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MS. PATTERSON'S
3RD GRADE CLASS



WITH HELP FROM CLEMSON UNIVERSITY'S

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A LETTER FROM MS. PATTERSON



Dear Class,

This project began when you, as 3rd grade Quest students, were asked to become authors. You all have used tools used by authors that include informing your reader and humor to convince readers that a very unhuggable animal can indeed become huggable.

A LETTER FROM MS. PATTERSON

You chose your insect or arachnid because even though the animal may not be well liked, it does play an important role in the environment.

These past few months working on our book have been so exciting! Researching is such a great way to learn and you did a great job in becoming an expert on your insect.

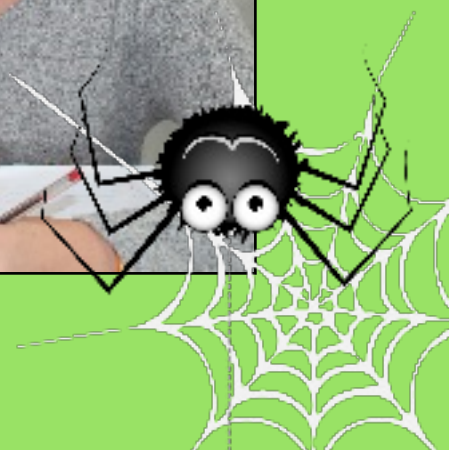
I am so proud of the book that you have created and I love that this is something that you will be able to keep forever. The other students from our class will be able to read your writing and learn more about all of these different insects, as well!

What a great memory to take with you to remember your third grade year. I love each and every one of you, and I am looking forward to watching you grow as the year continues! Congratulations on being official authors!

Love,

Ms. Patterson





ADDYSEN



My name is Addysen and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *Princess in Black*. I like to go to the beach because I like playing in the sand. My favorite food is banana pudding. My favorite color is purple. My favorite school subject is reading because it's fun to read books. I also like to play games.



WATER SPIDER

BY: ADDYSEN



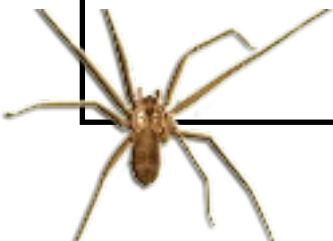
May 31st: Today was the last day of school. It was the most amazing day of the school year because it was Molly the Water Spider's birthday. The bad part was that she had nectar for dinner and her drink was blood.

June 1st: Today, I played with Molly and we played with balloons. I hit her in the leg with a water balloon and broke her leg. She had to go to the doctor.

June 2nd: Ever since I hit Molly in the leg, she had to have crutches. It was very hard for her to walk forward. She's getting the hang of it. One of her crutches had things on the bottom because it was so bad.

June 10th: Finally Molly did not have to use crutches. I'm trying to get used to Molly without her crutches. We decided we should never play water balloons again.

June 20th: Molly got mad at me for throwing a ball at her, so she is not friends with me anymore. I'm looking for a new friend. **June 30th:** I went to the lake to water ski and I saw a small fish. He came to me and said, "Will you be my friend?". I said "Yes". So he has been my friend ever since.



ALIYAH



My name is Aliyah and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *Diary of a Fly*. I like to go to the pool because I like to swim. My favorite food is ice cream. My favorite color is pink. My favorite school subject is math because it is easy. I also like to draw because I practiced and got better!





LOCUST

BY: ALIYAH

My name is Luke the Locust. Today was my first day of first grade! I was really nervous. My mom came in and said, "Are you ready?" I said, "No, Mom. What if other locusts try to steal my girl?" Mom said, "You have a girlfriend and you never t-" "NO!" I yelled. "What if I did get one Mom?" I said. "Mom, stop!" I said. Mom told me that she was sorry. Dad came up that's just what my mom said when I was little. My mom said, "Girl locusts were very cute and don't hang out with boys". Then, Dad said that was not true.

After that I went to school, and guess what? I liked a girl and it was weird. I never felt like this before. I went to talk to her. "H-h-hi y-y-y-you are cute". She told me thank you. "My name is Kate" she said. "You're cute, too". I fainted. Then, I was in my classroom, and I saw looking at me. But then I screamed. It was just a dream, but I felt like it was real. Then, I looked at the clock, and I was late! I grabbed my lunch and bag. Mom said, "Stop! You forgot to give me a hug!" I said, "I am late". Mom said, "Fffffffine. Go".

Guess what? I was late. I know I was late because tit looked like a dirty rug since many people stomped on the rug in to class. I sat down in my seat. As soon as I sat down, my teacher told us to get up and get in line for the field trip. I said on the bus, and I fell asleep. Then, I got up and saw this girl. She was talking about how there was a big crowd of locusts from another school. Then, I got off the bus and followed my class into the zoo. At the zoo, we saw all of our scary enemies in cages. The animals in the cages were foxes, lizards, frogs, and birds. Them, we ate a lot of grass, lettuce, and corn. Then, we went home and got dressed for the Boo Bass that was starting in a couple of hours.



AUBREY



My name is Aubrey and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *Magic Tree House*. I like to go rock sliding because I love water. My favorite food is mousse. My favorite color is lime green. My favorite school subject is writing because you can come up with stories. I love dogs and reading. I love video games and country music. My favorite song is “Meant to Be” by Florida Georgia Line.





SPITTING SPIDER

BY: AUBREY

In the spring, there once lived a spitting spider named Spitty. It was Spitty's first day of school. At his new school, he did not have a good day, so he ran home and told his mom. His mom asked Spitty what was wrong, and he said that he made zero friends and threw himself on the floor. Spitty said to his mom, "You have another day tomorrow!" Spitty jumped up off the floor and said, "I have homework to do," so he ran to his room and got to work.

The next day, he went to school, and there was a new kid named Hoppy. Hoppy didn't know anyone, so she asked Spitty for help. He froze and said, "yes." People and other bugs think I'm mean but I'm just trying to protect myself," said Hoppy. The two of them ate together. At recess, Hoppy played dead and Spitty cried. Suddenly, Hoppy got up. "You're alive!!!!!" screamed Spitty. After recess, they walked home together.

The next day, they were in 4th grade. They were glad to be in that grade. "There are new classmates," said Hoppy. After that day, they met a new friend, and her name was Writer. She loved Hoppy's hair. The bad thing was that Hoppy and Spitty weren't in the same class. Writer and Spitty were in the same class. They became best friends, but they left Hoppy out. Hoppy was so sad. When Spitty called Hoppy, Hoppy didn't answer. The next day, Hoppy had a new friend named Hopper. Hoppy and Hopper were best friends. They never left each other's sides.

In 5th grade, Hopper and Hoppy were together and Spitty and Writer were together. Hoppy and Spitty were friends again. When I get to middle school, Hoppy and Hopper said we have to wait until our thoraxes get sharp. I want to see what it will look like. Well, that was a short story... wait who is calling us? Oh no, it's our principal! She is Mrs. Write - that's Writer's mom. The principal said that they had to go, so they all lived happily ever after!



BLADIMIR



My name is Baldimir and I am 9 years old. My favorite book is *Percy Jackson*. I like to go to skyzone because I like to jump. My favorite food is cheeseburgers. My favorite color is red. My favorite school subject is math because it is easy for me.





TARANTULA

BY: BLADIMIR

Mr. Dinkles started off his day with getting dressed. He put his school uniform on and fixed his hair nicely for picture day. He arrived at school and saw his best friends. He ate breakfast with his friends.

He did his morning work with his friends. Then, he went to trumpet class where he played trumpet for the part of the day. He went to his friend's house to eat lunch. His friend lives in a jungle in South America.

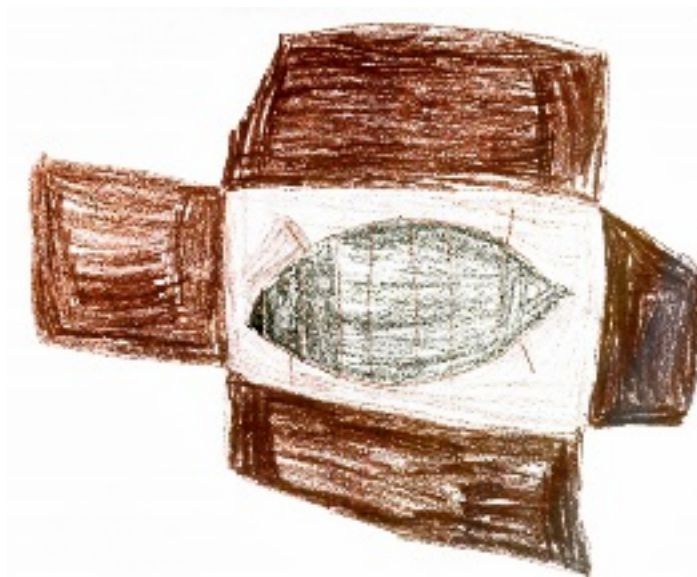
He ate frogs and mice. Next, he went to his favorite ice cream parlor, which is Bruster's.

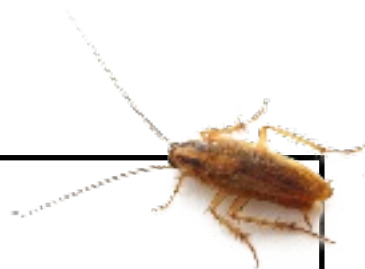


CARTER



My name is Carter and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *Harry Potter*. I like to go to the beach because there are sea shells. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is orange. My school subject is PE because it involves football and sports.





BED BUGS

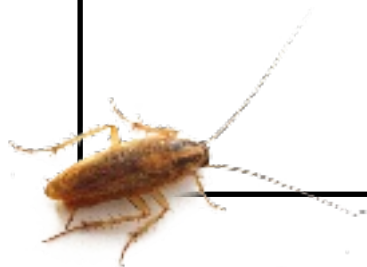
BY: CARTER

Bed Bug Bob went to school. He met a girl. The girl asked him to tell her a joke. What do you call a cat? A cat? No a meow! Very funny. You didn't get it and I don't get it. Bob tried to punch her, but he accidentally hit himself and he went home crying.

The next day, Bob sat at the back of the room and the girl sat right beside him. He told her he was sorry and then he found out that her name was Jaleah. Then, Bob said, "Let's play hide and seek".

She said, "Ok".

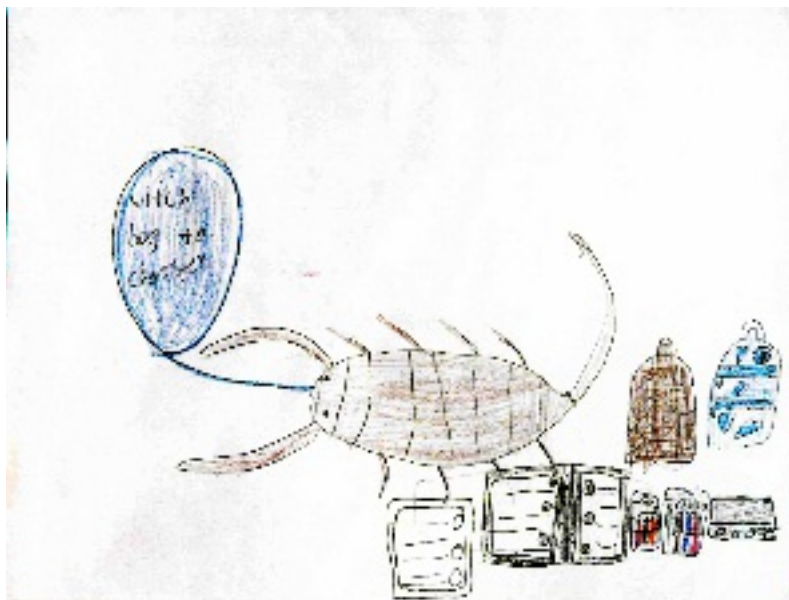
Bob hid in the box. Then, he hid in a shoe. Then, there was a new kid. The new student was a girl named Mora. She would play with Bob and Jaleah every day.

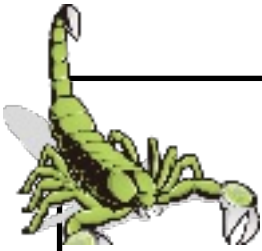


CHLOE



My name is Chloe and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *Junie B. Jones*. I like to go to Carowinds because I like the swing. My favorite food is tacos. My favorite school subject is science because it is fun to learn.





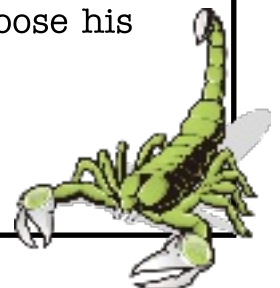
ARIZONA BARK SCORPION

BY: CHLOE

Hi my name is Samantha, and today is my first day of 10th grade. I want to be on the high school cheer team, but I have to stay home because I am too sick to go to school. I am so sad. My mom gave me some medicine, and it was disgusting. Then, my mom gave me some breakfast, and she packed my lunch. I got to go to school today, and I am so happy!!!!

After school, I went to my friend's house. My mom picked me up, and we went to Bugs Beach. They had a BugDonalds and a Bugs museum. I was so excited to see my boyfriend! My mom took me to the Bug museum. We saw some history. My mom took me to lunch, and she told me what I looked like when I was a baby. I was a little see-through! She also carried me on her back.

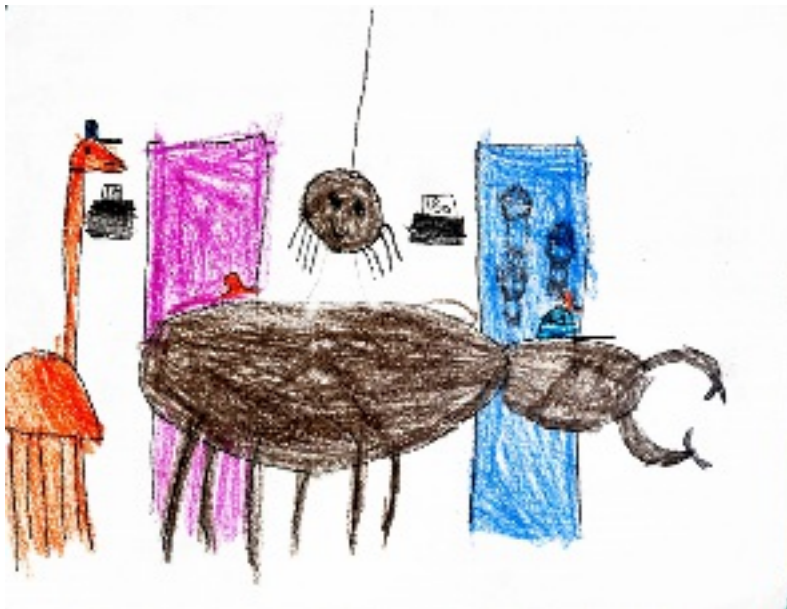
For lunch, my mom and I shared a grasshopper. When we were done, we went back to the hotel, and we packed to go home. We live in the desert, and she's trying to choose his book bag for next year.



IAIN



My name is Iain and I am 8 years old.. My favorite book is *Sharklady*. I like to go to the beach and look for sand dollars. My favorite food is gummy sharks. My favorite color is green. My favorite school subject is art because it excites me. I also love dinosaurs and animals. My favorite animal is the iguana.





RHINOCEROS BEETLE

BY: IAIN

January 20th - Today, I found out that we are the strongest animals on earth! We can lift 180 times our weight! That's like an elephant carrying 180 elephants on it's back!

March 2nd - All of my brothers, sisters and cousins live around the world! I live in the zoo and rainforest. I hope no warthogs come here!

May 31st - My mom had babies again! She put them in a long as usual. I still don't know why my mom put us in a log.

July 26th - I was so nervous at lunch that I thought I was the only one who ate decaying fruit. It turns out, everybody ate decaying fruit! S

September 9th - My dad said that it is going to be mating season soon. He made me sharpen my horns.

November 30th - Today is my birthday. I am turning one year old! For my birthday wish, I wished that I would have a happy next three years!

November 31st - Today, we ate decaying fruit again! My mother says, "I am a pig." I told her that, "If I was a pig, I'd eat her too!"

December 1st - I found that my whole family includes 30,000 beetles! Whew! That is a lot! When the family reunion happens, there will be no room to play! I hope that there will be food left!

December 2nd - I don't like that:

1. I have to sharpen my horns
2. I go on vacations all over the earth
3. I am the most beloved pet in all of Africa

As you can see, I am a really cool insect because I can lift 180 times my weight, and I have a love for everyone!



KALEB



My name is Kaleb and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *Percy Jackson*. I like to play video games because I can hang down from skyscrapers. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is black. My favorite school subjects are math, reading, science and social studies because I am really good at them.





WASP BEETLE

BY: KALEB

Today is the first day of preschool. Wasp Beetle is so scared, and he is wondering if his teacher is mean or nice. “Well, I’ll find out” said Wasp Beetle to himself. Well here I am and I close my eyes. I fly into class and everyone is a Wasp Beetle! Yes! Woohoo that was a close one. I was scared for one second, but now it is time to go meet the teacher.

When I went to walk to the teacher, she said, “Ok class, time to learn each other’s names.” “Ughhh this is going to be booooooring” said Wasp Beetle. When my teacher said her name, I fell zzzzzzzzzzzzz. Everybody laughed when I mumbled in my sleep. I felt embarrassed, but then came lunch. I thought I was the only one who ate dead logs. It turns out that everyone eats dead logs! After we ate, it was time to go home and play Fortnite.

When I got home, my mom asked me about my day. I said that it was bad.

“Why is that?” Mom asked. I told her about falling asleep. “You are in soooooo much trouble! You are grounded from every device in this house” said Mom. You know we only have three devices in this house and what three devices you are talking about. I told her that she is punishing herself too. I said, “Mom, you know you are late so buh-bye”. Then I headed over to the beetle’s house.

When I was on the way to the school, the bully hornet pushed me down, and I was so scared. He did something and he didn't know that I had protective coloration and hornet was so scared that he cried, “Mommy”. Beetle and I laughed our heads off. For real, we laughed our heads off. We just laughed so hard and cried when we laughed. Horney still kept bothering me for weeks after what I did.



LANDON



My name is Landon and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is the *Book of World Records*. I like to go to Myrtle Beach because I love the blue ocean. My favorite food is pizza and my favorite color is blue. My favorite school subject is math because I am good at it.





SCORPION

BY: LANDON

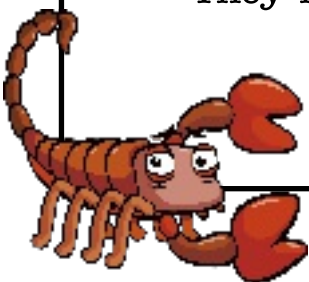
My name is Super Scorpion. I have to wait three weeks until my armor hardens! I have 54 sisters and 36 brothers and all of us are around 2.7 centimeters. When there is no light on Friday, we all light up each other. We are blue at night, and the floor looks like a disco floor. I live Arizona (duh) because my name is Arizona Bark Scorpion. I am in kindergarten and I am five years old.

I am in third grade and am 3.0 centimeters long. I am about as big as a human's hand. I am eating my friend's brother for lunch. He gave me his brother, so I would not eat him. Sometimes, I look at my friend, Armed Spider, and I think of him as a cheeseburger.

When we play tag, Spider always catches me with his web and tags me. Then, I use my pinchers for getting out of the web. They call him Spider Man because he shoots his web. We live under a rock in an apartment because we like to live in dark spaces.

He lives across from me. He is 5 centimeters to 18 centimeters. If a human tries to mess with us, we will bite them. He eats flies, beetles, ants, and mosquitos. They help the world a bunch. Mosquitos bite you and make you itch.

They live in the tropical south. It was the first spider discovered ever.



MORA



My name is Mora and I am 8 years old. My favorite book is *The Boxcar Children*. I like to go to the mall because I like to shop. My favorite food is macaroni. My favorite color is teal. My favorite school subject is science because I like experiments. One fun fact about me is that I have been to Niagara Falls.





THE LUNA MOTH AND THE BEETLE

BY: MORA

One day, a luna moth and a beetle got to school together.

There is a pet named Miss Luna Moth who is also the teacher. She is a green ant and the kids are yellowish green. She tells them that they have a field trip. They will eat wood.

Luse the Luna Moth does not eat this.

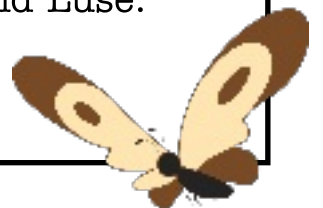
She only lives for seven days.

She eats wood. Bob the Beetle does not know why. He goes to investigate. He found that he is about to die, so he tells the teacher. The teacher is sad. Luse and Bob go home together. They have as much fun as they can before Luse dies. They go to the park in a fly taxi.

They have a picnic and play on swings. Then they go get ice cream. Bob gets wood flavored ice cream. Luse just got ice. They go to a big park. They were jumping. Luse could easily do a flip because she has wings. Bob just jumped. He did not know how to do a flip because he has six legs.

When he tried he could not tuck in his legs. She did not have enough room.

They leave the trampoline because they went to a rollercoaster park. It was expensive so they went home. Then they flew home. It was the best day for Bob and Luse.



REESE



My name is Reese and I am 7 years old. I can't choose my favorite book because I like all of them! I like to go to the pool because I like to swim. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite color is purple. My favorite school subject is reading because it is one of my favorite things to do. I also have two siblings. I have a younger brother and a younger sister. I am a lefty!





THE MOSQUITO

BY: REESE

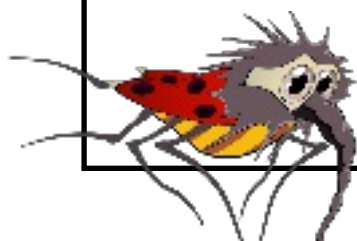
Hi! I'm Molly the Mosquito and I will be telling you my story. It all started when a dad made the biggest cannonball splash ever! The water from that splash hatched mosquitoes from the floating egg raft next. My 332 wriggler siblings and I were born on the north side of Skeeterville Lake.

My wrigglers and I spent our first day playing a survival game of dodgefish. My surviving siblings and I started learning new tricks.

Calling ourselves the tumblers, we spent the next week doing handstands, somersaults, cartwheels, flips and back bend bridges along the edge of the water. We had so much fun tumbling that we didn't realize that we were adults. We got very hungry.

Thankfully, there were some flowers nearby. My sisters and I were not satisfied with just nectar, so we decided to move down, down to Mosquito Town. Mosquito Town was located on the south side of the lake. It was known for having the best all you can eat campground buffet! Each day, Molly wakes up from her tall grass hammock.

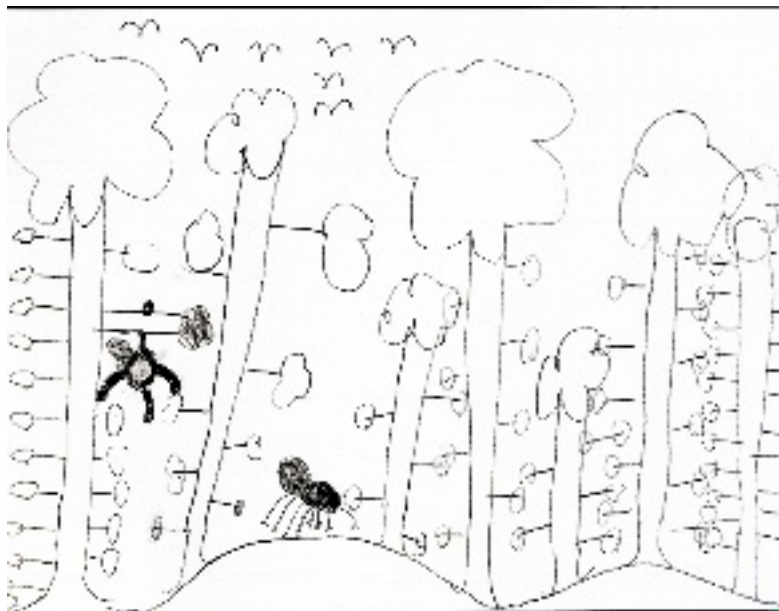
First, she eats her favorite breakfast of nectar. After breakfast, she goes to the sweetest spot in Mosquito Town--the playground! Molly spent the rest of her day sucking blood from children. The next day, like any other day, Molly ate breakfast and went to the park to suck children's blood. The first child she went to felt her land on him. Before Molly knew it . . . SPLAT! That's the end of Molly's story.



JAXSON



My name is Jaxson and I am nine years old. My favorite book is *It* and my favorite food is pizza. I really like to play Fortnite. I also like to ride my bike. One fun fact about me is that my thumb is double jointed!





BLACK WIDOW

BY: JAXSON

Once upon a time, there was a child Black Widow spider. His name was Charlie. Charlie was six years old. He was getting ready for school. He went to school. Two hours later, it was time for recess. At recess, he heard something in the forest. He went into the forest. He went deeper and deeper and then he heard the same noise.

Then, he saw it! It was a monkey! Charlie asked the monkey for directions to go home. The monkey told him to follow the banana peels. "Thank you," said Charlie.

"My twenty-four paws are hurting".

Five minutes later, Charlie found out that the monkey was wrong. Now he was in the desert. "Wait. I hear something. Ah I I think I found it. AHHHH! A scorpion!!

Hello Mr. Scorpion. My name is Charlie. Can you give me directions to home?" "Sure," said Mr. Scorpion.

"Just follow the holes". "Thank you. I think my hourglass is turning orange" said Charlie.



A LETTER FROM THE PEARCE CENTER INTERNS

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Dear Mrs. Patterson's 3rd Grade Class,

Thank you so much for letting the Pearce Center Interns work with your class to create and publish your very first book. Your stories turned out amazing and we are so proud of you! Our role in this project was to help you edit and publish your own stories, which we accomplished by visiting 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 third grade class has completed, and we wanted to work to maintain your original voices. With that being said, the Pearce Center made limited additional edits to your stories.

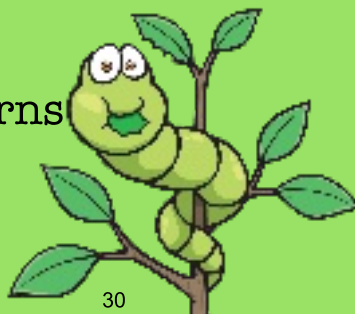
A LETTER FROM THE PEARCE CENTER INTERNS



We hope you are excited to read this book over winter break, and we hope that you will learn a lot about each other's favorite unhuggable insects. 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. Patterson'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





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