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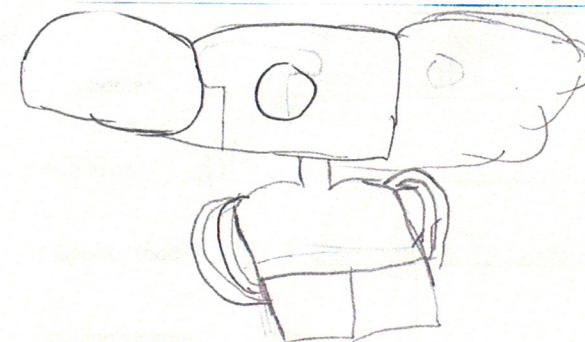


Time to Dream About Poetry

POEMS, STORIES AND MUSINGS BY THE STUDENTS IN
PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S 2008 SUMMER CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS.



Malik Jackson



My alien

My alien's car is so raggedy
the motor stops every second.
My alien's name is Monkey
and he smells like some weak feet.

One special meal that I'll always remember was...

Every Sunday, my grandmom's special meal is spaghetti and meatballs and my cousin, aunt, mom, me, brother, sister, we watch t.v. after the meal. We go outside and play basketball. Me and my cousins play basketball against each other.

Sad Man

Someone died
he loved
he cared about.
He tried not to be sad,
but he couldn't.
So he was sad,
so he is a sad man,
and that is the truth.

One day I discovered that I could fly...

Here are three words or descriptive phrases to describe what it felt like: I will be freaking out, I will be happy, I will be excited.

The first thing I did was... I will fly around the whole wide world.

Here are some of the places I visited: Rome, Greece, Tappahanock, Jamaica, the Caribbean, Mexico, Las Vegas.

Here are some of the people I went to see: some celebrities

When I got home, here's what I did: I thought about where I will go next.

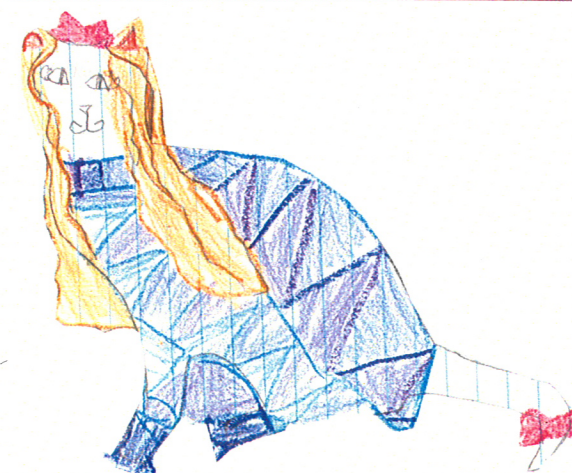
The best thing about flying is: the wind in my face, going places.



Malik likes to play football and wants to be an NBA player when he grows up.



Elizabeth McGee



The Cat

A soft cat has babies and the babies are cute and sweet.
They love you too.
They care about you.
They live in the city and you can love them too.

My alien

My alien lives in New York City
she is very silly
she eats bananas and she likes to cheer.
Her friend lives near.

One special meal that I'll always remember was...

when we went to the beach I ate three hot dogs, six water-melons, and one hamburger and two bags of chips. I felt full.
The water got in my mouth—it tasted salty. I went in the ocean before I ate.

One day I discovered that I could fly...

Here are three words or descriptive phrases to describe what it felt like: good, happy, fun.

Here are some of the places I visited... I went to the ice cream factory. I went to visit my mom's boyfriend and my mom.

Here are some of the people I went to see... My mom's boyfriend. My grandma. My aunt. My friend.

When I got home, here's what I did: eat ice cream and maybe cake

The best thing about flying is: going to the ice cream factory.



Elizabeth likes to play games with her Grandma and Mom, her favorite colors are red, white and blue and she wants to be an art teacher.



Joy Murphy



My alien

My alien is sweet and neat,
Can you be nice to the meat?

One special meal that I'll always remember was...

When it was Thanksgiving, my whole family was at this table. We were celebrating somebody's birthday. But when everybody was ready to eat, somebody ate the whole food on the table. Then my mom told me to line everybody up on the wall so we could solve the mystery. So, when I was counting the people in line, I saw somebody taking an ice cream from a store, so I told my mom about it. Then, me and my mom went to call the police.

One day I discovered that I could fly...

Here are three words or descriptive phrases to describe what it felt like: fast, a little scared, fun

The first thing I did was... fly over the mountains and saw some kids playing, hiking.

Here are some of the places I visited... New York, Kabul, Tehran, Madrid, Lisbon, Algiers, Tunis, Rome, Tripoli, Cairo, Ankara, Amman, Paris, Jerusalem, Baghdad, Muscat, Colombo, Dhaka, London, Valletta, Athens, Italy, Baku, Tbilisi, Kiev, Warsaw, Tirane, Bern, Rabat, Dublin, Gibraltar, Moscow

Here are some of the people I went to see... kings, queens, cousins, friends, my family, uncle, Godsister, Goddad, aunt, Godmom, stepmom, stepdad

When I got home, here's what I did: I went in my room and watched some t.v. Then I went to tell my mom about what I did today.

The best thing about flying is: going up to the sky and seeing the clouds in the blue sky.



The Duck

When me and my duck were at the mall,
I thought he looked kind of small.
Then someone thought my duck was cute,
But then I said he was a boot.

Joy has three favorite animals, a monkey, a turtle and a frog. She likes to play soccer and she wants to be a model.



A Circle Story

The following is a "circle story" written by the elementary-school writing workshop. A circle story is one in which the instructor provides an opening prompt, and then each student writes one line and passes the story to the next student. Each student is only allowed to see the one line that was written immediately before. Often the story will circle the class two or three times. Circle stories are a wonderful way to introduce students to the creative process of writing, and the results are always surprising and often delightful.

I was walking in the woods behind my house one day, when I came upon a tree. I saw something strange, and when I looked closer, I saw that it was a little door. And so, I opened the door and saw...

a Monster!

And the monster ate me.

And I had to get away from it.

Then it gave me some weird nachos.

It smacked me.

The nachos had some hot peppers on them and it made me sneeze.

The hot peppers were really hot.

He pressed me in my face.

GAH!

And then a chicken came along.

And then a midget ate her.

The midget spit me out.

I ate the chicken and the midget.

And then I flushed the midget in the toilet. And then I went in the toilet with the midget.

Boogie man came out!

And then Jawuan came along.

What did I do?

The chicken came along, a ghost came along.

I did the hamster dance.

I did the chicken dance.

I did the crocodile dance.

And then Malik came along.

And then Keianna came along.

And then a mouse came along.

The mouse in the house.

And then Tamia came along and a midget ate her.

And then the whole school came.

Then it smacked everybody in the face.

Never do the hamster dance without...

And then Emerald came along.

Keianna came along.

And then the famous star came along and his name was...

Malik Sayeek

Jawuanda-man came along.

And the famous guy was Christopher, my boo.

And then, at the very end...

And that was it for today.

I love bow-wow.

And then Keianna came along. And then Tamia came along.

She stole my boo!

Oh, no I didn't!

So all of these people got together, everybody whose name was mentioned, and they all got on a great big bus, and they went to...

Alaska.

They went to the honor table.

And then they ate a giant cheeseburger.

The hamsters came back, for the cheese, did the hamster dance, they left, and then they took their fancy sports-car to the mice, and then the mice they put on their skirts and then they left.

Then they all went to a cave.

And then Mr. Rasul came.

Then Ms. Lydie came.

And then nobody else came, so everybody be quiet.

Then there was one more creature there, and it was a frog with a hamburger.

And then Keianna came along.

Then we had some dinner.

In the land of the free...

Then Mr. Rasul took his sportscar and jumped off a cliff.

Then Forrest came along, they stole him with the forest.

And that was the end of our story.



Elizabeth McGee

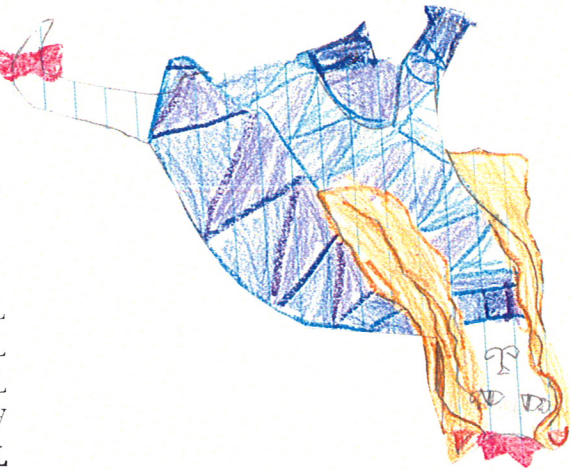


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