



# 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!

### Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders have been celebrating National Poetry Month by reading and writing poetry. They crafted their own poems inspired by other great poems, such as "Things I Didn't Know I Loved" by Nazim Hikmet and "Snail" by Langston Hughes.

**Sophie**

It's April 5<sup>th</sup>  
 I sitting in a chair  
 looking out the window.  
 The sun rise in the morning  
 in my class room and I  
 see a room full of students  
 I never thought about how  
 I loved the roof so much,  
 like someone always here  
 to protect me and my body.  
 I never thought I loved  
 paper. Paper makes my inmagenashen  
 grow bigger and bigger each time I  
 used it.

I never thought I loved  
 glue. Glue is like when life break  
 glue is there to put it together

**Kowsar**

I didn't realise I loved  
 the shining moon in the  
 night sky.

I didn't realise I loved  
 my baby brothers laugh  
 that makes me smile  
 because without that I  
 am nothing

I didn't realise I loved  
 nature and the animals  
 that makes me have  
 fun

I didn't realise I loved  
 my sister that always cheers  
 me up when I am sad.

I didn't realise I loved my  
 teachers that always tell me  
 to keep up the great work  
 and makes me happy

I didn't realise I loved  
 myself that doing a lot  
 of hard work that makes  
 myself happy.

**Maria**

I never knew I loved my  
 bed, where in the morning I  
 can wake up and feel my pillow  
 it's like I am sleeping on a fluffy  
 cloud. I never knew I loved my  
 teacher because I wouldn't know  
 everything I know now. I never  
 knew I loved my seat I sit in  
 when I get to school, because I  
 can learn so much. I never knew  
 I loved the plants that make  
 our gardens look beautiful. I  
 never knew I loved my math  
 teacher, Mr. John and Mr. Mike  
 because without them I wouldn't  
 know any math. I never knew  
 I loved the rain, the soft water  
 dripping on my hand. I never  
 knew I loved the trees, they  
 give us shade and air, it's  
 nothing to compare. I love all  
 the teachers that helped me  
 get through a lot of hard work.  
 I love Ms. Emma, Mr. John, Miss. Jen,  
 Miss. Alex, Miss. Woodlene, Miss. Jennifer, Mr. Mike,  
 Miss. Carla, Miss. Patty, Miss. Julie

**Things I didn't know I loved.**

I didn't know I loved chanel's facer,  
 very messy.

I didn't know I loved my book club,  
 very funny.

I didn't know I loved going outside, very  
 fresh air.

I didn't know I loved poetry, very emo-  
 tional.

**Jacob**

**Little Bee**  
 flying as you go  
 stinging some body's nose  
 in till you snow's and then  
 you go

**Miguel**

## Second Grade

In Second Grade, we are working on writing with detail. We are learning about parts of speech with a focus on adjectives. We learned that an adjective describes a noun. Students were asked to imagine a new ending for one of the stories we read in class. In the story, a brave knight was asked to fight a monstrous troll. Enjoy some of the descriptive endings Second Graders imagined up!

Sir Gus went to the smelly troll mother. Sir Gus asks the troll to tell her son to stop crying. The angry troll mother says "no we can't help it, we cry when we are hungry." Sir Gus slowly waded with fire and the troll chased Sir Gus and ran to the person best for the troll and the person best for me. While Sir Gus ran away. **Jacob**



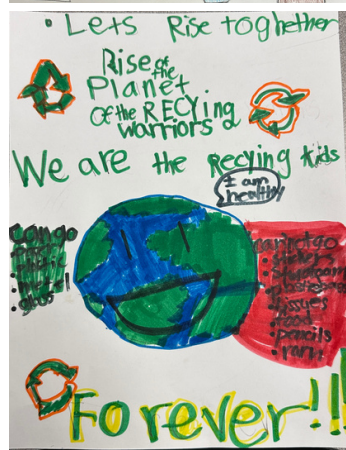
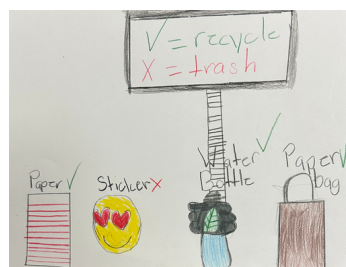
First Sir Gus goes to the webby cave and sees a mean mother troll. Next the troll blows fire out of her mouth. Then the brave knights found the cave and found the troll. Last the brave knights and mean troll were fighting and the brave knights won. **Stephany**

First Sir Gus went up a dark hill and made scary noises. The noises didn't scare the troll. Sir Gus ran away screaming with his hands up. "Ahhhhhh!" he yelled. The scary troll eats Sir Gus and says "Grunt, Rrrr!". That is the end of Sir Gus. The troll goes to the safe kingdom and destroys it! **Theo**

## Third Grade

While studying culture in Japan, we discovered an island called Kamikatsu which has achieved zero waste! We were so impressed by their dedication to helping our earth and were inspired to do our part at AJLA. Over the last few weeks, we have been reading up on recycling, learning about what can be recycled, the process that recycled materials go through, and why it is so important in the first place. Along the way, we have learned some really incredible facts and formed lots of opinions, too. Soon, we will be visiting other classrooms to share about our recycling initiative! We are still polishing up our writing, but for now, here is a sneak peek at our persuasive writing pieces!

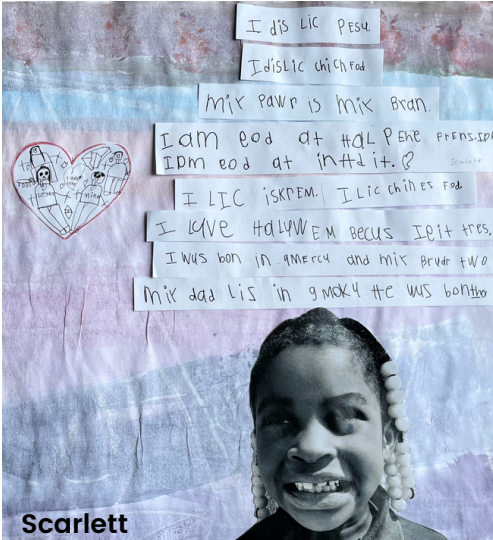
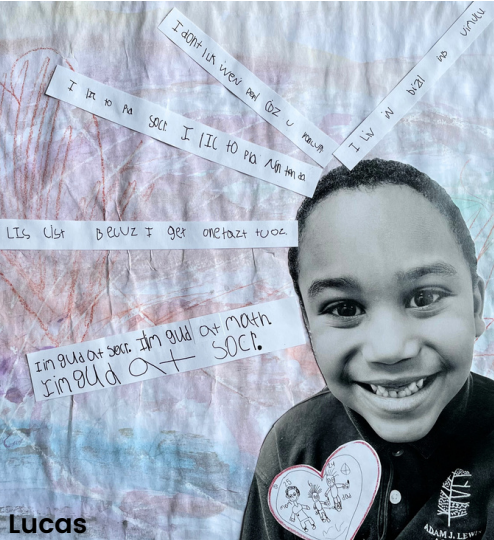
**Breann**  
 Did you know Recycling is a good thing? So, join us, the third grade and help your community. The more we recycle the less we use natural resources and, if we recycle papers we can cut down less trees. If we recycle things they will turn into new things for example 15 bottles can turn into fleece. Trash goes to landfills and landfills are dangerous for humans. If we recycle there will be less trash. Overall recycling is a good thing so jump right in and help your community!!



**Emory**  
 Did you know if you recycle it would help the world so join us in our recycling initiative. First the plastic is toxic for the animals and they can die. Also you can mostly recycle plastic bottle with a one or a two on it so check your plastic water bottle. You can recycle old things and make new things for example you can buy toilet paper made from recycled paper. Overall for these reasons people should recycle.  
**Emory**

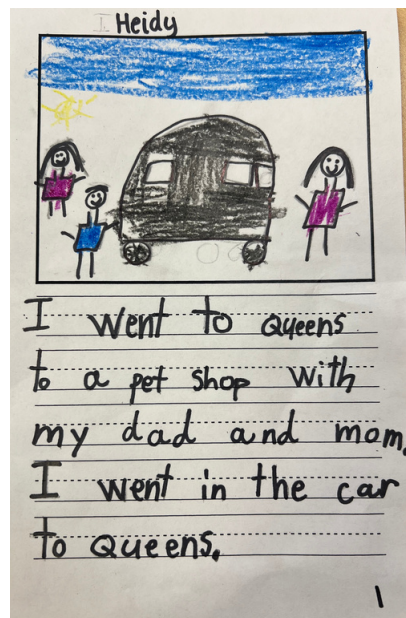
# Kindergarten Birch

In Kindergarten Birch we have been thinking about the question, "What makes you, you?" We recently read several books to help us understand many parts of our own identities including our likes, dislikes, what we look like, languages we speak and our strengths. The children have been writing all about themselves and recently created their own identity collage that highlights their ideas along with a family portrait.



# First Grade

First Grade authors have worked to plan, draft, and publish their personal narrative writing. The class read "Carmela Full of Wishes" by Matt de la Peña to inspire their small moment stories. Students picked events from their own lives to write about and drafted notes on a planning sheet. They used questions words (who, what, where, when, why) to ensure they included key details in their narratives. Their notes were turned into full sentences to tell a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end.



# Kindergarten Willow

The students in Kindergarten Willow are celebrating their uniqueness, including their likes and dislikes. Through this process, they came to realize that everyone has different preferences. It is exciting to have friends with different interests who can teach us new things!

**Miles**



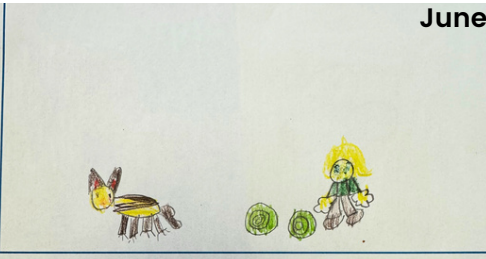
I like sober tooth tigers.  
I dislike slugs.

**Kevin**




I like basket ball.  
I dislike peppers.

**June**




I like cats.  
I dislike brusset sprouts.

**Ava**



I like elephants.  
I dislike green.

**Gui**



I like pandas.  
I dislike sea snakes.

**Zion**



I like spider-man.  
I dislike dirt.

# Fifth Grade

Fifth Graders conducted research on solar eclipses and organized their information into paragraphs!

A solar eclipse, a rare phenomenon occurred on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. A solar eclipse is when the moon goes between the Sun and the Earth. Solar eclipse cover the Sun, so it makes it darker and colder. You have to wear protective glasses during a solar eclipse, if not the could be permanent eye damage. Solar eclipse could lead to blindness because of not wearing your protective glasses. On April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 a rare phenomenon occurred. -Angelina

**Angelina**

Even though the solar eclipse happen, many people don't know much about it. The eclipse was exciting to me, because it can be one of a kin to see it. Therefore it was my first time ever see it because the path of totality will never come to Connecticut, But it came too us. In addition it met be last solar eclipse I will ever see because science eastm say that solar eclipse will come back to Connecticut in, 2044. Moreover

**Reece**

## APRIL WORD SEARCH

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sunshine	ladybug	rainbow	birds
sprout	garden	bloom	hatch