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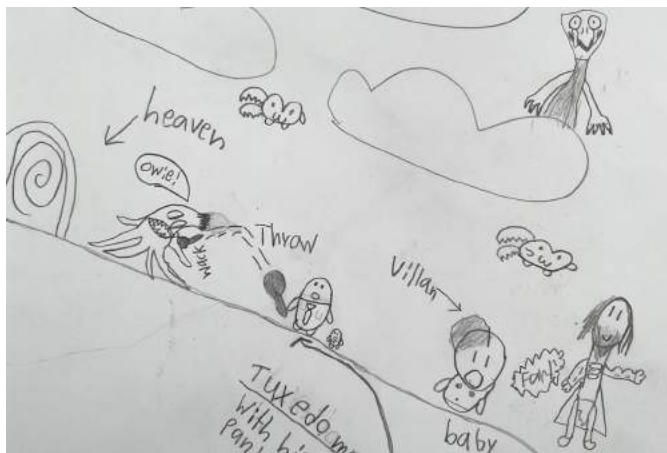
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Alexey Mott, illustration, Class 3-4, Ms. Peña

# INTRODUCTION

Dear P.S. 84 Community,

We are delighted to present this anthology of art and storytelling by the 3rd graders at P.S. 84.

We gave them all a mission: an artistic journey from “self-portrait to superhero,” using visual art and the written word to transform themselves into new fictional superheroes. They accomplished it in epic fashion, with joy and boundless creativity. Their individual personalities and collective enthusiasm leap off the page.

In this volume, you will find a variety of wonderful creative work: oil pastel self-portraits, superhero illustrations, spoken word poems about things the authors love, character profiles, superhero origin stories, and comic book pages. The comics showcase an action-packed merger of the visual and written storytelling we explored over the course of the residency. You will also find collaborative art each class made together: community poems and the murals they inspired.

As a teaching artist team, we feel incredibly lucky to have worked with P.S. 84’s 3rd grade two years in a row. Wow, do we love this school! These students are truly super. Super writers and artists, but also super kind, compassionate, caring, determined and curious humans. They shine as individuals and as a community.

Speaking of communities, thank you to the entire P.S. 84 community for inviting us into your school and supporting us throughout the residency. A special thank you goes to Ms. Marsh, Ms. Martori, Ms. Frohnhoefer and Mr. Mercatante (3-1), Ms. Baughman and Ms. Delgado (3-2), Ms. Turner (3-3), and Ms Peña (3-4), who welcomed us into their classrooms each week. You are teaching superheroes and fantastic teammates.

Thank you to the heroic staff at Community-Word Project for giving us the opportunity to return to P.S. 84 and for all the support along the way.

Most of all, a super-sized thank you to every single 3rd grader. You inspire us!

Sincerely,

Valérie Hallier & Reuben Sack



## **CLASS ROSTERS**

### **CLASS 3-4, MS. PEÑA**

Hazel Allen  
Skye Bailis  
Stella Banks  
Matthew Bautista  
Peter Caba  
Walden Ceusters  
Louis Delucia  
Sloane Essig  
Kapua Lucia Fujimori-Julia  
Sadie Hall  
Cassidy Handler  
Emerson Huang  
Ethan Hyjek  
Canna Landfield  
Idan Levy  
Demetri Michailaros  
Ennio Miranda-Jeon  
Alexey Mott  
Silas Phetsarath  
Margaret Sands  
River Smith  
Hazel Solis



## **CLASS ROSTERS**

### **CLASS 3-3, MS. TURNER**

Luka Agan  
Vega Bryant  
Leo Cutivet  
Fiona Garcia-Huidobro  
Indiana Grace  
Finn Harbison  
Blaise Harding  
Eleanor Haselbauer  
Milo Heller  
Jaylynn Martinez  
Jhoser Martinez  
Jeremiah Mendez  
Julian O'Brien  
Yorman Suarez  
Callie Vasquez  
Joselyn Andrango  
Micaela Salazar  
Scarleth Chicaiza  
Tanicha Mato Morales (Yireth)  
Dave Perozo  
Aranza Perdomo



## **CLASS ROSTERS**

### **CLASS 3-2, MS. BAUGHMAN & MS. DELGADO**

Delilah Badillo  
Lauren Brown  
Freya Burson  
Lilah Felix-Lopez  
Nya Fernandez  
Luna Fieldust  
Ardit Kurtmetaj  
Daniel Michel-loffe  
Aiden Prosper  
Jayden Quan  
Arion Rios  
Nicolas Santiago  
Bryan Simpson  
Kattleya Solano  
Benjamin Willcox  
Analia Zarzuela





## **CLASS ROSTERS**

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Anhar Alameri  
Jesus Alfonseca Cedeno  
Daniel Alvarez  
Nigel Castillo  
Brian Cosme JR  
Jeremy Cruz Amparo  
Nori Espinal  
Joseph Espinosa  
Frederick Gonzales  
Ayah Kassem  
Niayah Martinez  
Layan Mothana  
Ethan Otavalo  
Catherine Perez  
Jace Polanco  
Yadiel Reyes  
Marianjeliz Rosario  
Lucas Soto Perez



Joselyn drawing a self portrait. Class 3-3, Ms. Turner



Canna reading her poem to the class. Class 3-4, Ms. Peña



Freya Burson, self-portrait, class 3-2, Ms. Baughman & Ms. Delgado

# CLASS 3-4, MS. PEÑA

## HAZEL ALLEN

### Origin story

First, Hazel Allen was an animal rescuer. One day Hazel was brought an adorable bunny to take care of, but when she tried to feed it, it bit her!

“Hmm,” she said, “tastes like radioactive bunny venom!”

And five seconds later she fainted. When she woke up all of a sudden, Hazel could shoot laser eyes if she stared hard enough. When she asked the bunny, “What are you?” the bunny answered, “A bunny!” And Hazel fainted again. The bunny gave Hazel a magic pair of roller skates and became Hazel’s side kick and that’s how Hazel became Roller Girl!

## EMERSON HUANG

### Origin story

At first, I was a normal barn chicken. I was not special in any way. I was a normal barn chicken. But one day the farmer was walking closer and closer! And then he grabbed me off the ground and brought me to this place. I think it’s called KFC! And I was like, *OMG they’re going to fry me in the deep fryer.* I slipped out of his hand and ran away! As fast as I could.



## SELF-PORTRAITS



Alexey Mott



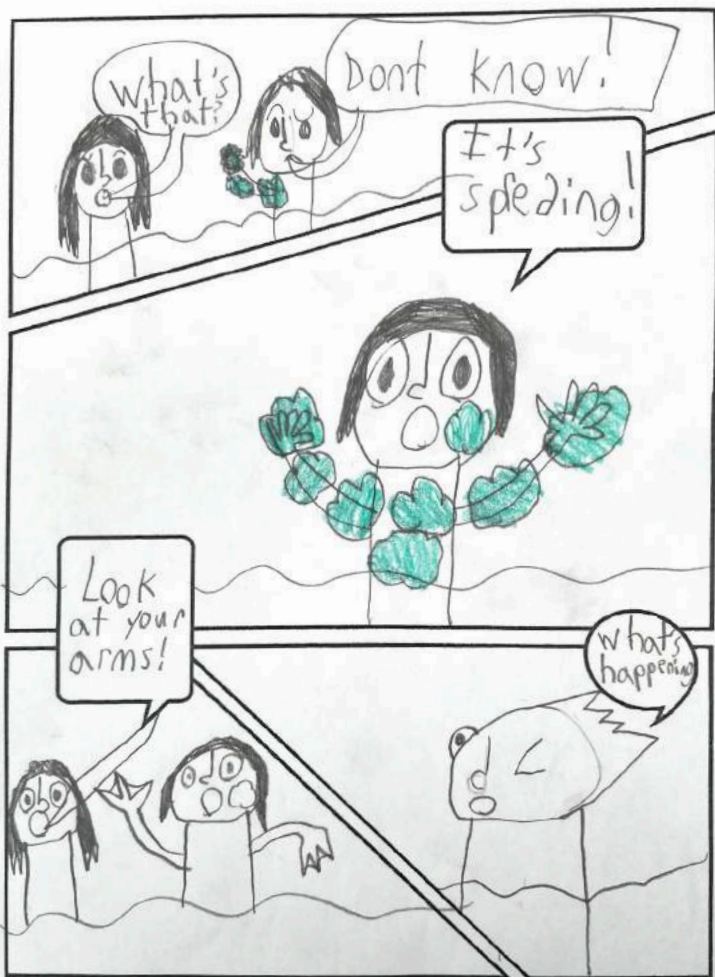
Cassidy Handler



Ethan Hyjek



Hazel Allen



## **HAZEL SOLIS**

### **Poem**

#### Bright Light

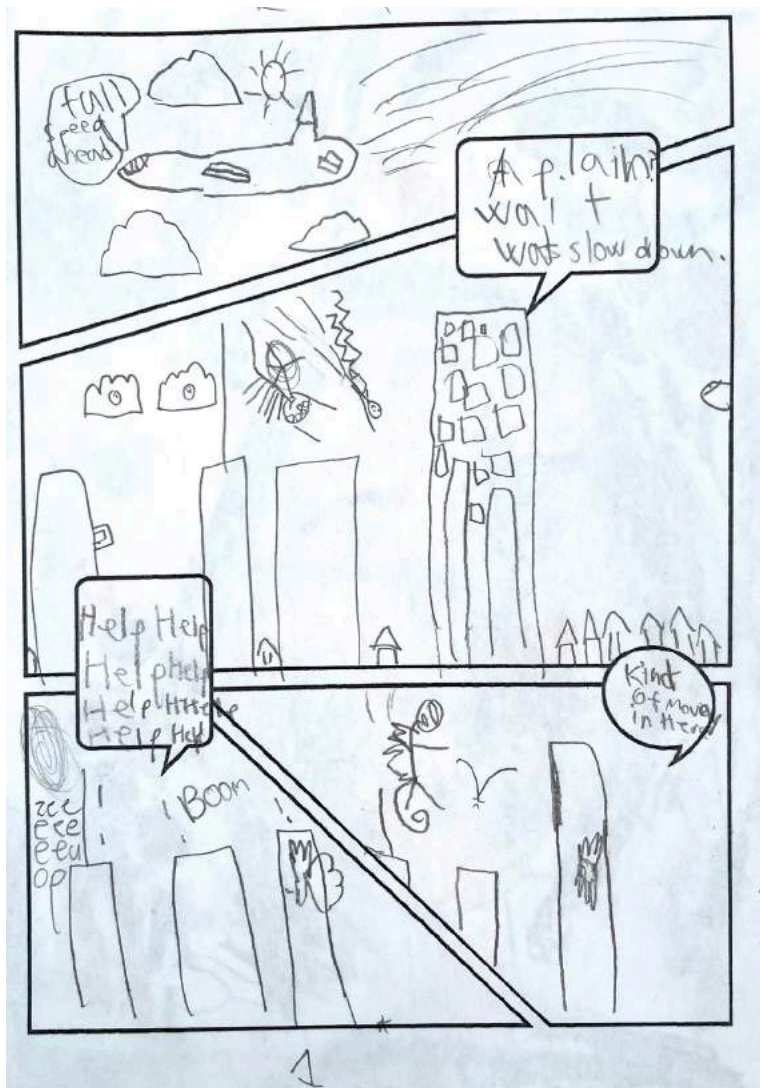
I love dark and light shining  
stars in the night  
I love dogs and cats that bark  
and scratch my imagination  
I love the friends that make  
my life shine bright  
I love to swim in a pool of  
love and hate  
I love animals that come to  
hug me all day  
I love lightning that sparks  
me  
I love all of you as much  
as my bright light

## **KAPUA LUCIA FUJIMORI-JULIA**

### **Origin story**

When I was little my parents were from two different dimensions. My dad wanted me to be a superhero. My mom wanted me to be a villain. So one day everything changed. My parents sent me to a weird planet called earth.





Ethan Hyjek, comic

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Idan Levy



Louis Delucia



Margaret Sands



Matthew Bautista

## **LOUIS DELUCIA**

### **Origin story**

I was a normal nine-year-old billionaire with a six pack living a regular life. Someone at school dared me to eat a penny from a wishing fountain, so I said OK, and I did but... Someone wished for me to turn into money, man!!

That night I felt paper on my body. I looked in the mirror I saw money, wings and my hair \$100 bills. From there on out, I was... Money Man!

## **WALDEN CEUSTERS**

### **Origin story**

Superhero name: Clockwise

Powers: Control time, transform into a 10-year-old kid, self-destruct.

In the beginning he was camping. A meteor crashed and he went to check it out. There was a capsule. It opened and a watch flung onto his wrist and attached to it. He tried to get it off, but he couldn't. Aliens invaded earth.



Peter Caba, comic



River Smith, self-portrait



Sadie Hall, comic



Kapua Lucia Fujimori-Julia, superhero

## MARGARET SANDS

### Superhero profile

Hi! I am Maria Marvel. I work as a teenage maid. I go to school, do work, and I'm completely the same... But! I have a secret. I am Koala Girl! I love to hum. I hum when I dust or sweep. Now you might be wondering, how do I have powers? Well let me tell you. I was just about to come and weed but then I saw an orange cat with white stripes and I took her home. She licked my cheek and when I went to work I hummed my favorite tune. But! I started to have gray swirls around my body. When it stopped I had a koala suit on me.

I hummed the tune trying to turn back, but a koala in a mask said, "Hello!"

"Aaahh!" I screamed.

"I am your sidekick. Your koala girl!

I hummed again. "Mm mm mm. My cat! Did your lick do this to me?"

"Yes," she said. "Hum one more time."

"Mm mm mm. A sloth!"

"And how do you go back to human form?"

## CASSIDY HANDLER

### Poem

My family owns  
the world my friends  
and babies, little kids  
swim in pancakes and chocolate  
milk everyone has make  
up violinists and pelvic floor  
therapists fill the air.



## SELF-PORTRAITS



Skye Bailis



Sloane Essig



Stella Banks



Walden Ceusters



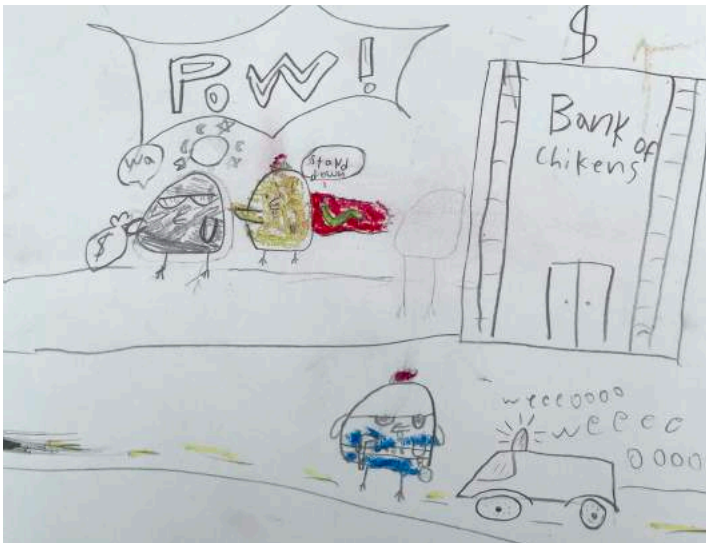
Silas Phetsarath, comic



Hazel Allen, superhero



Canna, superhero



Emmerson Huan, comic

## **STELLA BANKS**

### **Origin story**

I was a nine-year-old with a normal life. I was in school, and I had friends and family. One day I went to school, but on the way I fell in a big hole. It had a lot of roses and thorns. A pink thorn pierced through my arm. Wah, wah, wah. I did not know what to do, so I just teleported out and in my home. I went to the mall to get an outfit because all cool superheroes have them. I used my powers for good because my mom would kill me if I did not.

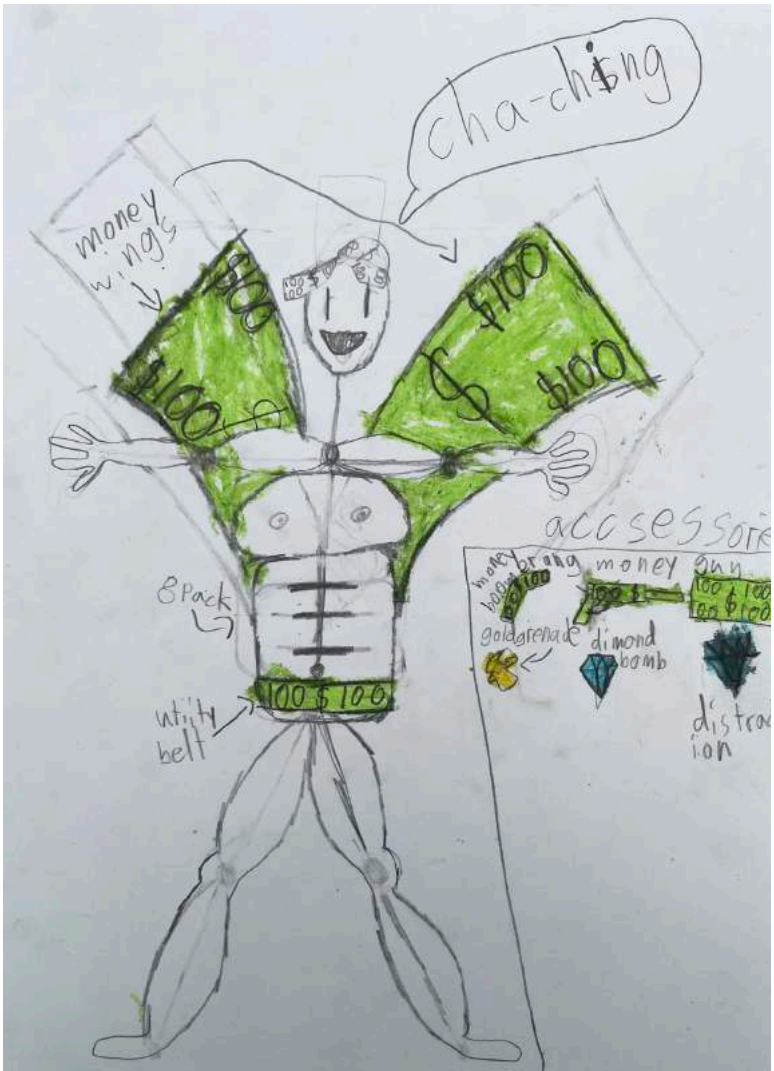
## **CANNA LANDFIELD**

### **Origin story**

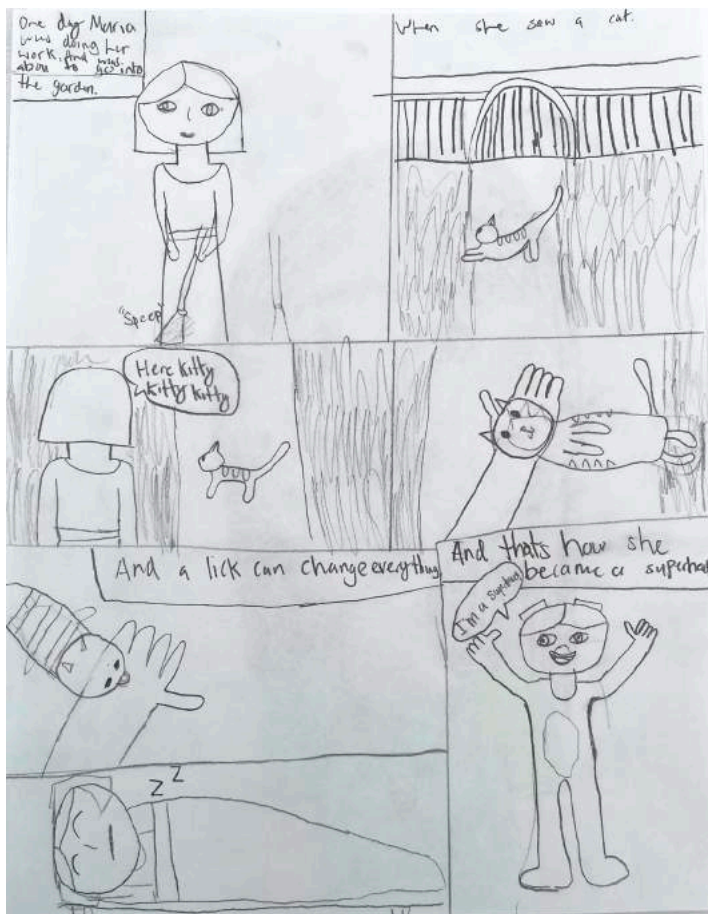
In the beginning, my life was a boring normal life. I was on a planet called "Qinax." But one day my family told me that I had to go to a planet that is called "Earth," but something unexpected happened... I was on the spaceship going to earth, until the meteorite hit my spaceship and everything changed. I was in the hospital and I heard the doctors talking about a weird experiment that is very risky. Two minutes later I heard "kaboom!" I realized that my hand had a glowing scar, that's when I got super powers. When I got to earth, I noticed that everyone was crashing at night, so I helped people by lighting their way at night so they wouldn't crash.



Hazel Solis, superhero



Louis Delucia, superhero





## **ETHAN HYJEK**

### **Superhero profile**

Fire-Man

My name is Fire-Man!

My power is fire!!

I help people by stopping wildfires.

Magic Man

My name is Magic Man.

My power is magic.

I stop villains by tying them to a lamppost with magic.

I have spikey arms and legs.

Timeline Man

My name is Timeline Man.

I can go to any time in the past or future.

I go to the past and make them be good.

## **PETER CABA**

### **Superhero profile**

I love being Glow Man, but what was my life like before...

When I wasn't Glow Man, I was a scientist! I was just exper-

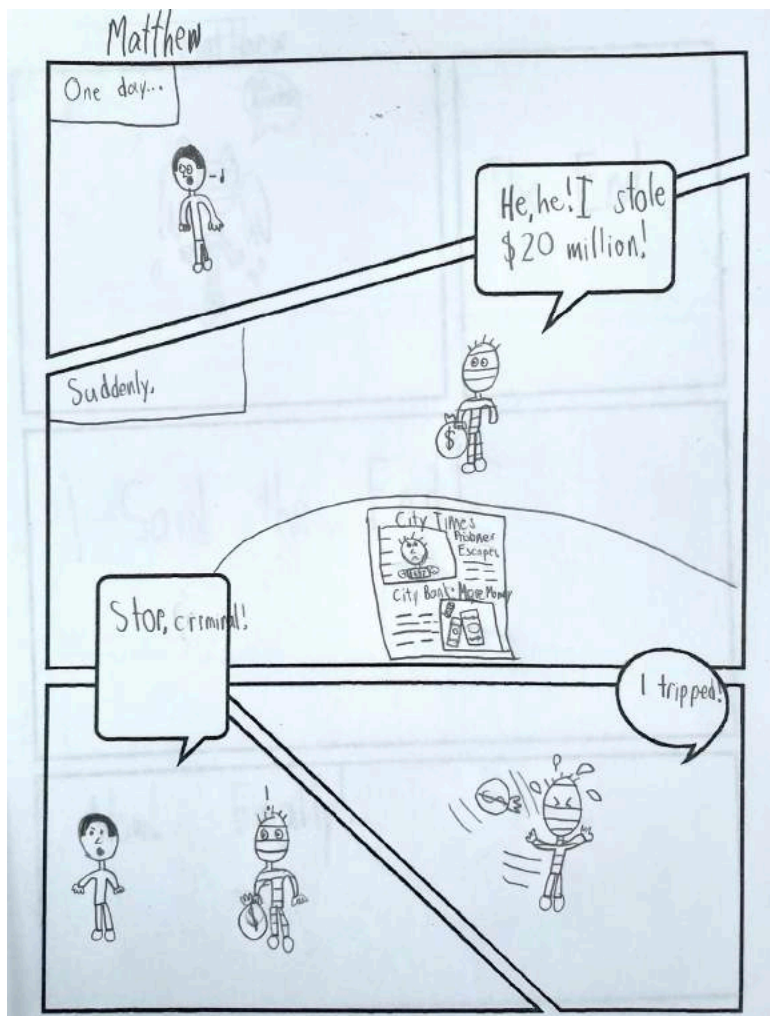
imenting with lights and I accidentally ate a light. I didn't

know, but I was about to turn into a superhero. When I went

home it was so bright. I was glowing so bright. I looked in the

mirror. OMG! I didn't want to be bad, so I was going to use

my powers for good.





Sloane Essig, superhero



River Smith, characters



Sadie Hall, self-portrait

# CLASS 3-3, MS. TURNER

## LEO CUTIVET

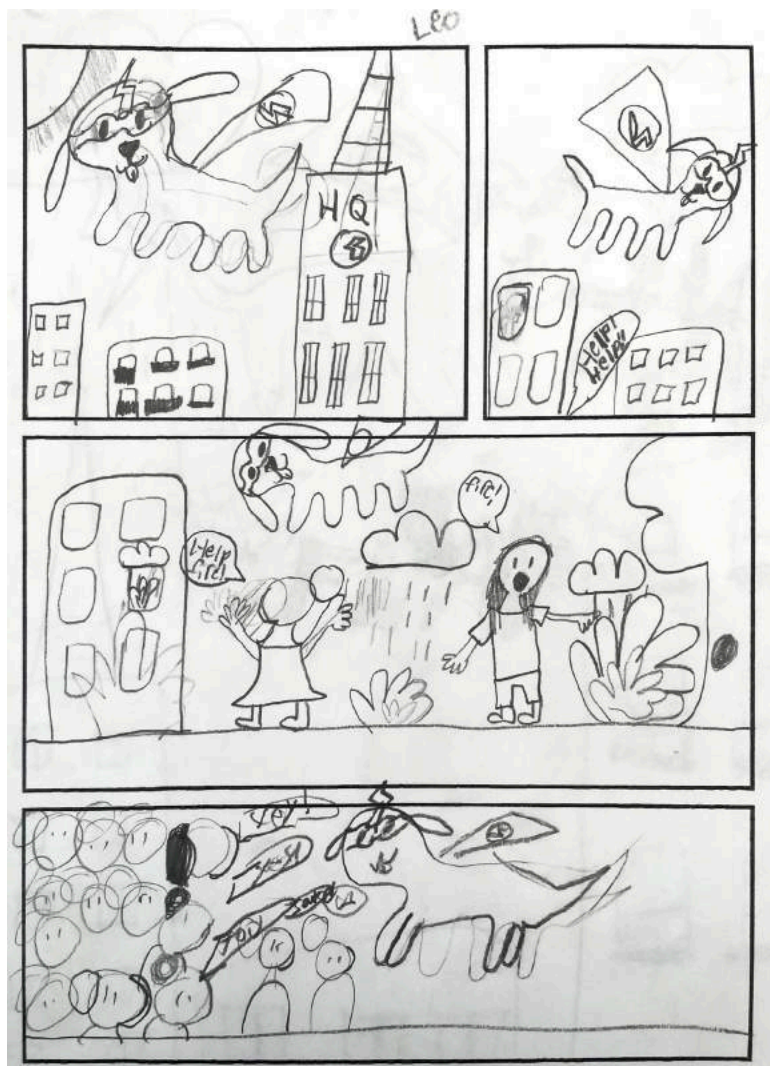
### Lightruff origin story

I was a stray dog who could not talk and I had a normal life but no human! Who needs a human? I mean they are the worst. And I did not have a name.

One day when I was looking for rats to eat I stepped on a weird rock. The rock had a weird cloud on it. I thought it was just a rock that someone carved but then AHH!

I don't remember...maybe I was asleep but then I woke and I was in the sky! No joke! My paws were wet. I did not steal a hot dog from the beach so...how was it wet? I put my paws in front of my eyes to observe and I just noticed I had a costume! With a cape and my costume was purple. I am like a superhero. Oh I can be named Lightruff—wait I am going to have to save people?!

I take it back. Humans are not so bad and I am going to be a superhero for them from now on. Besides, everyone gives me food and lets me build a HQ. Bye!



Leo Cutivet, comic

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Callie Vasquez



Eleanor Haselbauer



Finn Harison



Fiona Garcia-Huidobro





Indiana Grace, superhero

## **CALLIE VASQUEZ**

### **Superhero profile**

My superhero powers: flying and plant powers, healing powers, super strength, water powers, teleportation, ice powers, time travel, food powers, fire power.

My superpowers help because when homeless people are hungry I will give them food and when they are cold I can warm them up and when they are thirsty I can give water to them. And if they don't have air I can make a plant for them.

## **MICAELA SALAZAR**

### **Superhero profile**

Mi nombre de supereroe es la mujer maravilla

Volar

Ayuda a la gente

Mata a los villanos

Soi una jente

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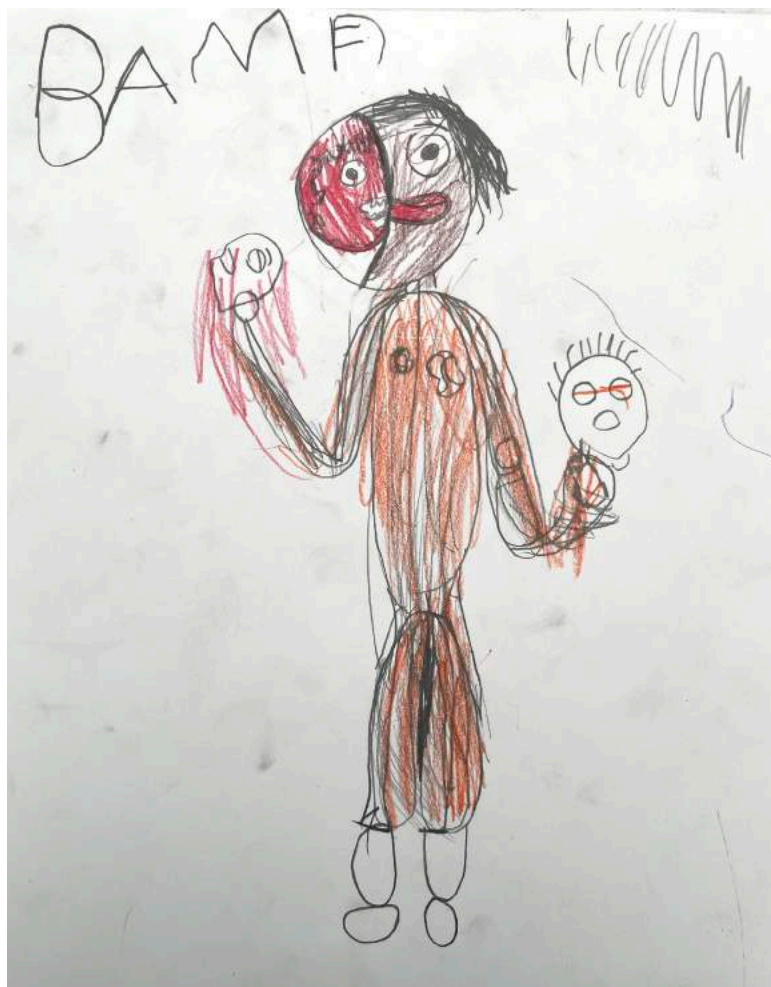
My superhero name is Wonder Woman

Fly

Help the people

get the villains

I am a person



Dave Perozo, superhero

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Dave Perozo



Jeremiah Mendez



Joselyn Andrango



Jhoser Martinez

# **JEREMIAH MENDEZ**

## **Superhero profile**

My superhero name is EverMan

My superpowers are shields, flying, portal telekinesis and flash time.

I help people by using my portal and shields.

## **Origin story**

Hi I'm Mike, I'm just an ordinary kid doing homework and stuff. I like science and messing with remedies my teacher told me how to do that stuff.

Then I went to school and went to science class. After a tiny bit later I needed to use the bathroom. Then I came back, no one was there. Then I tripped and hit the table and then something spill in my mouth.

I swallowed it and then I thought everything was fine and I got a tingle!

Ta ylynni martinez 1-4-24



Jaylynn Martinez, superhero

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Leo Cutivet



Luka Agan



Micaela Salazar



Scarleth Chicaiza

# **INDiANA GRACE**

## **Origin story**

I'm a dog. I got an owner and everything. I went on walks too.

One day I went to a factory and ate a radioactive cookie and became a human.

I woke up as a dog again! And I had a cap on. I could... fly! It felt horrifying.

The next day I figured it was useful.

Now my life feels amazing. I can save people.





Julian O'Brien, comic

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Milo Heller



Vega Bryant

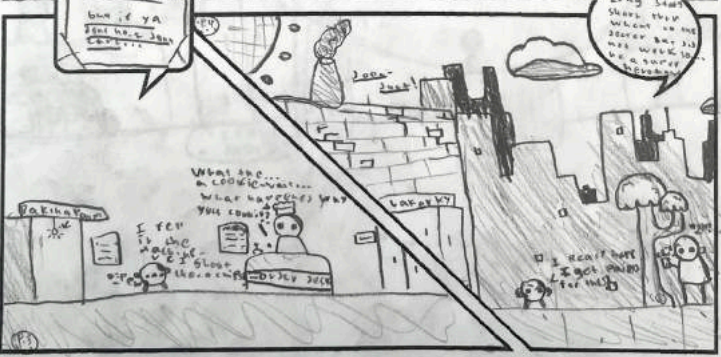
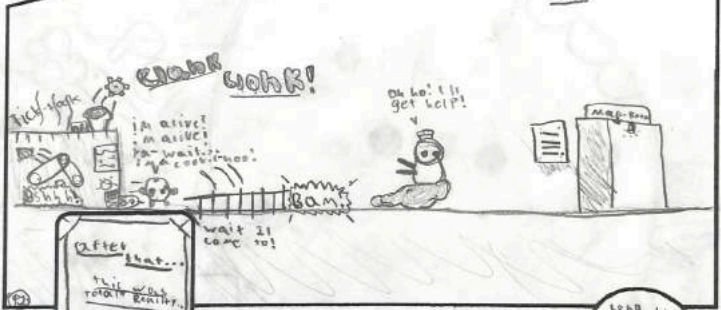
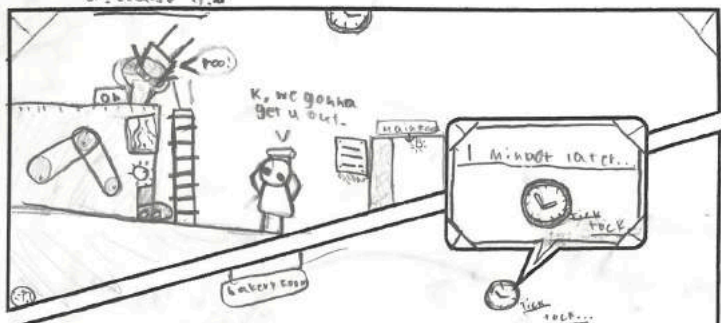


Tanicha Mato Morales (Yireth)

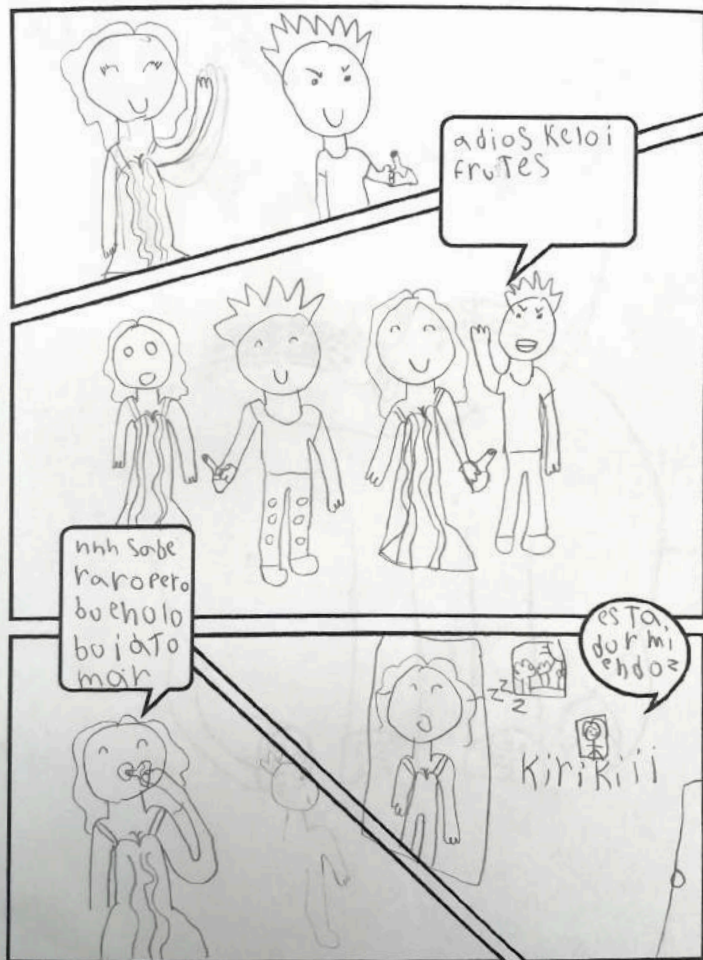


Yorman Suarez

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Blaise Harding, comic



# **JOSLYN ANDRANGO**

## **Poem**

Me gusta: mi casa en Ecuador

Me gusta la escuela

Me gusta: estudiar

Me gusta: lugar

Me gusta: dibujar

Me gusta: pintar

Me gusta: comer

Me gusta: cantar

Me gusta: bailar

Me gusta: leer

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I like my house in Ecuador

I like school

I like studying

I like a place

I like to draw

I like painting

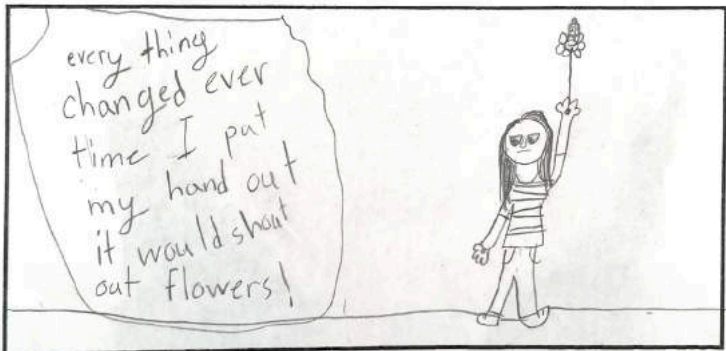
I like to eat

I like to sing

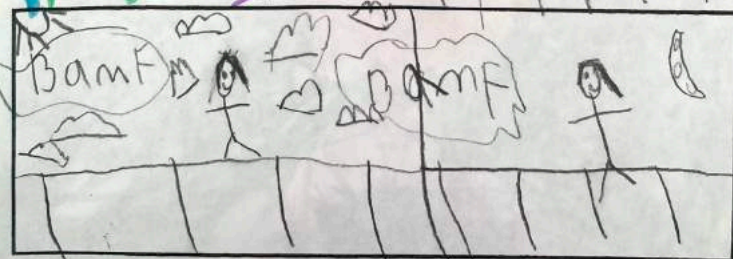
I like to dance

I like reading

Callie Vasquez

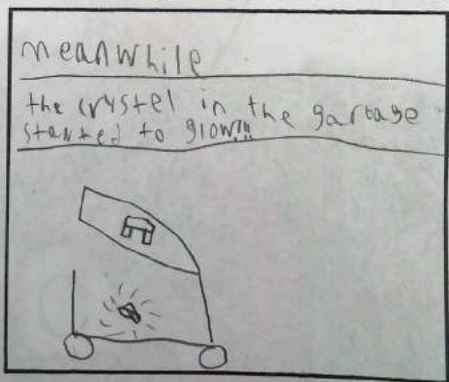
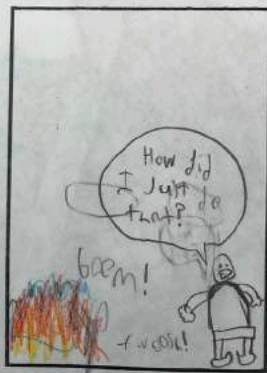
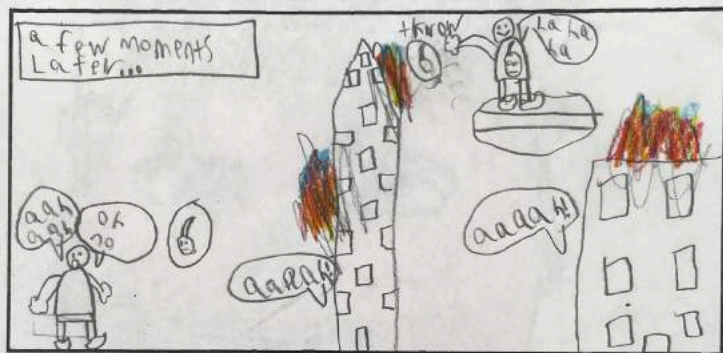
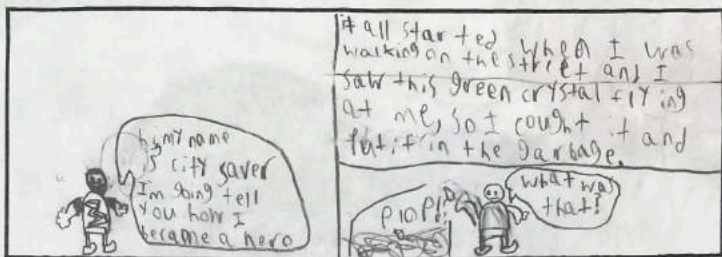


Callie Vasquez, comic

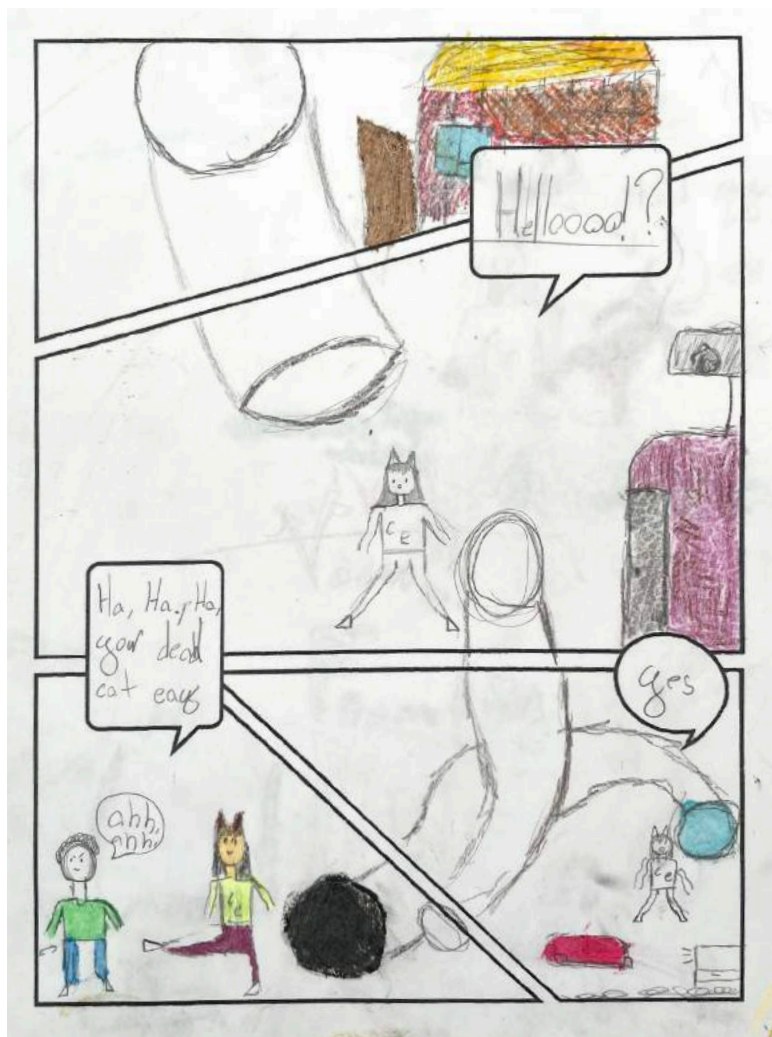


Eleanor Haselbauer, comic

Finn.







# YORMAN SUAREZ

## Superhero profile

My idea es un persona se de un anime que es en auto

My superhero name es Itaco

My superpowers are desmallar

Y las persona con un ojo control de mentes

Un example es que si ay un robo de banco y los policías están afu era y yo estoy allí les controlo la mente para qui se entregó a la policía!

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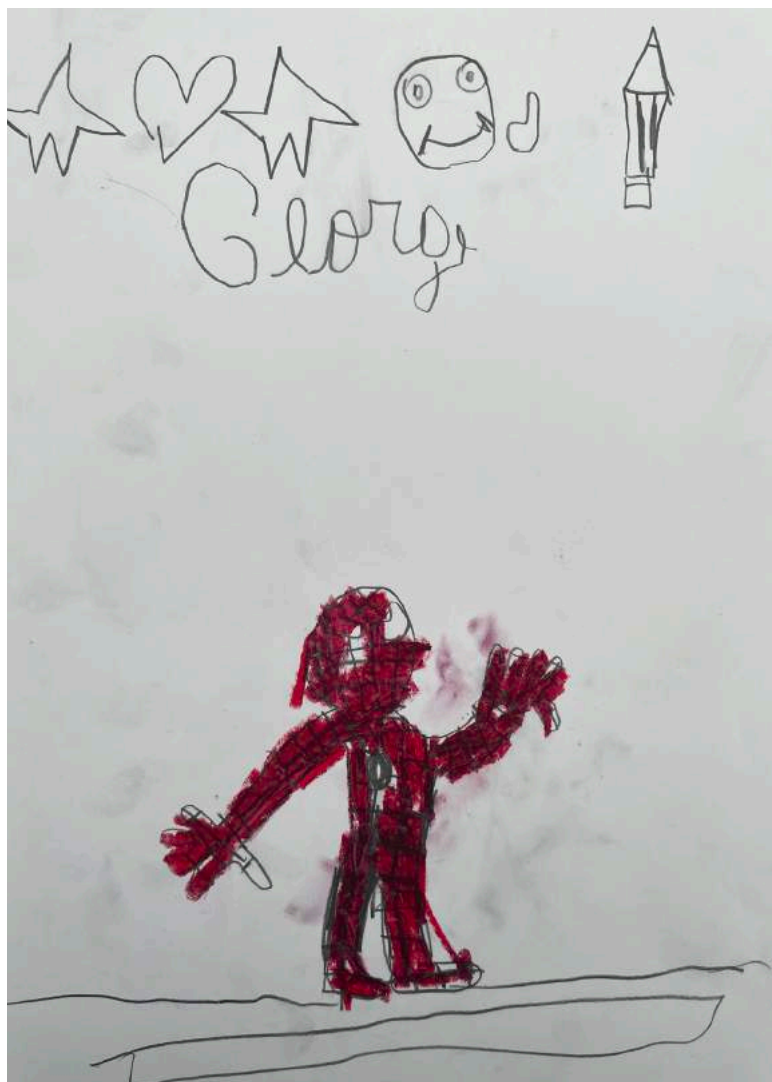
My idea is a person from an anime that is in a car

My superhero name is Itaco

My superpowers are faint

And the people with one eye control minds

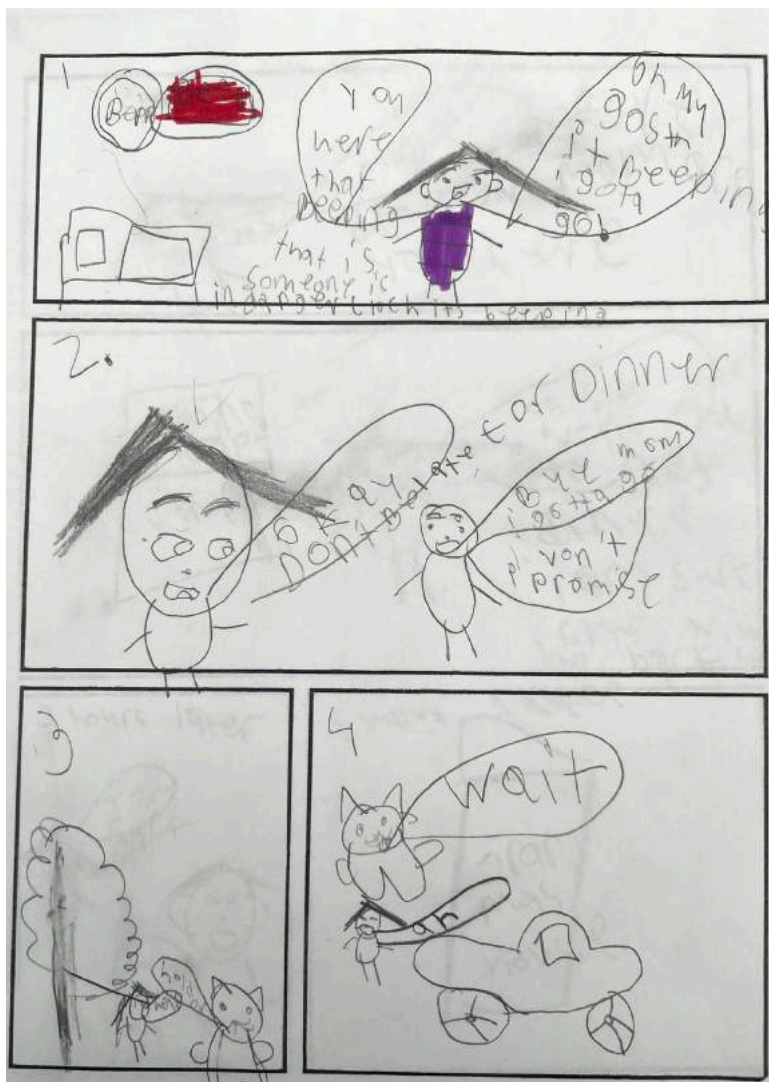
One example is that if there is a bank robbery and the police are outside and I am there I control their minds so that they turn themselves in to the police!



Dave Perozo, comic

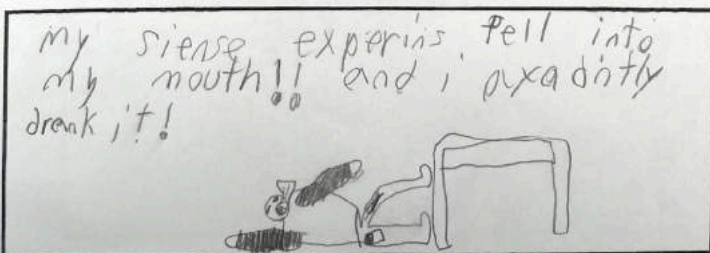
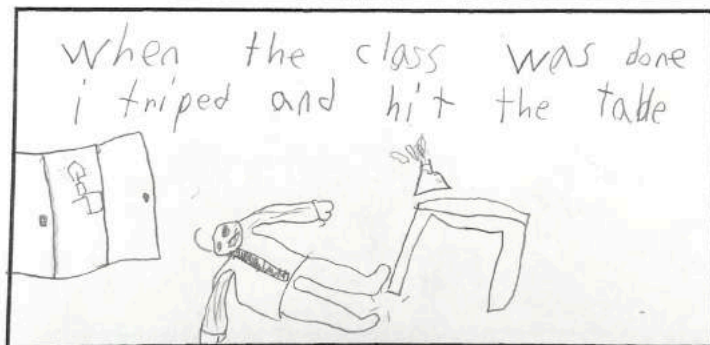


Indiana Grace, self-portrait



Jaylynn Martinez, comic

# Jeremiah



Jocelyn Andrango 3-3 1/4/24

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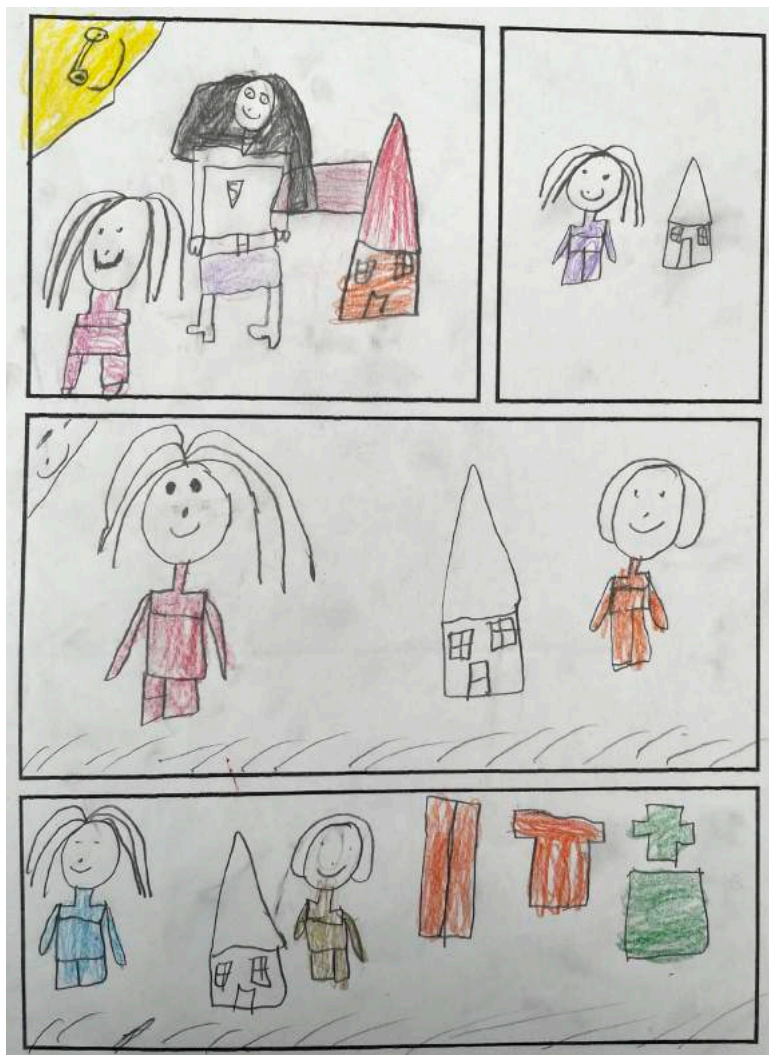


Jocelyn Andrango, comic



Julian O'Brien, superhero





Scarleth Chicaiza, comic

# **JAYLYNN MARTINEZ**

## **Superhero profile**

My superhero name is Super Cat. My superhero powers are climbing and running super fast. I help people by climbing up a tree if they're stuck and running super fast if a car is coming and they're walking.

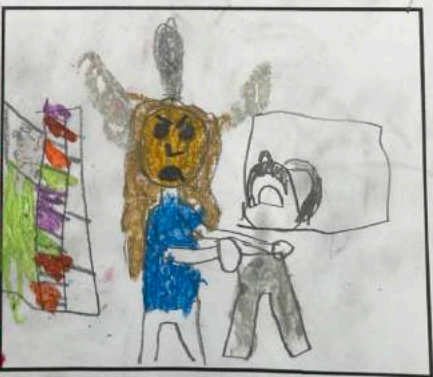
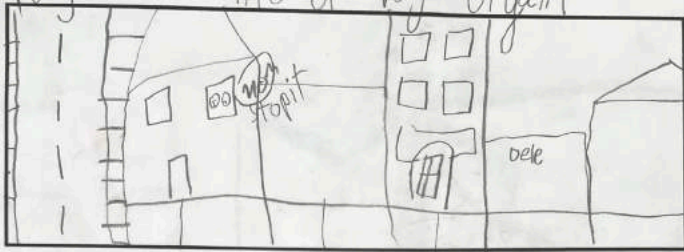
## **Origin story**

I was at school and we went out for recess. Ring went the bell. Then the teacher said, "Time for Lunch." "Yay," yelled everyone. We ate and we went outside. "Aw," I yelled. I saw the most adorable cat. I went to go pet her. She looked like smores. I named her Smares.



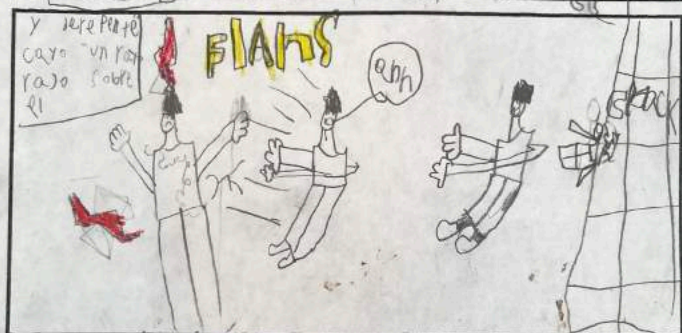
Micaela Salazar

Page 1 life of Vega Bryant



Vega Bryant, comic

Yorman suarez



# **CLASS 3-2, MS. BAUGHMAN AND MS. DELGADO**

## **BENJAMIN WILLCOX**

### **Origin story**

Before I was a superhero, I was a regular kid in middle school. One day over the summer, I got bitten by a radioactive octopus! The next day, I felt weird and realized I was a few inches taller! And I wanted to go back to my normal height, and I shrunk!

One day, I noticed the high school bully was shoving a first grader into a locker! That's when I realized I could shrink into the size of an ant and sneak in the locker. Then, I helped the first grader get out of the situation by expanding and breaking the door open. After, I shrunk back down again and went under the bully in between his legs and expanded very fast, hurting him suddenly! The boy didn't know who hit them.

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Delilha Badillo



Jayden Quan



Kattleya Solano



Lauren Brown

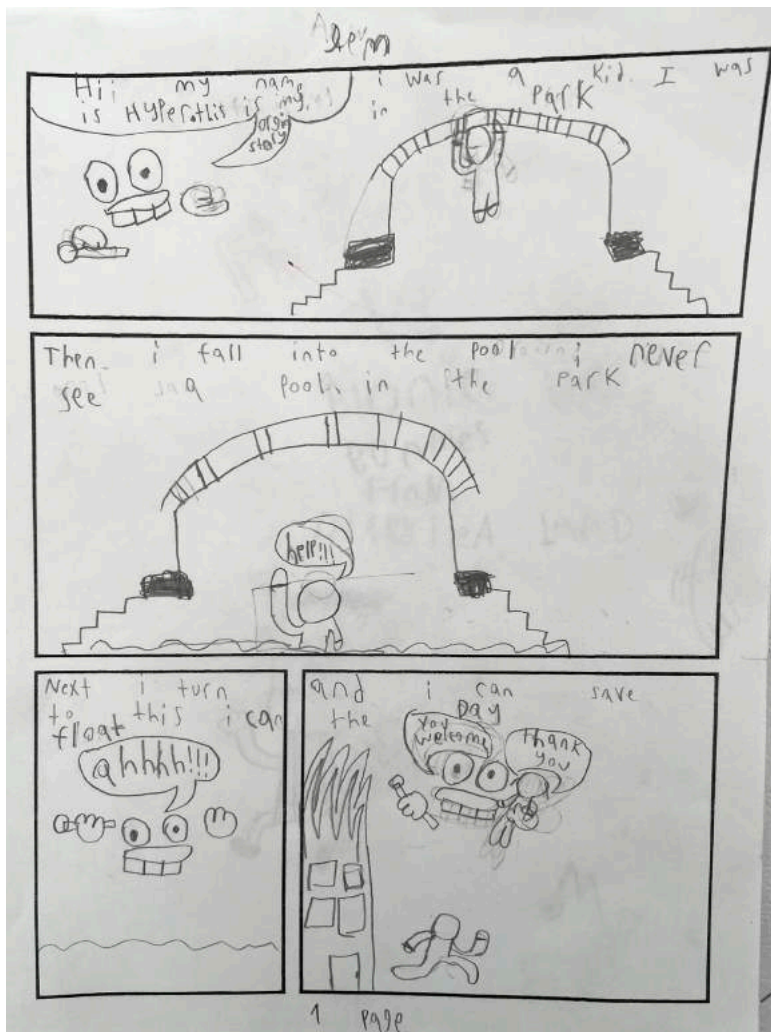


Analia Zarzuela, self-portrait



## **ANALIA ZARZUELA**

I love god I love  
flowers  
I love puppies I love shopping  
I love holidays I love  
the beautiful sky high  
I love kind people I love  
daisies I love DR  
I love my mom I love  
the park I love my  
sister I love the  
color pink I love my  
home I love gifts  
from holidays  
I love cute things  
I love being kind  
I love friends  
I love the city I love  
the airport I love  
flamingos I love the  
pool I love nature  
I love drawing  
I love bunnies I love  
roller coasters I love  
singing I love gym  
I love performing  
I love stars  
I love smiles  
I love you



## **NYA FERNANDEZ**

### **Origin story**

Hi, I am Ava and I turn into a superhero. My superhero name is Super Ava. I will tell you how I turn into a superhero. I was in the shower and I will to be a superhero like Wonder Woman. Next I saw a shooting star. I said I want to be like Wonder Woman. I went to sleep and the next day I was like Wonder Woman. I was happy!!!

## **LAUREN BROWN**

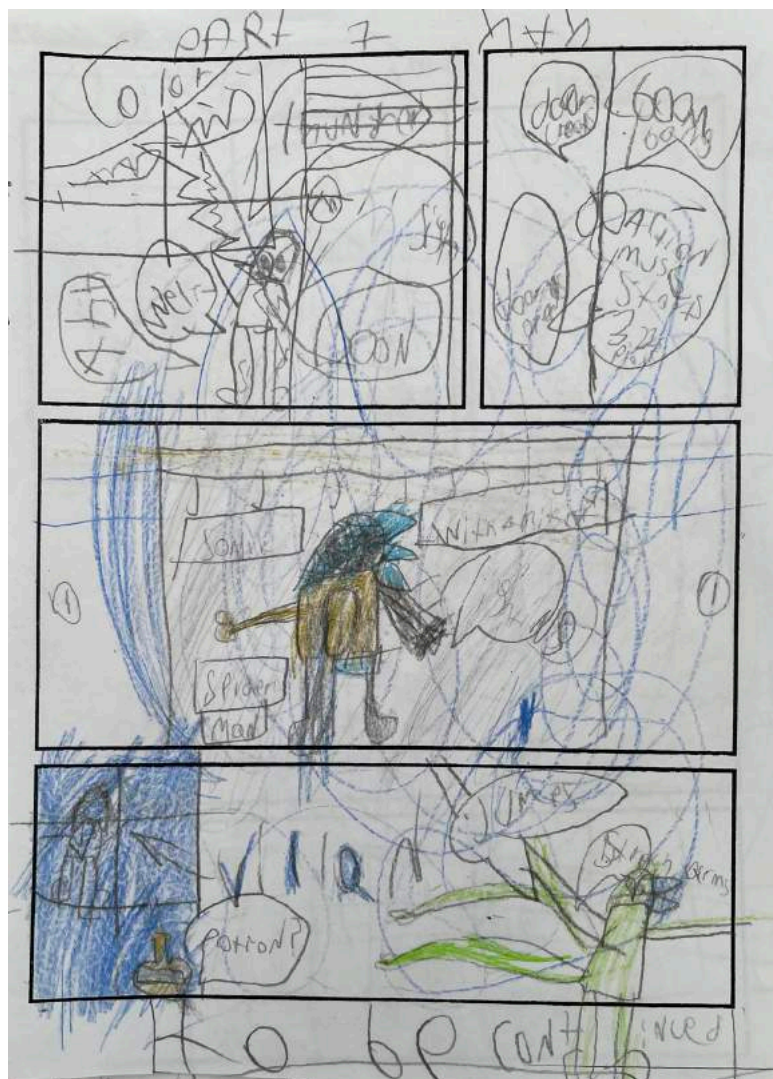
### **Poem**

In the name of love

I love my family in the name of Jesus. I love my mom, dad sisters and all moms dads and sisters and all. You don't have to be anyone. You can be yourself. It does not matter who you are.



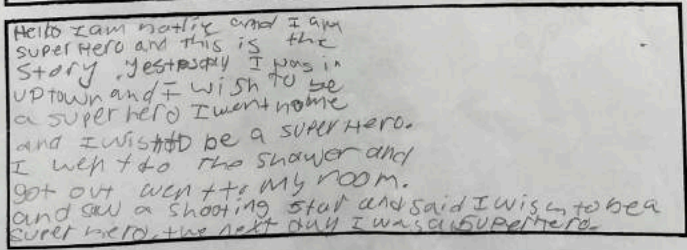
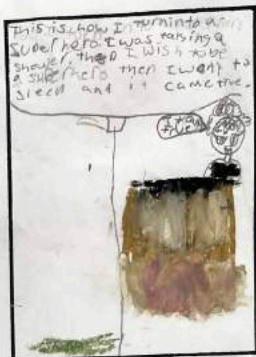
Lilah Felix-Lopez, superhero



# **AIDEN PROSPER**

## **Poem**

I love god  
I love stores  
I love sports  
I love my family  
I love flowers  
I love words  
I love the sky  
I love my house  
I love school  
I love the park  
I love blue  
I love gym  
I love being kind  
I love legs  
I love my PS5  
I love Art  
I love music  
I love math  
I love recess  
I love lunch  
I love sciences  
I love Dogman  
I love moves  
I love Noiwen  
I love christmas  
I love thanksgiving  
I love my bed



## SELF-PORTRAITS



Nya Fernandez



Nicolas Santiago



Luna Fieldust



Lilah Felix-Lopez



# **FREYA BURSON**

## **Origin story**

In the beginning, I was a normal human Clara Rose and I was in 8th grade, I always listen to my teacher Mrs Baughman, and she liked that and I got prizes.

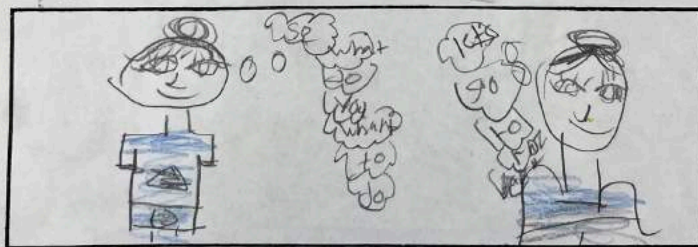
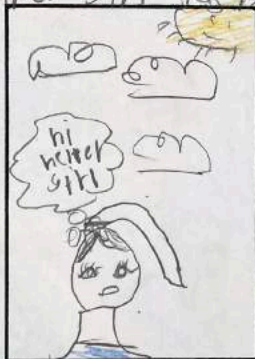
Then something unexpected happened when I was sitting on the high bar to the water. It was very slippery and then she splashed and she drowned and she died.

Everything changed then when I was at the bottom of the ocean, bubbles flew out of the ocean then a splash flew out and it lifted me out.

Becoming a hero then, I started to breath then I slightly started to open my eyes. Then when I looked at my hands and they had an armor on them.

And now I am a super hero, no scars!

the girl that helper girl has but



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## SELF-PORTRAITS



Aiden Prosper



Ardit Kurtmetaj



Arion Rios



Bryan Simpson

## **ARDIT KURTMETAJ**

### **Superhero profile**

My superhero name is Animal Man. My superpower is turning into an animal at any time. I help people by helping them if someone steal their bag or if someone was chasing me, I could turn into an iguana and blend with my background. I have lightning as a power too.

## **DANIEL MICHEL-LOFFE**

### **Origin story**

First, I was a normal kid until I fell off a ferry and drowned. Then I was brought back to life with super powers. I realized I could not talk or see, and I was a superpowered rock. I felt like helping. And now I'm happy as a hero. Plus I can gulp robbers into a parallel universe.





Aiden Prosper, superhero



Ardit Kurtmetaj, superhero







Delilah Badillo, comic

## **DELHI LA BADILLO**

### **Superhero profile**

My superhero name is Phobee. My superpower is I can turn into a unicorn. I could use my horn to make any power like ice, fire, invisible. I help by using my horn with my powers.

## **JAYDEN QUAN**

### **Poem**

I love building tall skyscrapers,  
I love drawing on papers,  
I love running,  
I love panning.

## **KATTLEYA SOLANO**

### **Origin story**

My mom took me to a castle, but it was fake. I went to a room and saw a green diamond. It was shiny, but then I touched it. Boom! I had powers. They were laser eyes, making people fall asleep, flying, last but not least, making leaves come out of my hands.



Bryan Simpson, superhero





Daniel Michel-Loffe, self-portrait: *Alien-like neoclassical folk artwork*

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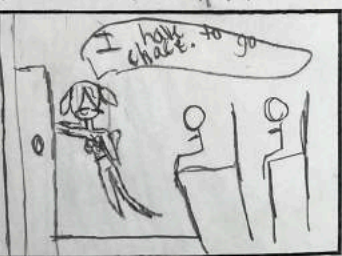
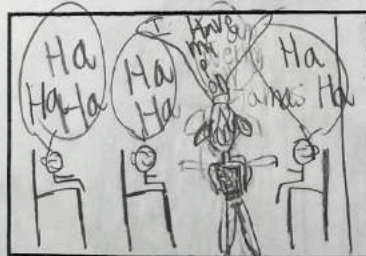
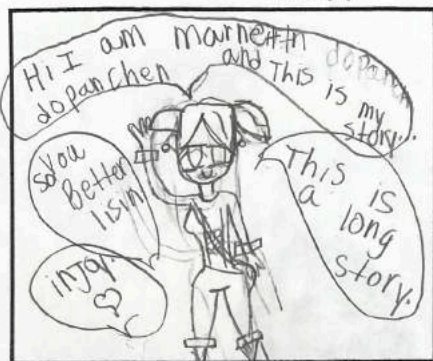


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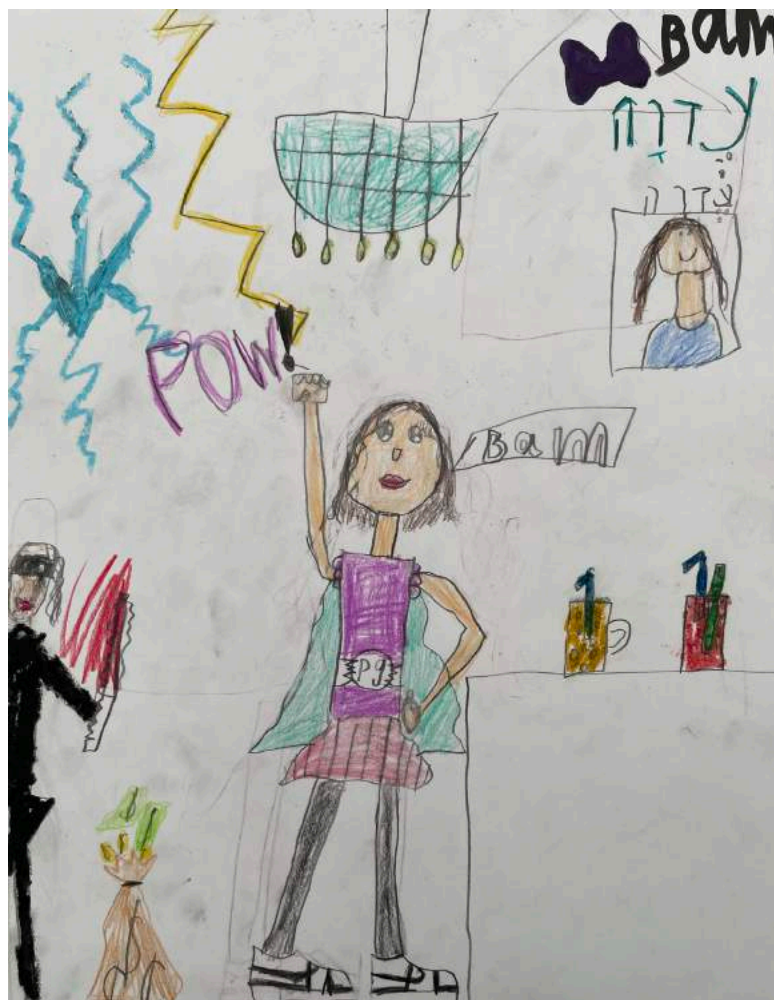


Kattleya Solano, superhero

Lauren







Luna Fieldust, superhero

# **CLASS 3-1 - MS. MARTORI, MS. MARSH, MRS. FROHNHOEFER AND MR. MERCATANTE**

## **ANHAR ALAMERI**

### **Origin story**

I saw a butterfly and I wanted to take it home and I twirled and then I adopted it. Then the butterfly bit me and then I just got wings. I found out I had superpowers because I saw wings on my back. I found fire in a house and then I said: "Oh no! she needs help!" and then I flew and saved her life. My life changed because I now found friends and I've helped people when they need help.

My friends are called Layla, her power is fast speed, and Emma, her power is she can teleport, and my other friend is Amy, and her power is speed.



Anhar Alameri, self-portrait

## **BRIAN COSME JR**

### **Poem**

I love games I love trains  
and cranes I love rain  
I love I love soccer I love basketball  
I love I love dogs and cats I love cars  
and planes and no one can change my  
universe

## **CATHERINE PEREZ**

### **Superhero profile**

My superhero name is Supereve

My superpowers are to help people, like if there's an old lady on the street to cross the road and I am there I can stop the cars if they're not paying attention.



Ayah Kassem, superhero

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Brian Cosme JR



Catherine Perez



Daniel Alvarez



Ethan Otavalo

# **JOSEPH ESPINOSA**

## **Origin story**

### The Origin of Sorcerer

My name is Tom. I was a normal boy then I fell and a person saw me on the floor and took me to a lab. He put me in a tank then I woke up with powers. I didn't know what powers I had so I had to go to superhero school so I could learn how to use my powers. Then I became a hero fighting crime and villains. I decided to be a hero because I was the first hero ever. Then Spider-Man was made. So we worked together and on day one a villain hurt Spider-Man. So I got really mad and electricity came out of my hands and we defended him. My buddy was hurt but he recovered after one week. Now we are on a team fighting crime.



Frederick Gonzales, superhero



## SELF-PORTRAITS



Jace Polanco



Jeremy Cruz Amparo



Jesus Alfonseca Cedeno



Joseph Espinosa

## **MARIANJELIZ ROSARIO**

### **Superhero profile**

My superhero name is: Ms. Pausewoman.

My superpowers are: pause time.

I help people by: if someone needs help in a building that is on fire I can pause time and go inside the building that is on fire and then take the person out of the building then unpauses time so now the person is safe.

## **NIAYAH MARTINEZ**

### **Origin story**

It was a good day. I got bitten by a lady bug. I was putting up my hands and I started to fly. I decided to use my special powers because I wanted to help people.



Kylie Adames, superhero

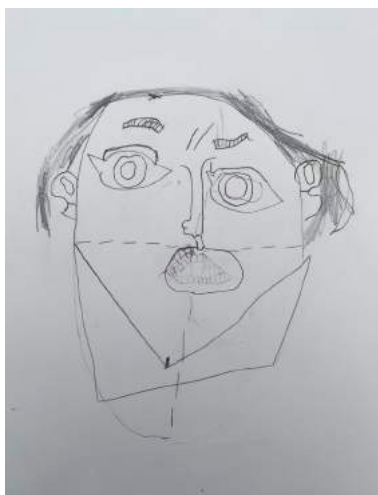
## SELF-PORTRAITS



Layan Mothana



Niayah Martinez



Nigel Castillo



Nori Espinal

## **LAYAN MOTHANA**

### **Origin story**

Ms. Liv helps her family. Ms. Liv learns in her special school named Brooklyn Super Hero. She loves learning about what her teachers are teaching the class. She got her superpowers by searching the internet. It was a secret website. Her superpowers are helping people to stay safe.

## **JESUS ALFONSECA CEDENO**

### **Origin story**

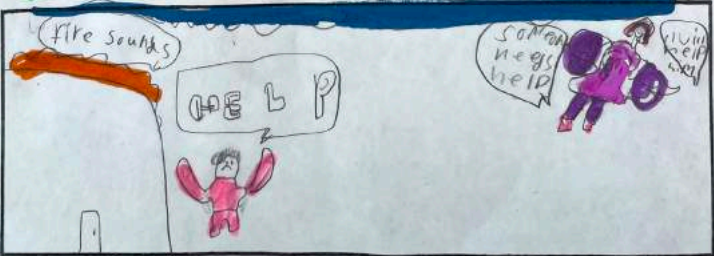
In the beginning I was a scientist and I liked to do mixtures.

Then I wanted to do a very weird mixture and suddenly it fell over me.

When I woke up I was flying and I accidently lifted up my house.

I saw people who needed help in the city.

Anhar Alameri





Brian Cosme JR, superhero

## **AYAH KASSEM**

### **Poem**

I love cake, I bake cakes. Bees. Flowers. Candy. My sister. My brother and baby. I eat broccoli, I love it. I am Ayah. I am a person. I am kind. I am smart. I am nice. I am a girl. I am nice. I love my teachers. I love Art.  
I love the earth. I love my cat Mars, I love California. I love math, I love dogs. I love my family! and poems and school and markers.

## **ETHAN OTAVALO**

### **Origin story**

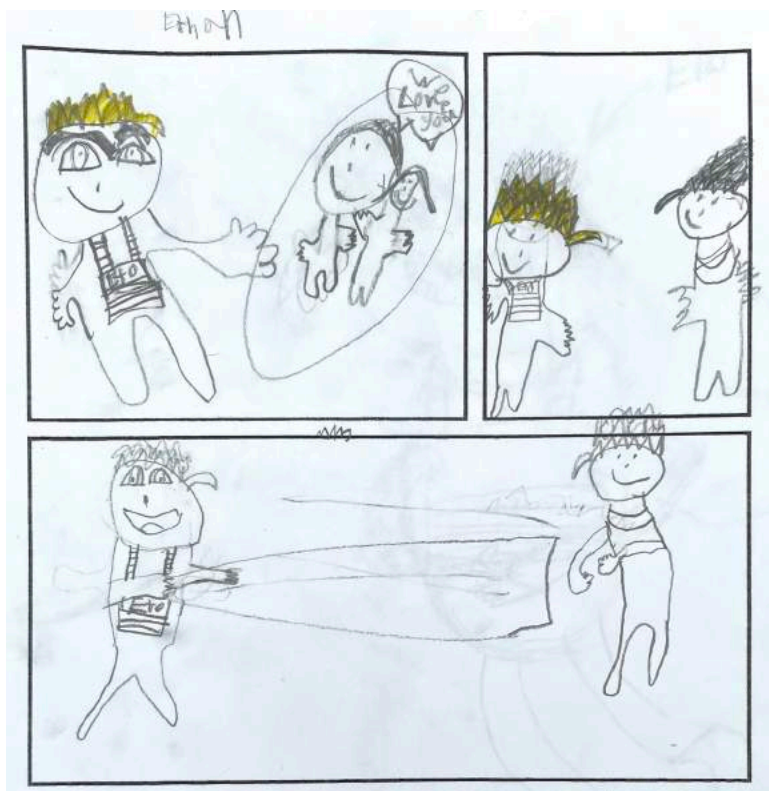
Eto helped his family

Eto was walking and then he found a master at superpowers named E90.

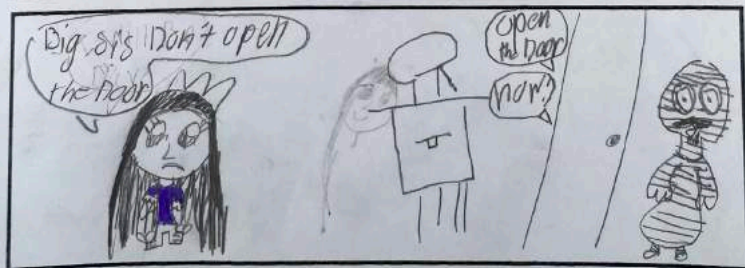
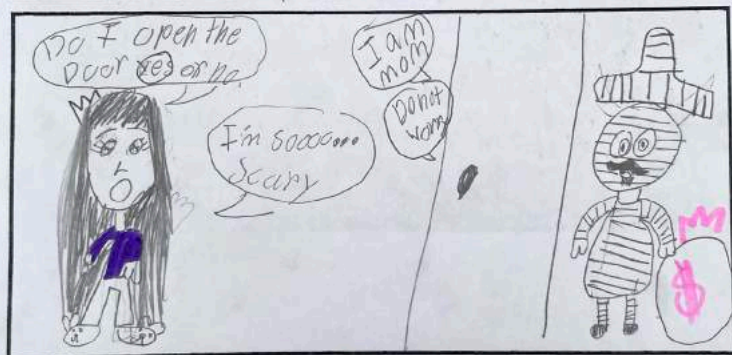
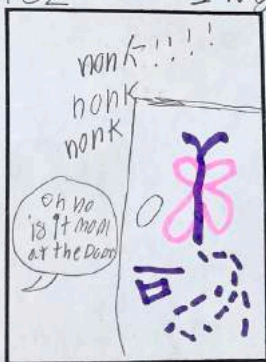
And then everything changed. He trained Eto.

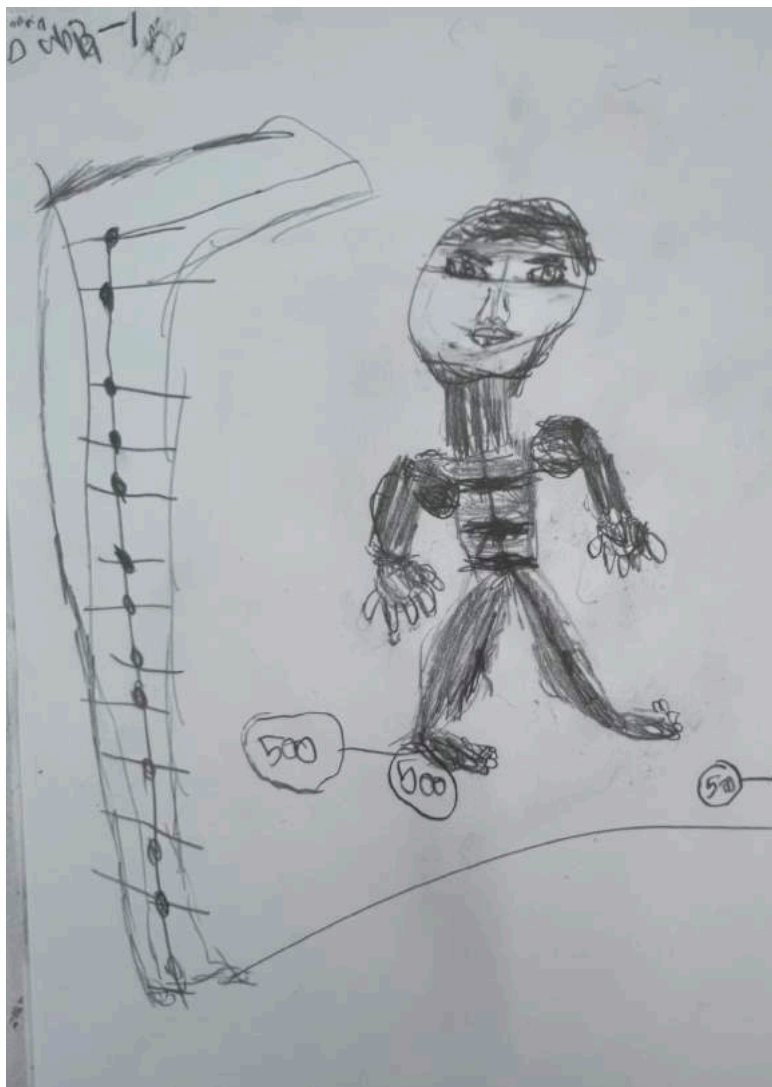
When Eto got his power, it was strange but he got used to it.



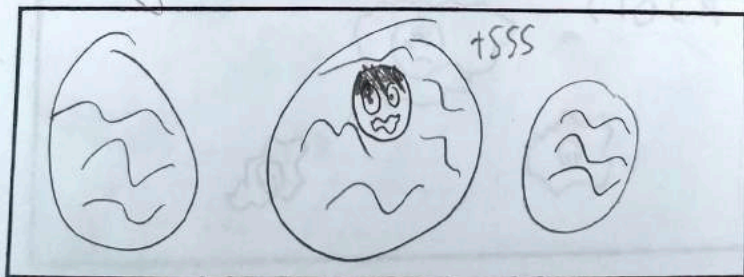


Ethan Otavalo, comic





Daniel Alvarez, superhero



Frederick

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Frederick Gonzales, comic

## SELF-PORTRAITS



Frederick Gonzales



Kylie Adames



Lucas Soto Perez



Sofia Abreu

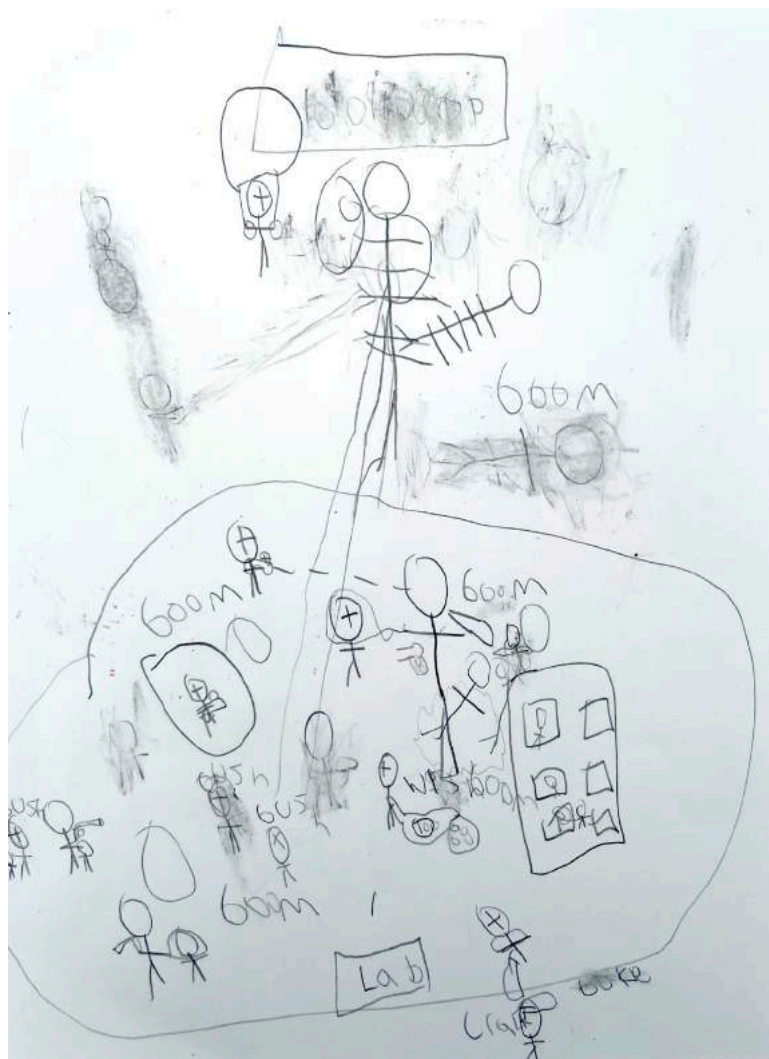
# **LUCAS SOTO PEREZ**

## **Origin Story**

At the beginning, Leo was working as a firefighter with a big family.

Then someone came in front of Leo and he was saying, do you want a potion and Leo said yes.

Everything changed, Leo got superpowers and he used his powers.



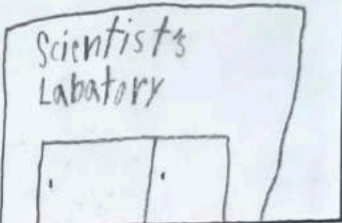
Jeremy Cruz Amparo, superhero



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In the beginning  
I was a scientist,  
and I liked to do weird  
mixtures.

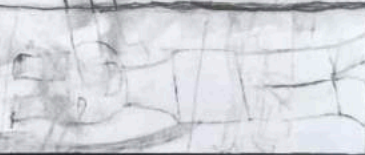
Scientists  
Laboratory



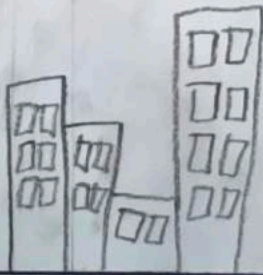
Then I made a very  
weird mixture.  
And suddenly it  
fell all over me.



When I waked up  
I was flying and  
I was strong I  
lifted up my house.



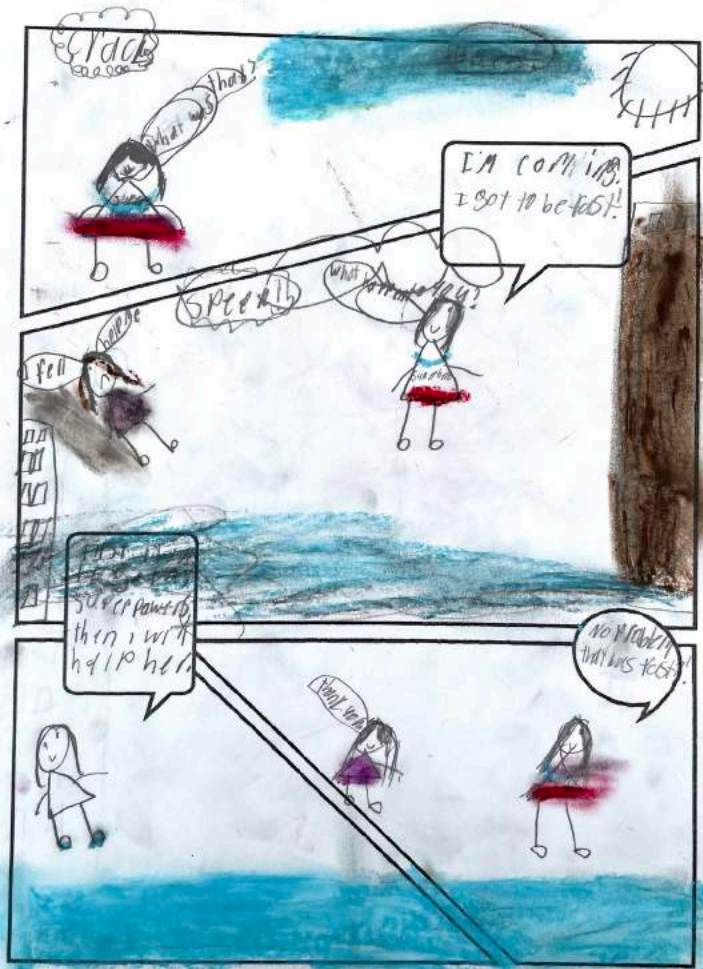
Then I saw  
people who  
needed help  
in the city so  
I decided I'm  
going to be here.

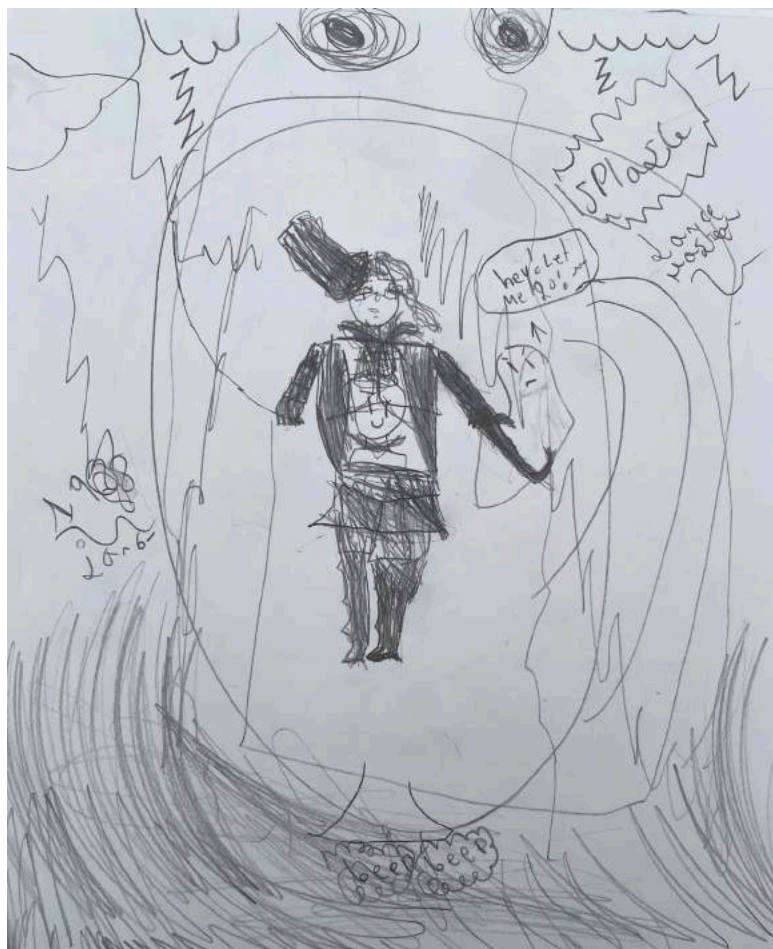




Joseph Espinosa, superhero

Layan





Sofia Abreu, superhero



Yadiel Reyes, comic



Marianjeliz Rosario, self-portrait

# COMMUNITY POEMS



Brainstorming our community poem with Ms. Baughman and Ms. Delgado's class

# MS. PEÑA'S CLASS

My community means the taste of your friends' lunch  
and the feeling of community is united

My community is filled with unity and good food and  
fresh air and good music

My community means the smell of food trucks and  
the feeling of kindness

My community is kind like a best friend

My community is filled with laughter and chatter

My community feels

goooooooooooooooooooooooooooood, like getting a new  
yoyo

My community sounds like hard work

My community feels like the softest bunny or cat in  
the world. My community has sway. My community is  
beautiful as a flower garden

My community is like a marshmallow melting over  
the hot fire on a Saturday night with the stars shining  
above

My community is beautiful as a flower garden

My community feels like unity and kindness

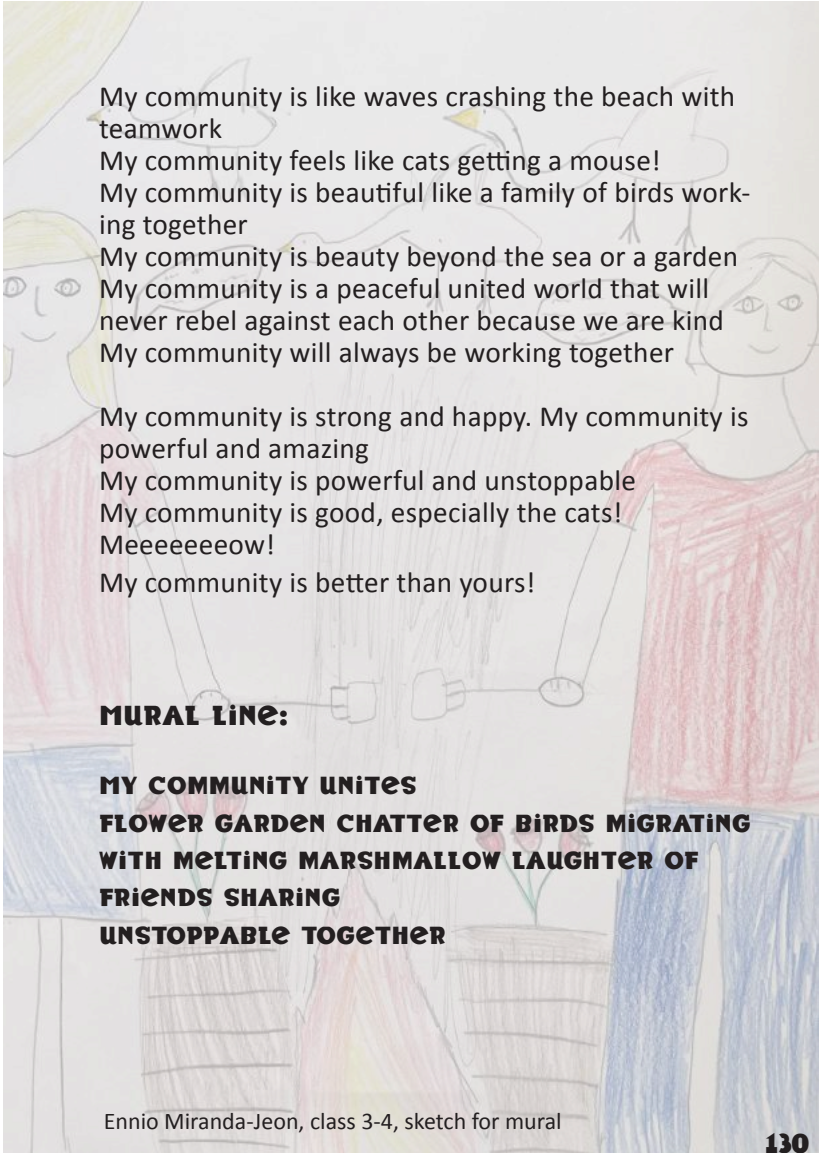
My community feels like sitting next to a warm fire

My community tastes like ice cream

My community is like birds migrating and helping to  
find food together

My community feels Good!!!





My community is like waves crashing the beach with teamwork  
My community feels like cats getting a mouse!  
My community is beautiful like a family of birds working together  
My community is beauty beyond the sea or a garden  
My community is a peaceful united world that will never rebel against each other because we are kind  
My community will always be working together

My community is strong and happy. My community is powerful and amazing  
My community is powerful and unstoppable  
My community is good, especially the cats!  
Meeeeeeow!  
My community is better than yours!

**MURAL LINE:**

**MY COMMUNITY UNITES  
FLOWER GARDEN CHATTER OF BIRDS MIGRATING  
WITH MELTING MARSHMALLOW LAUGHTER OF  
FRIENDS SHARING  
UNSTOPPABLE TOGETHER**



## MS. TURNER'S CLASS

Being super powerful with cosmic energy flowing through you

Being super is powerful, it feels like sweet sugar

Siendo super se siente como si tu fuera increíble (Being super feels like if you were incredible)

Siendo super es ayudar a personas en peligro (Being super is helping people who are in danger)

Being super to me feels like eating cookies

Being super is like playing video games

Being super is like being the world

Being super feels like being the president running powerful energy surging through a cat and learning everything you can imagine

Being super means if you eat sugar ya might get a sugar rush with that energy you use it to help people. Yum!

It feels hyper to be super. It also feels like sitting on a beach eating candy.

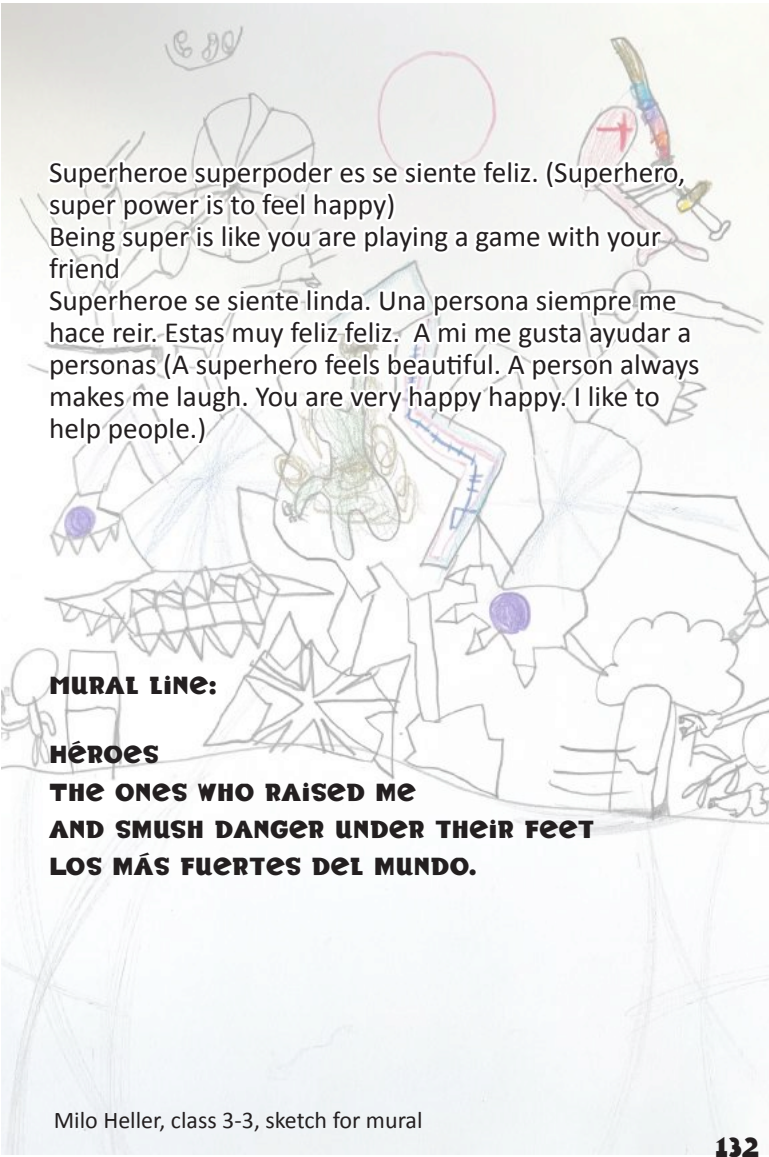
Super feels like a hot sunny day in the pool with some candy. Kit Kat.

Being super is a group using teamwork to learn

Siendo super oder sie podre

Being super looks like having energy. Being super feels like having superpowers

**Being super stickman is super fun**



Superhero superpoder es se siente feliz. (Superhero, super power is to feel happy)

Being super is like you are playing a game with your friend

Superhero se siente linda. Una persona siempre me hace reir. Estas muy feliz feliz. A mi me gusta ayudar a personas (A superhero feels beautiful. A person always makes me laugh. You are very happy happy. I like to help people.)

**MURAL LINE:**

**HÉROES**

**THE ONES WHO RAISED ME  
AND SMUSH DANGER UNDER THEIR FEET  
LOS MÁS FUERTES DEL MUNDO.**

# MS. BAUGHMAN'S AND MS. DELGADO'S CLASS

A hero rises the sun. A hero stands for the law. A hero is a flame for all to use.

A hero is my mom. Why? Because she shines bright like a star and I love her so much.

A hero is a cloud, good like a star

A hero makes me feel cozy and makes me feel safe

A hero is someone who has powers

A hero is fast and flies and teleports

A hero is someone who helps people

A hero is nice and kind. A hero looks like she has a super outfit

A hero is everyone because they help me with things

A hero is my dad because he helps me with my homework and plays football with me

A hero is someone funny, safe, cool, fun and silly!

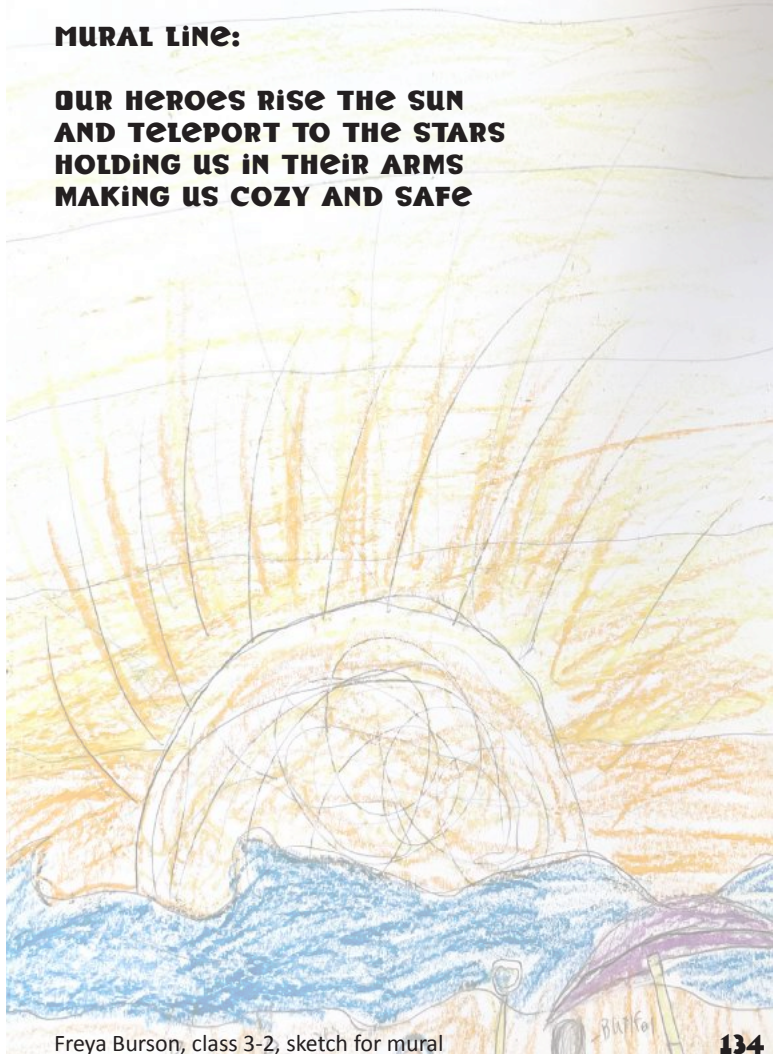
A hero is safe. When there is a fire he/she holds you in your arms and cares for you when you need him/her

A hero looks like they have powers

A hero means great responsibility

**MURAL Line:**

**OUR HEROES RISE THE SUN  
AND TELEPORT TO THE STARS  
HOLDING US IN THEIR ARMS  
MAKING US COZY AND SAFE**



Freya Burson, class 3-2, sketch for mural



## MRS. FROHNHOEFER AND MR. MERCATANTE

Teamwork is helping friends, working together

Teamwork is....love and being nice, helpful, sky, kind, sweet, skill

Teamwork smells like victory, teamwork feels like dreamwork

Teamwork is like kind love and nice work

Even if you draw a stickman you are still powerful

Teamwork feels like victory, success, effort, skill

Teamwork makes you a superhero. Teamwork is success to victory. Teamwork is about friends and helping.

Teamwork feels like having victory and being successful, helping, learning with people.

Happiness and victory and loving your friends and kindness

Teamwork sky skill pet alien strength victory water love kind to others success being nice

Teamwork sounds like superpowers from Mr. Reuben's bow

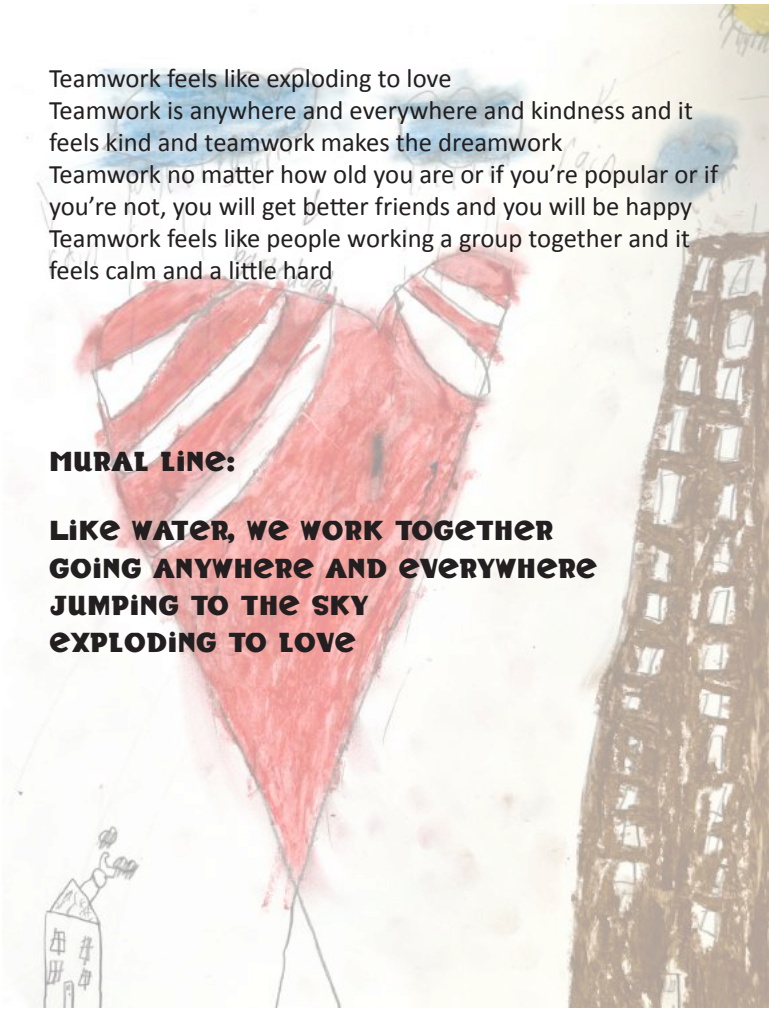
Teamwork makes victory. Teamwork gets skill. Teamwork tastes like water. Teamwork means that you can jump to the sky.

Teamwork means to make friends.

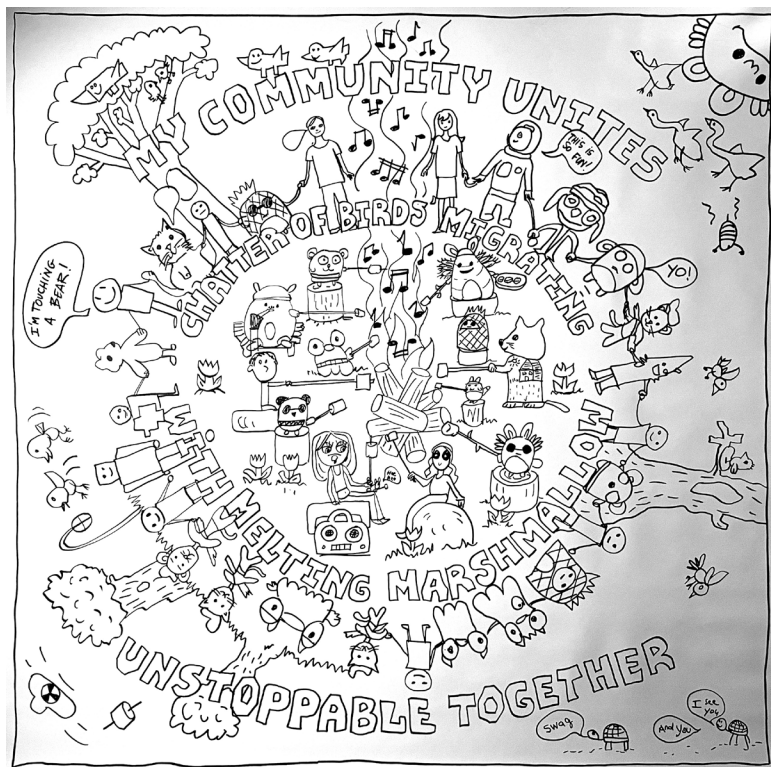
Teamwork feels like exploding to love  
Teamwork is anywhere and everywhere and kindness and it  
feels kind and teamwork makes the dreamwork  
Teamwork no matter how old you are or if you're popular or if  
you're not, you will get better friends and you will be happy  
Teamwork feels like people working a group together and it  
feels calm and a little hard

**MURAL Line:**

**Like water, we work together  
going anywhere and everywhere  
jumping to the sky  
exploding to love**



# MURAL: CLASS 3-4, MS. PEÑA



Outline of the final composition for Ms. Peña's class mural, based on most students drawings





Ms. Peña's class painting their mural



Ms. Peña's class painting their mural

## MURAL: CLASS 3-3, MS. TURNER



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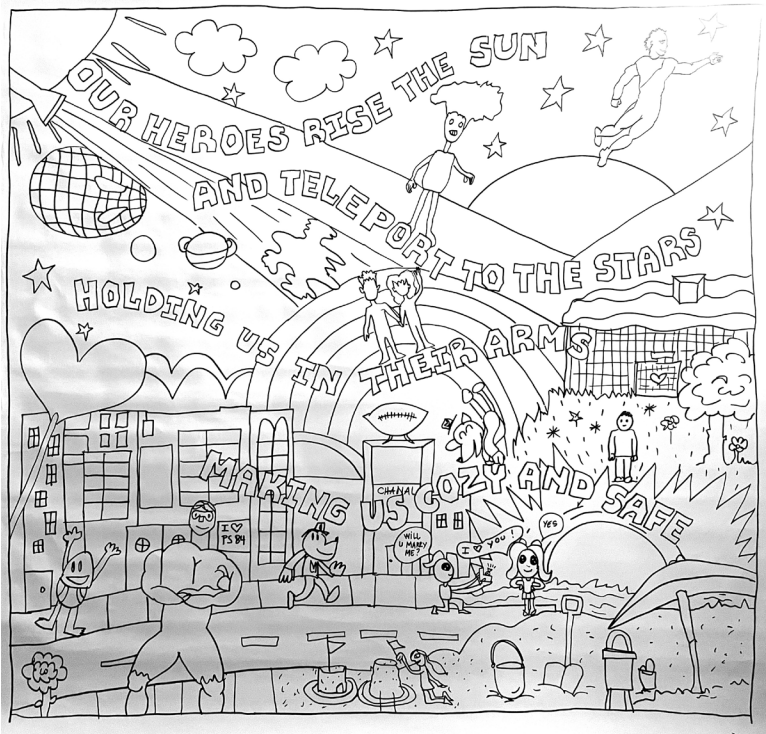


Ms. Turner's class painting their mural



Ms. Turner's class painting their mural

# MURAL: CLASS 3-2, MS. BAUGHMAN AND MS. DELGADO



Outline of the final composition for Ms. Baughman and Ms. Delgado's class mural, based on the students' drawings



Ms. Baughman and Ms. Delgado's class painting their mural



Ms. Baughman and Ms. Delgado's class painting their mural

# MURAL: CLASS 3-1, MS. FROHNHOEFER AND MR. MERCATANTE



Outline of the final composition for Ms. Frohnhoefer and Mr. Mercatante's class mural, based on most students drawings



Ms. Frohnhoefer and Mr. Mercatante's class painting their mural



Ms. Frohnhoefer and Mr. Mercatante's class painting their mural

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Micaela reading her poem, Ms. Turner, class 3-3

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