

In the Footprints of the Cougar



"On Top of the World" by Victoria K.

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Enrichment Services Program

In the Footprints of the Cougar
features the artistic and literary creations of the students of
Art PEP, CW PEP, Language PEP, & Author, Author PEP!



"Cougar on the Hunt" by Adriana R.

Follow the cougar for an artistic and literary journey...

Autumnal Musings



"Fall Kitty" by Gianna L.

The Spirit of Autumn

By Owen C., Grade 3

Leaves of brown, red, and yellow,
Are all making me feel quite mellow
Pumpkins you can carve at night-
When you finish, they're a fright!
Turkey in my belly! Yum!
And football games are super fun!
Chicken soup and pumpkin pie,
Raking leaves in piles so high!
Fire burning doesn't smell good,
But pumpkin candles smell as they
should!



"Falling" by Genevieve C.



"Family Time" by Aleena R.



"A Special Leaf" by William G.

Autumn Life

By LanaBella R., Grade 3

The wind in my hair,
The deer run wild.
The chipmunks and squirrels in the trees,
They pack up for winter and sleep.
They crunch on the acorns and steal food
from pumpkins.
They look through the leaves for their next
treat.
The deer come around and take care of
their babies
Like we do all day.
The geese travel North in a big family tree.
The chipmunks throw an acorn at me .
They look for the right acorn -just like
candy.
Grandma makes pumpkin pie-yum.
She sets it on the porch to cool off.
I watch it steam for a little, but then I get
bored.
I go inside to munch on marshmallows
with hot chocolate.
This is autumn.



"Fall Fun" by Sofia V.



"Starbucks of Potions" By Savannah D.

Something Wicked This Way Comes...

On This Spooky Autumn Night
By Maggie D., Grade 3

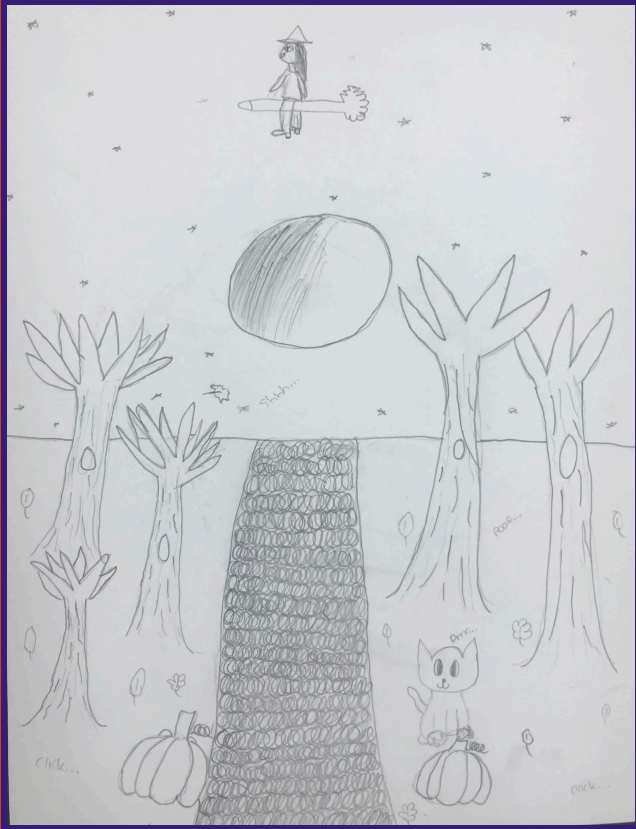
My mom tucks me into bed
On this spooky autumn night.
I finally fall asleep,
I dream, dream, and dream ...
Till I hear the terrifying scream.
This spooky autumn night
I see a misty figure
Looming over me.
And it is horrifying to see.
This spooky autumn night
I feel a shiver down my spine.
Slowly, it pulls the covers off of me.
The misty figure speaks,
MINE... MINE... MINE.
This spooky autumn night
It reaches out.
I can see it touch me,
But I don't feel a thing.
I feel coldness as it laughs with glee
But then, I don't feel a single sting.
This spooky autumn night,
I feel myself scream.
The misty figure for once,
Seemed scared to see me.
It stood still,
And then, it vanished
As if it was killed.



"Creepy Crawly" by Isabella V.



"The Addams Family" by Caitlyn A.



"Fall Sunset" by Caitlin S.

The Old Wrecked House

By Angela K., Grade 3

Weird sounds come from an old wrecked house.
It sounds scarier than a little mouse.
I look inside just to check.
I don't want any vampires to bite my neck.
I hear weird sounds!
I wonder what will be found
In that old cemetery.
I look to see if it will be scary.
I hear weird noises coming from an old
wrecked house.
Is it actually a little mouse?
I look inside just to check.
I don't want any vampires to bite my neck.
I walk inside that scary house...
Oh! It IS a little mouse!



"Teenager Vs. Kids" by Aleena R.

Seeing Shadows

By Olivia S., Grade 3

I lay in my bed, pitch black.
My door is open just a crack.
Is that what I see?
I think it is looking at me!
Is it a zombie from the undead?
Or, am I crazy out of my head?
I wonder if my eyes are blurry.
Or did that ghost just start to scurry?
Could it be my imagination!
Or is it just a hallucination?
Is it real? Is it true?
All I see is a shape in blue .
I'm feeling a little perplexed
I wonder what will happen next.
I tell myself to just forget it.
But I am too scared, I admit.
When I am about to scream
I wake up. I realize it's just a dream.
Now I go back to sleep,
back to dreaming and counting sheep.

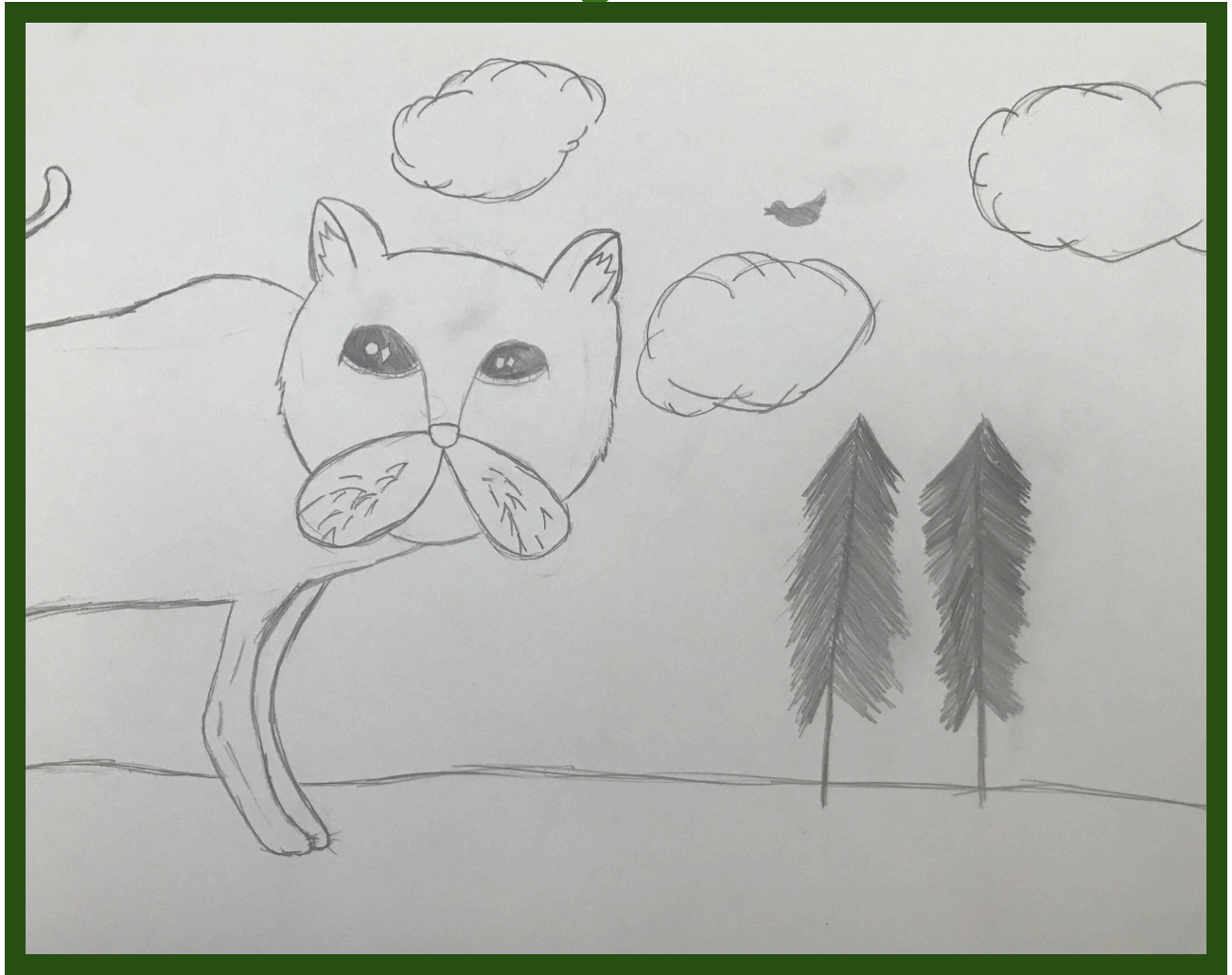


"Where Is My Pumpkin?" By Blaise M.



"Playful Cougar" by Victoria K.

Follow the Cougar to Winter...



"Cougar Nights" by Heather Y.

Winter Reflections



"Abstract Ice" by William G.

The First Winter With My Friends

By LanaBella R., Grade 3

Ah, the first winter with my friends-
We can play in the snow all day.
We can steal the food in the house,
And then have a picnic on my icy roof.
We can look at the stars all night.
And when we are apart in this cold
snowy place,
We can Facetime and sit by the fire all
night.
We can go walk my dog in this snowy
winter.
And we can sip a warm cup of hot
cocoa.
We can look at the snow.
We say, "That looks beautiful."
And then end the day with a smile.



"Peekaboo" by Riya G.



"Snowy Day" by Giana N.

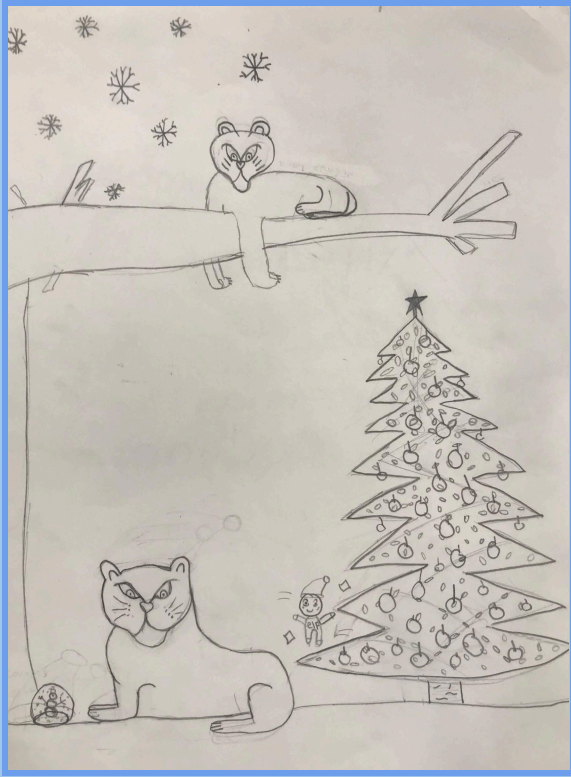


"Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" by Aleena R.

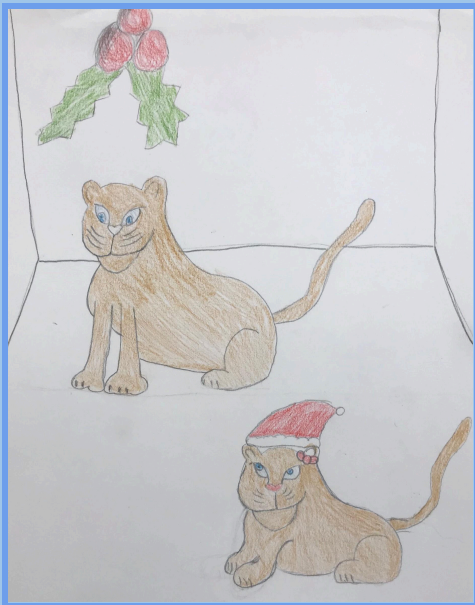
A Snow Day

By Angela K., Grade 3

It was a Snow Day!
Hip hip hooray!
Look at the snow! Let's go
play!
There is no school today!
We can drink hot chocolate!
I wonder if I can skate?
Since it's so cold outside, we
can have a playdate!
We can also stay up late!



"Cougar Christmas" by Gianna L.



"Christmas Cougar" by Caitlin S.

A Winter Night

By Owen C., Grade 3

It was the first night of December. Dennis was just going to bed. Then he heard a tick on his window. He looked, but nobody was there.

"Mom?" he asked as he walked into her room. "I heard a tick at my window."

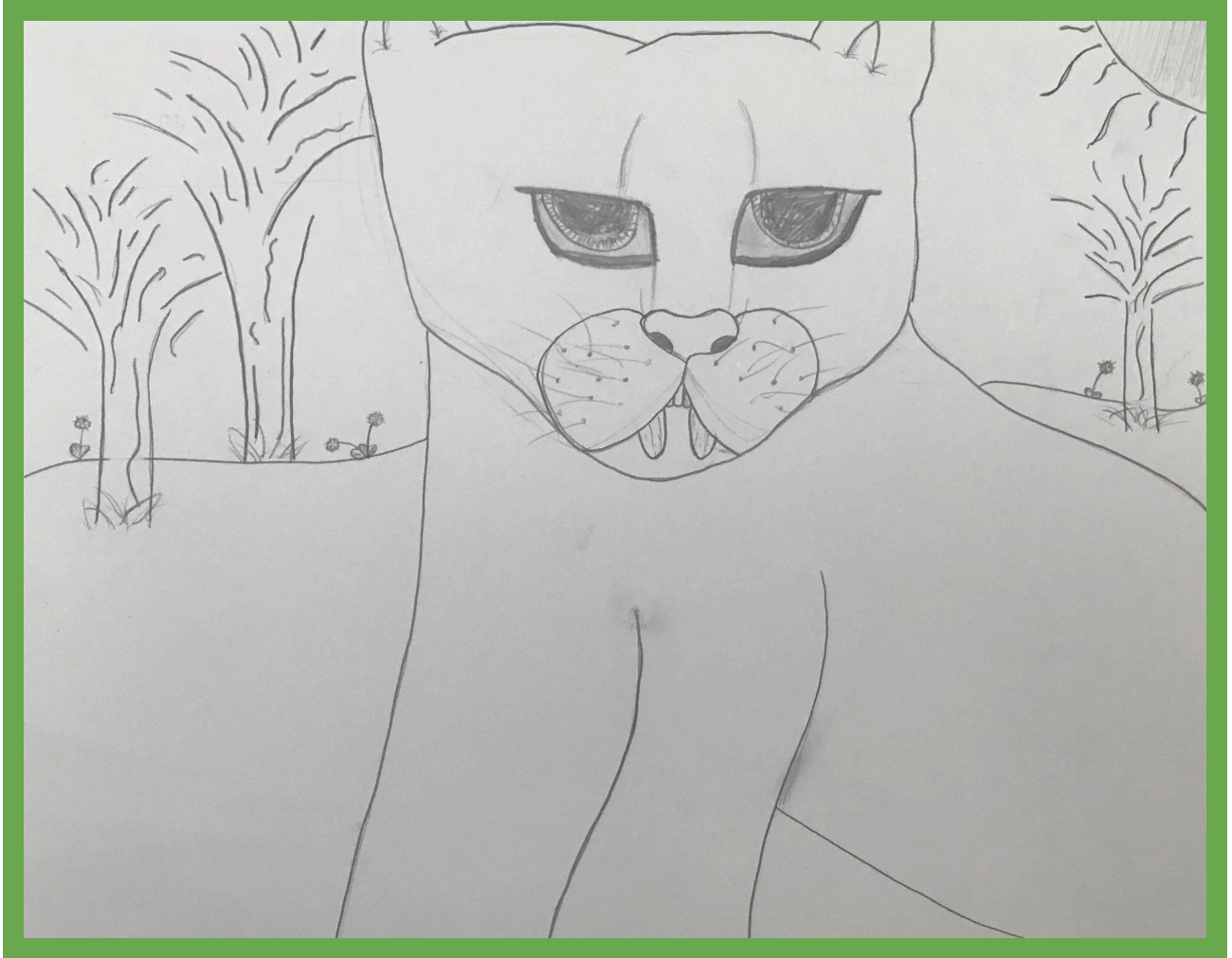
"It's Jack Frost," she said. "Nothing to be worried about."

So Dennis went back to bed. But the next morning, he realized his window had a blank spot! That meant Jack Frost had missed a spot! Did that mean that he was coming back?

That night, Dennis heard a tick again. So he tip-toed to the window. He found a little person ice skating as fast as the speed of light! He found out and saw how it was happening! Dennis was able to see the magic of winter!

The End

Follow the Cougar to Spring...



"On the Prowl" by Savannah D.

Spring is the Thing

The Sun Shines Bright

By Angela K., Grade 3

The sun shines bright.
And the temperature is just right!
It is right before summer.
But that's not a bummer!
Autumn ended,
That's splendid!
Autumn was fun but now it's done!
We can play at the playground,
And we can play on the swing!
When it's spring!



"One Fine Day" by Nina M.

Spring

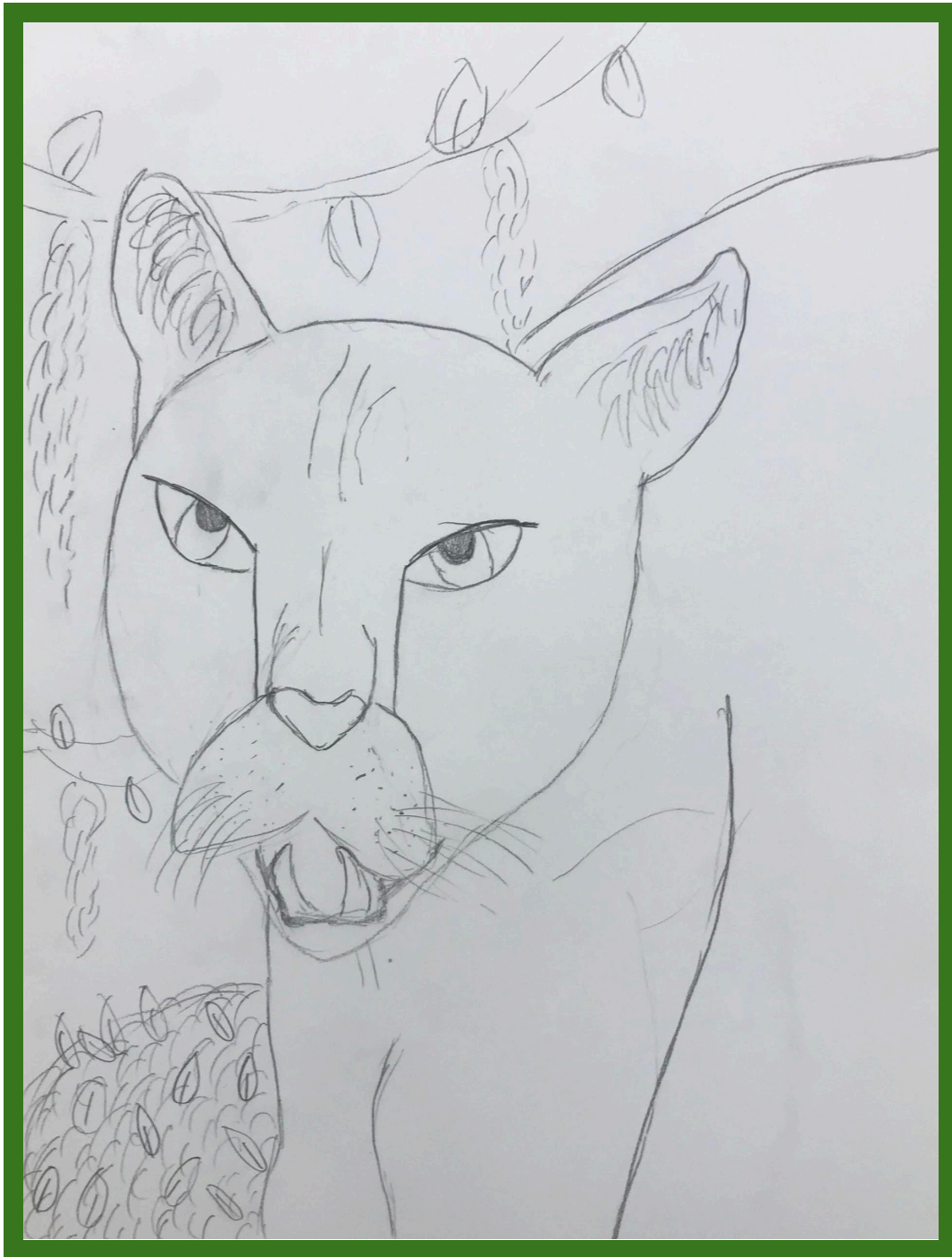
By LanaBella R., Grade 3

The spring breeze in my hair,
Pollen everywhere,
although it might make me sneeze
It's for the flowers, so please
Take care of our environment
It is a gift that has been sent
To us. Look around. See where you are at.
It's beautiful and we should cherish that.



"Cherry Blossoms" by Savannah D.

Follow the Cougar to Summer...



"Cougar Walk" by Alexa M.

Summer Is A-Coming In...



"Dreaming of Summer" by Nichole O.

Summer Season

By Maggie D., Grade 3

The Sun is shining bright,
Giving off a brilliant light.

Birds soar past,
They fly pretty fast,
How do they do that?

I should've asked.

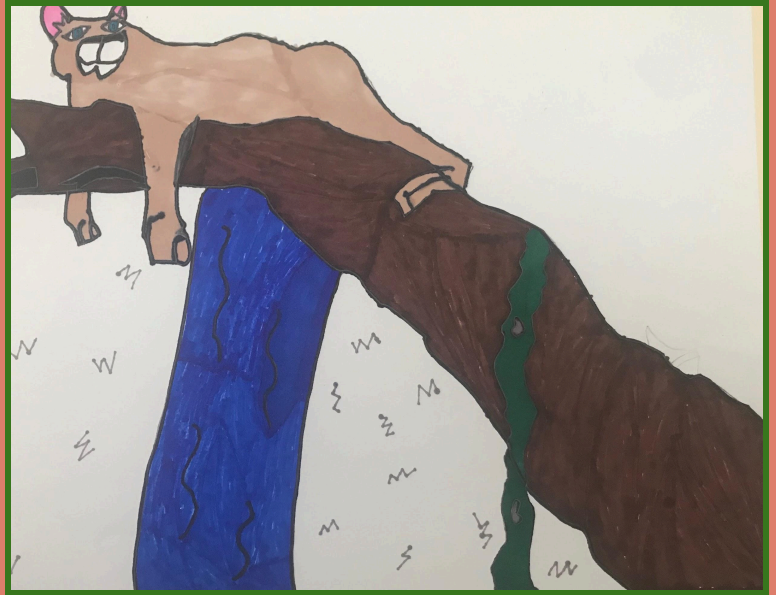
When the Summer breeze,
Comes rolling down,

It carries leaves,
All around town.

Oh, Summer

What a fantastic season you are,

Care to show me
How beautiful you really are?



"Calm Cougar" by Carlo M.



"Starry Night" By Giana N.

A Celebration of Seasons

Creative Writing Project
by Arianna D, Grade 5

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Follow the Cougar...



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Novel Ideas

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by Lillianna I., Grade 5

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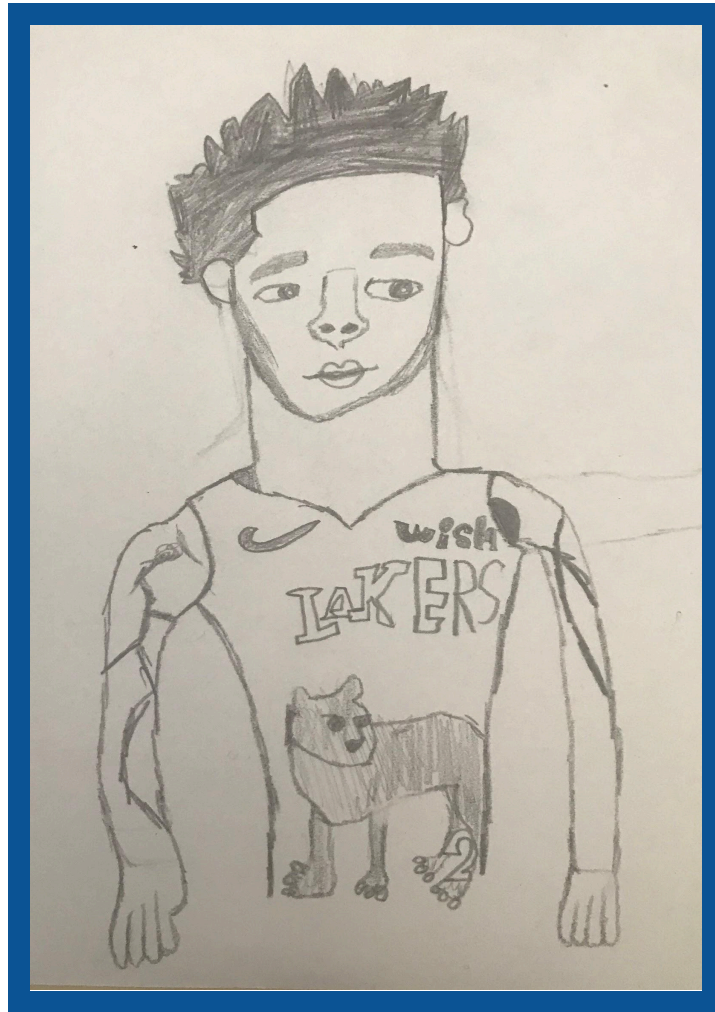
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Sweeten the Victory



"Team Cougar" by Ayden T.

A Short Story by Owen
C., Grade 3

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One Small Step...

"The Moon"

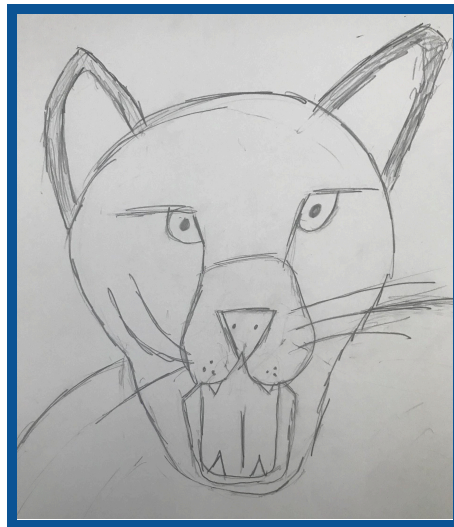
An Excerpt from *ARTEMIS* by William G.

Earth's biggest satellite.
The place where we,
One day,
Might thrive on.
The Moon is waiting,
Waiting for us to come.
Waiting to be home to us.
One day who knows?
We could have millions of humans here.
We have to start,
And as a matter a fact,
We already have.

Artemis: A Poetry Project
by William G., Grade 5

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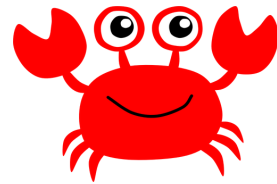
"Cougar in the Wild" by Ishan A..

Silly Symphonies

Crabby Limerick

By Olivia S., Grade 3

There once was a crab named Poppy.
When she ate, she was so sloppy.
While in a weird mood,
She scarfed down her food,
And searched for the recipe to copy.



Animal Confusion

By Olivia S., Grade 3

There once was a cat named Pig.
He was hungry a lot so he liked to dig.
He found a bone,
He grumbled and moaned,
But gave it to the dog to own.
The dog dropped it down a hole,
So now it's owned by a beaver and a mole.
The beaver tossed it up again,
But it fell back down the beaver den.
The beaver took it but was a little sad,
The mole took it so he wouldn't be mad.



"Summer Sensation by Kareem E.

All Creatures Great and Small

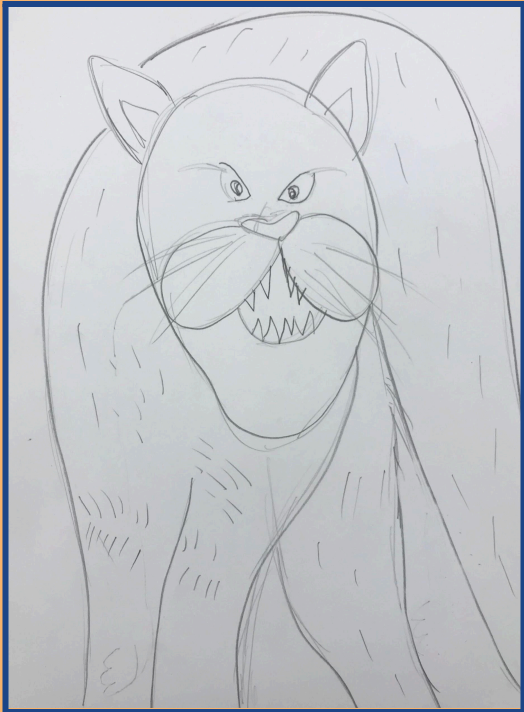
Animals

By Maggie D., Grade 3

Some with scales,
Some with feathers.
So many types,
Beyond my measure.
Whether you live in
Water,
Land,
Or air,
It doesn't really matter,
Because they're everywhere.



"Owl in the Light" by Giana N.



"Cougar" by Sutton P.

A Puppy a Day

By Olivia S., Grade 3

Puppies are adorable in every way.
I beg my parents for one almost every
single day!
Their puppy dog eyes make me smile.
I've been wanting one for a while.
Their paws are really cute and small,
The softness of them makes me bawl.
I love them 'cause they're tiny and cute.
They're definitely better than a newt.
Puppies are adorable in every way.
I beg my parents for one almost every
single day!

The Fox Cub

By Angela K., Grade 3

Deep in the forest, Mama fox lays in the den with her cub.

Mama fox tells her cub, "You are not able to go out of the den while I'm gone." "But why?" Fox cub asks.

"Because you could get lost or you could get hurt."

Mama fox replies.

Mama fox runs out of the den to get food for her cub and her. However, the fox cub doesn't listen to his mother and he runs outside the den! As Fox cub is playing with a stick, he hears a loud roar. "ROAAAR!"

Fox cub looks up and sees a huge brown bear!

"AAAAH!" Fox cub screams while running behind a tree.

Mama fox hears his scream and runs back to the den as fast as possible! A few moments later when mama fox comes, the brown bear lets out a huge roar again! "ROAAAR!"

"Why are you outside the den!?" Mama fox shouts loudly to her cub.

"I wanted to play outside." The cub answers to his mother.

Mama fox growls at the big brown bear. The big brown bear gets scared and runs away.

"You can't do that ever again!" Mama fox says.

After that the fox cub listens to his mother's orders because he has learned his lesson.



"Snow Fox" by Victoria K.

Fixing Our Mistakes

An Excerpt from *Animal Cruelty: A Poetry Collection* by Giulia P.

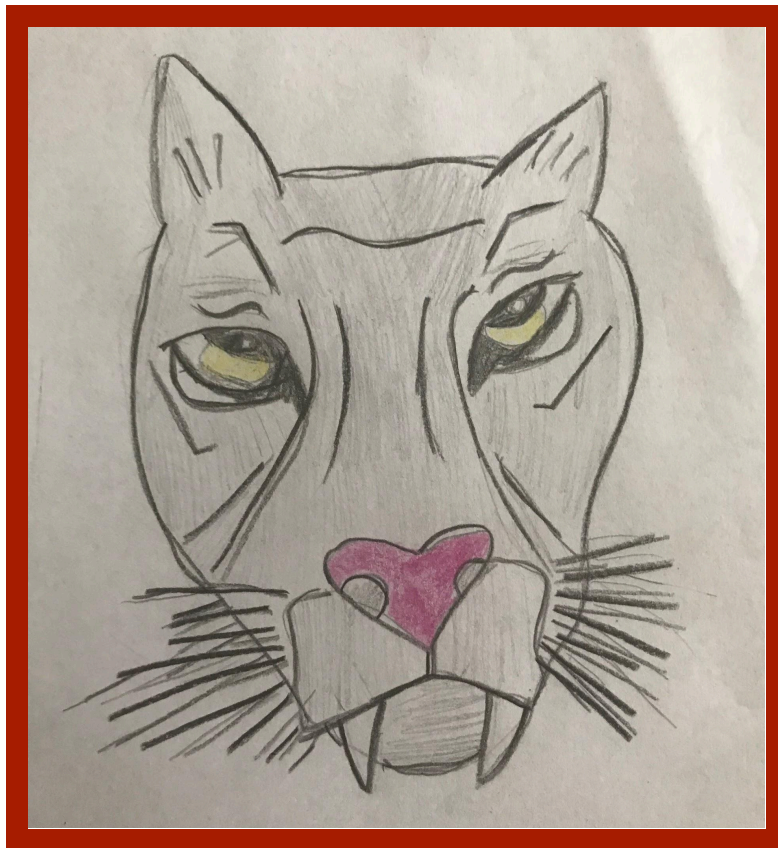
Do not litter that makes the ocean worse.
The mark we leave stays like a curse.
But nobody really cares.
What we treat like is ours is really theirs.
Stopping mistakes is the only way,
Too see our animals another day.

Animal Cruelty:

A Poetry Project by Giulia P.,
Grade 5

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"Cougar" by Vanshi N.

I Need a Hero!



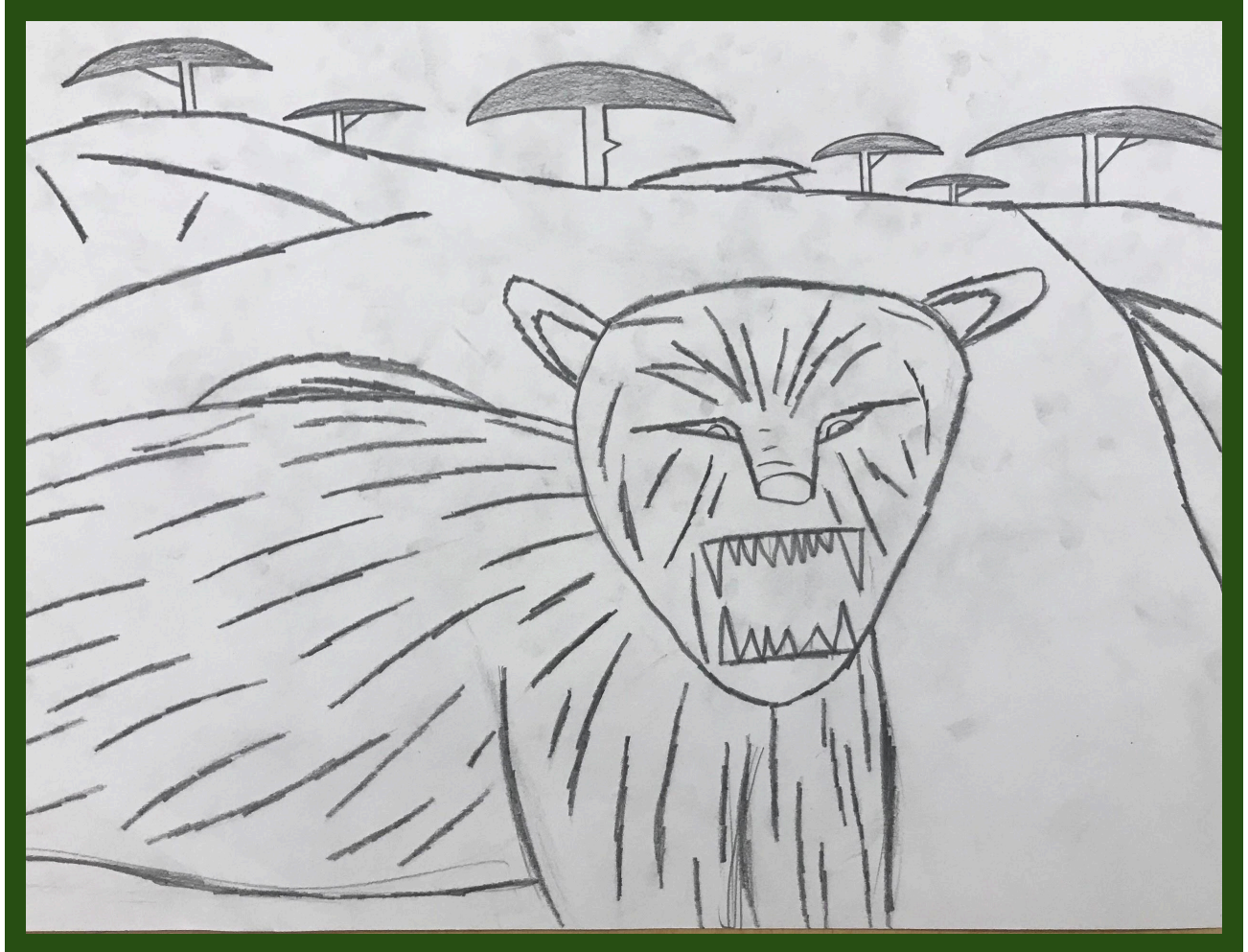
"Sunshine" by Ava M.

A Collection of Hero
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Songs from the
students of
Language PEP 3

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Origin Tales



"ROAR" by William G.

How Moose Got Their Antlers

By Owen C., Grade 3

A long time ago, there was a Moose. He was the first of his kind. He had two big eyes, two ears, and a very bad temper. But, something was missing at the top of his head.

"I want to be like other animals. I want an elephant's tusks, a lion's mane, a zebra's stripes, a giraffe's long neck, and a parrot's rainbow feathers!" said Moose.

One day, Parrot teased Moose for not having anything special. So Moose lost his temper and went charging at Parrot. But, Moose wasn't looking where he was going. Then Moose ran right into two big branches that stuck into the top of his head!

Everybody looked frightened when they saw Moose. So Moose ran far away to someplace that was cold and was never seen by his tropical friends again. And that is the story about how moose got their antlers.



"Summer Lovin'" by Alyssa A.

How the Ox Got His Horns

By Maggie D., Grade 3

Long ago, on a grassy plain, there lived the very first ox. Ox was the only one in her time. Ox lived with a Blue Jay.

One foggy day, Ox decided to take a run around her plain. Blue Jay went with her. Ox was running while Blue Jay was flying above her.

Suddenly Ox saw a big brown tree, right in front of her! Ox couldn't stop in time. She was running too fast! Ox ran right into it.

"Ouch!" cried Ox. Blue Jay saw the whole thing. He flew down to see what had happened. Ox felt bumps on her head.

"I've got two bumps!" wailed Ox.

"They're white." said Blue Jay.

"I don't like my bumps." wailed Ox.

"I could use my sharp beak to peck them down, back in your head." offered Blue Jay.

"Sure." said Ox. "I really want to get rid of my bumps!"

So Blue Jay began pecking.

"Ouch! Aahh! That hurts!" said Ox, every time Blue Jay pecked at her bumps.

"Let's do some more tomorrow." Ox said finally.

So, Blue Jay and Ox went back to their homes. Day, after day, Bluejay kept pecking at Ox's bumps. Blue Jay did it so much that one day, Ox's bumps became curved and the ends of Ox's bumps became pointed. Soon, Ox got used to having big, tall, curved, pointed bumps. Since Ox was the first of her kind, the rest of the oxs had white horns, just like Ox.



"My Parrot" by Evan S.

Mystical, Magical...

Garden Gnomes
By Maggie D., Grade 3

Garden Gnomes
When they're alone at home,
They go around and roam.
Decorating flowers,
They work for hours.
They laugh most at night,
When they're feeling extra bright.
With rosy cheeks and a bright red hat,
I like how each one is so chubby and fat.
They work in the rain, but never make a splash.
They work so fast , they are done in a flash.
To see Gnomes with beards so white,
Is a sight that will always delight.



"The start of something" by Victoria K.

The Play's the Thing...

A New Play written by
the Students of
Creative Writing PEP
Grade 4

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**"YOU HAVE GOT TO
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"Portrait of a Cougar" by Madeline C.

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Reflections

Once There Was a Boy
By Owen C., Grade 3

Once there was a boy,
Who was worse than rambunctious.
He was terrible and mean,
And plain old monstrous.

He almost seemed like
He was from the Netherworld.
But then one day,
He found Disneyworld.

That place...that day...
Would turn him all around.
Happiness and fun
Was what he finally found.

The Last Few Months
By LanaBella R., Grade 3

Robin the red, Robin the great,
We don't know Robin but he comes home with
food on your plate!
Something is strange, something is happening,
Take a deep breath to let it fall in
Spring oh spring how about *SPING?*
You know it's not a real word-
but what else rhymes with spring- not toad!
Quarantine, oh quarantine,
you make me feel out of routine,
Strange things are happening and I have to
stay clean!
The virus is being mean,
Coronavirus, you make my day feel weak.



"Connection" by Vanshi N.

Walking with the Cougar

Central School Cougars
By Angela K., Grade 3

Central School Cougars are kind.
Central School is fine.
Central School Cougars are very nice.
Don't need to tell me twice.
All our cougars are very smart.
And each one has a great big heart.
They can be really funny
And be as soft as a bunny
They do all their work
They aren't always late.
Central School Cougars are Great!

The CES Cougars
By Olivia S., Grade 3

The CES Cougars are really fine.
They show kindness and school spirit you can't decline!
If you want to be a cougar, be courageous and strong.
If you think they're mean, you're going to be wrong.
The after-school clubs are so much fun.
You can never hate them or drop out and be done.
Assignments never get old,
The students are nice and do what they are told!
The CES Cougars are really fine.
They show kindness and school spirit you can't decline!



"Cougar" by Aleena R.

Final Farewell



"Sunset Cougar" by Nichole O.

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