

# Rise Up & Write!



## WELCOME!

AJLA "Rise Up & Write" is a space for students of all ages to celebrate the writing that they have been working on at school. From building foundational literacy skills to practicing creative writing—AJLA students cover it all! Please enjoy our class writing features, each displaying developmentally appropriate technique through drawing, letter formation, and spelling. Nurturing the progress of skills is our goal— not perfection!

### Third Grade

The Third Grade recently finished their novel study of the "Vanderbeekers of 141st Street"—an exciting story about a family living in Harlem, New York trying everything they can to convince their landlord to let them stay in their apartment. After taking notes and summarizing each chapter, Third Graders wrote their own book summaries describing the book with just one word and providing evidence to support their choice. Students are in the revision and editing stages of their rough drafts!

Jimena

In the book, Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser, the theme is Kindness. First, Oliver wrote a note to Mr. Beiderman to scare him and to protect Hyacinth. Next, when Jessie was sad, Dad comforted her so she can be happy again. Lastly, when the kids were being nice to Mr. Beiderman he let the Vanderbeekers stay in the apartment. In the end, there is a lot of kindness in the Vanderbeekers of 141st Street.

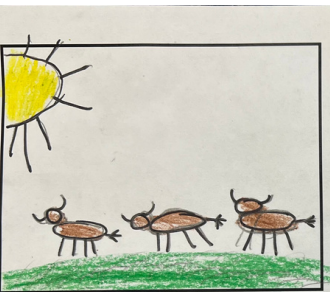
There is a lot of Resilience in the Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser. First the Vanderbeekers kids sneaky went up on the roof to make the Beiderman plan so Mr. Beiderman can change his mind of not renewing their lease. Then Oliver and Laney bring the old Jazz records to Mr. Beiderman for a early Christmas gift so they can get rid of stuff that don't need when they move. Finally Jessie and

Laney made Breakfast in Bed for Mr. Beiderman going along with the Beiderman plan, and when Jessie knocked on Mr. Beidermans door she was shaking all over her body and dropped the Breakfast and ran with Laney. Jessie explained the new what happend, and Oliver, Hyacinth, and Isa helped clean up the dropped Breakfast. Overall, the kids showed a lot of retlience so they don't have to Move.  
The End

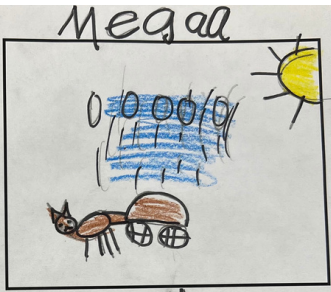
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# First Grade

First Graders have continued their study on exploration and westward expansion by reading "Oregon Trail Days: The Diary of Lucy Bell." Students learned about the challenges families faced on wagon trains traveling from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon. Treacherous weather, illness, fierce wildlife, and broken wagons made the journey difficult. Pioneers on the trail had to practice perseverance and bravery to complete the trip and enjoy the opportunities waiting out west. First Graders used their opinion writing skills to share their feelings about walking over 2000 miles on the Oregon Trail. Some saw the journey as an adventure, while others felt it was too dangerous!



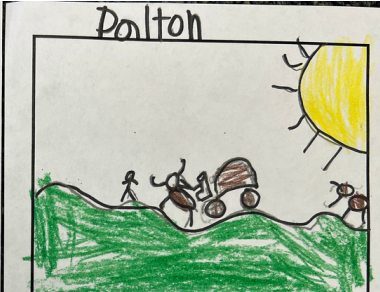
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As a Kid you can play fun games on the trell. I like the Oregon trell.

# Kindergarten Willow

Students in Kindergarten Willow have been learning about squirrels and the adaptations they have made to help them survive in their environment. They have gathered information from texts, informational videos, and by observing squirrels in nature. They used this information to write their own non-fiction pieces that will be added to a class book about squirrels.



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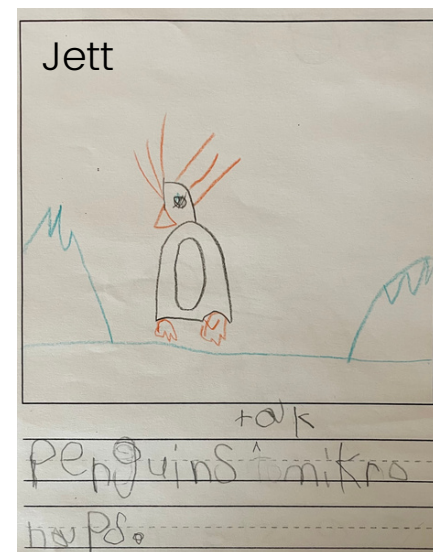
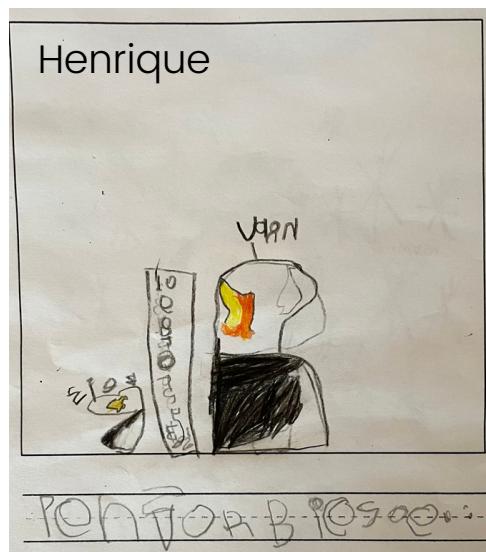
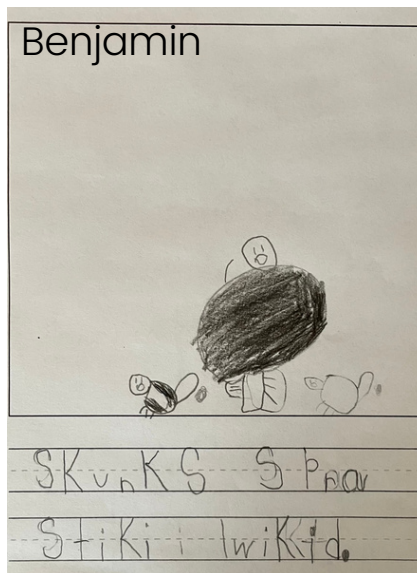
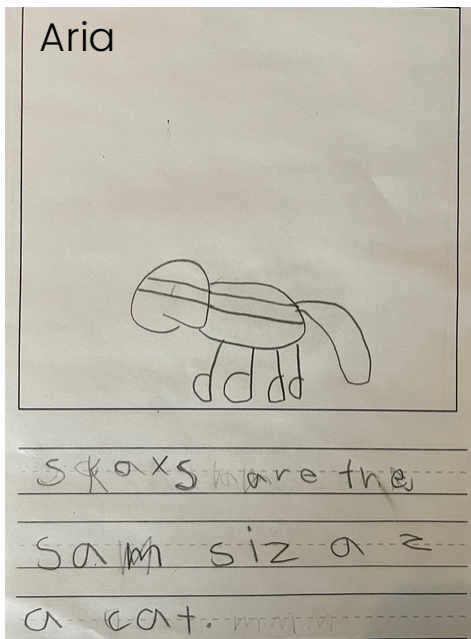
squirrels eat fruit and  
acorns egg insects. Zoyi



Squirrels run  
fast! Manuella

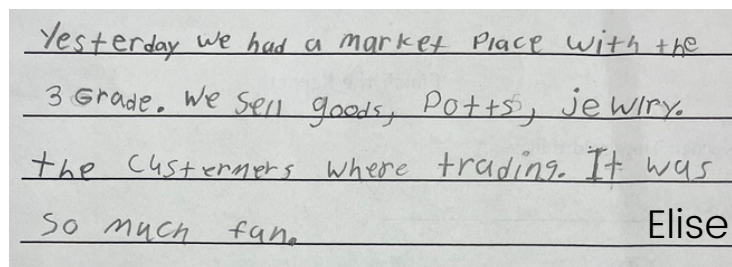
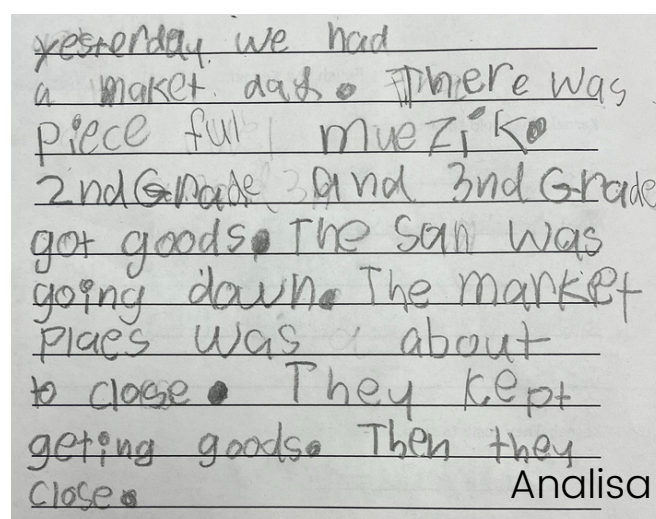
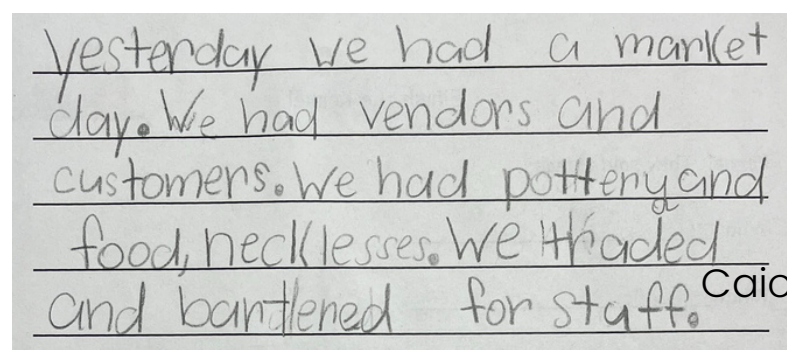
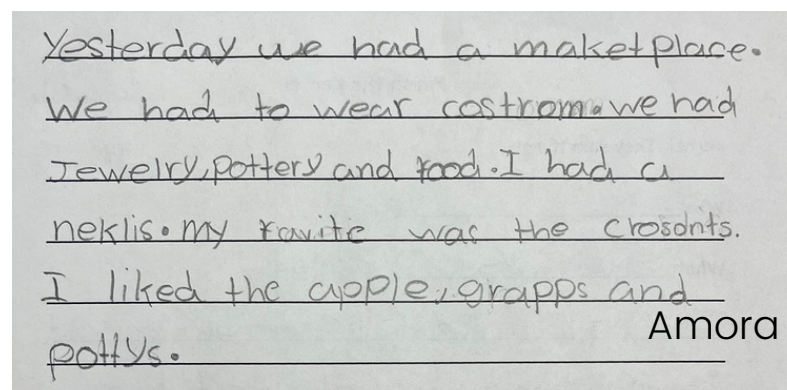
# Kindergarten Birch

In Kindergarten Birch, we are learning about many different animals, including skunks and penguins. We have been researching facts about each animal and organizing our learning with thinking maps. The children are writing their own books about each animal that include facts about the animals' life cycle, where and how they live, what they look like, and how they behave.



## Second Grade

Second Grade hosted an Ancient Egyptian Marketplace to celebrate all they learned about Ancient Egypt, bartering goods, and trading services. Third Grade was invited to come to the marketplace where students traded and bartered for pottery, food, and jewelry. Second Graders wrote about their experiences in the marketplace. Please enjoy their responses below!



Fifth Grade

The Fifth Graders are using various techniques to hook their readers into the medieval stories that they are writing. Here you can see some examples of how writers use dialogue, action, and description to start their stories with a bold beginning!

"I curl up my veiny, tired fingers. Wet and sweaty tears roll down my face. I look outside my window thunder strikes. "Guin! The sheeps got out again." Outside looks as dark as obsidian. So diffrent from this morning when I was buying bread and fish, I was counting my shillings when I see Joan panicking running to me. "Guin! Guin!" What!? I say. So I was with your mom in the <sup>said Joan</sup>chandler shop but I went to get the fallow and she dissapeard! My heart stopped for a second I looked around. The sun warm on my skin but then I ran back to the cottige as fast my long legs could take me. A stop this and then I grab a

Ana Julia

I Isabella smith 13 year old, heard a noise coming from outside my window. I lifted up my eyght cotton blanket and went to my mom and dad, Osanna and Juan. I bang and bang on my Mom and dad Seven foot tall golden door. My eight year old sister, Cecilia. smith, comes crying out of her room saying "Some-one is knocking on my window too loud and I cant go to sleep!" "Someone was knocking on youre window? Someone was knocking on my window too! At this time it was midnight so it was dark. "Mama! Open! I'm scared to go back to sleep!" Cecilia would not stop crying. I had no other choise but to put her back to sleep. Its so sad to see my sister cry. I put Cecilia back in bed. "Tsa! Can you sleep with me?"

Cameryn

Fourth Grade

The Fourth Graders recently finished writing an opinion piece about native plants. Hopefully their persuasive paragraphs will convince you to help find places for more Connecticut native plants in Bridgeport!

Sugar Maple

By Misha

Do you want to learn why you should plant a sugar maple tree? One reason is because maple syrup comes from sugar maple trees and who doesn't like maple syrup on their pancakes or waffles?! The second reason is because doctors use it in treatment for coughs. They also use the wood for furniture, maybe the chair you're sitting on right now. The fourth reason is that it is native to Connecticut. These are the reasons you should plant a sugar maple tree.



White Yarrow  
By Kowsar

Without a doubt in my mind, you should plant the White Yarrow! The facts show it could help heal wounds and minor bleeding. I believe that it can help with a swollen stomach. It's clear that if you have a hard time sleeping you can eat the White Yarrow. I'm concerned about it dying, so it should be grown in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and also Vermont because that is where it is native to. This is so important because white yarrow can help you with a lot of things!



MARCH WORD SEARCH

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