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## Going Home

By Brian L.

The reporters for *Bulldog Says* went to Fox Studios in Century City to see Dreamworks' new movie, "HOME."

HOME is an excellent movie because the main character "Oh" was so funny. Oh is a Boov alien. One of the funniest parts was when Oh was dancing and he said "My hands are in the air like I just do not care." It was also funny—and disgusting—when he said "I am going to do the number three!"

Another thing that was funny was when all of the

Boov aliens were dancing and shaking their behinds; everybody in the theater watching it was laughing so hard that they were crying.

This movie was also kind of sad. When the human girl Tip was watching a video of her and her mom in the snow skating. That was sad as the aliens had taken her mom away. And on Christmas, Tip was going to give a gift to her mom but that was the day the aliens moved them to the new location. Only Tip was not taken to the new location. Tip was alone.

"My hands are in the air like I just do not care!"

- Oh



The only companion she had was Pig, the cat. That was really sad. That was a good movie. ❖

## Tara Dakides

By Grace J.

Tara Dakides's sport is snowboarding and no one has been better at it than her. Tara practiced many years to achieve her success. She was also the first woman to successfully do a backflip. When she tried to do it the first time, she broke her vertebrae. After that, she practiced twice as hard and then



she succeeded. After that, she never looked back. She won six X Games medals. And she took home the gold medal of slopestyle at the 2002 Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. ❖

SportsFriends students read the book, *Xtreme Sports—Cutting Edge*, by E.J. Maxwell this summer.

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## Silly Putty and Learning about Polymers

*During the STEMFriends program this summer, students made their own silly putty to learn about how the ratio of elements that can make a mixture both a liquid and solid.*

I think that silly putty will have both characteristics because it might look like a solid and react like a liquid. My hypothesis was correct, because it was both a solid and liquid. *Priscilla C.*

I think the silly putty is a mixture of a solid and liquid. My hypothesis was correct. Silly putty was a solid and liquid mix. *Luka M.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a solid and liquid, because it can fill up a cup. My hypothesis was correct. *Ethan L.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a solid and liquid. My hypothesis was correct, because when you take it out of the cup, it becomes a solid, but when you put it back in the cup, it becomes a liquid. *Angel P.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a liquid and solid, because you can hold it in your hand and it doesn't take the shape of a container.

The results showed the silly putty is first liquid, then after mixing it turns into gooey, sticky stuff, then after more mixing, it turns into goo. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct. *Nicole M.*

I think that silly putty will have the characteristics of a liquid because it is not hard. My hypothesis was incorrect, because it is both a liquid and solid. *Aidan D.*

I think my silly putty will be liquid, because it flows and moves. The purpose of the experiment was to see if silly putty could be both solid and liquid. *Melissa H.*

I think that silly putting can be both solid and liquid. I think that silly putty can take on the form of a solid but also of a liquid. My hypothesis was correct. *Grace J.*

The silly putty experiment was great and interesting. *Diego D.*

My hypothesis is that silly putty will be a solid, because it looks like a solid. The result of the experiment is that silly putty is both a solid and a liquid. *Sebastian P.*

I think silly putty will have both characteristics of a liquid and solid. My hypothesis was correct, because silly putty was both a liquid and solid. *Sophia R.*

I think that silly putting will characteristics of both a solid and liquid, because it may look like a solid, but it spreads like a liquid. I also think this, because it's made with liquids but it may become a solid, so it then will have both characteristics. My hypothesis was correct, because it both a solid and liquid. *Yahaira Z.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a solid and liquid, because it is not hard or wiggly. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct. *Isabella S.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a solid and aa liquid because silly putty can be formed and reformed. The result was that some were very sticky and some stayed liquid. In the end, everything had properties of both liquids and solids. *James R.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a solid and liquid because it is not hard and not wiggly. My hypothesis was correct. *Daisy G.*

I think silly putty will have the characteristics of a solid and liquid because it is not hard or not wiggly. In conclusion, my hypothesis was right, because it was solid and liquid form. *Chelsea B.*

I think that silly putty will be a liquid, because it will move in different directions. My hypothesis was incorrect, because it turned out to be both a solid and liquid. *Katie R.*



## Learning about Density

Students in STEMFriends built boats out of foil and loaded them with pennies. They discovered that the size of the boat influences the number of pennies it could hold.

I think my boat, the "Titanic 1", will float if I find a way. I think it will be able to hold about 18 pennies before sinking. One method I would use is putting the pennies in an even layer. The result was that the boat held 72 pennies, and sank when 73 pennies were put in the boat. *Priscilla C.*

It took 30 pennies before the boat sank. *Aidan D.*

My hypothesis was wrong, because I thought the boat could hold more pennies. It sank with 33 pennies. *Melissa H.*

I think the boat will hold 50 pennies. My hypothesis was incorrect, because it sank with 18 pennies. *Humberto S.*

I think my boat will sink, because I can't make a boat. My boat floated until I put in 19 pennies. *Ethan L.*

I think my boat, the *USS Embassy*, will not sink, because it will be able to distribute the weight of 10 pennies. My boat held 164 pennies before it sank. *Isaac C.*

My hypothesis was that the boat could hold 30 pennies before sinking. My boat didn't sink until I put in 84 pennies. *Grace J.*

My boat's name is *Diamond Gabriel and me*. I thought that my boat would hold 10 pennies before sinking, but my boat held 20 pennies instead of 10 pennies. *Diego D.*

My hypothesis was that my boat would hold 6 pennies, but it held 23 pennies. *Sebastian P.*

I think my boat will not sink, because it's a light object. I think it will hold 4 pennies. The result is that it didn't sink until I put in 86 pennies. My hypothesis was incorrect, because my boat held more than four pennies. *Nicole M.*

I think that my boat, the *Queen Mary*, will sink after holding 20 pennies, because they are small and light. My boat held 110 pennies, so my hypothesis was wrong, because my boat was very big. *Sophia R.*

I think my boat, called *Disney Cruise*, will sink at about 31 pennies, and I think this is because they are thin and the boat will hold them without sinking. My boat sank at 102 pennies. It lasted longer than I thought it would. *Yahaira Z.*

I think my boat, *Perfection*, will float because it has a pretty high density. My hypothesis is correct, because it floated, but I thought it would only hold 6 pennies, and it held 24 pennies. *Luka M.*

I think my boat of girls will sink with 100 pennies. In conclusion, the boat sank with 56 pennies. *Chelsea B.*

I think my boat of boys and girls will sink with 30 pennies. My ship sank with 77 pennies, because it was too big. *Daisy G.*

I think the boat, named *Golden Freddy*, will float and will hold 32 coins. My hypothesis was correct, because it floated, but it took 62 pennies to sink our boat. *James, Steven, Humberto and Ruben*

I think my boat, *Isabella's Boat*, will hold 60 pennies. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct because my boat sank when 60 pennies were added. *Isabella S.*



## Sound Vibrations and Making Noises Like a Duck

*STEMFriends students learned that sound is a type of energy made by vibrations and that vibrations are the movement of air particles. Students took a straw, flattened one end, then used a scissor to cut a point, and then blew into the straw.*

I think using a straw will make a duck sound, because the air around it vibrates when you blow into it. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct because it made a duck sound with vibrations. *Sophia R.*

I think that the vibrations in the straw won't make a sound. In conclusion, my hypothesis was incorrect, because when I followed the instructions and blew in the straw, it made a duck sound. *Luka M.*

I think that the straw will make a duck noise, because you can cut it and blow in it. My hypothesis was correct, because blowing through the straw makes a noise. *Yahaira Z.*

I think using a straw will make duck sounds, because blowing through one end will make vibrations. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct, and blowing through the straw made a duck-like noise. *Isaac C.*

I think using a straw will make duck sounds. Blowing through the straw did make a sound like a duck. My hypothesis was correct. *Grace J.*

I think using a straw will make duck sounds, because the straw can cause vibrations. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct because the straw did make sounds because of vibrations. *Diego D.*

I think that using a straw will make duck sounds. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct, because blowing through the straw made a duck sound. *Sebastian P.*

I think using a straw will make duck sounds because the straw can cause a vibration. My hypothesis was correct, because it make a duck sound. *Isabella S.*

I think using a straw will make duck sounds because of high frequency vibrations. In conclusion, my hypothesis was correct, because the straw made a high frequency vibration when we cut it. *Katie R.*

I think it is too think to make a sound, and there isn't enough space for the air to go through the flattened end. But it did make a high pitched sound. *Angel P.*

I think that you cannot make a duck sound by blowing through a straw. My hypothesis was incorrect, because blowing through the straw made a duck sound. *Natalia B.*

I think that using a straw will not make a sound, because it does not move or make sounds. My hypothesis was incorrect, because it did make a sound because the straw was cut and made high vibrations. *Julieta B.*

I think that when you blow in the straw, it will make high frequency notes come out. My hypothesis was correct, because when we cut the straw, it made a higher frequency. *Daisy G.*

I think that using a straw will make a wind sound and not a duck sound. I was incorrect, because it made a duck sound because of the vibration. *Chelsea B.*

I think the straw will make a duck sound. My hypothesis was correct, because when you cut it, it made another vibration. *Michelle R.*

I think the straw will make a duck sound I was correct, because it did make a duck sound. *Juanita S.*

I think a straw will not make a duck sound, because straws don't make noise. My straw did make a sound, and it sounded like a duck, so my hypothesis was wrong. *Ethan L.*

I think that using a straw will make duck sounds, because if you blow in it, the air will go through the straw. It worked. My hypothesis was correct. *Humberto S.*

I think using a straw will make duck sounds, because sound vibrations will pass through the straw. My hypothesis was correct, because the straw made the sound like a duck. *James R.*

My straw made buzzy sounds, because the straw was cut at an angle. *Priscilla C.*

When you closed your mouth on the straw and blew, it made a sound like a duck. *Aidan D.*



### STEMFriends—Summer 2015



## DanceFriends—Summer 2015

My favorite dances are the Nae Nae, freeze dance, and dancing to the Katy Perry song. The heel-toe was fun but boring.

*Chelsea B.*

My favorite dance is the Electric Slide, because you have to spin around a lot. My favorite moves are the Whip and Nae Nae. I didn't like the *Dark Horse* by Katy Perry, because there were a lot of hand moves.

*Sophia R.*

My favorite move was the Nae Nae. My favorite was Katy Perry *Dark Horse* dance.

*Isabella A.*

The first day, my favorite thing to do was stretching. The second day it was to dance to the Electric Slide. The third day it was the Nae Nae.

*Ava*

My favorite dance move is the Nae Nae.

*Jalyssa D.*

My favorite dance was the Nae Nae, because it was really fun. And it was fun to dance with my BFF. I also liked the dance we learned to Katy Perry's song.

*Juanita S.*

My favorite moves are the electric slide and the Nae Nae.

*Simon*

My fav is the Nae Nae and the Katy Perry song, *Dark Horse*.

*Isabella S.*

We learned two dances! It was the Electric Slide and the Nae Nae. It was so fun and cool. The Nae Nae was my favorite and the Electric Slide was easy.

*Nicole M.*

I liked the Katy Perry song more than the other stuff!

*Fernando C.*

My favorite thing in the dance was doing the Electric Slide. I like the dance to the song *Dark Horse*.

*Daisy G.*

My favorite was the Nae Nae.

*Melanie C.*



My favorite part of DanceFriends was Victoria teaching us to do the moves. I was nervous when we were going to do the performance.

*Vanessa D.*

I loved the Nae Nae.

*Alon B.*

My favorite part was the 5 minute break.

*Aidan D.*

My favorite was the Nae Nae.

*Joseph*

My favorite thing is when we dance.

*Jonathan*

My favorite dances were the Nae Nae and the Katy Perry dance.

*Diamond*

My favorite move was the Nae Nae, and I liked the Katy Perry song.

*Jayden*

My favorite thing was the Nae Nae.

*Isabella P.*

## Reviews of HOME

*Bulldog Says went to Fox Studios with 8 other PressFriends programs in March for a screening of the movie, HOME, and then to UCLA for the PressFriends Annual Conference.*



The movie *HOME* was a good movie. The best part was when Oh, an alien, went back and helped the girl Tip. And the saddest part was when Oh was crushed by the mothership and saved the shusher. The funniest part was when Oh said “My hands are in the air like I just do not care.” Also it was funny when Oh thought he was going to explode when he vibrated on his head.

*By Angel P.*

This movie *HOME* was so funny. The best part was when Tip puts on music, and the alien Oh is dancing all crazy in Tip’s flying car and falls out of the door. Tip thought Oh fell out and was dead, but then Oh pops up.

This is a fun movie for everyone in the family to see.

*By Joshua F.*

The movie *HOME* was cool because the little alien thought his name was Oh since every time he walked into a room, the other aliens would say “Oh, Oh, Oh, and Oh.”

The funniest part of the movie is when the music plays and Oh’s body starts to move and he puts his hands up and

says “my hands are in the air like I just do not care.”

The second funniest part is when Oh fixed Tip’s car with the slushie maker.

*By Lilliana R.*

The movie *HOME* was funny. The Boov aliens would turn colors when they were feeling different emotions. The color blue means sad, red means mad, green means the alien is lying, purple is normal, yellow means scared and dancing.

The funny part was when the Boov alien named “Oh” was yellow and he danced and said “My hand is in the air like I just don’t care.”

The sad part was when the Boov aliens were mad at Oh for mistakenly inviting the universe to his housewarming party, including the Gorg, and the Boov wanted to erase Oh.

*By Angela M.*

The movie *HOME* was fantastic because it was very funny and hilarious when the alien named Oh started dancing to the girl Tip’s music. It was also great when it all worked out perfectly and Tip and Oh became best friends. It was also

funny when Tip’s cat, named Pig, vibrated, and when the alien Oh went crazy dancing.

*By Ka’Chion C.*

*HOME* is from Dreamworks. The movie is a journey to find Tip’s mom so the girl Tip and the alien Oh went to Paris to the Boov headquarters to see where the Boov put the humans. Then they went to Australia and found Tip’s mom.

People would like Oh because he is funny and they would enjoy Oh’s personality.

We went to UCLA after we saw the movie *HOME* at Fox Studio. UCLA is a fun place to go. When I go to college, I want to go there.

*By Ruben M.*

People should watch the movie *HOME* because it is hilarious and sad. The movie start with a Boov alien named Oh. He was always happy in the beginning. The other Boovs didn’t like him. Oh invited all the Boovs to this party but they didn’t want to go to his party.

Later there is a character named Gratuity Tucci, but she has a nickname, “Tip,” and



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she has a cat named Pig. Oh and Tip try to save the world from a monster called Gorg, who ends up being something unexpected.

The captain of the Boovs aliens stole something from the Gorg, and it made the Gorg very cranky. This movie was amazing.

After the movie, we went to UCLA. UCLA is a cool college because it is very big and has a lot of neat things, like its mascot the bear, and the student store.

*By Richard M.*

People should watch the movie *HOME*, because it is really funny.

There is an alien named Oh and with a girl whose nickname was Tip. They travel to Paris and Australia to find Tip's mom. There also is a cat named Pig. Kids may think, but the cat's tail was curly like a pig's tail and that's why the cat is named Pig.

It looks like it is boring, but it's actually funny. Once people watch it a little longer you will get used to it.

The funniest part is when people can see and Oh says "My hands are in the air like I just do not care."

Kids and adults can

see it in 3D or 2D. So stop being there all lazy and watch the movie *HOME*. Even adults laugh in the movie so watch the movie please.

We went to UCLA after watching the movie, *HOME*. UCLA is awesome. I might come to University here.

*By Daniela P.*

People should watch the movie *HOME* because it is a very funny movie to watch and there are four characters. They are Tip, Pig, Oh, and Tip's mom. Tip's mom is in the movie too but she isn't in the movie till the end.

The aliens are called Boovs and they change color, because of their emotions. They journey to different places.

Tip had a car that did not work anymore because she crashed it. Oh helped her fix the car, and made it into a flying car.

Our trip to UCLA after the movie was fun. UCLA is the best college ever because it has so much stuff to do.

*By Leslie B.*

The movie *HOME* is amazing because when Oh said "Oh no my hands are in the air like I just do not care" was

very funny. Another funny part is when Oh thought that the cat named Pig was going to pop.

The reason why I like the movie is because it has friendship and sadness.

*By Alex R.*

The movie *HOME* was interesting because I got to really see their emotions because the Boov aliens changed colors whenever they felt a different emotion.

The part that was funny is the part when Oh said "My hands are in the air like I just do not care."

I couldn't find anything that was not good about the movie. I loved the part when Tip found her mother. All the characters were Tip, Oh, Boov.

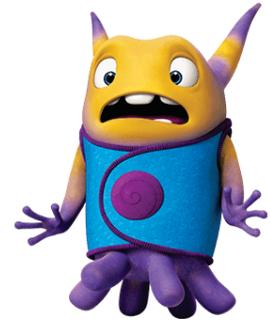
What happened in the movie is that Oh sent an invite to the bad guys to his party—by mistake.

If you add slushies to your car then maybe it will work like Tip's did—but don't try this on your parents' car.

*By Sophia R.*

The alien species called the Boovs were taking the planet Earth, so they took all humans and put them in a place where they

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thought they would be happy. When the humans leave, the Boovs took all of their homes.

Oh was the Boov who made 62 mistakes and when he held a party and told his neighbors, no one showed up. So he decided to have another party and emailed it to all the Boov. But he made a mistake and mailed it to the bad guys who were trying to find the Boov. He got in trouble and tried to run away.

In the meantime a girl named Tip was trying to wait for her mom. Tip was the only human who was not taken away, because she was holding her cat, named Pig, and the Boov missed her. But then a Boov busts in and she leaves.

Tip goes to her mom's car, but then she crashes into a car at a market. She goes inside to get food, and she meets the alien Oh who is doing the same thing. The finally

work together to help save the Boov and find Tip's mom.

*By Elizabeth S.*

**T**he movie *HOME* is a comedy movie the alien Oh said "I almost did one number 3."

Another reason why it is a comedy movie is because he said "Don't drink the lemonade" in the bathroom.

*By Steven M.*



**Help Kyle find his leader, Captain Smek!**



**MAZE**



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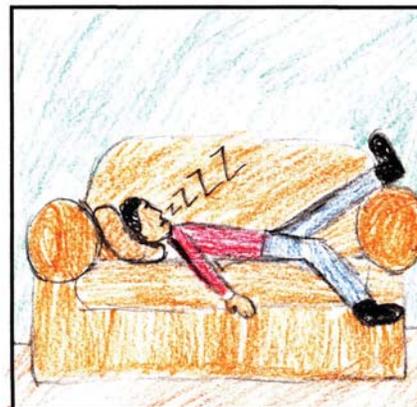
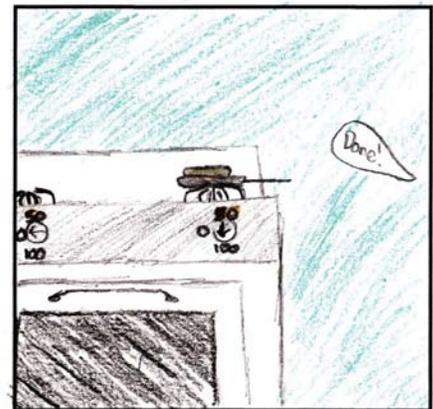
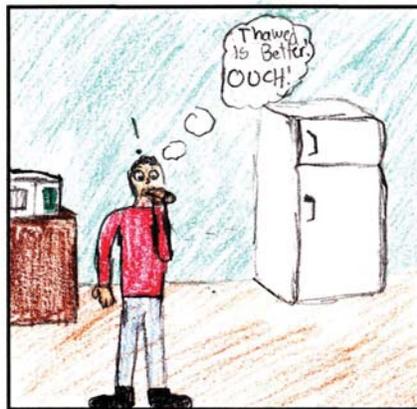
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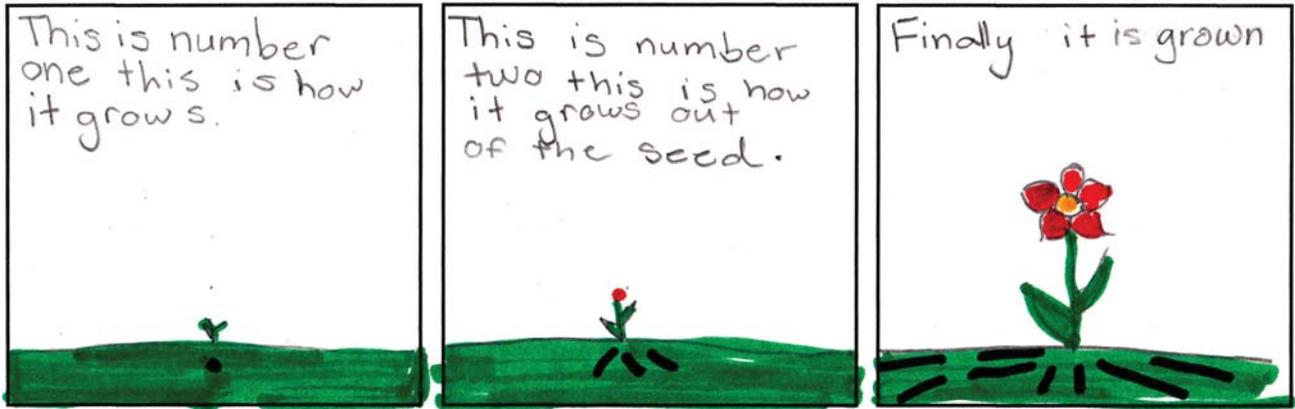
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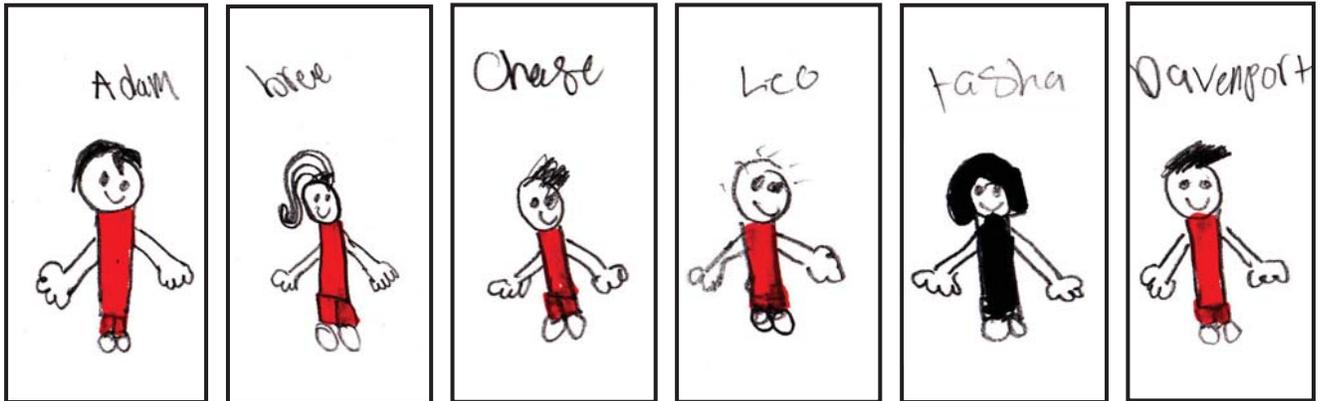
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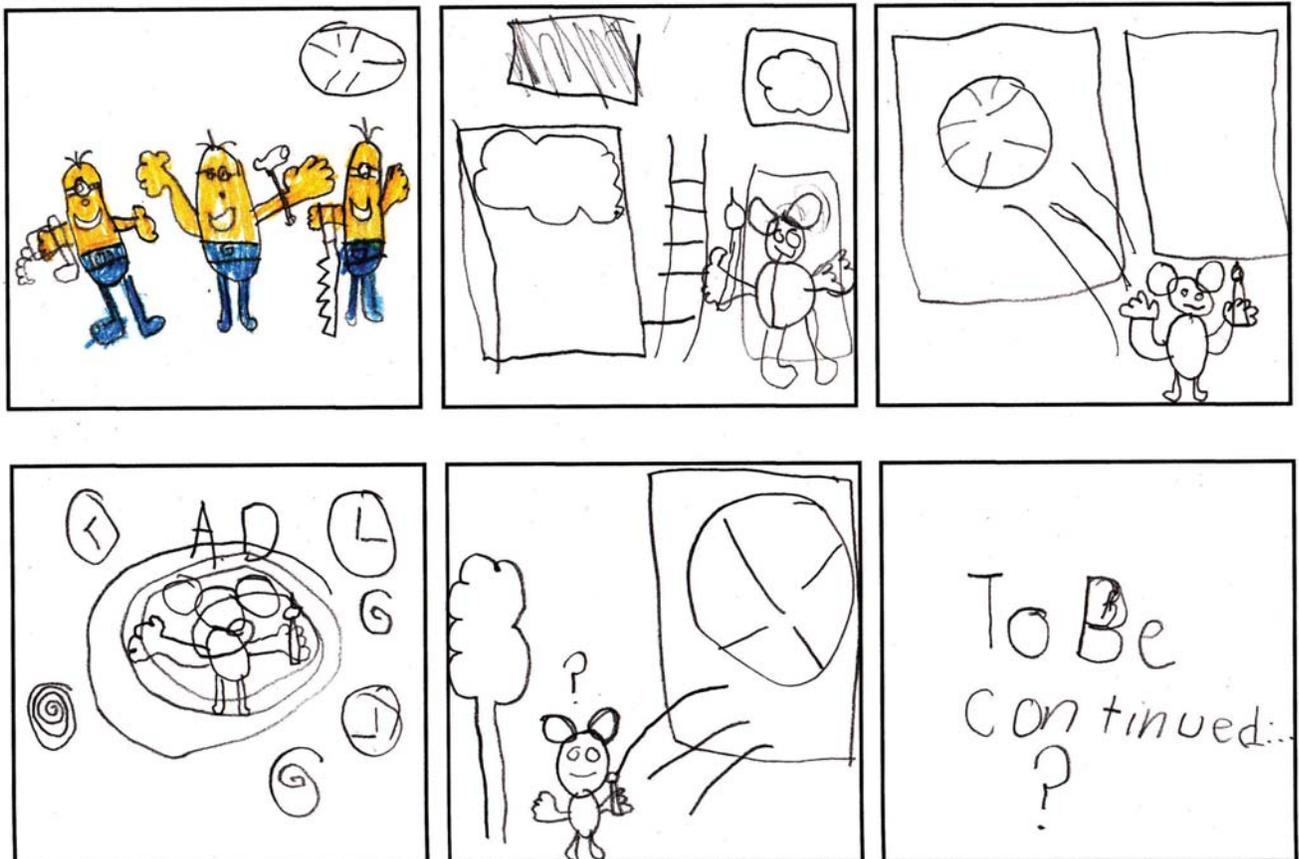
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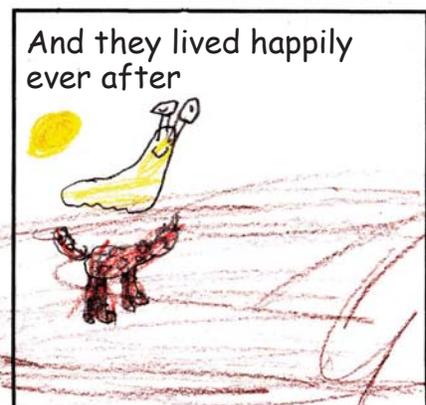
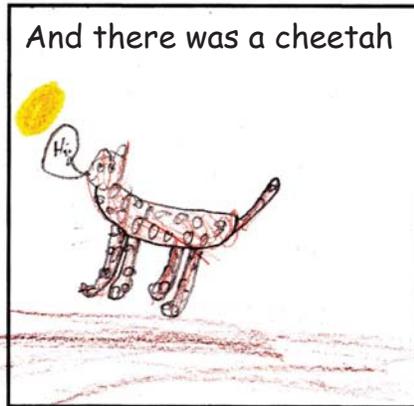
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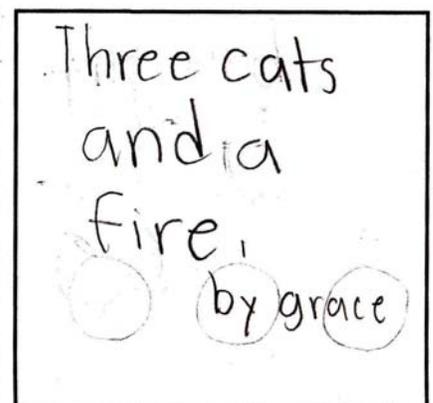
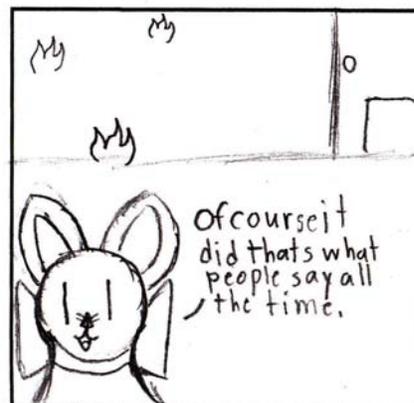
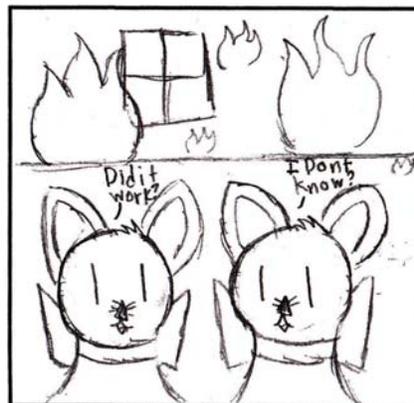
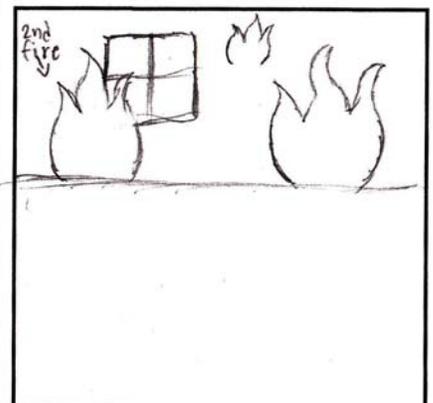
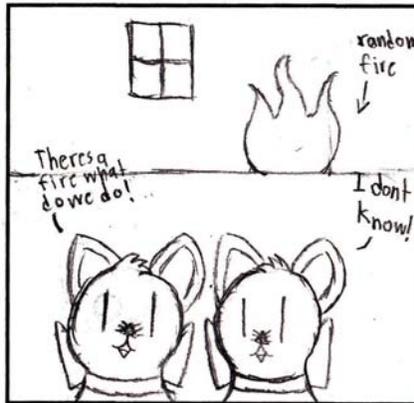
Keep Your Mind in the Game!

By Juanita S.



Three Cats and a Fire

By Grace J.



## ArtFriends—Summer 2015

### Sisters

By Nicole M.

There was a girl named Taylor. She lived with her mom and dad, and her sister. Her sister's name is Allison. Taylor is 12 years old, and her sister is 6 years old.



### The Fabulous Flash

By Natalia B.



*SportsFriends—Summer 2015***Dave Mirra**

Dave Mirra is a BMX athlete and a race car driver. He has won more medals in the X Games than any other athlete. When he was 17 years old, he was hit by a drunk driver when walking across the street, and now feels strongly about drunk drivers. He was born and raised in Chittenango, New York.

*By Angel P.*

Dave Mirra was an extreme biker. They called him Miracle Boy, because he could do things on a bicycle that no one else could. Dave was in lots of sports. He grew up in the Northeast. The biker was one of the best bikers in the world. He is an extreme biker and an Olympic athlete and a baseball star. He loved biking. He loved being in the X

Games. He likes all kinds of extreme sports.

*By Ethan L.*

Dave loved to ride his bicycle. But he was hit by a drunk driver and was badly injured. He had to undergo surgery. The doctors did not know if he could ride his bike again, but he couldn't see going through life without his bike. Never say never again, because he trained when his body got better, and went on to win a lot of medals in the X-games. That's what happened.

*By Ruben M.*

Don't drink and drive. Dave Mirra was hit by a driver when he was 19, but he came back to be a famous BMX competitor in the X-games. He likes

basketball and tennis. He was born in Chittenango, New York. He is now a business owner.

*By Chelsea B.*

Dave Mirra was born and raised in Chittenango, New York. He won 12 gold medals in the X Games and Gravity Games. They call him Miracle Boy, because of his stunt riding.

When he was young, he competed in both street and vert competitions. He is glad to be where he is at now, which all was a result of his being a stunt rider.

*By Yahaira Z*

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*SportsFriends read the book X-Treme Sports—Cutting Edge by E.J. Maxwell (Scholastic 2003)*

**Ross Powers**

Ross Powers competed for fifteen years. He completed in snowboarding and won two Olympic medals. One medal is gold. He also has a backpack full of trophies in other international events like X games and Gravity games. He runs his own snowboarding camp and has a long list of lucrative endorsement contracts. Ross Powers is one of the most successful athletes ever to strap on a snowboard.

Ever since Ross Powers was a kid, he wanted to be on snow. Ross skied early, because he spent a lot of time around a winter resort. Ross became proficient at a very young age. Most of his friends and family thought he might be a serious competitor. Ross says you can take your time and learn how to do it, if you have good equipment, it can be safe.

*By Natalie B.*

Ross Powers is a snowboarding pro. He was born on February 10, 1979. Ever since he was young, he wanted to be on the snow. He thinks that Olympics have changed people's minds about snowboarding. He now runs his own snowboarding camp in Okemo, Vermont.

*By Yahaira Z.*

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*See X-Treme Sports by E.J. Maxwell (Scholastic 2003)*

*SportsFriends—Summer 2015***Mike Metzger**

Mike Metzger never gave up. He did a trick that many people did not complete without falling off. He tried many times before he could do it, but he did not give up like other people who tried; and finally he was able to do it in a big way.

*By Michelle R.*

Mike Metzger never backed out from a challenge. When he joined the summer X games in 2002, he was a legend at 26 years old but hadn't won a medal at the X Games. In the 2002 X Games, he won the Big Air and Freestyle competing against teens. He would be sure during the X games to see his family.

When Mike was in the X Games, he left the games for the hospital on a stretcher not once but twice. He got better at the X games but always spends time with his family. He enjoys jumping

stunts more than practicing races.

*By Aidan D.*

Mike Metzger is known as the Godfather of Freestyle Motorcross. He was the first to do a backflip with his 210-pound motorcycle in mid-air. He has suffered many injuries, such as 20 broken bones, broken fingers and toes, fracturing his vertebra and two shattered heels. He encourages kids to follow their dreams.

*Isaac C.*

Mike Metzger's goal is to live a happy, healthy and successful life.

Mike Metzger can't resist a challenge, and on July 2, 2002, roaring around his private course, he did the impossible - a backflip. He had been practicing on his BMX bike before doing it with his dirt bike.

He did the backflip five times on his private course. A lot of people have tried it and have been injured by Mike like's to try new stunts.

*By Chelsea B.*

Mike Metzger is a motorcross rider. He can't resist a challenge. He rode his bike over a gap that stretched nearly fifty feet, and landed safely. Other riders tried the stunt and were injured, but he wasn't worried.

Mike's father raced dirt bikes before a back injury ended his career. But when Mike was a teenager, he graduated from dirt bikes to motorcycles.

In the book, *Extreme Sports*, he says, "My words of wisdom for kids? If you have a goal in life, set your mind on it and get it done." That's great advice.

*By Nicole M.*

**Layne Beachley**

Layne Beachley was born on May 24, 1972, and is from New South Wales in Australia. She was a competitive surfer, and is considered the greatest woman surfer in history. She is confident about herself and likes the adrenaline she gets from surfing.

When she was young, she played soccer and tennis, but then surfing caught her attention.

Layne is a gifted athlete.

*By Priscilla C.*

I want to surf, because I read about Layne Beachley. It made me see that

surfing is fun and can be peaceful. The water looks so awesome when surfing, and it seems so cool to do.

*By Juanita S.*

*Layne Beachley is profiled in the book X-Treme Sports—Cutting Edge by E.J. Maxwell (Scholastic 2003).*



*SportsFriends—Summer 2015***Shaun White**

Shaun White was born on September 4, 1986. He started to practice snowboarding at the age of six. Shaun was watching his older brother snowboard and Shaun became interested in learning how to snowboard too. Since he skateboarded as a kid, balancing on a snowboard was easy. He won his first snowboarding contest at the age of 8. Shaun became a professional in 1998.

*By Katie R.*

Shaun White has the genes of extreme sports superstars. His grandparents raced in the professional Roller Derby circuit. About everyone in his family seems to have a passion for skiing and snowboarding.

Since Shaun had experience skateboarding, it helped with his balance in snowboarding. Shaun was only 8 when in 1994

he won the United States of America Snowboard Association amateur title.

In 2002, Shaun got a call from skateboarding legend, multimillionaire, the one and only Tony Hawk. Hawk said he admired White's skating and invited him to join Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam Tour with a lot of other extreme athletes in the summer of 2002. White says Hawk has been a huge influence in his life, but skating is not White's best sport. It is actually snowboarding.

Shaun White is a pretty cool guy.

*By Isaac C.*

Shaun White was 15 years old when he got the call of a lifetime from Tony Hawk. Hawk told Shaun that he was putting together a team and that he admired Shaun's skateboarding. Shaun was invited to join the team.

Skateboarding isn't even Shaun's best sport. His best sport is snowboarding. His grandparents raced on the professional Roller Derby Circuit. Shaun could also be the best skater. Shaun was only eight when he entered his first contest. He won a gold medal in snowboarding at the Olympics. He was born on January 4, 1986.

*By James R.*

Shaun White was born on September 4, 1986. He is famous, and his favorite country is Japan. He is a good skateboarder and snowboarder. When was only six years old, he started snowboarding. Shaun White was professional in 1998.

*By Melissa H.*

*SportsFriends read the book X-Treme Sports—Cutting Edge by E.J. Maxwell (Scholastic 2003)*

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**Tori Allen**

Tori Allen was born on July 30, 1988. Tori Allen was a champion Rock Climber.

When Tori was little, she traveled a lot. When she went to Africa, there was a man who gave her a baby monkey named Georgie. Every day, Georgie and Tori climbed trees. That is why Tori Allen is a very good rock climber. Georgie was bit by a snake and died. They went back to the United States and Tori's dad bought her a stuffed monkey that she took climbing with her.

When she came back to the United States, she tried out different sports. She saw a climbing wall in her hometown shopping mall. She asked her dad to try it, and her dad said okay and she did very good. And she trained at a local gym and later would compete.

*By Katie R.*

Tori Allen was born on July 30, 1988. Her full name is Victoria Allen. Victoria is a strong, adventurous, and confident person.

When she was four, her family moved to West Africa. She was the only white kid in Africa. Everyone would always stare at her. She was friends with a baby monkey name Georgie. Georgie and Tori would climb trees together. She thought that this helped her a lot. Georgie was Tori's partner, but George died, because he got bitten by a snake. Tori was so sad when her monkey died, that her dad got her a stuffed monkey. She would go rock climbing with the stuffed monkey attached to her harness. Now she loves to collect stuffed monkeys.

When Tori was 12 in 2001, she became the

American Bouldering Series women's national champion. In 2002, she won the speed-climbing competition at the X Games.

This is an inspirational girl because she was always confident in herself.

*By Priscilla C.*

Tori Allen was a champion climber, but she also used to be a ballerina and played the electric bass in her church.

One way Tori Allen she tried to stay fresh was by varying her training routine. In addition to rock climbing, Tori also competed in the pole vault. When she was 17, she went to Florida State University on a pole vaulting scholarship.

Now she climbs for fun.

*By Daisy G.*



*Tori Allen is in the book X-Treme Sports—Cutting Edge by E.J. Maxwell (2003).*



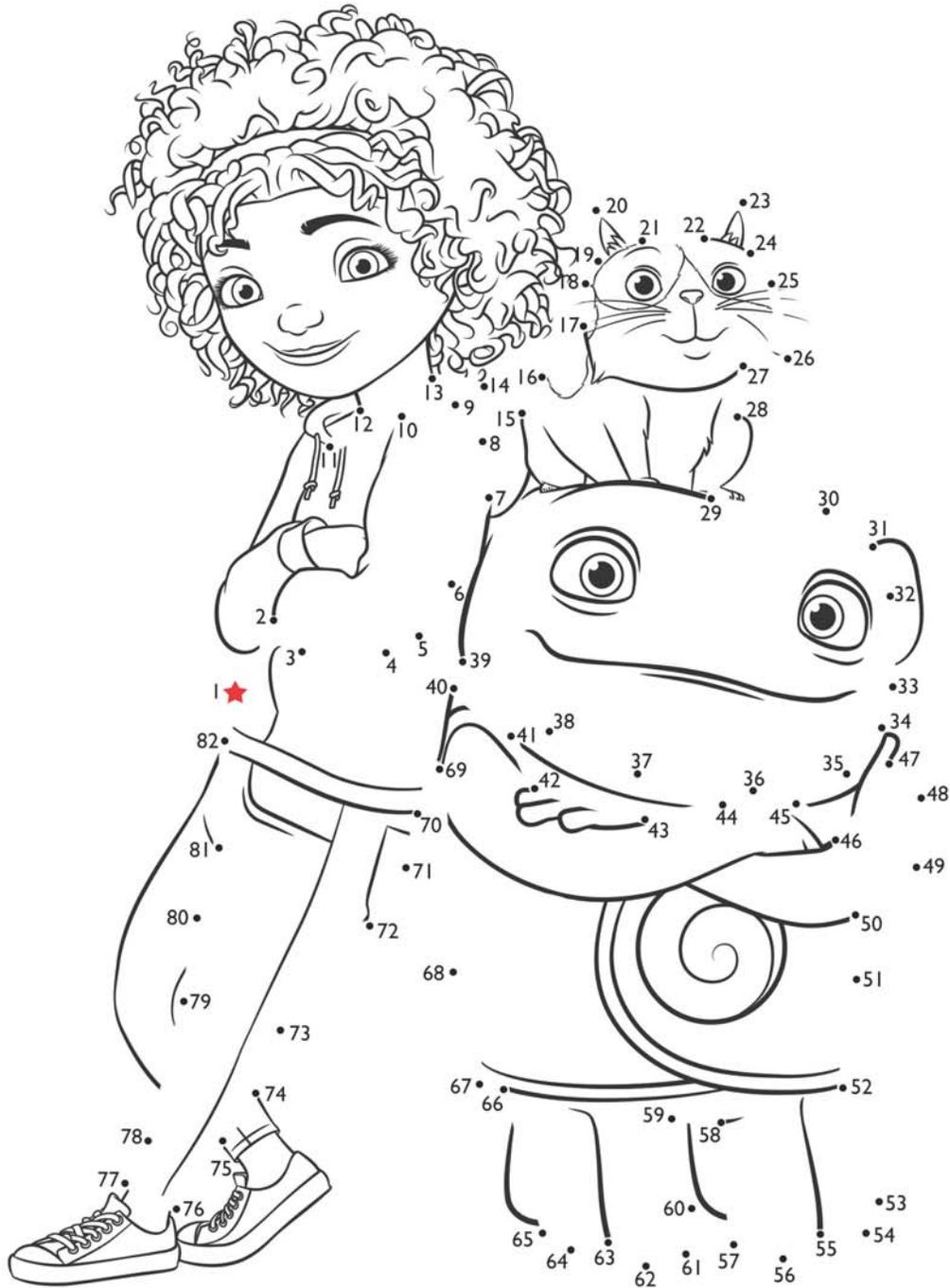
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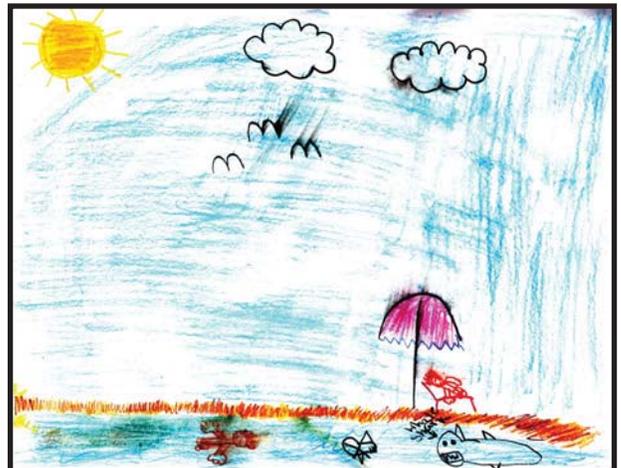
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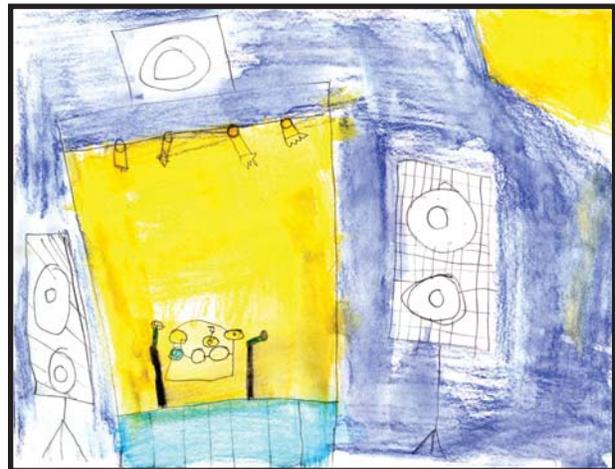


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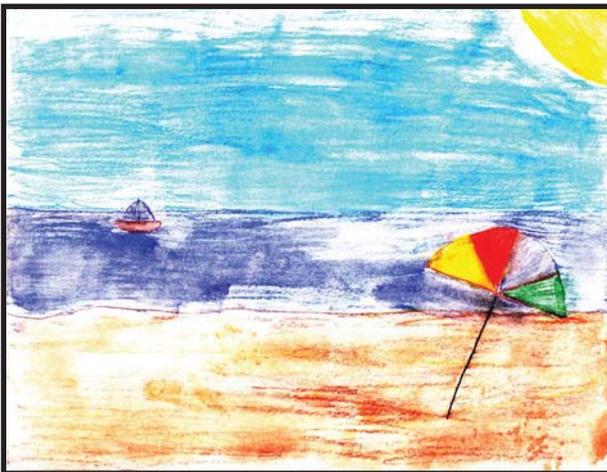
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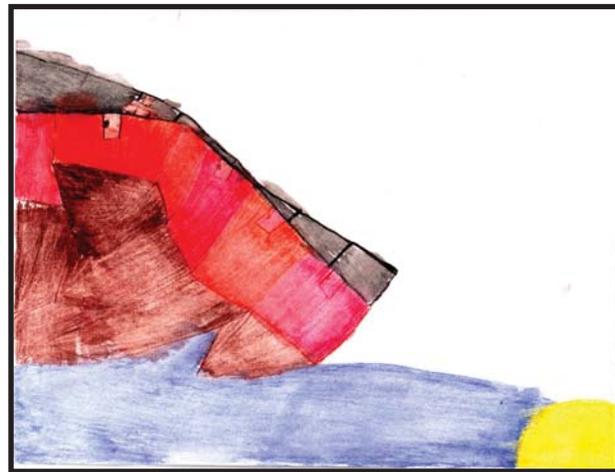
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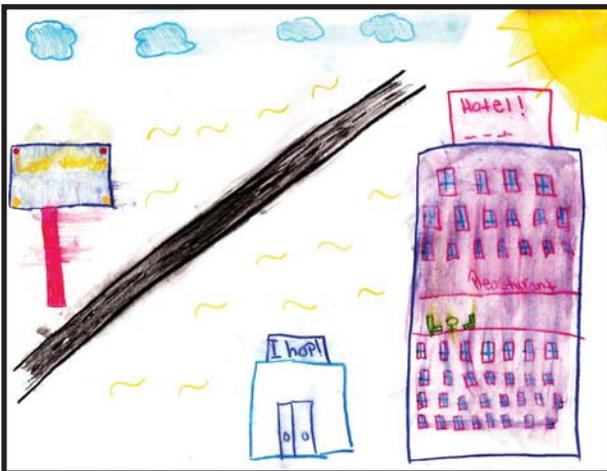
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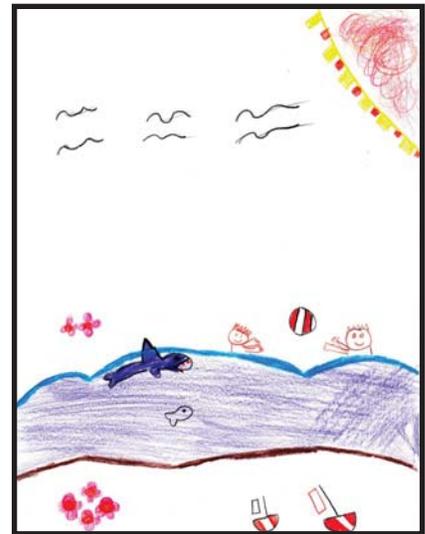
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### ArtFriends—Summer 2015



### MusicFriends—Summer 2015



## MusicFriends—Song Lyrics

*At the time of printing, MusicFriends had only held two sessions. These are the beginnings of the song lyrics that students were starting to write.*

I love my Daddy...  
he is an artist...  
My Daddy is funny and fun.

*Jalyssa D.*

I like puppies...  
I like mango...  
I love my family

*Bella D.*

I like swimming...  
I like puppies...  
I like rainbows...  
I love my sister and brothers.

*Vanessa D.*

Hobo a hobo went by my nice house...  
I'm afraid he's gonna eat me and he had a mouse

*Aidan D.*

I put my feet up feeling lazy...  
My friends are outside playing.

*Marcos*

L.A., L.A., I go there everyday.  
The buildings are tall,  
I wouldn't like to fall.  
I go to school...  
Some people look pretty cool.

*Humberto S.*

He is fast... he is strong...  
Nobody knew where he belongs  
Batman never gave up,  
So Batman is amazing...

*Joshua F.*

You see the banana...  
You grab the banana...  
You eat the banana...  
Go bananas! Go bananas!

*Julieta B.*

When minions see bananas... they go ba-nanas.  
Minions are yellow  
like ba-na-nas.

*Sophia R.*

Summer is the best thing ever...  
Because you can go to the beach and have fun.  
Summer is the best thing ever...  
Because you can't ever stop having fun,  
Because you have every day free,  
and can play a lot of things.

*Chelsea B.*

Summer is the best thing ever...  
because you can play  
and have fun...

*Isabella S.*

I got Ethan's back  
He's got my back...  
I got Aidan's back  
He's got my back too

*Yahaira Z.*

All I want to do is something? All I want to do is something!  
All I want to do today is something?  
All I want to do today is something!  
That's what I want to do today! Hay!

*Angel P.*



## EcoFriends—Summer 2015



**E**coFriends wants to raise awareness of the current drought and teach kids how to conserve and reduce water usage. In EcoFriends sessions, students learn about the current conditions of the drought and the benefits of drought tolerant plants.

We had a wonderful guest speaker, Mrs. Grace Farwell-Granger, who introduced different water sources in California and water conservation tips for indoors and outdoors.

EcoFriends kids get hands-on experience with planting drought tolerant plants, and they will be working on creating BE WATER WISE posters.

**Thanks to Mrs. Grace Farwell-Granger from the South Bay Environmental Services Center for speaking to EcoFriends about water conservation**



### EcoFriends—Summer 2015



## Note from PressFriends



**P**ressFriends had a great summer at Harry Bridges, and we appreciate the support of our program by the Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor. A special thanks to Ms. Rudi for helping us put together all the different programs.

We had a fun time at Harry Bridges with ArtFriends, STEMFriends, SportsFriends, DanceFriends, EcoFriends, and MusicFriends.

We also would like to thank the PressFriends parents who oversee our programs at Harry Bridges—Mrs. Fuh, Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Marquez, Mrs. Jung, Mrs. Berry, and Mrs. Southwell.

And a huge thanks to all of our great mentors, especially our Lead Mentors Kevin, Janet, Tori, Nick, Alec, and Elizabeth.

We had a fun year with the Bulldog Says newspaper club, and our

annual conference for Elementary Students at Fox Studios to see the screening of the animated feature, *HOME*. After the movie, we went to UCLA for lunch, games, a scavenger hunt around UCLA, and little bit of writing.

We hope you all have a great summer and keep on writing!

*Tessa Southwell*  
President

*PressFriends Student Board*



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