

OUR FAVORITE ANIMALS

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MRS. CLEGG'S 2ND
GRADE CLASS



A LETTER FROM MRS. CLEGG



Dear Students,

These past few months working on our animal book have been so exciting! I know you all have learned so much through researching and writing about your favorite animals. Becoming an expert on a topic can make us feel so smart, so I am so glad you all have become experts on the animal of your choice. Research can be so difficult to learn how to do, and yet you have all done better than I could have ever imagined. I am so proud of the book that you have created and I love that this is something that you will be able to keep forever. What a great memento to take with you to remember your second grade year! I love each and every one of you and I am so proud of how far you have all come this year.

Love,
Mrs. Clegg



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CATS



By: Kimora Hill

Did you know cats can climb trees? Let's get started. Some cats are black, and all cats have whiskers. Some cats are girls and some cats are boys. Most cats hunt for fish in the pond at night! Many cats scratch people. Many cats wear a bow on their head. Some cats eat fish! Some cats live in the woods. Most cats like to hunt at night! Most cats live inside and some live outside. Many cats live under the car. Some cats live in the cage. Most cats look like a regal cat! And some are ugly. Most cats are white and pretty. If I had a cat I would name it Bell. Some cats have sharp claws.



My favorite book is *Pete the Cat* because I love cats. My favorite place is the water park because I can slide down the slide. My favorite food is mac and cheese because it is good. My favorite colors are red and blue because they are light colors. My favorite subject is math because we get to solve problems.







CROCODILES

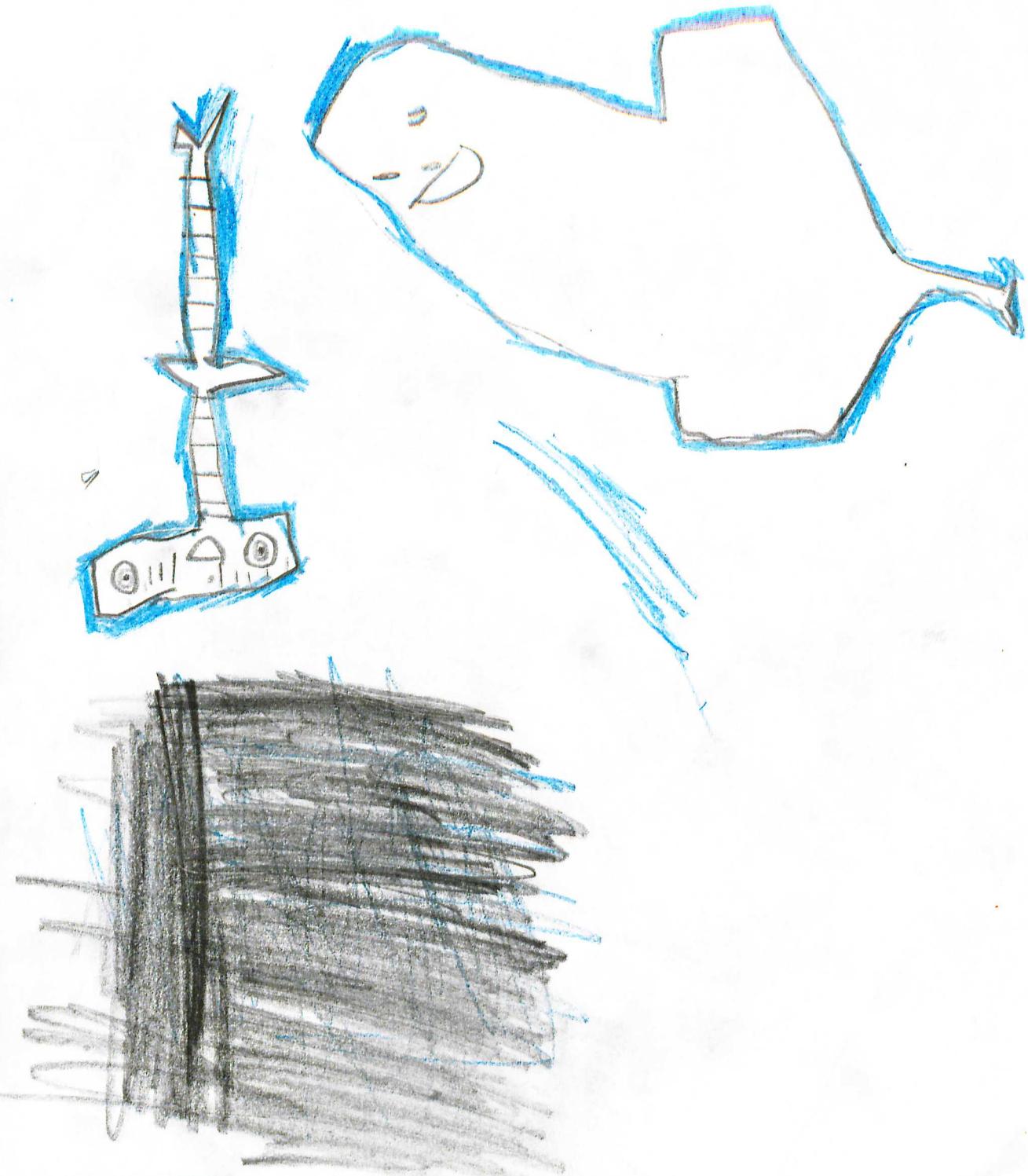
By: Dondreus Vance

Crocodiles are green animals that hunt and eat people. They have green and gray scales. They eat smaller animals and lots of fish. They live in the pond and swamps. They have very sharp teeth. They are reptiles. They lay eggs. Crocodiles are quick and have a strong bite. They are not pets. They sleep on logs. They live in the water and they dive.

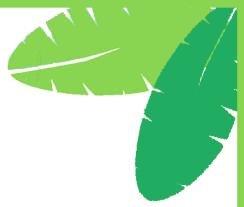


My favorite book is *Nate the Great* because it is a mystery. My favorite places are Bi-Lo and Burger King. I like to eat french fries because they are good. My favorite color is blue because it is light. My favorite subject is math because it is easy.





SHARKS



By: Tylee Morris

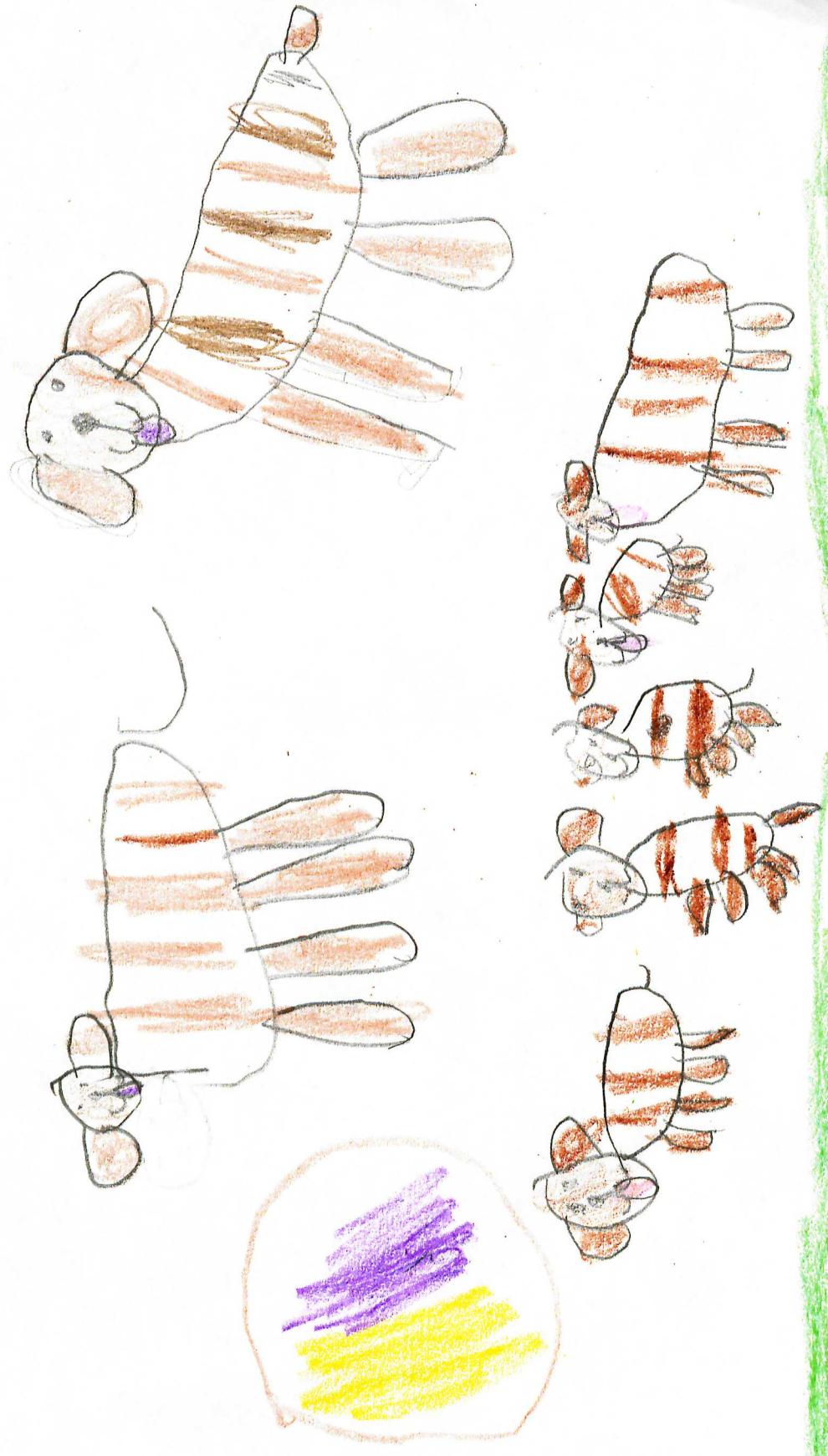
I choose sharks because I had a baby shark. Sharks swim faster than killer whales and they eat sharks. Sharks eat other sharks. Sharks live very deep underwater. Sharks can jump out of the water and bite humans. They can knock over a boat and eat them. Hammerhead sharks can hit blocks of ice open. They have two rows of teeth. Sharks grow two thousand feet long. They weigh five thousand pounds. My favorite shark is a sand tiger shark. Sharks have gills that help them breathe. They live in the ocean and they are gray.



My favorite book is *Dolphins at Daybreak* because they got to ride the dolphins. My favorite place is Ohio because my grandma lives there. My favorite food is lasagna because I like the cheese. My toys were red so I like the color red. My favorite subject is math because I like adding and subtracting.



Brown bear





SAINT BERNARDS

By: Brandon Ortiz

Saint Bernards are smart dogs. They walk where you go. They will have lots of fun with you. They love playing with snow. Dogs listen to what you say. When you say sit to the dog, it sits. It can do anything you say. When you say something it has to do what you are saying. Saint Bernards can protect people from the dark and other things. Saint Bernards love playing with the snow when it is winter. Saint Bernards like to play games that you like so they can play those. Saint Bernards love having fun with you. Saint Bernards are house pets. They have fur and they eat dog food. I like Saint Bernards because they are so cute and soft and are nice to you.



My favorite book is *T Rex* because they have sharp teeth. My favorite place to go is Myrtle Beach because they have big waves. I like to eat pizza and Chinese food because they taste good. My favorite colors are yellow and purple because they are bright and shiny. My favorite subject is reading because I get to read fun books.



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PENGUINS

By: Ayanna Summers

Penguins eat fish. They are black and white. Penguins like to waddle and slide on their bellies. They can catch fish in their beaks. The mom penguin eats the food. Then they place the food in the baby penguin's mouth. Penguins live in Antarctica. Penguins like to play on the ice.



My favorite book to read is *Junie B. Jones* because she is funny. I like to go to the mall because I like to shop. My favorite food is ice cream because it is delicious. My favorite color is pink because it is cute. I like to do math because it is fun.







DOLPHINS

By: Elijah Williams

Dolphins can sleep on one side. They are mammals. They eat fish. White fish is their favorite, more than any other fish in the world. They go crazy when they see white fish and red fish. Those are their favorite kinds of fish. Dolphins live in all oceans of the planet. The noise that dolphins can make is a little whistle. When dolphins see their favorite fish they will go crazy. If you don't believe me, it's true that their favorite kinds of fish are white fish. I like dolphins because they are grey. They can do back flips. Dolphins have smooth skin. I like dolphins a lot.



My favorite book is *Dolphins* because dolphins sleep on one side. I like to go to Myrtle Beach because I like the waves. My favorite foods are french fries and chicken nuggets because I like warm foods. I like the color blue because it looks like the sky. My favorite subject is math because I like knowledge.







GRAY WOLVES

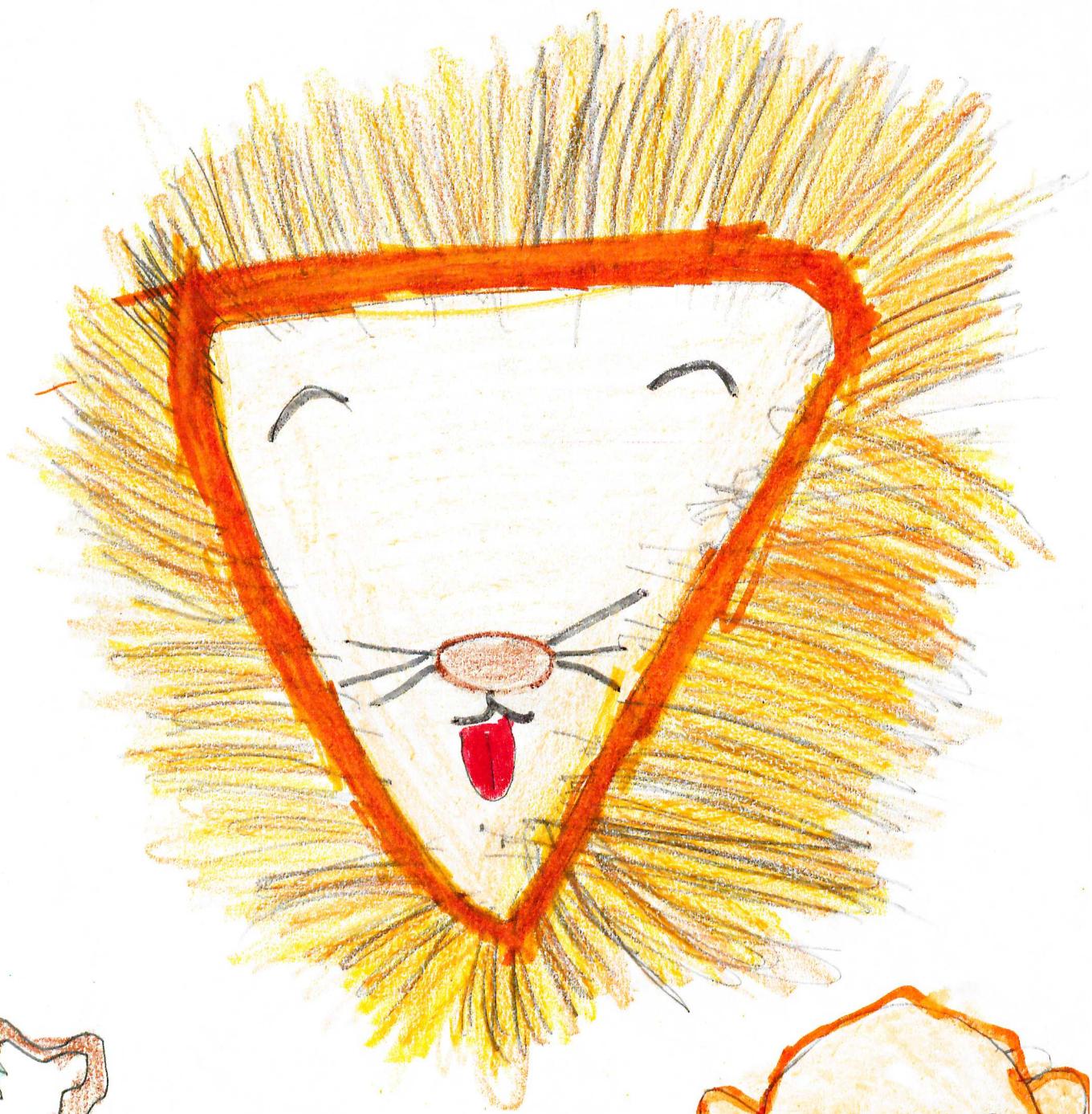
By: Julian Dutton

Did you know that gray wolves live in North America? Well let's get started. Gray wolves eat buffalo, birds, and chicken broth. Wolves hunt deer, mountain goats, and bison. They need food and water. Gray wolves live in Asia and Alaska. Any kind of wolf can live in a cave. A male wolf can weigh more than 100 pounds. Gray wolves get hunted by people and grey wolves also hunt people. They hunt buffalo, just like Native Americans. Wolves look like a large size dog. They howl and bark. Baby wolves live with their parents. They live together in packs or pairs. My family has a black wolf. Wolves are so cool!



My favorite book is *Dogs and Cats*. I love to go to the Chinese restaurant so I can get my favorite food, Chinese food. I have two favorite colors and they are blue and red. I like school and my favorite subject is reading.







LIONS

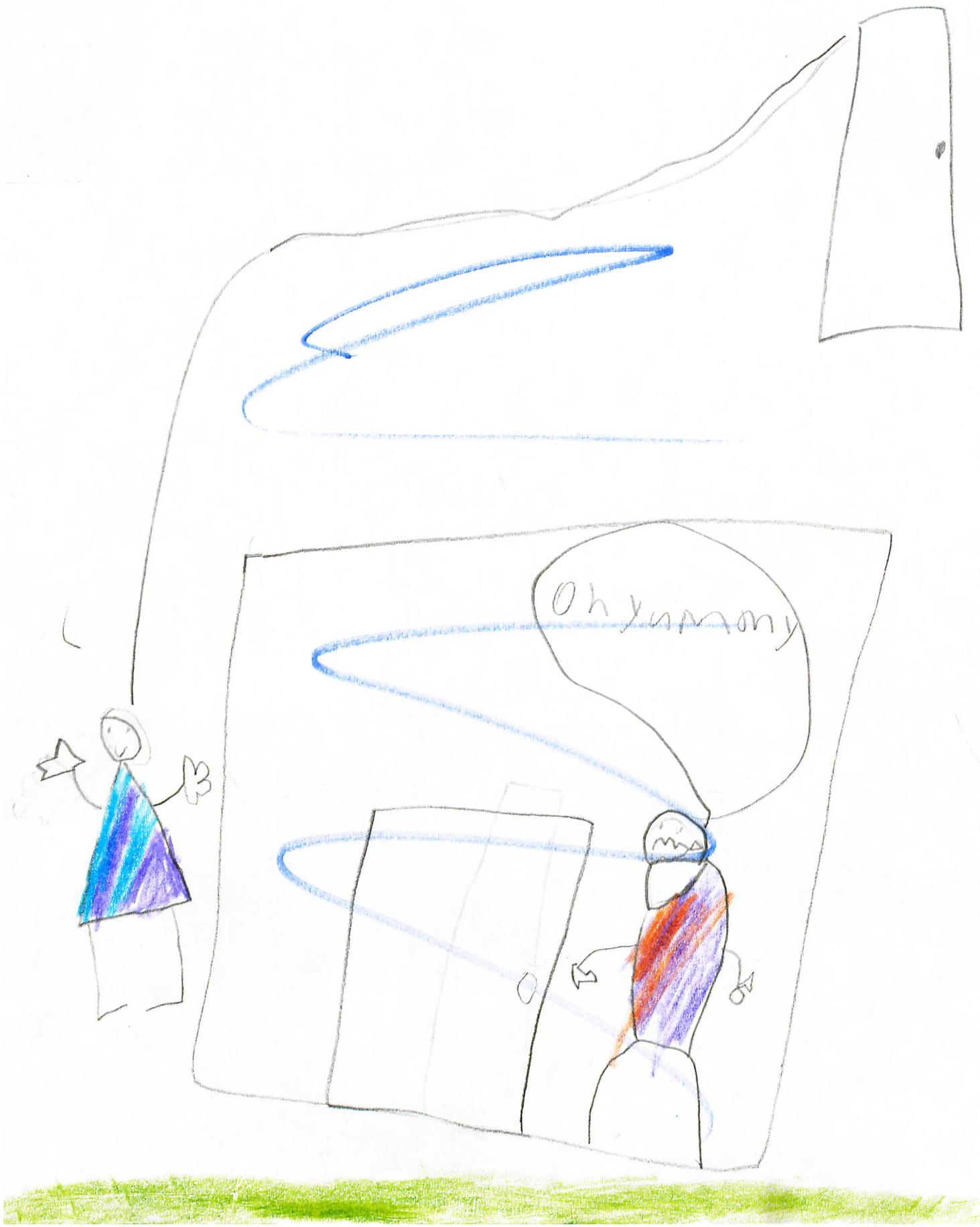
By: Na'Zier Martin

Did you know that lions are the second biggest cat in the world? They live together in a group called a pride which is about 30 lions. A pride has about three boy lions and a lot of girls and baby lions. Did you know that a baby lion is called a cub? The girl lions hunt for food. They are called lioness. Lions hunt for smaller animals. They look like big cats. Boy lions have lots of fur on their head. Lions live in Africa. They make a roar sound. It is a scary sound.



My favorite book is *Diary of a Fly* because I think it is funny. My favorite place is Tennessee because that is where Rock City is. My favorite food to eat is cheeseburgers because they are good to eat. My favorite colors are red and blue because they are the colors of my shirt. My favorite subject is art because it makes me calm.





TIGERS

By: Ladasha Curry



Some tigers are vegetarians. That's so cool because tigers have predators. But the tigers are special. You want to know something even cooler about tigers? They can catch a cat with one jump. That's so cool right? If I could do that I would do that all the time. Tigers live in Asia. They eat deer and pig. Not all tigers live in warm places. I like tigers because they are the Clemson mascot. They really stand out and they are the protectors. Tigers have fur. Now it's okay to have fur when you are an animal, but when you are a person, that doesn't make sense. It really doesn't make sense. What if tigers could live 26-27 years? Wait this is too cool for me. Wow, best story I've been blown away. Just wow that was crazy.



My favorite book is *The Penguin and the Pea* because it's really funny. My favorite place is the Chinese restaurant because they have my favorite foods. My favorite food is Chinese food because it tastes really good. All of my clothes are blue and blue is my favorite color. Math makes you smarter so it is my favorite subject.







SEA LIONS

By: Monserrat Alvarado

Sea lions do flips. They can do front flips and they can do back flips. They are gray and they have scales. They like to eat medium sized fish. Sea lions eat fish. They are mammals. They are cute. They look for food and they are sweet. They cuddle with us. They are so sweet with us. Sea lions sleep on rocks and can fall off. Sea lions look for their families. Sea lions can do a split and a handstand. Sea lions stay warm with blubber. Sea lions live in the ocean. Sea lions have whiskers and flippers.



My favorite book is *Junie B. Jones* because she is funny. I like the beach because I like to make sandcastles. My favorite food is pizza because I like the cheese. I like the color blue because it is a light color. My favorite subject in school is writing because you can write whatever you want.





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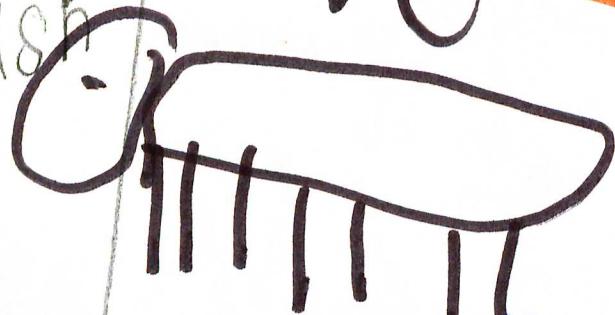
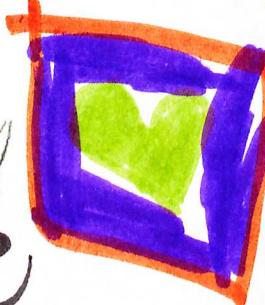


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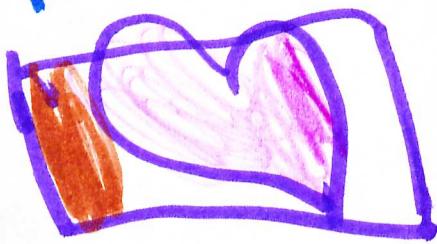


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BEARS

By: Temperance Burdette

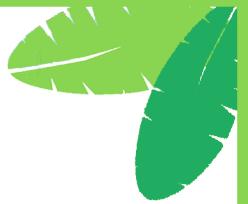
Bears live in the woods. The bears eat fish. They run faster than anybody. They swim for fish. Bears live in the woods and also live in the water. They look for fish in the woods. Bears eat lots of different foods and they love fish mostly. Bears have brown fur. Some bears can be white and black. They have brown feet. They have white and black noses. They hibernate in the winter. Bears splash in the lake for fun. Bears are so cute.



My favorite book is *Junie B. Jones* because she is funny. I like to go to school because I can learn there. My favorite food is pizza because it is yummy. My favorite color is purple because my mom also likes purple. I like to write so my favorite subject is writing.







CHEETAHS

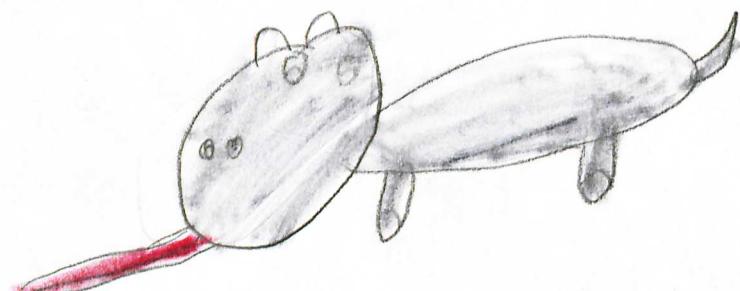
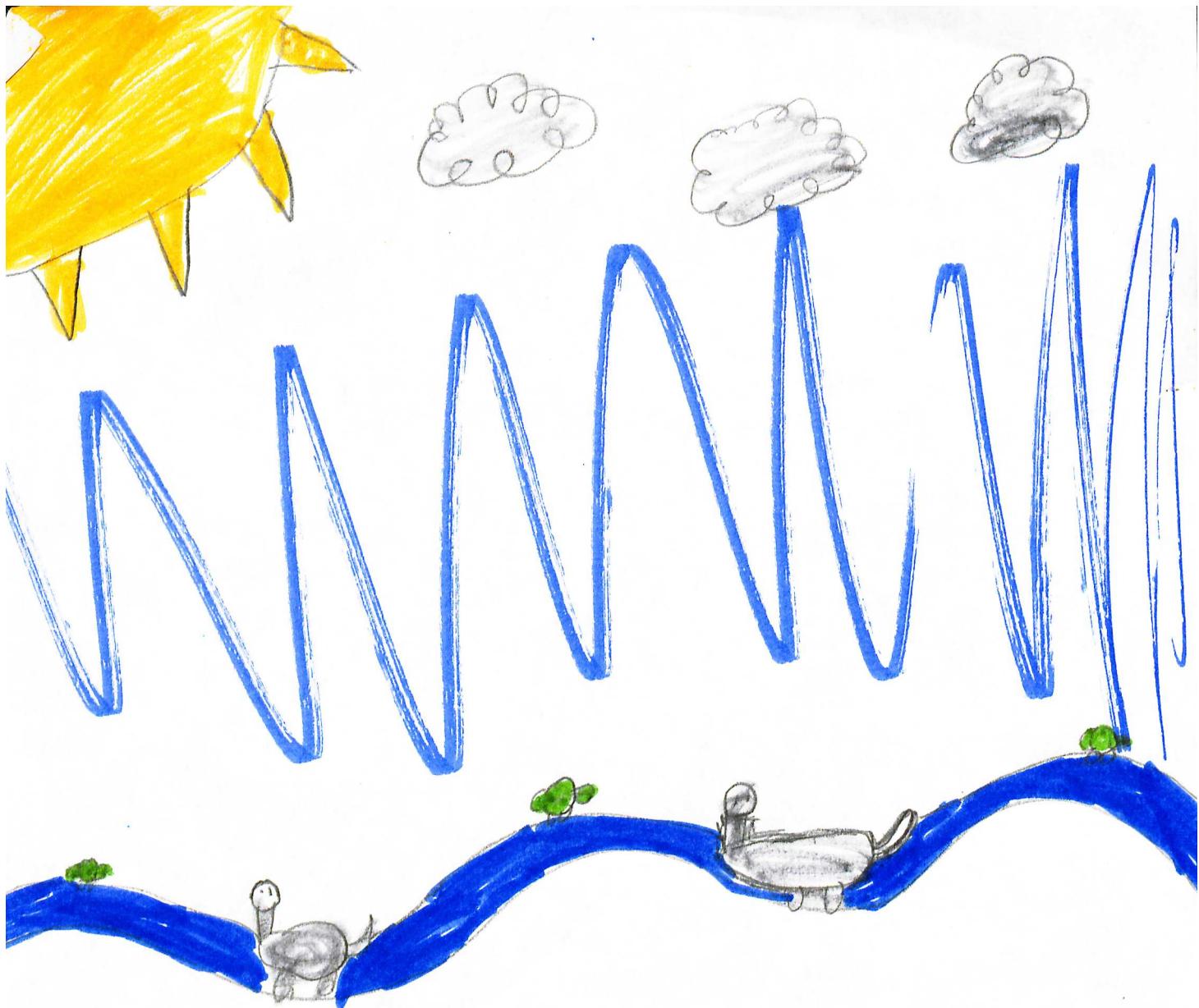
By: Korinthia Thompson

Do you want to learn about cheetahs? Cheetahs run 70 mph. Cheetahs are the fastest animal on the planet. Cheetahs' predators are lions and tigers. Cheetahs can weigh 77-143 pounds and can be 6-8 feet long. Cheetahs live to be 10-12 years old. Cheetahs are orange. Orange helps cheetahs blend in the tall grass and hunt. Cheetahs are black so they don't get too hot. Baby cheetahs go one year with their parents. Cheetahs have white hair on them for one year. They are my favorite animals. Cheetahs live in Africa and eat gazelles.



My favorite book is *Flat Stanley*. My favorite place is Frankie's Fun Park. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is dark red. My favorite subject is science.





HIPPOS

By: Destiny Patterson

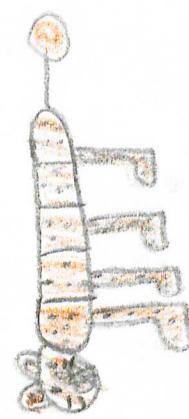
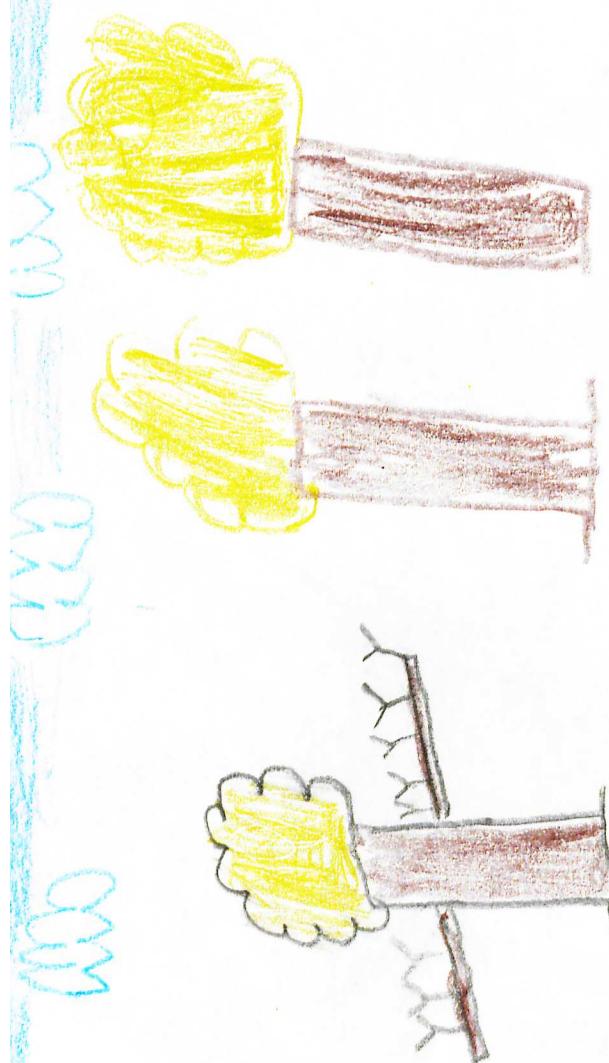


Did you know that hippos are mammals? If you're bad they throw you in the river. Hippos eat grass and fruit. They cannot swim but they can walk. Hippos let birds sit on their back to eat the bugs off their back. I like hippos because they are nice and lovely and because I love their skin color. My animal lives for up to 40 years. Hippos live in the water most of the time. I love hippos so much. Hippos love to be in the water. They spend most of their time in the water. Hippos are also one of the biggest and one of the strongest animals. A hippo's predator is an elephant. Hippos have to fight an elephant. They will have a long fight because they are both big and strong. Hippos have another predator. It is a rhino. It has to have a fight too, and it is a long one. Hippos sleep on the grass. A hippo likes sunny weather. A hippo is a nice animal. Hippos like to eat fruit and grass. I can see a hippo in the zoo.



My favorite book is *Cats and Dogs*. I love to go to school, and my favorite subject is math. Pink is my favorite color. My favorite food is hot dogs.





SNAKES

By: Gadiel Ordonez



This is a story all about snakes. Snakes live in Africa. They eat rats, lizards, and crocodile. A fun fact about my snakes is that they eat other snakes. They are longer than others. Some snakes are very dangerous. I chose this animal because I like it. It is cool. Me and my dad found a snake. It was small but it was eating a rat. Me and my brother tried to catch the snake but it was gone! My dad caught the snake and it didn't bite him. My favorite snakes are the venom ones. There can be black, gray, orange, and green snakes. Snakes are 20 inches long. Some are 40, or 43. Snakes who live in the water do eat crocodile. The first time I saw the book, I wanted to write about snakes. Now I know about snakes and I am going to make the best book ever.



My favorite book is *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* because they fight good. My favorite place to go is Greenwood because I can play with my cousin. My favorite food is pizza because I eat it so much. My favorite color is green and I like the green Power Ranger. I like to do math because I am good at math.







POLAR BEARS

By: KeAsia Scotland

Did you know that polar bears are interesting creatures? Polar bears eat lots of food. Polar bears swim to find fish. Polar bears live in different places. Polar bears live very far away. Polar bears hunt sea otters and sea lions. Polar bears swim to find fish to eat for dinner. Polar bears sleep in big cages. Baby polar bears drink milk. Polar bears get in the water to get enough food to eat. Polar bears like to hunt for food to eat. They stay in Antarctica to stay cool. They are white and have fur. The weather in Antarctica is cold. Polar bears are huge.



My favorite book is *3 Pigs* because the wolf couldn't blow the house down. My favorite place is Seneca because my mom lives there. My favorite food is mac and cheese because we have a lot of cheese. My favorite color is pink because pink is pretty. My favorite subject is reading because I have learned to read better.



Friday





SPIDERS

By: Rielly Person

Spiders are sneaky and scary because they crawl. They blend in with leaves. They eat flies and cockroaches. Spiders like to eat any kind of bugs. They can be different colors. They all have 8 legs. They shoot the webs out of their butt. Spiders are very small. Some can be big though.



My favorite book is *Cat in the Hat*. I like to go to the Kids Museum. My favorite thing to eat is a milkshake. I love the color red. My favorite subject in school is writing.







CHIMPANZES

By: Elijah Cormack

Chimpanzees have kings and queens. Chimpanzees live in the jungle. Chimpanzees like to stand up. The older chimpanzees teach the younger chimpanzees. They can kill fish. Chimpanzees are smart. They stay in a tree. They have fur. They like to eat fruit. I like chimpanzees because they have red butts.



My favorite book to read is *The Last Kid On Earth*. My favorite place is Gravatopia. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is red. My favorite subject in school is science.







CLOWN FISH

By: Andrae Dukes

A clownfish lives in the ocean. They live in a sea anemone. They eat seaweed, plankton, and worms. They are orange and white. They have stripes. The clownfish can hide from sharks. Female clownfish lay thousands of eggs.



My favorite book is *Giraffes* because their neck and legs are six feet long. My favorite place is the Hotel Woods because it has a flat screen TV. My favorite food is meat beef stew because it is tasty. My favorite color is green because that is the color of money. My favorite subject is math because I like multiplication.



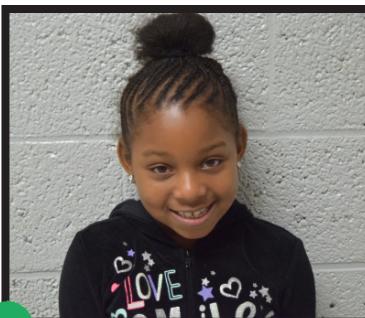




PANDAS

By: Tytianna Hagood

Did you know that pandas eat leaves? Pandas hunt foxes. Pandas like eating bamboo. They can climb trees. A panda is chunky. Pandas are black and white. They like to sleep a lot. Pandas weigh 300 pounds. Pandas can hunt other bears. I like pandas with warm fur. I would like to play with a panda. If you want to see one, go to the zoo. A panda has a soft fur coat that keeps them warm. Pandas have big feet that help them run from other animals. They have eyes that help them see in the dark. They can run in the morning but not in the dark. A panda can smell honey. A panda can have babies and they live in safe places. They sometimes eat dirty foods.



My favorite book is *About A Panda* because it teaches me about panda bears. I like to go to the beach because you can have fun. My favorite food is spaghetti because it looks like noodles. My favorite color is green because my friend also likes it. I like to do math because it is easy.



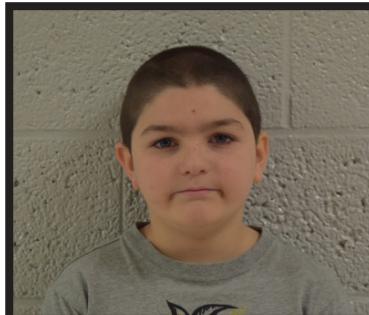




DEER

By: Jonathan Girardi

I hunt for deer. I hunt the deer only for the meat and fur. I make stuff with the fur and we eat the meat. Deer eat plants and corns and nuts when they are available. A male deer is called a buck. I shot one once, it also had antlers. A female deer is called a doe. They use their hooves to dig out a cave for a home. When they're growing they have spots and when they are fully grown the spots are gone. When we went hunting one night when it was snowing, we noticed that they hibernate until the summer.



My favorite food to eat is deer meat. It is so yummy. I love to play minecraft video games. I really like to read books about animals. They are very interesting.







LEMURS

By: Eder Apolinar

Lemurs like to eat fish. Lemurs like to climb trees. Lemurs like to show their claws and climb the trees. Lemurs live in America in the zoo and in the prairie. They have very sharp claws. Baby lemurs are called pups. Lemurs are mammals. I would like to see a lemur.



My favorite book is *Werewolf* because they howl. My favorite place to go is Christmas parties because I like presents. I like to eat ice cream because it is too good. I like the color red because it is cool. My favorite school subject is science because I like animals.





A LETTER FROM THE PEARCE INTERNS:

Dear Mrs. Clegg's 2nd Grade Class,

The Pearce Center Interns were thrilled to learn about this project back in January, and we never could have expected how great your stories would turn out. We were excited to work with you in Mrs. Clegg's 2nd grade class because we knew you would inspire us by writing the best stories about your favorite animals.

Our role in this 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 about the publishing process by working with you.

We really enjoyed working with each student and watching you grow as writers. We wanted your writing to represent the hard work that your 2nd grade class has completed, and we wanted to maintain your original voices. That being said, the Pearce Center made limited additional edits to your stories. We hope you are excited to read this book over summer vacation, and we hope you will learn a lot about each other's different favorite animals. 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. Clegg's class and to learn about you and your favorite animals. We had a great experience and loved reading each story!

Best Wishes,
The Pearce Center Interns



AUTOGRAPHS

