



Game Over



What Will I Be?

Mrs. Heffington's 2015-2016 4th Grade Class



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A Letter from Mrs. Heffington

Dear students,

It's amazing to see how this project has progressed from your ideas about careers to this book full of fabulous writing! This has truly been one of my favorite projects to complete with you this year. I'm proud of how much you've learned about the research process and the types of careers you may be interested in one day. I'm proud of the finished product and all of the effort and hard work you've put forth. I hope this book will be one you and your family cherish for many years to come!

Mrs. Heffington



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Coaching Fever

By: Bryson Acker

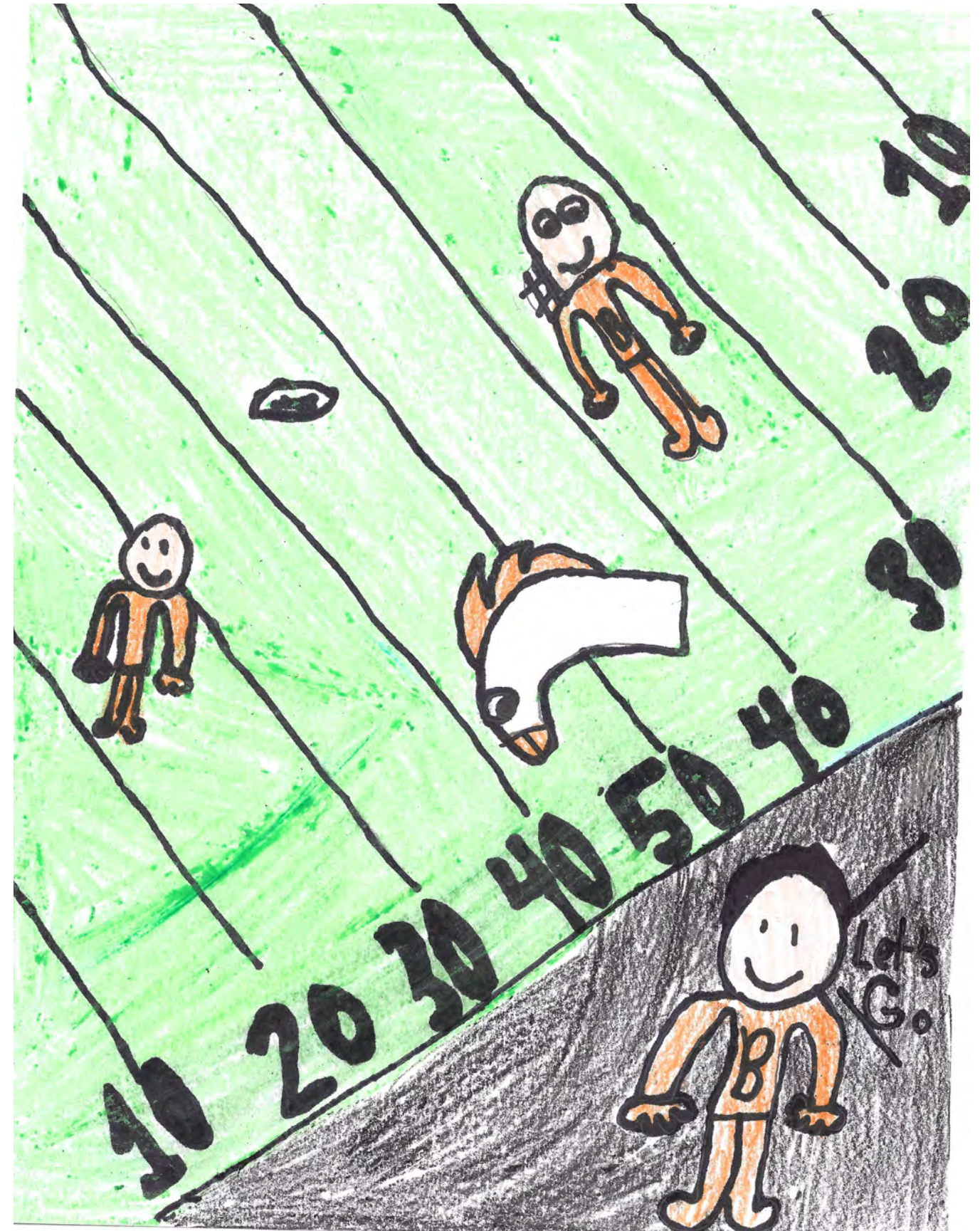
You're standing in the coaches box with 20 seconds on the clock. You're in the Super Bowl. You're going against the Carolina Panthers and in the last play of the game, CJ Anderson goes for the pass and he catches it. Denver wins the game and you get Gatorade dumped on your head. That is the best time of your life. A NFL coach's job is to coach a winning football team. I play football and that is why I should be a coach. Gary Kubiak inspires me. Gary Kubiak coached the Houston Texans for 8 years. He went to college at Arizona State. He played QB on the football team.

Assistant coaches in the NFL get paid \$85,000 to \$400,000 a year. I would be an assistant defensive coordinator when I first go into the NFL. I would want to be a defensive coordinator for Iowa State when I start college league. I would get paid \$1.35 million a year. Coaches make different amounts. A NFL coach's top salary is \$10,000,000 a year. If your team wins a lot, you will get paid more.

Coaches have responsibilities. They have to design plays. You have to be able to talk at the post game meeting. You have to pick up people in the draft and you have to put people in their position. When I'm at work it might be sunny, rainy, windy, snowy; you never know. I will be at practice and at a game. I will be working at practice all year and at games during the season.

Coaches have to go to school. A coach has to go to college and get a bachelor's degree in coaching. You would have to get your high school diploma in order to be a NFL coach. As a fourth grader, I can keep on learning more and more about the game of football.

I will meet famous people and I will travel during the season. I can change players' lives by teaching them how to win a game. I like everything about this job but my favorite thing is that I'm famous. There is only one thing that I am sad about and that is I don't get to see my family that much, but I'll get used to it.





Bake Bake Bake

By: Addison Alexander

You have just eaten your favorite cookie from your favorite bakery and someone comes up and asks, "Is everything good?" That's what a baker does. Bakers bake almost everything you eat. A baker is a great job for me because I love to bake and help my mom bake. I like to have a lot of responsibilities to show what I can do. What made me choose this job is the tv show Cake Boss. When I was young, I loved his show, and he inspired me to bake.

A baker has many responsibilities like baking food, making sure it tastes good, checking to see when they are out of supplies and delivering the food. Bakers also clean the kitchen and oven. A baker's day would be long and hard because they would have to wake up early and start baking. By the time they get home it would be dark. A baker would work at a bakery. They would have to work all weekend and all day because they have lots to do. Their schedule would change every week.

Being a baker requires a 4 year bachelor's degree in business. As a fourth grader I can start baking with my mom and taking on more responsibilities. One of the most important parts of a job is the money. A baker makes about \$23,600 a year. The best benefit about being a baker is having people taste your food. There are so many things I love about being a baker, but the one I love most is getting to bake. The only negative thing about being a baker is if you put out burnt food you will get in trouble.

I think this is a good job for me because I'm doing everything I love in one job. When I'm old enough this is what I want to be. This is the job for me.

Engineers at Work

By: Jacob Bailey

I'm flying in the sky going to test the aircraft and spacecraft. I'm fixing the problem to find a solution, because I'm an aerospace engineer. I'm a person who knows how to test aircrafts and spacecrafts in the sky. I think being an aerospace engineer is a great job for me because I've always wanted to build an airplane. I chose it because it is a great job where you can fix and build airplanes.

An engineer would test airplanes in the sky. He would test for any malfunctions. He would build airplanes and spaceships for pilots. My job would be outside, sometimes in an airplane. If not there, I would be inside the office. I would be working 37-40 hours each week.

You need an engineering degree for four years to become an aerospace engineer. If you are planning to become an aerospace engineer, get ready to read for four years. Right now I can study for tests and get A's to prepare for being an aerospace engineer so I can be the best engineer I can be.

Have you ever wondered how much money an aerospace engineer makes? Well now you are going to know how much money an aerospace engineer makes. They make \$30.36 per hour. The best part of being an aerospace engineer is making planes and spaceships.

My favorite part of being an aerospace engineer is testing spacecrafts. Ever since I've heard of this career I've been so happy. The bad part is that you fly over 1,000 feet in the sky and it is scary just knowing that. This is a good career for me because I've always wanted to build an airplane and a spaceship just because it is awesome.





The Life of a Chef

By: Jamin Benitez

Just smelling that fragrance makes your eyes water. Seeing that delicious food gets your stomach telling you to be a turkey and gobble, gobble, gobble. Making that kind of food is what a chef does. When you're a chef, you get to serve others. I think being a chef is the right job for me. I've always loved cooking, I really think since I like to cook and chefs cook, that's a match. The reason I want to be a chef is because I can own my own restaurant.

A chef has many responsibilities. Some chefs have to take care of the first family. Others just cook what is on the menu. I would like to make mac and cheese, steak, and salad. Once someone orders a meal, a chef makes it. A chef cannot burn food and serve it. When a chef goes to work he might work from 10 AM to 8 PM. Chefs probably will work at a restaurant. A chef would probably be in a kitchen.

Every job needs at least some education or training. I would go to Culinary Institute of Charleston. Some jobs need more education than others. If you want to be a chef you have to go to culinary school and earn a Culinary Arts diploma. A chef has to go to high school and college. As a fourth grader, I can start cooking at my house. I can help my mom make dinner.

One really important thing about this job is the salary. If I were a chef I would make \$46,600 to \$61,995 a year. Some of the benefits could include free meals. A chef could get a bonus, and get paid sick days, holidays, and vacations. When I get a degree in Culinary Arts I would work at a restaurant that does not pay much and then when I'm better I will try to go to a better place. If I owned a restaurant, it would be fancy.

There are so many good things about being a chef. For instance, I get to cook all day for other people. I feel like since someone else is eating it, I can cook a lot. There are bad things too. There is a lot of pressure if I burn food because I can't use it. I have to work long hours and even on weekends. I cannot wait to be a chef. It would be awesome if I had this career.

Game On

By: Tyler Bowman

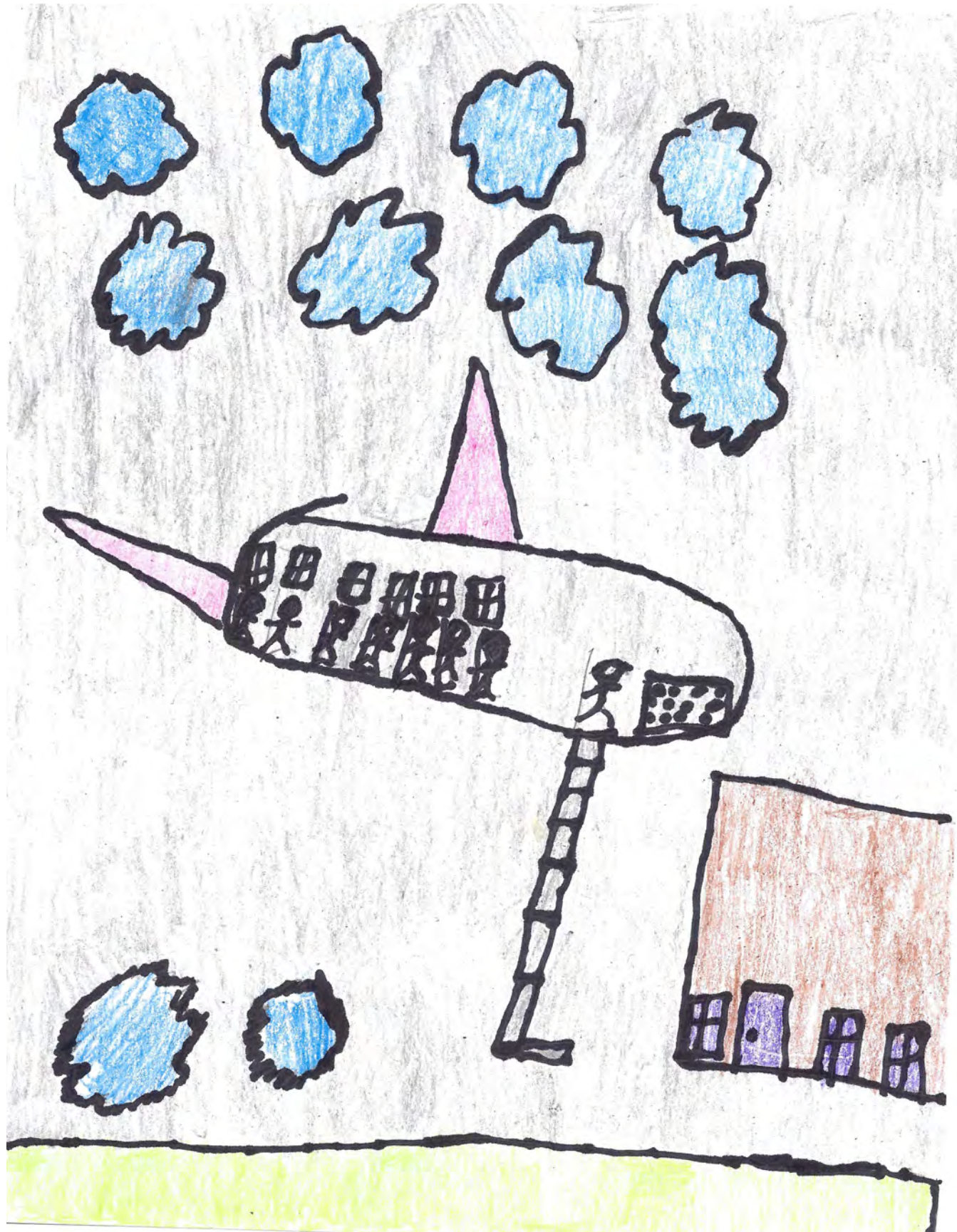
Hey you, have you ever wondered where good games like Lego Marvel The Age of Ultron and Minecraft come from? Well, a video game designer helps. Video game designers spend their day making a storyboard or animation for the game. They can work with companies like Treyarch or Toys for Bob. I think this is a job for me because I love video games and it has always been my dream to make a story of my own into a video game. I chose this career because of my love for video games and my need to push myself to make awesome games for people to enjoy. I really don't know anyone that does this job, but I've played lots of games and I want to make good games myself.

I must show up for work everyday to meet my co-workers and discuss what the next chapter in my game would be. If I am sick, I stay home but I will still draw stuff for my storyboard. My days at work are me in an office drawing or thinking of new stuff for my game. I will work for six hours a day. I get Christmas off and that's the only holiday I get off. The website I used to find information is called "Labor Statistics".

I need a master's degree in software engineering to be a game designer. Also, I need good grades. I can start getting good grades in fourth grade to get ready. I can get in a group of friends and make a tiny game to get ready such as a mobile app game.

The most important thing about a job is the pay. I will get paid \$30 per hour and in a year I will make \$91,000. The special benefits are that I can invite special YouTubers to try out my game to promote it and I can meet other video game designers. One idea I have for a video game is an interactive game where your choices affect the story.





Years Going By as a Pilot

By: Jonah Calhoun

If you need a ride and you don't feel like driving, you can ride in a plane, and pilots will take you any place you want to go. It costs money to ride though. I know a pilot would be a good career because you get to travel, fly, and control the plane. I want to be a pilot because it is fun to travel and fly around the world.

Their responsibilities are to fly and get people to their destination safely. My day would be spent away from home, on a plane or in a hotel. Pilots check the aircraft to make sure the engine and other systems are functioning. This takes place in a plane the whole day. All pilots do is fly. The flight schedules can range from day to night. If there is bad weather, pilots may have a layover in an airport or hotel. Pilots need a high school education and at least a two-year college degree that focuses on science and aviation. Pilots need flight experience to get a license, and also need to complete classes at a flight school. Pilots need to study math, science and have good communication and organization skills.

Pilots can meet famous people and make lots of money. A pilot's median annual salary is \$141,090. Pilots will travel to many places. The hours may vary depending on your flight schedule.

There are wonderful parts of being a pilot. Traveling around the world and the salary is the best part of being a pilot for me. Long hours being away from home is the worst part of being a pilot. As a pilot, I'm sure you will meet many interesting people.

The Animals Rescue

By: Jace Cox

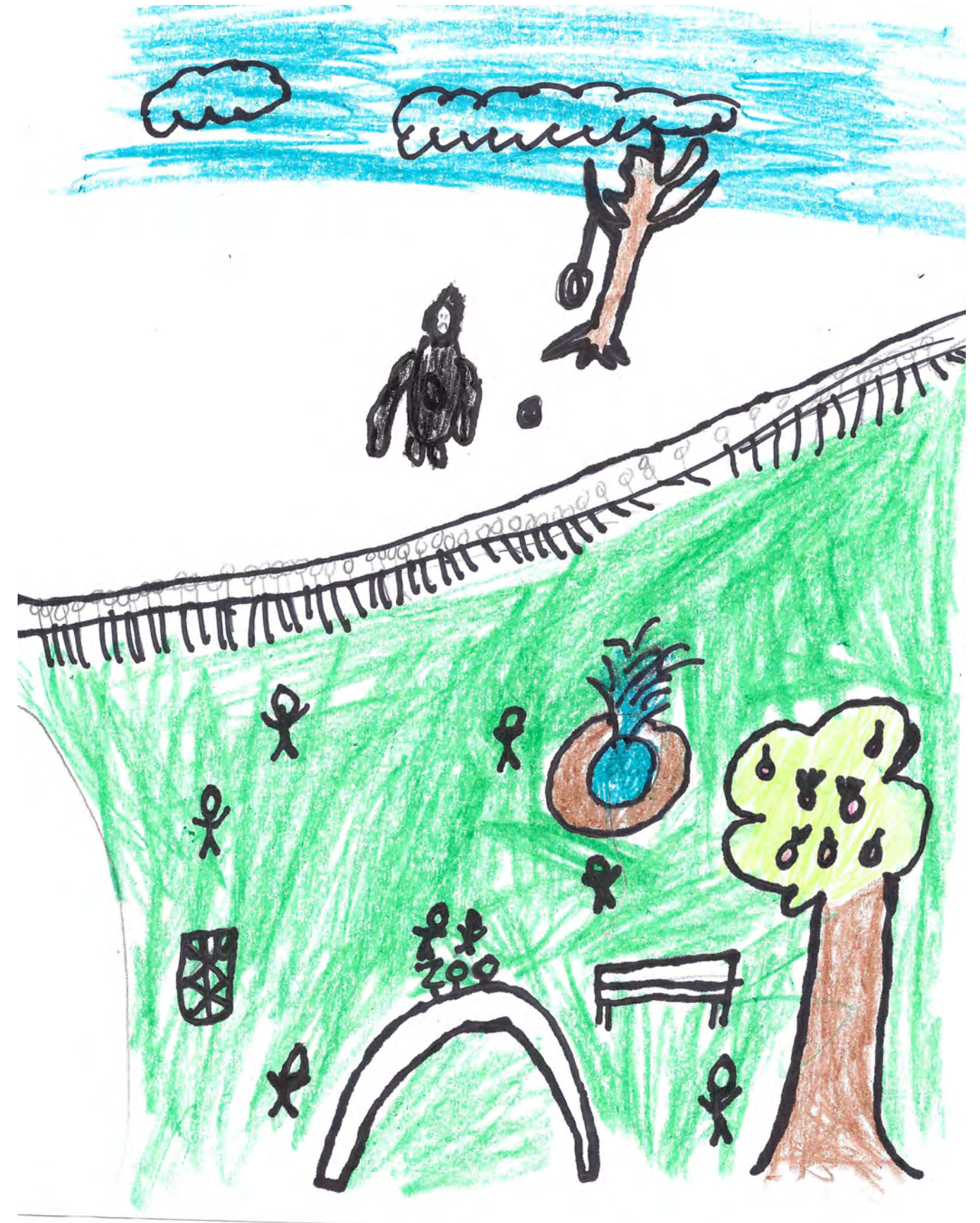
Animals are in unsafe habitats. Zoos protect them. The bond you make with the animals by playing with them makes them less dangerous. Zookeepers, feed them, clean them and brush them. When I get home I feed, clean, and brush them. That's why I want to be a zookeeper and my favorite animal is an ostrich.

My responsibilities are to clean cages, clean animals, and feed them. I will work 5 days a week and be home on weekends. My day will be in the zoo on a sunny day.

The training is to be brave and know about every animal. I need to go to college and get a bachelor's degree in zoology to be a zookeeper. I will get paid \$29,000 a year. I will need to go to school for 4 years.

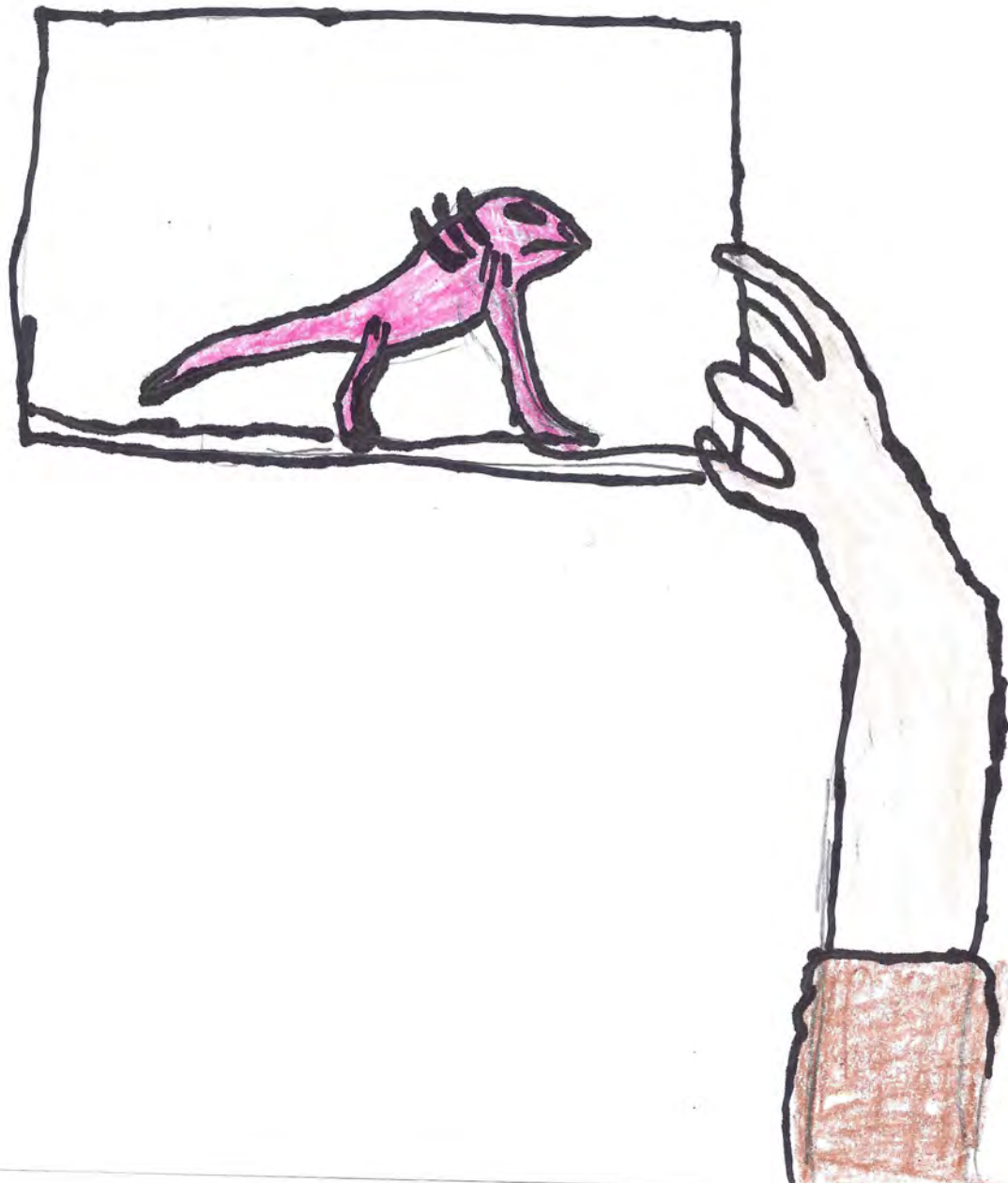
Spending time with animals is special although this is a dangerous job. It's the only job for me. When I get home I take care of my animals and that's why I want this job.

There are so many animals to explore. Spending time with animals is special and so is playing with animals. The negative is getting eaten by a tiger. Even though there are more negatives, this is the best career for me.



The Wild Files

By: John Donahey



The wood's gentle breeze blows on my face. The soft noise of a baby bird chirping makes me happy. I see a group of people helping a hurt bird. I get closer and I see that they are wildlife biologists. I believe that being a wildlife biologist is a great career for me because I have a great bond with animals. Seeing people working with animals inspired me to be a wildlife biologist.

Wildlife biologists have a great amount of responsibilities. A wildlife biologist must care for hurt animals. They must help endangered animals also. A day as a wildlife biologist would be fun and a little stressful. They could have to save a hurt animal. Also this job may take place in the woods or on an island. The times that some wildlife biologists get up are 4:00 AM or 7:00 AM. They may drive to the woods or walk. They would get weekends and holidays off. If they get sick, they would stay at home.

Every career requires a form of education. To be a wildlife biologist you would need to go to college for four years to get a degree in science. I would prepare in this order: I would gather information about sea life. I would also work harder in school and research more about insects. I would study more about animals.

A wildlife biologist could get \$35,567. The benefit of this job is to travel. Wildlife biologists don't get summers off. Also, wildlife biologists don't get to meet famous people.

Every career has something to enjoy. The part I love is being with animals. The cons of this career is the dangers of being hurt by an animal. If I don't get my job done, I could get fired. But even though there are cons and dangers, this is still the best career for me.

The Designer of Electronics

By: Joshua Donald

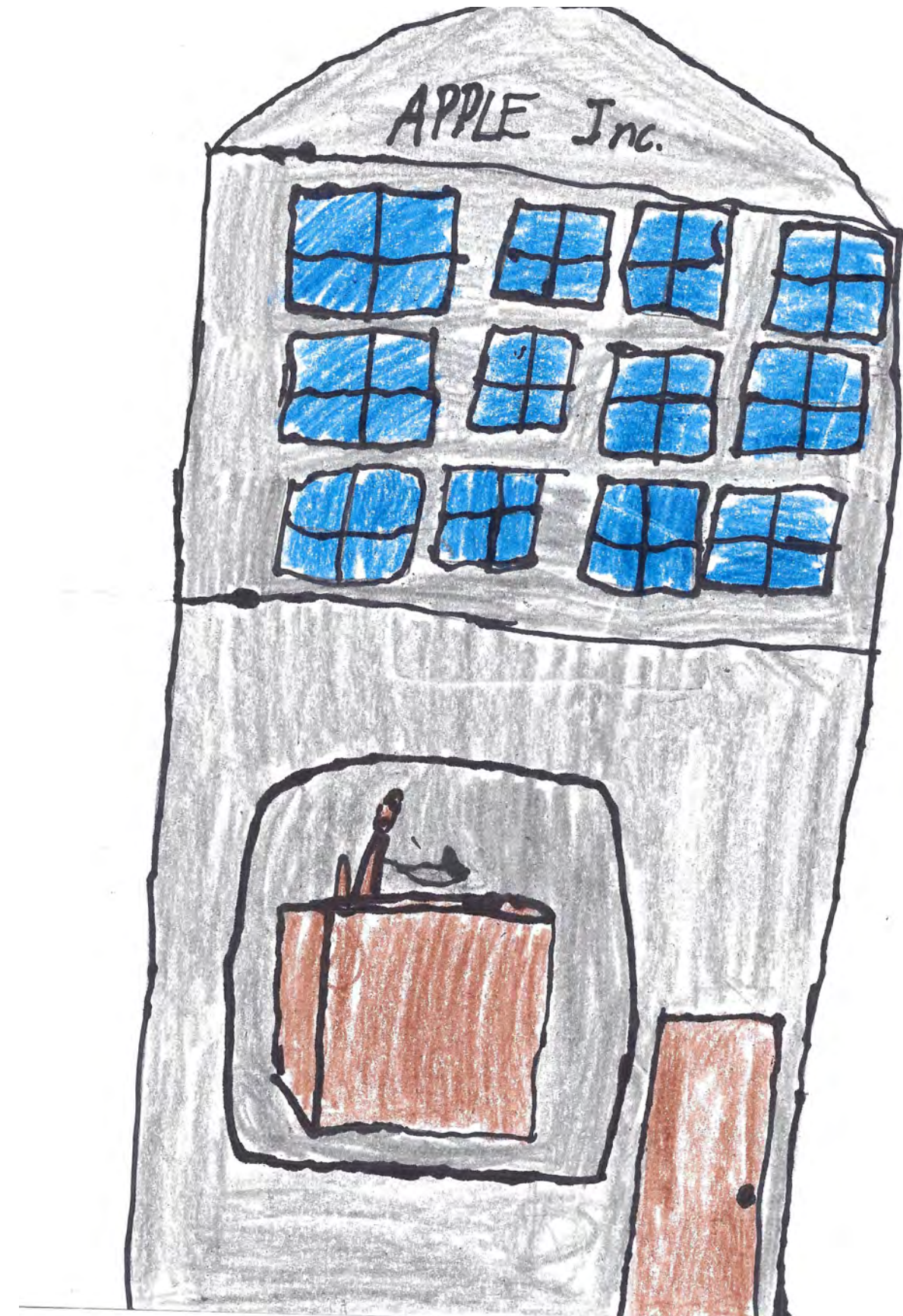
You're playing with your iPhone, when your battery runs low and then it dies. A few minutes later it turns back on with the power of your charger. You ask yourself, "What would I do without chargers?" Then you ask yourself, "What would I do without the person who made this charger?" This person is an electrical engineer. An electrical engineer designs all the electronics, motors, radiation devices, etc. I love to take stuff apart and put it back together; when I was younger I unscrewed the door knob. When my dad tried to close the door he realized what happened. He looked at me, and I smiled, and he knew it was me.

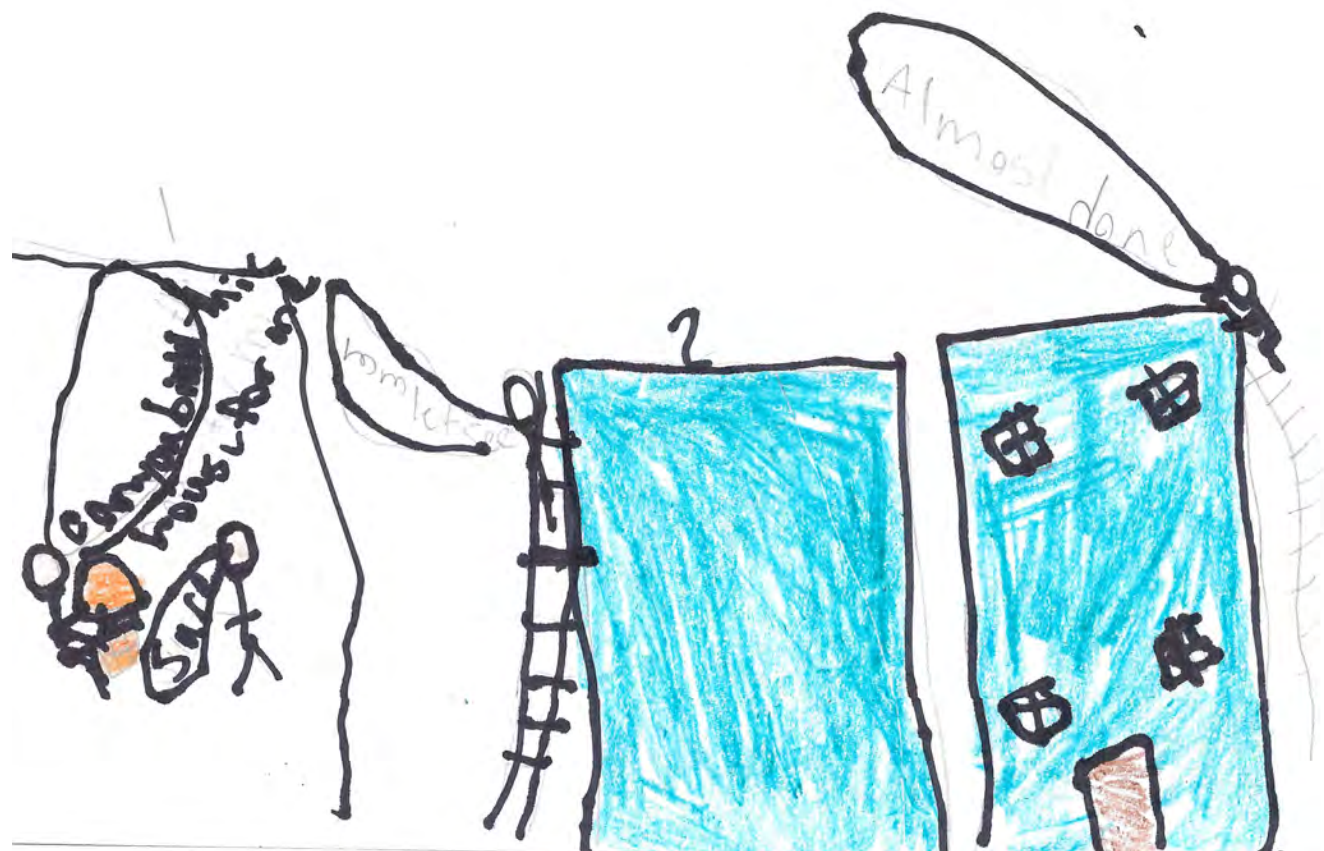
Engineers have several responsibilities. First they design, develop, and test. Second, they supervise electrical equipment. I would work in an office in a company's factory. If I had a morning shift I would work 8-10 AM. For a night shift I would work 9-11 PM, and an afternoon shift would be 5-8 PM.

All engineers need to go to college in engineering. Depending on what kind of engineer you are, you need certain kinds of degrees. An electrical engineer needs a bachelor's degree in engineering. To be prepared I could put all my time and effort into my schoolwork in fourth grade.

When you pick your career you will want to know how much money you could make. Electrical engineers make \$93,340 per year and \$44.84 per hour. Some benefits are that I can take off most holidays and I am out a week or two in the summer.

My favorite part of my career is designing the cars and technology. One negative thing about this career is that I could design something wrong and have to design it all over again. I could be designing something explosive and there could be an accident. I could be designing something and it might electrocute somebody. There are some negative things about my career, but when I do it I am going to think about the positive things.





My Awesome Career

By: LJ Jones

Designing skyscrapers and houses and working on computers is what it takes to be an architect. After designing, I will make workers build the house. I'm very creative at making and designing cool things. This is what inspired me because I know that I'm good at making things with style.

My responsibility will include getting up very early in the mornings, packing my things and going to the office. I will pack pencils, paper and my laptop. Then I start designing. My schedule is not too early but it's early. After I'm done designing, I work on new houses.

My plan is to go to Clemson University and play football. Then I want to go to Harvard University, one of the best architect schools. I will stay at Harvard for about five years. As a fourth grader, I should be good at every subject in school.

My salary per month would be \$24,242. If I'm good I will get \$121,324 per year. My benefits are that if I'm famous that means I will probably meet famous architects.

The best thing about being an architect is designing new things with creativity, like designing homes for other families to live in. The thing I wouldn't like is getting up very early. This job is for me because I'm full of creativity.

Ready to Build

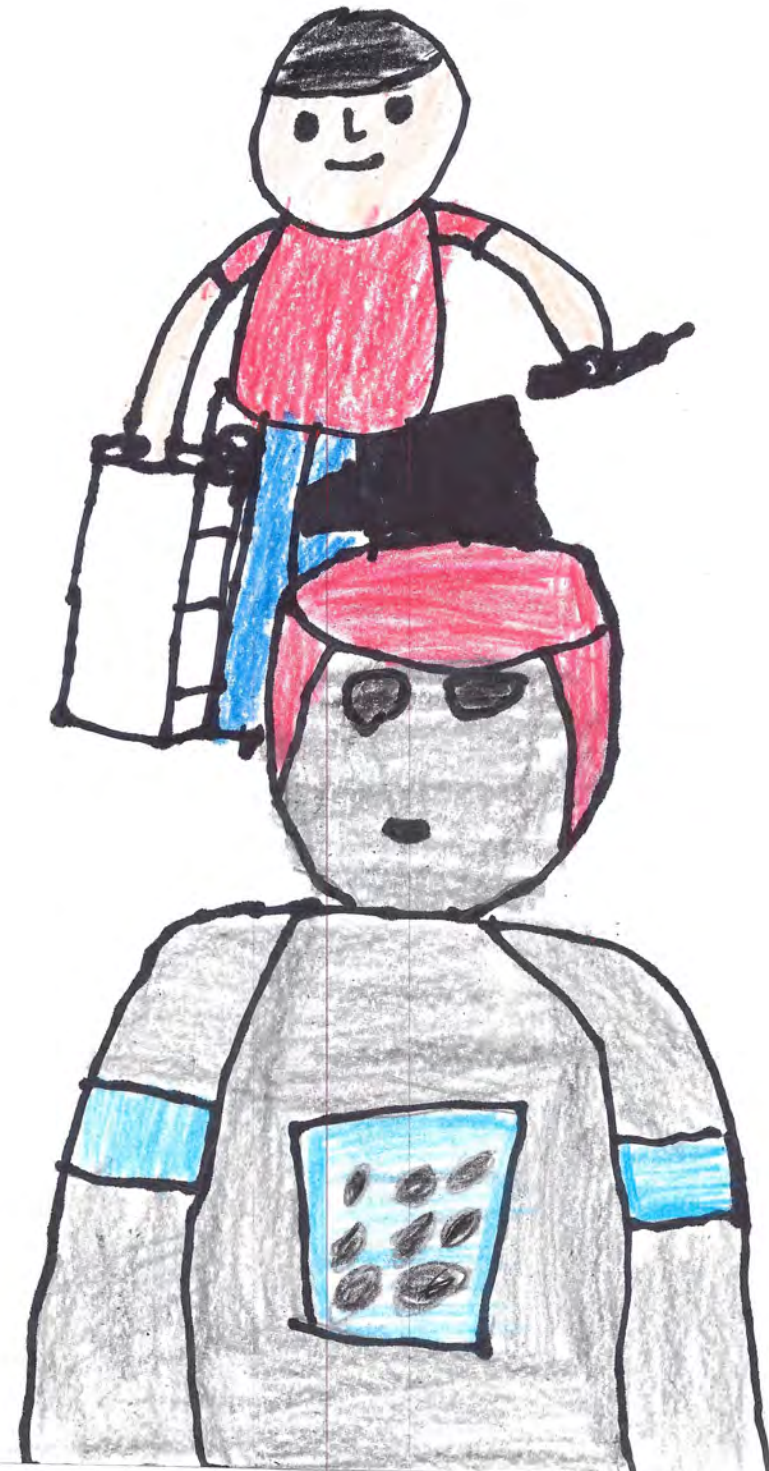
By: Braydon Kellum

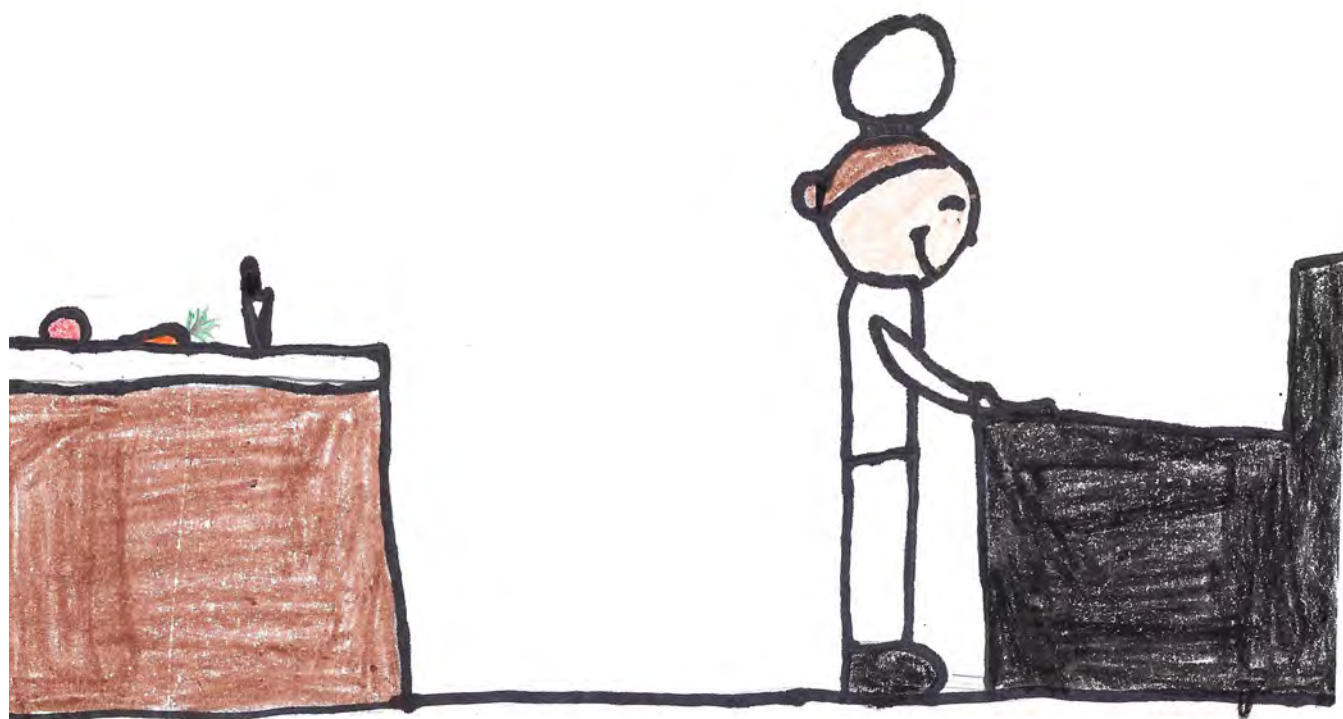
Would you like to be a robotic engineer? You will build robots and every month you could build up to 10,000. That's a lot, and cool things would be all around you. You can control the robot and design the robots. I chose this for my career because I like to build things.

I can program the robot to catch balls and run. I can color it and I can make it talk. There are cool robots all around you. I can get ideas from other robots. A robotic engineer's day is a lot of work so sweat could be running down from your face.

I need to get good grades and practice building robots. You have to get through college and you have to get a diploma. The average salary is \$46,300 a year. My special benefits would be medical and dental insurance. A really special benefit would be a retirement plan. I will travel to other places. I might meet a famous person. I will work year round with pay.

The best part of being a robotic engineer is building a robot. The hard part of being a robotic engineer is that it's tons of work. I choose this career because I like building things.





A Chef's Job is Never Done

By: Alissa Kremzar

You're sitting on the street starving and all of a sudden you smell bacon cooking. You follow the scent. Then you run into a restaurant. The head chef serves you desserts. You don't know who she is, but all you care about is the delicious food on your plate. Head chefs always serve delicious food for others. I think being a head chef is good for me. I have always loved to watch others cook. My mom inspired me to be a chef; I always watched when she was cooking.

Head chefs have many responsibilities, like checking the food to make sure it's not rotten, making sure all the supplies are clean, training other chefs, presenting dishes, and buying more supplies/food. Also, chefs make sure guests have everything to eat and welcome guests to their table. A day as a head chef is traveling restaurant to restaurant serving delicious foods. Chefs work in a kitchen. A chef's job is never done. The schedule would probably be all day.

To become a head chef, you need to do 2 years of culinary cooking school. Right now as a fourth grader, I could do lots of things to prepare for this job. I can watch other people cook. I can watch my relatives cook too.

As a head chef you get paid \$20.01 per hour, which is \$41,610 per year. A head chef could meet famous people, like Adele, if they go to a famous or expensive restaurant. As a head chef, they would travel from restaurant to restaurant.

My favorite part of this career is training other chefs. There are a few cons about this career, like burning the food or putting in the wrong ingredient. The reason why I want this career is because I love to watch others cook. I think this is the career for me!

Zookeeper's Job

By: Cintia Martinez

Zookeepers take care of animals, capture wild animals, and the animals can also be playful and funny. All around you are animals that can make you laugh and feel joy. Zookeepers bring animals to the zoo for everyone to see. I want to be a zookeeper because animals are so cute and they are so fun to play with and feed. Animals could also be fun to watch because they are so curious.

Zookeepers have responsibilities. Zookeepers feed animals and take care of them to make sure they're okay. When you wake up in the morning and head to the zoo, you have to get the animals ready and prepare them for the guests. You get ready to feed the animals for everyone to see them. This takes place in a zoo with a lot of animals. You have weekends off, which means that zookeepers have two days off.

If you want that job you have to have some kind of education or training. You have to have a bachelor's degree. As a fourth grader right now, I should not hurt animals, I should love them. I could learn about all the animals and read books about them.

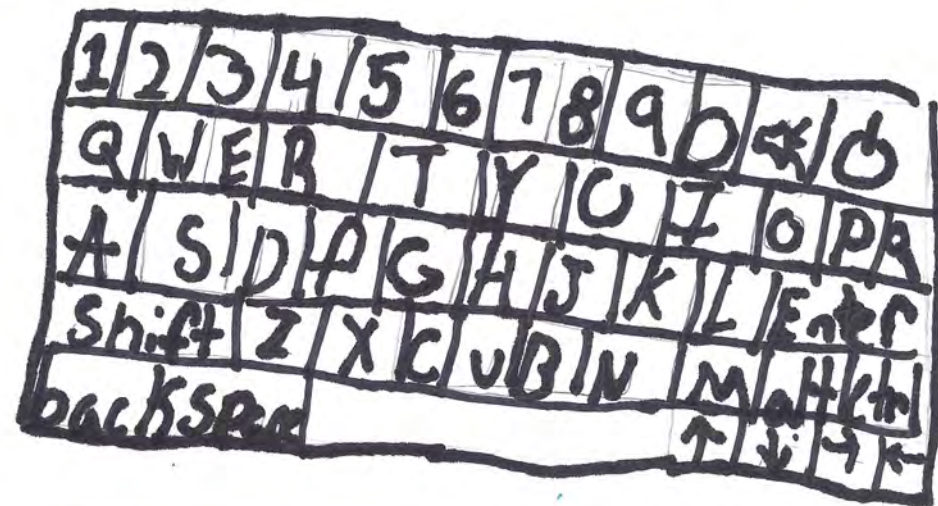
A zookeeper gets paid \$35,000 or more a year. Zookeepers have benefits. Zookeepers help. Famous people come to the zoo and the zookeepers get to meet them.

My favorite part of this career is seeing all the animals, playing, and training them. Their training is like playing because zookeepers teach an animal how to fetch a stick and many other things. The thing I don't like about this career is that you have to capture honest animals and poor little animals. You have to feed the wild animals like lions, but you have to be careful because they could hurt you. Even though this job has terrible things, I think I like this job. I meet a lot of animals and get to play with them.



One More Block!!

By: Landon Mays



So you spend your weekend playing Minecraft and Halo. Someone has to make those games. That guy or girl is a multimedia artist and animator. I have always loved video games so I think I would do good in this job because I'm creative and you don't have to go by the rules. You get to go by your own rules.

As a video game programmer, you may be responsible for drawing a character for a new game or writing the stories for those characters. You may spend the day drawing characters or with a group of workers talking about the storyline. If you were a programmer you could work in the office or at home. You could work long nights and weekends too.

If you want to be a programmer you need a bachelor's degree in animation. As a fourth grader I can use the Hour of Code game.

If you want to be a programmer you get \$63,630 a year so you get a good bit of money. The benefits of being a programmer are that you get to make and play a game. My favorite part of this job is that you get to be creative and there are no limits of imagination. There are cons too. Some cons are that not all games get in the stores and you work long nights.

I think a multimedia artist and animator is a good job for me because I love video games. The best job is one that you are passionate about.

Cooking For the President is the Best Thing Ever

By: Katie Beth Mitchell

The smell of the food you just made is mouthwatering. The First Family gets to eat it, and they love it. The excitement just comes out. You're a White House chef. A White House chef gets to cook and entertain for the President and his family. This career is a good choice for me because I love to cook and bake. I wanted to research this career because I love cooking. I wanted to cook because I saw the new movie Grace where she got on the "MasterChef Junior" baking contest, and she won. It made me want to cook for the President.

A White House chef has many responsibilities. You have to provide the First Family with meals. You have to provide them with delicious meals, or they will fire you. The most important thing is to entertain the First Family. Your days as a White House chef would be long, hard, over the stove all day cooking, and baking. This job takes place in Washington, D.C. in the White House kitchen. A White House chef's schedule would go from 6:30 AM until 8:45 PM

Do you know what kind of education you need to have to be a White House chef? You need to go to culinary school. Do you know what kind of degree you need to be a chef? You need a Master's degree in culinary school.

As a fourth grader, I can start cooking entire meals for my family so I can prepare to cook for the President one day.

Do you know how much money you will make as a White House chef? You make \$58,000 a month and \$672,000 a year. Some good benefits are moving to Washington, D.C. and getting to cook for the President. Some bad possibilities are burning the food, and them firing you.

My favorite part of the job is the money a White House chef makes. They only negative part of this job is them firing you in a snap. Even if they can fire me in a snap this is the perfect job for me.





FBI Spy

By: Ethan Palmer

Imagine you're at the crime scene looking for evidence to bust the murder. You found a gun, and you head back. Your boss says that you need a little more evidence. You head back and find all the evidence you need. I think being an FBI agent is good for me because I'm sneaky.

FBI agents have many responsibilities like giving cops back up, investigating banks, and serving and protecting our nation. They need a four year degree. Every job has education requirements and training. They have to know what the codes are, like G14. G14 is a practice that you need. You have to volunteer to be a FBI agent. They train to stop evil villains, and fight crime. As a fourth grader I could get ready for any events that awaits me.

You have to have a four year criminal justice degree. Every job has to pay you, if they don't then that's not the right one for you. My future job pays \$85,544 per year. One of the best things is that's not all you get. You also get nice glasses, a suit and get to travel the world. That's why I want to work as a FBI agent. Our benefits are health insurance, retirement, time off work, life programs, and additional benefits.

The best thing about it is there's adventure every day. There are negatives that may include that you might die while protecting our nation. It's a wonderful job serving the nation. It's the best thing I could have. That's why I want to be a FBI agent.

Where I'd like to work is in a big city like New York or Hollywood, because that's where I could become famous for saving civilians. The training is a sound proof place so they can practice shooting their guns. If you're a tracker, you have to be smart, and under cover. You can also get a cool nickname like Lamar Cooper.

A Cool Job

By: Jake Perkins

Who wouldn't like to go to work and possibly work on a famous video game? That's what a multimedia artist and animator gets to do. I would like this career because I would get to draw and help make video games.

A multimedia artist and animators responsibility is to make a picture look fake or real. They may also draw the pictures in a movie or game. A day as a multimedia artist and animator is normal. You may have a meeting with your work group. You would work in an office with a normal Monday to Friday schedule. You may have to work on the weekend but I could bring my work home.

To be a multimedia artist and animator you have to have a bachelor's degree in computer science. I want to get my degree at Clemson. As a fourth grader I can already start drawing and animating. I think I will work at EA Sports.

An important thing to think about is how much money you're going to make. If you're going to be a multimedia artist and animator you will make \$63,630 per year. You make \$30.59 per hour. A special benefit is that I get to draw and animate sports people.

There are a bunch of things I like about this job. I like this job because I love to draw. I can always expect to have fun at work. One con about this job is that I may have to work on weekends. Overall I think this career is right for me.

Jake





A Zookeeper in Action

By: Lylah Perry

You're trapped in a building with a whole bunch of exotic animals surrounding you. They are not pets but mean animals, then one comes up to you and you see how much fun and cool they are. Zookeepers take care of animals. They have a special relationship with them.

I want to be a zookeeper because I've always had a very special way with animals. Bindi Irwin, Steve Irwin's daughter, is a zookeeper. She inspired me to look out for animals.

Zookeepers have many responsibilities like waking up and feeding the animals. They check on the animals, and if they are sick they take them to the zoo hospital for vet care. Zookeepers also have to clean up after the animals, especially the hippos, elephants, and monkeys. Zookeepers have to travel to get the animals and take them to safety.

You don't know what will happen when you work at a zoo. All of a sudden you might have to go feed the meanest animal there. You never know what will happen. It's a wild job.

A day as a zookeeper is fun, but it's a lot of work. Zookeepers have a lot of work to do but they love the animals and so do I.

They're amazing, it's really fun playing with animals. Just keep in mind it's a lot of work.

As a zookeeper you get Christmas off but not Halloween. To become a zookeeper you have to go to college and get a degree in zoology. Training the animals is hard because you have to train them how to behave. Zookeepers have many benefits. Do you want to know how much money a zookeeper makes? They make \$29,000 a year. As a fourth grader I can research animals and read about them.

Being a zookeeper is fun but there are some parts that scare me. Like you could get killed, yikes! You could even get hurt. But even though there are hungry lions and eager snakes I still think this is the job for me.

FBI Agent: The Crime Fighter

By: Russell Reid

Imagine just sitting there and spying on criminals, then while you're watching them, they make a move, and you go after them. The FBI helps the police if they can't handle the crime. The FBI keeps America safe from criminals. I think this is a good career to choose because they save lives. I like to save lives. Now I can pay them back.

FBI agents have many responsibilities. One of their responsibilities is community outreach. Their second responsibility is investigation. The last one is continuous training. FBI agents work on cases outside the office, "in the field." Their schedule is non-stop and they go to work at 7:00 AM every day.

A FBI agent needs a criminal justice degree. As a fourth grader, I will read detective books like Dew Drop Dead, Shakespeare's Secret, and Secret of Three Treasures.

FBI agents get paid \$85,544. The benefits are health and life insurance, retirement, time off benefits, work-life programs, education, training, and career advancement. You can train dogs to be FBI dogs.

My favorite part of this job is that I can keep America safe from criminals. The negative about being a FBI agent is that I could die. There might be negative things, but it's a good choice for me because I want to pay the FBI back.





Ready, Set, Dance

By: Alliyah Scotland

You're behind the curtain getting ready to go on stage, and you hear your type of music. You go out in your pink and white costume. You have to do your big finish perfectly. You're a dancer. A dancer spends his or her life dancing and teaching dance. They go on stages all around the world. I think this career is good for me because it would be fun to teach other kids to dance. I've always loved to dance and I get along with people well. I've read this story called The Nutcracker and it inspired me to try some ballet. There is this girl named Rosie from The Nutcracker and she also inspired me to dance.

Dancers have many responsibilities. They must be hard workers and they must be flexible. They have to rehearse to prevent injuries. They have to be rapid and fast. A dancer will have to train for 5 or 6 days a week in a studio and perform on stages. Dancers train from Monday to Saturday but not on Friday or Sunday.

Most jobs need some kind of education or training. All dancers need a bachelor's degree in dance education, ballet, and fine arts. As a fourth grader, I can practice my dancing and all of my students will learn the same dance moves.

Certain careers get paid a certain amount of money. A dancer's entry level of money is \$25.00 to \$35.00 per hour. Their average per day is \$53.23. Dancers have many benefits. They will travel around the world and they get summers off. They can meet famous people and make their own hours.

There are many positive things about being a dance teacher. My favorite part about being a dance teacher is that I get to teach other students to dance like me, and I get to help other people. One negative about dancing is that you can get an injury. I know that I will travel a lot to perform. I'll be far from my family, but I know this is the career for me.

The Dream

By: Ahri Scott

You're sitting at home with your team. They're all praying and silent. You're all hoping that you made it to the championships. You're all remembering the game. You and the Minnesota Lynx went into 3 overtimes. Since the game was so long the refs said they will decide by who won the most games in their season. All eyes are on the TV. When Charles Barkley says the Los Angeles Sparks, everybody yells, "It was because of our coach." I am a WNBA Coach.

Coaches help players prepare for games. Also, basketball coaches help players with their aggressiveness. Being a WNBA coach is a marvelous career for me because I care about basketball aside from my grades and my education. Also, I play basketball with all girls, so I have had the experience and I know what it is like playing with all girls.

WNBA coaches have a lot of responsibilities. They have to lead their team to victory. Also, they have to do individual skill instruction with players unless it's a youth basketball camp. They have to schedule future games. You would spend your whole day in your office coming up with plays. You will also watch film with players from past games. You may be studying your opponent. Technically you will work 24/7 all season.

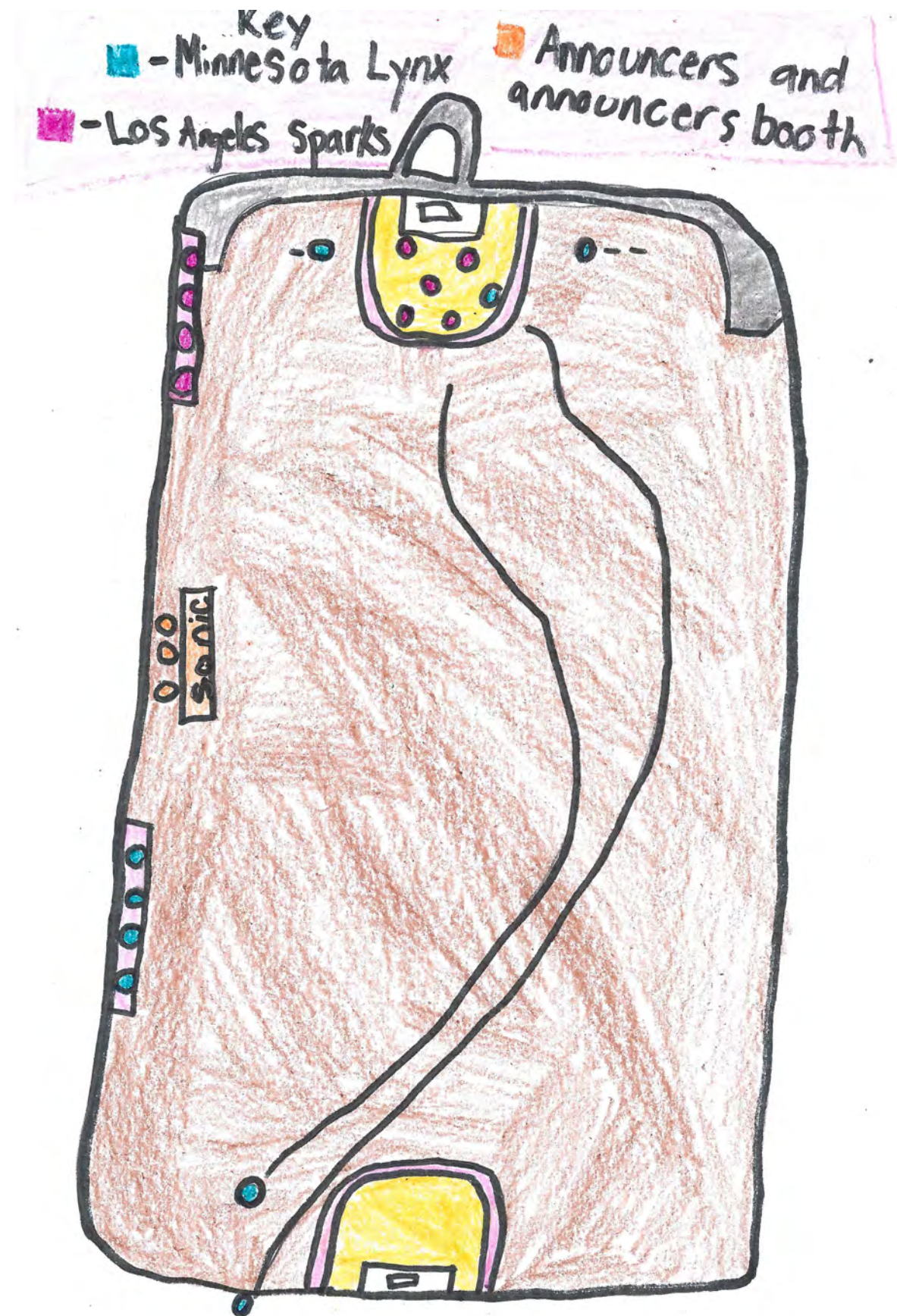
Almost every single job requires some kind of education. If you want to be a WNBA coach you will have to go to basketball training. Also, you will have to go to college and get a bachelor's degree in Physical Training. Almost all coaches go and play college basketball. As a fourth grader I can start getting ready for the life ahead of me by practicing my basketball skills and learning some plays so I can teach my team the same ones.

One important thing to think about when it comes to choosing what job you want is getting the highest salary possible. As a WNBA coach you would make \$20,000 to \$50,000 plus bonuses. If you win games you will get bonuses. Dawn Stalley inspired me. Dawn Stalley is the coach for the USC Gamecocks girl's basketball team. She makes a lot of money and she gets a \$1,000 bonus just for winning games.

Being a WNBA coach has many benefits besides money. You will get to travel. You may get to meet famous people, but it depends on how good your team is. You can also make a difference in people's lives by coaching them, and they could become a legend and make it to the Hall of Fame. Sometimes you will get weekends off, but it depends on when you schedule practice. You won't be off on the off season because you will be on the court with your team.

There are many good things about being a WNBA coach. The best thing about being a WNBA coach is that you get to travel for free. You even get to go to new places. You also go to the finals if you win games. Now, there are some negatives about being a WNBA coach. Some of the negatives about it are that you have to see towels get thrown around the locker room for frustration to a loss. Also, if you lose so many games in a season you will get fired. Since I really like this career, I will be a go getter and stick to this career and I think you should do the same with your career.

"I don't want to be like somebody else. I want somebody to be like me." - Serena Williams





Life in the Clouds

By: Derek Tanner

You are stuck in the desert in the middle of nowhere. You see a helicopter going towards you. He lands near you and yells "get in", and you're finally home. You don't know who he is because he is a pilot. A pilot flies a helicopter, a jet, and an airplane.

A pilot has a lot of responsibilities. I would make sure all information about the route, weather, passengers, and aircraft was received. My day would look like a bunch of clouds. My job would take place in an office, an airplane, and around the world. I will visit states and countries like Texas, New York, North Carolina, and the North Pole. My schedule would be from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

You don't have to go to college to be a pilot. You have to go to pilot school to get training and certification, and the FAA will give you a license. Doing a lot of math and science will help me prepare to be a pilot.

I will get between \$4,800 and \$119,650. I will travel. There are special benefits like meeting famous people or making a positive difference in someone's life. I will also get to make people happy because they get to go to their destination.

My favorite part is flying airplanes, jets, and helicopters. The bad part is you have to check the weather and everything before taking off. This career is good for me because you get to go fast. I also like that airplanes have a lot of buttons so I can press them.

The Vet that Helps Animals

By: Sabrina Whitworth

Veterinarians help animals feel better. They come to your house and help you with your pets. They have to go to Vet School. Lots of animals have to be put down because humans are not taking care of their pets. Vets take care of big and small animals. They are about more than just money.

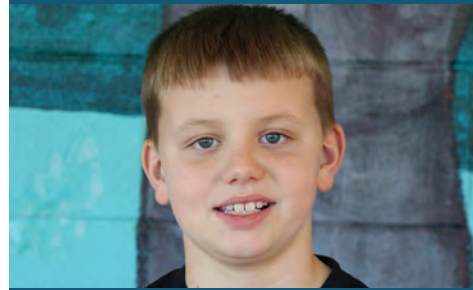
You have to go to college and get a degree. As a fourth grader now I hope that I can save many lives. We can help fix it if we see dogs and other animals getting beaten. I am tired of seeing animals get hurt. A veterinarian's office is a good place for animals to go if they need help or if they do not feel well. The vet will help them. They get paid \$24.11 an hour. The vet will be 28 when they are done with school. I would love to play on the laptop and play many vet games; I can get on it every weekend.

I like that I get paid \$24.11. I am happy, and I could be a good vet. All I want to do is help dogs and cats. If they let animals die or I get a mean boss, I would not be happy. I would clean the cages. I am happy if we don't let them die. I love to take care of dogs and cats, and I would also take care of bunnies, small dogs, deer, cats, elephants, monkeys and goats. I am so excited to be a vet someday. I have to do lots of work to train.

The vet that helps animals
by Sabrina Whitworth Kid/Bunny Kid



About the Authors



My name is Bryson Acker, and I want to be a NFL Coach. I love to sit and watch the television show *Game Shakers*. I also love any song by Flo Rida because he is my favorite artist. My favorite holiday is Christmas, and my best subject in school is math.



My name is Addison Alexander, and I want to be a baker. I love to sing the song “Stitches”. Mac-n-cheese is my favorite food, and I love to celebrate Christmas.



My name is Jamin Benitez, and I want to be a chef. My favorite book and movie is *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. My favorite place to travel is the beach, and I always root for the Carolina Panthers.



My name is Jacob Bailey, and I want to be an Aerospace Engineer. My favorite song is the theme song from *Five Nights at Freddy’s*. I love to hangout in my friend’s tree house and dance to “Gangnam Style”.



My name is Tyler Bowman, and when I grow up I want to be a video game designer. My favorite book is *Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*. My favorite place to travel is New York, and I love the color gold. I love the movie *Finding Nemo*, and I love to eat spaghetti.

My name is Jonah Calhoun, and I want to be a pilot when I grow up. My favorite ice cream flavor is strawberry, and I love to eat mac-n-cheese. My favorite color is orange, and I love to root for the Clemson Tigers.



My name is Jace Cox, and I want to be a zookeeper. I love to watch the movie *Big Hero 6* and eat pasta. My favorite color is baby blue, and my favorite subject is science because you can build stuff.



My name is John Donahey, and I want to be a wildlife biologist. My favorite animal is a snake. I love to visit my grandparent’s house and eat pizza. In my free time I love to play the game *Nyan Cat*.



My name is Joshua Donald, and I want to be an electrical engineer. If I could travel anywhere, I would go to Disney World; it’s my favorite. My favorite ice cream flavor is vanilla and strawberry mixed. I love to watch the television show *Spongebob* and the movie *How to Train Your Dragon 2*.



My name is LJ Jones, and I want to be an architect. I always root for the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks. My favorite song is the “Whip and Nae Nae” because I love to dance to it. If I could read any book over and over again, it would be *Captain Underpants* – it is my all time favorite.



My name is Braydon Kellum, and I want to be a robotic engineer. My favorite sports teams are the Clemson Tigers and South Carolina Gamecocks. I also love the movie *Pokemon*, and I love the color red.





My name is Alissa Kremzar, and I want to be a head chef. My favorite animal is a cat, and I love to eat fried cheese sticks. I love to go to waterparks and play. “Hello” by Adele is my favorite song to listen to.



My name is Cintia Martinez, and I want to be a zookeeper. My favorite subject in school is writing, and I love to watch *Gravity Falls*. My favorite color is purple, and I love to cheer on the Clemson Tigers.



My name is Landon Mays, and I want to be a multimedia artist and animator. My favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate because it is just too good. All the Harry Potter movies are my favorite, and I love to travel to Myrtle Beach because I love the water.



My name is Katie Beth Mitchell, and when I grow up I want to be a White House chef. My favorite animal is a sugar glider because they are so cute. I love the color lime green, and my favorite sports team is the Electric City Gymnastics Team because I am on it.



My name is Ethan Palmer, and I want to be an FBI Agent. My favorite sports team is Clemson because they are the Tigers and that is also my favorite animal. I love Halloween because it’s fun to dress up and go trick-or-treating.



My name is Jake Perkins, and I want to be a multimedia artist and animator. My favorite book is *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. I love to listen to “Bad” by Michael Jackson. My favorite ice cream flavor is cookies and cream.

My name is Lylah Perry, and I want to be a Zookeeper. I love all animals, but my favorites are ferrets and guinea pigs. I like to travel to Tybee Island near Savannah, Georgia. I also love to cheer on the Clemson Tigers and celebrate Christmas.



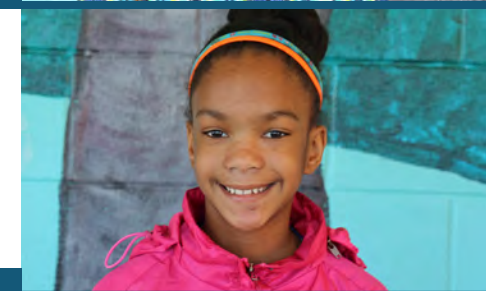
My name is Russell Reid, and I want to be a FBI Agent. My favorite food is cornbread; I could eat it all the time. I love to travel to the Great Wolf Lodge. I love dogs, and if I could have any breed of dog, it would be a Golden Retriever.



My name is Alliyah Scotland, and I want to be a dance teacher. My favorite movie is Disney’s *Descendants*. I want to visit China because I want to save pandas. My favorite holiday is Halloween because I love to dress up.



My name is Ahri Scott, and I want to be a WNBA Coach. My favorite book is *Maya Moore*, and I love trained German Shepherds. My favorite foods are crab legs and lobster. I love to travel on a cruise to Freeport and Nassau, Bahamas.



My name is Derek Tanner, and when I grow up I want to be a pilot. I always root for the Green Bay Packers and the South Carolina Gamecocks football teams. The song I could play on repeat is “Radioactive”, and my favorite subject is recess because I get to play with all my friends.



My name is Sabrina Whitworth, and I want to be a vet. My favorite movie is *Zootopia*. My favorite food is spaghetti, and my favorite subject in school is writing.



A Letter from the Pearce Interns

Dear Mrs. Heffington's Fourth Grade Class,

The Pearce Center Interns were thrilled to learn about this project back in January and we never could have expected what this would become. We were excited to work with you in Mrs. Heffington's fourth grade class because we knew you would inspire us by writing the best stories.

Our role in the project was to help you edit and publish your own stories, which we accomplished by visiting your class twice to provide writing and editing assistance. We really enjoyed working with you to help brainstorm ideas and edit the rough drafts of your stories. This project was important to us because we gained knowledge and understanding by working with you, and we also gained real-life career experience for ourselves through the process of creating and publishing this book.

We really enjoyed working with each student and watching you grow as writers. We wanted your writing to represent the hard work that your fourth grade class has completed, and we wanted to maintain your original voices. With that being said, the Pearce Center made limited additional edits to your stories.

We hope you are excited to read this book over the summer, and we hope you will learn a lot about each other's different career choices. We encourage you to learn more about your friends and to get excited for what the future holds for all of you.

Thank you for allowing us to join Mrs. Heffington's class and to learn about you and your future careers. We had a great experience and loved reading each story!

Best Wishes,
The Pearce Center Interns



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