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Chuck E Cheese Adventure
by Walker Collins
Tutor: Atina Guidetti

There was a little boy who went to Chuck E Cheese. One day his parents came to Chuck E Cheese to pick him up because he ate too much junk. He needed medicine to feel better. His dad and mom brought medicine to Chuck E Cheese for him. After he took the medicine, he felt much better. He decided to take a long nap and go to bed.
The Fastest Boy of All

By: Riley Godwin
Tutor: Megan Barbee

Blue Jeep, Blue Jeep, What do you see? I see a Police car that I can beat.

Police car, Police car, What do you see? I see a truck that I can beat.

Truck, Truck, What do you see? I see a rabbit that I can beat.

Riley, Riley, What do you see? I see a hot rod, a dog, and a four-wheeler that I can beat.
CHICKENS

BY: Skylar Ruskin
Tutor: Maya Bassett

FLUFFY CHICK, CUTE

BROWN, CHEEP

CHICKEN COOP, QUICK

FLUFFY OR SOFT, WINGS

RUNNING, WALKING

BLACK, BEAK

EASTER EGG LAYER CHICKEN

DUCKY, SESAME
Author Showcase

By: Maria Fernanda Barriga-Mateos

Tutor: Danielle Binkauskas

It was Katie’s first day of school and she was not nervous. She went to her bus stop and waited for her cousin. Katie waited but then her cousin showed up with these other girls. They went to school and went to their homeroom class. Katie was not listening to her teacher while he was showing a map of the school. She was texting her cousin. Katie should have listened to her teacher because she did not know her way around the school. Everybody was going to their locker but Katie did not know her locker number or combination. Katie was late for her next class and then went to lunch. Katie wanted to sit with her cousin but she said, “No this is the P.G.C, Popular Girl Club”. Katie sat somewhere else and made new friends. Katie brought a cupcake to lunch and her new friends said, “That cupcake looks good!” Her new friends asked if she could bring them a cupcake the next day. She did and they thought it could be a tradition for every Friday. A fundraiser was coming up and whoever raised the most money would win a t-shirt from their school. They thought cupcakes would be a good idea for the fundraiser. They were going to make two-hundred cupcakes! They were thinking about what days to make the cupcakes so they decided to make a schedule. The day of the fundraiser, they woke up early to frost the cupcakes. They went to the fundraiser and set up the cupcake stand. They sold almost all the cupcakes except 17! The Cupcake Club won and received a free t-shirt. The P.G.C. came over and said, “Congratulations”. At the end of the book, Katie learned she was just worried about school and that her new life recipe is to mix together two-hundred cupcakes, three new friends, and one old friend.

The End!
Lindee’s Cookie Shop

By Lindee Butler

Tutor: Sierra Blizzard

My cookies are good.

My cookies are tasty.

I like my cookies with milk.

I like my cookies crunchy.

I just love my cookies.
Godzilla 2,000

By Vincent Turner

Tutor: Caroline Bone

Giant
Ocean
Defender
Zippy
I am #1
Large
Loud
Awesome
SpongeBob SquarePants

By Vaughn Batchelor

Tutor: Kassidy Wait

One day SpongeBob and Patrick were playing tag. “Oh no,” said SpongeBob, “I am late for work.”

“But, but, but I thought we were going to play another round of tag.”

“Mr. Krabs will be mad.”

“SpongeBobbbbbbbbbbb!!!!!!!” said Mr. Krabs.

“Yes sir!” said SpongeBob.

“The customers are hungry!”

“Ok sir. I’m on it.” As SpongeBob was working hard he was singing, “la la la la la.”

“Keep it down,” said Squidward.

“Ok Ok geez!” As SpongeBob was walking, there was a banana peel on the ground. He slipped on it and the food went in the customer’s face! “Let’s get outta here,” the customers said.

“No, no don’t go with all of your money!” said Mr. Krabs.

The End
If you give Ben a chocolate chip, he will want some chocolate milk.

When he is done with his chocolate milk, he will want a piece of cake.

After Ben eats his piece of cake, he will be tired so he will insist on a nap.

When Ben is done napping, he will look at the mirror and he will see a chocolate chip mustache.

He then will start acting like a monkey and want a banana split.

He will put even more chocolate chips on his banana split.

After he is done acting like a crazy monkey, Ben will be sleepy again.

He will probably want another nap.

This is all because you gave him one little chocolate chip.
Witch Hazel's Diner Menu

By Dorothy Degler

Tutor: Kristen Brooks

(a poem from *Halloween Hoots and Howls* by Joan Horton)

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*Electric eels, thinly sliced*  
*Worms in brine (cup or bowl)*  
*Dragon entrails casserole*  
*Sumac salad, green and chivey, tossed with lots of poison ivy*

*Spider Bundt cake*  
*Baby bat wings, hotly spiced*  
*Witches brew (regular and decaf, too)*
Dancing Little Diva
By: Taylor Evans
Tutor: Ally Brown

I went to UNCW in a yellow polka dotted costume. It was time for my recital!

I was ready to dance! But then, I got stuck in my prop. It was a pool. I got out and danced.

After tap, I changed my shoes. Then I did ballet. That was my last dance!

When it was over, I bowed. I did not get any flowers. I was so mad!!!

Then, my mom got me flowers. And I was HAPPY!
Stuck in a Mine Craft World:

By: Matthew Foster

Tutor: Christey Bryan

If I was stuck in a Mine Craft world, I would have to... Cut down trees, get a crafting table, and go mining for diamonds. In order to get out of the game, I would have to invite my friends.

M: Mining Red Stones

I: Intelligence

N: Neat Houses

E: Each piece of gold is found in a mine

C: Caves

R: Red Stone

A: Activate the pressure plates

F: Fire

T: TNT
My Story with Babe Ruth

By Tanner Collins

Tutor: Stephanie Burke

Have you ever dreamed of getting a baseball bat autographed by Babe Ruth? Well, I did one day. I was just walking down the street in New York. I saw Babe Ruth and I was so glad that I had a baseball bat in my hand. I walked to him and asked him if he could sign the baseball bat! He said yes. He and my dad became best friends. So I got free hitting lessons from him and his former teammates. I even got free tickets to go to his games. One of my favorite things that I remember was when I got to throw the first pitch at the game when he broke the record of the most home runs in a whole season. There is one more thing that I remember. I got to go on the field to practice with his whole team. That’s my story and that’s how much fun I had with Babe Ruth.
By Jayden Williams

Tutor: Ryan Burns

- On April 9, 1941 she was commissioned.
- She had 144 officers and 2,195 enlisted men.
- Awarded 15 battle stars.
- On September 12, 1942 the USS North Carolina survived a hit by a Japanese torpedo.
- June 27, 1947 the battleship was decommissioned.
- In 1958 the people of North Carolina saved the battleship from scrappers.
- In 1961 they moved it to Wilmington where it still is today.
"The Not So Ruined Party"
By Jamaya Blue Rhoden-Hyman
Tutor: Rusty Bywaters

Hi my name is Stella. I’m having a birthday party and I am turning eight. I am having a pool party. I want this to be the best party ever!!

I have just a mom. No dad. I also have a dog named Ralph. He is very active. I have an older sister named Jenny, and she sometimes can be mean. I think she is jealous because I have good friends and Ralph likes me better than her.

Kayla and Lucy are coming to my party. DING DONG!!!! “They’re here!” I shouted. I greet them and let them in.

Kayla was very excited, “Let’s go in the pool now!”
I said, “Before we do that, let’s bake the cake. I’ll go ask my mom to come show us how.” A few minutes later, I came downstairs with Mom and we all baked the cake together. That part was fun.

Lucy said, “Should we go in the pool now? I want to get some water on me.” We hurried and jumped in the pool.

“Oh, this water is so cold!!!” I yelled, shivering.

“Look!” said Kayla, “There’s so much ice in the pool over there! And there’s a bucket on the side! I wonder who did it?”

“Maybe it was that Jenny,” I said. “She’s always ruining something. Let’s go tell my mom about this. She’ll know what to do with her.” We got out of the freezing pool and went upstairs to find my mom. She was in her room watching “Judge Judy” on TV. “Mom, Jenny put ice in the pool!”

“I’ll take care of her as soon as this show is over,” Mom said.

On the way back downstairs, I heard Jenny whispering in the kitchen, “Go get that cake, Ralph.”

Uh-oh! She was up to something. Kayla, Lucy and I ran into the kitchen and we saw that Ralph was eating the cake! “MOOOOOOOOMMMMMM!!!!!!”

“What?!”

“Ralph is eating the c-c-cake!” I cried, “Jenny is ruining everything!”

“I’ll be right down,” said mom.

I started to cry. This isn’t the party that I was thinking of. Ooohh, my friends are going to be so disappointed. I’m so frustrated in me. I should have told Jenny not to mess around.

Kayla patted me on the back, “Don’t cry, Stella. Do you want to go out in the bouncy house? I dried my tears, “Yea! This is going to be awesome!”

“I know, right! Let’s go bounce!” Lucy said.

We bounced and bounced. All of a sudden, I heard Jenny say, “Get in there!” And suddenly, Ralph was in the bouncy house! His claws tore through. Then puff!! The bouncy house deflated!

“That’s it! The party is ruined,” I sobbed to Lucy and Kayla, “It’s time for you to go home.”

“Stella, the party’s not ruined.” Kayla said.

Lucy said, “It was really cool! How did you come up with all that?”

I was surprised, “What did you just say?”

“We had a great time!” the girls cheered.

I guess my party was a success! My mom is also grounding Jenny for a month! She says she’s sorry, but I don’t believe her.

Goodbye.
One day at tutoring Super Justin and Mr. B were reading a comic book when Mr. B’s phone rang...

Super Justin and Mr. B jumped up and ran to get their...

They sprayed 10 times before it knocked the spider down.

The Education Lab was under the attack of the GIANT SPIDER!! OH NO!!

They found the Great Spider! AHHHHH!!!!

The Education Lab was saved!!!

Written and Illustrated by Justin Muse
I Love My Dogs

By Zameria Grady
Tutor: Melissa Cook

I have two dogs. My dogs are named Alana and China. Alana is a girl and China is a boy. They are sister and brother. China is my favorite. They are both puppy bulldogs.

One day, I had fun with my dogs. I fed them dog bones. China liked the bones the most. When I fed the dogs the bones, China went, “Woof!”

Later, China jumped into my bed. He said, “Woof!” I said, “Stop China! Go to bed. Leave me alone. Shh. I don’t want to talk to you. Goodnight!” Then he licked me on the head. He’s a friendly dog.

I took China to the beach. I swam in the water with him. He almost drowned, but I saved him.

I love China. WOOF!
Cinderbella

By Sabella Thomas
Tutor: Carole Craft

Last summer, in a magic castle, lived Cinderbella, her evil step-nana, and her evil sisters, Sierra and Sydney. They were grouchy! Cinderbella was a pink and purple lollipop. In a nearby castle lived Prince B. He was going to have a pool party for his friends and everyone in the kingdom was invited. Cinderbella wanted to go to the pool party, but she was too young and her Nana wouldn’t let her.

Cinderbella was so sad that she started to cry. Her papa felt bad for her so he took her to the Ice Cream Shop for an ice cream cone.

To be continued.....
Corinne

By Corinne Pollack
Tutor: Lauren Cummings

C- colors, cadet, connections
O- Opportunities, On Off
R- Ranger Rick, Reading, Ronde
I- In, Idea, -ics
N- No, Inn, New
N-National, Pain, Nerve
E- Editor, Earth, Eliminated

Corinne!

One Butterfly, Two faces, Three snakes, Four Eyes, Five circles, Six peoples, Seven Corinnes, Eight noses,
Nine Books, Ten Flags, Eleven letters, Twelve Flowers, Thirteen Rulers, Fourteen C’s, Fifteen baseball
bats, Sixteen Numbers, Seventeen doors, Eighteen dots, Nineteen phones, Twenty hearts
Snakes

By Noah Kincaid
Tutor: Shelby Davis

Snakes are scary.
They are mean.
They live in grass.
They look like scary creatures.
Snakes eat eggs.
Snakes don’t scare me.
I want a pet snake.
One day my horse named Brittany jumped the fence. She went to UNCW. We looked all around inside and she was not there. The last place we looked was by the pond and found Brittany. I was so happy. We went to the vet and they looked at her body. The vet fixed a boo boo and put a band aid on it. Brittany felt all better.
Obi-Wan Kenobi Saves the Day!

By: Preston Wilson

Tutor: Jamie Devine

It was a snowy Halloween night in Massachusetts. A lot of crows were crowing and a lot of jack-o-lanterns were glowing. On a football field, Cuckoo Head and John were getting paid $1,000 dollars for playing football. Cuckoo Head and John gave all the money they made to the dead spirits so that they would leave them alone. Then, out of nowhere, Count Dooku flew in on his cruiser, landed on the field, and stole all the money. John and Cuckoo Head had no idea how to get their money back. They thought of the only good person they knew, Obi-Wan Kenobi. John and Cuckoo Head went to Obi-Wan Kenobi to explain their problem. Obi-Wan Kenobi said “Do not fear, Grandpa is here!” He told them he could help them get their money back and keep the dead spirits away! Obi-Wan got the money back by pointing his light saber at Dooku’s neck and, in his loudest voice, yelled, “Surrender! Or the dead spirits will come for you!” Count Dooku gave the money back because he did not want the dead spirits to come after him. After they got their money back, John, Cuckoo Head and Obi-Wan had a Halloween party— even the dead spirits came!
Dixon Storm 5
By Grayson Harris
Tutors: Emily Doak & Amanda D’Eletto

Goal scoring machine

Right, left forward

Always working hard

Yelling at our teammates is not nice

Scoring goals is important

Our team name is Dixon Storm

Not winning is not an option
Lola and the Haunted House
By Susan Lima-Romano
Tutor: Amanda Fisher

One day, not so long ago, a girl named Lola had the scariest time of her life. It was the day of October 18, 1989 when Lola heard her friends talking about a haunted house on 7563 Graystone Village. “It’s the scariest place ever!” said one of Lola’s friends. “Why don’t we go and check it out?” asked Lola.

“No!” said Lola’s friends. But, since Lola was curious, she went the next day right after school. She opened the door; it seemed normal. But, when she looked down, she saw blood. She followed it, of course! When she reached the room, there was a dead body! While she was in there, she heard a laugh from the room right next to her.

So she went into the next room and saw nothing, but she could still hear the laugh. By this time, she was freaked out. She decided to run to the door and get out, but the door had closed before she could get out. She tried to pull the door open. It was stuck!

The next day, her mom had everyone looking for Lola. Her mother had noticed that Lola didn’t come home yesterday. Her mom went out and asked everyone if they had seen her. No one knew where she was. But the sad thing was that nobody wanted to go check the haunted house because they were too scared to go.

Year after year, Lola was closer to death because the evil ghost had said that he was going to kill Lola on October 18, 2002. But Lola got lucky because her mom finally got the courage to go find her. So her mom went into the haunted house because she knew that if she came out dead or alive she was going to be with her daughter.

So Lola’s mom went to the haunted house and found Lola. The evil ghost got so angry that Lola had gotten company, so he killed both Lola and her mom. When Lola became a ghost, she became terrible because the horrible ghost told her if she became evil he would let her go on one condition; her mother would leave as a good ghost. So ever since, if you decide to go to the house, chances are you are going to end up regretting it.

FYI: This is a fictional story
Chapter 1-4 of The Cay
by Harry Squires
Tutors: Eric Fitzgerald & Katelyn Demille

Phillip lived with his family on Curacao while in a WWII warzone. Phillip’s mom got scared and wanted to leave but dad had to stay for his job. So Phillip and his mom got on a boat to leave for Florida. Then the boat got torpedoed by a German submarine and Phillip hit his head during the attack. After the attack Phillip woke up on a raft with a black man named Timothy. Next, they decided to use their clothes to make a shelter on the raft to keep the sun off them. On the third day Phillip woke up on the raft blind.
Soccer Fun

By Rodrigo Aguilera-Pérez
Tutor: Vanessa García

There was a cat named Flag and a dog named Fire. Flag and Fire liked to play soccer. Flag made a goal! Fire made a goal also! They were happy. It then started to rain, but they were still happy. They walked home together in the rain.
[Untitled]

By Lilly Goddard
Tutors: Melanie Gere & Stephanie Morrison

I am from Chocolate
    from sweets and cream
I am from the water in the pool
    Blue, shiny, splashing
    on summer days warm and hot
I am from the lilly flower
    the gardeners and planters.

I'm from gingerbread houses and
    football
    from James and Patricia
I'm from show me
    to tell me
from love you to the moon and back
    to the cutest curls ever
I'm from The Lord is My Shepard
I can recite the books of the Bible.

I'm from Wilmington, NC
    Tacos and quesadillas
from the father I lost
    to the heart that breaks at night.

My box fills with letters
    from my daddy
    and pictures of old.
I am from memories of a time past
    not forgotten ever shaping my heart.
Allen Gets Saved

By: Ayden Moore
Tutor: Kristen Hackbarth

Allen is at the park with her friends. All of a sudden, Allen sees a tractor coming towards her. Then the tractor runs over Allen. Sam, the bird, saves Allen by picking her up with his feet. Sam takes Allen to the pumpkin patch. Allen is then able to live happily ever after in the pumpkin patch, thanks to Sam.
The Mystery That Was Never Solved
By Nathan Shields
Tutor: Jasmine Hagwood

Chapter 1 – The Diamond
Once upon a schoolyard named La Crouz, there was a classroom and their number was 298. The teacher was Ms. Curtain. One day, Jane and Christopher were playing in the sandbox. Jane found a diamond. Zap came over and hit the sand. The diamond fell down a hole and Jane couldn’t find it. She was mad at the bully. She told the teacher. She told the story about how she found the diamond and how Zap hit the sand and it fell. But the teacher thought it was a made up story. Jane went to Christopher and told him what she found and the story. He knew the story was real.

Chapter 2 – The Mystery of the Secret Hole
Yesterday, Jane decided to go look again and try and find the hole. She dug another hole. She accidentally dropped something down it. She had dropped her bracelet. It was made by her grandma. She got the assistant police guard. The police guard dropped his little card from Home Depot that costs $2 down the hole. He heard it hit the sand. He picked it up. The police guard said, “What a story!” The police guard didn’t believe her.

Chapter 3 – The Old Man
Jane, Christopher, Adam, and Kaden decided to go feet first into the hole. Jane went first. She fell down the hole. It was deeper than she thought. She said, “Come on guys. It’s safe. There’s nothing down here.” And she told them to bring a match with them and so they snuck one out of Christopher’s house. They went down to the bottom and found that this place was magic. Everything you’ve ever dropped down a hole went there. It was called the Drop Hole Place… dun dun dun!!!!

Chapter 4 – The Whisper
They heard a sound. It kind of sounded like a whisper. It said to them, “Leave this place or suffer the consequences” but they still stayed. The whisper came closer and said, “Leave this place!” louder. Everyone was scared. The whisper came out. It was a goblin man. He was like a man but he had something in his hand. It was an ax. Then another goblin man came out that was bigger with the biggest ax ever! Everyone screamed and then Jane said, “We’re not going to make it!” Then something came out and grabbed the big goblin and ate him. The little one ran away and scrambled like scrambled eggs. It was a lion with wings and he could stand and had a sword. He was a soldier. The soldier said, “Go! This place is not for you!” The kids tried to get out but they couldn’t, so the soldier helped them get out by flying them halfway and they got up. Jane turned to say thank you but no one was there. They piled the sand back on. The teacher rang the bell and said, “Children, it’s time to go inside.” Christopher said, “That’s one ending of one day!”
Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself—Revised Chapter 10

By Taylor Campbell
Tutor: Katie Hawkins

It was a Wednesday afternoon and Miss Swetnick was dictating a poem to the class. The children were all sitting quietly, listening to her story, while Miss Swetnick was acting out the parts. It was right before the lunch bell was about to ring and Sally could not get her mind off of going home to eat lunch (and getting out of the classroom). On the way home, Sally saw the creepy Mr. Zavodsky out of the corner of her eye. All of the sudden, he disappeared in a flash. Sally got home safe and sound, and ate her peanut butter and jelly that her mom had made with fruit nuts. For dessert she had pinched cow cells, obviously. After she finished eating her delicious meal, her mother handed over her book bag and off to school she went. Sally was looking down and kicking rocks as she walked, but tripped when her foot bumped into something hard. She looked up and there stood, in his horrifying uniform, Adolf Hitler. He said "Little girl, what are you doing out here walking alone?" sternly, and Sally replied after clearing her throat "Oh, um, I was just walking back to school" as she nodded. Hitler replied "Come with me, I have a special surprise for you." Sally screamed "NO!!" and ran away, but she was too slow. Hitler grabbed her by the foot and tripped her and took her to one of the concentration camps her aunt was at.

Meanwhile, at the end of the school day, Mrs. Freedman was getting worried, as Sally had not returned home yet. Then she turned on news while preparing cow tongue for dinner. She heard that her daughter, Sally Freedman, had been put in the concentration camp. So she called Mr. Zavodsky, their neighbor. Mrs. Freedman started talking as soon as he picked up the phone “Sally has been put in one of the concentration camps. She must have gotten taken somewhere along her way back to school. Can you help me get her back?!” as she began to bawl miserably. “Yes, absolutely! I will meet you at the bus stop in 5 minutes” replied Mr. Zavodsky, sounding concerned.

On the way to the stop, Mrs. Freedman realized she had missed the bus and quickly sped to the next stop. She quickly spotted Mr. Zavodsky and ran to him giving him a ticket and thanking him repeatedly. Once they arrived to the camp, they broke in and Mr. Zavodsky saved the day! Sally quickly and angrily said, “Mom! Why did you call HIM?!” Mrs. Freedman quickly shushed her and they ran far, far away never to see the wretched Hitler again.

Plot twist: Mr. Zavodsky is actually Hitler.
BIG CATS: CHEETAH

By Te'Reyna Dixon
Tutor: Emma Hayworth

They live in Africa. Cheetahs are carnivores. They have good eyes and good ears too. They cannot roar, they purr. Cheetahs can run fast. They have black marks on their face. They can eat gazelles and other animals.
The Basketball Game

By Jeykeem Roberts
Tutor: Jennifer Hinson

Once upon a time, there was a great basketball team. Jeykeem and Michael Jordan were on the team! They were playing against team Javeren. They were ready for the game. There was a lot of shooting and passing the ball. It was a hard game. Halfway through the game, the score was even. Then Michael Jordan passed the ball to Jeykeem. Jeykeem dribbled to the goal. He took a shot. He scored! Jeykeem won their basketball game!
Magic

By: Kassiani Harris
Tutor: Taylor Horne

I walked out of my house to see the bus screeching past. I screamed, “Wait, I haven’t gotten on!” and started to run to catch up. When I saw there was no hope, I slowed down and started to walk back home. “Aaron, can you drive me to school because Mom’s on a trip?” I said. “Sorry little sis, no can do. I’m going to practice for the surf contest,” said Aaron from his room upstairs. “I’ll tell mom you’re actually going to the movies with Francis, your girlfriend,” I said as I walked upstairs. “Fine, I’ll take you to your little brat school,” said Aaron harshly as he pushed me out of the way to get downstairs. The car ride seemed long.

Finally, I half ran, half walked to my classroom. “Sorry I’m late,” I huffed as I walked into the classroom. “You’re fine,” said my teacher. I walked to my desk and sat down.

The rest of the day was a blur. Before I knew it, I was on the bus. “Nice shoes,” said Ivy as I walked to the back of the bus. “Why weren’t you at the bus stop this morning?” asked Phineas. I didn’t answer. “I asked you a question, are you deaf?” “None of your business, you nosey little boy,” I said. “I bet you were trying to look as good as me,” said Ivy. “No, I bet she was sleeping the whole time because she’s so lazy,” said Phineas as we pulled to our stop. Ivy knocked my bag on the floor of the bus. I bent down to get the fallen books, when I saw a stick on the ground. When I looked closer, I saw carvings on it. I picked it up and studied it on the walk to my house. When I opened the door, I heard people talking from the T.V. “Welcome home, little sis,” my brother said. As I walked into the living room I saw my brother, Aaron, sitting on the couch with his (not allowed to be here) girlfriend watching a movie. “Haven’t you guys seen enough movies?” I said as I sat on a chair. “Never enough movies, and I’ll be right back with popcorn, Francis,” said Aaron. After he left, me and Francis stared at each other. “Wow hun, when was the last time you trimmed your hair?” said Francis. As soon as she said this, I knew I’d had enough of people for today, so I ran upstairs to my room and slammed the door and lay down on my rainbow carpet. I pulled out the weird stick I found on the bus and started to sway it around and pretend it was a wand. To my surprise, a flicker of light came out and hit my bed. The light formed into an old book. “AAAAHHA!” I screamed. “Keep it down up there,” my brother screamed. I walked over to the book and examined it. The title read, “Instructions For Young Witches and Wizards.” Then I
understood everything. All I had to do was flick the stick and I would get what I wanted. Tomorrow was
going to be the best day of my life.

After a night of ten cups of coffee and reading the instructions book, I was ready. I put my new
wand and my instructions book in my bag gently. I ran downstairs. In the living room, my brother and
Francis were sleeping on the couch. It was obvious that Francis slept over (which is mom’s most
absolute rule of what not to do unless you want to be grounded for five months). I walked up to them
you want?” I said. “What do you mean?” asked my brother. “I mean, what do you want, a flat screen
T.V., a million dollars?” “A million dollars would be nice,” said my brother. “Okay,” I said. I flicked my
wand and, out of nowhere, a check flew into my hand. “Here you go!” I said, placing the check in his
hand. I walked out the door, not feeling hungry enough for breakfast. I walked over to the bus stop and
waited. I ignored Phineas and Ivy when they arrived.

Finally, the bus came and I jumped on and sat in the back. When Ivy and Phineas got on, I got
out my wand and flicked it again. Everyone froze except Ivy, Phineas, and me. They looked around.
“What’s going on?” whispered Ivy. “I’m what’s going on,” I said, and I flicked my wand again. Ivy turned
into a pot of poison ivy and Phineas turned into a pig. The pig oinked around frantically and the poison
ivy plant waved its leaves around. “Don’t worry,” I said as I flicked my wand. The poison ivy levitated on
to a cart that came out of nowhere. A leash was placed on the pig. I grabbed the leash and pushed the
cart out of the bus and walked back home.

When I walked in, my brother and his girlfriend were still looking at the check in shock. As I
walked over to them, they turned to look at me. “How did you do that?” my brother asked. “Magic,” I
said. “Stop lying and tell me, or I’ll tell mom you stole it from the bank,” said my brother. With a flick of
the wand, a dog was sitting where my brother had been. “Oh my!” screamed Francis. I flicked my wand
and Francis turned into a peacock. “That’s better,” I said. I flicked my wand and a leash was placed on
the dog and the peacock. I walked out of the house and flicked my wand again. A limo appeared in the
driveway. One by one, I pushed the animals into the limo. I told the driver where to go, and we were
off. First we arrived at the zoo. I tied the peacock’s leash to the fence outside the zoo and, once again,
we were off. I put the dog in the pet store and the pig at a petting zoo and lastly, the poison ivy at a
florist. I got back into the limo and told the driver to drive me home. All I wanted to do now was go to
sleep. Magic is hard work!
“The Day Mike and Erika Met”
By Isaiah Worthy
Tutor: Evelyn Juarez-Rodriguez

Once there was a ten year old named Mike. He was very talkative, friendly, and loved video games. He was at home playing his favorite video game, *The Hamster*. Suddenly, he heard a loud rumble in his stomach. He remembered he only had cereal for breakfast. He decided to go to Rad Pizza, a small restaurant in town.

When Mike arrived at Rad Pizza, he saw a tiny girl. Mike thought she was a little girl, but they started talking and she told him she was twelve years old. Her name was Erika. Erika talked to Mike about her favorite video game, *The Hamster*. Mike told her he played that game all the time. Mike looked into his pockets and found out he did not have enough money to buy pizza. So Erika invited Mike to come over to her house. That way they would cook a pizza instead of buying one.

Both Erika and Mike made an awesome, crusty, pizza and enjoyed every bit of it. Erika and Mike became best friends and great pizza cookers.
**Charlotte**
by Charlotte Farr
Tutor: Faith Kennedy

My name is **Charlotte**. My favorite hobbies are dance and playing the piano. My birthday is October 30th 2003. My favorite candy is Tootsie Rolls. My favorite movie is *Frozen*. My favorite type of pizza is ham. My favorite color is pink. My favorite vacation place is Disney World. For fall break I went to Disney World in Florida with my mom and step dad. My favorite board game is Battleship.

- **C**areful Cook
- **H**appy Helper
- **A**wesome Artist
- **R**eal Responsible
- **L**oves Lollipops
- **O**utstandingly Outgoing
- **T**ruthful Traveler
- **T**all Talker
- **E**xtra Extraordinary
The Adventures of James, the Strawberry

By Kenneth “L.J.” Worthy
Tutor: Brendan Kolwicz

Once upon a time, there was a Strawberry named James. He was a big red juicy Strawberry. He lived his entire life in a garden. One day, a boy name Bob picked James from the garden for a snack before lunch. But, just as Bob was about to eat James for a snack, his mother called for him, causing Bob to drop James on the ground. James said, “Ouch! You gave me a bruise.” James lay on the ground for 3 days until a squirrel came along and picked James up and brought him to his nest to be stored for winter.
Trees
By: Gabe Johnson
Tutor: Maggie Lambertson

Trees
Roots, Branches
Swaying, Sitting, Living
It Has Vines, We Wear Clothes
Running, Throwing, Learning
Feet, Head
Human
**The Fire Mystery**

By: Kaden Keatts

Tutor: Savanna Latta

Once upon a time, there was a basketball playing grandpa named Pops. He lived in a house on Waterford Way. One dark night, a grandma named Shirley came and played basketball with Pops. Pops scored 44 points and Shirley scored 49 points. Suddenly, they smelled smoke! There was a huge fire! Pops and Shirley poured water all over the fire. The fire kept going! They had to put 3,000 water bottles on it and it still didn’t work! Finally, they found some hot water and that worked. The fire was out! So they kept playing their game.

Then they played flag football. Pops tagged Shirley and Shirley got mad! She won the football game and Pops got mad. He said “Do you want a rematch?” Shirley said, “Yeah!” They played another game and Pops won!
Hoot, Hoot
By Naima Lakeshore
Tutor: Ruth Mabry

Have you ever seen a dog wearing a suit,
Walking on five legs playing a flute?

Have you ever seen a purple owl sitting on a root,
Flapping his wings and saying “hoot, hoot”?

Have you ever seen a cow sitting in boot,
Don’t you think that would be so cute?

Well I’ve seen them all, at least once or twice,
A girl can dream whatever the price!
Bella’s Bad Day

Author: Hannah Moreno
Tutor: Morgan Mahan

Bella the dog is walking to school with her friends Super, Sparky, and Bacon. It is a rainy day on Pluto, but it is raining dog treats.

“I hope I am going to have a good day,” says Bella.

“I hope it keeps raining dog treats,” says Bacon.

“We have a big test today. It is essential not to have any worries or we will get a bad grade,” says Sparky.

“I’m feeling queasy about the test,” says Super.

They finally make it to Woof University, or WU. Super goes to basketball practice. Bella goes to French class. Bacon goes to Science class. Sparky goes to flying class.

In lunch, everybody goes to the meadow to eat. They only have their plates and a variety of dog treats that fall on them. Bella gets a melted dog treated. Suddenly, she falls over a big tree branch and the melted treat spills all over her.

Now poor Bella is going through a hardship because everyone is laughing at her. Sad, and covered in melted dog treat, Bella walks home, sticky and wet.

The next day, Bella doesn’t go to school. Instead, she stays in bed and thinks about how she wants to be like Bacon. Bacon gets picked on all the time at school but she doesn’t care. They pick on her for her name and the way she dresses, but she just looks at them and says “I don’t care! I like my name and how I dress.”
Bella wishes she could be brave like Bacon. Bacon was so brave, valiant, just like Sybil Ludington in the American Revolution when she warned her friends about the British. But Bella wasn’t feeling brave; instead she was eating beef kibble and watching Dog Tango.

Just as they were announcing the winner of Dog Tango, there is a knock at the door. Pausing the TV, she opens the door and finds a big package. The package has fancy handwriting and famous dog soldiers on it, holding flags that say BRAVE on them.

Bella just stares at the box until, suddenly, it springs open and out jumps Super. Bella screams and flies into her bed. Super starts to laugh and then feels bad.

“I’m sorry Bella….but I’m not that sorry! You know I do this frequently.”

Bella walked into the kitchen with Super. “Bella, come back to school so you can design the special Halloween party,” Super coaxed.

“I can’t” Bella said, “I’m too embarrassed.”

“Don’t be embarrassed, no one is talking about what happened. They’re talking about if you’re going to design the party,” said Super.

“Really? I can go back to school now,” says Bella.

“Yeah!” says Super.

Bella went back to school and designed the Halloween party. The colors were orange and black. It has dog and skeleton stickers on the walls. She is an angel, Bacon is a girl vampire, Super is a superhero, and Sparky is a hotdog. The Halloween party is very modest. The party has a king and queen that are announced. The queen is Bella and the king is Super. Bella feels amazed that she won queen.

The End
SHARKS ARE FRIENDS, NOT FOOD

Author: Bella Edwards
Editor: Savannah Mangrum

Sharks won’t bother you if you don’t get too close and bother them. It doesn’t matter what kind of shark it is, it still won’t! Here are some facts that I already know:

- Sharks don’t have bones, they have cartilage.
- Sharks have been here since dinosaurs.
- Snorkelers and scuba divers can see them, but shouldn’t go too close!
- If you don’t see fish, there’s a shark... stay calm!

Here are some facts that I just learned about sharks:
Hammerhead sharks live in tropical regions. They like to swim around coral reefs and in deep ocean waters. These sharks have to find mates and protect themselves from killer whales and other predators.
Great white sharks live in coastal temperature waters on the east and west coasts of the United States, as well as South America, Hawaii and West Africa. A great white can smell one drop of blood and then it will hunt out what was bleeding. Great whites have a great sense of smell.
Frill sharks live in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, as well as the Western Indian Ocean. The frill shark’s nickname is the “living fossil”, given to it because it has changed very little over all these years. Even though no one has ever seen one hunt, they think it strikes at its prey like a snake.
Tiger sharks live in tropical and subtropical waters and some can even be found in harbors. The tiger shark will eat anything it finds. The tiger shark’s nickname is the “garbage can with fins” because they will eat anything, from seabirds to donkeys.
Leopard sharks live in eastern pacific oceans from Oregon to the gulf of California. They like cold and warm temperatures, sandy and muddy bays. These sharks are not meat eaters; they eat what they can find on the bottom of the ocean.
Keonte’s WWE Wrestling Dream
By Keonte Devone
Tutor: Landyn Mannion

One marvelous day, I was watching wrestling on television. All of a sudden, the doorbell rang, “I’ll get it,” said my dad. When my dad opened the door, it was the mailman. “WOW!” shouted my dad. “Keonte, we just won tickets to see Roman Reigns vs. John Cena in Dallas, Texas!” I hopped up from the couch and jumped with joy. Roman Reigns is a famous wrestler and has been my idol for a long time. So, the next day, my dad and I got our bags and packed them up with clothes. Then we both ran out the door and took a taxi to the airport. When we boarded the plane, I couldn’t believe my eyes. The famous Seth Rollins, Dean Ambrose, Sheamus, and Triple H were all on the same flight as us. We walked down the aisle and collected their autographs. It was the best flight ever! About 5 hours later, we got off the plane in Dallas, Texas. Then we got on a city bus and the bus drove off. When it was our stop, we got off the bus and paid the driver. We were finally standing in front of the WWE building at last. Then we headed inside and we both got on the elevator. My dad pressed the fifth floor button and we went up. BOOM! BANG! POW! The elevator had come to a scary stop. Now we were stuck in the elevator for 2 hours. We were about to miss the show of a lifetime. Then my dad and I noticed the call button in the elevator. I pressed the button to get help. All of a sudden, Roman Reigns pries open the elevator doors and rescues us. My dad and I ran as fast as we could and we made it to the show just in time. This would be the best day of my life!
The Adventure to Find Pinkie Pie

Written by Shamara Humphrey
and Katy Mauck

In the dangerous Everfree Forest, Pinkie Pie is lost and missing her friends Rainbow Dash, Apple Jack, and Fluttershy. Pinkie Pie screamed “HELP!” then Rainbow Dash actually heard her! So Rainbow Dash and Apple Jack start to sing a song to Fluttershy:

**Pinkie Pie needs our help!**

**Come on Fluttershy don't be afraid, we are with you!**

Let's fly to the forest and save our friend.

She might get caught by the Stick Wolves!

**Hurry, hurry, hurry!**

Rainbow Dash looks at Fluttershy and Apple Jack and says “Come on girls, do it for your family and your friend Pinkie Pie. She might be scared and need our help.” Then they start to venture through the scary forest.

Deep within the Everfree Forest, Fluttershy was hiding behind a huge rock. She calls out one more time for her friends “What is taking you so long, guys? The wolves are about to come get me!” Then suddenly, Rainbow Dash, Fluttershy, and Apple Jack flew so fast to their friend they could hardly catch their breath. When they were all reunited, Pinkie Pie was so happy she sang a song:

**Thank you guys for helping me to get out of Everfree Forest!**

I was almost about to be captured by the Stick Wolves

I love my friends and everything they do,

I love my friends, how about you??

Now that they are all back together, they went to the Ice Cream, Cupcake, and Cake Store. They ate cupcakes and ice cream while they were celebrating...But then suddenly, Rainbow Dash woke up in her bed! It was all just a dream! Then her Mommy came in her room and said “Are you okay, honey?” “Yes, Mommy! I’m okay!” Rainbow Dash replied with a smile on her face. “But Mommy, can I have a cupcake now?” Rainbow Dash said giggling.

THE END
Sweet Green Eggs and Ham

By Haley Nicoll

Tutor: Mary McCachren

Ingredients:

- ice cream sherbet (green)
- vanilla wafers
- whipped cream

Instructions:

1. Scoop green sherbet into bowl as green eggs
2. Add desired amount of whipped cream on top
3. Add vanilla wafers around the whipped cream to act as ham pieces
4. Enjoy!
Why Angry Birds Are Cool

By Hayden Gupton
Tutor: Melissa McDaniel

Angry Birds are cool because all Angry Birds have powers, but the Red ones aren't powerful. They destroy green pigs and they have exploding boxes.
All the things I like!

By Kolby Gupton
Tutor: Paige McDaniel

**Giraffe**

I like giraffes they have long necks.
They have spots all over them.
They eat leaves all the time and they also drink water.

**Duke**

Duke is my dog, I love him.
He is 9 or 10 but we don’t know.
He has a puppy toy that he has had since he was little
And I play with him with it.

**Zoo**

I like the zoo because the animals are cute.
I saw a lot of monkeys and an otter looked like it was giving me a high five.

**Pool**

I like to swim.
I am a good swimmer.
I do not have to wear a floaty anymore.
I like to go with my family.
The Night Crawlers

By Maryn Harris
Tutor: Allye Mertes

Allye and Maryn were walking in the woods. A night crawler was walking and BOOM!!!! The night crawler scared Allye and Maryn. We ran all the way home. Then the night crawler went back to eat his favorite food which was mac n cheese. His mother said, “Darling, it is time to go to bed.” The crawler said, “At three o’clock? But mom!” Then Maryn and Allye went back home to eat pizza. Then the night crawler found out where they live. Maryn looked out of the window and screamed “OH NO! Allye look, it is that terrible, terrible night crawler!” Allye jumped off of the bed and said, “Certainly he will not hurt us.” Allye and Maryn went downstairs and said, “Go away.” But the night crawler had a frown. “What is the matter?” Allye said. “Get away from him! He is trying to kill us” said Maryn. The night crawler said “I just want to have some friends.” Maryn and Allye saw that he was nice not mean. Maryn, Allye and the nice night crawler became friends. The end.
The Tale of Two Fairies and a Big Dog

By Rosario Alexandra Lima-Romano

Tutor: Coley Milkus

Once upon a time, two fairies were playing on a beanstalk. Their names were, Red Rosario and Yellow Coley. One day, a big dog named Purple Alexandra was destroying the beanstalk. The fairies held up their flowers that mean kindness. Then, the dog said she was sorry, and they became friends.

The End!
Cats and Dogs
By: Jazmin Garnica Aragon
Tutor: Courtney Moore

The cat, Rose, was trying to hide from the dog, Jack, because the dog was trying to eat the cat. The cat was smarter than the dog. The dog said to meet him outside, but the cat was not there. Jack saw Rose in the house, eating. Rose didn’t like Jack so she made a trap for him. Rose put food in the trap to catch Jack. Jack fell in Rose’s trap and was stuck outside all night. Rose was happy because her plan worked.

The End!
By Brayden Moreno

Tutor: Josey Newman

Jaws was a big shark. He lived in the ocean. He ate people. He had sharp teeth. He had a fin. He bit a boat. He bit an electronic string. He was still alive. He has a big mouth. He bit a person.

The End
Rudie

By Mckenzie Shadle

Tutor: Holly Pericozzi

A dog like Rudie likes to bark at the window because of the cat.

Rudie likes cars better than the cat but he doesn’t like the cars’
wheels.

Then we take the dog, that’s Rudie, to go potty.

The End.
There was a very special farm in the town of Larsonville, which was in Gary County. There were only a few farms in Larsonville, but most of them were very ordinary…until Rupert the cow came along. Rupert was bought by old man Bill. He had the longest running farm in the county, probably the most ordinary too. So the day that Rupert came to the farm, he knew he was different. He had been in most other farms too. Rupert had a special power…well for a cow. He could lift up things with his hooves and walk around on his hind legs like a normal human being. All the other cows had always made fun of him in the past town and farms. He just hoped it would be different this time.

He was standing by the barn, eating some hay. All the other cows and animals had formed into their own groups. Some animals were going to other animals groups, but not including him. This is how it was the past few days, ever since he got here. He knew that they just hadn’t gotten used to him yet, or at least that is what he hoped. He had only found himself walking around once. He hoped that nobody was around. Nobody usually was, anyway. Then he looked up and saw Stacy walking (like a normal cow) over to him.

“Hey, you okay? Stacy said.

“Um…yeah, I’m fine.” Rupert said.

“What are you doing here all alone?”

“I’m not good around cows.”

“Alright. Can I tell you something?”

“um…yeah…sure.” “I know you can walk like humans.”

“Wait. What? How do you.” Stacy cut Rupert off. “I saw you. And well…I can too.” Rupert’s eyes went wide. Then he woke up and saw he was human.
Valeria
By Valeria Cordoza

Tutor: Ryan Potter

Violin
Ambitious
Loving
Eager
Rhymer
Interesting
Awesome
Why We Like the Pittsburgh Steelers

By: Kellum Brown
Tutor: Stephanie Proctor

1. They have Antonio Brown. He’s a great player and he also has my last name!
2. Ben Roethlisberger is their quarterback. He’s big and really good at long passes.
3. The Steelers have an awesome defensive line.
4. Because the colors BLACK AND YELLOW are the best in the NFL.
5. My uncle likes the Steelers!
6. They have won 6 NFL championships.
7. Ben Roethlisberger has been the Steelers quarterback for 10 years.
8. The team has cool nicknames like Blitzburg and The Steel Curtain.
9. The Terrible Towels swinging in the crowd make our fans look cool and intimidating.
10. The Steelers are the oldest team in the AFC division of the NFL. Established 81 years ago, in 1933.
Density

By: Jakelle Corbett

Tutor: Kayla Pulliam

The oil floats on water

The salt sinks to the bottom

The salt traps the oil

It looks like lava

It’s because the salt is so dense

It all makes sense
Joandy Martinez’s Acrostic Poem
by Joandy Martinez
Tutors: Sarah Richey & Anna Morgan

Halloween
Out with the family
Love
I get candy
Days of vacation
Apples are eaten
Yummy treats
Spooky
The Lonely Pumpkin

By MacKenzie Royall
Tutor: Sara Rode

Once upon a time, there was a pumpkin that looked like a unicorn with wings. All the other pumpkins laughed at her. Her name was Sparkle.

There were a lot of other pumpkins that looked like hexagons and octagons, but they didn’t get laughed at.

One day, another pumpkin that looked like her, that was a boy, came along. His name was Fred. He told her, “It’s okay to be different.”

Sparkle was happy because she knew it was okay to be different. All the other pumpkins heard that and stopped laughing at her because it wasn’t nice. Sparkle and Fred got married and had pumpkin babies that all looked just like them.

The End.
Nut Twit

by Wyatt Royall
Tutor: Daniel Round

Nut Twit was a jerk of a kid with repulsive armpits and horrible breath. He had a really big belly and ate a lot of junk food which had rotted a lot of his teeth out. He loved to play pranks on people, including his teachers at school. His worst prank of all was on his old dorky looking science teacher, Mr. Potter, in the third grade, which was a stink bomb in the school’s science fair. It made everybody smell like repulsive vomit for 30 years.

Nut Twit was related to his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Twit. It was easy to see that he was their kid because, like his mother and father, he was stinky, rude and unintelligent. The only thing he was good at was performing nasty tricks on nice, neat and normal people. He was the worst of the worst.
Sports Friends, Animal Friends, and Shoes

By Robert Robishaw

Tutor: Sydney Sellers

Once upon a time, there was a group of friends. There was a baseball player that was really good and powerful. There was another baseball player, on an undefeated team, that beat the other baseball player.

Then there was a football player who hands the football off to another football player. He has a helmet so he does not get hurt. Then there was a girl. She’s a fast swimmer. All of the friends have clean shoes so they don’t slip. They are red, black, and silver.

The sports friends walk into the woods. When they are walking, they come to the mountain lion and they are scared. A mouse runs into the mountain lion to distract it. The mountain lion eats the mouse. The mouse saves their life.
When I read the book, *Three Hens and A Peacock*, I learned that everyone is unique and different. Like a peacock is special because of its cool feathers, these are the things that make me unique!

**M**onkey, Magnificent

**A**ngel, Aggressive

**D**esign, Doughnut

**I**ce Cream, Incredible

**S**ensible, Sensitive

**O**ptimistic, Outstanding

**N**eat, Nice
There once were two baseball players named Billy and Bob. Billy played catcher and Bob played first base. Billy and Bob played for the Wilmington Wolves. Everybody loved Billy and Bob because they were great baseball players, but there was one person who did not. Professor Pete did not like Billy and Bob. Professor Pete hated baseball. One day, Professor Pete flew his airplane above the baseball stadium and started shooting tornados from his hands and eyes. Billy and Bob’s best friend, Chloe, was in the stands and called the fire department for help. The fire fighters started shooting water at the tornados to put them out. Billy and Bob then thought of a great idea. Billy and Bob started to hit baseballs at Professor Pete. One of the baseballs hit Professor Pete so hard that he cried and left the stadium. Billy and Bob saved the day! Billy and Bob celebrated with Chloe and went to get pizza.
The Big Game
By: Andrew Miller
Tutor: Carly Silver

Nate likes to eat during his basketball game

Everyone thought he was really lame

He ate so much that he turned fat

And he also really liked to chat

In the end he learned to chat less

So his game didn’t turn out to be a complete mess

The story is about a boy named Nate

He turned out to be really great
Advice for a Good Magic Trick

1. Wear a colorful shirt or jacket.
2. Roomy, but not too conspicuous, pockets
3. Get all the material you need for your tricks
4. Some things you will need: Cards, a plain ring, box, rabbit, balloon, dissolving rope

My Trick

Katharine: How do you know all these tricks?

Chelsea the Magician: Because I am a very great magician! Do you want to help me with my tricks?

Katharine: Yes, I would love to help you! My name is Katharine. What is your name?

Chelsea: My name is Chelsea.

Katharine: Well, let’s get started on our day, Chelsea. What trick are you going to do for the Author Showcase?

Chelsea: I am going to do the card trick. Who do you want me to pick for my trick?

Katharine: You, in the first row!

Chelsea: You, pick a card!
Me and My Family

By Manuel Salas-Bejar

Tutor: Craig Stecher

It was a cloudy day and my family and I were about to go on a boat trip. It was a cold day, but that didn’t stop us from taking our trip. We began our trip at Wrightsville Beach.

The first thing we did was go to an island. When we got off, we started to fish. When we were fishing, I saw a crab trap. My friend stepped in a deep hole in the water. I stepped on a shell but, luckily, I didn’t get hurt.

When we were done on the island, we got back on the boat and went tubing. I fell off twice. My friend didn’t fall off, but we pushed her off. After our tubing adventure, we went back to the dock and went home.
The Flying Witch

By Cortland Ray
Tutor: Meredith Crow

The main character is Baba Yaga. She is a witch. She flies with a mortar and pestle. She lives in the forest. She was going to eat a little girl for dinner. The little girl made her yummy soup and the witch did not eat her. The story was scary, but I liked it.
All about Roses
by Rocio Sanchez
Tutor: Caitlin Swanson

Roses come in different colors

Official flower of the U.S.

Symbol of love, sorrow, or sympathy

Everyone likes Roses

Special flower
An alternate ending to *The Dragon Snatcher* by M. P. Robertson

By Elmer Sanchez
Tutor: Lauren Taylor

The wizard will fly on the bad dragon to the tip of the mountain. George heard the wizard so he’s going to the top first. They’re going to fight for the egg. They’re going to have a dragon battle. The dragons are going to shoot fire at each other. It’s going to melt all the ice. The egg will fly up into the air and crack. When the egg cracks, fire will shoot out with a little dragon. George and the wizard will fly away.
Batty Vacation – An Acrostic Poem

By Holden Nicoll

Tutor: Sarah Thoma

B – Brooch
A – AAAAA!
T – Tower
T – Train
Y – Yikes!
V – Vampire
A – A Mystery
C – Castle Hauntly
A – All Four Friends
T – Tea Cup
J – I Want To Go HOME!
O – Oh No!
N – No Turning Back!
Right in Wrightsville

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The Green Fighting Machine

Today in Wrightsville Beach, the lifeguard in the public area had to blow his whistle because of a suspicious object in the water. Around 1 pm, the suspicious object got closer to shore. After awhile a beach-goer found a 22-foot mean flip flop. The flip flop was green and yellow. Also, it was very strong and stable. The flip flop went to go play in the water, but he got mad at a young boy. The boy was 11 years old. Also, he was 4 feet and 10 inches tall. The boy’s name was Kevin Keatts. The Flip Flop Monster was mad at Kevin for splashing water on him. Since the Flip Flop Monster was mad that he got splashed, he pushed Kevin down under the water. Without fear, Kevin jumped straight out of the water and pushed the Flip Flop Monster under the water. The Flip Flop monster began to fight Kevin, his 6-year-old brother Kaden, started to help Kevin fight the flip flop monster. From the sand where Kaden was building a sand castle, he saw his brother about to fight the flip flop monster, so he went to go help him in the water. Kevin and Kaden started to punch the Flip Flop monster. The Flip Flop monster went falling down into the water. He began to cry because Kevin and Kaden had punched him so much. The flip flop monster couldn’t handle Kevin and Kaden so he picked himself up out of the water in order to fly back to his home on Planet Mars. The Flip Flop Monster never came back to Wrightsville Beach and there was never any trouble again. Kevin and Kaden are heroes in our town!
How To Have a Tea Party

By: Anna Coleman
Tutor: Mary Blake Ungetheim

1. We need chocolate chip cookies.
2. We need sweet tea.
3. We need tea party cups and plates.
4. We will dress up fancy.
5. We will invite our stuffed animals to play.
6. Let’s have fun!
Blake’s Amazing Home Run
By Blake Strickland
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One stormy night, Blake was playing sporting games and, suddenly, Blake’s favorite players came to challenge him. They separated into two baseball teams; the Dodgers and the Giants.

Blake and Messi were on team Dodgers and, on the Giants team, were Newton, Durant, Puig, and Kuechly. Blake was swinging the bat at the speed of light and the Giants were getting ready to get on the field. Puig was playing first base, Newton was playing pitcher, Durant was playing mid field, and Kuechly was playing catcher. Blake played pitcher, and Messi played catcher.

Blake hit a home run on the first pitch 1-0. Messi got a triple. Blake was up to bat again and got a single and Messi got home 2-0. Messi, up to bat, got out from a pop fly. Blake got a ground out. Messi got safe at first. Blake hit a triple 3-0. Messi got out from a ground out.

4th inning score 5-3. Puig up to bat--strike out. Newton got up to bat. STRIKE OUT! Durant got a double. Kuechly...home run...5-5. Puig...pop fly...out.


Dodgers win the world series. Blake wins the trophy.

Blake woke up to find out it was a dream and he smiled. It was the best dream ever.
Jack, the Jack-o-Lantern

By Raelyn Dixon
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Once upon a time, there was a jack-o-lantern named Jack. Jack was a magic jack-o-lantern. He could walk, talk, and dance. But he only comes alive on Halloween. On Halloween, Jack loves to go trick-or-treating. But people are scared of him and scream when they see him. Ahhhhh!!! Jack told them not to be afraid. All he wanted is some candy. So the people weren't scared of Jack anymore. They let him go trick-or-treating with them. He got a whole bag full of skittles. THE END!
**Sprinkleface and Captain Leslie Save Halloween Once and For All**

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A long time ago, there was Earth, peaceful and quiet, on a cold Halloween night. On the other side of the universe, there was a planet known as Witch World. There was crime happening at the bank on Earth.

The evil villain, called the Bad Sheriff, and his innocent dog, Sprinkleface, were trying to steal the $5,000 that kept the Earth running. Without the $5,000, one by one, pieces of the Earth would be destroyed. The last of these pieces would be the humans. Captain Leslie’s job was to save the Earth from evil once and for all. Captain Leslie discovered that the Bad Sheriff and the evil witches were working together when she saw them at the warehouse. The Bad Sheriff tricked Leslie by giving her candy that would transport her to Witch World to live forever. Before Leslie could eat the candy, Sprinkleface jumped and knocked it from her hand. At that moment, Captain Leslie knew the witches must have put an evil spell on the Bad Sheriff, which possessed him to work with them.

Sprinkleface’s brave action broke the curse that the witches had placed on the Bad Sheriff. It was this cold Halloween night that Sprinkleface’s brave choice saved the Earth.

To be continued…
**The Magical Spell**

By: Nicole Moreno  
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There once was a girl named Megan. She has a sister named Anna. Anna’s friend is called Penny. Penny’s mom’s name is Emily. Emily is a witch. Megan was running for high school president, so was Penny. Then Megan won the vote, so Emily put a **MAGICAL** spell on Megan. The spell was that every time she saw a movie, that movie would come to life, and she would become a character in the story.

One day she tried to see if that spell really worked. So she saw a movie. The movie’s name was *Finding Nemo*. In the middle of the movie, she went to the kitchen and, **SURPRISE**!! She saw Marlin and she started freaking out because she knew that the spell was real AND that her fins were **YELLOW**!! Guess what! She was→

Megan, or as we should call her, Dory, found→

Then, once she fell asleep, she found herself in her bed (and now a human). Then she forgot she was under the spell, so she just went ahead and saw...

At the beginning of the movie, she had to go to the bathroom. When she came out, her mind was completely blank. She then noticed that Emily was there; Emily was ready to attack. Then she tried working things out with Penny’s mom. She gave Penny the school president.

Once Emily worked things out, Emily took the spell back. Megan was not in *The Hunger Games*. Megan was excited that she did not have the spell. She was kind of mad that she did not have school president anymore. At least she had student council. She was **OKAY**! Then everyone lived happily ever after.

**THE END**
The Lovely Snow

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Chapter 1

Once upon a time, there were a few pieces of snow. In summer, they all went away. The sun heated them down, down, down, down. Then the snow completely went away.

The children went outside and played. They went to Wet and Wild Water Park. The children went upside down into the darkness on a slide. One child named Trey felt very sick to his stomach. To feel better, Trey went to eat food with Nana.

Everyone went home because they were very tired. Trey decided to play videogames on the Wii and ended his day.

The End
All About Messi

By: Aiden Bejar
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Messi is the greatest soccer player. Messi trains by learning new skills during practice. He is ready for the game by practicing. He passes to his teammates quickly. Messi does a free kick and he makes a goal! The other team tried to block him. His team wins, and he waves to everybody!
Minecraft Review
By: Drew Soles
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You can be whatever you want. Minecraft lets you build houses, farms, mansions, boats, and pickaxes.

Sometimes it can be boring because it can take hours. People cannot tell me what I must do in the game. I make the rules, because I rule!