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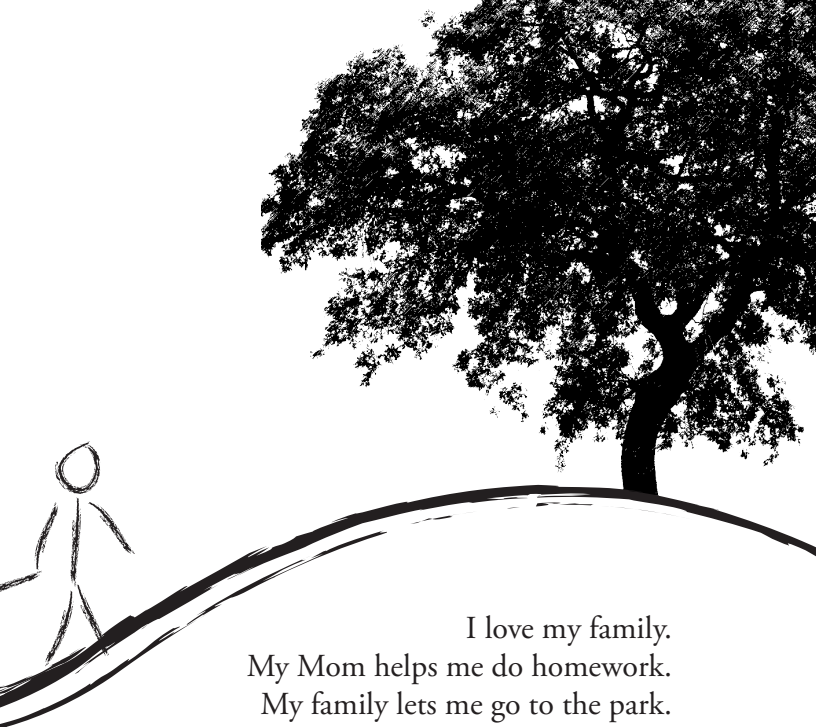
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# JESUS ANGEL ARRIAGA

ODE TO FAMILY BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 8





I love my family.  
My Mom helps me do homework.  
My family lets me go to the park.

From  
Me

**PRISCILLA FLORES**  
UNTITLED HARMS ELEMENTARY AGE 6



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One time I went to the Chinese buffet. First, I ate some fries. Then I ate a chicken nugget. Then I got got ketchup for the chicken nuggets. Then I got 120 pizzas. I felt good.

# ALFONSO PASAYE


A LETTER TO BOOKS BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 10

Dear Books,

I like you because when I read you it gives me awesome ideas. Books make me want to draw fantastic ideas. When I draw, I like to draw book scenes and characters. My favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck by Jeff Kinney. I like that book because it has little pictures and a lot of words and new words. In my school we take tests on the books we read to see how well we understand. Books are awesome because

some are big and colorful. My second favorite book is Animorphs: The Visitor because it is about some kids that can become anything, but if you become something for more than two hours you stay like that. That book is awesome and medium-sized. I like chapter books because they are long and help you relax before bedtime instead of playing video games or watching TV.

Your reader,  
Alfonso P.




Hey Alfonso!  
I like your  
book, too!

**ALFONSO PASAYE**  
**THE GUYS WHO FLOATED IN SPACE**  
**BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 10**





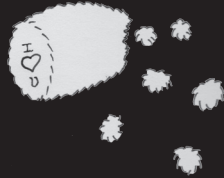


One day an action figure saw a red crystal, touched it, and got super powers. So whatever he touched floated for 3 hours. He wanted to fight but the enemy started floating. Then John Cena, the action figure, clapped his hands to float to go save the enemy. They were in space and the enemy was going crazy.

John Cena called a spaceship to bring them anvils (anvils can't float because they are too heavy). So they could go down to Earth and fight in Detroit, Michigan. But they landed in St. Louis, Missouri, so they teleported back to Detroit. But they had little anvils on them so they would not float again. Then John Cena said the magic words so they couldn't float again (the words are "mine craft").

# ADRIANA SOTO

BLUE BEAR FISH HARMS ELEMENTARY AGE 7





If you give a Cheetah a fish the cheetah will get excited because he has never eaten a fish. But he has seen it. He will want to go to the mall and then on Saturday he will want a teddy bear so he can rip it. The cheetah will need a purple bear so he can make a balloon. He will make a mess and then take a shower because he made the mess.

The End

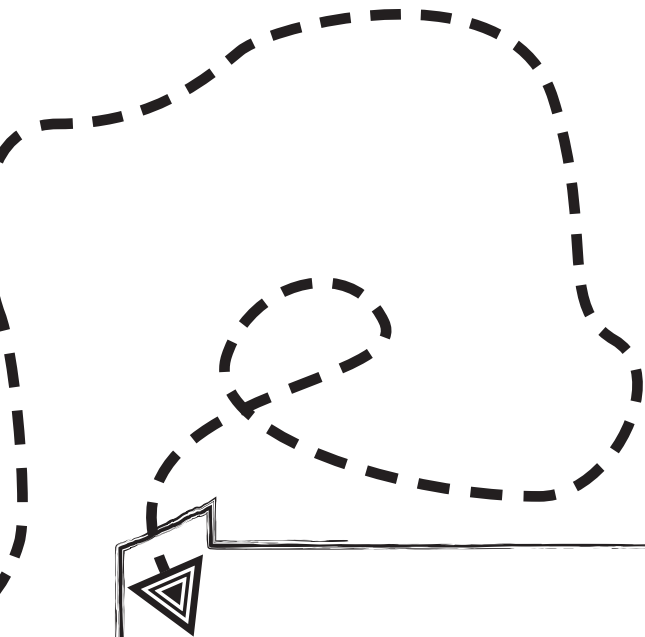




# BRISA REYES ZOBL

MISS NELSON WAS MISSING?

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL AGE 8



Miss Nelson went to Pennsylvania  
to take a vacation. She went to  
visit her friend. She had fun!

**MIRANDA PASAYE**  
**I WILL PLAY CATCH WITH THE WOLF**  
**BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 8**

I will play catch with the wolf. I would throw the ball high in the sky. And the wolf will go get it. And we will play tag and the wolf will find me. We went to eat pizza and the wolf ate wolf food.





We went to my house and played more.  
We went to sleep and the wolf went to  
sleep in his house and I went to sleep in  
my house. In the morning we took a bath  
and ate pancakes and we went outside and  
I played with the wolf. The end.

**MIRANDA PASAYE**  
**THE HAMBURGER BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 8**







One day there was a hamburger.  
He was really big and if someone  
ate him he would say, "Don't eat me."  
Then the girl or boy would not eat the  
hamburger. The girl or boy would  
not eat the hamburger because  
the hamburger is talking and  
the girl or boy would be very  
scared and then the girl or boy  
would be the hamburger's friend.

The end.

# INGRID RAMOS ARANDA

INGRID AND LIZBETH DIG A HOLE

BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 8

I went digging with my friend Lizbeth. We brought a flashlight to see if we found anything. We even brought chips if we got hungry and water if we got thirsty. At first we found pearls. The necklace was so long that you could use it as a belt. We thought we could use it for a rope to climb it when we were done.



We kept on digging for ten hours and we found a person and gave him water and we asked him what his name was. He didn't answer. His clothes were dirty. Then we asked him again and he said, "Chris" and he said he was looking for a diamond, so we dug for ten more minutes and found someone else.

She was kind of clean and she was next to the diamond and we gave her water and we asked her what her name was and she said, "Neoshua." And I got the diamond and we went up with the pearls and were all millionaires. And we all lived happily ever after.

# INGRID RAMOS ARANDA

SNOWMAN STORY BENNETT ELEMENTARY AGE 8





One day a snowman named Olaf woke up and made his favorite pie in his kitchen. Every time he makes the pie it smells good, but this time he didn't smell anything. Then he realized that he didn't have a nose, so he asked his friend Penguin, "Have you seen my nose?" Penguin said, "I have not seen your nose." So Olaf went to ask his brother, "Have you seen my nose?" His brother replied, "No, I have not." Olaf went to a polar bear and said, "Have you seen my nose?" but before he could finish his question, the polar bear was about to eat his nose. So he kicked the polar bear and Olaf got his nose back and the polar bear was crying. THE END

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Our services are structured around the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention, and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success. With this in mind, we provide after-school tutoring, evening workshops, in-school residencies, help for English language learners, and publication opportunities for students.

All of our programs are challenging and enjoyable, and ultimately strengthen each student's power to express ideas effectively, creatively, confidently, and in his or her individual voice.

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Our method is simple: we assign free tutors to students so that the students can get one-on-one help. It is our understanding that great advancement in English skills and homework comprehension can be made within hours if students are given concentrated help from knowledgeable tutor-mentors. We offer free tutoring four days a week at both of our writing labs, on Liberty Street in Ann Arbor and at beezy's cafe on Washington Street in Ypsilanti.

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We want to help teachers get their students excited about writing, while helping students be better able to express their ideas. We welcome teachers to bring their classes in for field trips during the school day. A group of volunteers, interns, and staff leads every field trip, whether we are solving mysteries, writing bedtime stories, or playing a life-sized poetry board game. Our most popular field trip is our Storytelling & Bookmaking workshop, which culminates in an original book for each student to take home.

## **WORKSHOPS**

We offer a number of free workshops taught by professional artists, writers, and our talented volunteers. From comic books to screenplays, bookmaking to radio, our wide variety of workshops are perfect for writers of all ages and interests.

## **IN-SCHOOL PROJECTS**

Our trained volunteers go into local public schools every day to support teachers with their classroom writing assignments. Based on the teacher's curriculum, assignments range from writing tales to crafting five-paragraph essays.

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