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# P.S./M.S. 279 Captain Manuel Rivera Jr. School Spring 2023

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#### INTRODUCTION

The PS 279 school pledge includes the phrase, "I will use what I have learned to be a good citizen and help make my school a better place." As guest artists visiting a school for the first time, it is incredibly important to be engaged with the school values and community. This was especially fitting for our residency at 279, which aligned with the 2nd grade social studies curriculum centered on community and citizenship.

After exploring character, setting, conflict, and dialogue, we helped students draft original plays and watched their confidence grow onstage. We then revised our plays, asking, "What do we want the audience to feel?" In the final class students acted out their stories wearing costumes and inhabiting all different types of animals and people in New York.

Some of our favorite games together included Bus Stop, Fortunately/ Unfortunately, and tongue twisters like "Unique New York--You know you need unique New York!" In this anthology we've also included photos of some "serious acting" and silly moments, along with students' drawings of their original plays.

Our time together playing drama games, expanding our vocabulary, and diving into complex themes of our environment is reflected not only in the students' original words, but also in the murals on display at PS 279 for every student, staff member, and visitor to see. Through this residency, students have made their school and community a better place, a place that reflects their unique points of view and celebrates an artistic vision of the future.

Special thanks to our incredible students, every paraprofessional, and all the teachers at this school that are a second family to so many young lives. We are rooting for you, always.

Sincerely, Amanda & Morgan

#### **CLASS ROSTERS**

## Ms. Singleton:

Amaya Aybar Martinez Shanel Brooker Jorlet Garcia Felipe Alexander Goitia Kimberly Gonzalez Solis Malia James Raphael Matias Rayner Mendez Stacy Pabon **Matthew Parrales** Itzel Perez Jancy Plaza **Emily Polanco** James Lazaro Jaden Reyes Ian Rodriguez Acosta Lea Toledo Mahane Touray

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Solee Allen
Jaylin Araujo
Valerie Arias
Aliyah Diallo
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Starlyn Gomez
Isaiah Gonzalez
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Isabela Lopez
Christine Polanco
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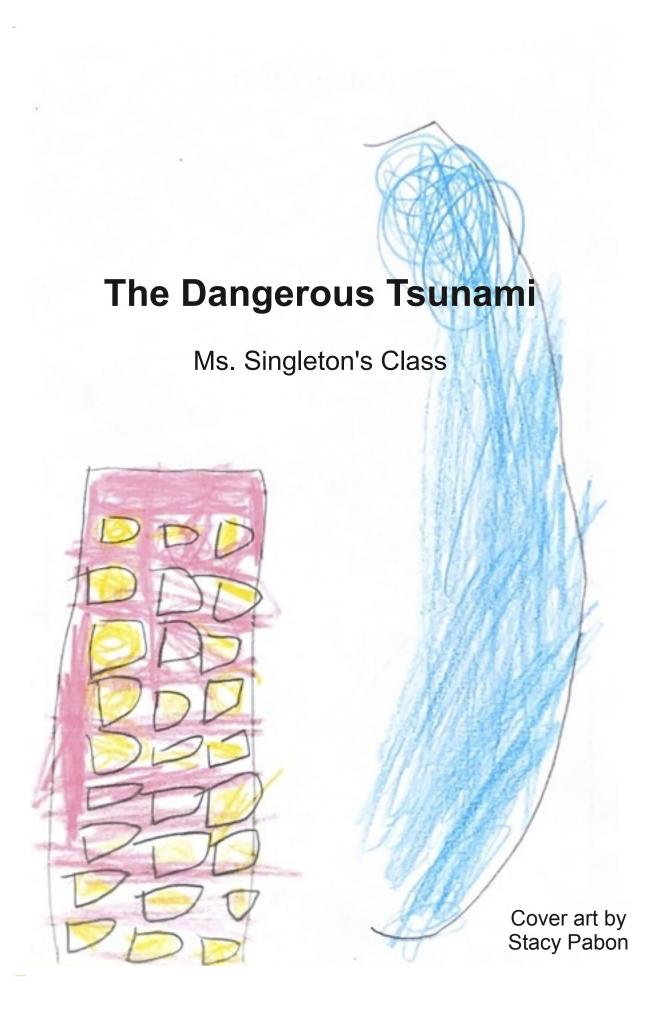
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Agata Steinberg
Mahzuba Subhana
Aminata Touray
Andy Villegas

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#### Ms. Benros & Ms. Akhter:

Dariel Bencosme-Santana Janet Conde Ramales Caeliany de la Espada Arielis Diaz Emma Escamilla Jania Gomez



## The Dangerous Tsunami

**Joseph:** Oh my god! There's a tsunami!

**Superpower Girl:** The houses are drowning!

**Joseph:** The people in the Bronx are not expecting this...

Magic Boy: We can use the chicken nugget beam to teleport to

school, which is made of bricks to protect us!

(They teleport to a flooded classroom, where

they see Bear, Flying Fish, Teacher and

Students)

Bear: What's up?

Joseph: Huh?

Bear: I'm a big bear! Watch- I can break this door down.

**ROARRR!** 

**Student 1:** Can you be my friend, Bear?

**Student 2:** Oh my god my fish came to me!

Flying Fish: I want to make a new home here.

Teacher: Get. Out.

**Magic Boy:** Maybe we could empty out all the water in the

classroom... I will use my chicken nugget beam!!

(Magic boy evaporates the water, replacing it

with a million chicken nuggets)

**Teacher:** Now the classroom is filled with a million chicken

nuggets...

Magic Boy: Let's all go to McDonald's to steal the toilets!

**Superpower Girl:** We can also get toys.

**Joseph:** And get ice cream and cookies while hiding from the

tsunami!

(They all teleport to McDonald's)

Magic Boy: It worked! Yay!

AII: YAYYYYY

Joseph: I'm leaving.

**Superpower Girl:** I'll fly you home, Bear.

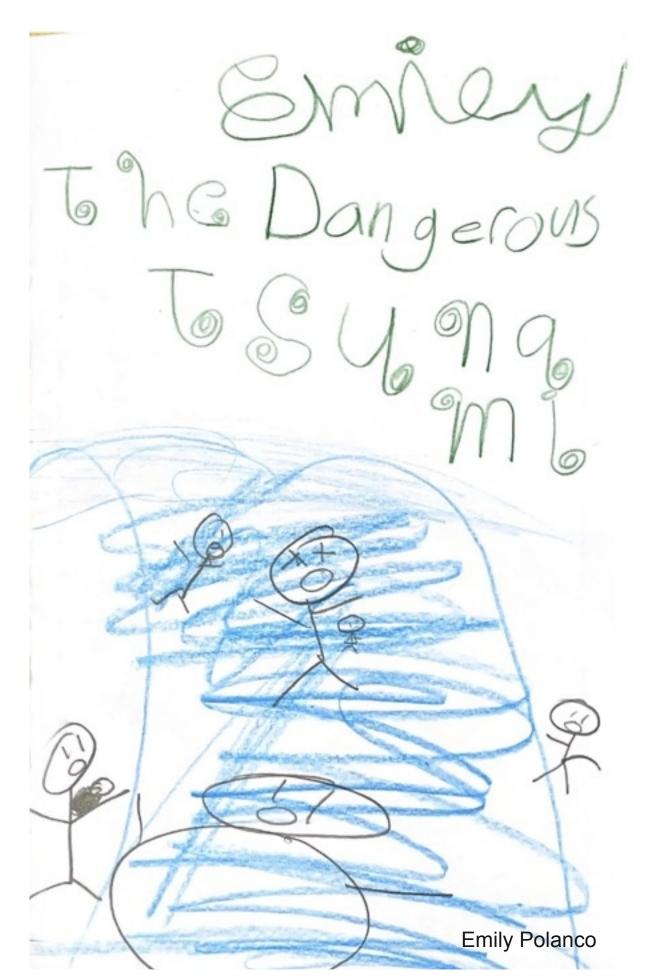














# Mahane Touray



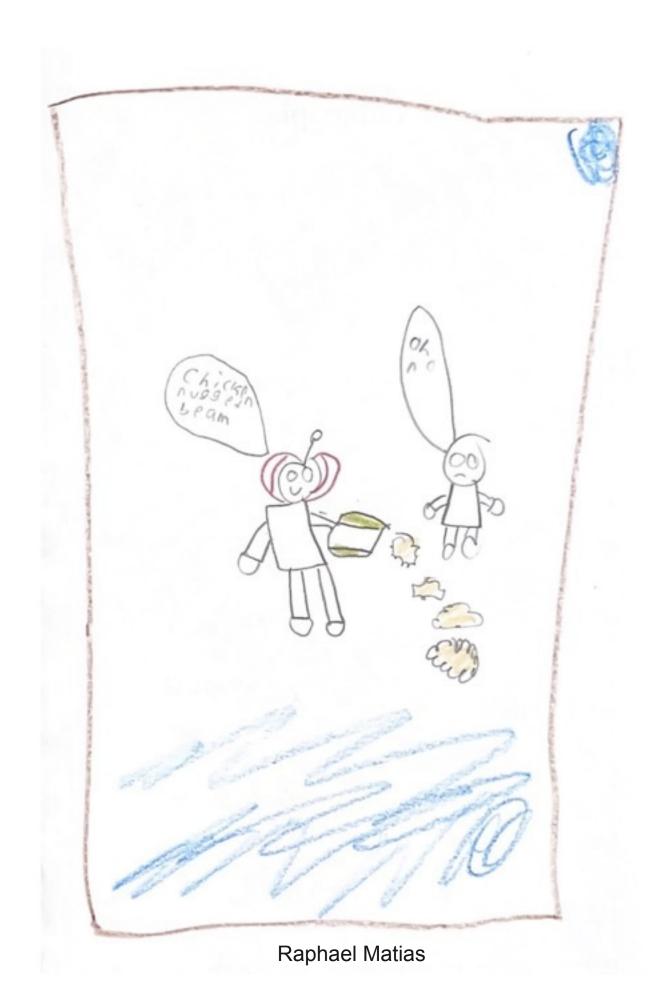














Stacy Pabon

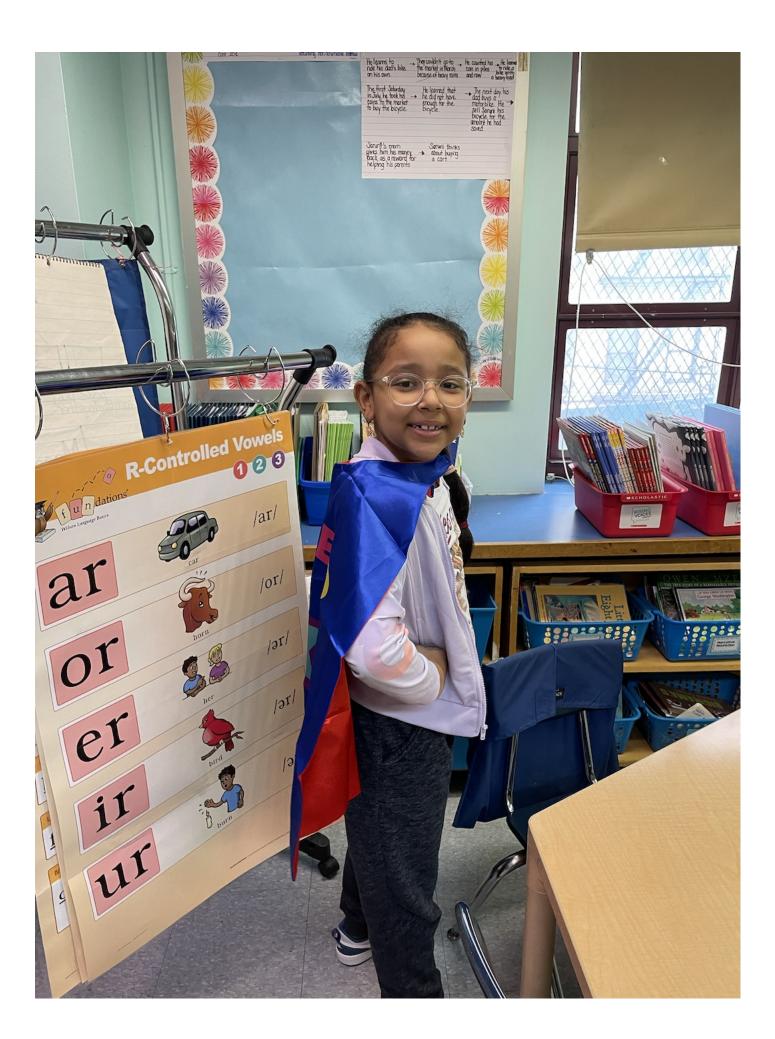


Emily Polanco









# The Sisters Who Got Bullied

Ms. Stone, Ms. Juarez, & Ms. Padilla's class



#### The Sisters Who Got Bullied

Sister Amy: A dog bit my hand!

Protective Sister: Are you ok?

Sister Amy: Yes.

Protective Sister: Do you need a Bandaid? I'll go get it.

(Goes to get Bandaid and is stopped by Bullies)

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**Bully 1:** I don't like your shirt.

Bully 2: I don't like your hair.

Protective Sister: I don't like your attitude.

**Bully 1:** What are you watching?

**Sister Amy:** My pig. We adopted her from the pet shop.

Pig: Oink! I am Zach. I'm bored because I can't go to

Legoland.

**Protective Sister:** Well at least **we** have a pig who can fly a helicopter

and dance.

## (Bullies walk away with attitude)

**Pig:** Let's ride in my helicopter to the movie theater!

(They travel to the Nickelodeon Movie Theater in

Pig's helicopter)

**Sister Amy:** Woah, this theater is crowded.

**Pig:** Probably because everybody likes the Rock in this

movie.

Protective Sister: Who are you?

Bully 1 & Bully 2: WE ARE THE BULLIES.

(Bullies throw popcorn which Pig eats)

**Pig:** Popcorn is my favorite food. Do you have any

chocolate cupcakes?

**Sister Amy:** Thank you for feeding my pig!

(Bullies storm off)

**Audience:** Let's go to a different movie.







Drawings by Agata Steinberg

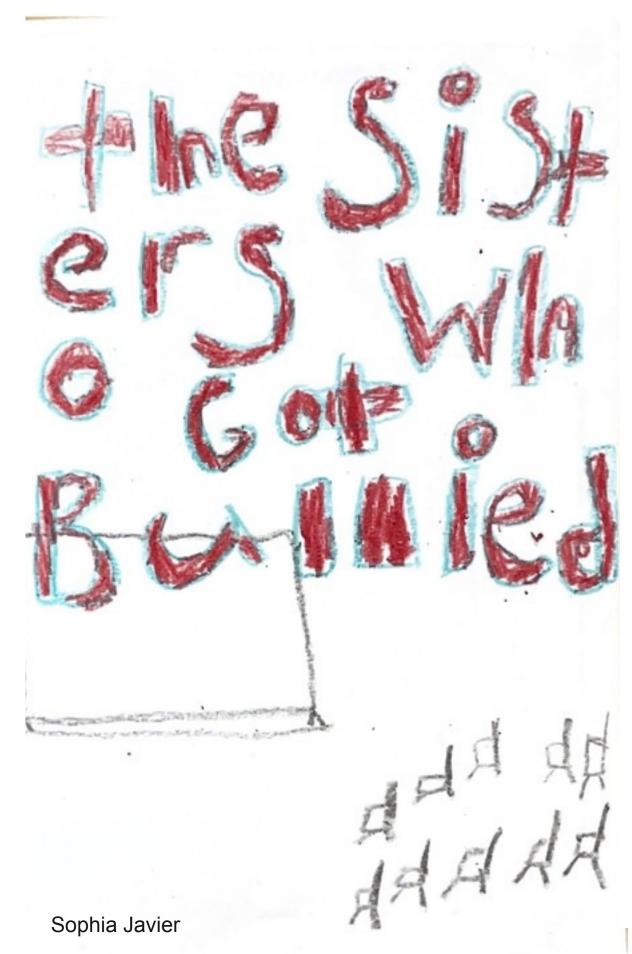












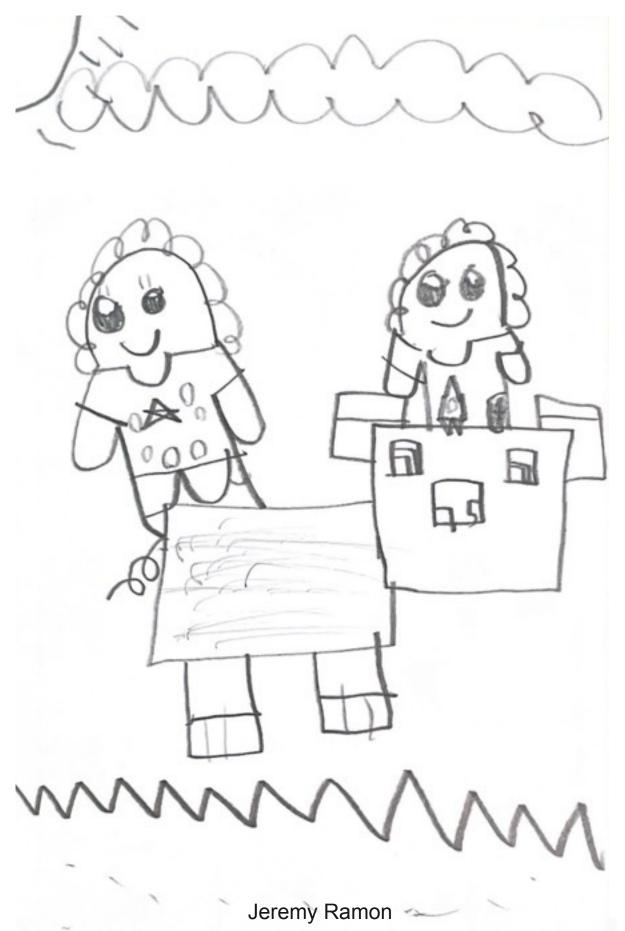


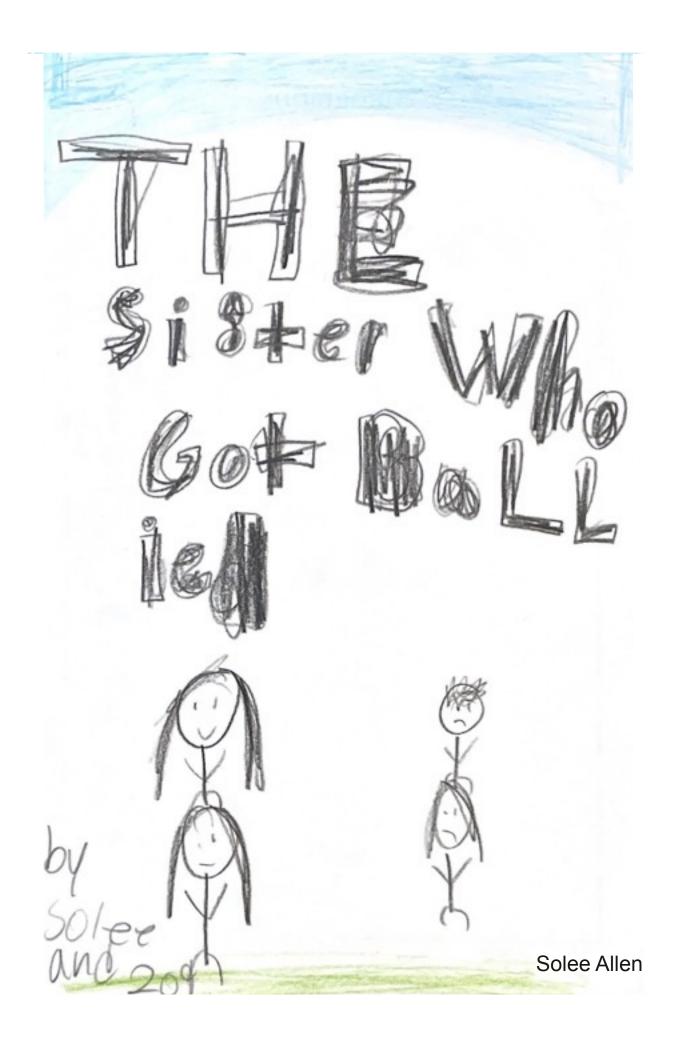


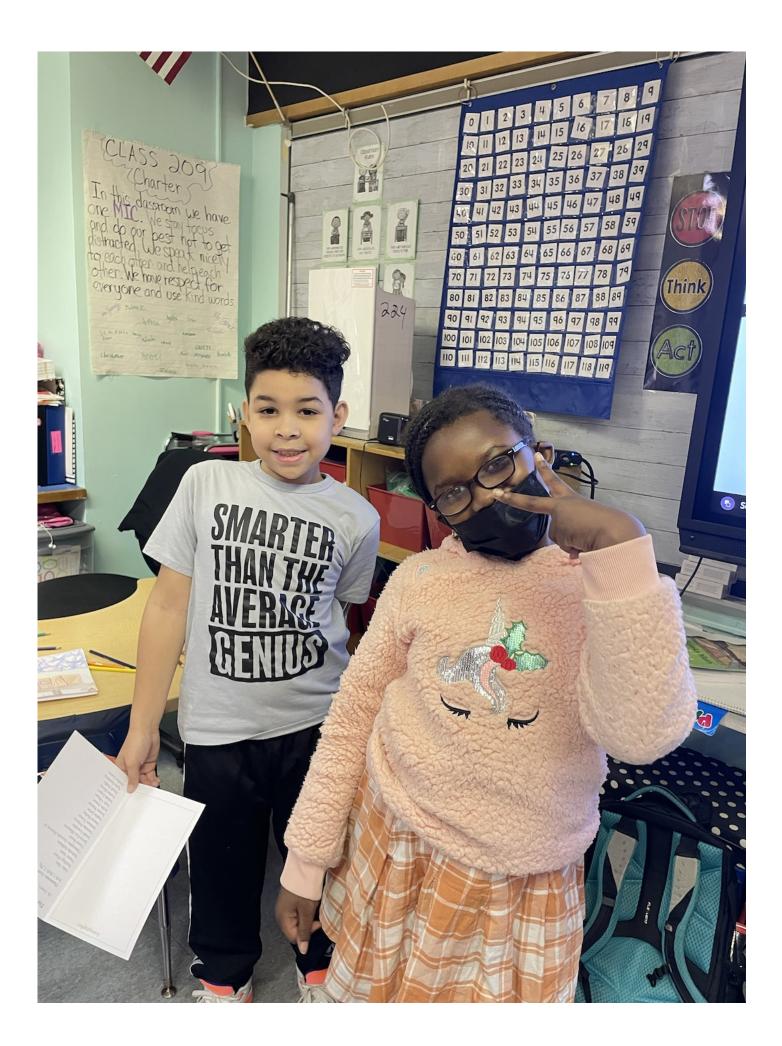




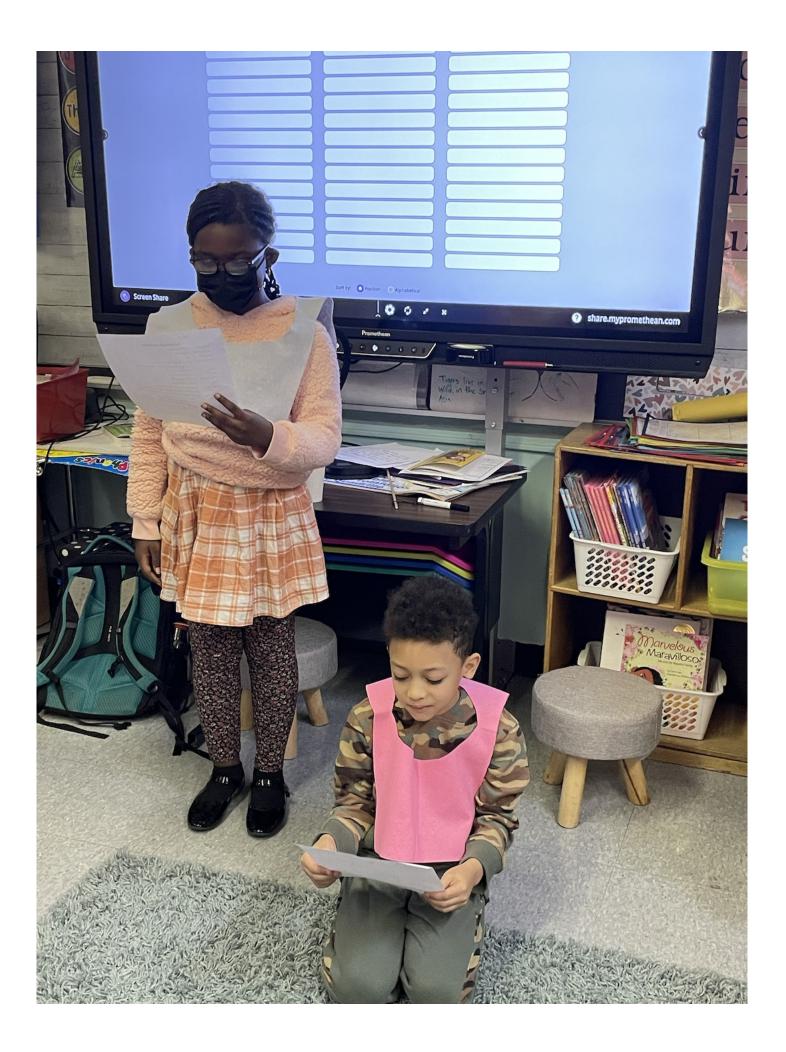
Starlyn Gomez











## Jeremy's Pet Shop Has an Earthquake

Mr. Gonzales & Mr. Turner's Class Cover art by Jordy Mejia Caceres

## Jeremy's Pet Shop Has an Earthquake

Customer: Please go back, Cat!

Pet Store Worker: We have to open the door in the back of Jeremy's Pet

Store to save the cats, dogs, dolphins, guinea pigs,

sharks, parrots, chimpanzees, and monkeys!

**Customer:** How do we get the animals out of the basement?

Pet Store Worker: I have the key. (Walks to door). But a big wall fell in,

uh oh.

Customer: Wait! I have a fork from my lunch! I can break the

window, hold on.

(Customer breaks basement window with fork)

Pet Store Worker: Woah, look! A secret hole you can escape from!

Animals: We're going to run fast, not slow, because there's an

earthquake!

Cat: I will fly with my chicken wings!

(Animals are playing catch with a ball and trying

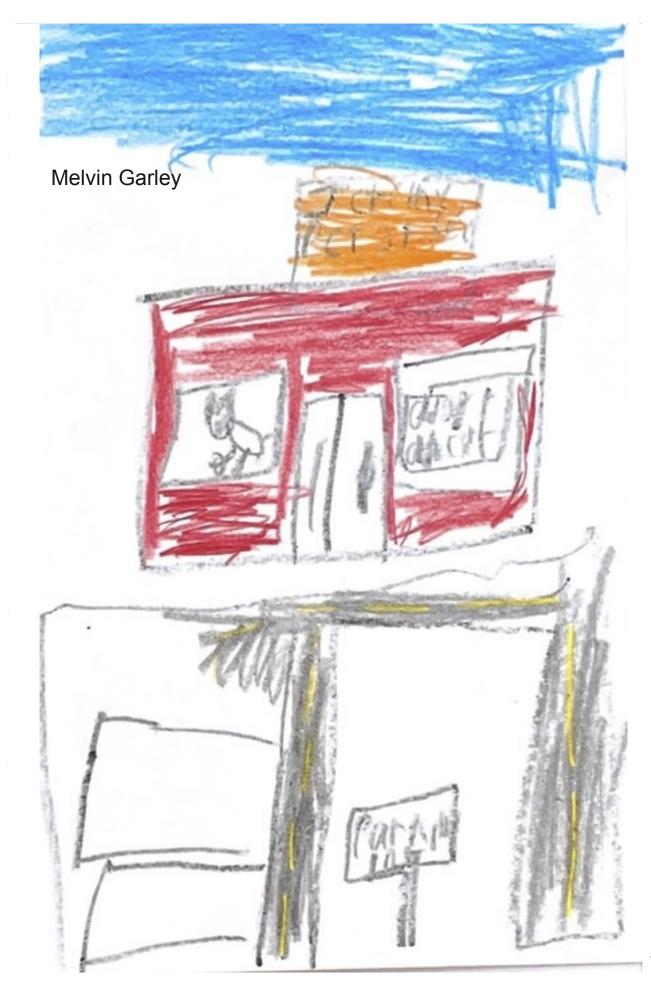
to find food)

Yasserin:

Why are all these animals out here? They're not supposed to be here!



Marcelo Figueroa Sierra











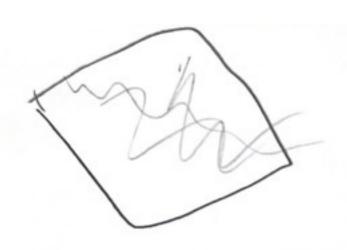


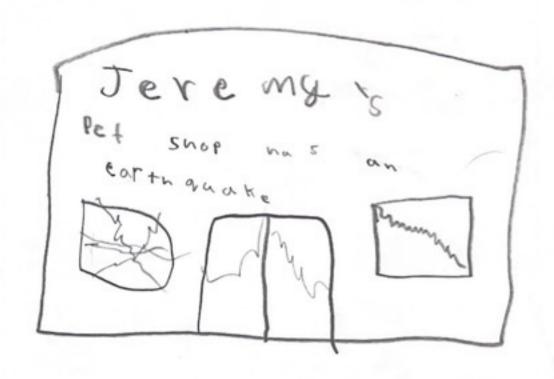
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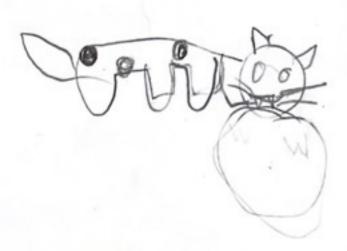






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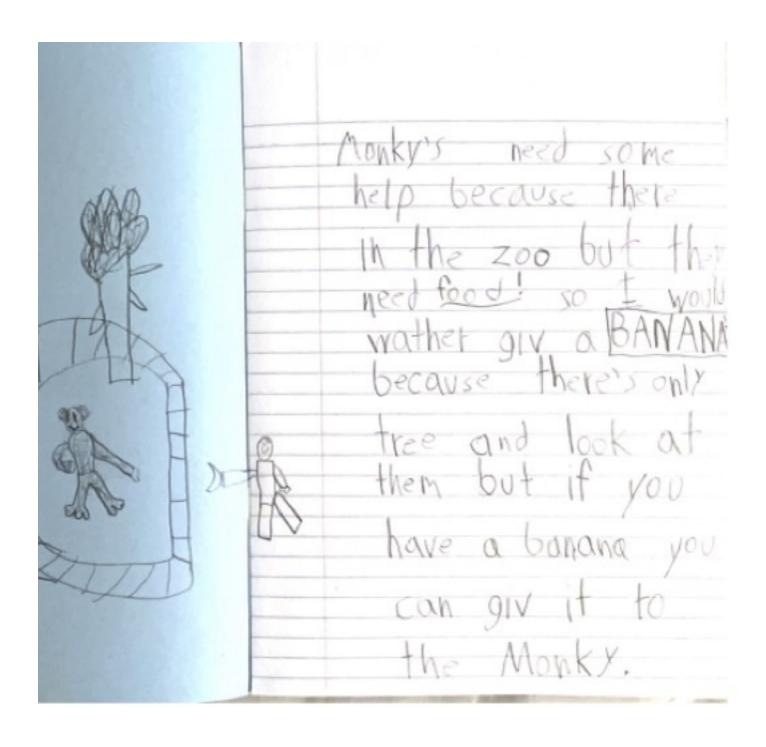






## Jeremy

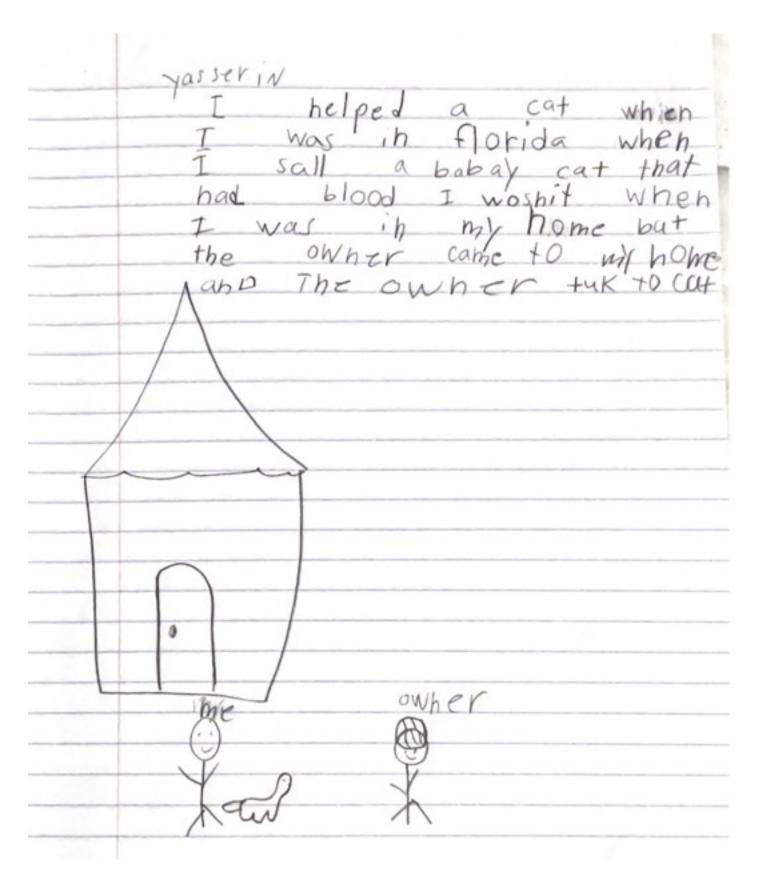




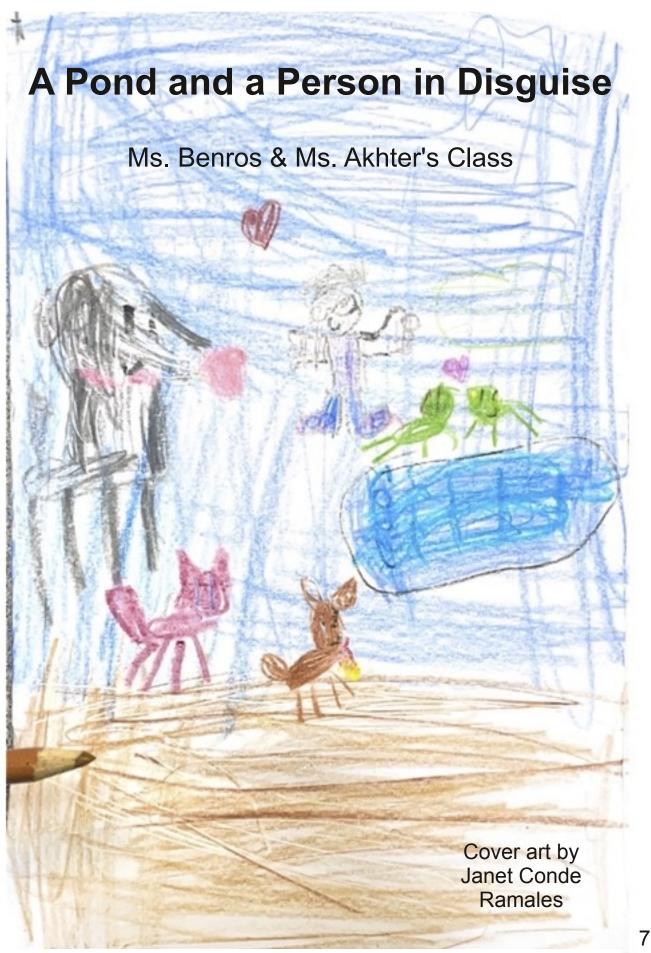
Manuel Molina



Marcelo Figueroa Sierra



Yasserin Dangelo



## A Pond and a Person in Disguise

(Rosie the Cat is singing "Happy Birthday to me..." in a sad voice)

**Lyle the Dog:** Hi Rosie! Beautiful voice.

**Rosie the Cat:** Thank you. I'm going to the animal shelter.

**Lyle the Dog:** Why? Because you need a home?

Rosie the Cat: Yes.

**Lyle the Dog:** I live there! Let's go!

(They stop at the zoo along the way and watch)

**Animal Safety** 

Person Jacob: Hi, King Frog. Hi Elephant!

Frog: Hi!

Elephant: Hi!

(Frog slips on rock in pond)

**A.S.P. Jacob:** Hi, I'm Jacob, in charge of animal safety. You

probably didn't recognize me because I'm in disguise. (*To Frog*) What happened to you frog? Do you need

help?

**Frog:** Yes! I slipped on a rock in the pond and hit my head!

**A.S.P. Jacob:** Don't worry! I'm good at my job and I'm going to save

you!

(Worker helps but their wig falls off into water)

A.S.P. Jacob: Oh no! My wig fell off!

(Frog climbs up wig)

Frog: I got it! Plus I am saved!

**A.S.P. Jacob:** Thank you!

Frog: You're welcome!

**A.S.P. Jacob:** Go back to your cage...



Arielis Diaz



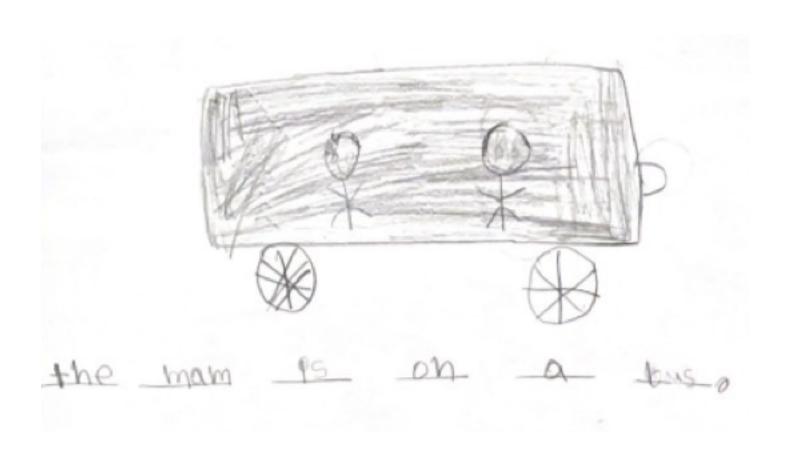




Jania Gomez



Arielis Diaz



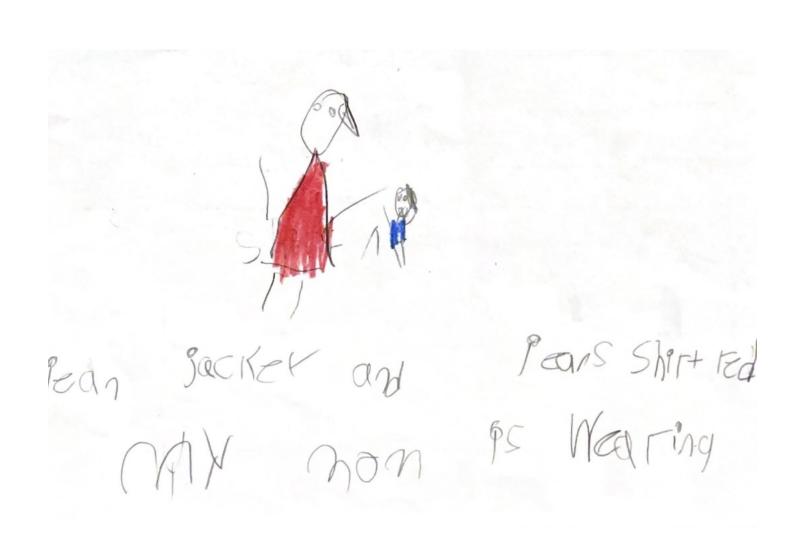
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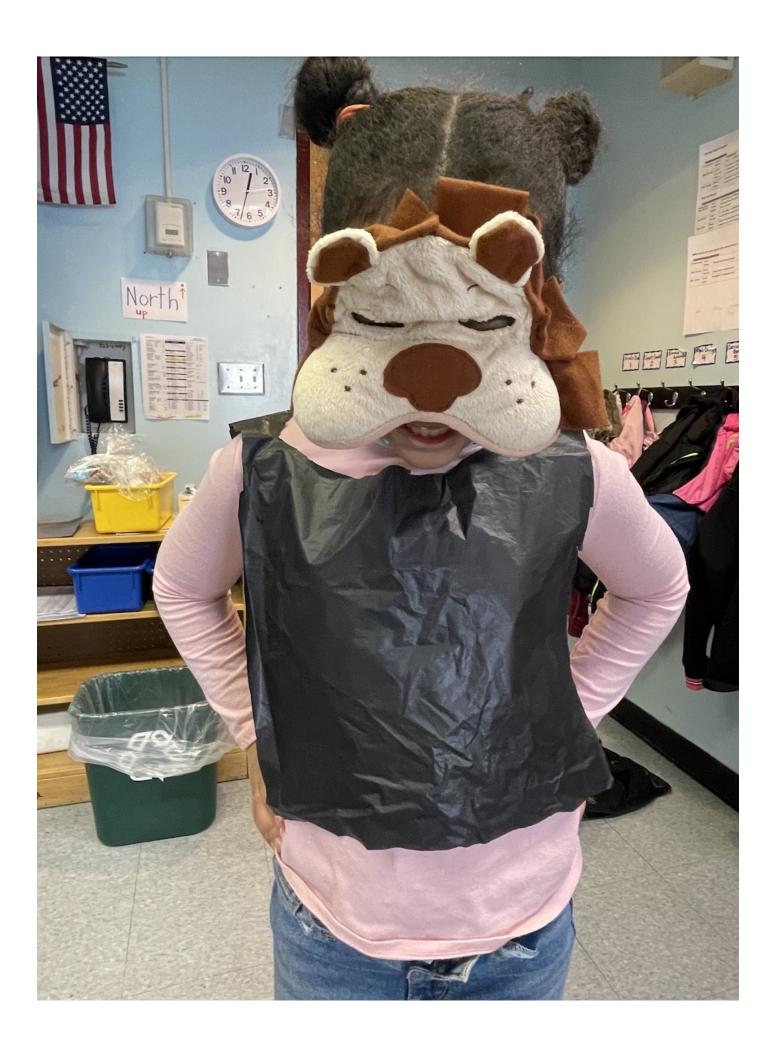
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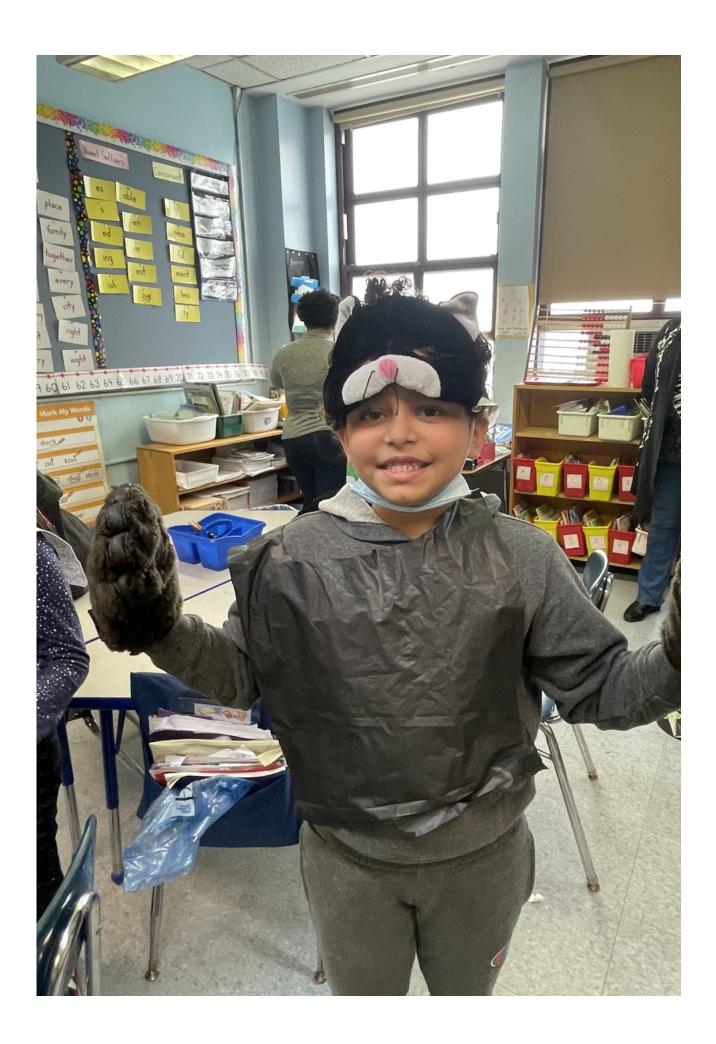


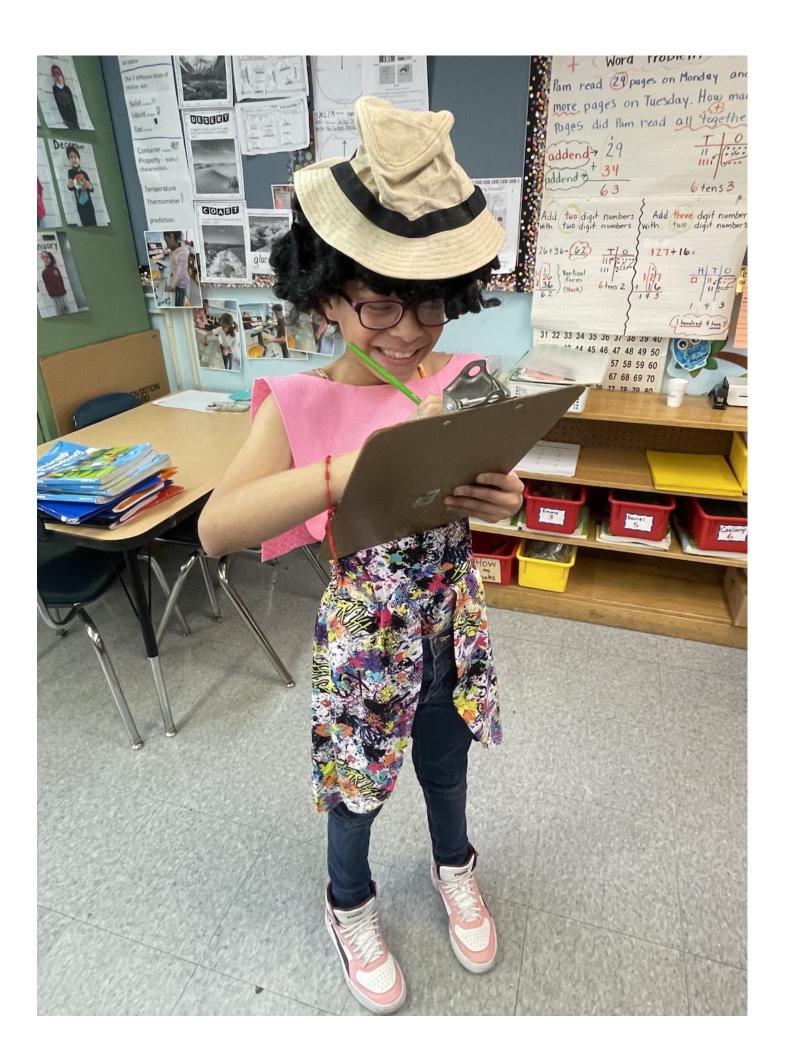
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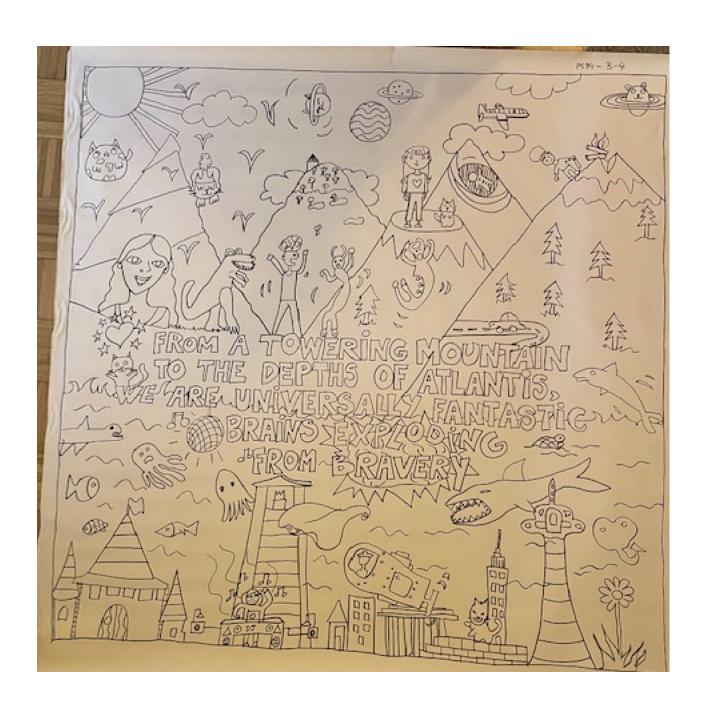






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