

Rise Up & Write!

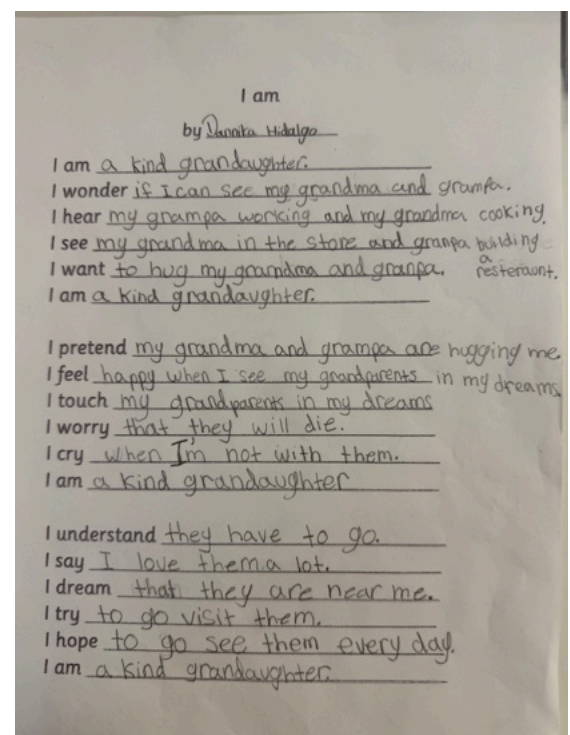
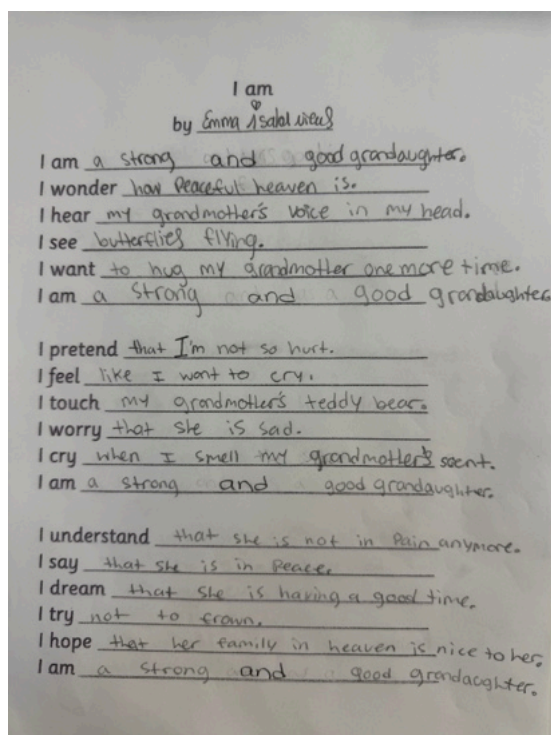
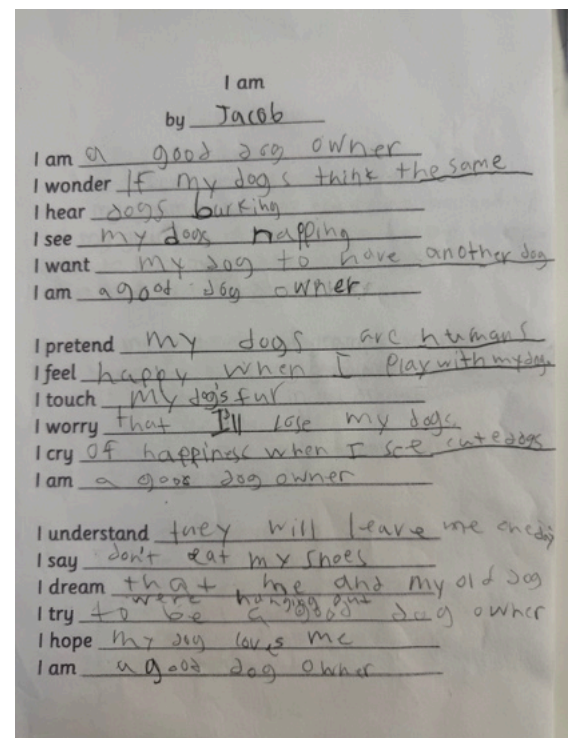
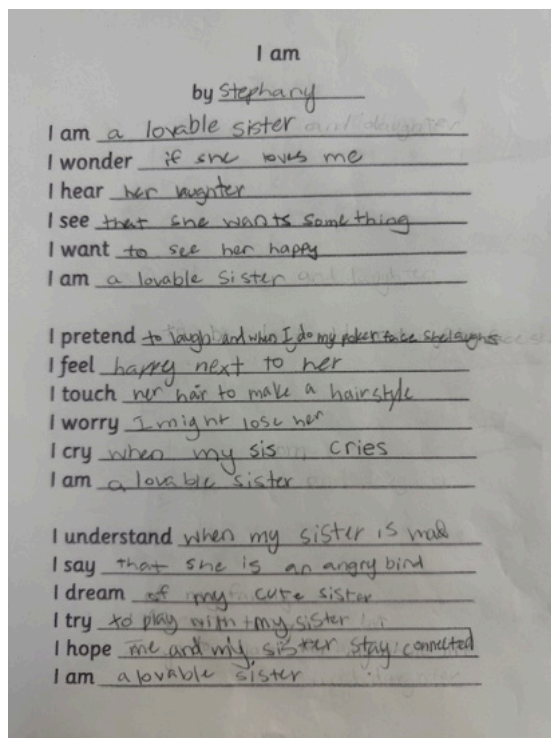


WELCOME!

AJLA "Rise Up & Write" is a space for our elementary students 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!

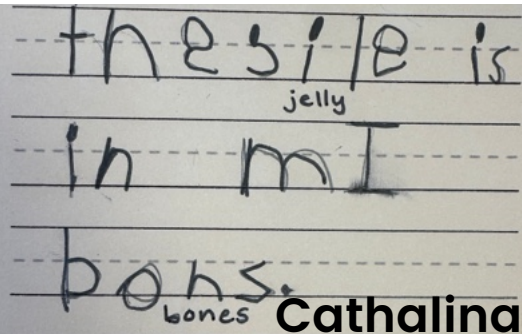
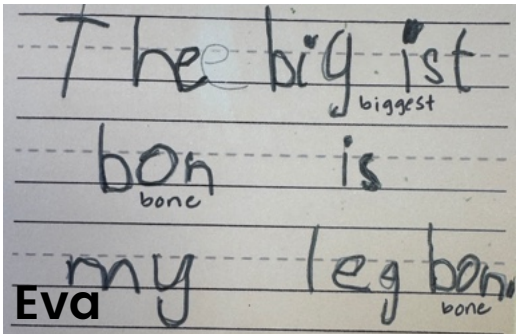
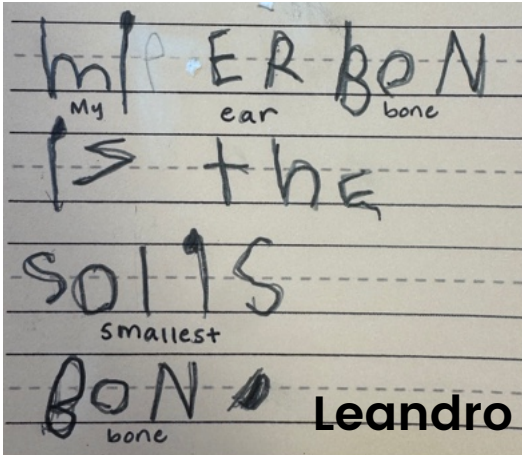
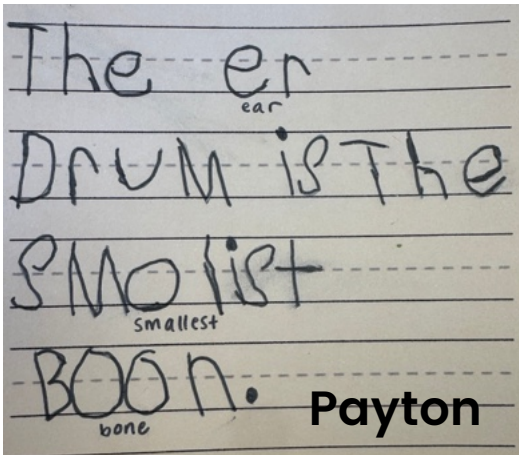
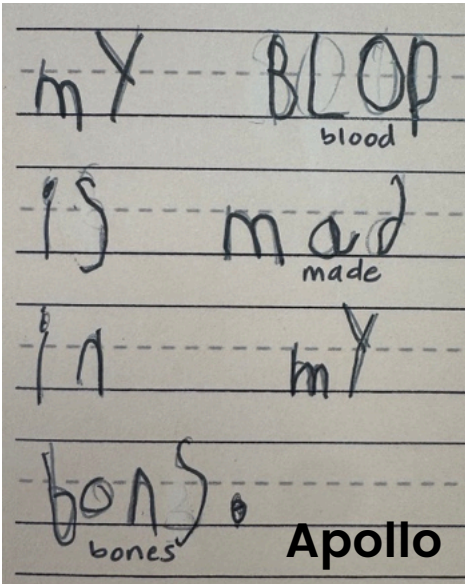
Fourth Grade

During National Poetry Month, Fourth Graders explored a variety of poetry styles and learned how figurative language can make their writing more powerful. Their "I Am" poems reflected their personal journeys in meaningful and creative ways.



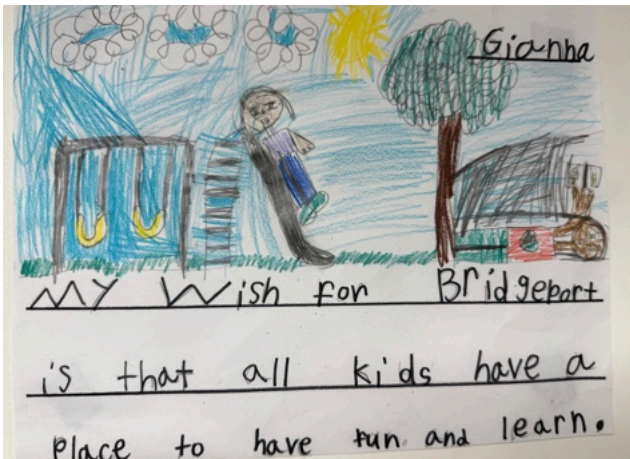
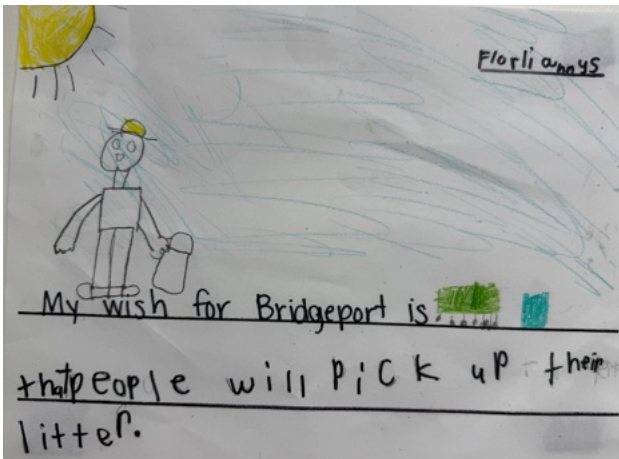
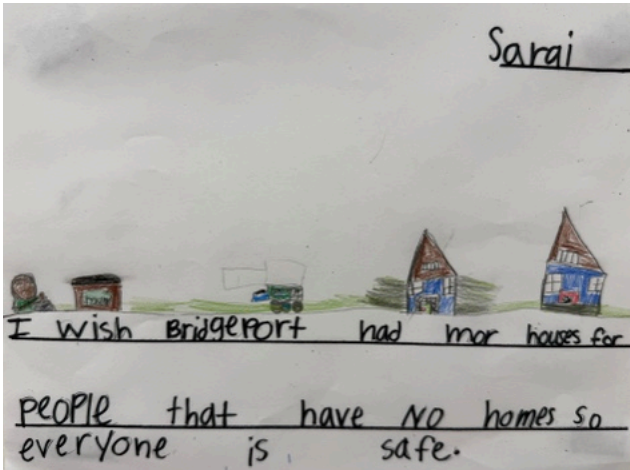
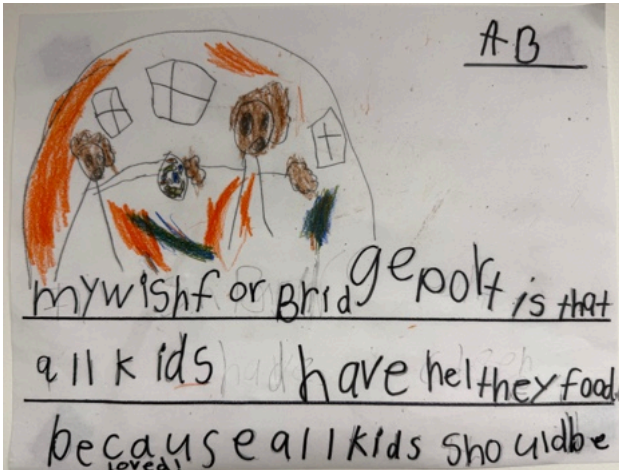
Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we have been learning all about the human body! Our writing this month reflects what we have learned about our bones.



First Grade

Inspired by the stories "Kamala and Maya's Big Idea" and "The Water Princess", First Graders brainstormed ways to make Bridgeport an even better community! These two books follow Kamala Harris and Georgie Badiel, respectively, as they work to improve their own communities, whether that be through new playgrounds or access to clean water.



Fifth Grade

In honor of National Poetry Month, Fifth Graders read "I, Too" by Langston Hughes as a window into our essential question about freedom. They then wrote their own "I, Too" poems inspired by the original.

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I, Too
by Arshia

I, too sing America

I am the Indigenous brother
When white people come,
but I work,
And I help them
And don't grow strong

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
when company comes
Nobody'll dare
say to me,
"Go back in the fields,"
Then.

Besides
They'll see how strong I am
And they will be ashamed
of themselves.

I, too am America

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I, Too
by Eriel

I, TOO love Jesus

I am the darker person

They send me to church

when company comes I stand still

I still stay still, and pray as well
And grow strong... Tomorrow I'll be at
the altar

when company comes, they will distract me
And say to me Eriel, Eriel Then...

Besides they'll see what I'm doing, and follow
I, Too love Jesus

Date: 4/24/26

I, Too
by Dash Burns

I am the darker color
They say "I can't read books"
When I go to school
But I Read,
And Read we'll
And grow strong.
Tomorrow
I'll Read
At school
Nobody will say to me
"I can't read books" then.
Besides they'll see how
Smart I am
And be mad.
I too Read books.

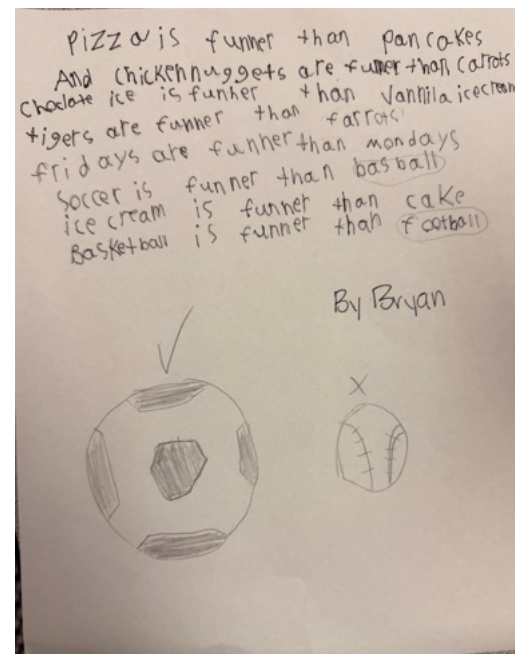
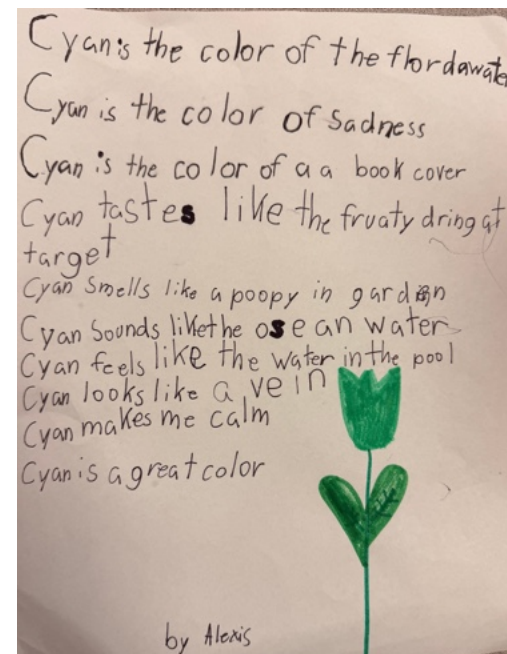
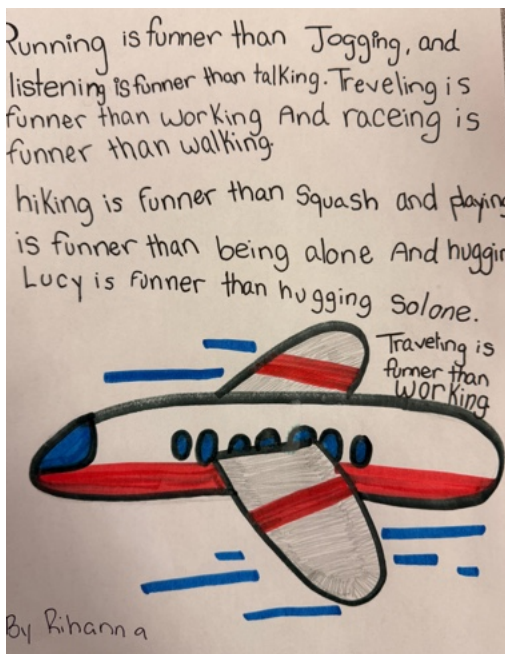
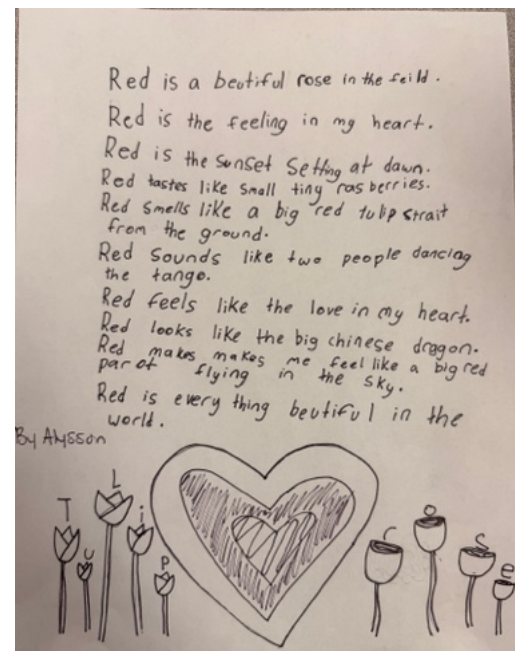
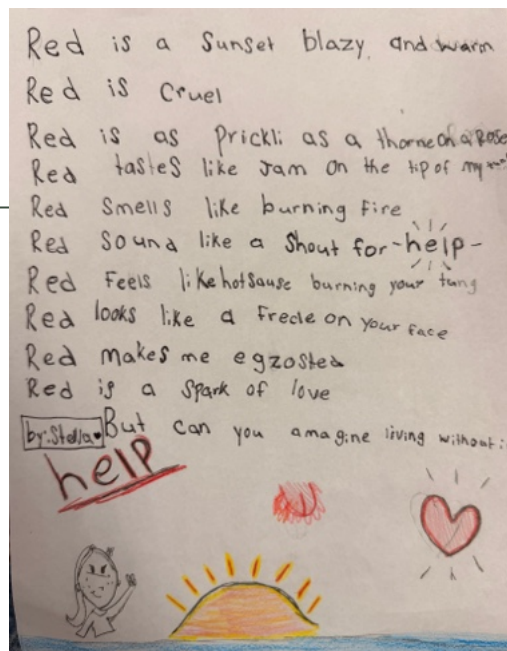
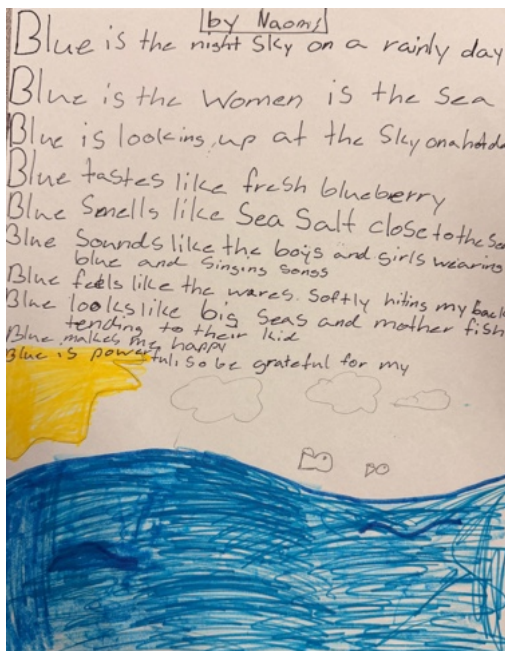
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I, Too
by Everleigh

I, To have freedom
I, To have freedom in the USA
Tomorrow, we All have freedom
I, To believe Someday we shall
All have freedom in the USA!
We all, truly are AMERICA!

Third Grade

To celebrate National Poetry Month, Third Graders were inspired by famous poets like Shel Silverstein, Ted Scheu, and Judith Viorst. Students wrote their own color poems, inspired by Mary O'Neill's book "Hailstones and Halibut Bones," and their "Funner" poems were inspired by Ted Scheu's poem "Funner."

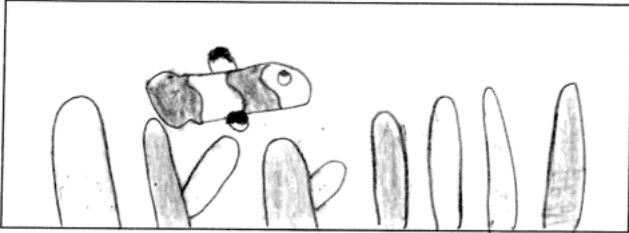


Second Grade

In Second Grade, students completed a research project about their specific ocean animal. Students worked with their families to use 3 different resources to learn about their animal's characteristics, habitat, diet, adaptations, and fun interesting facts!

Munashe

Draw your animals home here



Where Does My Animal Live?

Circle the ocean zone:

Sunlight Zone Twilight Zone Midnight Zone Abyss Trench

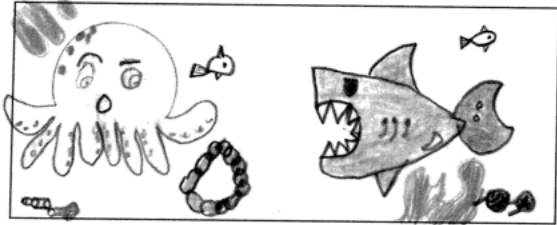
Write 3 more facts about your animals habit (surroundings, temperature, light, water pressure)

Clown fish use Sea anemone as their home and personal body guards. Clownfish live in warm parts of the Pacific and Indian ocean. Clownfish shallow reefs with little water pressure

Ben

What Dangers Does My Animal Face?

Draw a danger your animal faces



What types of animals can hunt and eat my animal? What other dangers do they face (pollution, microplastics, climate change, overfishing)

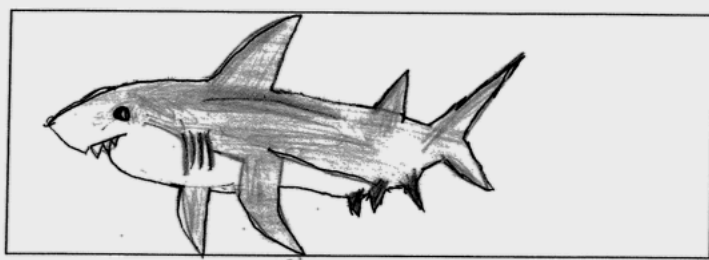
The giant octopus has a few natural predators due to its size, but it can be hunted by large marine predators, including sharks and whales. The Giant octopus is threatened by pollution microplastics, climate change, and overfishing which harm its health, reduce its food, and make survival harder.

My Ocean Animal Research Notes

Name: Gui

My Ocean Animal: Great white shark

Draw your ocean animal here



What Type of Animal Is It?

My animal is called: Great white shark

Circle one: Vertebrate / Invertebrate

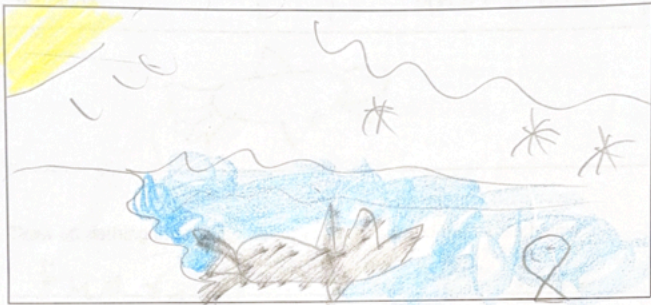
Write 4 more physical characteristics of your animal (color, shape, size, weight, body parts)

- Size - Adult - 15 / 20 feet long
- baby 4 / 5 feet long
- Weigh 2,000 Pounds
- color - Gray in the upper (Dorsal)
- white in the lower (Ventral)
- Skin is covered in thousands of tiny teeth to help their swimming with efficiency.

Second Grade Continued

Niayesh

Animal Adaptations



Draw and label the body parts of your animal.

Write how these body parts might help your animal survive?

My body parts of my animal is layers of ^{four} stiff, scale-like feathers for waterproofing, thick blubber for warmth, and short, paddle-like flippers for swimming.

Henrique

Draw your animals home here



Where Does My Animal Live?

Circle the ocean zone:

Sunlight Zone Twilight Zone Midnight Zone Abyss Trench

Write 3 more facts about your animals habit (surroundings, temperature, light, water pressure)

Orcas live in oceans around the world. They live in cold and cool water. They swim near the surface where is sunlight.

Emma

What Does My Animal Eat?

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Draw your animal eating food



Circle one: Herbivore Carnivore Filter Feeder Omnivores

Write 3 sentences about what your animal eats

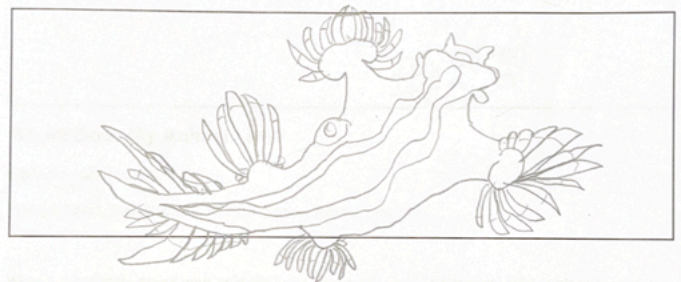
they eat fish, squid, shrimps and crabs. They also like to eat octopus and prawns. They also eat pinfish and cat fish.

My Ocean Animal Research Notes (Due April 22)

Name: Lex Feig

My Ocean Animal: Blue Dragon

Draw your ocean animal here



What Type of Animal Is It?

My animal is called: Glaucus Atlanticus

Circle one: Vertebrate Invertebrate

Write 4 more physical characteristics of your animal (color, shape, size, weight, body parts)

It has bright blue body with black and grey stripes down its back. It has a head, six arms, tentacles, a foot, a tail, and two eyes. It grows up to 1-3 in.