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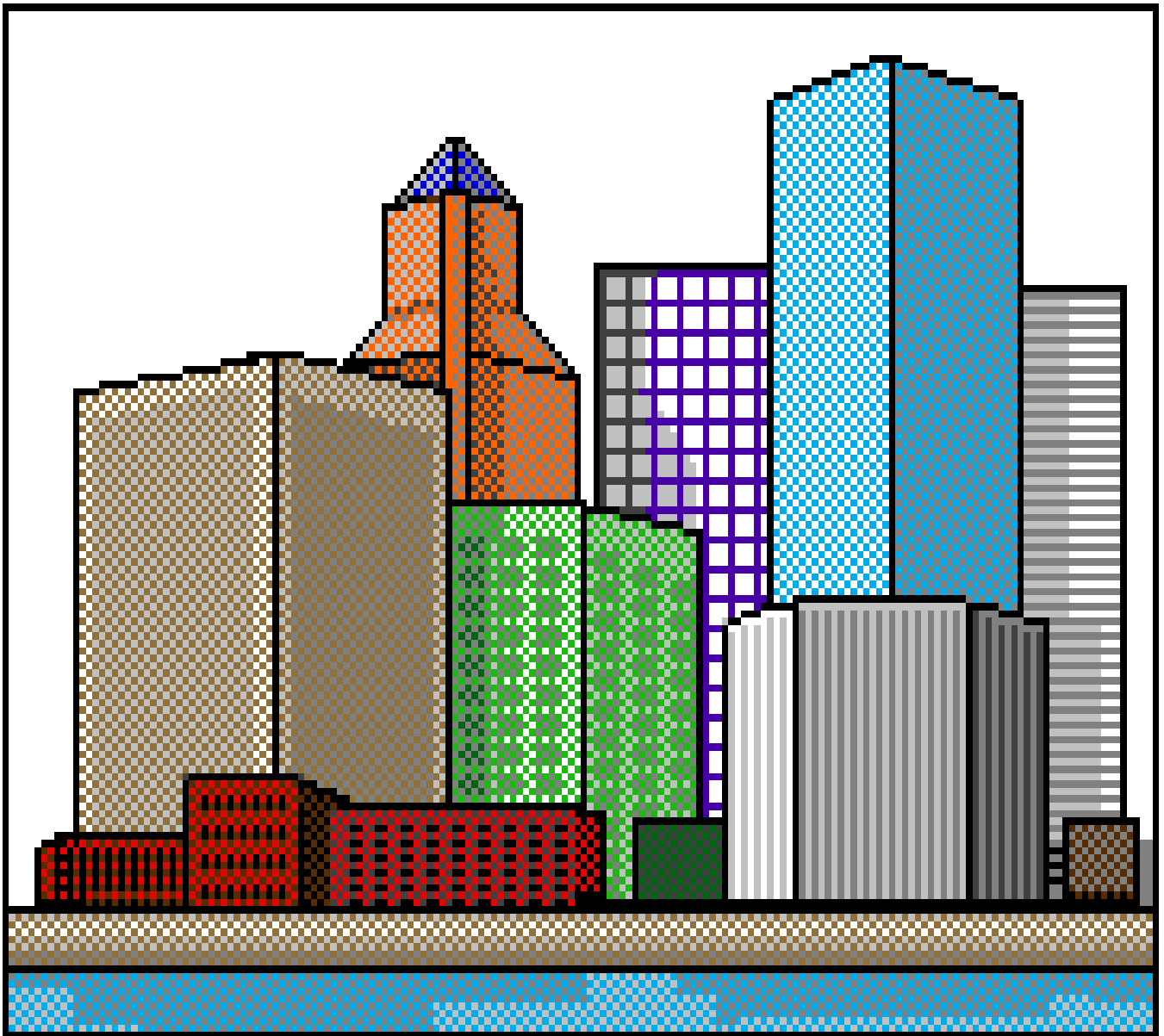
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## The Millennium



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by Lidia Rivas, Ms. Howell's Class



## A Student Prayer

Now I lay me down to rest  
I pray I pass tomorrow's  
test.

If I should die before I wake  
That's one less test  
I'll have to take.



## I Love to do My Homework



I love to do my  
homework.

It makes me feel so  
good.

I love to do exactly as  
my Teacher says I  
should.

I love to do my

# Sorting Objects

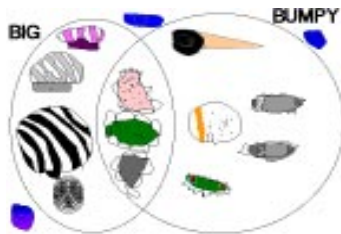
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By Mrs. Kling's Class

## Seashells

First, we made two overlapping loops. We labeled them bumpy and big. Then, we separated the seashells according to size and texture. After we checked all of the seashells, we drew the two loops on a piece of paper and recorded our results. Finally, we determined that we not only had big and bumpy seashells, but we also had a combination of both.

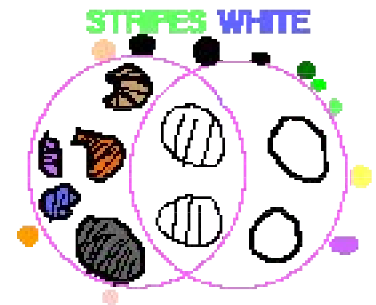
by Stephanie Perez



## Rocks

First, we decided to make the attributes stripes and white. Then, I began making the circles with two strings, and I had to have an intersection. After, my group and I took turns putting the rocks where they belong. Next, we put the rocks that had stripes in the correct circle. After that, we put the white rocks where they belong. Then, we put white rocks with stripes in the intersection. Then, the rest that didn't have stripes, were not white, or were not white with stripes went outside of the circles. Finally, we got to draw a picture of what we did. Then we colored the picture. Well, some of us did.

By Gina Huerta



**Joke Time..**

WHY CAN'T DOGS USE COMPUTERS?

Because they can't help attacking the screen when they hear "You've Got Mail."

# Halloween Story

*By Esly Arredondo, Mr. Elliott's Class*

It was a dark and stormy night. I was out trick-or-treating in my vampire costume. My parents were not with me that night because I was with my friends. The night was almost over so we went to our last house. This house was strange because no lights were on and the house had a creepy look. I knocked on the door and the door opened. I carefully stepped in and when I signaled for my friends to come, I saw they were all gone. When I stepped in the door, all of a sudden a ghost appeared behind me. I ran upstairs to find a big spider crawling towards me. I turned around and headed out towards the backyard. When I was out, I saw some tall bushes so I went to hide behind them. But it was a maze. In every turn there was an ugly monster trying to get me. When I got out of the maze I saw a banner that said:

HAUNTED HOUSE  
Amusement Park  
Open to the Public



# Celebrating the Holidays

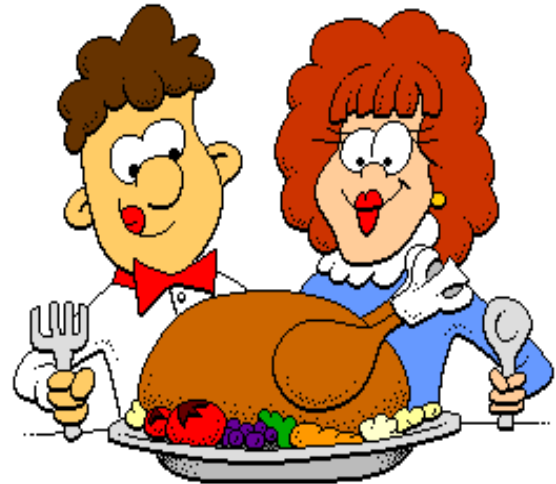
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*By Ms. Yung's Class*

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for what I have. I am thankful for being alive and for having a family. I give thanks because I eat every day and because my dad is very good. I am thankful for going places with my parents and for having a nice home. I am grateful for going to school and learning more because now I can read and write. I am thankful for having a lot of friends. I give thanks for the army because they help us.

*By John Paul Marroquin*



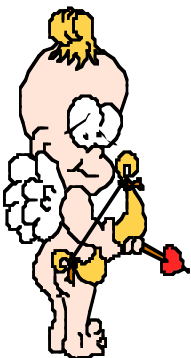
Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for what I have. I am thankful for all the things that God gives us like food and water. I am thankful because I have a family that loves and cares about me. I am thankful because God gave me a life so I could live. I like Ms. Yung because she is nice to all students. I like everyone in my family. Thanksgiving is special to me because we are living in peace.

*By Michelle Hernandez*

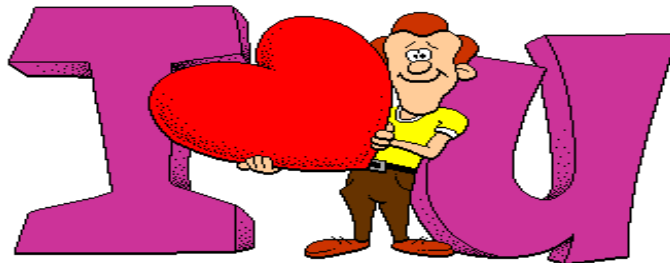
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# Valentine's Word Search

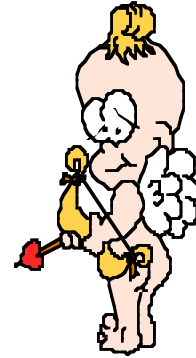
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BELOVED  
CARESS  
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CUPID



FEBRUARY  
FRIENDSHIP  
GIFT  
HEART  
HUGS  
KISSES  
LOVE  
RED  
ROSES  
SNUGGLE  
SWEETHEART  
TENDERNESS



VALENTINE

# The Millennium

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by Ms. Piedrahita's Class

For the millennium, I want houses, apartments, parks and schools to be clean and safe. For the future our neighborhoods need to be free from violence. I want everybody to recycle. I want to have more museums for the kids.

I want our schools to be good. We need to learn so that we can get a good job. In the school we need to clean the bathrooms.

The big thing we need is a safe place to play. A place where we could ride bicycles. That place is our parks. People could also have picnics and eat food. We need to get drugs out of the parks. Our community needs to have clean and safe places. Then we will be ready for the millennium.

by Maria Sugei Diaz



I would like to improve the community for the millennium. I would clean many things so they are not messy. I don't want things that are ugly or messy and are not clean. I would like to clean the streets, recycle and clean where we drink water so when we drink water we will not get germs.

I would clean the streets, I don't want anything to be in the streets. If they throw the trash in the streets, the police should give them a ticket. Those people who throw trash would have to sweep because they threw trash in the streets.

I would clean everything. I would put men to work in the street. I would clean the bathrooms. I would buy more books so we could learn more English and more on all the things. For example, students could learn to speak in English and Spanish.

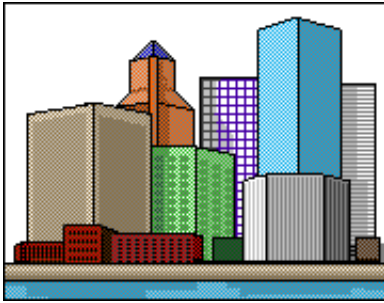
I would like to clean the markets so we could buy fruit that doesn't have so many mosquitoes so the children can be healthy. I would clean the houses and clean them inside. I would fix the houses so they can be nice.

by Natalie Lobos

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## *Improving the Community for the Millennium*

*By Laura Valladares, Ms. Piedrahita's Class*



To improve the community for the millennium, I would fix the school. I would clean the bathrooms really well so people won't get sick. By doing this people won't be absent a lot and I would also take out the graffiti so that the schools could be a safe place to go.

Another thing I would do to improve the community is to clean houses and apartments. I would first clean out all the bugs. Then I would clean the driveway and stairs so it can be nice and clean. Then I would also paint over the graffiti to keep vandalism away so homes can be a safe place to be.

Last, I would clean the parks so they can be a nice place to go. It's also a home for many plants and animals. I would also paint pictures of many cartoon characters on the wall so more kids can go and visit. I would have the cartoons say things like "Don't Litter" or "Be Cool and Stay In School." It would also make the park a safe place for kids, parents, and dogs.



# Fish Out Of Water

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By Daniel Alarcon, Ms. Haims

**Author:** Helen Palmer

**Illustrator:** P.D. Eastman

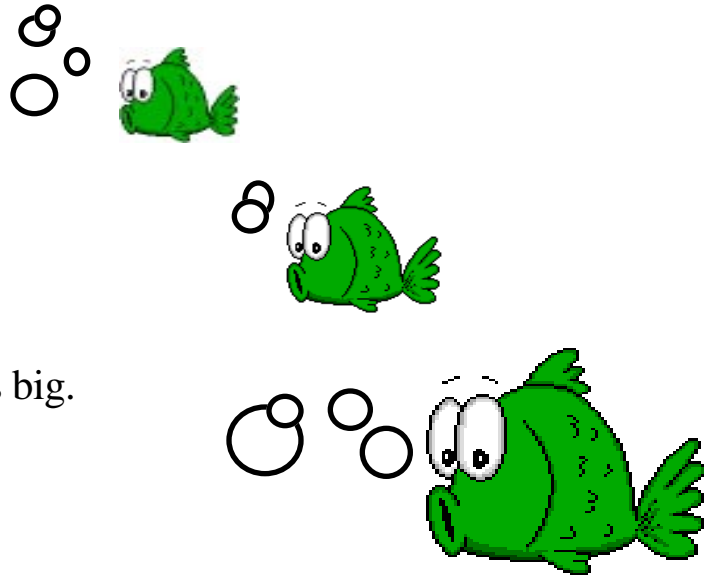
**Setting:** House

**Character:** Mr. Carp and Kid

**Problem:** The kid gave a lot of food to the fish then the fish gets big.

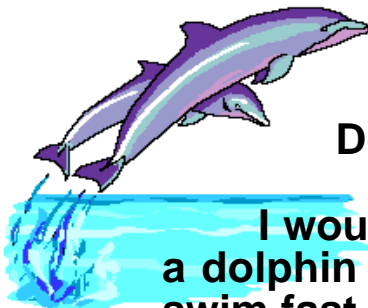
**Episode:** I liked when the fish is in the bathroom and the bathroom gets flooded.

**Synopsis:** One day a kid buys a fish. Mr. Carp told him not to give the fish a lot of food. But, the kid did not listen and the fish grew bigger and bigger. He had to place it in the pool. The kid calls Mr. Carp and the fish turns small.



## Favorite Sea Animals

By Ms. Pacheco's Class



**Dolphin**

I would want to be a dolphin because they swim fast and jump high.

by Jennifer Nuñez

**Turtle**



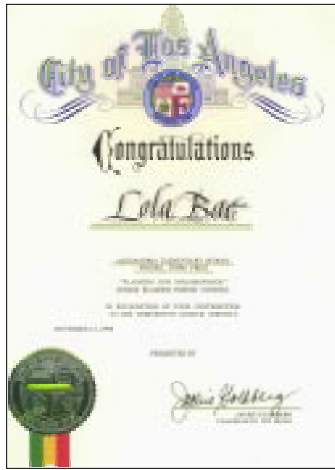
I would like to be a turtle because it has a hard shell to protect itself from danger and eats green vegetables.

by Mario Barrera

# Congratulations Award Winners!!!

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By Lola Bae, Mr. LeMaire's Class



Dr. Campa received a notice from Jackie Goldberg, City Council Chairperson, requesting fifth graders to draw posters showing the new subway at Vermont Ave. There was going to be a poster contest among the schools in Ms. Goldberg's district. There were going to be awards and prizes to first place winners, and the award ceremony would take place in City Hall in the City Council room. The mayor, the City Council members, parents, and administrators, teachers and contestants would be present. Mr. LeMaire's class drew posters and Ms. Labrow sent them to Ms. Goldberg's office.

Four Alexandria students had their posters selected, Ara Uniza, Eleana Sanchez, Hasser Echeverria and Lola Bae. We walked around and showed council members our posters. Also, we shook hands with the mayor, Richard Riordan. Then we went into a room with our parents and Jackie Goldberg. We had our pictures taken with Ms. Goldberg, Ms. Labrow and Dr. Campa. Our parents were taking pictures of everyone. Dr. Campa and Ms. Labrow seemed more excited than us at the time.

Ara and Eleana were tied for first place. They received a certificate, twenty dollars and three tickets each to *A Bug's Life* at El Capitan Theater. Hasser was the second place winner and I was the third place winner.

This drawing contest really taught us a lot, and it was one of the best experiences in my school life.



Ara Uniza



Eleana Sanchez



Hasser Echeverria



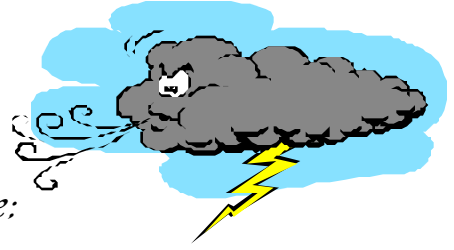
Lola Bae



# The Months of the Year

By Bessy Urbina, Ms. Capadocia's Class

In **January** it can be cold;  
So, I grabbed my shorts that I sold.



In **February** I come with love;  
so, I draw a heart and a dove.

In **March** the floors might be wet;  
but, if I run around I start to sweat.

In **April** I like to pick a flower  
and eat apples that are not sour.



In **May** I like to go to the park;  
ut, I leave early before it gets dark.



In **June** I run with the sun,  
and for me it's actually fun.

**July** is Independence Day and  
everyone celebrates this holiday.



In **August** it starts to get cool;  
so, I don't stay long in the pool.

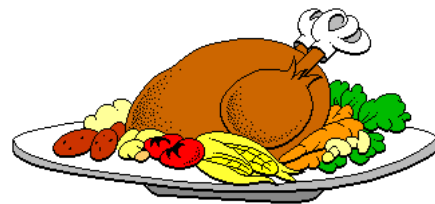
In **September** I watch the leaves fall,  
and I run and play with my red ball.



**October** is for dressing up to go "Trick  
or Treating" go from house to house or  
candy eating.



**November** is Thanksgiving  
ind a time of giving and thanking.



In **December** the snow comes with fun,  
skiing in the snow without the sun.



# Brian: The Big

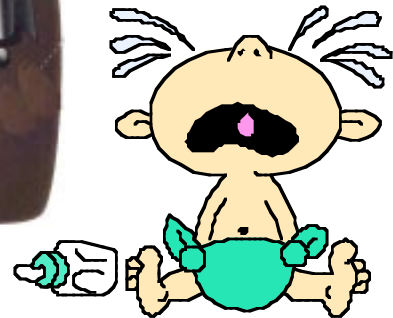
*By Ardith Duque, Ms. Capadocia's Class*

Once there was a giant  
whose name was Brian;  
He was twice my size,  
and was very wise.

He was quiet and nice,  
but has lice;  
One day he was bored  
and had nothing to do,  
He wanted to slide down  
the mountain  
and watch the sunshine,  
too.

But he was too fat to  
climb,  
so for a while he just  
smiled;  
But, then, he cried,  
when he squashed a  
child.

So he went to Judge  
Judy



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