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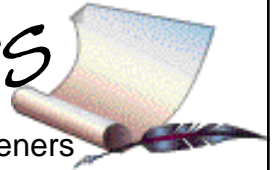
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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. Brown & Mrs. McNellis Kindergarteners



--Natalie R.

--Julie G.

--Jeffrey R.



--Asia U.

--Jose B.



--Marlon V.

--Carlos G.



--Jannette V.

--Raquel G.

--Jonathan B.

--Maria M.



--Kevin E.

--Jazmine D.

--Evelyn E.

--Nancy A.



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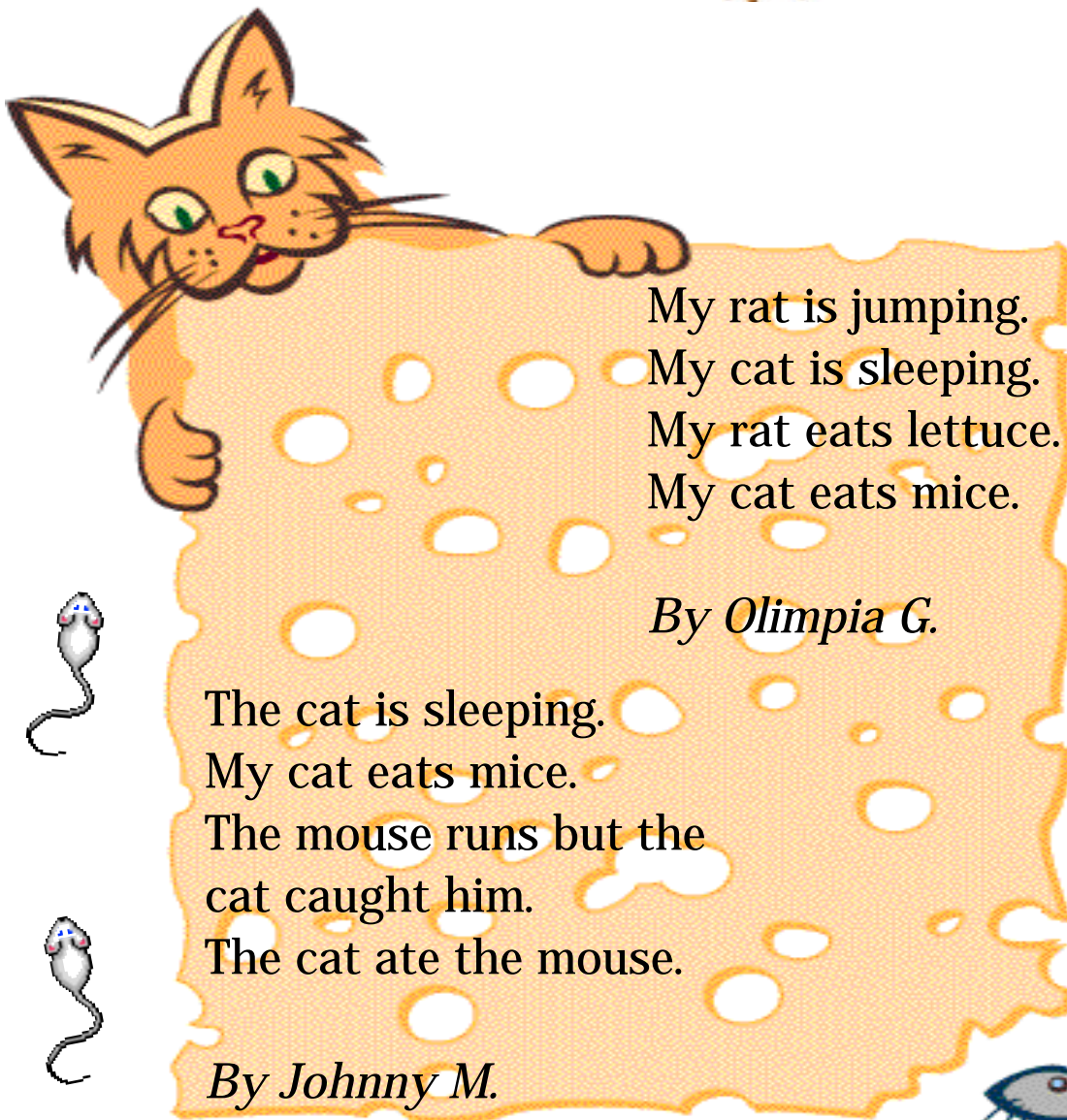
By Ms. Vasquez's Class

The sun is big.
The sun is orange and yellow.
The sun is hot.

By Richard G.



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My rat is jumping.
My cat is sleeping.
My rat eats lettuce.
My cat eats mice.

By Olimpia G.

The cat is sleeping.
My cat eats mice.
The mouse runs but the
cat caught him.
The cat ate the mouse.

By Johnny M.



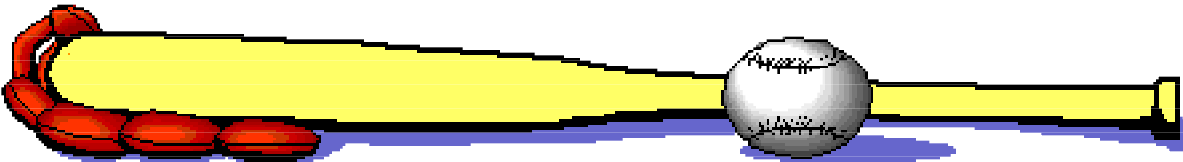
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BROWN IN TOWN

By Irvin S., Mr. Mizrahi's Class



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 D , 105 B 7
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 F M S D
 P K B 40
 K B
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 L A H 27
 D



Q. What takes longer, running from first base to second, or from second to third?

Answer: Second to third, because you have to go through a short stop!!!

Q. Why did the coach kick Cinderella off the baseball team?

Answer: Because she ran away from the ball.

My First Visit With An Old Lady 5

By Jessica R., Mrs. Kling's Class

Hi, on October 29th I went on a field trip to Briar Oak Terrace Convalescent Home. My class and I went to read a story to the elderly. Some of them were sick and others just needed to be taken care of. When we got there, first graders in Mr. Lucio's class were going to dance for the

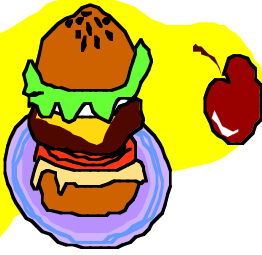


elderly. We were part of the audience. When they finished, Mrs. Kling asked the lady in charge if we could read them a story. When I introduced myself, I was excited to read the story. I asked the old lady a lot of questions. When I finished reading, the old lady said to me, "Nice reading. What a sweet girl you are!" and I said to her, "Thank you for listening to my story."

At lunch time, we went to the park to eat. There were a lot of bees in the park. Mrs. Kling said, "You need to wait for your partner." When Mrs. Kling let us play, I was playing Titanic. Then, Mrs. Kling said, "We are going to another park where there is a lot of grass." Once there, Mrs. Kling said, "You can play ball, or you can go to play in the park." I played sockball and kickball for about two hours. When we went back to the bus, I was tired.



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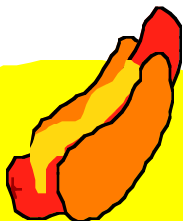
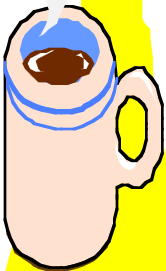
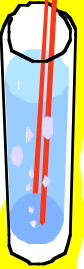
A Chair For My Mother

By Christian G., Mr. Bernal's Class

This story is about a little girl and her mother who wanted to buy a fat chair. The little girl's mother works as a waitress in The Blue Tile Diner. Her boss, Josephine gives her coins for washing the salt shaker, pepper shaker, filling the ketchups, and peeling the onions for the soup. Half of their money goes to her pocket and the other half goes into the jar.

Sometimes the little girl's mother comes from work tired and she falls asleep on her old, uncomfortable chair as the little girl is counting the money into the jar. One day as they were walking home from buying a new pump and sandals; they discovered that there were two big fire engines in front of their house. The little girl's mother grabbed her by the hand. After the fire was gone, they only saw charcoal and ashes left of their beautiful home. Now they were homeless. The helping neighbors brought a rug, couch, pizza, ice cream, a teddy bear, and beds to the needy family. The mother got tips at the diner for taking orders and serving food. They saved and put all the coins in ten-dollars paper wrappers. Then they went downtown to the furniture store to try all the chairs. After they saw the chair of their dreams, they

bought the fat chair. Then the little girl's sat on her mother's lap and her uncle Sandy took their picture. Now the mother could rest comfortably after a hard day at work.





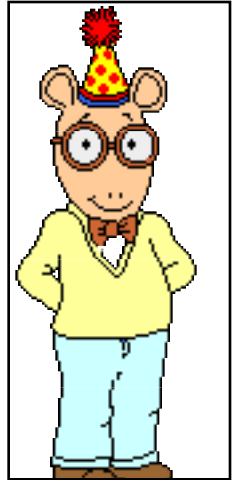
Arthur's Pet Business



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By Kristopher K., Mr. Bernal's Class

This story is about Arthur. He wants a puppy, but he needs to show his parents that he is responsible. So he took care of Mrs. Woods' dog, Perky. Then Arthur went to Mrs. Woods' house. Arthur finally saw Perky and took care of him. Then the



Amazing Larry came to ask Arthur if he could take care of his Boa, Cuddles. After that, Perky made a mess and the animals were everywhere. So Arthur put all the animals in the basement except for Perky. On that same day, Arthur lost Perky. Then the phone rang and Arthur's mom told him that Mrs. Woods was coming. Then Mrs. Woods came to Arthur's house. D.W. said to Mrs. Woods that Arthur had lost Perky. So, Mrs. Woods went to Arthur's room and then Arthur saw Perky with puppies. At the end, Mrs. Woods gave Arthur ten dollars and a puppy for being responsible.



Life On The Mission



By Esther C. & Alicia P., Mr. Lapin's Class



This report is about the different tribes of Indians that came to live and work on the mission. When the Indians came, the padres changed all their Indian names to Spanish names. The mission was started by Father Junipero Serra in 1776. Also, the Indian tribes had to study the Bible every single day. The Indians worked hard day and night. They were brought to the mission by the Spanish, which made them neophytes.

Also, the Indian women cooked every day to prepare the meals. The people living on the mission ate tortilla bread every day. Tortilla bread was a flat round bread made of corn or wheat.

Some of the children's jobs were to pick green olives. Green olives was one of the most important crops that was raised on the mission. Indian children took their long poles with them as they went to gather olives from the trees. When they struck the branches of the trees with their long poles, hard green olives came splashing down. Lamps burned the oil made from crushing and pressing the olives. People also used the oil for medicine and for cooking.

The Indian men built missions and churches out of adobe. Adobe is a building material mixed with straw, water, and earth. Each brick weighed thirty pounds or more. The bricks had to dry for three days. The Indians scraped off the rough edges to make it smooth. The Indians made candles out of split willow branches.



California Mission

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By Gerson R. & Cynthia U. Mr. Lapin's Class

The missions were very big. The missions had some rooms for the padres who lived on the mission. The padres gave jobs to the Indians. Father Serra was one of the best padres. The Indians lived around the missions.

The Indians got food from hunting and from the trees. They ate meat, crops, fish, and they made corn into tortillas.



The Indians worked hard on the mission. The Indians had a lot of jobs. If you were an Indian child, you would gather olives. The olives were on the trees. The Indians made bricks to make a mission. First they mixed clay with water and with a little bit of straw. Then they filled the wooden forms with the mixture of clay, water, and straw. When the bricks were dry they took them out of the forms and let them dry in the sun, and bake until they were hard.

The soldados were mean to the Indians. The soldados lived on the presidios. The soldados went looking for the Indians that had escaped from the mission.



PADRES AND THE MISSIONS

By Tania C. & Christine M., Mr. Lapin's Class

The Indians lived on the mission and worked hard to make the churches and missions. To make the missions they made bricks out of adobe. Adobe is made of mud, mixed clay, water, and straw.

Father Serra started the mission. Father Serra was born in the island of Majorca. He came to Mexico and was then sent to California to start the missions.

Some padres taught the Indians the Spanish method of living. They showed them how to take care of cattle, sheep, chickens and how to grow the crops that have come from Spain. One padre even taught the Indians at his mission to sing Christian songs for church services. The padres believe that the Indians needed to learn the Spanish culture to be good Christians.

Tacky The Penguin

By Ms. Decker's Class



One day Tacky got older. He went to school. The other penguins started writing their names on the wall. Then, they studied addition problems. The other penguins were going in order. Tacky got a large number. But he got it wrong. Then, there was a cheering contest, and six penguins started practicing how they could win. The contest began, and they won the contest, because Tacky was funny.

By Ever M.

The book read is about Tacky and his five penguin friends-- Perfect, Angel, Goodly, Lovely and Neatly. They are a team. Then Tacky and his friends went to school. Finally they went to the cheering contest and they won. Tacky is a champ.

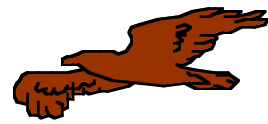
By Connie M.



Q. Where do penguins keep their money?

A. In the Snow Bank

A Mountain Hike



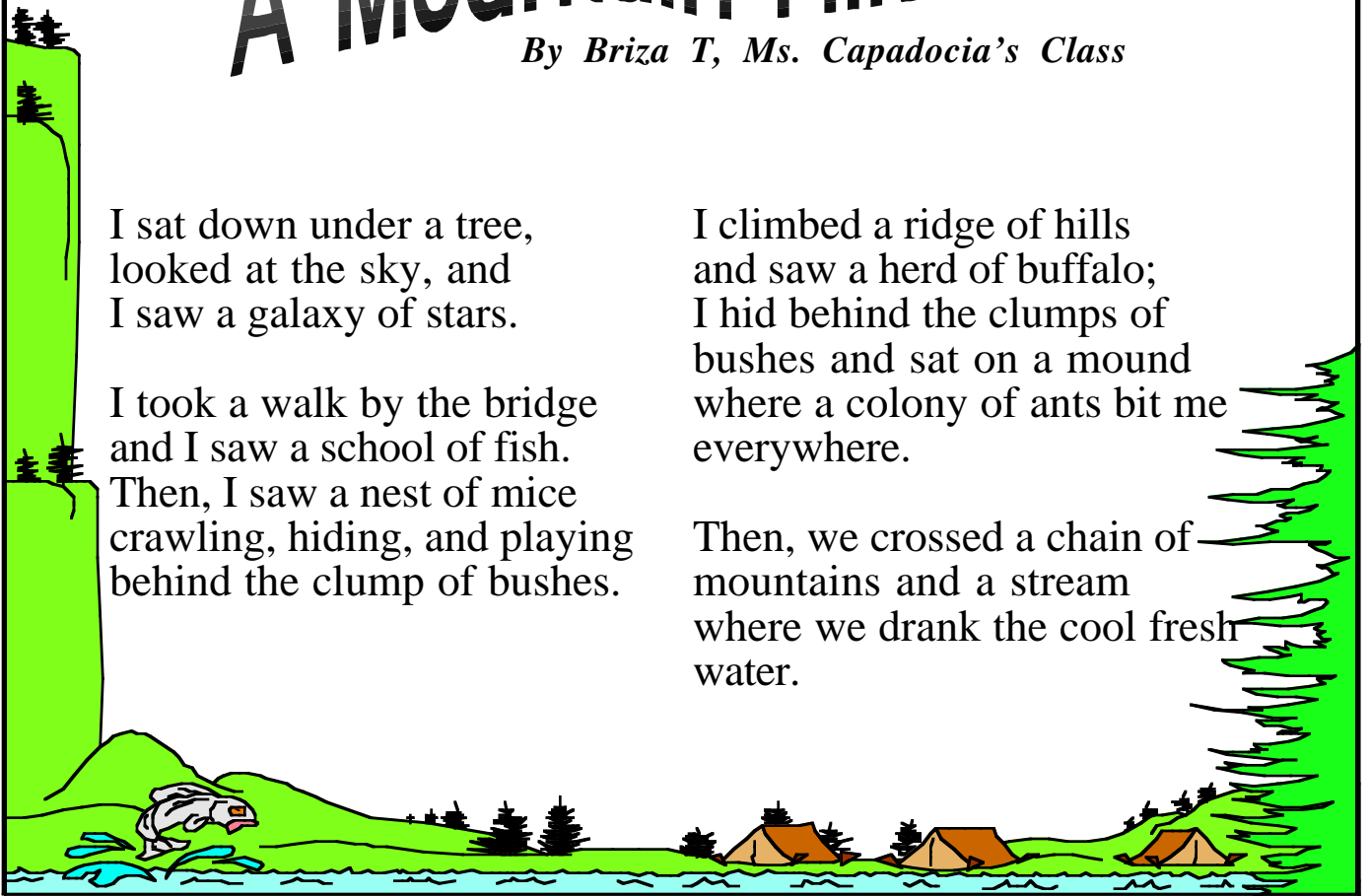
By Briza T, Ms. Capadocia's Class

I sat down under a tree,
looked at the sky, and
I saw a galaxy of stars.

I took a walk by the bridge
and I saw a school of fish.
Then, I saw a nest of mice
crawling, hiding, and playing
behind the clump of bushes.

I climbed a ridge of hills
and saw a herd of buffalo;
I hid behind the clumps of
bushes and sat on a mound
where a colony of ants bit me
everywhere.

Then, we crossed a chain of
mountains and a stream
where we drank the cool fresh
water.



**I know an old lady who
swallowed a turkey.**

By Vanessa J, Ms. Franco's
Class

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