

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!

Fifth Grade

Fifth Graders have been learning all about English colonists seeking riches and religious freedom in America. To show off their knowledge of colonial history, fifth graders imagined what a colonist in early Virginia or New England might post if there was internet access in the 17th century!

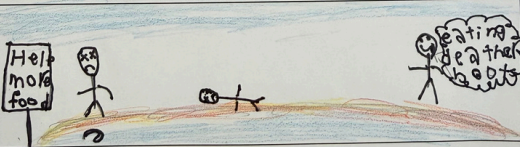
Name: Kalid Date: 2/17/26

Write a Colonial Tweet!

 @Bad land no food #Help

Bro, our land is sandy and we can't get no food. We need help and care ASAP! We only eat leather boots and some of us died of health problems. "not our fault!" #more food #need help #come survive like us

Posted on JUN, 20, 1607



Name: Eliana Date: 2/2/26

Write a Colonial Tweet!

 @No Work No food #help

Bro, Are you forest, work! Oh hi this is James the colonist. We have bad water and we even had to eat our leather boots. But, we survived and we worked hard we had enough food to survive # We did it #Need More workers

Posted on April, 9 1607

Name: Gabriel Date: 2/17/26

Write a Colonial Tweet!

 @ Church of ENG

GUYS WE HAVE TO LOCK IN. These Younglings life are to easy. Remember back in our days we went to church 2 times a day, now they go ONE TIME A DAY. And we need to change that. #LESS FREEDOM #MORE RULES #LOCK IN

Posted on 1630

Name: Boey Zoey Date: 2/7/26

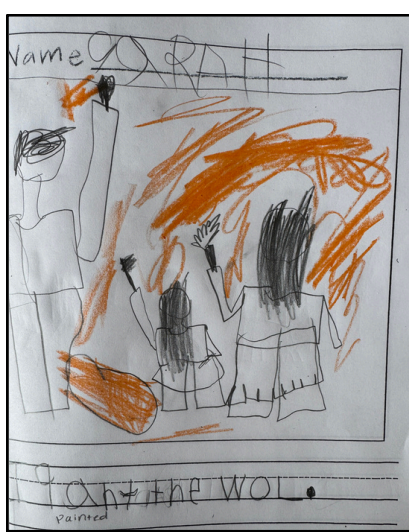
Write a Colonial Tweet!

 @ Puritans Biggest Fan 28

Anne Hutchinson is a D1 RAGE-BAITER!!! All her silly little lessons are breaking Puritan teachings. She needs to be #cancelled Hope she likes Rhode Island! #banished #Puritan #pore #BYE BYE Anne

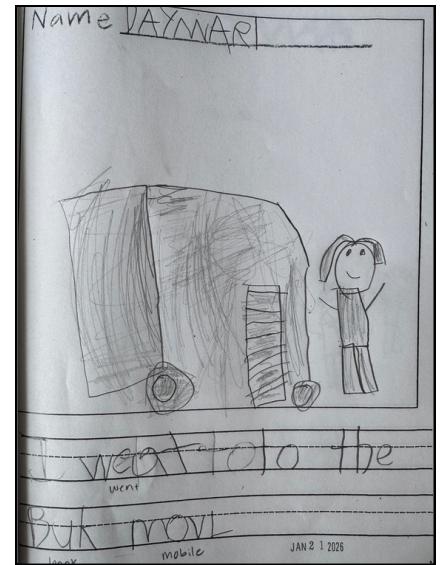
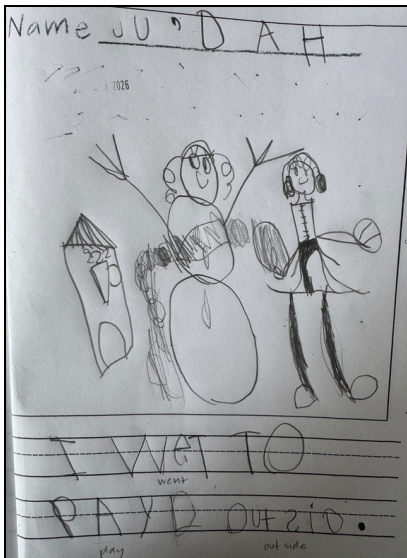
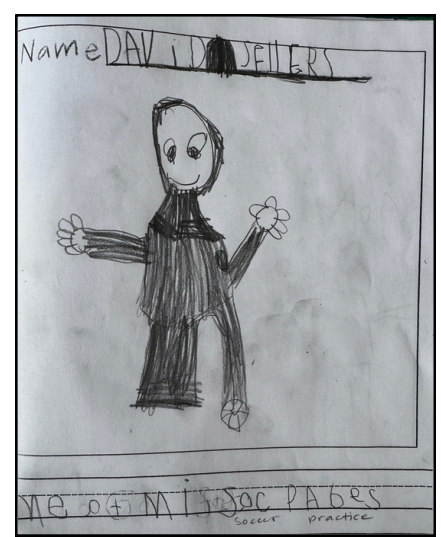
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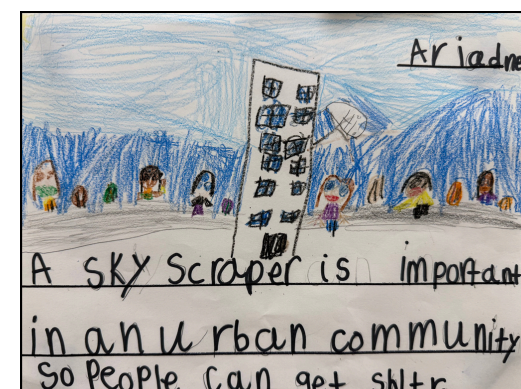
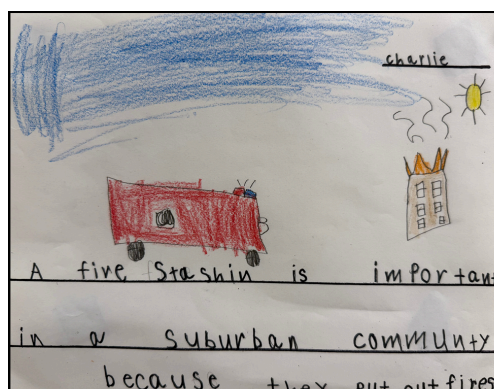
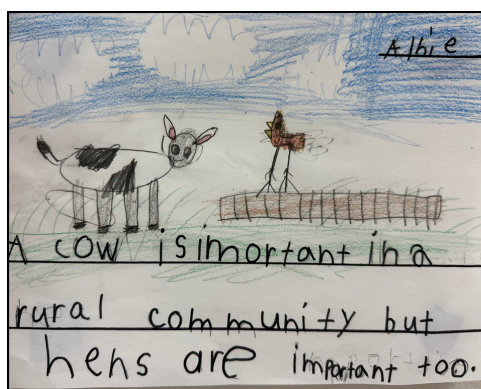
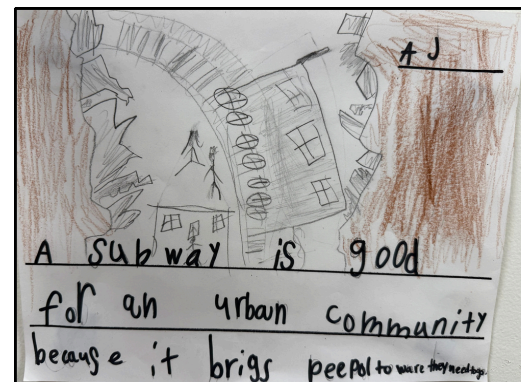
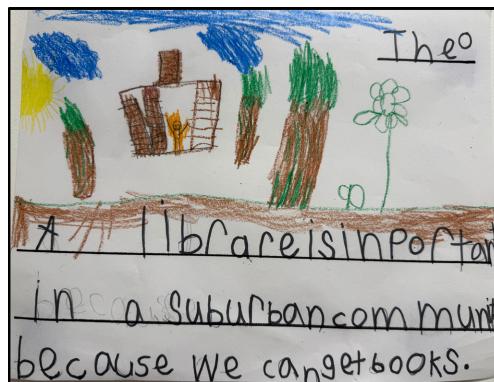
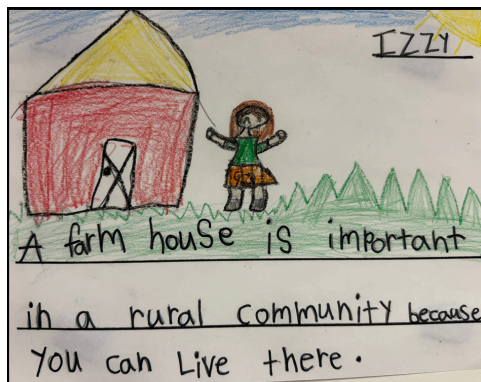
Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we started out the year by using pictures to tell a story and are now working on using words to share our ideas. We have begun to practice proper sentence structure by using an uppercase letter in the beginning of our sentence and a period at the end. These stories are true, small moments that have happened recently in our lives and we are happy to share them with you!



First Grade

First Graders are community experts! After learning about communities of the past, we have begun to explore the kinds of communities we see in the present. Using sentence expansion skills and the words "because, but, so," students wrote about what makes urban, suburban, and rural communities important!



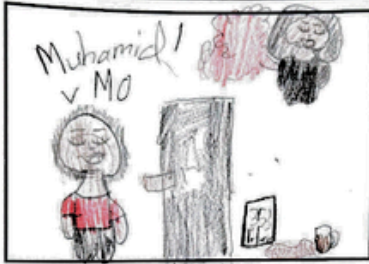
Third Grade

Time travel meets journalism! After reading stories set in ancient Egypt, students put on their reporter hats and wrote newspaper articles covering the events as if they were happening right now.

How Mo Showed Bravery

Date: 1/18/26

Author: Emma Reiloff



Mo saved British
Museum from Maria
Vom Tarn, the
robber. First, Maria

When Mo threw
the stick and Maria
got caught
with her chocolate except Mo. Then,
she started to steal the artifacts from
the museum. Next, Mo called the cops
and then Maria got arrested. Finally,
Mo threw a stick and it **punshered!**

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the punishment. In conclusion Maria
was caught and the British Museum
was saved because of Mo's actual
kindness.

Two secret Explorers saved the Day!

Date: 12/11/25

Author: Cameron Cruz



Kiki and Gustavo
to Bek's house

Two secret Explorers
named Gustavo and
Kiki were trying
to save a museum
in Rio de Janiero.

First, Gustavo and Kiki teleported to the
exploration station and found out the people
that worked at the museum did not have artifacts.
Next, Kiki and Gustavo transported to Ancient
Egypt and found out there were tomb robbers

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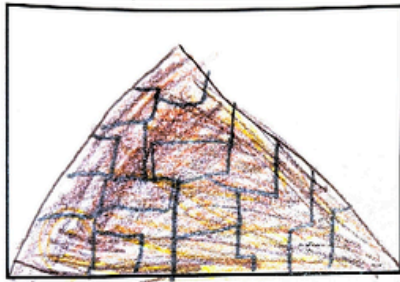
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trying to steal Khufu's treasure. Then, Kiki and
Gustavo pretend to help the tomb robbers. Finally,
Kiki and Gustavo scared tomb robbers and build a
wall to protect Khufu's treasure and save the Rio
de Janiero museum. In the End, Kiki and Gustavo
saved the museum from closing and more came to
the museum in Rio de Janiero!

The Secret Explorers Save the Day

Date: 12/11/25

Author: Hunter



Kiki and Gustavo
at Ancient Egypt

Kiki and
Gustavo went
to Ancient
Egypt to

help the Rio
De Janeiro museum. First

Gustavo and Kiki transported to
the exploration station to get
mission in Ancient Egypt. Next
Gustavo and Kiki pretended

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to be tombrobbers because
there were tombrobbers
trying to get Khufu's treasure.
Then, Kiki and Gustavo, and Ben
tricked the tomb robbers
and made a wall to
block them from Khufu's
treasures. Last, Kiki and
Gustavo finished their
mission. In conclusion, Kiki and
Gustavo completed their mission and
Gustavo went to Brazil!!

GHOST Queen Saved!

Date: 12/16/25

Author: India



Jack + Annie + cat
in front of pyramids!

Two kids Jack
and Annie go back
in time to help
a ghost queen Hutepe!

First, they telepo-

rted to Egypt and saw a cat headed
for the pyramids. Then, they found a
gold box in Khufu's tomb. Next
they gave Hutepe the book of the
dead. Finally, Jack found the

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frog creek book and made it
just in time for lunch! Yum, peanut-
butter and jelly sandwiches!

Fourth Grade

In Fourth Grade, our essential question is "What sparks a journey?" Students read Esperanza Rising, a novel about a family that immigrated from Mexico to the USA for a better life. Our writing highlights how the main character, Esperanza, changed throughout her journey in the story.

Esperanza Rising

Written By: Valentina

Esperanza changes greatly throughout the story as she learns to be humble, responsible and grateful. Esperanza learns to be humble and now understands that money doesn't represent who you are. Family is more important than money. In El Rancho de las Rosas, all the work was done for her. Now she is responsible because she took on work, even when grieving. Esperanza, who is also known as Anza, has learned to be grateful because she appreciates acts of kindness like when Carmen gave her family a chicken or when Alfonso and Miguel took the rose buds, which were from Papa's garden, and made a Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. Overall, Esperanza changes for the better throughout the book.

Esperanza Rising

Written By: Caio

Esperanza changes greatly throughout the story as she learns to be humble, grateful, and resilient. Esperanza became humble after Tio Luis took all their land and money after Papa died, because before she thought money was everything but she learned money doesn't define who you are. Then later on in the story Esperanza, who is a grateful woman, learned to be grateful after she saw people who didn't even have food or a roof over their heads that were suffering. Esperanza, a resilient woman, became resilient after Papa died and Mama became sick. Esperanza stopped crying and got a job and became resilient. Although Esperanza wasn't humble, grateful, or resilient she earned it through lots of pressure.

Esperanza Rising

Written By: Amora Wilson

Esperanza changes throughout the story as she learns to be responsible, grateful and resilient. One way she changes is that she is grateful for her family because at the end of the ^{book} Miguel surprised Esperanza and brought Abuelita back. Another way that Esperanza changes is that she is responsible. She took care of the babies, Pepe and Lupe, when the others were working. The last way that Esperanza changes is she becomes resilient. When Papa died in Mexico she was sad and depressed but she can be depressed there. Whole life so she had to push through it. In conclusion, Esperanza learned a lot about herself and grew as a person.

Esperanza Rising

Written By: Elise

Esperanza changes greatly throughout the story as she learns to be grateful, responsible and compassionate. Anza went from being spoiled to grateful when Miguel created a shrine with Papa's roses. She went from being irresponsible to responsible when she took care of Lupe and Pepe. Esperanza was compassionate when she was showing empathy when she gave the doll to Isabel when Isabel did not win May Queen. Esperanza did not let her challenges break her, but instead became grateful, responsible and compassionate.

Second Grade

In Second Grade students are learning "How does water impact life?" Students completed a writing project after hands-on discovery and reading about oysters. They used the information they learned to write short paragraphs describing what oysters are, where they live, and why they are important to the environment. This project helped students practice organizing facts and expressing ideas in their own words.

Name: Jeremiah Date: 2/27/26
Dangers
 Humans eat oysters but sometimes they overfish. They used to have billions of oysters to protect the shore. Humans used to overfish oysters then they eat it. Pollution messes up the quality of the water for the aquatic animals factories dumping waste that's the type of pollution. These are the dangers that can harm an oyster.

Name: Scarlett Date: _____
Oysters are slimy in the inside and in the outside. Their shell is hard and rough. Oysters can create beautiful pearls and they are found on the inside. Oysters attach themselves to a surface like a rock. Oysters form large clusters known as reefs. The texture of an oyster shell is both smooth and bumpy. Have you ever felt an oyster before?

Name: Zion Scott Date: 2/2/2026
Oysters are awesome and interesting. I love it. Oysters can create pearls so they collect the tiny sand particles from the ocean floor. Then they use the sand to make a pearl and after a few days well, you have your self a pearl. Oysters can also filter water, they eat the bacteria in the water and remove it or not they think it's yummy. Plus, it's very helpful to the earth. Oh, and do you want to know the craziest thing about oysters? They can change from boy to girl. Isn't that crazy?

Name: June Date: 2/3/26
Habitats of Oysters
 Have you ever learned about the habitat of oysters? Let me teach you. Oysters live on hard surfaces so they can build oyster reefs. Oysters can live in oceans, sounds, and even rivers. Oysters can be found in the tidal zone. Oysters can also live in a oyster farm. When a group of oysters is together it is called a oyster bed. Oysters can have many different habitats.

Name: Xoleil Date: _____
Characteristics
 Have you ever wondered what an oyster looks like? Oysters have hard shells so they stay protected from predators. They have soft insides so they close faster when there are predators. Invertebrates have no bones, like oysters. Oysters might look fakey but they are alive.

Name: Kyril Ramos Date: 2/2/26
Oysters are interesting creatures. Oysters eat or filter out plankton for survival. Oysters are good for the ocean because they clean the water by sucking up the dirt. Next, oysters stay in one place. But, oysters eat plankton for survival. They make pearls as a defensive reaction to irritants or parasites when they get trapped inside.

Name: Kevin Date: Feb. 2, 2026
Diet
 If you don't know what an oyster's diet is, let me teach you. Oysters are filter feeders that means they get food from the water. Oysters can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day. Phytoplankton is one of the food. Algae is another food for an oyster. Oysters have a weird diet.

Name: Sam Date: _____
Oysters are amazing animals! They make pearls and filter 50 gallons of water per day. Inside are a lot of important body parts that we have too. All of that stuff is squishy like ours, but the outside is different, it's hard like our bones. So, technically if we were an oyster, we would just have our insides. Oysters are very cool animals.