

Rise Up & Write!

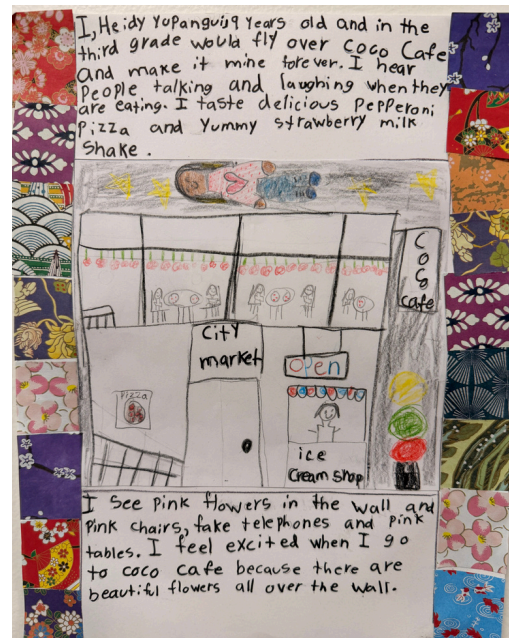
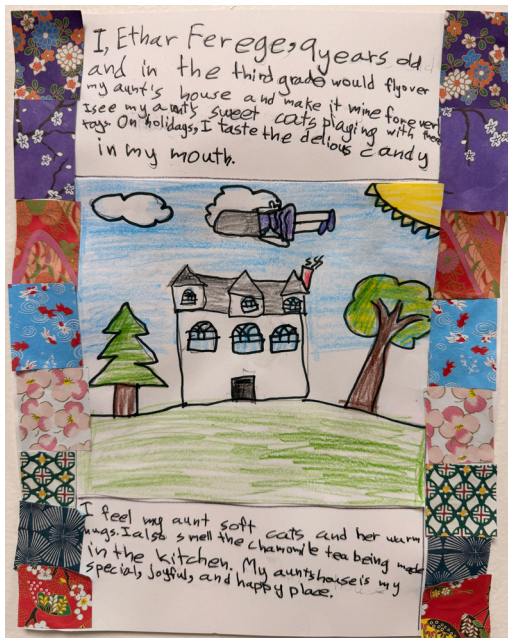
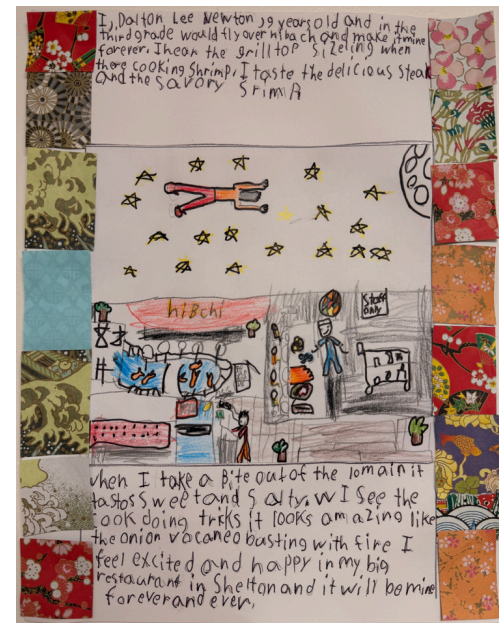
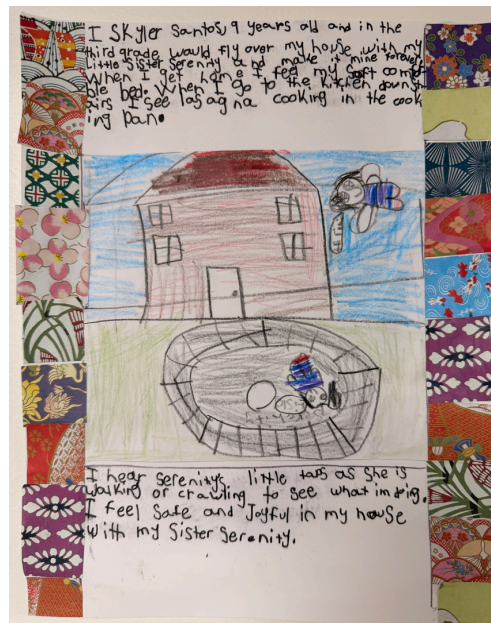
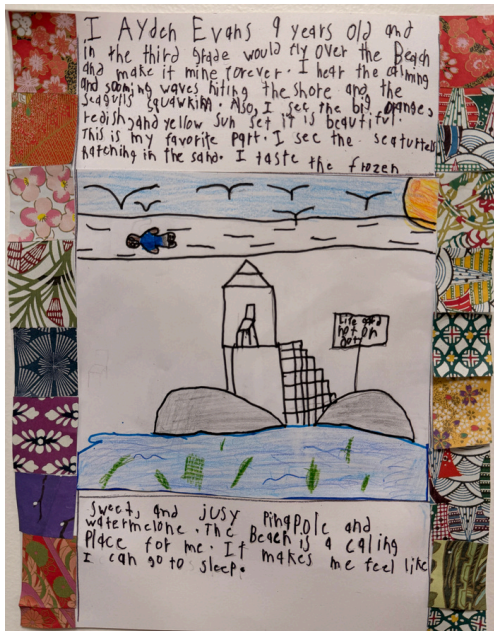


WELCOME!

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!

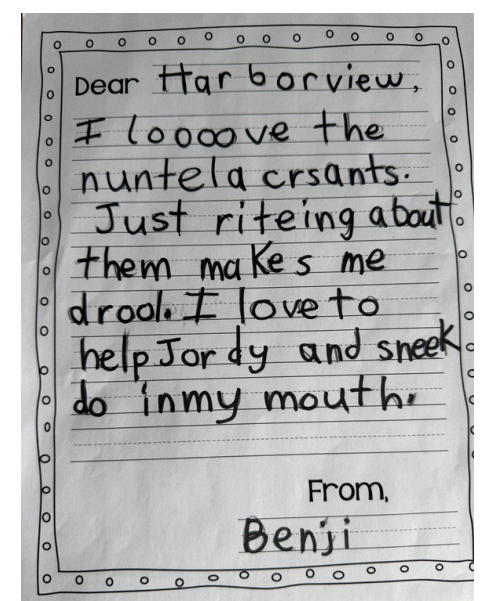
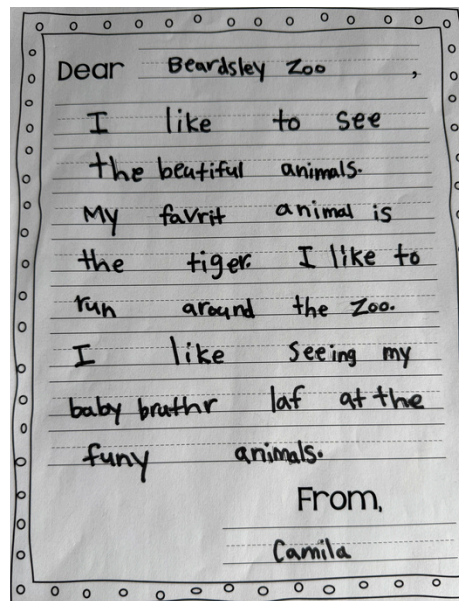
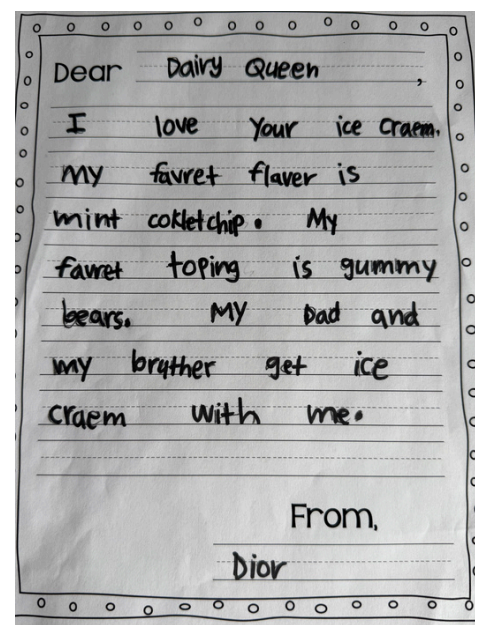
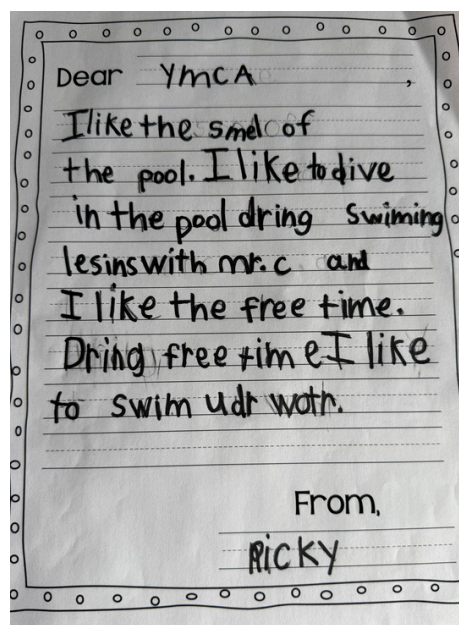
Third Grade

Third Grade recently spent time learning about the artist, activist, and storyteller, Faith Ringgold. She is famous for creating story quilts, often depicting her time growing up in Harlem. Third Graders were inspired by her story, "Tar Beach," and created their own writing piece about a place they would like to "fly over" and make theirs forever.



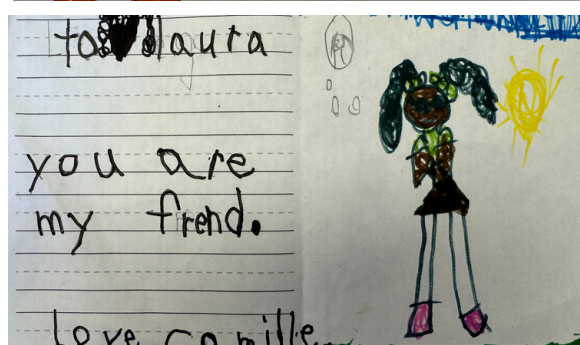
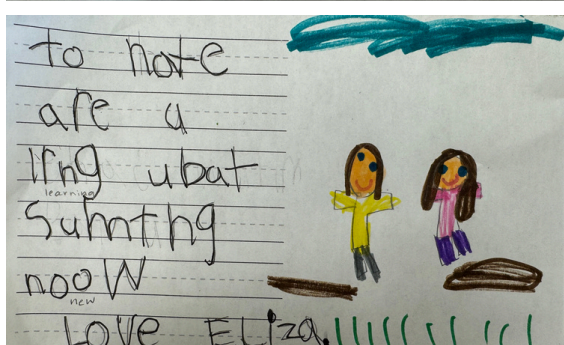
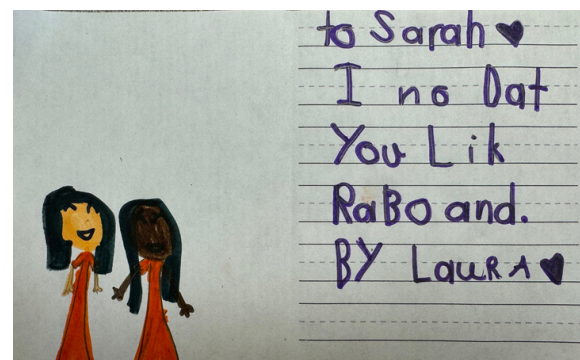
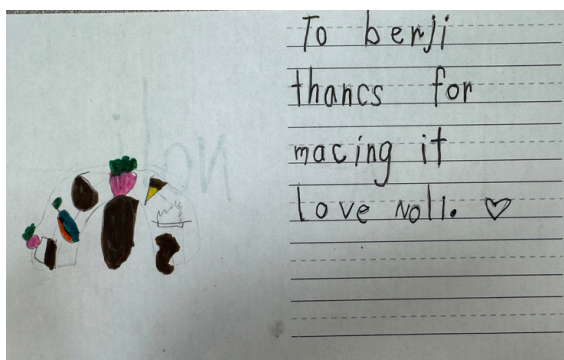
First Grade

Inspired by the book "Dear Street" by Lindsay Zier-Vogel, First Graders wrote love letters to their favorite people, places, and things found in our community of Bridgeport! There are many wonderful nouns found in our urban community- like restaurants, butterflies, and neighbors!



Kindergarten

Thanks to the Third Grade post office, the Kindergarten students have enjoyed sending letters to friends around our school. While writing our letters, we have thought about how to start and end our letter with care. Thanks Third Graders for your hard work!



Fourth Grade

In celebration of Women’s History Month, Fourth Graders were each assigned an impactful woman to read about. Pulling out key information, they began writing research reports highlighting their accomplishments. These are just a few excerpts of paragraphs from their reports.

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Name: Maston

Date:

Rough Draft

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Amelia Earheart achieved many things in her

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life but these are some of her most important

X

achievements. Amelia did a solo trans atlantic trip

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around the world with 420 gallons of oil and

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420 gallons of gas and said threse she

X

got hungry. She was awarded the tixing cross

X

by the US congress and National Geographic

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Society's gold metal from Herbert Hoover

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for breaking her own record. She became the 16th

X

woman to recive an international Pilots

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license. Ater hearing about amelias achievements

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what do you want to achive in life?

Name: Eduardo

Date:

Rough Draft

X

Fannie Lou Hamer was an

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ispirational woman who made

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an inact on others throughout

X

her life. Fannie was best known

X

for standing up for civil rights.

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She Was also known

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for fighting for the

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right of colored pePle

X

to vote. Read on to learn

X

more details about Fannie's

X

life, the kind of person she

X

was, and her accomplishments.

Name: Lizbeth

Date: 3/25/20

Rough Draft

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Sojourner was born in 1797 in

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Ulster County, New York. Sojourner was

X

married to Thomas, an enslaved man on the

X

same farm, and gave birth to Peter,

X

Elizabeth, and Sofia. Sojourner was

X

born into slavery, life was hard!

X

In the early 1810 Sojourner was

X

sold with a flock of sheep for

X

\$100! One interesting fact about

X

Sojourner is that she was born

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with the name Isabella

X

Baumfree and changed it

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X

because she said that God called

X

her to preach the truth.

X

Sojourner is a hardworking

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woman in our history!

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Fourth Grade Continued

Name: Kamora

Date: _____

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Marie Curie was born on November 7,
1867 in Warsaw Poland. Marie was the
youngest of 5 children and Marie's nickname
was Manya. In 1877 the Russian Empire
took over parts of Poland. Marie used
to stand next to her father's locked
glass cabinet. Then Marie showed how
smart she was and taught her self
how to read. At school a Russian
inspector came to her class the
teacher called on her and she responded
in Russian but if she spoke Polish

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her and her teacher would be
punished. Marie Curie, an intelligent
scientist, went through a lot in her
life but accomplished so much.

Name: Nate

Date: _____

Rough Draft

Anne Frank was a kind woman
who made an impact on others
throughout her life. She is
famous for living during
world war II where many
people were killed because they
were Jewish. This was a result
of Hitler, the leader of the
Nazi party and Germany,
who wanted all Jews dead. Anne
wrote a diary that I am
reading to help with the essay.

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Many people think that it
is important, and I agree.
Read on to learn more details
about Anne Frank's life, the
kind of person she was, and
her accomplishments.

Second Grade Atlantic

Second grade Atlantic wrote about Spring - something that we are all wishing for!

Name: Savannah Date: _____

Spring is a great time of year and if you like to swim you can do that now. Flowers bloom, people like to go to the pool, go to the park, and go to the beach. It gets warmer not colder. Now that it's warmer you don't have to wear hats and jackets. You can play outside more. Spring is my favorite season out of all of the seasons.

Name: Ben Date: _____

Spring is my favorite season of the year. Riding bikes is fun because if you felt you stayed up and ride again. The birds sing so good and beautiful because maybe they need someone to live with. I like these things because they are beautiful, fun, and good at singing.

Name: Julia Alves Date: 3/26/26

Spring is my favorite season of the year. The first reason is that the flowers are beautiful. The third reason is that in spring you can go to outdoors. Activities that you can not do in winter you can do in spring. The last reason is that the birds are starting to show up last, budding trees are beautiful. So that's why spring is considered the best season.

Name: Ana Date: _____

Spring is my favorite season of the year because when flowers bloom they look so beautiful and different. You can only see it outside, which you can also do activities outside. Let me give you some examples. You can go to the park, you can have ice cream, you can go camping. While you're camping you bring some seed about five minutes ago, so now you can plant them since the snow has melted. I also heard that most people like spring so that is why I like spring too. Do you like spring?

Second Grade Pacific

Second Grade Pacific wrote about several of the books featured in AJLA's Reading Month Book Bracket!

Name: Zoyi Date: 3/27/26

The Perfecty Mess up story

This story takes place in a book about a book. Little Louie wanted his book to be perfect. But his book got messed up by children. So he felt mad and sad. Then he felt fine and happy. The moral of the is not everyting needs to be perfect like your drawing it dose not have to be perfect.

Name: Davina Date: 3/24/26

Broken

The main characters are Meimei, Mimi, and Ama. The story takes place inside the house. First Meimei was bored so she wanted to scare the cat mimi. Next she hid behind the chair and jumped into the side table. Then the cup fell and broke into 3 pieces. Finally she told Ama and Ama understood. Then they fixed it.

Name: Miles Carter Date: 3/27/26

The Squish

This story takes place at the beach. The characters in the story is - a sand castle, a kid and a other sand castle. First there was a sand castle that got squished once the kid left the beach. Then he was sad on the beach and felt weak and powerless. But then a other sand castle got squished and they became friends. Last they didn't give up and kept building them self up again, again and again. No matter how hard it was they did it.

Name: Joah Date: _____

The most Magificn thing

This story takes place outside on the sidewalk. The little girl wanted to bail first the most magnificent thing. Then she hired a assistant her dog she started building. But none of her builds came out as she wanted them to so she got mad. Then her assistant dog suggested a walk. She came back and started building finally she finished the most magnificent thing.

Fifth Grade

Fifth Graders have been studying life in colonial cities. They wrote biography paragraphs about Benjamin Franklin, explaining the great impact he had on the city of Philadelphia.

Name: Zenlonie Date: 3/25/2026

Benjamin Franklin

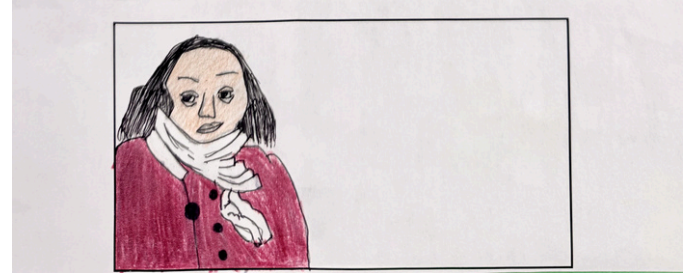
Benjamin Franklin invented many things and a printer by trade, was Philadelphia's most famous citizen. In 1723 Benjamin Franklin moved from Boston to Philadelphia to help out the Philadelphians. He founded a hospital to help people when they are sick. He founded a Public Library for people to be able to read. He also founded a fire company to save people from fires. Benjamin Franklin even used a Kite in a lightning storm to prove lightning is a form of electricity. Benjamin Franklin was an inventor because he invented a wood stove and the Franklin Clock. He also is on a \$100 bill. Evidently Benjamin Franklin had a big impact on the city of Philadelphia.



Name: Ro Ya Hussain Date: 3/19/26

Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin, an inventor and a founder, helped Philadelphia. Franklin moved from Boston to Philadelphia in 1723, to help people in Philadelphia. He also made the first public library, so people in Philadelphia could learn and study. He also founded the first fire department, so if the people had a fire in their house, the fire department could put out the fire. And Franklin started a hospital. That way, if people got hurt, they could get treated. Franklin also published a newspaper, and a book called Poor Richard's Almanack. That way, people could get helpful information in his newspaper. Without a doubt, Franklin is Philadelphia's most famous citizen.



Name: Eylaf Date: 3/18/26

Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Franklin, a printer, an inventor, and a scientist, was Philadelphia's most famous citizen. Mr. Franklin helped build many first buildings in Philadelphia. For example, he helped start Philadelphia's first Public Library, Fire Department, and Hospital. Mr. Franklin was an inventor: he invented clocks and woodstoves. This shows Mr. Franklin invented many things Philadelphia needed. Mr. Franklin was also a scientist. To prove that lightning was a source of electricity, he flew a kite in a thunderstorm. And to share his knowledge with the world, he published Poor Richard's Almanack. Clearly, Mr. Franklin did much for Philadelphia and he was Philadelphia's most famous citizen who is remembered to this day.



Name: Breann Date: 3/19/2026

Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was an inventor and a smart person who had an impact on Philadelphia. Mr. Franklin was an inventor who made a wood stove and a clock which is important because people can cook their food. Franklin was the founder of the first library, hospital, and a fire department in Philadelphia which is important because how else are people supposed to be taken care of or people to learn about history and when there is a fire you will need someone to clear it out for. Mr. Franklin was also a scientist who flew a kite and discovered electricity. Last but not least Benjamin Franklin wrote maxims like Early to bed and Early to rise which was one of Benjamin Franklin's maxims, which are important because they are short but sayings but tell the truth. Clearly, this shows that Franklin had a big impact on Philadelphia.

