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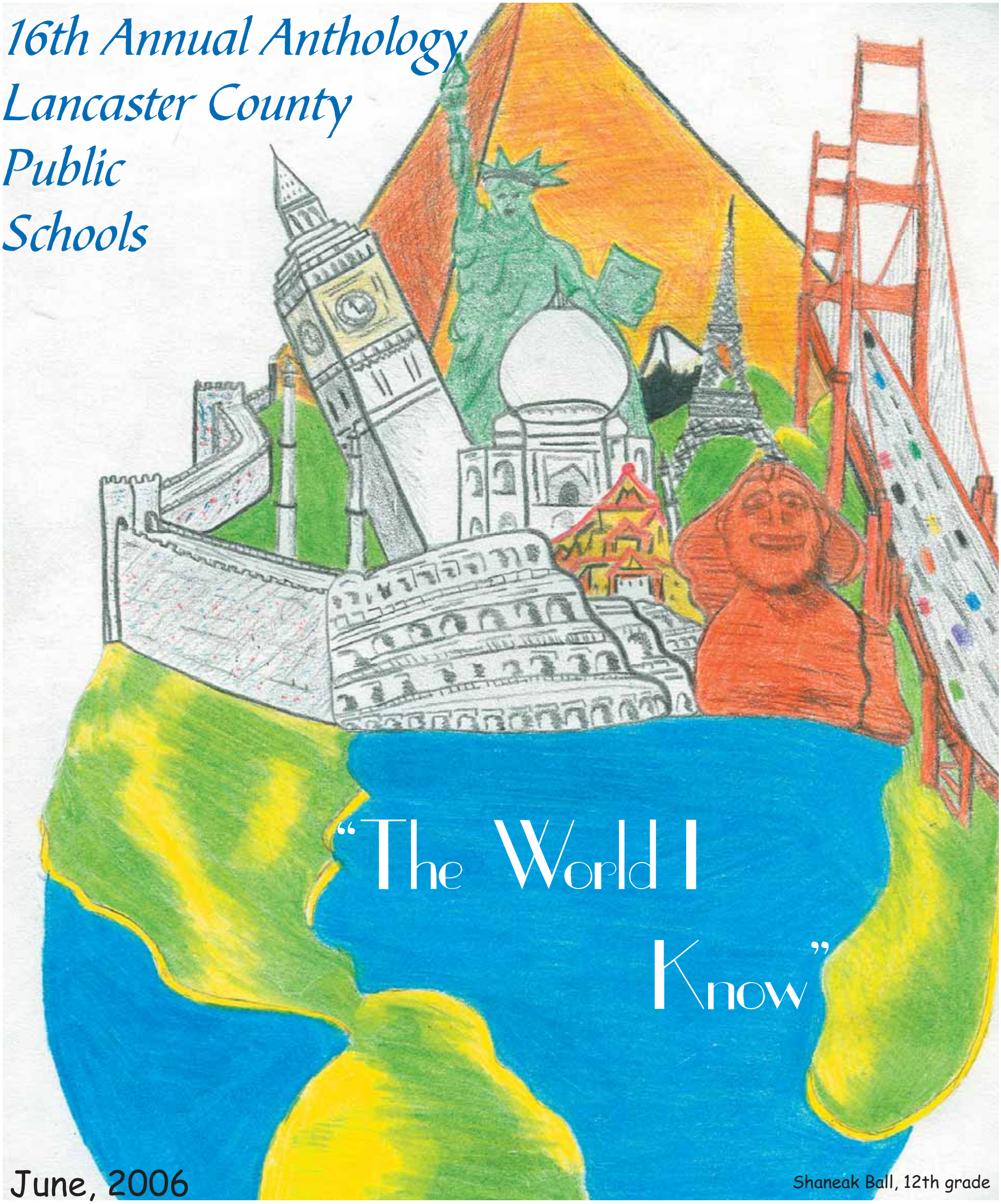

"The World I Know"

June, 2006

Shaneak Ball, 12th grade

To the Citizens of Lancaster County

Lancaster County Public Schools is pleased to share with you the many excellent articles, poems, thoughts, and drawings of our students' interpretations of "The World I Know." Through our children's eyes, we are given a glimpse of what they see, feel, and believe about the world they live in.

As adults, it is often very sobering and rewarding to experience things through a child's perspective. Insights into community, state, and world issues are often very succinctly and honestly stated. We can all learn a great deal from listening to what our children say and benefit from their truthfulness.

It is our hope that you will enjoy what you see and read in this publication. We know that our students enjoyed contributing to this project.

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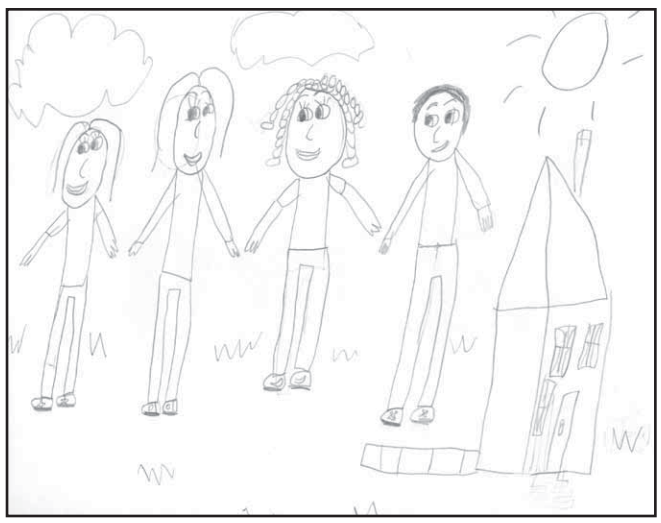
Randolph H. Latimore, Sr.Ed.D.
Division Superintendent

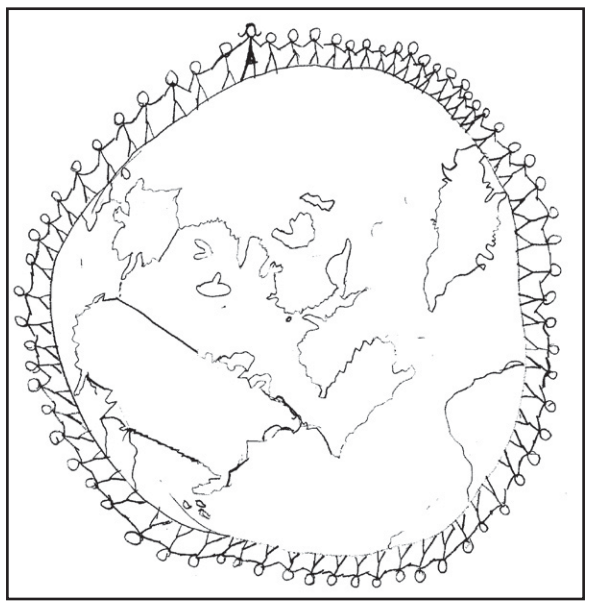
The World I Know

The world I know is nice and sweet, we try to keep it nice and neat.
Some days it's cold some days it's warm,
some days are fun, some maybe boring.
The world I know brings bundles of joy,
it even brings us candy and toys.
Grass so green, sky so blue,
when the clouds get grey there is no more to do.
The birds singing so soft and sweet,
some times it is nice, when they tweet.
Gregory J. McCray, 7th grade



Vilesha Waller, 1st grade

People live all around the world. People live in countries. People have to be safe. A lot of people live around theworld. Some people are nice. Some people are bad. In the world I see birds and other animals.
Jasmyn Tomlin, 1st grade



Vince Charnick, 3rd grade

The World We Know

We live in America.
Our world is round.
Rotation means spins around.
Living in a world with great teachers is nice.
Did you know that the Earth moves?
Ally Chism and London Cain, 2nd grade

Snow

Stand in the soft snow
Hear it "crunch" under you feet
Watch as more falls down
Cassie Quick, 7th grade

Wandering Minds

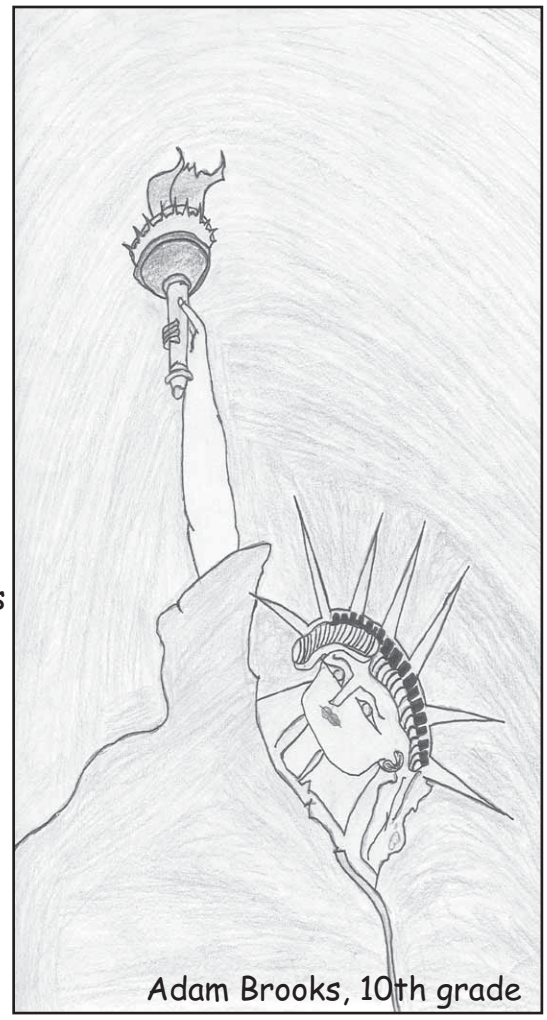
What a wondering mind my mind must be,
It wanders there to here and here to there.
It winds and sanders and wanders and winds,
To every crook and cranny of my imagination.
It wanders there to here and her to there.
Does it come back? How could I know?
For my mind has wandered away!
Emma Hand, 7th grade

The World Around Us

I think sometimes,
Of the poor and wealthy.
How the wealthy mistreat the poor.
The poor asking for more,
More love, more care.
But they shove and scare them all.

The mean dislike.
They hate, they shove
But just can't hug.
The way some act,
And don't think how
Others feel to like in a shack.

The bad feeling
To all of us,
We want to be friends.
But they grin and walk away.
Brittany Stewart, 5th grade

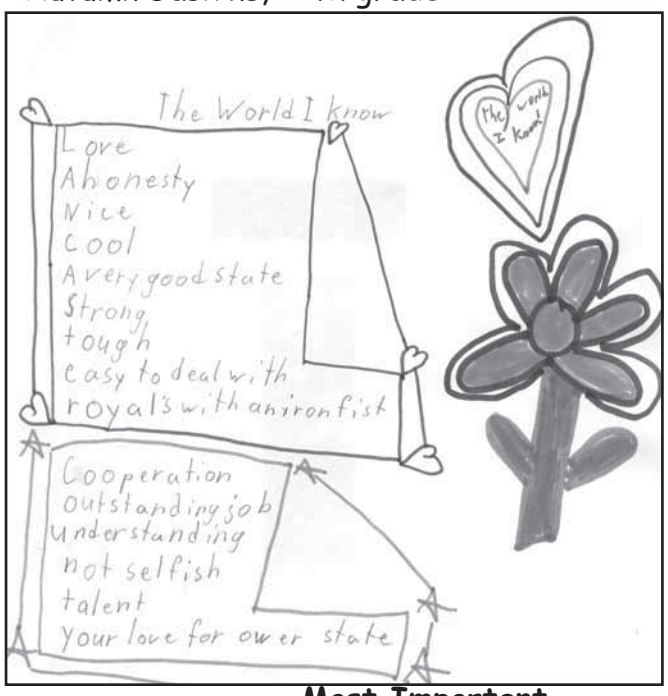


Adam Brooks, 10th grade

The World I Know

The world I know is full of hate and crime,
People living day-by-day knowing there's not much time.
You do what you have to do or you'll never succeed,
Hoping one day, you'll accomplish all the goals you need.
The key to survival has not yet been found,
But when it is, there will be an unexpected sound.
You won't hear the bullet leave the gun,
Rather, see the rising of the sun.
No one will ever sin again,
Rather, just feel the cool breeze of the wind.
Nor more days of sadness and fear,
we will be able to live in the world without a care.

Autumn Gaskins, 12th grade



Most Important

In the world I know, family means everything to me. Family means so much to me that I don't believe anything before my family.

Family may or may not make me mad sometimes like when I get yelled at for nothing. They make me wish I never had a family. What I need to realize is that I only get one family.

The thing about my family is that we all have different personalities. My mom is caring, kind, and is always there for me. My dad is a neat freak and always fulfills my needs. Klevin Jr. is my youngest brother and a kind little boy. Ky'von has a caring side and also a temper side. I have a busy mind because I am always doing so many things.

We all mean something to each other because we stick together through times of need. When my mother cut her foot and when my brother broke his arm, we were there for them.

Family is the most important thing in the world that is why the world I know is family.

Kelvonna Clayton, 5th grade

Trevon Henderson, 2nd grade

The World I Know…

The world I know
is like no one's world.
It consists of my thoughts,
feelings and expressions.
I do not have to
post signs saying
DO NOT ENTER
or
NO TRESPASSING
because no one can enter
my world.
So my world can hold
any thoughts I want
it to hold and forget
any that I do not
want to remember.

Henry Hull, 6th grade

A Softball Game

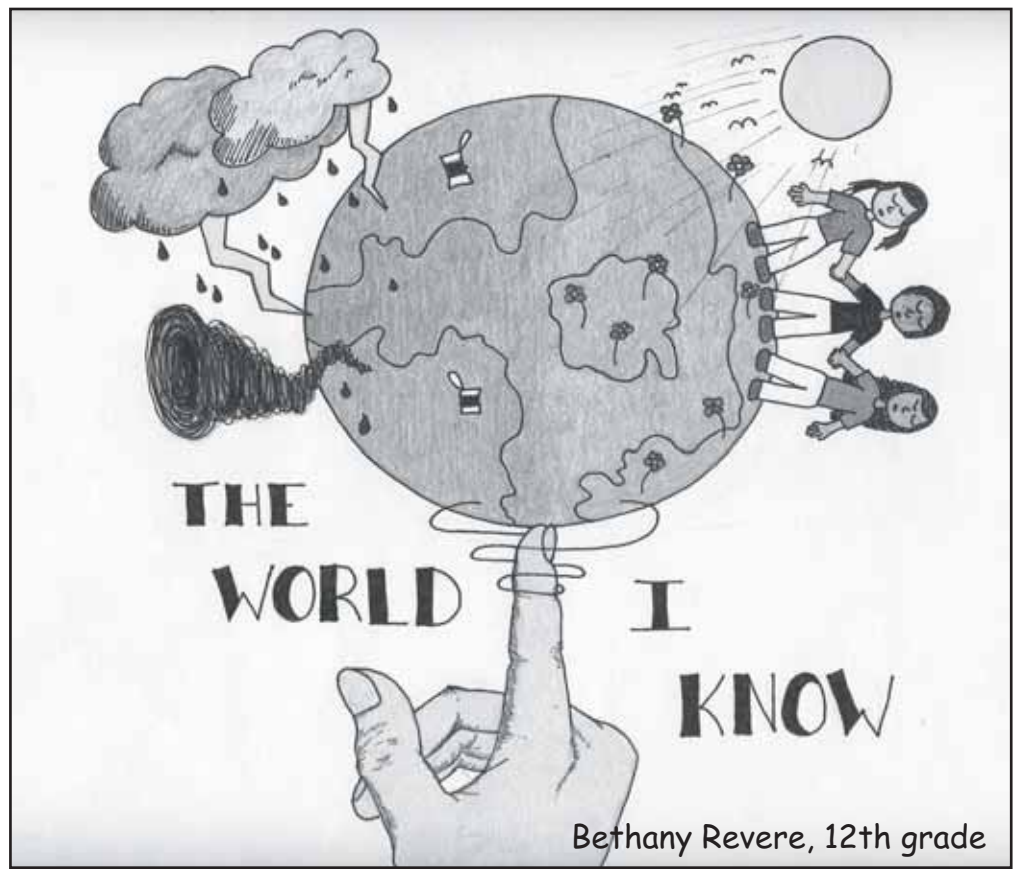
There were seven players
Playing on a softball team

When the first found out it was a real game
She started to scream

The second, in the field, dropped the ball
When the third ran to a base she started to fall
The fourth ran to second instead of third
The fifth dropped the bat, which was absurd
The sixth was calling the opponent and inappropriate name

And the seventh got tagged out
Which ended the game

Hannah Richardson, 4th grade



Bethany Revere, 12th grade

Our Troops

Our world is small here in our little town of Kilmarnock. However, the world is not small to our soldiers. The world can be very big especially for our soldiers because they travel all over the world to fight for freedom.

There are many people out in this world who die everyday fighting for our country. They fight for us even though it seems like everything they're doing isn't changing the way we live. But I know they are, because I believe in them just like they believe in us. If they only knew how much they are making a difference in my life and others' lives, too. If only I could just tell them just so they knew that people still think of them as our warriors.

Nobody knows exactly what the soldiers are going through. The soldiers miss their families and their families miss them. I know I don't have any idea what they are really going through, but it helps to care and show them that we are proud. It's sad to find out that one of our soldiers who went to war died, but in the end, we are proud of them because they died trying to save our country.

Katie Lackert, 6th grade

"The World I Know"

The world I know
Is filled with war.
Hardly any peace exists anymore
But, in the world I know,
You will also find,
Love and kindness
For a stranger in need,
And patriotism
To your country and soldiers in Iraq.
Sometimes I wish that
War didn't exist
And we had no fear or fights,
Arguments or unhappiness
But then, I think to myself,
That wouldn't be,
The world I know.

Katelyn Keyser 8th grade

Spring

Is spring really here?
It is really here
And I have no fear
Neither do I have to drop a tear

Spring is so exciting
I don't even have to start fighting
When spring comes it is so fun
I feel just like I have to run!

The warm heat beaming on my face
I'm sure is not a huge disgrace.
The flowers pretty as a rainbow
I could just tie them in a bos.

When spring has done it's time,
Summer will be coming on a green lime.
When summer is here please don't have any fear.
For the hot and steamy summer is here.

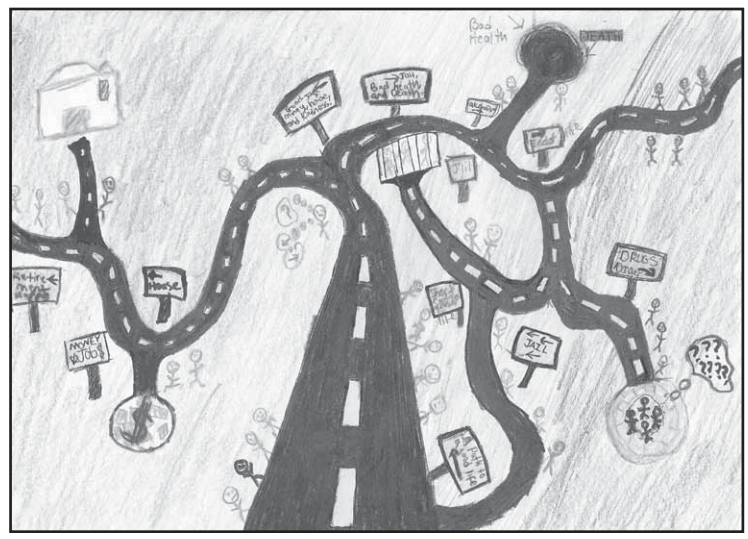
Jermaya Cox, 7th grade

Running!
Wind through my hair-
Tiring, but worth it.
What would it be like
to not stop?
Sprinting!

Emma Hand, 7th Grade

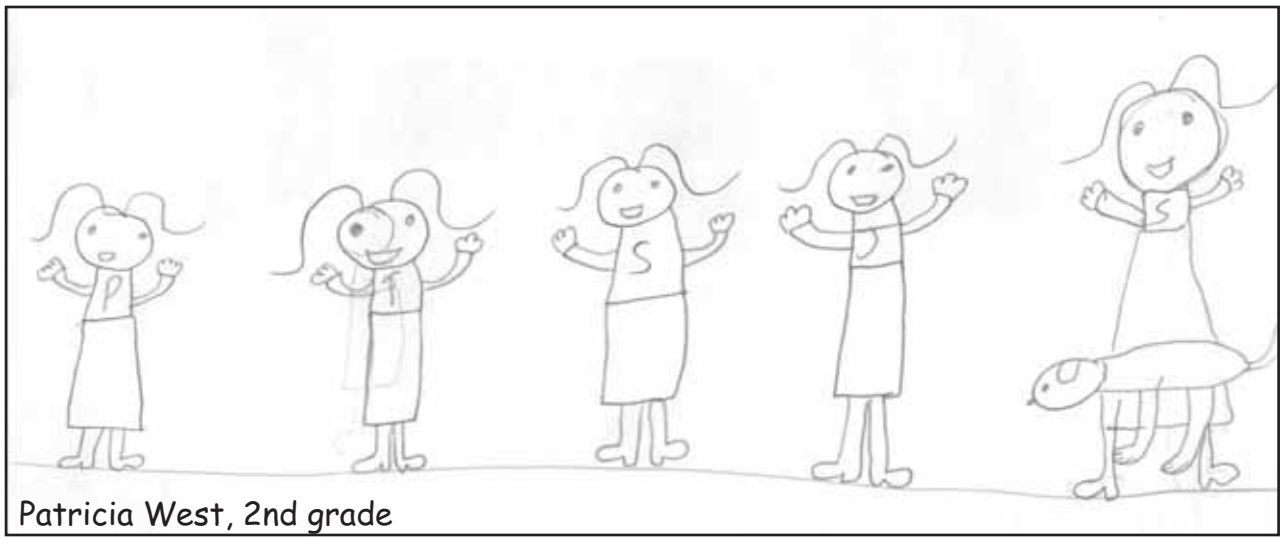
Turtles
Stubby legs
Walks very slow
Beat hare in race
Tortoises

John Richardson, 2nd grade



Clint Clarkson, 9th grade

Sabrina Brown, 3rd grade



Patricia West, 2nd grade

The world I know is enormous. I see different kinds of cars traveling everywhere. I see lots of nice houses giving people shelter. I see rain giving the flowers water. I hear people splashing water in a pool. I hear people whistling. I hear airplanes flying over my house. I smell the fresh air. I smell a garden of flowers. The world I know is great!
Wyatt McCranie,1st grade

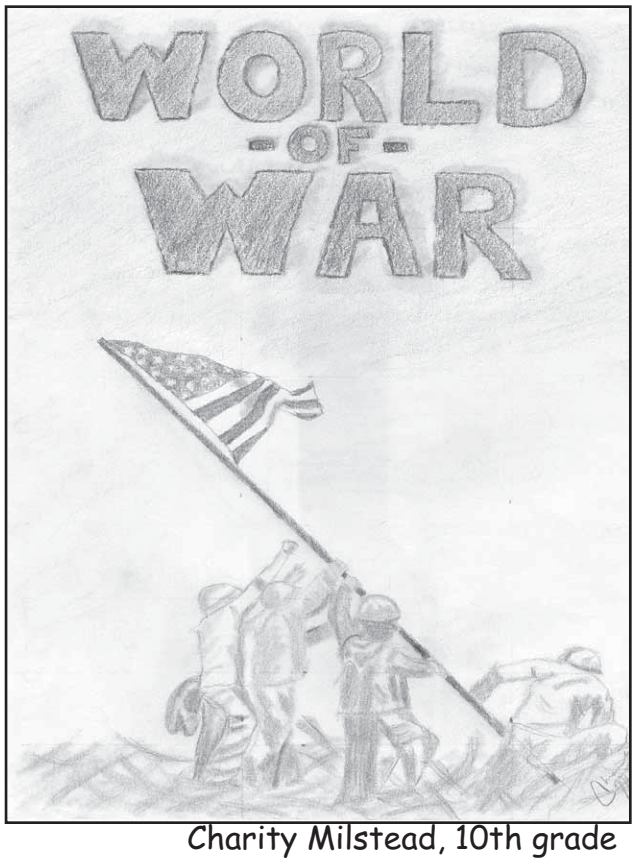
The World I Know

The world I know is blue and green
With all different types of technology and machines.
The world I know is full of danger
Terrorized by complete strangers.
The world I know is a huge portion
Of people fighting whether or not there should be abortion.
The world I know has different heritages.
The world I know disagrees with gay marriages.
The world I know was hit by hurricane Katrina,
And the victims want to know why they are not getting help from FEMA.
The world I know is full of soldiers,
Wondering when the war will be over.
The world I know is not getting much help from the President.
The world I know is full of worried and angry residents.
The world I know watches American Idol,
And wonders who is going to be America's Next Top Model.
The world I know wants to be slim,
So people decide to go to the gym.
The world I know would like to fix,
What is happening now in 2006!
The world I know…

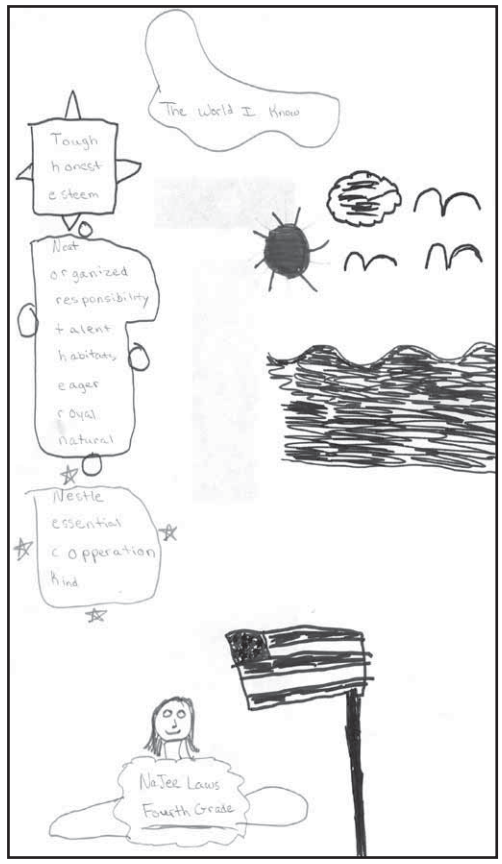
Jessica Reed,12th grade

The World I Know

I care about everyone. I would stop the wars that are going on right now. If I were a scientist I would make a cure for the things that are going on right now that are bad.
Wyatt Kemp,1st grade



Charity Milstead, 10th grade



The World I Know

The world I know is very fun. Its parks and fun houses are also fun. Its schools are the most fun of all.

The world I know is very beautiful. Its wilderness, rural, suburban, and urban communities are also beautiful. The valleys and mountains are the most beautiful of all.

The world I now has a lot of features. Its trees, bushes and vines are all sorts of features. The trees are the best feature of all.

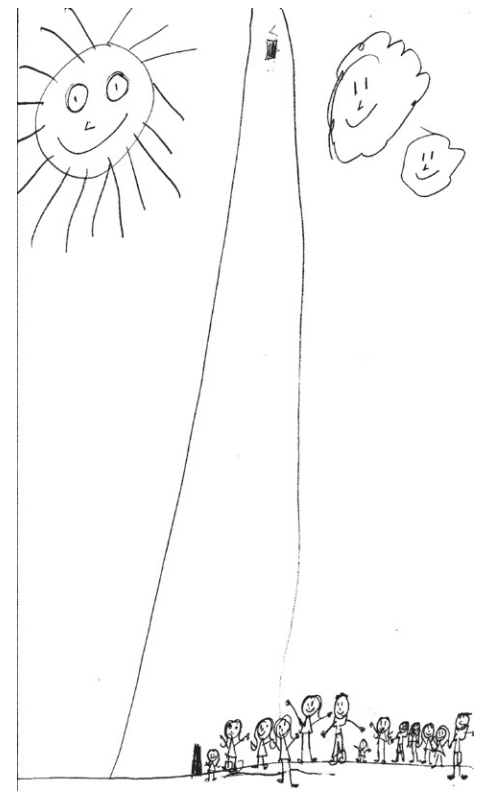
The world I know has a lot to living creatures. They are birds, deer, bears, foxes, and lots more. The most majestic living creature is the red cardinal.
Todd O'Bier , 3rd grade

The World I Know

The world I know is a world full of very nice people and nice stores, beautiful land and no discipline. There are no people that do bad things. In the world I know, there is a very nice president named George Bush. There are nice schools with nice activities. All the animals would be very nice to all the people. There would be nice jobs for all the people in the world. I wish in the world that everyone would have shelter and be wealthy.

Tyler Martin, 2nd grade

The world I know is beautiful. I see many colorful birds flying. I see bees collecting nectar to make honey. I see colorful butterflies sitting on flowers. I hear people speaking different languages. I hear frogs croaking in a pond. I hear thunder at night in a storm. I smell sweet flowers in a garden. I smell the salt in the ocean. I smell popcorn at the movies. The world I know is colorful!
Vilesha Waller, 1st grade



Mattlynn Slatter, 3rd grade

Lysa Nguyen, 4th grade

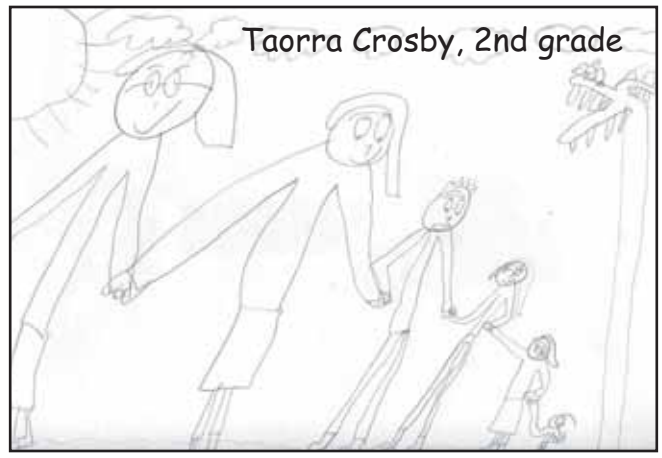
The World I Know

The world is full of good things and bad things. One of the good things is the new cars. They run on a gas that will not hurt the oxygen or any animals. Also animal protection places are helping many animals in the world.

There are many bad things like factories that pollute the air. Also pollution from cars, trucks, and motorbikes will mess up the air so it is harder to breath. Everyday trees are being cut down and made into paper. Soon no more trees will be left. The animals might not be here either.

We need to do something to get rid of all the bad things and get more good things. We should save our oxygen and walk to get the mail or a soda, instead of drive. You can use recycled paper for grocery bags. Some stores have baskets for you to put in your groceries. After you do these things, tell all your friends to help too. It may not seem like a lot, but it will help.

Liza Carter, 5th grade



Taorra Crosby, 2nd grade

Shoes

Fashion to be
They seem really cool to me
Some shoes can smell sweet
And some stink like feet.

Laces are an example
My cousin has many a sample:
Velcro and buckles
Make me chuckle!

Harrache 2k4
Get good grip on the floor
We don't need to add any more

William Hall, 7th grade

"The World I Know"

The world spins as I walk,
I walk as it spins.

I stand on a street corner,
There is no room for quiet,
There is no room for stillness.

I pass people.
Some thinking,
Some smiling,
Some listening,
Some not.

The buildings stand tall,
The stars lay close.

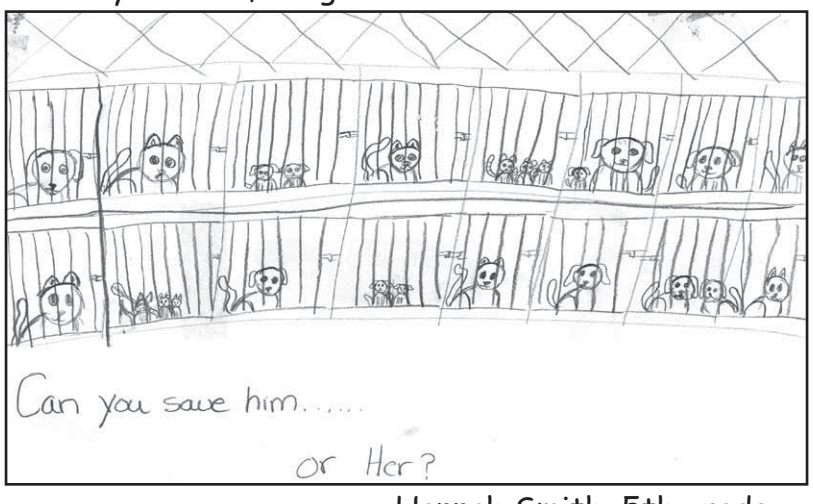
The peace is spread,
But the violence is heard.

As we watch,
Life walks by.

Kristen Connelly, 8th Grade

The world I know is huge. I see different birds flying in the blue sky. I see green grass growing in a field. I see the moon at night. I hear baby birds chirping for their mother. I hear loud music coming from my sister in the car. I hear a thunderstorm. I smell hamburgers cooking on a grill. I smell popcorn at the theater. I smell brownies baking in a stove. The world I know is enormous!

Timothy Hudson, 1st grade



Hannah Smith, 5th grade

The world I know is beautiful. It has lots of pretty trees, lots of parks and houses. People live where it is sunny and rains a lot. And you can go swimming on hot days. The sun is shining every day.

Tanner Steensma, 2nd grade

Jacob Lewis, 10th grade

My Neighborhood

I am imagining that I am flying high in the sky, looking down on my neighborhood. I see my puppies and dogs and my neighbors, too. I see my grandma hanging clothes.

Ky'von Clayton, 2nd grade

"The World I Know!"

Kilmarnock, a town.
Virginia, a commonwealth.
U.S.A, a country.

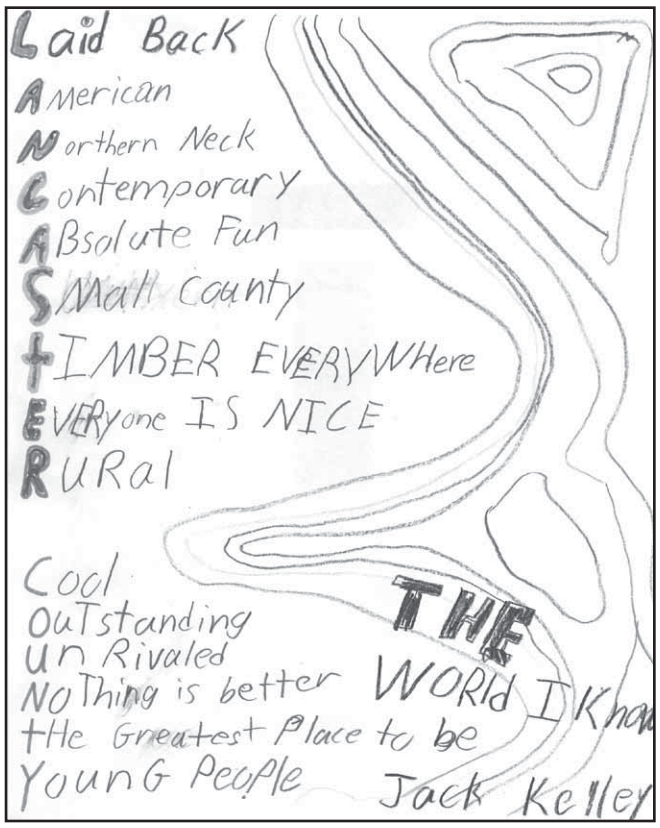
Logan Nonnemacker, 8th Grade

What is my world?

Full of surprises
Needs more love
Can be dangerous at times
Good and bad people in it

That is my world!

Taylor Woolard, 3rd grade



The World I Know

There are many things in the world.
The world has different kinds of people.
There are animals and games.
There is fresh air and water.
The world is a great place to live!

Jahlil Nickens, 1st grade

My world is named Virginia. We have storms. We have rain in Virginia. We have sunny days in Virginia. My favorite things in Virginia are the nature and nice people. I see my friends at school. This is our world.
Saperia Cockrell, 1st grade

Thinking about the World
Tempers rising
Hail, snow, rain, and sleet falling
Everyone enjoying life

Wonderful animals
Outstanding sites
Ringing bells
Loud ocean waves
Darling little insects

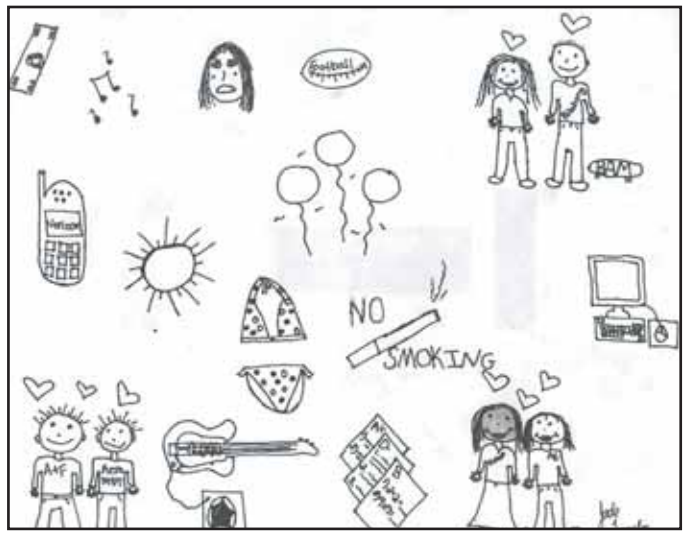
I love the world

Knowing how to make good decisions
Needing other people
Observing everything
Worthwhile adventures
Lori Smith, 4th Grade

The World I Know

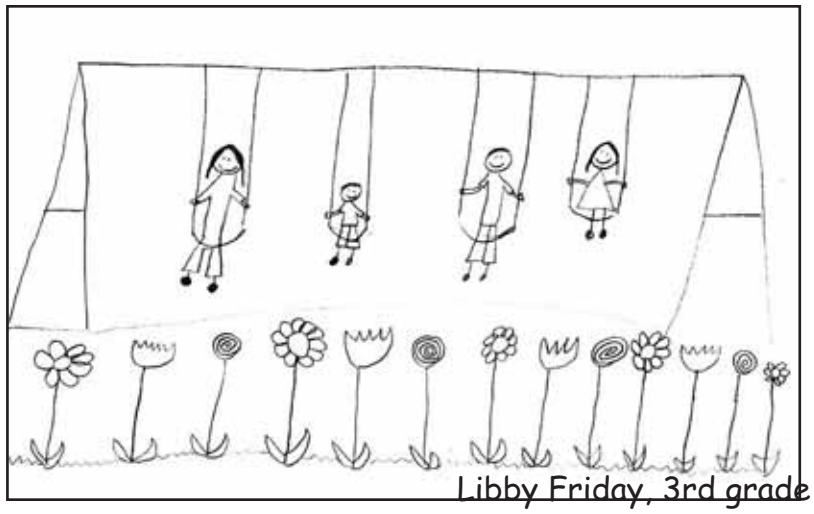
The world I know is harsh and cold,
To live in it, you have to be strong and bold,
People hide so many lies,
But still the truth is way deep inside,
So many things can bring you down,
And leave you with the unhappiest frown,
Some people classify themselves as nothing, equal to zero,
But in time they can become something, like a hero.

The world I know will make you cry,
And you'll have to keep your head up high,
Things in the world can depress you, and make you want to be alone,
Then you'd probably sit there solid, rock, and like a stone,
Cruel things can hurt, so bad,
And make you feel so very sad,
I've told you all that I know,
And now you know the world I know.
Maya Lee, 6th grade

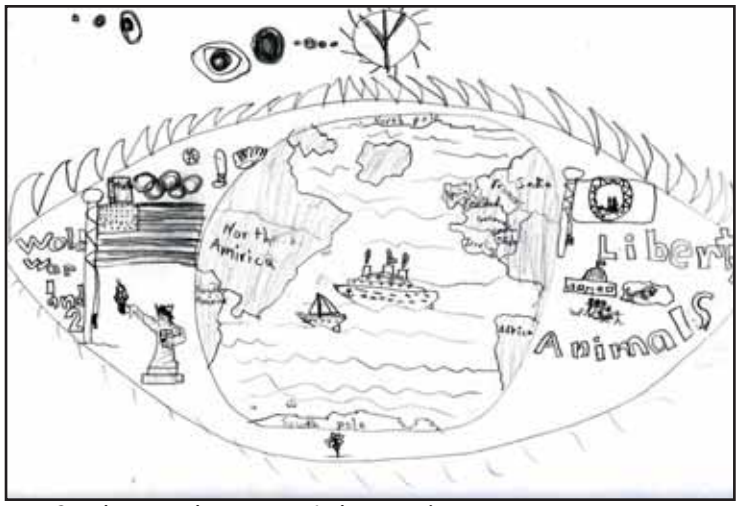


Jade Traylor. 8th grade

My Neighborhood
I am a bird flying over Lancaster. I see my friend playing in his yard. I see my neighbor cutting his grass. I see my dad cutting down a tree. I see my mom feeding the horses and watering her plants. I see people riding bikes. I see construction workers building new buildings.
Stephen Nicholson, 2nd grade



Libby Friday, 3rd grade



Graham Shivers, 4th grade

The World I Know

The world I know seems to be okay. We have ups and downs, sometimes I may even frown but, I try to be strong. I listen to my parents, they talk to me, because they don't want to see me down. There was a war, then Katrina, so much hunger in the world I know, the poor people in New Orleans didn't know where to go. There's so much sadness, I just wish the world could be filled with gladness.

: Martin Ward, 7th grade

What I'll Miss
Her beautiful and warmest smile always waiting to
Greet me.
Those open arms ready to embrace me.
While I anxiously await her precious kiss.
This is what I'll miss.

Whispering secrets in my ears that we would only share,
She truly taught me how to love and just how much
She cared.
This is what I'll miss.

The phone calls, letters, and visits of our special times,
I will happily share with others but these will always
Be mine.
This is what I'll miss.

She always made me feel as if I was the only one in
The room,
But with two siblings, as you may imagine, this was
Extremely difficult to do.
This is what I'll miss.

So when I feed to feel my Grandma very close to me,
There are just a few things I must do, you see.

I will look to the sun to feel the warmth of her smile,
I will listen to the wind
And hear the whispers we shared.
I will wrap her afghan around me
So her arms will be
Forever embracing.
And I will go to my Grandpa for his sweet, precious kiss.
Melissa Schomer, 7th grade

The World I Know
The world I know is split in
two
Two worlds
Two lives.

One is far away but long
One is close but short.

One is old
One is new.

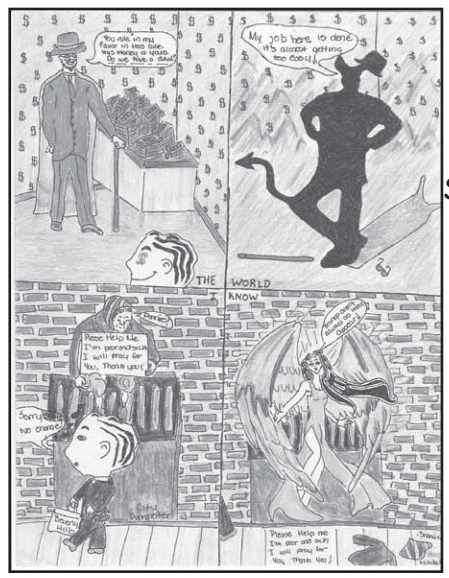
One to live in
One to visit.

Two lives, two families
Two countries, two
languages
Two worlds, two lives.

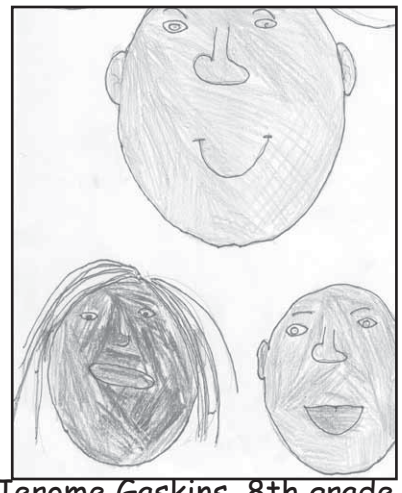
My lives.

Linn Baumgardt, 12th
grade

La'Derah Daye, 1st grade



Shanita Mitchell, 10th grade


Jerome Gaskins, 8th grade

Cassandra Alexander, 8th grade

"The Earth and Its Beauty"
The world I know,
Is dangerous and fierce,
Yet elegant.
The world I know,
Is covered with life,
With plants and animals,
And sea life.
From the deep oceans to the great
mountains,
The world I know is beautiful.

The world I know,
Is no longer the world of long ago,
'Cause we destroyed that world
From the smog,
To the destroyed trees,
To the animals who died.

So why won't we help the world I know,
Make the world what it is?
Fix the world I know,
To its' former glory,
To make the world I know once more
beautiful,

So I can once more smell,
Smell the clean air,
From the world I know.
Michael Nguyen, 8th grade

The world I know has beautiful flowers and trees. The world also has very cool sights. There might be some very strange animals but they are still very cool. I hope you take care of our planet so we can make sure that we will never lose our beautiful world.
DeLaney Headley, 2nd grade

The world I know has some good things and sad things. Because we are not being nice, but sometimes we are nice. Sometimes we say bad things that can hurt people's feelings. It's not nice. The one good thing about the world is trying to help it.
Destiny Carter, 1st grade

WE LIVE IN LANCASTER.
OUR WORLD IS WONDERFUL.
OUR SCHOOL IS THE COOLEST PLACE ON EARTH.
I **L**OVE LANCASTER.
DO YOU LOVE LANCASTER?
Devonte' Taylor, 2nd grade

The World I Know
The world has land.
It has people we do not know.
Everybody is not alike.
We have air to breathe.
We have shelter to live in too!
I like the world.
Nia Curry , 1st grade

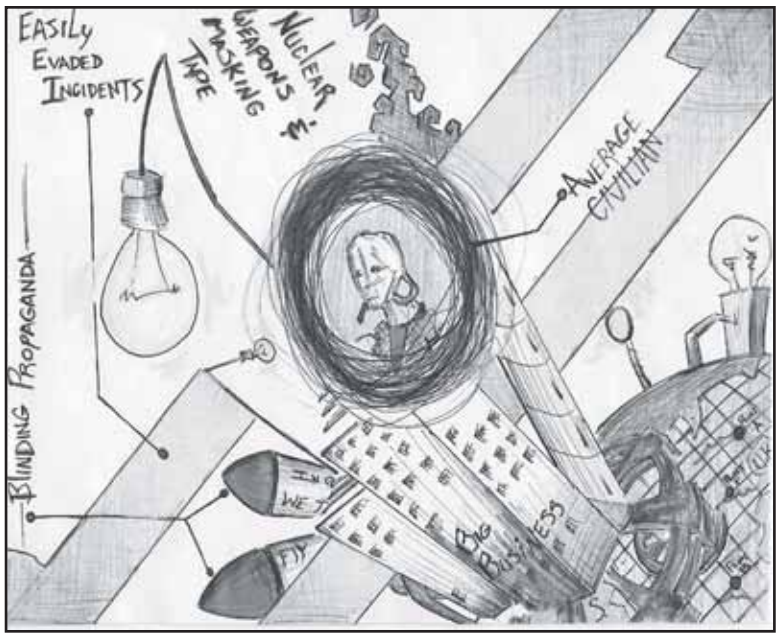
It's a Great World!
The world is Big.
No, it's HUGE!

It has many places,
continents, countries,
states, cities,
towns,
rivers, islands,
and a lot more…
Sail a ship or a boat
Fly an airplane
A car would run out of gas
Because it would take forever
To travel the whole world
Learn something new
Taste food you've never tasted before
See The Great Wall of China
Or simply feel the breeze
Hear a Hippo drinking water
Smell roses in London
Touch a mountain top!
Daveshawna Carter, 6th grade

Having Fun in the World I Know
Friends
Opponents
Observing a touchdown
Team
Ball
Amazing ability
Loud cheering from the crowd
Looking for a win!
Tykwon Redmond, 4th grade

Jonathan Seal, 3rd grade

"My World"
The world I know is occupied with many generations.
The world I know….
Is filled with youngins' discoverin' right from wrong,
Started by the wise telling their tales,
Growing with teens, learnin' the ways of life.
The world I know has many feelings.
The world I know ….
Has love, good and bad,
Trust and betrayal,
Happiness and sorrow.
The world I know possesses a future, past, and a present;
The hope of everyone together and equal,
Memories of when the African Americans were set free,
Now fighting against Iraq.
The world I know is everything I imagined
And everything I can't –
That's my world,
The world I know.
Shanice Yerby, 8th grade



Josh Lewis, 11th grade

The world I know has different kinds of animals all big and small. The world has many wonderful people. The world has different sights, scents, and sounds.
Robert West, 2nd grade

The World I Know
The world I live in is just fine with all the stores and all the things to see, like the kids playing baseball, skating, and etc. From Africa, Spain, Mexico, China, Australia, Brazil and all the way back to America. Go farther and it's all there.
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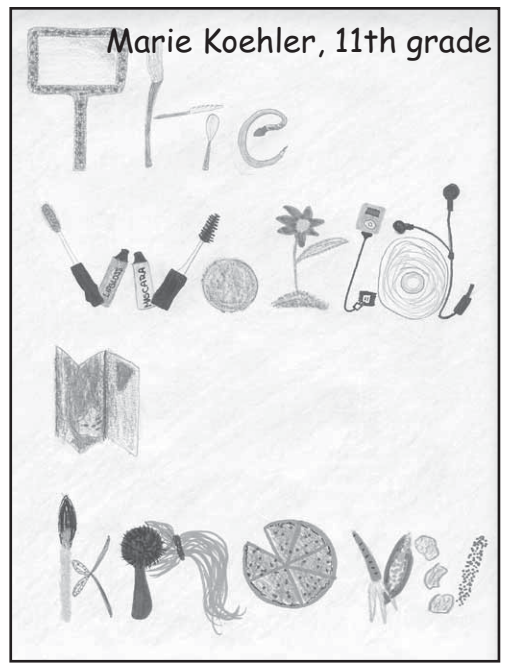


Marie Koehler, 11th grade

The World I Know
The world I know can be hard and tough at times, but it can also be fun. All I do is find ways to be happy and make the world a better place for people. You don't need to do big things, just find little things to help the world.

You have to take care of your actions. Sometimes you see people throw trash on the ground who don't care. You can solve that by going around with a trash bag to pick it up. To make the world a better place and make others happy, you need to have hope and faith in others. You need to go to school or get a job, and live life with the people you love.

If you have responsibilities, you just have to do them. If you have siblings, help them, take care of them, and make their lives better. When your mom or dad comes home from work, the least you can do is help them. You can help by doing the dishes, folding the clothes, or cleaning your room. You can also help by not wanting everything all the time. Keep a positive attitude when parents say, "No!" Don't whine, because it doesn't work. You can stop back talking when you get in trouble. Listen to your parents and don't do bad things. You can say no to drugs and not talk to strangers. This is the world I know and I know how to make it a better place for everyone.
Michelle Crowell, 5th grade

The World I Know
The world I know has technology. Technology is a big thing in the world. You have your computers for technology. You also have Gameboys, Play Stations, X-boxes, and all the other stuff. That's what you have for technology, so keep using it.

The world I know also has pollution. Pollution is a very big thing in the world. Everyday people are polluting in different ways. It's like the whole earth is a big garbage can. Nobody cares if they pollute. That's why we have to stop it. So please stop polluting!

The world I know also has deaths. People die everyday. Sometimes it is a bad thing, and sometimes it's not. We are all going to die no matter what, so you just have to deal with it. It is the way of life.

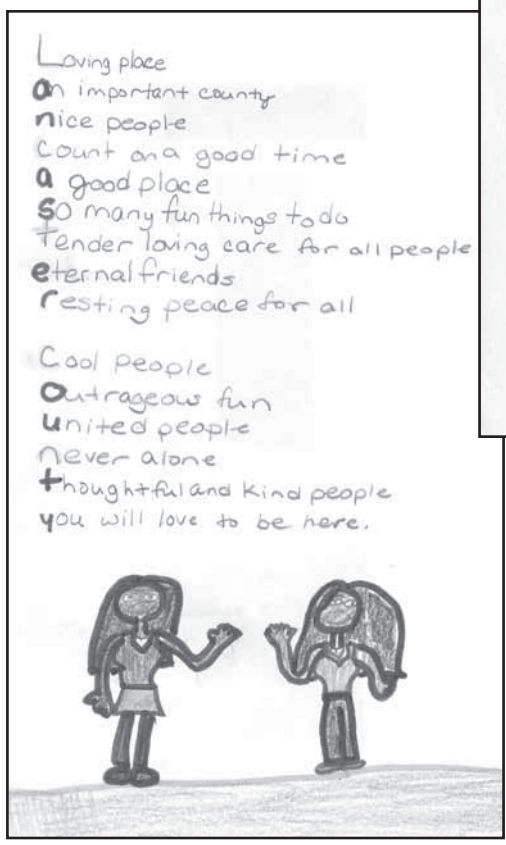
The world I know also has wars. Wars are a big thing in life now. It's happening a lot now. Someday you might be in a war, so be prepared. Wars are sneaky, because you never know when you might be called to go to war. And this is the world I know.
Danny McGrath, 5th grade

The Seven Brothers At the Pool
There are seven brothers
Playing in a pool

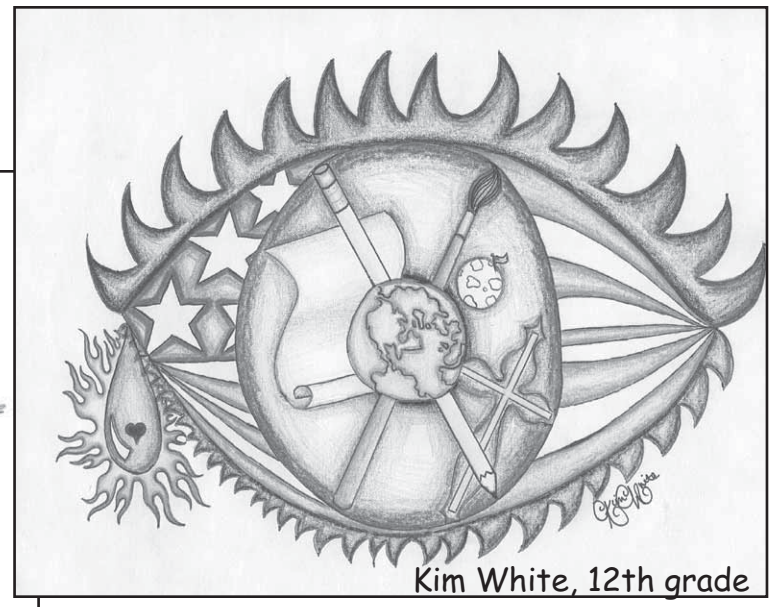
The first brother jumped
Right off the diving board

The second one went down the slide
The third one had a hotdog
The fourth one wanted an ice cream cone
The fifth one wanted to ride on the float boat
The sixth wanted to swim to the other side

The seventh did a cannon ball and got his brother wet
So mom and dad were mad and called them all inside
Elton Williams, 4th grade



The World I Know
The world I know is full of places
With lots of new faces
The world I know is solid to the core
But I think it's so much more
The world makes me sad
But it also makes me glad
The world is covered with land
In the distance you can hear a band
Lots of things to see
Lots of places to be
The world can make me cry
But I love it when the birds fly by
But the thing I like best is that it's my home
Danesha Walters, 7th grade


Kim White, 12th grade

My Neighborhood
Hi, my name is Maaz. I am flying over Kilmarnock. Kilmarnock is my home. I have one brother, one sister, a mom, and a dad. I am flying over my neighbor's house, Mr. Sam. He has two dogs. Now, I am flying over the hospital. My dad works there. When I grow up I am going to work in a hospital. Now, I am flying over McDonald's. I love McDonald's. I especially love fish filets and chicken nuggets.
By Maaz Siddiqui, 2nd grade

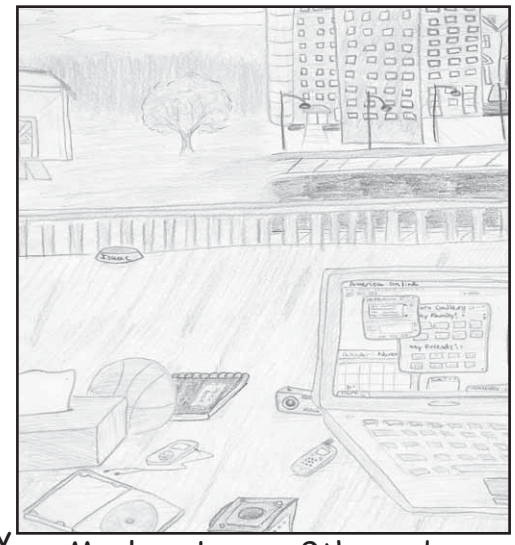
My Neighborhood
My neighborhood is an active place. I like going to my neighbor's yard. I like to pretend I'm soaring above the neighbor's yard, watching the children play. I see my mom playing with the puppy. I see Brandon and Kaitlin playing soccer ball and Cindy in her garden. I see my dad going to work in the airplane as it takes off. I see Frank walking his dog, Jack. I see the park and my brother playing in the little stream behind our house catching tadpoles. I see Mr. Davis mowing the lawn. I see Pickles, Brandon's dog chasing my dog, Heather. I see people riding bikes, too.
Ellie Hyde, 2nd grade

I know the world is clean. It has many different types of animals. It has many trees we play on and make swings on too. We have fun playing games in fields and we go outside with bags and clean the earth with our friends. We have many seasons to play and watch all kinds of birds. We've got workers to help us like police at police stations and firemen at the fire station, too. We have pets of our own, and wild animals, and we have animals on farms. We play with things like Frisbees and balls but more than all, we have our world. We have schools to go to and a playground to share and a world full of people. We all have fun learning and that is why we're here. I know that the world is covered with life. That's why we have this wonderful world.
Hannah Ross, 2nd grade

The World I Know

The world I know is falling apart
The world I knew had a great heart
We all used to look forward for tomorrow
Now the world is full of sorrow
The world was full of lots of trust –
Now, the Trade Center is nothing but dust
I wonder if "They" will ever come back –
I think not because the soldiers are still in Iraq
In the world there is so much going on
We do not even notice what is growing in our pond
Why when people die do we all cry –
Remember another beautiful young body will now arrive
Now, life is all about looking good and having money
If it were Winnie the Pooh's choice, we would all have honey
If the sky was clear and made of tears
Please don't cry anymore have no fear,
Hear me now clear and loud
God is looking at us; and make him proud!

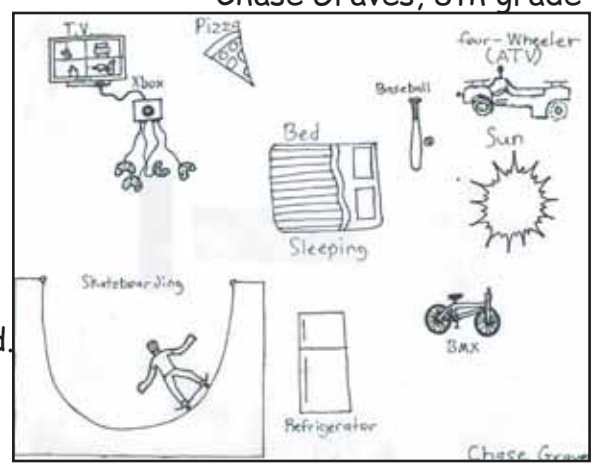
Montel Mitchell, 12th grade



Marlene Logan, 9th grade

Ocean crashing down
Big blue waves rolling along
Salt surrounding me.
William Hall, 7th Grade

Chase Graves, 8th grade



Alliteration Alphabet

Aardvark ambling all about
Big bumbling bobble heads
Crazy catfish consuming corn
Deranged, dangling ducks
Enlarged esophagus eating eggplants
Fish find fr0olicking frogs freaky
Galloping gators gorge gluttonously
Happy hippos hurling hand grenades
Iguanas indignantly inspecting igloos
Jazzy jaguars jive in the jungle
Kangaroos from Kalamazoo play kazoos
Languid llamas like licorice
Miscreant monkeys mangle marshmallows
Nimble newts neglect knickers
Ostriches openly ogle octopi
Peculiar platypi poach pancakes
Quintessential Questzals quest quietly
Super sneaker sea snake
Telekinetic toucans tattooingtles
Ugly umbrellas using ukuleles! Ug!
Vengeful Vampires vending vegetables
Wishy washy walruses on Wall Street
Xenophobic Xerxes X-rays xylophones
Yellow yaks yurn for Yugoslavia
Zealous Zulus sipped by on a Zedong

Connor Flynn, 7th grade

Sleeping Beauty
(A Narrative Poem)

The castle huge and old
Held the poor people frozen cold.
Since it was cursed in a spell
By a witch who wasn't very well.

She wore a long evil dress
She froze the dingdom
From the joker
To the princess!

One day a prince did come with great force.
He rode no wagon
But a giant, white horse.
The witch turned into a dragon
…to kill the prince, of course!.

They fought an epic battle
Until the dragon was very tired.
The one who killed the dragon
Was the one the princess admired.

He galloped to the castle, which was held in a very deep trance.
He thought, "I should find the princess and
Kiss her out of the trance."

There she was!
He kissed her!
The spell was gone because…
She was Sleeping Beauty,

Natalie Jackson, 7th grade

The World I Know

My world starts off with an alarm clock going off at 7:00 a.m. with the smell of fresh coffee in the kitchen. The day begins with my usual routine of getting ready for school. I eat my breakfast, get dressed, brush my teeth, and lastly fix my hair. My mom or dad always drives me, and off to school I go.

Everyday at school is a challenge for learning, social affairs, peer pressure, and trying to remember everything I have to do. This involves seven hours or so of my time from September to June.

When I am not at school, I am either riding my bike, scooter, or skateboard. Many of the sports I play take mental and physical strength. In school I wrestle, and in the summer I play baseball. Extra time that I have is time to prepare for my basketball season at the YMCA.

Looking on the area where I live, there are many changes that are happening and Kilmarnock seems to be a growing town. For instance, Wal Mart and Peebles are on the way. To me, this is cool because now we don't have to travel thirty minutes or more to go to the store. My neighborhood is quiet and provides me, my family, and my friends a place of security and peace.

Peace is what I pray for everyday. In this world fighting, death, and politics seem to be a factor I cannot understand at eleven years old. All I know is that I hope one day that this world wouldn't have so much tragedy. If only it could be like my little home town of Kilmarnock, then it would be a great world.

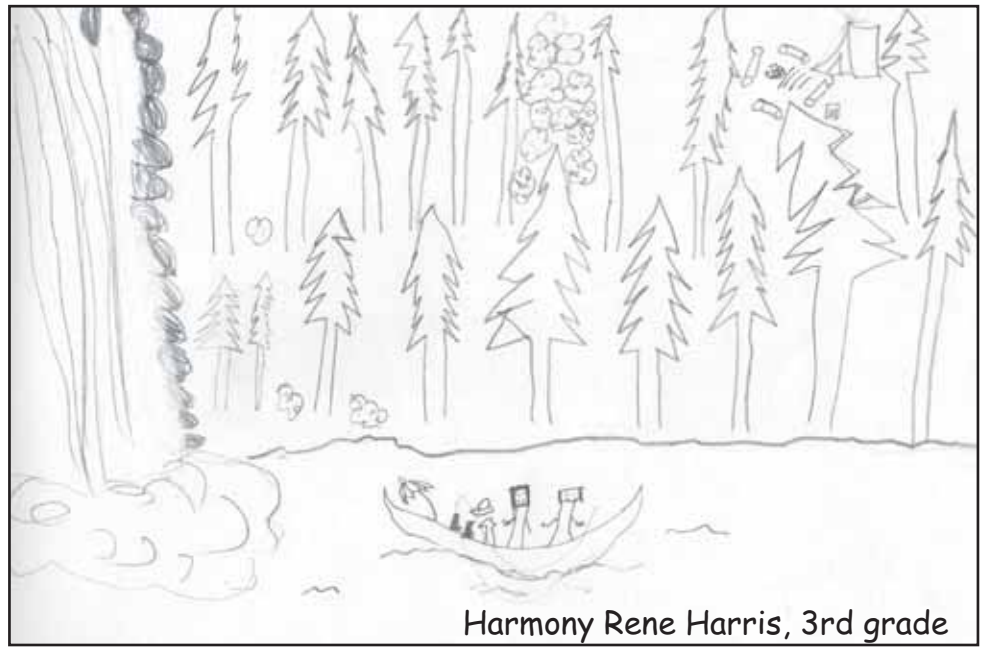
Dalton Moore, 6th grade

The World I Know

The world I know is full of peace but war
It has everyone and everything but so much mor
It can be peaceful at times and others that are horrible
But the world I know is all so sorrowful
With death and regret the world is full of emotion
Like a train wreck, the world I know is full of commotion.
The world I know is a place where you can be yourself
From poor to rich people the world is full of wealth
The world I know is sometimes nice but also cruel
It can be up-front at times but it also can fool
So the world is a place where everything likes to roam
It's a place which we all like to call home

: Cheniera Wiggins, 7th grade

Ryan Morgan, 6th grade



Harmony Rene Harris, 3rd grade

The World I Know

We have animals in the world.
We share our world with them.
Our world has trees and houses.
We even have food.
I love our world!
Lindsey Brocklebank, 1st grade

Family
Loving, caring
Loves me dearly
Happy to see me
Friends
Keondra Jenkins, 2nd grade

The World I Know

In the world I know we have technology. We also have cars and trucks. We have good food and fun toys. We have books to take care of and to read. We have schools to go to and learn.
Quincy Waddy, 1st grade

The World I Know

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Sam Bouis, 2nd grade

THE WORLD I KNOW

This is a story about two fish that have different life styles and they are going to tell you about their two different point of views about the world they know.

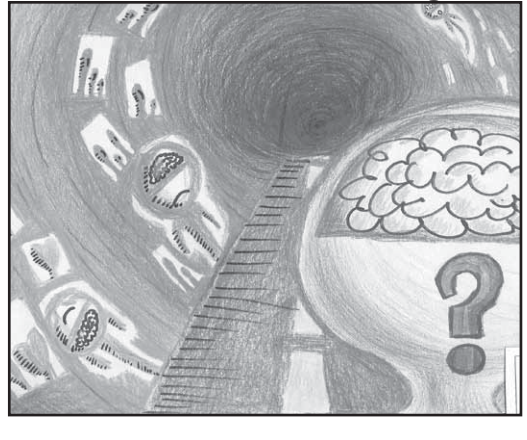
Hi, my name is Teddy and I'm a fish. I want to tell you what I think about the world. Well I live in a swamp. I used to be nicer until this big building moved in. This building isn't just a building it puffs out smoke from the top and there is always noise coming from inside. Yeah I know there is something pouring gunk into my yard and its messing up everything. I even got sick from it. I can't see very well anymore but everyone can't see very well anymore. I guess they are all getting sick. I think some people are trying to help because they come to the river and fished out some bad stuff with a net. Well thanks for listening bye.

Hi, I am Tommy and I am a fish that lives in the Chesapeake Bay. I am going to tell you my point of view on the world I know. Where I live is pretty nice. I have lots of friends and food is always around. Some of my friends I heard have it bad where they live. Like my friend Teddy has it bad down where he lives. I feel sorry for him. Sun is always around and at night there is not a sound. There is a lot of land where I live and the water is as clear as glass. Well thank you for listening to what I think about the world I know.

So I hope you see now that everyone has a different view on what they think about the world and just because someone might have it good where they live they should think of how bad some people have it and try to help them. These are just two point of views from two different fish and that is what they think about the world they know.

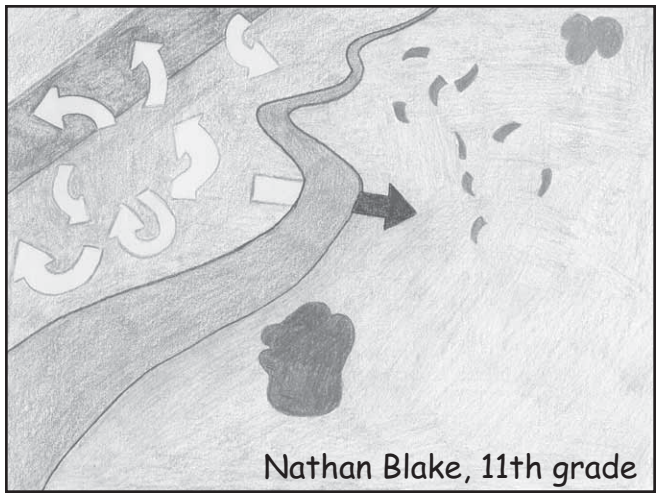
Chris Buzzell, 7th grade

Ma Yi, 11th grade



My Future

Dear Me,
Who am I going to be?
What am I going to do in life?
Will I get married and become a wife?
Will I complete law school in record time?
Will I struggle to get every dime?
Will I make everyone else and myself proud?
Who are those people in this 'everyone' crowd?
All of these questions swim in my head.
As I lay across my twin sized bed.
Plenty of time to answer them all.
I am only turning 14 in the fall.
My future is determined by the things I do.
So I start each day with something new.
Love always, Myself
Tumarow Morning, 7th grade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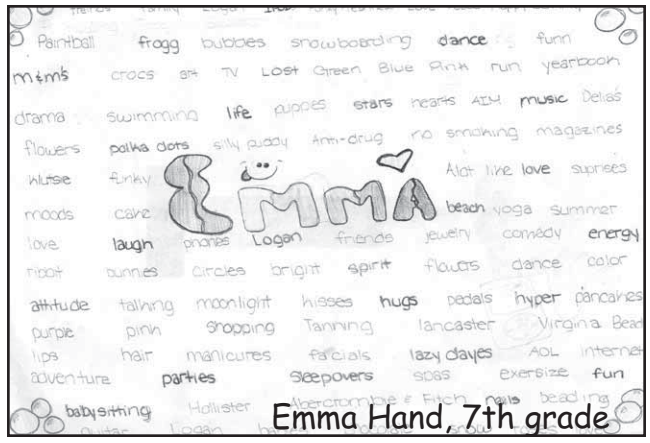


Emma Hand, 7th grade

"To Be Continued.."
When she turned two,
It's when she got the flu,
She cried for her mother,
Because she had no other.

When she turned three,
She climbed a tree.
She broke her leg in one part,
She knew it wasn't smart.

At seven she was in school,
It wasn't even cool,
At eleven she was smart,
Very kind at the heart.

When she turned thirteen,
She thought she was a queen,
She was spoiled,
She was very loyal.

To be continued..
Chellse Palmer 8th grade

The world I know is fun, harsh, sad, and complicated. This is how it's fun to me. We get to play and watch fireworks on the Fourth of July. Plus, Emilie and I get to walk my dwarf rabbits and hold Sunflower.

This is how I think the world is harsh. People laugh at me. They call me names and it makes my family sad. This is how I think the world is sad. People are hurting in their hearts and they are crashing in cars.

This is how I think the world is complicated. There are hundreds of lgudgen (?) in the world and hundreds of math problems. But the world is the world!
Kayleigh Webster, 2nd grade

What is my world?
Sometimes dangerous
Full of life
Full of hope
Home for me
That is my world!
Manaal Siddiqui, 3rd grade

Inside a cocoon
a caterpillar undergoes
metamorphosis
early on Easter morning.
Marco Logan,2nd grade

The world I know is Virginia. It is the world I live in. The flowers smell good in my world. In my world my teacher is nice. My friends in my world are the best friends I have ever had.
Lokia Frisby, 1st grade

What is my world?
Full of surprises
Needs more love
Can be dangerous at times
Good and bad people in it
That is my world!
Taylor Woolard, 3rd grade

Dakwain Veney, 1st grade

The World I know

The world I know is like a big family
everyone cares about everyone else
When you are hurt, a friend will help you
If you need some help with your garden
a person will help you in your garden
You will always have a friend

The world I know is mysterious
you never know what's going to happen
If you go to the beach, it may rain.
Or, why is it snowing in April?
How do you get seedless watermelons?

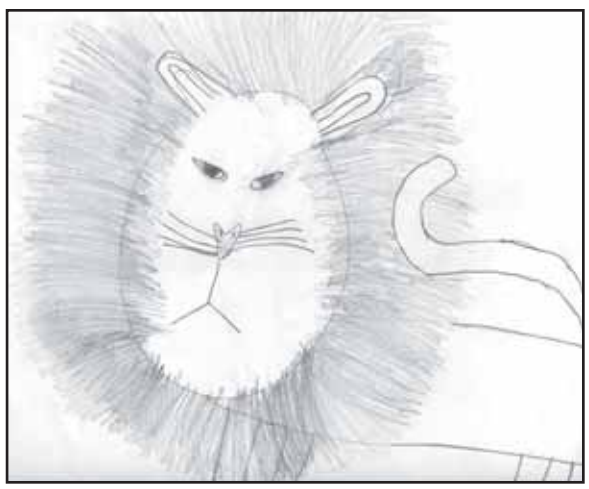
The world I know has beauty
A sunny day at the beach
watching a baby take its first step
riding a horse at the beach
or teaching a pet a new trick

The world I know has excitement
like opening a new gift
getting an A+ on a test
getting a pet you really wanted
or winning a contest or a game

The world I know has love
kissing and hugging without letting go
feeding your pet in the morning
saying "Happy Birthday" to a friend
love is the happiness you get when you
give Nell Carter, 5th grade

"Wrapped In This World"

The world I know is
Wrapped around us.
The world I know
Has war.
The world I know
Should be peaceful.
It should be--
No fighting! No racism! No discrimination!
The world I know
Should be nice and non-violent.
The peaceful, intelligent, and graceful world I know
Shouldn't be wrapped only around me –
It should be wrapped around all of us.
Cassandra Alexander, 8th grade



Corinna Ireland, 3rd grade

The world is a big ball called Earth. Earth has many things going on. One of the things is weather. There are many types of weather. One of those types is tornadoes. They are very cool.
Michael McGrath, 1st grade

Inexperienced

Seven rookie football players
Playing their first serious game

The first thought he was lame
But he still wanted fame

The second fell and ripped his pants
The third tackled his own man
The fourth scored and gained his pay.
The fifth got tackled and there he still lay
The sixth ran, but tripped on the ground

The seventh screamed and made a sound
Because they all won the game!
Brad Smith, 4th grade

The World I Know

The world I know is Langston Hughes whose poem's sometimes have the blues. Langston Hughes is a poet that had a heart of joy, ever since he was a little boy. His mother, a school teacher. His father, who was elected to Public Office. The World I know…has Happiness with a glow. Langston Hughes started poetry in eighth grade, his poems do not fade. Langston Hughes was born in Joplin, Missouri…his poems are very surely. People started seeing his Poems in Print. For he was brave, and never a wimp. He has traveled to many places Nigeria, Camroons, Belgium Congo, Angola, and Africa. But his favorites were Washington D.C. and Harlem, New York. Sometimes he sat in clubs listening to blues, or jazz and writing poems about the world I know.
Bianca Rice, 7th grade

The World I Know~ Oceans

This world I live in,
And love very much,
The world's oceans too.
The ocean~~ has sounds,
These same sounds are so peaceful,
They put you to sleep.
Animals live there,
Such as dolphins, whales, and sharks,
Mostly fish live there.
There are boats as well,
Sailboats, Yachts,
Catamarans,
They're everywhere.
The sunsets are last,
The sky fades away to pink,
And the stars come out.
The new day begins,
I'm glad to see the sunrise,
Togo back again.
Cheyenne Cooke, 5th Grade

Gerquel Owens, 5th grade

All Broke Down

Seven broke down computers
Acting really weird

The first was all fuzzy
Just like a beard

The second started popping up these nutty little signs
The third was acting really slow…
The fourth was saying, Yo…Yo…Yo…
The fifth kept on printing wacky italic letters
The sixth was playing a movie

While the seventh decided to shut down
It caused all the others to close too
Shawn Valdrighi, 4th grade

Munny

The world revolves around money.
But if you ask me, it's just paper.
If you think about it, it's pretty funny.
And it can cause a caper.

Money can be good though,
And it can be bad.
And if you don't have any to show,
You could end up very sad.

Money doesn't grow on trees you know,
This is very true.
You have to get a job, wouldn't you say so?
It pays for you.

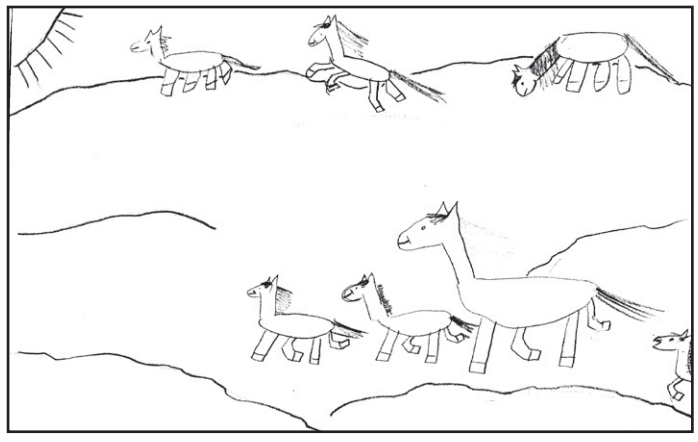
But we will always use money,
That will never change.
But money is kind of funny,
And it's also very strange.
Bethany Milstead, 5th grade

The World I Know

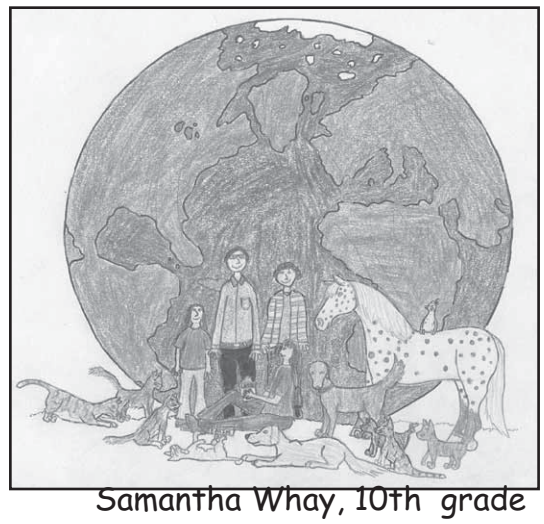
The world I know is a world without sin.
The world I know is a world without war.
The world I know is a world without crime.
The world I know is a world without disaster.
The world I know is a world without prejudice.

The world I know does not exist.

Rakeem Laws, 12th grade



Christina Bagnall, 3rd grade



Samantha Whay, 10th grade

Limerick

There once was a bug in the grass
He grew up eating grass
He was so small
He wasn't even tall
But he was so smart he
taught his own class.

Alex Williams, 7th grade

"THE WORLD In My Eyes"

The world I know
Wow! That's a story.
Everyone in a worry.
This is the world I know.

The world I know
There is also another story.
Everyone is in a hurry.
This is the world I know.

'The world I know
There are many laws passed today,
I think too many, day by day.
This is the world I know.

'The world I know
Is expanding democracy.
That's where all the people are free.
This is the world I know.

'The world I know
Some people are judged by race,
That just might be the case.
This is the world I know.

'The world I know,
There is micro-technology
That soon, people will not be able to see.
This is the world I know.

Jason Jones , 8th grade

The World I Don't Know

The world I know is easy.
I know I'm lucky to be me.
I go to school then come home,
To a happy family.

I have a lot of freedoms.
The education I'm provided is good.
But sometimes I feel oblivious,
Because I can't see some things I feel I should.

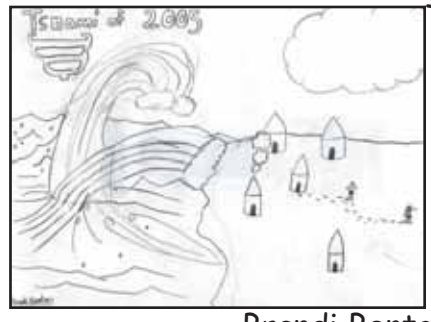
I can't imagine what it's like to constantly be told "NO",
Or to be pushed down time after time and placed so far below,
And things like don't often show
This is a world that I don't know.

I have never experienced my freedoms being torn away,
I haven't come home to unhappiness day after day,
And I know there are kids out there just like me,
With no way to solve the problems we can't see.

When in school we aren't told because it's too grotesque,
How aqm I to know how to change things for the best?
I guess people think if we're blind,
But if students can't solve these things, we're all left behind.

Adults might think that for our young eyes it's best.
We won't be like this for long, at some point we all have to mature and grow.
But I hate being sheltered from the unknown wilderness
And a world I'll never know.

Sydney Shivers, 7th grade



Brandi Benton, 5th grade

American Soldiers

Teamwork
Helping others
Each person doing his or her part

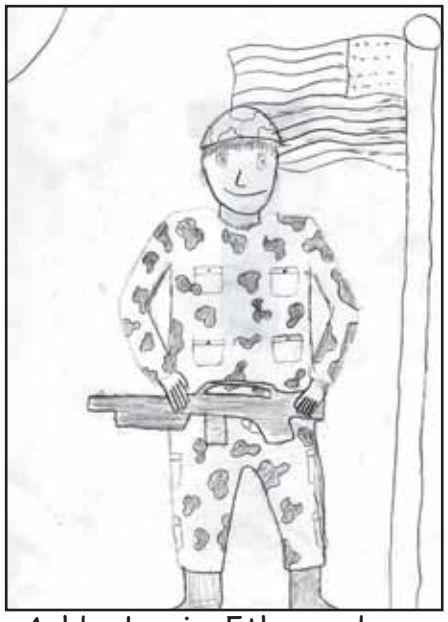
War in Iraq
Our soldiers deserve
Respect because of their
Loyalty in
Defending our country

Independence

Kind soldiers
Not giving up
Outstanding and
Wise

Olivia Beck, 4th grade

"The World I Know"
The world I know is filled with different smells.
The smells can be potent, bold, and bland.
They are greatly known.
These are the smells of the world I know.
Charles Miller, 8th grade


Ashby Lewis, 5th grade

The World I Know
The world I know is miserable. I moved away from my hometown, moved into a new home, and have been sent to a new school; where I don't even fit in. I had to leave my old friends that I've known for many years and now I have to find new friends. My life was fine until we moved and know my life is miserable. The only people who appreciate me are my parents and a kid I met a couple of days ago. Misery just hangs over my head everywhere I go. I try to hide it, but it never works. My head is always faced a little toward the ground. When someone tells a joke, I laugh and feel happy. But the misery is still there, following me like a small dog. All this misery is because of my dad taking a new job in this town. I have a speck of hope for friends, but it's only a speck on the painting of my misery. I'm sure I'll get over moving. The misery will leave my life and everything will be better. But for now, misery is one of the main emotions I have. The painting of my life is mainly misery now, and that painting is the world I know.
Ben May, 5th grade

Braces
Brackets
Really
Anger
Customers and make their mouths
Extremely
Sore

Beau Nickerson, 4th grade

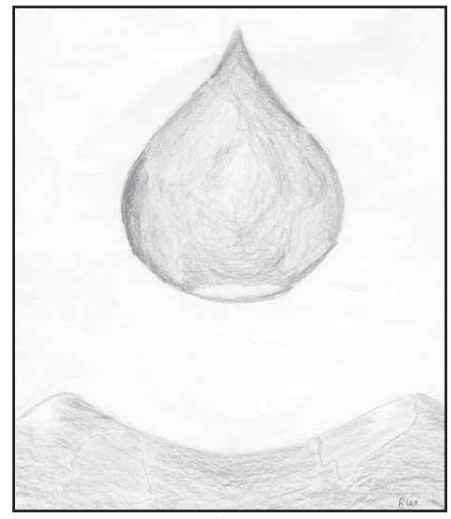
Nature
The luscious melody of the birds chirping, the howl of the wind to see and hear old and new friends talk about old memories.

To smell and wlk upon stinky asphalt, to hear and see the bugs buzz angrily, to feel the foul smelling squishy mud under me, and the feel of the sand so gritty, to hear the equipment whir so noisily.

To see the sun shine down on us gleefully, to see grass and dandelions live peacefully, and to see trees with all its buds so beautiful.
Phillip Humphreys, 7th grade

The World I Know
I will help my grandmother because she has cancer. I will help her by giving her presents, cards, and balloons. If I'm a teacher I will try to remember everything I learned in class when I was young. To make the world change I will help the environment. I will have lots of jobs. I will give stuff to people, even the ones I don't know. I'll have lots of pets. I'll do lots of stuff for my kids when I grow up. I'll sell healthy stuff and if something bad happens I'll try to stop it. I'll help my friends and make people happy. I'll help the whole world.
Mary Frere, 1st grade

"Basketball - The World I Know"
I have played basketball since I was 5 years old. I am 14 now and better than ever. I played at the YMCA for 5 years and I got 2 trophies. I played for the school team. We won every game and we got 2 trophies too. I received a plaque for the tournament. I played for the Gloucester team and I didn't like it, so I quit.
When I get out of school, I want to play college ball, at Duke University, and go to the NBA.
Bryan Yerby, 8th grade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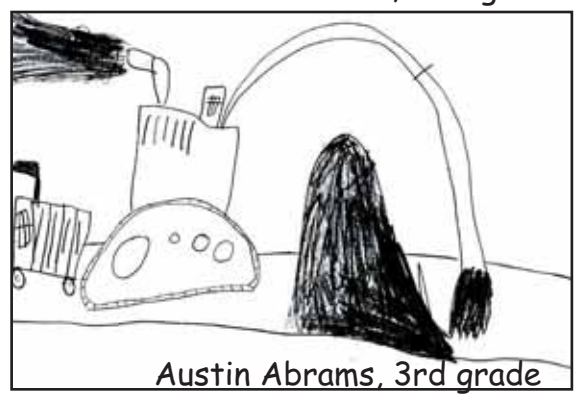
Austin Abrams, 3rd grade

"The World I Know"
The world I know may be different from the world you know. You may very well think the world you know is about the War on Terrorism or politics, and unless you work in the government, that isn't really the world you know! The world you know is your own life through own eyes, well at least it is for me.
I live my life one day at at time and try to take in everything I see. The world I know is pretty basic. I get up, go to school, and come home, but you can back me up on this one, every once in awhile, my day gets a little more exciting!
I see the days change, the years go by, and yet the world remains, the one I know.
Christian Horsley, 8th grade