I did not like that, not one bit." Then all the kids said they were all sorry and they would do anything but asked their parents not to take their tablets away. At the same time the kids were so happy that they did the trick. It was funny and they loved the way that they jumped and it is a relief they didn't get too upset. The kids thought maybe one day their parents might do a prank on them. But they might not. Abby said she will never forget this prank but Kaleb and Emma thought they would forget. Miah agreed with Abby that she would never forget and that maybe their parents might do a prank to them.

Lera's Big Day

By Arnoosha, 3rd Grade

It was Lera's birthday, her parents were going to surprise Lera and her sister Emily. But the girls did not know. There was a problem, Lera's mom and Emily were sick. She went to her friend Avery's house. They were going to a waterpark. They were going today. She was sad that she could not go with them. She went back home. She started stomping, pow pow pow. She went to her room, and she started writing in her diary. She wrote, "I hate my life. Worst day ever." She wrote and wrote and wrote, then she stomped back down the stairs. Her parents knew Lera was upset, her dad had an idea. "So I can take Lera to the waterpark. Casey is going, and my mom can watch you and Emily." So they agreed. Lera's parents told her and Emily, and it all worked out well. When Lera got there, she saw Casey and her brother Jack. So they had a good weekend.

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Lost Dog

By Jamirah Diaz, 3rd Grade

It was a hot summer day and Sam was walking her dog named Allison, and when she looked, she saw her dog was not on the leash. "I'm sad that my dog is not with me!", said Sam. So Sam put up posters for her dog. Then one day she heard the phone ringing, so she thought it was someone who found her dog, but it was her mother who was calling. "I think I found your dog. Does it have brown fur?". "No.", said Sam. "Where did you go when you lost her?", said mother. "I was near the pet store because I was buying food.", said Sam. "I will be looking for her.", said mother.

So she told her mother that she had to go, so Sam did. She went searching for her dog, then she saw a dog like hers, so she thought it was her dog. Then she put up posters with her phone number on the poster for them to call her, and on Wednesday, she got a call from someone...a person!

Then the person said, "I found your dog!". So, Sam said, "Thank you!", on the phone. Then the person said "Come to this location." So she said "Yes.", and found her dog. She was happy that the person found her dog!

Now that Sam has her dog, she taught her dog to do tricks, and she snuggled with her. When Sam wakes up and eats breakfast, her dog will too. She was so happy that she had her dog and lived happily together and they played a lot! So fun!

Moving

By Lizzie Jacks, 3rd Grade

One day at Lizzie's house they were packing to move to Mexico. When she was all done packing she went to say goodbye to her friends. When she got back home, her mom said it was time to go to Mexico. She said to her mom that she did not want to go to Mexico. But, her mom said that they had to go. On her way to the airport, Lizzie would not talk to her mom. At the airport, her mom told her that she would have to go to a new school. Lizzie said to her mom that she did not want to go to a new school. Her mom told her that she had to go, and that she would like her new school. Just when they finished talking, they had to go on the plane. On the plane, Lizzie was looking at her mom's phone.

When they got to Mexico, they got something to eat. When they finished eating, they went to see their new house. When they got there, they looked around to see what their new house looked like. Lizzie did not like her house, but her mom did. "Do you like your new house, Lizzie?", said her mom. "No, not really." "Well, when you get used to it I think you will start to like it." "Okay." "Well, it is now time for dinner." "Okay, I am coming mom. But what is for dinner?" "Mac and cheese.", said mom. "Yes, my favorite.", said Lizzie. "Hey, you know what? Maybe my new house is not so bad after all."

Hacked on Roblox

By: Jack Lossos, 3rd Grade

There once was a boy named John. One day, there was a BIG update on his favorite game: Roblox. He played for hours and hours and hours. When it was his bedtime, he went to bed. The next morning, he raced to his electronic and went to Roblox. ERROR! John was confused. John said "Oh no! I've been hacked! Somebody help! Call the fire department!" John's mom came to his room and said "what's the matter dear?". "I got hacked!" "WHAT?" Said his mom "Somebody called the fire department". "I got it mom" said John. "But dear, you go hacked! That's bad!" Said his mom. "I know, so I have a solution... you call Roblox" said Jack. "Great idea John" said his mom. "In fact, we'll do it now" said his mom. "Ok" said John.

During the Roblox call: "Okay, we we'll try to stop the hacker" said Roblox on the phone. "Thank you Roblox."

An hour later: "Bad news..." said Roblox "the hacker got away. We'll try one more time." Okay" John said.

A day later: "We got the hacker!" Said Roblox. "Yay" said John and his mom. John was so happy that he tried to run all over the country! But that did not work. John was really happy. After John got hacked, he decided to play Roblox. No Error! John said "I'm really glad we got rid of that hacker with Roblox's help!"

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Josalin, Solana

By Lera Krough, 3rd Grade

"Josalin?", asked Solana. "When is your birthday? My birthday is in...". A ball interrupted Bone, "End of lunch children!", said the Lunch Lady. "So long bird brain, hahaha!".

A few minutes later; "Ms. Arnoosh?" said Josalin. "Yes Josalin?", replied Ms. Arnoosh. "Bone bullied me and Solana." said Josalin. "Well he is new." said Ms. Arnoosh, "He's from Bullyville, so people bullied him there a lot." "Okay Ms. Arnoosh.", said Josalin.

At recess; "It'd be nice to have Bone out of the way." said Solana. "What can we do to get rid of him?", asked Josalin. Then Andy came up and said, "He likes peanut butter ice cream." "Thanks Andy." said Solana. As they were running to the store, Josalin asked "Solana," "Yes?" replied Solana. "How much money do you have?" asked Josalin. "5 dollars and 52 cents." said Solana. "I have 9 dollars and 6 cents." said Josalin. "Okay let's go."

Later when they had peanut butter ice cream; "Bone!", yelled Solana. "What?" said Bone, "I was going to get ice cream." "We already got you ice cream.", said Solana. "What kind?", asked Bone. "Peanut butter", said Josalin. "Thanks, I guess.", said Bone. "You're welcome." said Josalin and Solana at the same time. "Let's hope it works." said Josalin.

The next day; "J and S", said Bone. "What?", said Solana. "Your ice cream was coconut, not peanut butter and...I have a gang that's not happy. So Solana and Josalin tried to talk their way out of the fight. "You know that the leader always turns back on their team, right?" said Solana. Then some seconds later they turned back on Bone. They were happy. "Now let's see what will happen tomorrow." said Josalin.

Biking

By: Alex Krulikowski, 3rd Grade

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Conclusion

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The Glitter Party

By : Kaia and Addison Rappe, 3rd Grade

Once my mom was on a call for work and before she was on the call she said, "I know you guys can be good. So please please be good. I am on an important work call". When my mom was on the work call she thought, "Wow! My kids are being so good and quiet!" When she was on the call me and Addi got loads and loads of glitter and we found it all over the house. It was so hard to sneak past mom with the glitter but we did. Then we went back to mom's office and threw the glitter for minutes on end. It got all over us, mom's desk, and in the vent. We were having so so much fun but then mom came. She was not happy at all. She made us clean the whole place and even worse she video taped us! That glitter is still in our hair and in the office. Then we took a shower and we went to a nice place to eat.

We learned our lesson: Listen to mom when she tells us to behave.

The New School

By: Catherine Ryan, 3rd Grade

Once there was a boy named Jack. He lived in Mexico with his parents in a small house. But one day, he moved to a new house and school! Jack was shy and he didn't want to move. He liked his school and small house, but he let his parents do it. He got to his new house. It was big, the town was small, and his yard was huge. Unlike his old house, there were no floods here.

I used to like school until I went to Dogwood and a bully came up to me and said, "You do not fit in" and every person said that. My eyes started watering. When it was the end of school, my mom came to pick me up. I told my mom what happened at school today. She told my teacher then we went back home, and I went straight up to my bedroom to see my new dog named Billy Duck. I thought about the people who said I don't fit in.

The next day, there was a new kid named KC. He was new but fit in. Even if he went to Terraset Elementary School, I was so mad and sad that I wanted to go home and hug my dog. But, I learned that just because you don't fit in doesn't mean that you're not loved.

So, I had a talk with this boy and he said, "Can I be your friend?" I said yes and when he was my friend, people started to be my friend and I fit in and now I am happy.

The Cruel Cousin

By: Eila Scott, 3rd Grade

One morning, Mia went to her new school. She was very excited to see her cousin, Gina, who also went to that school. When she got there, she saw Gina in the same class as her! She ran over there as fast as she could. She gave Gina a big hug. " Stop Mia! Stop!" said Gina, "I am still mad at you for what happened last summer!" she screamed. " And I'm here with my other best friend Savannah!" she said. Mia had a lot of trouble finding friends. All of the other girls in the class only cared about Gina and they were very mean. There was one girl putting her head down at the time out table. Mia went over there. "Will you be my friend?" she asked. "No" said the other girl. Then Gina tripped Mia. She fell on her face. Everyone laughed. Gina laughed the hardest.

Then a new girl came into the class. "Your haircut is so ugly!" said Gina. She started to cry. "Will you be my friend?" Mia asked. "Yes" said the new girl. The girl's name was Laura. "I think your haircut is cute." Said Mia. Gina looked sorry, " I regret this!" Gina thought. "I'm so sorry" Gina said to Mia. "I forgive you.". Said Mia. Then Mia, Gina, and Laura were all best friends!

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Lost Phone

By Harrison Glenn Stoessner, 3rd Grade

A boy named Bill was playing baseball. When he was done he ran home. He panicked, where was his phone? He looked near the fence, but it was not there. Next he looked in the field. It wasn't there either. He was sad, but he didn't check the bench. He found it.

Grounded

By Kai White, 3rd Grade

One day there was a boy named Jack and he got grounded. He was mad, and if he wanted to get ungrounded he would have to do chores. He got grounded by playing Minecraft at 4:00 in the morning. "Go back to bed!", said Dad, so Jack did.

Jack woke up but then he saw a chores chart. "Oh no!", he said. 1. Clean room. Okay, this is a dirty room, so he cleaned it. 2. Make bed. He cleaned up his bed. Done! Jack finished all the chores and was so glad to get ungrounded. He could play Minecraft again. The end.

KC Wants to Play his PS4

By: KC Foreman, 3rd Grade

There is a big kid that wants to play his PS4, but he can't because it's a school day. A kid came to him and said, "Are you ok?". Then KC said, "Yes, but I can't play my PS4 because it's a school day." Then, Jack said, "Oh, but tomorrow is Saturday." KC said, "Oh."

Then, two days later, it's Sunday. One day later, it's a school day. Jack said, "Yay." School day. Five hours later, it's the end of the school day. It is now Fall. 59 days later... Then, 50 days later, KC is playing his PS4. Then, his mom let him unbox his car box. Then, he played all day, but he love it and Paris loved it too. They played with it all day. Then, Paris got her own XBOX1.

The Work Table

By Ethan LaFollette, 3rd Grade

Sharpened logs spewing out of a cave,

Numbers and letters on a stone

A giant blue sleeping monster with sharp falling teeth

Giant black and red thing the humans call "headphones"



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Robots

By: Leo Schulte, Third Grade

Robots,
A Noble Invention

Robots,
Sometimes can take over the world

Robots,
Something Unusual

Robots,
Basically the future.

Coronavirus

A Haiku by Teddy Piotrowicz, 3rd Grade

Coronavirus
Is the worst. I wish it was
disintegrated.

Wading in the Creek

A Poem by Teddy Piotrowicz

Wading in the creek is fun
Unless you get completely soaked.
'Cause then when you get home
You have to take a shower.

Even if you beg your parents
They probably won't let you outside again.

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Land War

By: Josiah Timbers, 3rd Grade

Author's note: The names in this book are nicknames. A is Alex. B is Bruk. S is Solo. The story takes place a long time ago. That is why the land is not discovered. It is now Reston.

In a place no one discovered, a man got in a plane crash and he discovered it. That man was Soldier A. He did not let anyone know but his brother, S. They were BFFs when they were kids.

The next day, A went to the spot. But when he got there an army of men were there. A got mad and said, "What are you doing?" and his brother came out of the shadows.

"Hi. My bros want a man cave so I said my brother has a spot of land." S said.

"I do not want a cave." said A. "And why did you tell? Go away or I will send you away." The next day, A came with an army and it was a war. A was mad that S was a bad buy. S was happy that he had an army that was strong.

They fought! Pow! Pow! Bang! Bang!

A got mad and dropped a bomb. Only he and his brother were left. "So, you did not go down?" said S.

"Not by you." said A.

"I will punch you down." S punched A. So A kicked S. S kicked A and A ran home. But S ran at A. A got home and locked the door. S broke the door and A's son ran at the wall. "No!" said A.

"But who is kicking?" asked his son.

"A bad man. So do not go over there." said A.

"Ok." said A's son. But S punched the door open. A punched S. A's little brother who was sleeping over woke up. The little brother's name was B. B was the strong one. He punched S and A pushed S into B. B took S into a room that helps people that are in trouble.

S got so mad. In his hand was a spoon. He began digging a hole out of the room. "Hahaha!" said S. "I'm coming, A!"

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Missing Kids

By: Zein Tohme, 3rd Grade

There once was a family with one daughter and one son. Their names were Ben and Pica. Ben was the boy and Pica was the girl. Ben was 7 years old and Pica was 4 years old. Pica and Ben were sleeping next to each other in the bedroom. They woke up at 7:00am and sneaked from the bedroom to the bathroom downstairs.

Pica and Ben walked to the bathroom slowly so they didn't make noises. They went inside the bathroom. After they got in, Pica locked the door and Ben was confused.

Their parents woke up at 10:00am. They walked slowly to the bedroom. They thought the kids were sleeping and they went to Ben and Pica's bedroom to see them. When they went they did not find them. They were sad. They went downstairs to see if Ben and Pica were downstairs. They went to the kitchen because the kids liked to eat a lot. They went to the living room because the kids like to eat while they are watching TV. The parents went everywhere but they did not find Ben and Pica. They were trying to find the kids for two hours. When it was 1pm they stopped looking in the house. They went out of the house to see if the kids were there in the neighborhood. They even went to their friends' house. They checked every single thing outside. They went to the mall, gas station, and every food place. They went back home.

When the parents unlocked the door to the house Pica and Ben heard and they were scared. They shouted, "Mom! Dad!" They did not know that it was their parents. Their parents froze.

"Did that come from the bathroom?" their mom whispered. They walked to the bathroom slowly. They tried to open the door and then they said,

"Show yourself! Open the door!"

"It's LOCKED!" Ben and Pica shouted. The kids were panicking. Eventually, Ben figured out how to unlock the door. He put his hands over his eyes. The kids parents shouted,

"Ben! Pica!" Ben and Pica removed their hands from their eyes. They saw their parents. Ben and Pica shouted,

"Mom! Dad!" They gave their parents a big hug.

"We were worried!" their parents said. "When you wake up, you wake us up."

"Okay." They said. Then Ben and Pica went outside to have fun.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Dog Attack

By: Ozzie Smith, 3rd Grade

Once upon a time there was a boy named Jack. Jack was sitting on the couch at home. He was addicted to the TV. Then his dad came in. "Time to do some chores." Dad said.

"Awwwwww!" Jack whined. Dad said,

"Landon, vacuum the family room and Jack, spray the dog poop off the deck."

"Please don't make me do the deck! That's the worst job!" screamed Jack.

"Don't argue with me!" screamed Dad. "Now, please do your chores." Jack was furious.

"Fine!" Jack screamed. Jack turned off the TV and approached the deck. Landon just kept vacuuming as Dad watched him.

Jack went outside to spray the poop off the deck. Jack picked up the sprayer and turned it on full power to get it done. He went from poop to poop to poop spraying off the deck. Jack was totally grossed out.

Then, Landon let Georgia out because she was barking at the vacuum. Georgia sniffed around a lot. Pretty soon Georgia was sniffing the sprayer. Then, for some strange reason, Georgia started biting Jack. "NO!!" Screamed Jack. Georgia kept biting. Soon, Jack dropped the sprayer and ran to the door. Jack was so scared.

The door wouldn't open! Jack started banging on the glass door and he was sobbing. Then Jack saw Landon looking at Jack as Jack was getting jumped on, but Landon didn't do anything!! "Landon! OPEN THE DOOR!!!" Jack screamed. But Landon still didn't do anything. Jack was thinking, "Why won't Landon open the door?" Finally, Mom and Dad heard Jack yelling and came running to the deck and opened the door. "I was so scared, Mom." said Jack.

"It is okay." said Mom. Dad put the dog in her crate.

"My scratches really hurt." Jack said.

"How about this, you can do your chores tomorrow." said Mom.

"Okay." said Jack. Mom had a talk with Landon. Jack didn't hear anything besides yelling.

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The Big Carpet Spill

By: Joyce Sigha Ngakam, 3rd Grade

One day I was having a sleepover for the first time! I already gave all the invitations. At 5:33pm all the kids I invited came. So there was this girl called Felizia. She had blonde hair, braces, and glasses. Also Felizia was clumsy but nice. Felizia and I were going to have a picnic so we passed the computer room and got a blanket that looked striped red, white, and black. Then me and Felizia went to the kitchen to get some food for the picnic. So I took my striped blanket and laid it flat in my lawn. The grass was grayish-green and the sun was shining. We were relaxing and eating and getting tan. We ate and drank warm bubbly, bubbly water, cake, fried, hamburgers, sandwiches, avocados, caramel cubes, chips, and ice cream. We only ate a bit so we cleaned up and went inside.

After that, the dishes got washed while we sang. Bang! Bang! Then we went to the computer room and it was filled with technology and interesting facts. Felizia was amazed. Felizia's mouth opened wide and a drip of saliva/spit came out. Then, before I could tell her she could come in, she dashed in and started exploring the computer room until she was satisfied. She looked at all the broken and fixed electronics. She was filled with joy and excitement. "Now, now, don't get excited yet. Turn around" I said. So Felizia turned around. She looked at the golden iPhone case and looked at the three iPhone 11s and she screamed. "I bet that was a joy scream!" I said. So we each took one phone and case to play with. Felizia got the golden gase and I got majestic blue. There was one phone left so we called Maggie. She came over and had her iPhone herself. So we played Roblox together. We also played Bubblegum Sim.

"I'm hungry!" I said. "Let's go sneak and look in the freezer..." So we went downstairs and opened the freezer. We found caramel ice cream. We ate ice cream and it was delicious. Suddenly, Felizia accidentally made a spill. The ice cream fell on my nice flower indigo table sheet and some slipped onto the floor. "Mom! Dad! Can you please help?!" I yelled. They come in through the white door.

"What are you guys eating?" my dad asked. "I want to eat some!"

"Oh, Dad!" I said. "Come on, Dad, there is no time for ice cream. We have to focus. Look, there's a bunch of ice cream!" More and more spilled on the very light, delicate red carpet. Insead of light red, dark red appeared. We were really scared. We kept on thinking and thinking. "Come on, Dad. We have to clean this up!" I said. Maggie tried to help, but it didn't work. She tried shaking the rug and the air hit the ice cream and it went into Felizia's mouth. "We have to clean this up! Come on!" I said to everyone.

We tried to clean up the mess with my favorite juice, cranberry but it made such a big problem! It looked redder than usual. We were about to throw a terrific birthday party but couldn't with this dilemma! "What are we going to do?" I shouted. "I'm throwing a party in five minutes and everything has to be fabulous!" Maggie wasn't listening. She was reading an autobiography.

Suddenly, Dad thought of an idea. "Let's go shopping and buy a new red carpet for your birthday. I know it costs \$1,000.45 but it's only for you, honey. It's your birthday!" he said.

"Oh, thank you so much, Dad!" I said. So, we bought spill remover and sold the old carpet. We got enough money to get a new red carpet. We realized when we work together, everything gets better. The carpet mess was all cleaned up. All foods were cooked and enjoyed. Even though Maggie had to leave early, at least she's a smarty pants from reading the autobiography. I had the best sleepover ever!

Terrific Third Grader Selections

The Scary Night

By: Lara Caceres, 3rd Grade

One night, Lily and her dad were watching a movie. It was called, The Healing Powers of Dude. "Do you like this movie?" asked Lily.

"Sure," said Dad.

After the movie, Lily was asleep on the couch. A while later a breeze woke her up. "I will be fine down here." Lily said. Buuuut the truth was, she was scared. "Dang it! I'm not OK," she whispered. "No one knows what happens in the dark. I guess I have to sleep in here," she thought. She was scared but all she could do was sleep. "Bummer in the summer," she thought. "I'm boored," Lily whispered. She always had bad luck.

"RRRRgggghh!" Lily heard.

"What was that?" She wondered. She got more and more scared. "I wish I never slept down here." she whispered. "I hope it was Mom snoring," Lily mumbled.

"RRrrrrrgggar! Bang! Bang!" she heard again.

"That is not Mom snoring!" she said a little loudly. "Oopsie Daisies!" she whispered, hiding under a blanket.

Then the lights in the backyard turned on. "Oh, no, the lights!" She got up... walked... toward... the... window... door.

Lily finally got to the sliding glass door. Her eyes were still closed. Now she was really, really scared at this point. "Oh, no. Oh, no!" she thought. She... opened... the... door... the lights were still on. She... opened... her... eyes!!! "OMG!" she said. She was so, so, so, so surprised "Eww!" she said. "It stinks!"

It was a raccoon!!!! "That's why it's P-U!" she said. "I'm going back inside, now." she thought. "I'm going to sleep," she whispered. She forgot about the raccoon and he rested her eyes and... fell... asleep.

Little Red Panda

By Tabitha Parks, 3rd Grade

Little red panda,
you climb
like a squirrel
(stalking what?)
in the rainforest
by the trees
a thousand Bamboo
leaves getting blown
away.

Big Black Cat

By Elvin Mejia Orellana, 3rd Grade

Big black cat
You pounce
Like a fierce lion
(Stalking what?)
In my bed
Moving feet
Under the cozy blanket.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Dogrella

By: Markch Tchumanov, 3rd Grade

Once in a valley called Dog Land, there was a beautiful house. In the house there were four dogs. One was Dogrella. She had to work all day. She had two stepsisters and a stepmom. Dogrella had to clean the whole house.

One day, her stepsisters and her stepmom got an invitation to a ball. Dogrella couldn't go to the ball because her stepsisters and stepmom left and Dogrella had to do all the housework. She cried and cried until her fairy dogmother came. The fairy dogmother told Dogrella that she was going to the ball. Dogrella froze and the fairy dogmother made Dogrella as fantastic as a princess. She walked outside and two horses were there. She hopped on and went off.

The fairy dogmother told Dogrella that when it is 12 dog o'clock all of the clothes will be gone. She went into the ball. It was beautiful. She had to sneak because her stepsisters and stepmom were there. The dog prince came to her and they danced and danced. It hit 12 dog o'clock and all she had was gone.

Dogrella ran out crying. One of her high heels fell off but she did not feel it and she ran off home. The dog prince ran to find Dogrella. He did not find Dogrella but he found a high heel.

The next day, he went from house to house and came to Dogrella's house first. First, the stepsisters and the stepmom tried it but it did not fit. It did fit Dogrella and Dogrella and the dog prince got married.

All About a Guinea Pigs Life

By: Ethan King, 3rd Grade

Guinea Pigs

They are small with four legs and a tiny tail. They have big eyes. Sometimes they are gray and brown. They can have spots. They can look many different ways.

Sometimes guinea pigs can live as long as humans. Sometimes they can live as long as a dog.

What Guinea Pigs Do

Guinea pigs wake up in the morning and eat.

Then, they go to squeak.

Then in the middle of the day, they take a walk.

Then they go to sleep.

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All About My Dog

By: Tayler Lewis, 3rd Grade

What He Looks Like

My dog is very fluffy and cute. Also my dog is a Venetian Terrier. That is his breed.

Different Things We Play

We like to play tug of war. He really likes it.

We also like to play fetch outside with his ball.

We also like to run down when we take a walk.

We go on the trail near our house with his harness.

What He Likes

My dog likes his ball. He likes me to throw it and he likes to run and be crazy. He likes to run around the house and take walks and run outside. Sometimes he acts like he's crazy. He is sometimes calm, playful, sleepy, or excited.

Where You Can Find Food and Toys

PetSmart has all different types of food and toys. My First Puppy has beds and food for the dogs. Nova Pets have doggy pills, toys, food, and things that help dogs. My Pet has good things like pet treats, food, and toys.

How To Feed The Dog

First, you get the water bowl and fill it up with cold water. Especially coming from a run with your dog. Second, grab the food and get the food bowl. Put the food in the bowl. Finally, make sure you have the food and water ready for when you give it to your dog. Lastly, you give the food and water to the dog. They eat it and it's done.

The Night

By: Kelvin Arias, 3rd grade

One day at 10:00pm DJ was sleeping in his room. He was starting to get hungry. DJ said, "Mmmm... I think my mom still has her cookies. Let me go check."

Squeak! DJ went downstairs. DJ was thinking about the chocolate chip cookies. He thought that his mom was making popcorn or maybe his dad. "Wait, no." DJ said. "I hear my dad snoring. Mom? Dad?"

DJ went to the kitchen.

Chomp!

"Mom? Are you there?" DJ asked.

Woof! Woof!

Kelvin the dog was standing on the table. "Kelvin! It is dangerous!" DJ said. "Get DOWN! Sorry, I just didn't want you to get hurt. Come on, let's get a snack." When DJ got his snack, he went upstairs and ate it. "Come on, let's go to sleep." DJ thought.

As he fell asleep, he was thinking about eating again. He decided to eat more food in the afternoon.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Drum Tips

By: Thane Howard, 3rd Grade

How to Get Good

Make the original beat. Practice for one hour. (Shell brand is good and recommended.)

Add beats to the original beat and it will sound better.

Start making songs and creating names.

You're done!

How to Make Sounds

First, hit the symbol with your hitting thing and a high pitched sound will appear.

Again with your hitting stick, hit the side of your drum kit thing.

With both of your hitting things (again, 1 and 2.) Both sounds will appear.

My Drum Setup

I have a piano behind it. When my drums are broken I can play the piano.

Different Drum Things

Symbols make a sound that is high pitched and popular, I'm pretty sure.

Symbols make a sound that ends long.

Bass drum is a low-sounded drum made for tube songs, that's my opinion.

What I Do

I always just naturally play songs. I don't name them but sometimes like 17% of the time, I do. I just moved my piano and drum stuff a little. I have made like five songs in my lifetime.

Comparing Kid Drums and Teen Drums

Kid drums sound bad. They are small and make quiet sounds.

Teen drums sound good. They are big and make louder sounds.

Both kid drums and teen drums are both drums and they can both be used to make songs.

Little Kid Drum Kit

I have never played a little kid drum kit, but I saw one. They have a little snare, little bongos, and a little high pitched thing.

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Football Commentary

By Leander Sangha, 3rd Grade

Patrick Mahomes passes it

To Tyreek Hill.

Tyreek Hill

Caught it.

He's running

To the

Endzone.

TOUCHDOWN!

A 69 yard

Touchdown

By Tyreek Hill.

An unbelievable

Touchdown!

He's too fast

No one can

Get him.

Purple

By Abeera Rahman, 3rd Grade

Purple is a color of a crayon

Purple is a part of a rainbow

Purple is a halloween color

Purple is like a sunset

Purple tastes like a dream

Purple smells like flowers

Purple sounds like music

Purple feels like soft pillows

Purple looks like lavender

Purple makes me happy

Purple is amazing!!!

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Big Black Cat

By Elvin Mejia Orellana, 3rd Grade

I Have a Cat Named Jack

by Julian Ventura, 3rd Grade

I have a cat named Jack and
he can catch a rat
he can run fast like a cheetah and
can eat anything.

Big black cat
You pounce
Like a fierce lion
(Stalking what?)
In my bed
Moving feet
Under the cozy blanket.

Big Strong Lion

By Mario E. Callejas, 3rd Grade

Big Strong Lion

You focus like a hawk

(Stalking what?)

In the grasslands of Africa and zoos

A tasty morsel awaiting your vicious bite.

Pets Change

By Emma Dougherty, 3rd Grade

Dog

Fluffy

Cute

Running

Playing

Sleeping

Leash

Ball

Yarn

Feather

Purring Sleeping

Running

Soft

Yellow

Cat

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Little Gray Dog

By Violet McGregor, 3rd
Grade

Little gray dog
You run
Like a little cheetah
[stalking what?]
In the woods
In the trees
Near a stream
By big rocks.

Little Black Puppy

By Genesis Portillo Manzano, 3rd Grade

Little, black likes to run;
Through the park having fun.
He barks when the mailman passes by.
Ruff, ruff!
He is a cute puppy;
Squeaky and yuppy.
He barks at squirrels running up a tree.
Ruff, ruff!
He is my favorite little, black puppy!

Big Black Panther

By Peter Gaskill, 3rd Grade

Big black panther
you hunt like a lion.
(stalking what?)
In the woods
by the trees.
A whole flock of birds
near the shining grass.

The Huge Great White

By Finn Fisher, 3rd Grade

Huge Great White
You bite
Like a male lion
(stalking what)
In the ocean
By the bottom
A whole school of trout near a field of color-
ful seaweed

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Large Lime Lizard

By Erin Dougherty, 3rd Grade

Large lime lizard
You play like a turtle
(stalking what?)
In the jungle,
By the pond,
With trees and monkeys by the lake
With grass.

Enormous Golden Hornet

By Leo Balbontin, 3rd Grade

Enormous golden hornet
you fly like a small swift wasp
through the trees
(hunting what?)
in the forest of tall trees and life
all over
Pollen from flowers to collect.

LITTLE ORANGE SCORPION

By Cameron Pavelko, 3rd Grade

Little orange scorpion
you sting like a king cobra
(STALKING WHAT?)
In the deserts
near the big grey rocks and sting and pinch
away!!!

Big Grey Wolf

By Tristan Vo, 3rd Grade

Big grey wolf
you howl
Like a speeding train.
(Stalking what?)
A field with thousands of
Buffalo.

Big Brown Dog

by Anthony Turcios Gonzales, 3rd Grade

Big brown dog
You bark
Like a boom of thunder
(Stalking what?)
Behind the fence
In the backyard
As the fox walks by.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

All About Christmas

By: Melody Mejia Jovel, 3rd Grade

Presents

Presents are a kind of gift that other people give to someone else. In a present, there are toys or technology. Sometimes you do not get what you want. Some of the time you may want a new game or a toy.

Christmas Trees

The point can keep the star. On the branches go the Christmas decorations. The tree has a trunk at the bottom.

Christmas trees are sometimes fake or sometimes they are the real ones that come from the forest. Fake trees can go in the trunk of your car. Real ones go on cars or trucks. They both go to the house.

Christmas Decorations

The first kind of decoration is red. There is also a blue one and a green one and a gold one.

How to Decorate a Christmas Tree

First, you get a Christmas tree and decorations and Christmas lights.

Then, you go home and get it out of where you have it and you choose the things that you are going to use.

After that, you decorate the Christmas tree with things.

Christmas Star

It is a star with a holder on the bottom. The holder makes the star stay on the Christmas tree. The star on the Christmas tree represents the star that was up top of Jesus.

Christmas Bow

Christmas bows are ribbons tied in bows with a hanger on the top. They hang on a branch of the Christmas tree.

What Christmas is All About

Christmas is about family, the birth of Jesus, and the Holy Family. People love Christmas because of the presents and family but the most important reason to love Christmas is because of Jesus.

Terrific Third Grader Selections

Lilia and Faris

By: Lilia Boulghassoul, 3rd Grade

Once upon a time there was a cottage with a family of four. Their names were Lema, Younes, Faris, and Lilia. One day, Lilia and Faris went on a walk in the woods. Their dad said, "Don't get lost in the woods."

"Okay!" they said, skipping away with not a care in the world. Meanwhile, the birds and the squirrels nearby were in an argument in another story.

After a little while, the kids got lost! But Lilia smelled something good like gingerbread. Faris followed his sister to a CANDY HOUSE!

A little old woman walked out and asked the kids, "Would you like to come in?" She used a nurturing and kind voice. Faris said,

"Come on, Sis! And there are free cookies!"

"No!" Lilia said. "Stranger danger!"

"Oh, well." Faris said and ran in! When Faris ran into the candy house, a cage fell on him and a chain got on him and Lilia! The kind woman turned into an ugly, rotten, witch! She was a mutant! So she had 11 arms. Lilia said,

"I told you so, you owe me one dollar for that bet we had!" While the witch was chopping a creature, Lilia got an idea and got working. She got one eye, two tentacles, and a vile to put the potion in. Faris was still in the cage that fell on him.

After Lilia finished making the potion, she poured it on the chain holding her. The chain came off! Lilia had already made a plan to save her brother while the witch was busy with a talking plant.

Once Lilia was free, her plan was in motion. She picked the lock to free him. The lock was loud, but the witch didn't hear Lilia while she was picking the lock to save Faris.

When Faris was free, he punched the witch's nose! She fell on the wooden table and broke her back! Her nose was so small! Lilia kicked the locked door and it opened! Lilia said, "Let's go!"

"Okay!" said Faris as they ran out of the cottage. Lilia grabbed a gem and Faris grabbed a jewel. In the rush to get home, Lilia dropped her gem but Faris still had the jewel. He ran with his sister all the way home. They were so tired because it was night. The witch was never seen again