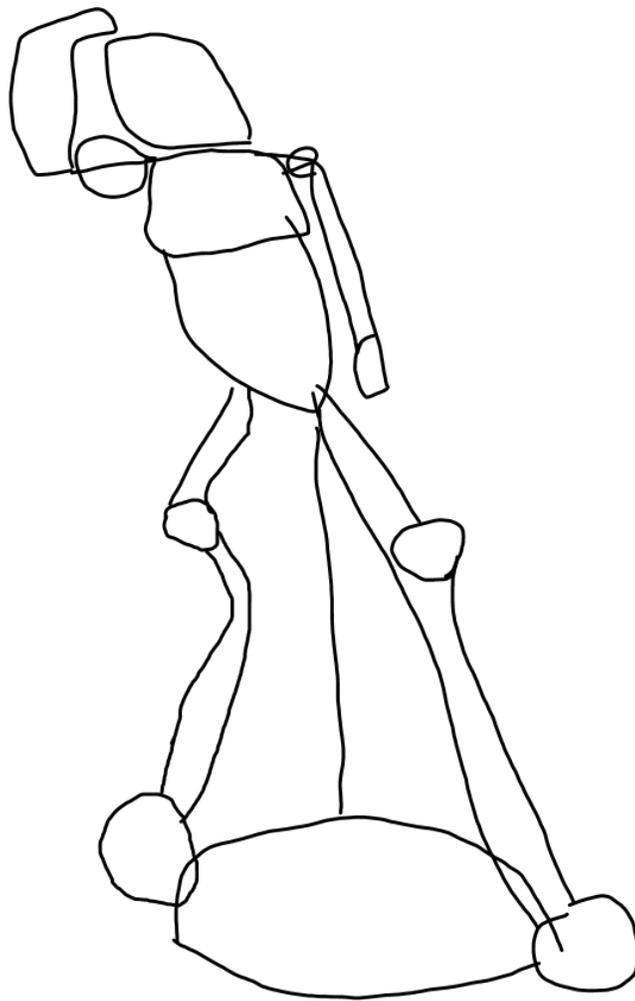


Mrs. Elwell's 2nd Grade
Writing Workshop Anthology
Noble Elementary School
2021



Writing from Mrs. Elwell's Class

The following pieces of writing represent a portion of the small-group and whole-class work from the middle of January to the middle of May. We met once a week, and worked remotely until April, then finally we worked in person for the last four sessions.

Mrs. Elwell and her students were inspiring to work with. Every single child wanted to do their best! I appreciate all their efforts.

Vivian Vail, teaching artist

Next fall: keep an eye out for Lake Erie Ink's after school program, Noble Ink Spot! It's for grades 3 - 5. Meanwhile, see the back page for a list of our awesome summer programs. Scholarships/discounts available!

The First Time

Students wrote about the first time they did something new!

The Bad Bike by Augie B.

The first time I rode my bike I fell. It was surprising because I had training wheels. Well, all the cars were out, and my training wheels got loose and I hit the house. The handle started to shake. It kind of hurt my hand. And I twisted my ankle! I never wanted to ride my bike again, but I did, and I'm good now. I would never want that to happen again.

My First Time Going to WWE by Orion J.

It was my first time going to WWE. It was the Undertaker vs. Shawn. Shawn hit the Undertaker with a chair and table. Shawn hit the Undertaker with a Sweet Chin Music right on the chin! The crowd said "This is awesome!" over and over. I touched Shawn. And Shawn won! I will never forget that moment on my birthday. The best.

Disney World! by Lauryn B.

I went to Disney World. We have to drive 2 hours to get there. We have to stop a lot. We finally got there. We played and had fun. My sis sees the princesses. We ate food. We go to the hotel and sleep. I put the dress on. It was big. I see the castle. You can go inside. We did not. We play games and had fun. Nana pay for the food. My mom had nice food and I had food too. We see the villains! And we see mice and the princesses. We see the fireworks and we go home. We go to sleep. The end.

Baby Brother by Johnneshia R.

The first time I hold my baby brother, we took a picture. My baby brother is so cute and his name is Byson! We watched TV together and he want to sleep. I love him.

The First Time I Went to Buffalo, New York by Sa'riah G.

The First time I went to Buffalo, New York. I was 5 the first time. I went to my cousin's house and we had so much fun. Next we went to get food and then we went to play games. Last, we left.

The First Time I Got In Mom's New Car by Ma'Ria F.

First, I was in my dad's car. I went to T.T. Candy Gramama. T.T. Candy's family calls her Candy. Last, we got my Mom's new car. I was happy and my mom was too. It was fun. The end.

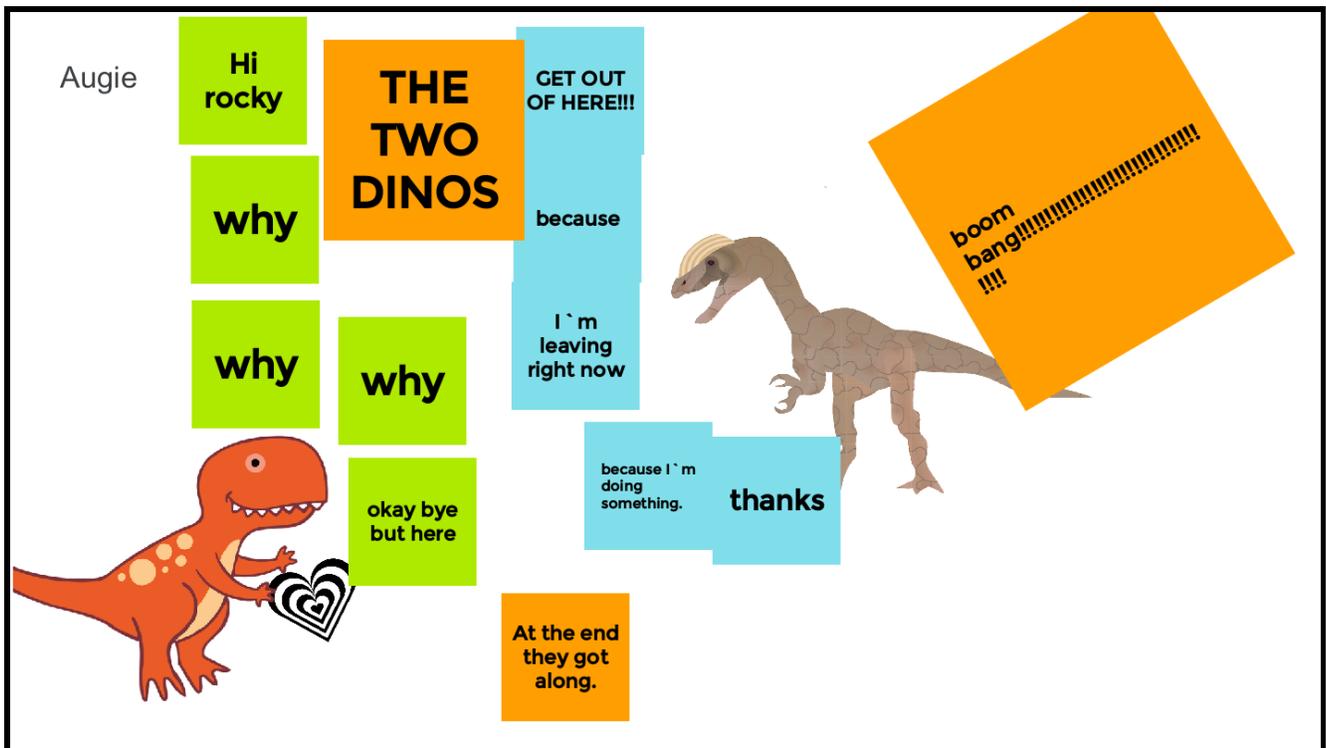
The First Time I Got Croup by Andersen B.

Here is a glimpse into the past: the first time I got croup. It was an unpleasant experience. I didn't want to talk. First I woke up coughing. It sounded like a dog. Then that woke my mom, so she took me to A+E. Also the nurse gave me and my sister orange creamsicles. Lastly, my mom warned about croup. She said, "If you get croup, wake me up, if you haven't already."

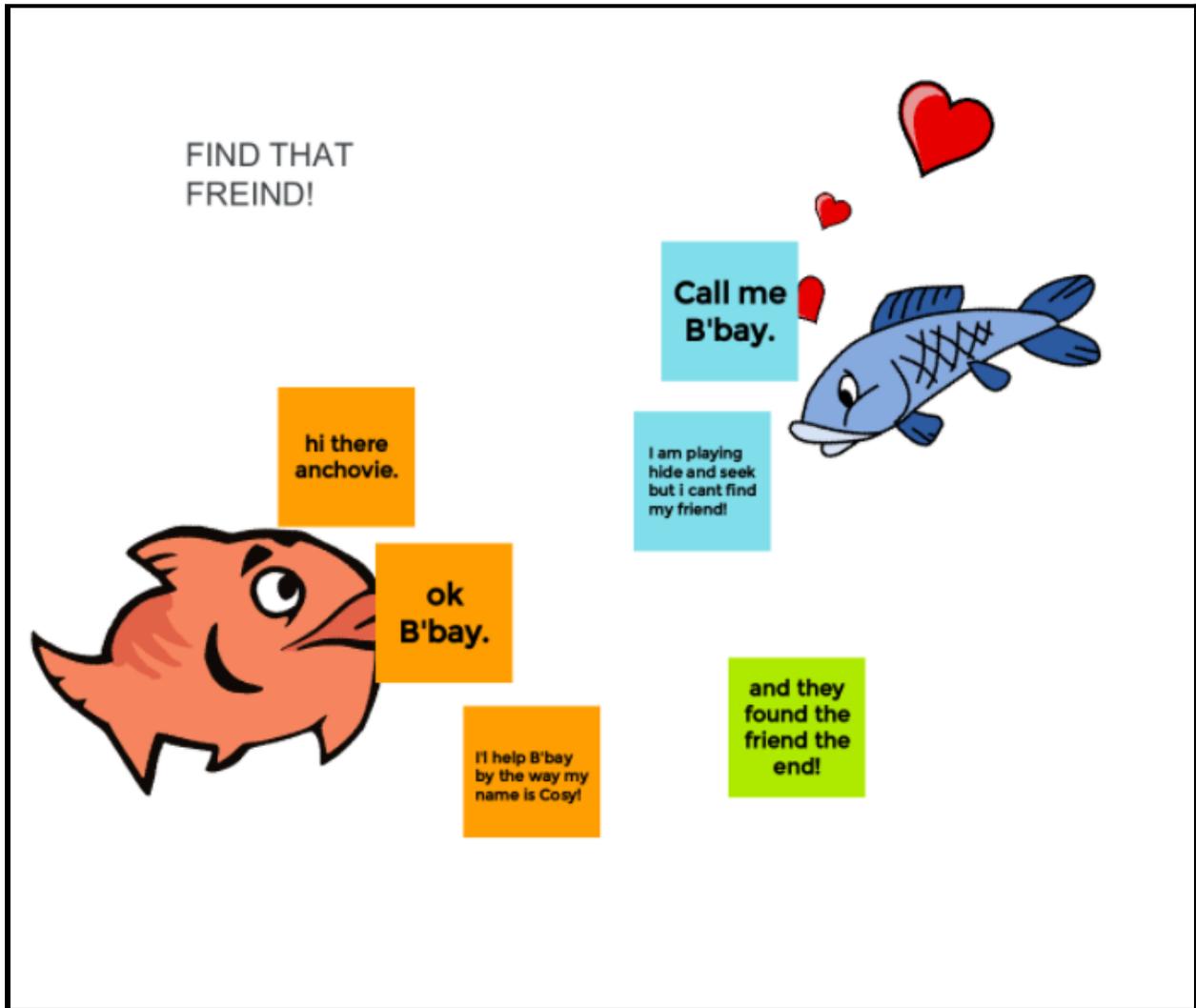
Valentine's Day Conversations

Students create dialogue for two characters using Google Jamboard.

The Two Dinos by Augie B.



Find that Friend by Andersen B.



The Cat and the Cow by De'Awni P-W.

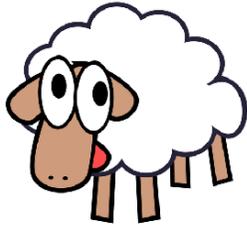
De'Awni

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there
cow**

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be bff**

**No u
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Things I Love--Google Jamboards

Love by Johnnesia R.

Johnnesia

love

my name is
johnnesia and dogs
can swim and i love
puppys so much
and i love my family
and i love me to and
i love every one by

love

Augie

running KNOCK knock
jumping jokes
bulding
READING BOOKS
Anamals JAZZ HIP
QUESTS HOP
GAMES HOP
drawing climbing music
Telling joke THE
WORLD IS
WONDERIS
PLACE magic the
gathering

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FAMILY

Things I'm Good
At by Augie B.

My Favorite Things
by Andersen B.

here are a few of my favorite things
freshly baked zucini bread
snuggles with my mom
grandma cookies
choclata cookie dough ice cream
pico de Andersen
super sweet rasberies
baby koala
my mom and dad
baby otters
baby elephents
wathing the ball drop



What I Love
By Lauryn B.

Finish the Story

Students were given the following prompt, and instructed to finish the story:

“I’ve always had a pretty good sense of direction. I know how to get to my house from school, the library, and even the mall! But that didn’t help me last Saturday when I took my dog for a walk. He was kind of walking me instead of the other way around. Before I knew it, we were so far away from our house that I had no idea how to get back home.”

I Got Lost by Ma’Ria F.

I had a dog! I went to walk my dog. I got lost. There was dirt on the sidewalk. I saw footprints that took me home. I got super duper happy.

Away From Home by Lauryn B.

I was getting hungry, my dog too. It was getting dark. Then I saw a gas station so we ate. The next morning I saw a man saying, “You ok, Miss?” Then it started to rain. The man drove me to his home. It was nice. I had a big bed. Next morning, a girl said “Hi Miss. Are you Miss Ava?” I said, “Yes! Why?” “Because your mom misses you.” I miss her too. So we go to my home. Then my mom hugged me so tight. She said “I will never leave you!” I said, “Ok.”

Me and My Dog Get Lost by Orion J.

I called my dad. I’ve been there for a week. I never forgot that. I always cry. I always miss my dog and my mom. My Dad called me but she didn’t call. Last Saturday it was raining. I was scared about my dog. I found a street light. And I was safe and I miss mom. And she found my mom and called at night. I will never do that again.

The Worst and Best Saturday Part 1 by Andersen B.

So I got out my compass and my map, but I dropped my compass and it broke. Then I went to the bakery and asked the baker. They said “yes?” Then my dog wanted the maple bacon rolls so I bought them. Then I went to the library and then asked the librarian if she could drive me home (she was my babysitter). After a while I was home. Last, I thanked the librarian and she stayed for supper. The end.

The Dog by Johnneshia R.

I got lost when I was walking to the park. I heard a dog bark. I was so scared and the dog was chasin' me. So when I saw the park I ran to the park. And I got on the slide. I stood on the slide. And when I got out the slide the dog was not there anymore. I played at the park. I saw two big dogs. But they were with people. The end.

Lost by Augie B.

Then, I looked in my purse for my phone.... It wasn't there! Then it started to rain. Hard, harder, harder, even harder! It started to hurt. Then, I think I saw a familiar chimney. Could it be my house? It was, it really was. I saw my mom waving.

I am so Smart by De'Awni P-W.

I think that I will find my way home, or my mom will find me. But, a stranger saw me and my dog Egypt and they told Mom because she was looking for us. And my brother was too. I will hide. I try to knock at a stranger's house to see if they knew my mom. I did looking, I saw nothing. I tried asking people, they did not know anything. My dog saw footprints but they were not my mom's. Egypt followed them and then we stopped at a park. We were so far from home.

I Saw a Stranger by Sa'riah G.

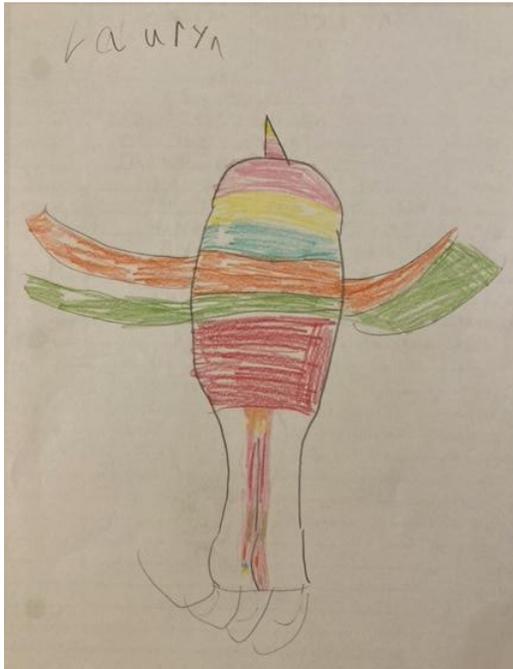
I was so scared at that part and then I saw a stranger and net. My dog got lost and I was sad. Last, I got a stranger to help me and I found my dog. The stranger was my mom!!! I was so excited and my mom said, "I miss you so much." "Me too."

Ekphrastic Writing

“The word ekphrasis, or ecphrasis, comes from the Greek. It is a **vivid, often dramatic, verbal description of a visual work of art**, either real or imagined.”

It's Really Cool! By Augie B.

It was shiny. Oh, how it was shiny. It was kind of small, though. It looks like real gold! It felt.... Weird? It looks cool. It's kind of an oval. It has some bumps. I think it's really cool!
The end.

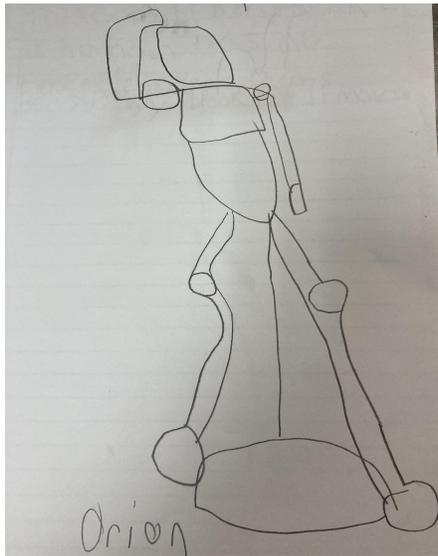


The Bird by Lauryn B.

Dear Sis,
We did something today. Let me tell you some of the things I see. It was rainbow, and it felt cool. It looked like a bird. If I had it I would put it on my desk. It was little. And it reminded me of the birds we see. The tail was white and the body was rainbow. I hope you read this, sis. And I love you sis. Bye, sis. It looks like it had bees inside.
-Lauryn

The Fairy by Ma'Ria F.

Dear Mom,
I love you. And I look at some pretty thing. And I play
with toys. I saw a white wing. She felt soft. It was a fairy.
-Ma'Ria

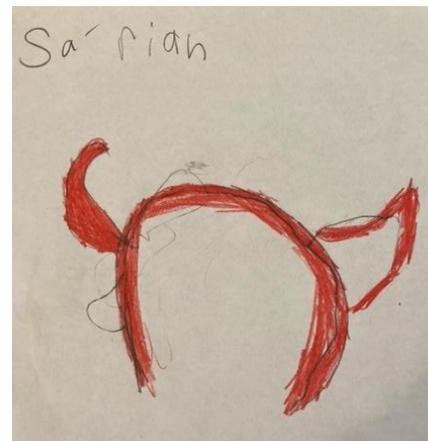


Like a Human by Orion J.

It is cool. It bends like a human. Has no face. Legs
bends, arm bends. It's ugly. It looks like it moves.

Fluffy by Sa'riah A.

I like the object so much. I will hug it all day. And it's
fluffier. It's beautiful and it's fluffy at the bottom.



Smiling Bird Drawing by Johnneshia R.

Random Acts of Kindness

Ms. Elwell's class wrote words of kindness on cards shaped like butterflies and left them on staff cars.

They also wrote kind words in chalk for their fellow Tigers on the sidewalk. Then, they wrote about their experience.

We Showed Appreciation by King J.

This morning we went outside to show that appreciation. We went outside to show that we are Ms. Elwell's. We put butterflies on the cars. We wrote a note on cars. We went outside and we did something. We wrote smiley faces. We wrote stuff that is kindness for our outside time. We also played with chalk. Next time, I want to color.

We Did Something Special by Johnneshia Robinson

This morning our class went outside and we did something special. We was outside and we made some butterflies. We put some butterflies on some cars. We drew some stuff with chalk. We went inside and we wrote a sentence. We wrote about what we did. We did something on the floor. I wrote "kindness is like snow, it makes everything beautiful." And I drew the earth.

Tiger Family by Jalani P.

Me and my class and I did some outdoor activities and it was very awesome. First, we did cut out paper butterflies. We put them on the cars then sneak under the windows then draw on the sidewalk. All of our things was about being kind. On the sidewalk? I wrote the words "Tiger Family." It was the best day ever.

We Care by Augie B.

To show that we care, Ms. Elwell's class (and me) went outside and used chalk to write kind things. Next we went to the parking lot and put butterflies we made. Last we went back inside. My favorite part was sneaking past the windows. It was fun because we had to be super quiet, and duck down low.

We Had So Much Fun Showing Kindness by Andersen

Kindness and appreciation are important. That is why our class went outside. We put kind quote butterflies on cars. And we wrote their quotes that were on the butterflies on the sidewalk in chalk. My favorite part was putting the butterflies on the cars. We had to be quiet. It was fun. I also liked the sneaking past the classrooms. It was so so so so fun. I heard people talking in the classroom. The chalk was fun too because we drew fun pics to go with the quotes. We finally finished and headed back. Maybe next time we'll blow bubbles.

Chalk Was Fun by Ma'Ria F.

This morning our class went outside. We had chalk. We put butterflies on cars, it was fun. I like the part when we snuck under the window to go do chalk. After being outside it felt sad to be back in the building. Because I like chalk, I like fun.

Butterflies and Chalk by Sa'riah

This morning our class went outside. We did putting butterflies on cars and did chalk. I like when we did the chalk and the kind cards and the coloring butterflies and chalk. I like the part with the chalk. I hope we do this again soon.

Kindness Notes by Rah'Niya S.

To show that we care Ms. Elwell's class, we left kindness notes. Maybe next time we will draw.

Cards on Cars by Jeremiah

Me and the class went outside so we can put cards on people's cars. What I put on the card, I put "Be the reason someone smiles."

It is Cool to be Kind by De'Awni P-W.

Today we did some activities at school. We did nice things like colored some butterflies. We did chalk outside and we wrote kind things on the sidewalk. Our favorite activity was the chalk. The reason why I like the chalk is because I like to write about nice things. I wrote, "It is Cool to be Kind, Tigers!"

A Fun Day at School by Lauryn B.

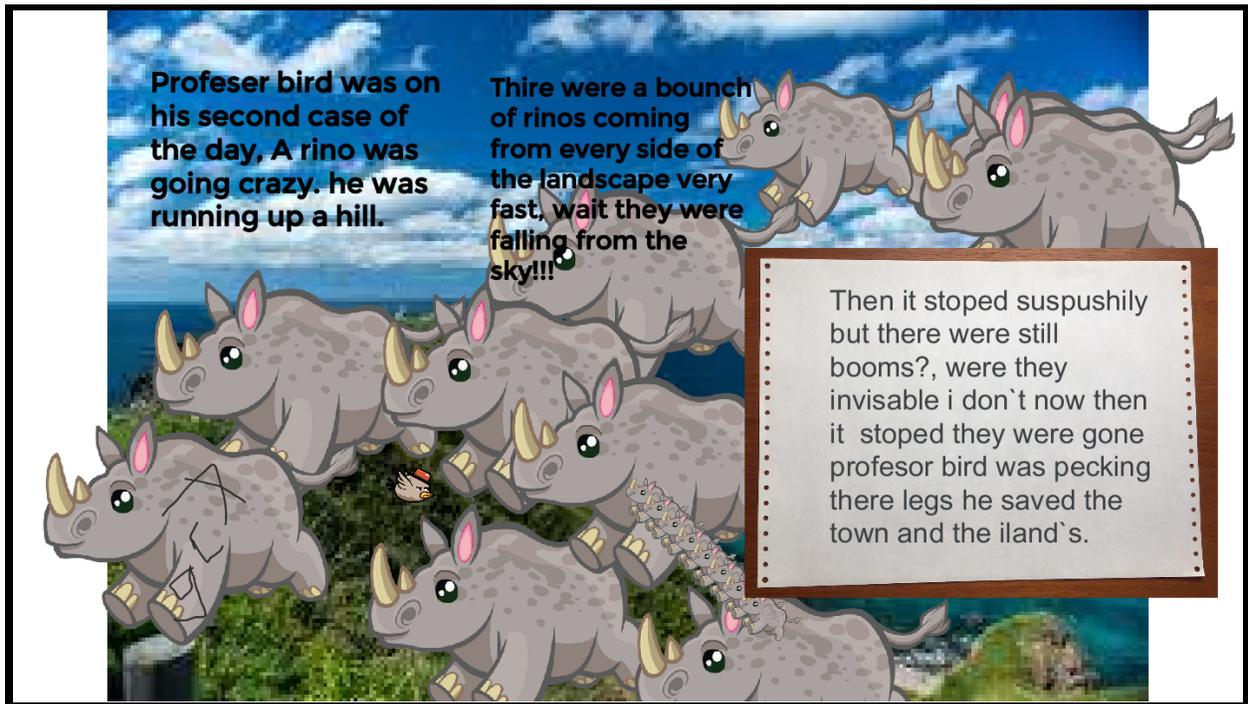
This morning our class went outside. We played with the chalk too, and we make kind things for the cars too. We write kind things on the cars too. I like the part when we sneak through the windows. I like the chalk too. It was so fun to write nice things to our school. We sneak through the hallway and sneak to the front of the school and we wrote kind things too. I hope we can do this again.

A Great Day at School by Orion J.

I had a great time at school because we went outside. And it was hot, I love hot. I feel happy. We had to be quiet because the window was open. I hope we do this next week because it was the best!

The Animals are Going Places

Google Jamboard Stories and Pictures







Maria

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play
ground

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lauryn



Whats GOING ON!!!! I don't know king dino. I think it's those little dogs. Get them out!

Then they call 911 and the police came and got the animals and king dino and his butler went to a hottell the end.

You thout
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