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What did I find **MOST INTERESTING** to learn about this school year?

A new school year brings on lots of new things to learn! What was one particular topic that piqued your interest this year? What are some facts you learned about it? What would you want fellow students to know about how/why this has been intriguing to you? Why may it be of interest to someone else?



Math is my favorite subject because it can help us understand the world.

ISSAC R. GRADE 4

Fossils!

Did you know that it takes more than 10,000 years for a fossil to form? Basically, the first 10,000 years one layer of squishy rock forms, and then the next 10,000 years that layer cements and gets hard!

The most interesting thing I learned about this school year was fossils. I learned about them in my science class. I really didn't know anything about them before, but now I know a lot. Now I know the fact that when a starfish gets stuck on a rock, the pigment from the starfish gets in the rock, so let's say it's a red starfish then the fossil will be red. I really enjoyed looking at the fossils with a magnifying glass. It's cool because they are so old.

Back thousands and thousands of years ago, when fossils where formed, animals used to be huge because there was more oxygen then than there is now. Back then, a cockroach was as big as a dog! And normal tigers used to be saber tooth tigers which were HUGE. Alligators used to be 20 feet long, and dinosaurs existed back then. Can you imagine that? It is so cool to think that so long ago, animals were so big and different, but imagine how scary that would be to us now!

Overall, the reason why I liked learning about fossils so much is because I never knew about any of this and it makes me think that the world is more interesting than I thought. I love to learn new things.

JOSEPH J. GRADE 6

Math is my favorite subject because it can help us understand the world. This year in math, I've learned about graphing coordinates, solving 2-step equations, base numbers, and converting measurements. We can use math to help us solve problems such as which is bigger - 1 ton or 2,000 pounds. Trick question, they are the same! We can also use geometry to learn more about shapes, 3D objects, and graphing. Math can also help us tell time and so much more. Math is important to know because it helps us learn about data, fractions, graphs, and measurements. I plan to keep learning about math by using IXL, talking to my math teacher, and helping my classmates that have questions. I'm excited to learn more about 7th grade math topics such as harder integers.

YISEL M. GRADE 5

This school year I found learning about the 13 British colonies very interesting. The thing I learned was that the 13 British colonies eventually became the United States, and they were founded for many reasons. I found it interesting that the American Indians had to share their land with the French and British and to do that they had to fight in a war to get their land. A couple of things I was surprised by were that the 13 colonies were so big, it was in the southern part of the United States and it is now such a big part of history.

ASTON W. GRADE 4

One thing I learned how to do this year is working on Zoom. At first, it was hard to concentrate in the rooms, but every tutoring session I learned something new. I learned how to do division and how to read better. Before it wasn't possible, but now it's really easy. I couldn't do it without Jessica.

I can't wait to do more reading, math, and get ahead of my teachers and my friends. Jessica tries to help me when I feel down or sleepy or angry and tries to push me. We get to do fun games when we have time.

The end.

SOPHIA N. GRADE 5

The most interesting thing I learned in school this year was ART! This is my most interesting thing because my teacher Ms. Joy is a happy teacher and I love the art lessons she teaches. And the art she is teaching makes me want to do new things, as we drew planets with a marker and I love my art teacher. A way to be successful is to pay attention because if you are a good student she will put a point on your name and it gets you to use markers.

SANDRA V. GRADE 2

The subject that I have found the most interesting to learn about this school year is music. The reason I find music interesting is because I like the music my teacher plays at the beginning of class. It is fun to say hi to my music teacher and sit at the same table as my friends. In music class I learn different notes like quarter notes and rest notes. Each day my music teacher plays the xylophone at the end of class.

OBE A. GRADE 2

WHAT I FOUND MOST INTERESTING TO LEARN ABOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR

How do you do multiplication? One day a kid in my class in second grade asked how do you do multiplication even though we weren't working on that. Then Miss Barry said ok let me tell you a trick. So she said if it was 3x3 you would get the first 3 and add it three times. Or like if it was 1x3 you would add 3 ones together. It was interesting because it was an easier way to figure it out. It makes me more motivated to practice multiplication because I already know a tip.

MOHIN P. GRADE 5

Why math is the most interesting subject I learned this year.

I am in 5th grade and I have five classes, but math is most interesting for me.

The reason I think math is the best subject is because it can be useful in real jobs like becoming a cashier or mathematician.

Another reason is, in math you write and read problems so it helps in writing and reading subjects too. I found math interesting because math is just 3 subjects in one class.

One topic in math I found interesting was fractions because equivalent fractions confused me in the beginning. I worked through my confusion by practicing. Fractions can also help in real life situations like when you are dividing a pizza equally. In conclusion, I say math can really help a lot and can be very fun at most times. I look forward to studying harder math in the next grade.



JAYDEN H. GRADE 2

Things I've Learned in Mrs. Nkemdi's Class:

I learned a lot about Egyptians in Mrs.
Nkemdi's class. King Tut was known as
the boy king since he was only a kid when
he got the throne. Nefertiti was his mom
and was very beautiful. Some people said
she was poisoned but they did not find
evidence. Her tomb was hidden but the
robbers still found it.

I also learned a lot about and Latinos in Mrs. Nkemdi's class. I like learning about Selena. Selena was a famous singer and she went to Mexico, Texas and a lot of other places. Selena was 21 or 22 when she died.

DESTINEE J.GRADE 8

Hi, I'm Destinee!

I want to tell you what I learned from history class. I learned about a man named Bayard Rustin. Bayard Rustin was an African American man who partnered up with Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK for short) during the March on Washington event. He also participated in research on a disease called AIDS. While Rustin was in the March on Washington event, some of the people he was working with didn't want him to be in front of the March because of his homosexuality. But he didn't let that stop him from achieving his goal of ending segregation.

I was inspired to write about Bayard Rustin because of the things he did to get this far in spite of the barriers that kept him from succeeding because of what people thought of him.

The art she is teaching makes me want to do new things...

ETHAN H. GRADE 4

Old Laws and Rights that Still We Use Today.

Hi my name is Ethan and I am going to tell you something I learned in history. It is some of the laws and rights that were made a long time ago that we still use to this day. The rights we still use are, the right to life and liberty, the right to vote, to free speech, and to own private property. These laws also said that our government has to be governed by citizens. These rights are in the Mayflower Compact of 1622.

Here are some more laws that were used: the freedom from the King of Britain, equality, no breaking and entering, no stealing property.

And this is why they are important: no stealing because Pilgrims could have taken anything they wanted, freedom from the King's tax collectors because he would make them pay taxes for nothing, being equal so nothing will be out of control, no breaking and entering because it will be peaceful and safe. No stealing property because people should have to keep what they have earned and own.

They are not good laws because they had everything in place which makes them great laws.

Computer classes teach you essential work skills.



CAMILA S. GRADE 2

Traveling Tips

- 1. On the plane, you should always wear your seatbelt.
- 2. You should bring your wallet in case you get hungry.
- 3. You shouldn't bring liquids. You can buy them when you get to all the stores. If you have any small liquids you have to put them in a bag.
- **4.** You should always be two hours early before the time you fly so you have time to get ready.
- **5.** You should pack plenty of things in case there's an emergency.
- **6.** You should get the right things that are allowed at the airport so you don't have to take anything out.

JORDYNN W. GRADE 3

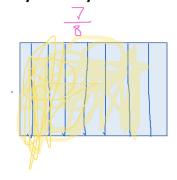
The most interesting thing that I ever learned in third grade and in my whole entire life is fractions. I had never learned how to do fractions before, but now it's my favorite thing to do.

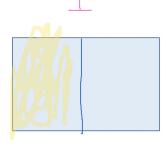
Fractions are a smaller part of a whole number. I like fractions so much because math is my favorite subject. I like math class and I like that my teachers help me when I'm struggling with math.

You have to do times tables in order to find the right answer when doing fractions. Fraction strips are a way to solve for fractions. Here's an example of how to do a fraction strip for 7/8. First you draw a rectangle or a square and then you draw lines to break it out into the bigger number on the bottom of the fraction, which is 8. Then, you color in 7 squares. Then you can see if another fraction is bigger or not by coloring it in another square or rectangle.

This is how you do fractions. Have a great day!

Example of fraction strips for: 7/8 and 1/2

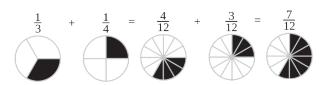






MONSE E. GRADE 4

I think that learning about fractions was really interesting. I really liked how we learned about them. We were given a shaded box and had to find out if the fraction was I out of I0, 2 out of 8 or anything else. My teacher made it fun by using examples like pizza and bananas when we were learning about fractions. Sometimes they are kind of hard to understand but they're still fun because our worksheets had a lot of bright colors in the fractions. They put blue, yellow, and a lot of colors that look pretty. This is what fractions look like:



My teacher told me to always remember that all slices of a fraction have to be the same size. There could be any number of shaded spots and we had to add fractions together.

Children usually begin learning fractions in 3rd grade, but you could learn fractions in 4th grade as well, which is when I learned them. There are many kinds of different fractions. We learned common fractions, but there are also proper fractions, improper fractions, mixed fractions, like fractions, unlike fractions, equivalent fractions, unit fractions and so many more.

JORDAN C. GRADE 6

Computer Class: Being Safe

Online Computer class is important to me because it teaches the importance of being online, especially in today's world, because so much is online. Either by playing games or typing an essay we learn how to do new things in the class. Ever wonder why we need computer classes? I've done my research. Computer classes teach you essential work skills. For example if you are writing an essay for class you need to use the correct grammar. Even when you're playing video games or on your email account, computer class teaches you how to do those things safely. There you have it, that's why we need computer classes. Now let's get to the most important thing about technology, being safe. Why do we need to be safe? Well, one reason is because there are Hackers. Hackers can hack into any system, especially yours. We need to be careful about what we are signing into, specifically when you get an email on anything for free do NOT click on it, because it is a scam to get your information to hack your computer. Another reason is because of viruses. If you click on a link it can send a virus, to not only your computer but to other technologies too. We need to pay attention to what we are clicking on so we won't get hacked, or get a virus. Plus you do love playing video games don't you? So you need to know this in order to be safe. I hoped you enjoyed reading this and learned from it!

AVAP. GRADE 5

What makes the world go round

There are some really great resources that we use that most people don't know about.

A natural resource is a material from the earth that humans, animals, and plants use to live.

Here are some fun facts:

- 1. You can't live without water for more than 3 days.
- 2. Natural resources are constantly used in our day-to-day lives.
- **3.** There are renewable and non-renewable resources.
- 4. Water, sun, air, and wood can be replaced and replenished therefore they are renewable.
- **5.** Natural gas, coal, and oil can take 100 years to be replaced that makes them non-renewable.
- 6. The rainforest will be gone because people are cutting down trees. If we make a stand on this right now then the forest will be saved.
- 7. Our ocean is mostly covered with trash, we can start cleaning up and not throw trash in the ocean so the sea animals will be saved.

I find natural resources interesting because we use them everyday, but we never think about them.

Everyone should care about them because we use this stuff to live and we depend on it. If we don't care about it and about our planet then we could lose it.

VALERIA L. GRADE 6

Dear Students,

This year I've learned many things. I've learned how to determine a reliable source, how to write an essay, how to find evidence to support my claim, and a lot more! However, the subject I've been interested in the most this school year is math. I know most people probably don't like it, but I do. I think it's actually pretty fun because I like learning about different strategies and ways to solve a problem.

Although math might be challenging, I like being taught how to overcome this challenge. I have a teacher who is able to understand math concepts and teach them in an engaging way. Apart from what I currently know, I'm really excited to learn more about math.

-Valeria

ZAMARI C. GRADE 2

Science and Math

My name is Zamari and I like science and math the most this year. I like science because we got to make glue. I like math because I'm good at it. I made glue for the first time in science. My favorite part about math is when I solve a problem because it feels like I'm solving a puzzle. Eating lunch at school is fun too because after lunch I play at recess.



To make a volcano eruption at home, first get some baking soda, vinegar, and water.

DYLAN GRADE 6

My favorite thing I learned in 6th grade so far is how to make a volcano erupt.

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust that has magma and lava inside. Magma is molten rock that is underground, but lava is molten rock that breaks through the Earth's crust. Do you know how hot lava is? Lava is between 1300 and 2400 degrees Fahrenheit. When a volcano erupts, it is not the lava that is the deadliest, but the volcanic ash.

To make a volcano eruption at home, first get some baking soda, vinegar, and water. Second, fill your volcano about halfway with water. Third, pour the baking soda into the water. Finally, pour the vinegar into the mixture. Then, run away, because the volcano is going to explode! The vinegar and baking soda create a chemical reaction, and push the water up and out to cause the explosion.

I think the volcano eruption is interesting because I think volcanoes are really cool. I think they are cool because you do not know what each eruption will look like. Every volcano eruption is unique. It was really fun to be able to make the eruption at home. I think that everyone should try it one day.

MASON H. GRADE 5

I got to join a basketball team at school with 5th and 6th graders. I made friends with more 6th graders. We became undefeated and we made it to the playoffs.

You don't have to score all the points because it's most likely you won't score as much as you would as a team.

Almost every game we score 30 points or more.

Sometimes I get to play on the 7th and 8th graders basketball team. It's kinda hard because they're taller and more talented. Sometimes it's hard, it feels like playing in the NBA.

It was fun playing on the basketball team and I hope to do it again next year. It teaches you to never give up. Sports teaches you to take care of your body.

AVERY C. GRADE 2

Dragonflies

This year I learned a lot of stuff about dragonflies. One thing about dragonflies is that their eyes are really big. They can see almost everywhere around them. Also dragonflies can eat other dragonflies. There are almost three thousand kinds of dragonflies in the world. I think dragonflies are very interesting!

ADVICE FOR A STUDENT starting ___ grade next year

Look at that! Another school year has breezed right by us. As you prepare to transition into a new grade, write a piece of advice for students starting _ grade next year. What are some tips and tricks to be successful? Any fun projects they should look forward to? Any advice on making friends? Should they be nervous, excited, or worried? Write all about it!



ARELY A. GRADE 8

Welcome incoming 7th & 8th graders! You will be starting middle school this year. It will feel like a lot of stress, but it is so much fun. Here are some things to remember when coming into middle school:

- 1. Pick your friends wisely
- 2. Always turn in your work on time
- 3. Never be late to classes
- 4. Don't be afraid to ask questions
- **5.** Have a specific teacher you can trust
- 6. Be respectful to everyone
- 7. Try to stay away from trouble

Remember to always stay on track and give it all the best that you can. During your middle school years, you will have so much fun so enjoy it as much as you can!

BRANDON Q. GRADE 5

I really like fifth grade because in fifth grade you learn a lot and you get to do amazing things like make your own water vapor contraption or multiply fractions. Fifth grade can also be really tricky. So here is some advice I have for a student starting 5th grade next year:

- Pay attention in class.
- Take a deep breath or calm down for example: when you're in a test or performance.
- Don't stay zoned out because once you do you'll be in a whole different lesson.
- Pay attention in fourth grade because you are going to use a lot of stuff from fourth grade to fifth grade.

Fifth grade is tricky but always remember to try your best.



Stay away from trouble.

ABRAM G. GRADE 5

Hi, cousin Uriel.

It's me, Abram G. I am so happy you are going to 5th grade. I have some advice for you to help you succeed in school. Bring all your stuff for every subject and take advantage of the opportunities that the teacher gives you. Do not get distracted and try your best. And also do not talk when the teacher is talking. Well, I guess this is goodbye.

Good luck, Abram G.

ZOE H.GRADE 6

Dear incoming 5th/6th graders,

Welcome, sixth graders, into the new school year. I am here to help and tell you some tips, so you are fully prepared for the school year. Tip number 1 if you ever do go back online, don't take advantage of that. That means don't cheat, it won't help you. Here is another tip, so you know that you're older and going through changes, make sure you have good hygiene because you don't want to be the kid everyone smells before even coming! Tip number 3: know that you are older, and teachers will absolutely not accept late work. Even if the assignment you did is very good, they will give you a zero for turning it in late, so make sure not to procrastinate! And lastly just make sure to be you and don't change your personality for anyone. Have a good school year!

Good luck, Zoe

YATZIRI D. GRADE 1

Dear Friend,

What is your name? Are you a boy or a girl? Are you learning how to read or do you already know? I like to read about Pokeman, what do you like to read? I also like to play Pokeman. Do you like to play Pokeman?

I hope we get to meet someday. Have a great school day!

Take Care, Yatziri D.

CHLOE B. GRADE 4

Hello new fourth grader,

Welcome to the tutoring community! The point of this letter is to give you good advice to enjoy fourth grade. To have a successful year, you need to participate in class, don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand, and do your homework. Try to get to know your classmates and make friends by being confident, friendly, and helping them out. Some fun things to look forward to in fourth grade are:

- Learn about the solar system and use a telescope to observe the planets
- Play jeopardy
- Learn about different people for Black history month and Women's history month. I learned about Miles Davis for BHM and Serena Williams for WHM.

Lastly, fourth grade is harder than third grade, but it is more fun.

Have a blasting year!

Chloe B.

AMARIS R. GRADE 4

Dear future fourth grader,

One of my best pieces of advice is you should follow your teacher's expectations. If you follow expectations and do your work then you will get good grades. The next thing to know is science projects are a fun thing you get to do in fourth grade. A thing I liked about them was they keep you busy and you get to use a lot of fun materials like wired sticks, tape, and balls. One time we got to build animal brains which was interesting and fun. Before I leave, last thing. Don't be nervous about school. Be excited! Why? Because you will make lots of new friends, you will have a great teacher, and work hard on your homework so you can do great in school.

Good luck.

Sincerely, Amaris

AUBREE C. GRADE 3

Here's some advice for anyone that is starting third grade next year. Try practicing your times and try learning some division, so you can be ahead of everybody else.

Also, be ready to start learning about area and perimeter.

What I found most interesting is learning about area and perimeter because it is a little hard to remember which is which, so it challenges me a lot.

Area is side times side and perimeter is side plus side plus side plus side.

And if you find anything hard, don't worry. Just keep trying – eventually, you will get it right as long as you try your best.

I hope this helps you.



GABRIEL M. **GRADE 4**

Hello dear 4th graders,

The homework that you have in some classes is easy but not math. It starts off easy but then it gets hard. Make sure you practice your multiplication. At my school we have the wax museum project. During this project you have to write a speech about a historical person and dress up like them. You have to practice standing still for 30 minutes (you can sit down if you like). On Fridays if you finish all of your homework and if you pass your times table, you can have free time where you can play on your Chromebook or draw.

Wish you all luck, Gabriel

JAINEE D. **GRADE 4**

Hello, future 4th graders. My name is Jainee D. I am in 4th grade at the Hawthorne School and I am here to give you some advice for 4th grade. Next year when you, 3rd graders, are in 4th, you should need to know is that you are going to get more challenging work, depending on what school and average you are in. For example, I am in 4th grade in the advanced class for math and reading. They teach us 5th and 6th-grade stuff and sometimes things are hard but if you are interested and like the subject, things are easy as pie.

I hope you understand that 4th grade is not as hard as you think it is. I hope my advice helped you and got you ready for next year when you are in 4th grade. Good luck and I don't think you would need help because you, future 4th graders, are going to be fine.

Bye, future 4th graders:)

LAYLA A. **4TH GRADE**

Dear future 4th grader,

I'm here to give you some tips about 4th grade. You might be wondering if 4th grade is hard but it's not. I think you might like it and I have great taste. You learn new things, meet new people and you might bond with your teacher. Here's some ways to make friends: help someone you don't know, say hi and see where they're from. You learn a lot about mixed fractions and you get to multiply all the numbers, it's exciting because sometimes you might not even know how to do a lot of mixed fractions, it can be hard sometimes. You learn stuff about products, science, how cool it is and how we can help the earth. Have a nice day and you can do it!

From, Layla

KANEN Y. **GRADE 4**

Hi,

My name is Kanen. I hope your day is going amazing. My advice for starting 4th grade is what I did before meeting my new class and teachers.

What I first did was take deep breaths and walked into class. It was scary but I went to my new spot in the class. I saw my friends from 3rd grade and one of my best friend from kindergarten. I played with them and we have fun to this day because of me being brave. Hopefully this will help you be brave like I was. And if you want to, you can meet new friends and people, be brave and talk ONLY if it's safe.

Also try your best in every subject. It will help your grade, it will help you move grades and not go to summer school.

I hope this was helpful and have a good day.

AIDEN S. GRADE 8

Hello, my name is Aiden S. and I'm in eighth grade. I want to give you the dos and don'ts of eighth grade.

- 1. Do all your homework to avoid being held back a grade
- 2. Don't listen to rumors
- 3. Don't listen to stories about yourself that people are saying, especially when they are not true
- 4. Always listen to your teachers
- 5. Don't let people peer pressure you
- 6. Don't pick on people

Thank you for your time, good luck on your eighth grade year.
Have a nice day,

Aiden S.

DAVID M. GRADE 4

Hello everyone, let's get started today.

I am going to give you advice for 4th grade. Try not to be lazy. Your grades will drop and you won't pass your grade. Try to complete the homework. If it's hard, ask someone in your grade or has passed the grade. If something is stressful in your class ask your teacher and maybe she can help you to do it. To make friends try to be nice and don't be rude to them or take something from them. If people don't like you find other people that do like you. If you ever have fun at school it's mostly during recess. If you want to have fun at recess, find the friends you made in class and play with them. Suggest some games that you can play. My favorite is zombies. Also if you lose a friend it's ok and don't cry.

Bye and have fun in fourth grade.

-David M.

JELANI H. GRADE 2

Dear Students,

If you want to be a good student you have to focus, be nice, listen, and be a scholar.

Adios, Jelani

DELANO O.GRADE 8

Welcome to Middle School! This isn't going to be like grammar school. It will be harder. Much harder, unfortunately. But...if you want to know a few things that will make your life easier, here they are:

Avoid burning red eyes in the morning from all the last minute work you decided to save until the VERY LAST minute, and get your work done on time!

Don't wander the halls. Ask the city for the blueprints to the school if you're really that keen on exploring. You'll only get into trouble.

Take advantage of any after-school opportunities because it will bring you closer to your fellow peers, since you probably won't know many of them to begin with.

Try to be as friendly as you can towards your classmates, otherwise they won't like you. Seems obvious, right?

I hope that this advice makes your middle school life easier. If you need any more advice, feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely, Delano O.



ANALIA G. GRADE 2

Letter to new 2nd Grade student,

You're going to learn how to add and how to count money. And write long sentences with adjectives and expand the sentence. You are going to learn about all kinds of animals and where they live. You are going to have a lot of fun!

Bye, Analia

JACOB M. GRADE 7

Hello 6th graders,

Can you please take 10 minutes out of your busy day of playing FortNite to listen to me, I have some advice for you about 7th grade. Since I am probably the best 7th grader ever, you should listen to me.

- Don't get into trouble.
- Try your hardest, this is the year high schools look at.
- Think before you act.
- Choose your friends carefully.
- Try new things out! For example,
 I tried a new sport out this year and
 I really liked it.
- Personally I liked 7th grade a lot more than 6th grade. Maybe you will too!

Thanks for taking some time out of your very busy schedule. Now that you are prepared for next year I wish you the best of luck.

-Jacob

DESTINY T.GRADE 6

Dear Incoming 6th Grader,

Welcome to 6th Grade! You have made it! There are things you should know before going to 6th grade. 6th Grade is going to be tough (but high school will be harder than any other grade). 6th Grade is hard because there are going to be questions that you don't know, like long division with remainders. But you don't need to worry because there are teachers waiting for you to ask for help. You can also ask your classmate or any other adult in the classroom for help.

My favorite project this year was creating an Animal Cell in Science class. I got to go to Michael's Craft Store and create a 3D diagram of an Animal Cell. We got to show the systems that are in our body such as the Circulatory system, Respiratory system, and Digestive system.

You're going to do great in 6th Grade. Good luck! Have fun! Don't forget to believe what you achieve!:)

Sincerely, Destiny:)

Be a good sport and a model for the kindergarteners and 1st graders.

GISELLE G. GRADE 7

Hello future seventh graders. My name is Giselle. I am in seventh grade and I would like to talk about some advice for your upcoming year in seventh grade.

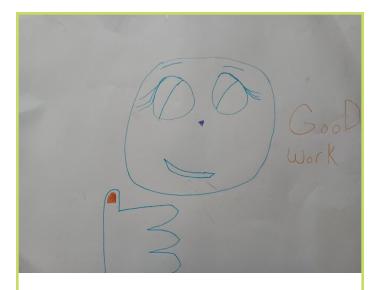
One piece of advice I would say which would probably be the most important is to prioritize your time and use your time wisely. The time will fly and you can get behind fast so try to study at home for at least one hour a week.

In class taking notes is helpful, either your own or what's on the board, because those notes are what's usually on the test and that can boost your score. It also helps you understand the subject more.

Organization is going to be really helpful this year because now that you are getting closer to high school you will get more work for each subject. Having everything together in one place will be helpful because it will save you time. In this case, a planner is really helpful because it does just that. It will help you stay neat and organized and is a good reminder for all your work that you tend to forget so you will never miss an assignment when you get home.

Thank you for reading. I hope you take this advice and make it helpful to you in this coming year.

-Giselle



JAMISESA R. GRADE 7

Advice for a student starting 7th grade next year

Hello future 7th grader! My favorite part about 7th grade was getting to learn so many new things! I know it will be hard, but if you keep working and follow instructions, it will get easier!

Follow my list:

- It will be hard, but don't give up!
- Start slow and continue steady
- The constitution won't be easy, but studying, taking notes, and highlighting topics makes it much easier!
- Don't fight on the playground!
 Good luck with 7th grade, hope you have a great year!

Best, Jamisesa

HEMANI P. GRADE 6

Dear incoming 6th grader,

Welcome to 6th grade! I know some of you will be nervous, but with preparation and knowing what you're dealing with, 6th grade is going to be a great year. When I started 6th grade, I felt ready but a bit scared. Luckily, 6th grade won't be a lot different from 5th grade. You will get used to things fast. Good luck, I know you can do it!

What I did was study ahead, which helps only if you understood all content and material from 5th grade. If you fell behind in 5th grade, catch up on that first and remember, this might look like something to ruin your serene summer break, but this shouldn't have to overwhelm you. Teachers will also help you catch up during the school year, so things don't get too stressful.

Forming friendships and socializing is easier in 6th grade because students are more mature. For example, I now have a friend that I did not get along with when I was younger. In 6th grade, we are more mature and have become friends. If you are reclusive, this is your chance.

You might start to forget things, and even though teachers might be more forgiving, you want to finish it in time. To keep track of things, keep a planner, bullet journal, or set reminders to help. It even starts to get fun!

Your grades will be more important for getting into a good high school or academic center. You will have to study more, and if you already know the content you're learning, study ahead. If you don't know what to study, ask the teacher what you will learn next. If you have groups based on your level on a subject, maybe try practicing what you were taught there.

If you follow these tips there's a huge chance 6th grade will be a great year for you, and an easy one. Remember to study harder, and catch up on things you didn't learn, make new friends, set plans, and focus on your grades. Don't worry, I know some of you are nervous, but preparation is key. I hope this answers some questions.

ATHENIA R. GRADE 2

Hello 1st graders... soon to be 2nd graders. Here is some advice and tips for second grade. One good tip is that you should listen to your teachers and always be prepared for class. Another good tip is to be a good sport and a model for the kindergarteners and the 1st graders. The last most important piece of advice is to never give up.

Have a great day!!

Athenia R.

ANGEL D. GRADE 3

Dear new 3rd grader,

Congratulations on finishing 2nd grade! As with any other grade, the easiest way to make friends is to introduce yourself and just be nice. If you struggle with math or any other subject, don't be afraid to ask the teacher. We learned multiplication this year and I found out that time flies when you're doing times tables lol. Try your best but be kind to yourself - third grade is tough!

Good luck! Angel

HARMONY H. GRADE 7

Letter to a Sixth-Grader from HarmonyDear Sixth-Grader,

I want you to learn all about seventh grade. It's going to be challenging, but as you go on and on, you'll get the hang of it.

You'll learn about the different lifestyles of different people. You will have to write a lot of paragraphs for essays.

The teachers might be tough on you because they're preparing you for high school. If you have one of those teachers that gives you tests every Friday, make sure you study! Make sure you finish your work on time. Don't play around in school. Stay focused.

You might lose some friends or keep some friends, but your true friends will always be there for you and will always help you. They'll always be there to protect you.

And when you're alone, make sure you do your work to your fullest. Make sure you keep out of trouble.

You are going to have a LOT of

homework every day! You'll learn about different words you've never heard in your entire life. Stay on task. If you're with your friends and you know you'll be talking, move away from them so you don't get distracted.

Do not fight in school. You can play-fight, but you don't want a real fight so you get suspended. Don't do anything bad.

Good things about Seventh grade: You learn about different things you've never learned about.

It's preparing you for high school.

If you have good grades you'll get into the school you want.

Ask questions if you need help or are confused about something.

Have fun! But don't have too much fun. It's a lot of things for seventh grade! But it is fun. Just keep pushing through and moving forward. And then you'll go to high school and then college. It's all good!

Love, Harmony

TEWOBSTA G. GRADE 4

Dear 4th grader,

I hope you have a great time in Tutoring Chicago. You should always try your best and have fun. Even though you may have trouble when you are learning, work hard and you will be amazing! Some things in 4th grade are different than in 3rd grade. In math you learn something new you didn't know before. I learned fractions and also prime and composite numbers. What things have you learned in 3rd grade that you haven't learned before? Be joyful and enjoy your journey!

MUSA S. GRADE 5

Dear incoming fifth grader,

Congratulations for making it to 5th grade! School in 5th grade will be a bit hard, but you will learn a lot from the new grade you are going to. You will learn Mixed Fractions, multiplying fractions with different denominators, and much more. My advice is that you should not come late from school or turn something late, or else you will get an F and the teacher will be really disappointed in you. Good Luck in 5th grade! You can do it!

Sincerely, Musa S.

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Be joyful and enjoy your journey!



JAVIA I. GRADE 4

Dear 4th Grader,

Welcome to 4th grade. The teachers are nice. Sometimes science is fun but it is sometimes boring. Sometimes the homework is hard. You get reading packets, and they are long. If you beat your math and reading goals, they will throw a party. If Covid leaves, you can go on a field trip to the museum.

Bye. See you later!

Javia

JULIANA L. GRADE 4

Advice for a Student Starting 4th Grade Next Year

Hello, I will be telling you guys what to expect and what to do in 4th Grade to have a good year. I did all of this stuff and had a pretty good year.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BE PREPARED:

Bring extra notebooks than what is required to take notes. You will need a lot of pencils and your own sharpeners, so your teacher is not annoyed with the noise. Also, a bigger backpack to fit all of your stuff.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

The work will be a little bit more difficult than 3rd grade. Do your work in class so you can have free time at home. Stay on task because it will help you study. Pay attention to little details because in text you will be asked where you got information from and you will need to know where it came from.

WHAT NOT TO DO:

If you don't have homework in a class, don't take those books and notebooks home because you could get back pain. Don't fill your water bottle up all the way because it will spill on the table where other people are sitting. Also, Don't bully anyone.

WHAT TO DO TO MAKE FRIENDS:

Be kind. 2. Be yourself. 3. Respect others' perspectives. 4. Be helpful.
 Have fun when you have free time, for example, at recess and lunch.

EVELYN G. GRADE 2

Dear Abby,

Next year you will be in second grade. Be sure to listen and not interrupt the teacher. Listen when she says to do something. Remember to not be mean to the teacher.

Try to set your goal on good grades. Your Mom and your Dad will be happy if you have good grades.

Sometimes you will get a good compliment from the teacher for good behavior.

Soon, in second grade, you will get a Chromebook and get "choice time". Choice time is when you can go on any site except not bad sites like YouTube. Go only on the sites the teacher lets you go on.

You will make friends in second grade and learn a lot.

Sincerely, Evelyn G.

ISABELLA C. GRADE 6

Dear new 6th graders,

So, middle school. Middle school is when you would want to focus on your grades. It's a benchmark year so you would really want to study hard. DON'T TRY TO BECOME POPULAR. That will lower your grades so much. In middle school you get lockers. In my personal opinion I HATE LOCKERS. It's just the worst thing out there. You have a code to remember. If you don't remember your code and lose the paper that has your code, you can't open your locker. If you don't memorize it, kids are going to make fun of you for that. Just be yourself in 6th grade. You're going to regret not making the most of everything.

Hope you have fun in 6th grade,

Isabella

KENDALL C.GRADE 4

Advice for Starting 4th Grade

4th grade is hard because you learn things you never learned in 3rd grade. Also, your new teachers teach in a different way than others. And finally, you have to move to six different classes, unlike third grade, which has only about 3 classes daily.

You might not go over the same things you learned in third grade in your new classes, so take notes while you can to ace your first test! For example, you might learn Dr. Martin Luther King in 3rd grade, but learn about Maya A. in 4th grade!

Your new homeroom teacher does not have a calm-down corner, so make sure to control your emotions. She told her whole homeroom that her class is a calm down zone!

You also have to get used to six classes a day! First you have your homeroom class. Then, you have art. After that class number 3. Then, lunch and recess. Next you have science, then math, then dismissal!

Don't be afraid! Fourth grade isn't hard when you pay attention, get good grades and don't get in that much trouble. Your new teachers are very nice and give you treats for being on task.

AMY G. GRADE 4

Dear New Fourth Grader,

I wish someone had told me that fourth grade was going to be harder. It will be easier when you are done practicing fractions, decimals and 3-step word problems. Some advice is to try your best. When I try my best the teacher tells me that she noticed it. I hope this helped you.

Sincerely , Amy G.



YARETZI GRADE 8

Advice to a student starting 8th grade

Are you nervous about 8th grade? Well, you shouldn't be. You should be excited, because 8th grade is going to be your last year of elementary school.

In 8th grade you are going to be studying more and having more quizzes and tests than before. You might get anxious, but rather than being scared you should be making many improvements, because you improve from mistakes.

Listen to your teachers and do your homework, because it would be a beneficial thing for high school. Something more important than that you should know before going to 8th grade, is don't ever stop doing your homework, because if you stop doing it, you might have a pile of missing homework affecting your grades, and always be respectful to your peers. Yaretzi

SOFIA L. GRADE 5

Dear incoming fifth grader,

Okay, so you know all of those things your older sibling told you about 5th grade? Well, forget it all. They were trying to scare you. It's not thaaaat bad. The most important thing to do is to TAKE NOTES and take it from me you're getting a head start. I had to learn it the hard way. Here is a list of things you need to do to take good notes

- · Write neatly, even if you're in a rush
- DON'T doodle on the same page.
 Do it on another page (if you must)
- Write the date and what your learning that day

Next, you need to practice your long stuff like multiplication and division. That is reall!!!!!!!y important in fifth grade. Ugh, look at all that homework. Well don't worry, I got you covered. Here are some tips for studying and for tackling that pile sitting in front of you

 there is NO space in your math book to do your work, so show your work on a SEPARATE page, preferably on graph paper

- Don't just read a book to get it over with, actually read it. I promise it will help you become smarter.
- Don't think of when you'll finish something, think of what you'll learn when you are done.
- DON'T (look at those capitals) do anything at the LAST MINUTE.
 (I mean it, plan ahead)

Don't just do the bare minimum, aim high and do the best that you can.
Last, but not least, (drum roll please) a backpack yeah I SEE you there at Target in the backpack section. DO NOT WORRY BECAUSE I AM HERE. I will help you yes you buddy here is your checklist:

- Yeah I guess that's cute but... does it work. You need to get something that will work (I had to learn that the hard way).
- ONLY BRING HOME THE NECESSARY items.

 If you don't need it don't bring it. DO IT

 FOR YOUR BACK BRO!
- Always have a spare notebook.
 It helps for math or messy notes.

You'll do great don't worry A soon to be sixth grader,

Sofia L.

LAIYLA J. GRADE 8

Tips for becoming an 8th grader

Rule 1: Don't get into any drama.

If someone is messing with you, breathe in, breathe out, and walk away.

Rule 2: Make sure you do your work on time!

Your teachers are getting you ready for high school, and they will not take anything late. Real talk.

Rule 3: If you are having a hard time, that's when you count on your teacher and parents.

They'll get you right and ready for high school.

Rule 4: Just have fun.

Remember: do what you're supposed to do so you can enjoy your last year of middle school.

I'm off to high school, so remember these tips since I won't be there to remind you. I'm counting on you. GOOD LUCK. MWAH!
-Laiyla

ORLANDO M. GRADE 8

Hey, future eighth grader! Wow, it's almost the end of the school year. You know, I thought I wasn't going to make it this far, but I was able to push through because of friends and people I care about most. They were helpful for me, and I hope they're helpful for you too. Make sure you always ask your friends for help, whether academically or mentally, because all of us are human and we all need a break sometimes. Don't be afraid to ask for a break. Even though we're still considered young, we have real emotions.

Make sure you try your best in class, and I'd just like to say, I'm very proud of you for making it another year. I hope you know you can do a lot of amazing things if you put your mind to it. So come in next year with the mentality that you will thrive no matter what situation you're in.

Thank you for listening! I really hope you listen to my words, and I hope you have a wonderful eighth grade year.

-Orlando



DIEGO S. GRADE 3

Hi Third Graders,

Welcome to Third Grade. It's Diego here. This year may be tricky and hard, but do not worry. I will teach you every way to pass third grade. First is safety. If there is a classroom problem, stay calm and talk to your teacher. Second is do not interrupt the teacher. Third is to be careful on the playground and be aware of sharp edges (it happened to me)! Always be cautious of your surroundings.

If you want to be someone's friend, show them your talent. My talent is being funny! When you become their friend, ask them to come over and play (maybe even do some homework).

You can DO it!

Diego



SAMANTHA H. GRADE 6

Dear Incoming 6th grader,

Hi, I'm Samantha, and you need to know some things about sixth grade. Sixth grade might sound hard, but once you're in sixth grade it's pretty crazy and almost kind of fun. I know that because I'm in sixth grade right now. When you're in sixth grade there is going to be a lot of homework, teachers who overreact, a lot of drama, and boys who pick on you.

Homework is just mind blowing because you have to do algebra and a lot of reading. If you have any missing work, I recommend you to do it as soon as possible, because once you see your failing grade, you're not going to have a lot of time to do the work.

Teachers are sometimes just crazy, but when you get used to it, you will start laughing when you get in trouble or when she or he screams. Teachers give out so much homework that it takes years to finish. If you follow their rules, then I predict that nothing bad is going to happen to you.

When you start sixth grade, I wish you good luck, because there's a lot of drama. If you get into the drama you get stuck in it like gum. The hardest part of sixth grade is that people try to get to you. Boys are most likely to tease you and make fun of you, but if you let it get to you, it will make you look weak. If there's a boy you like, act normal because if you don't act like yourself, then the boy will like the other side of you that is trying to impress him.

I wrote this because when I went to sixth grade I was really surprised by the homework, teachers, drama, and boys. I hope you will follow these tips because then you will have an easier sixth grade.

Signed, Samantha

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All of us are human, and we all need a break sometime.

NEVAEH B. GRADE 6

My advice for Fifth Graders going into Sixth Grade

- 1. Don't over share your information out to anybody you don't trust.
- **2.** Work harder so you can have better grades, and so no one has to ask you to do things more than once.
- 3. Be helpful to everyone.
- **4.** Be helpful and kind to each other so you can have great friendships
- **5.** Even if you don't enjoy the subject you still have to work hard and get your work done.
- **6.** Work hard in 6th grade and try your best because the teachers are preparing you for 7th.
- **7.** Don't get distracted because then that stops you from doing your work.
- 8. Projects to look forward to are science projects, Black History Month project. And just do the project it could give you more credit on your grade.
- **9.** Try not to be sleepy in class and try to get 8 or 9 hours of sleep.
- 10. Active listen!
- 11. Don't start drama in your class.
- 12. Don't be disruptive.
- 13. Don't be disrespectful.

LAILA C. GRADE 3

Hi! My name is Laila and I am in 3rd grade. I have advice for someone starting 3rd grade. First, you should say "hi" to the teacher when you walk in the classroom. If you want Fun Friday, you have to be very goo. You can bring your electronics into the classroom on Friday! If you want a party, you have to be very good and you get to take out the teacher's pet, a green lizard named Princess.

There are many different projects that I did in school that are very fun. We made gummy bears in STEM and the next project is tie dye shoes! And I made slime that is magnetic and that can stick to things.

When you go into the classroom, you can say hi to your teacher or give your teacher a gift. If you see someone sitting by themselves, you can go up and say "hi, do you want to be friends?" And if they say yes then you're friends! That's exactly what I did with my friend Nia, who I just met last month and now we are good friends!

Don't be worried because if you study a lot and you trust yourself, you will do fine! You can be nervous and excited at the same time but mostly nervous because you're going to make new friends and the teachers are nice!

FELIPE C. GRADE 1

First grade is fun! We play with play-doh on Fridays and we bring in toys. First grade is similar to Kindergarten because both have recess and math class and specials. When you're in first grade, you go upstairs for class and have a different teacher but it's not scary. I think you will like first grade.

From, Felipe

IIIFirst grade is fun!

YOMI M. GRADE 5

Hi, welcome to lessons with Yomi 101! Hi, I'm in grade 5 and I'm going to give you advice,tips so when you start fifth grade so that you can know what to do!

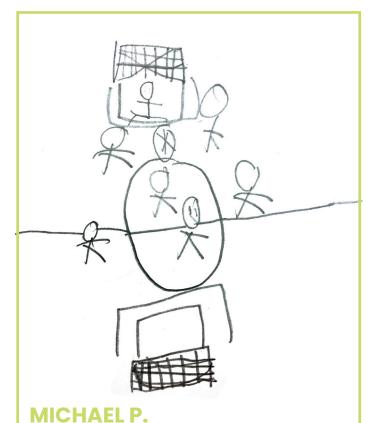
First thing you need to know is your MULTIPLICATIONS. It will get very VERY handy. Also make sure you know FRACTIONS it will also get very handy.

Fifth grade will get hard at some point, and that's okay! You may get pushed when it's the end of the year and the teachers are going to say it's because you are so close to sixth grade and it will get worse. Like if you're missing an assessment they won't really tell you or you didn't get the best grade on an assessment they won't tell. Sooooo basically middle school it's your responsibility to know what to do.

Fifth grade may be the year where you are expected to do the hard stuff or stuff you can't do like the stuff you used to do when you were younger AND you ARE going to get treated like middle schoolers! I HATE THAT! Also there might be some people in your class or grade that are not really mature, or just not being the best students to your teacher. There is going to be lots of lots of drama, like a LOT. Fifth grade is actually really fun! Like the teachers, classroom. You may get along with the staff people at your school.

Well that's all I can tell you so far! I really hope you know what to do to get ready for fifth grade. That's all with Yomi! YOMI IS OUT!





GRADE 2

Hola amigo!

Second grade is both fun and hard. The hard thing is that you have more homework and tests. The fun things are that you can play soccer with your friends at recess and in class, the teacher might let you talk if she is busy. But the best part about second grade is that you learn!

Adios!

-Michael P.

MATEO F. GRADE 2

Dear first graders,

In second grade you will learn to subtract in math. In writing, it will get harder. You will get to use the computers. Good luck in second grade.

Mateo

EMMA G. GRADE 5

Dear future 5th grade student, this year you will need to overcome many challenges, essays, tests, and hardest of all friendships. The two teachers are amazing, they will not always be your favorite but you are stuck with them for the year. One of the essays I managed to overcome was my essay about Amelia Earhart. My essay was ten week long and all the editing made it feel like forever. Another one was my book "Holes". I had to write an essay about the book and two sentences about each character. One of the hardest tests I have taken so far is the test I took the very day I am writing this. The IAR. The IAR is a placement test that you have already taken also the very day I am writing this also. I never experienced the IAR test in fourth grade but I assume it is easier than mine. The IAR is horrible and as you know lasts 2-3 days. And as you know the hardest one for me was friendships. All my students are noisy and loud, one time I forgot my water bottle on the third floor and I could still hear them from up there! Also make sure to NEVER get the teachers mad, they also will appreciate when you confess if you did something wrong. If you happen to be in 212, that teacher will express when they have had a bad morning/day. You need to focus on your school work, after 5th grade you will be in 6th grade/middle school and that will require knowledge and skill. You will learn new things that sometimes I never even heard of! So if you will take on the challenge of 5th grade, you must focus and not let other people get into your head.

I felt inspired to write this essay because future generations should know about the teachers and if they are nice or not.

TATIANA H. GRADE 6

Advice for a student starting 6th grade next year

INTRODUCTION Hi, My name is Tatiana Haynes and I am currently a former 6th grade student participating in the Chicago Tutoring Program.

I have been participating in this program for 2 years now and it has helped a lot. Since I have signed up I have been getting better grades on my homework assignments and in-class assignments. Below I am going to give you some basic knowledge on being in 6th grade if you are an upcoming 6th grader.

Be prepared In middle school, you always have to be prepared for class. If you would like to study over summer or in your grade, study more advanced subjects such as pre-algebra, analogies, lots, and lots of new vocab words. In my class, we must have our supplies with us at all times, or else we get detention. I recommend bringing at least 1 or 2 blue or black pens. In 6th grade, the teachers do not like pencils too much. Headphones are a must! You never know when you will have a surprise test and need to watch a video. You will need several composition notebooks. Your teachers will always expect you to take notes, and then if you have an open note quiz you can go back and review the answers. Loose-leaf paper is a major need. You never know when you will have a pop quiz. Grab some 3 x 3 Post-it notes and Tab dividers. During class, you will be revisiting the world of annotations constantly. You will always need to take notes on Newsela articles

or maybe in a book you are reading. You may need to divide your notebook into different units to make it easier to go back and visit them, so the dividers are helpful. You are also going to need to prepare for Health class. In this class, you will need to be mature. You will not make it through this class if you are not being mature.

Do not be a "Mean Girl" The label "mean girls" is an expression used to describe girls who exhibit antisocial behavior known as relational aggression and do not wanna be labeled as mean girls. Mean girl behavior includes gossip, verbal put-downs of others, bullying, backstabbing, and using others to get ahead. People who act like this normally do not get ahead in life. If you run into this problem during your school year, do not give them what they want. All you have to do is pay them no mind. Once they see that you do not care about them anymore they will move on to their next victim or just overall stop messing with people.

1. Bullies/Bullying

Bullying can exist in many forms: It can be physical (pushing, punching, or hitting); verbal (name-calling or threats); or psychological and emotional (spreading rumors or excluding someone from a conversation or activity) and with the pervasive use of social media, inappropriate behavior between kids can occur outside of school hours via emails, text messages, and social media posts. These exchanges, known as cyberbullying, can be particularly hurtful and aggressive, and their harmful effects are often brought back into school the next day.

2. Fighting

Fighting at school is not something you want to do but in some cases, there are times you need to defend yourself. Say somebody hits you first, you are going to want to defend yourself. Do not be scared because it would be self-defense, afterall, they hit first. You are also gonna want somebody to see what happened so if they ask you questions you can have a witness. "When somebody is cruel or acts like a bully, you don't stoop to their level—no, our motto is, when they go low, we go higher." - Michelle Obama

Be Confident in Your Answers In middle school, your teacher does not like questions as answers. You want to be confident when speaking to them because if you are not they are going to think you are scared of them and they would not like that. My math teacher would always say "Sound confident in your answers regardless if you think you are wrong or not. Make me rethink my math because you sound so confident."

Study more advanced items. Like I said at the beginning of 'Be Prepared', study more advanced pieces. That will give you a head start from your classes and give you a better understanding of things you are learning in the future. You will also need to prepare for your academic center (if you plan to go to one). An academic center is a 7th and 8th grade program inside certain high schools in Chicago. A student that qualifies and gets accepted into these academic programs can choose to stay for their high school years too. Many students do not have this opportunity, for different reasons, but this is a really big deal.

To sum up, everything that has been stated so far, starting 6th grade can be scary, but it can also be amazingly awesome, just remember

- Be Prepared
- Study more advanced topics
- Keep yourself out of trouble

Remember that and you will be on your way to a perfect middle school year.

KRISTEN R. GRADE 4

Hi new fourth grade class,

My name is Kristen and I am going to be giving advice about fourth grade. When you go to fourth grade, you are going to see a lot of people and you have to make friends by being nice to people. When you enter fourth grade, you have to introduce yourself in the morning. Fourth grade can be cool when you make friends and sit by your friends.

The school year is going to get easier

and easier once you get used to the work. Math might be hard, but it's easy once you get used to the work. Reading might be hard once and a while. Once you start reading more, it gets easier.

A fun project I did was my Black History Month project. Another was a science project that was about the systems of animals' bodies. My favorite thing about fourth grade is the different ways we do math.

Good luck in fourth grade, Kristen

AALIYAH S. GRADE 4

Hey, new 4th grader!

Come check out 4th grade! You don't have to be that nervous, it's not that scary—you will get used to it. The teachers are very nice. It starts out easy with subtraction, then you move on to multiplication, then division, then fractions, then you add fractions together. It can be hard, trust me, but when you listen more, problems and homework will be easier! Art projects are fun and cool. Science is fun because you get to see how animals transform into other animals—like a caterpillar into a butterfly! In Social Studies you get to learn about the five Great Lakes.

I might see you in 5th grade at lunchtime!! Aaliyah

ENRIQUE S. GRADE 6

Advice for a student starting 6th grade next year

Being a 6th grader it's gonna be hard and challenging but in the end it will be worth it. You might see your siblings when you're going to recess and you can play with them. Also, if you have snacks, you're everyone's friend. However, don't believe it if people say bad things about you. They are bullies and they're lying about it. If you need help you can ask your teacher anything and they'll help you. Usually you don't get a lot of homework, but you do get a lot of tests and you have to do a lot more study assignments. It's a good idea to do the practice work than to not because the practice work might already have the answers to the test but no one knows it. The best part about being a 6th grader is that there are less experiments but they're more chaotic. Good luck and have fun in 6th grade!

AIDEN R. GRADE 6

Tips how to live through the worst year of your life

Let's go over the things that you want to do to survive 6th grade.

Put the stuff in your locker that you don't need otherwise you will carry a lot. Pay attention to all your classes. In 6th grade they go fast. Eat a good breakfast because you eat lunch later than in 5th grade. Don't be afraid to daydream - it keeps you sane.

Now let's go over the things that you don't want to do. Don't be loud and obnoxious with your friends. Lunch is a time to relax and eat your food. Don't try and be a class clown or else the teachers will think poorly of you and you'll get in trouble for any reason. Don't sleep in class you will get in trouble.

Those are the things you want to do to survive 6th grade to not make you insane. Thanks for reading, hope you stay alive.

KAYLA P. GRADE 6

Hello Incoming 6th graders,

My name is Kayla and I'm going to give you some advice about the 6th grade. You have to pay attention and stay focused mainly because you are in middle school now and your grades can drop really quickly if you don't pay attention. The social dynamic is very different because you are on the same floor as 7th graders and 8th graders. Stay close to your friends and avoid conflicts with other students and be friendly to everyone. Some people will try to make you do bad things. My advice is to be yourself and don't give in to peer pressure no matter what they tell you. I really enjoyed being on the cheerleading team this year and hope you enjoy your 6th grade too! Best of luck to you!

Bye, Kayla



DESTINY S.GRADE 7

Advice for Students Starting 7th Grade Next Year

When starting 7th grade maintaining good grades is one of the most important things for high school selection. Getting into a good high school is crucial for setting up a foundation for future college chances. One of my best tips for the upkeep is planning out your assignments weeks or even months ahead. Knowing when to do your assignments is key for an organized system. Another tip is to do a little work every day. Instead of procrastinating and letting all of your tasks pile up, working on small amounts of work helps keep you on top of your work. One of the best pieces of advice I was given was to build a good relationship with your teachers. There are many benefits to making good connections with teachers, like talking to them about helping you improve your grades. Most teachers will hear you out and be understanding when it comes to grades when they know that you're a good kid. Also when it comes to 8th grade high school selection in principal discretion it's great to have teachers that will write good recommendations to get you into great schools.

When entering middle school, friendships are a crucial part of life. A tip I have for making friends is to put yourself out there even if it's something you probably wouldn't normally do. By never putting yourself out there, you'll never know what amazing friendships you'll gain. Personally, I've made many

friendships by being courageous and reaching out first. When new friendships grow there will be fights and disagreements, but don't let minor issues get in the way of a friendship. Knowing how to sort out agreements in a healthy way is a great way to maintain these kinds of relationships. Also, making sure that the friendship is worth mending is just as important too. An inevitable part of many friendships is that they will eventually end. The ending of a really good friendship will be tough, but it's important to end things when being friends with them is like a chore. It's okay to let people go and not feel super guilty about it.

Even though you've just started 7th grade, preparing for 8th is an important step to take. In my experience, lots of students go through burnout during this time. In 7th grade you've tried really hard to make the grades and stay on top of your work. It's really easy to get burned out. Not to say to slack off in 8th grade, but remember, it's good to be gentle on yourself. Getting ready for the high school selective enrollment process is critical to stay on a good academic path. Joining a selective enrollment test class would be a good precaution to take for the enrollment test. Or you could also join clubs to further your chances of getting into the high school of your choice. One thing I would tell myself now as an 8th grader is to have fun. Take everything in and slow down to "smell the roses." This is going to be your last year in middle school before a huge transition, so enjoy it while it lasts.

A letter to someone who **MADE AN IMPACT**on my year

The 2021-2022 school year is going to come to an end before we know it! Who is someone who has made an impact on you this year? Has there been a particular teacher, family member, friend, or other individual that has been especially impactful?

Write them a letter to let them know how you feel.

JEREMY A. GRADE 3

Dear friend Malik,

You have gave me snacks to eat and you play with me at recess.
You have gave a lot of pokemon cards and helped me and was so nice to me and always made me happy.
Thank you for everything you do for me!

From, Jeremy

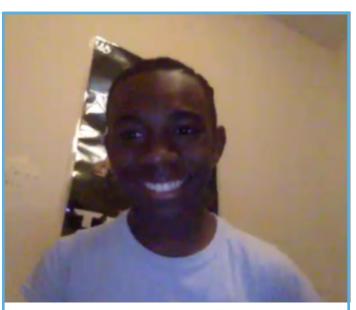
TYMIA S. GRADE 3

Dear Ms Hardaway,

Thanks for helping me with Math and Science, especially rounding, division, and multiplication. I like when you break down math problems and make them easier. Math can be very difficult, but when you explain in detail, it really helps. You are so nice, which makes math more fun!

I enjoy math more than I did before, because you make it more fun and easy. You made me better at math.

Sincerely, TyMia





ELIJAH W. GRADE 8

Dear Jackie,

You have been a nice tutor to me. You have helped me do a lot of math and reading. You are very funny. You tell me about a lot of things. My favorite moment with you is when we played math games on the computer. I hope to see you again.

Love, Elijah

Thank you for making me feel better when I feel sad and mad.



GENESIS G. GRADE 4

Dear Grandma,

Thank you for always being there for me. I remember kids at school would laugh at me for no reason, but then I would go tell you. I was laughing with you after, and me and you would not have a care in the world. You are my best friend.

Oh, and your chicken be hitting different – sorry mom!;)

From me to you, LOVE YOU GRANDMA!

Sincerely, Genesis

MA'LIYAH Y. GRADE 3

Dear Jazzie,

We have been friends for years and years. You are the best. Thank you for making me feel better when I feel sad and mad. This year would not be fun without you.

Your friend, Ma'Liyah

CHRIS R. GRADE 8

Dear Arturo,

Thank you for being there when I was in fifth grade, I had known no one and was alone, but the day we made fun of Mr. Devans voice cracks. I knew that we would become best friends. Even though my personality has changed over the past couple of years, I hope that we will still be best friends in the future.

I also thank you for being with me right after we had that moment, you were always creative, funny that I had wanted to be like that too. Thank you for also being the first person to invite me to your home. I had fun playing video games with you and your older sister.

Thanks for everything Chris

AMARI K. GRADE 3

Hello Miss Carr, how are you?

In 3rd grade, you taught me about subjects that I liked to learn about. You were nice and you taught me how to treat others respectfully. And best yet, you showed me how to balance a pencil on my finger!

From your student, Amari K.

DIEGO G. GRADE 2

Dear Emberson,

Thank you for being such a awesome friend. I love the times that me and you play together.

From, Diego

JALYN W. GRADE 3

Dear Dr. Singleton,

Thank you for making our park even better so we can play in the park. When my friend got hurt, you gave him an ice pack. Thank you for everything you did this year.

Sincerely, Jalyn

KIMORA A. GRADE 3

Dear Taliah,

Thank you for being a good friend. I'm lucky to have you in my class. School is more fun with you in it. I'm happy to have you as a neighbor.

Your bff, Kimora

I'm happy to have you as a neighbor.

BRIYANA B. GRADE 5

Dear Victoria,

Ever since you transferred you have been a great friend to me. You always help all your friends when they need it, and you always put a smile on my face. If you hadn't transferred, I would be sitting with Hanna every day, which I like but I wouldn't be able to have anyone to run around with, show gymnastics to, or anyone to truce with me in P.E.

You always help solve drama among our friends and you always solve misunderstandings. Thank you for transferring to Lincoln, Victoria!

Love, Your Bestie Bri





AMEERAH A. GRADE 3

Dear teacher,

Ever since I first came to Third Grade, I knew you were going to be the best teacher. At first I was nervous, then each day I came to school I became happy. You make the classroom filled with joy and laughter and sometimes when you are not happy, I want to try everything to make you happy.

I can describe you as nice, caring, and sometimes strict. You always share your feelings, like when you are mad or sad you share it with us. You are strong and when I'm sad you console me. Like the time my tooth hurt and you tried your best to console me by telling me what was wrong and asking me "Are you okay?" When you retire I will miss you. You are everything I need and you are the best teacher I have had so far.

Sincerely, Ameerah

You are everything I need and you are the best teacher I have had so far.

CECILIA R. GRADE 3

Dear Alia,

You are a great friend. Everywhere we go, we always have so much fun. When I heard that you moved closer to me, I was very happy. When I first joined ballet, you made me feel very comfortable. Thank you for being my best friend.

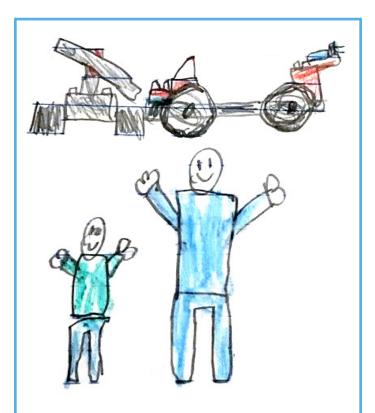
Love, Cecilia

LEONARDO A. GRADE 2

Dear Isaiah,

Thanks for playing tag with me. It made me feel excited. We have been friends for a long time. We have had so much fun. And with David too, at our old school.

Thanks for being my friend, Leo



KENNETH S. GRADE 2

Abuelito,

I miss you a lot. I want to tell you that my tooth fell and I am in second grade. Now I can read and write and I can build with LEGOS. I want to tell you something that is very important to me. The coronavirus vaccine all of us should get the vaccine because I want the virus to end. I love you so much.

by Kenneth

SILAS M. GRADE 3

Dear Grandma Macias-

I really want to see you because
I haven't seen you in a long time.
I feel safe when I'm with you because
I trust you. You have an impact on me.
Thank you for taking me to the
laundromat. I love it.

Love, Silas

JAVIER C. GRADE 8

Number One Teacher

Dear Mr. Cosme,

It has been an awesome year being in your class. I have learned a lot of things that I didn't know. You made the lessons really fun and exciting even when it was just taking notes. You were one of the first teachers I actually enjoyed talking to. You made me want to go to school just to be in your class and learn new things. You also showed us to work hard and not give up even when we feel like we can't do anything. I really liked the way you open up to your students and how you really put effort to make your students learn. Your lessons will help me throughout high school and hopefully, I get to see you after this year.

Sincerely, Your student, Javier

POETRY

Poems are a wonderful way for students to express themselves creatively and to explore their literary voice.



CAMERIN M. GRADE 6

An Animal's Life

The dog was going to work
The cat was watching tv
The bird was flying an air plane
The cow was at a store
The pig was playing in the mud
The monkey was eating bananas
The frog was hopping on a log
The fish was swimming in a pool

MAYRA O. GRADE 5

About Me Poem

I'm from a colorful world, can you guess where I'm from? It's also very wonderful, because there's a lot of things you could do there for fun.

Like playing sports like basketball and volleyball or playing outside but don't touch a hive. And when it's really hot you should go for a hike, but always remember don't lose your bike.

And when I'm angry my mom says

"te calmas o te calmo"

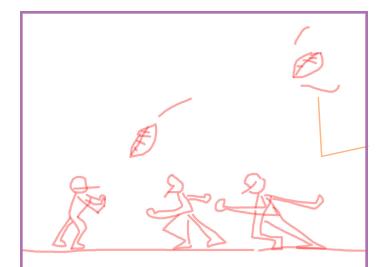
which makes me feel neutral.

Also I think I could say this without a doubt,
I want to make my mom feel proud!

And while I listen to my favorite Beethoven songs, it makes me lose track of all the things I did wrong.

LEA M. GRADE 1

I like sleeping and waking up under my bed Then waking up under my bed and getting up From under my bed



KEVIN R. GRADE 6

The Punt Return

The punt soars through the air, my nervous legs are shaking.

I hear shoulder pads and helmets clacking, they're on their way to meet me.

As I catch the leather, I look down the field; everyone is blocking, just for me!

I run full speed towards a touchdown, feeling like I'm free.

40 yards to go, I'm dancing now, like Mama Katora taught me.

Then somebody catches up to me while I'm dancing; he's as fast as lightning.

I zig, I zag...at full speed I race ahead and lose him.

Three yards to go, how should I arrive?

A belly flop? A dive?

Naaaah, just a little move we call Get Gritty!

CAMILA V. GRADE 5

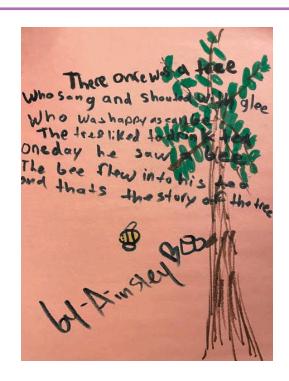
The Seedling

One day at school, I was given a present Tiny, brown seed without a scent Carried it home, wrapped in my fist Found a spray bottle with a mist I gathered a pot and some dirt I laid the seed in the soil unhurt. Covered the seed in a blanket of Earth Put the pot by the window and check back for birth. Everyday, I walked by the pot and said hi, and I checked to see if the soil was dry. The growth of the seedling was slow It took a bit before some green would show. It grew and grew until the end of the semester. In winter, I gave the plant a lamp to protect her. It was weird— the beautiful bloom was no longer there. Because of this, I looked after it with a lot of care. Spring was around the corner with a brand new bloom. The plant made it through 5th grade with me in my room. In the summertime, the plant seemingly grew by the hours. And there you have it— a beautiful cactus with big, pink flowers!

JOSE M. GRADE 7

SPRING

Smelling the fresh, beautiful air
Painting Easter eggs for an egg hunt
Raining every day
In spring I relax
Nothing but fresh air
Getting to see the blue sky
with the clouds



AINSLEY B. GRADE 4

There once was a tree
who sang and shouted with glee
who was happy as can be.
He liked to drink tea
one day he saw a bee
the bee flew into his tea
and that's the story of the tree.

CANAAN C. GRADE 6

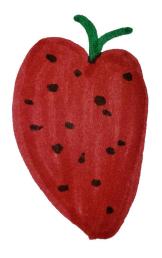
Grandfather at Sea

Grandfather on boat
in the middle of sea
looking at the waves
as it floods away, looks up at
the sky and feels like he's high
looking at the planes fly by
noticing he's still alive
as he thanks god for waking him up
every morning.

ISAAC D. **GRADE 4**

My New Puppy, Rambo (Haiku)

He is white and brown Puppy is furry and soft Runs, eats, sleeps, REPEAT



ARIANNA H. **GRADE 5**

Strawberries are Blessed

Strawberries are red. green, and yellow, too. They are sweet and sour and easy to chew.

They're an after school snack that I eat at the table with cream, yogurt, or pancakes whenever I'm able.

They are messy and juicy, but I eat them with zest. When I eat strawberries, I feel truly blessed.

VANESSA M. GRADE 4

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ISAAC L. **GRADE 4**

No Sunshine or Rainbows

Life is not sunshine and rainbows at some point you'll have to turn the tables

> you won't have time to talk or even take a walk life is not easy doing work especially

sometimes you won't be on the spotlight which is why you need to be taught right

> even if you try your best you'll always be the guest.

BRIELLE T. GRADE 4

Hello,

My name is Brielle Simone and I will be talking about Bear, my precious little dog. He is a thin dog who eats a lot. He is an excited dog who gets chaotic around people.

Here is my poem:

Bubbly dog
Eats a lot
Antsy
Really clumsy

Those are the adjectives for **Bear**!
Thanks for reading!
Sincerely,
Brielle.

A'MANI T. GRADE 4

My Mommie PRISCILLA

Perfect and passionate

Responsible

Independent

Serious

Capable

Incredible

Loving

Luxurious

Amazing

BILLIE W. GRADE 6

New Room Decor

I finally did it ..
I kept straight A's all year
My room ..

This old room ..

It shall finally become something new Something of my own design ..

Fake plants hanging from the ceiling,

New gray curtains, LED lights around the walls,

Soft, fluffy carpet on the floor,

Newly installed shelves on the wall,

A brand new desk,

What a surprise.

A new bed frame, Along with a new gray comforter,

Oh my, even a fuzzy, furry pillow! Hard work must really pay off,

Huh?

"Keep straight A's all year"
They told me

Did they think I couldn't do it?

Did they doubt me?

Did they cease to believe?

I proved them wrong for sure ..

Working hard everyday,

Making sure the grades are perfect scores

Getting 100's raise my chances,

To maintain the A's.

This must be my reward of choice, A reward for working so hard.

Hard enough to show my parents that I can do what I set my mind to.



IDRIS J. **GRADE 5**

A Spring Haiku

Graceful bees buzzing Bunnies hopping all around Spring is beautiful

JOHAN D. GRADE 4

What Fourth Grade is Like **SCHOOL**

Sports, activities, and games Class is good (sometimes) and respectful and welcome Homework is detailed and a lot of division

Once a day, we have recess Once a day, we have lunch Learning math, science and reading

DAVID C. **GRADE 3**

WINTER

Winter is my favorite season You get to play without any reason

Christmas brings jolly and cheer To family and friends every year

The tree shines brightly with the star on top With tons of toys around it from the toyshop

When it snows and snows and snows we get snow days We build snowmen, snowball fights and lots of play

> When the real cold weather turns water into ice We get to go ice skating and that is super nice

Winter, winter it's so awesome Spring follows with all of its blossoms

SOMAYAR. **GRADE 4**

In 4th grade you carry books Instead of use hooks.

In 4th grade you still get to play When you have a gym day.

In 4th grade you have to study And not get sturdy.

In 4th grade you have to read So you can lead.

In 4th grade you do your math To be on the right path.

In 4th grade you do your work in class And you are sure to pass.

> In 4th grade do what I say And you'll go the right way.



GRADE 3

Leo

Yorkie Tiny, silly Playing, sleeping, barking Little pup rolling in blanket Best friend

OHZARYD V. GRADE 5

FAMILY

Fun to have so many siblings
Adventures happen every day
Many cats are wandering
around our house
I will get a dog soon
Lots of Mexican food
You'd love to meet my family!

AMEERAH O. GRADE 5

Spring JOY

Spring is here!
Nature years!
Flowers bloom and people groom.
Muds puddles go away as slow
as turtles these days.
We love the warmth of this month.

As we see the leaves and grass regrow,
We hear the birds chirping
and the bees pollinating,
So we yell Spring is HERE!
We see Cherry Blossoms bloom,
the scent we use to make perfume.
The days get longer in spring and
we just get stronger.

The animals are awake again!
We see bunnies hopping.
The snow is going away,
so more people can play!
Our Earth's axis starts to tilt
towards the sun, in spring.
I love spring - it brings me the joy,
That winter destroys!

GRADE 2

The Bad Cake!

I bake
and make
a cake
that looks like a cat
in a hat.
"It tastes bad,"
says my dad.

Then I bat
the cake
that looks like a cat
in a hat.
"It tastes bad,"
says my dad.
Then a rat
came and sat
on it and made it flat.

VALENTINA R. GRADE 5

Green

Green trees and leaves
are my favorite things.
I sing as a queen
rolling through green things.
I'm in a tree swing and eating wings.
Kings, rings and strings
suddenly my phone rings.
Ding! Ding! I got a text message ping.
Oops! Kellen got sting by a bee.
Bee, he, we, she, see, free, key, agree, tea,
glee are my favorite things.

RAYANA W. GRADE 3

A Memorable Day at the Beach

When I go to the beach and I walk on the land I feel the sand and the sun shines brightly The wind blows strongly and I fly my kite And within my line of sight I see the water The breeze hits the trees and I search for seashells The waves get larger so I head back to the water and catch the surf After a while, I had enough so I grabbed my beach ball and played volleyball I then got tired and had a picnic And watched the sunset with my closest family and friends Now it's night and I grab dinner And the day is now finished So it is time to head back to the house Take a shower maybe for an hour And play a board game until it's time to go to bed

Flowerful Day Plenix C. GRADE 5 Flowerful Day Plenix C FLOURISH LOVE OPTIMISTIC WEATHER EASYGOING RESPONSIBLE

ABRAHAM C. GRADE 6

DRAWING

Doodles

Representation of my thoughts

The Fnd

Artistic ideas

Whenever I feel like drawing

Illustration

No limits to what I can draw

Get to express myself

XIMENA M. GRADE 5

A Ballet Haiku

Ballet can be strict, But can be enjoyable Dancing on the stage.

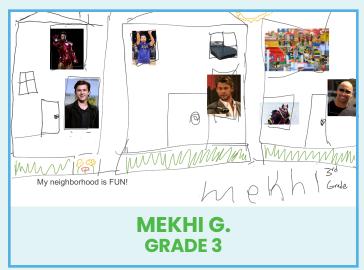
It can be scary
In front of the audience
For some of the time.

Once you are on stage Dancing with your friends, the nerves At once go away.



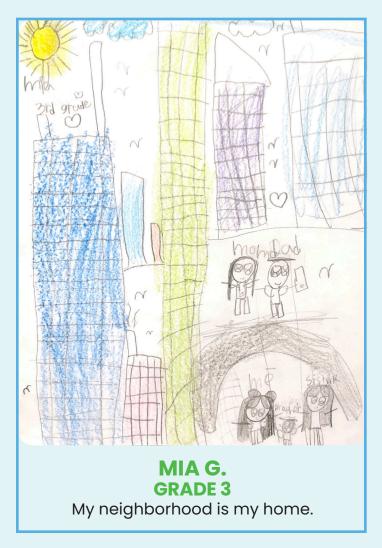
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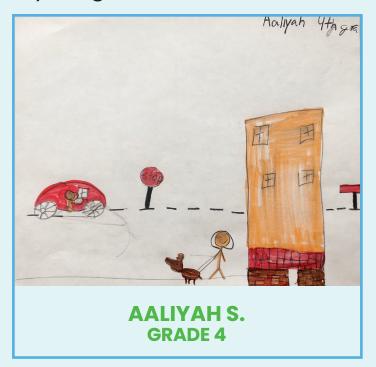




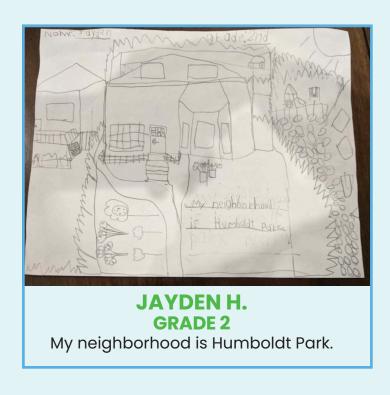


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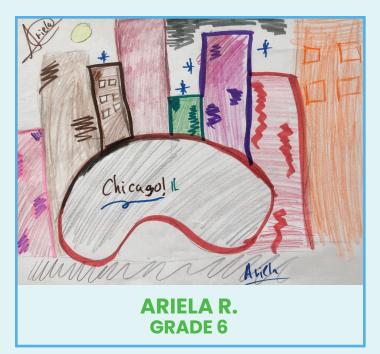
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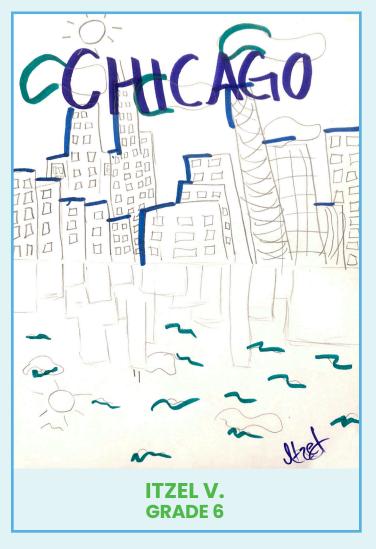




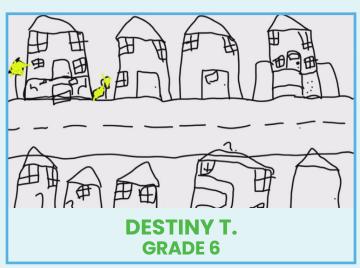






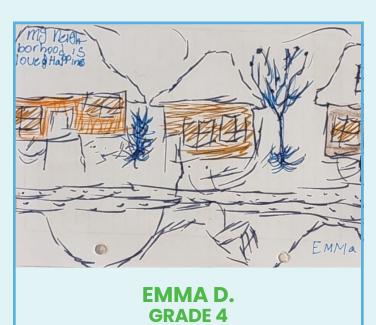






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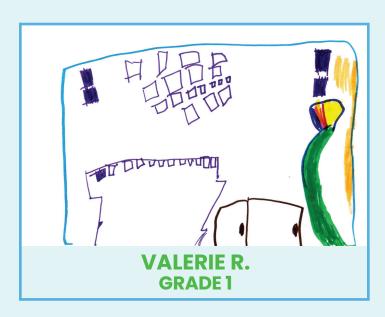


My neighborhood is love and happiness.

NICOLAS P.

GRADE 1

My neighborhood is big.

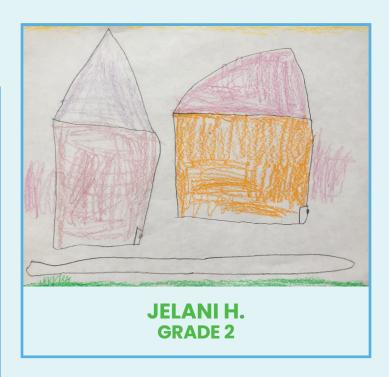




ANIYLAH C. GRADE 1

My neighborhood is fancy, dancing, marvelous, glorious, and fun!









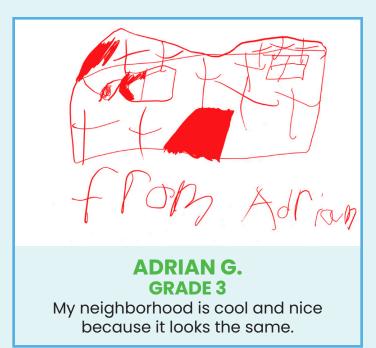
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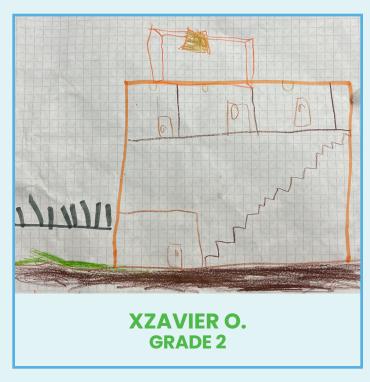
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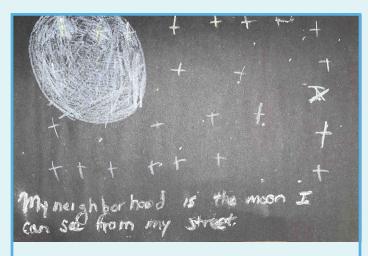


CHRISTINE N. GRADE 1

My neighborhood is nice, good, beautiful, thankful, loving, my home, the best neighborhood ever!







ANGEL D. GRADE 3

My neighborhood is he moon I can see from my street.



BELLA M. GRADE 3

My neighborhood is amazing.
I love to go to the park.
It is my favorite place to go.

