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An Interview with Ms. Wu

By Winston Longley (Grade 1)

Welcome to Hastings, Ms. Wu! Ms. Nicole Wu is a new first grade teacher at Hastings. Winston wanted to interview Ms. Wu to get to know her better. He enjoys her class and especially likes when Ms. Wu reads to the class.

Q: What are your favorite foods?

A: My favorites are pizza and pasta.

Q: Do you like teaching?

A: I love to teach! I love spending time with my students and watching them learn every day.

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: My favorite is Christmas. I like spending time with my family and enjoying the holiday festivities.

Q: What do you like to do with your family?

A: I like going on walks with my family at a lake near my house. I also like to shop at one of my favorite stores – Marshalls!

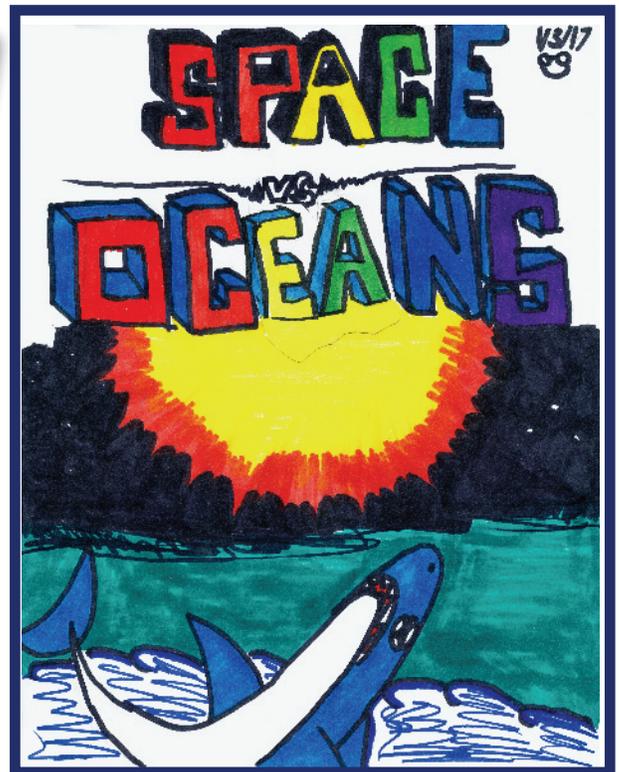
The Space Vs Oceans story

By Will O'Donnell (Grade 5)

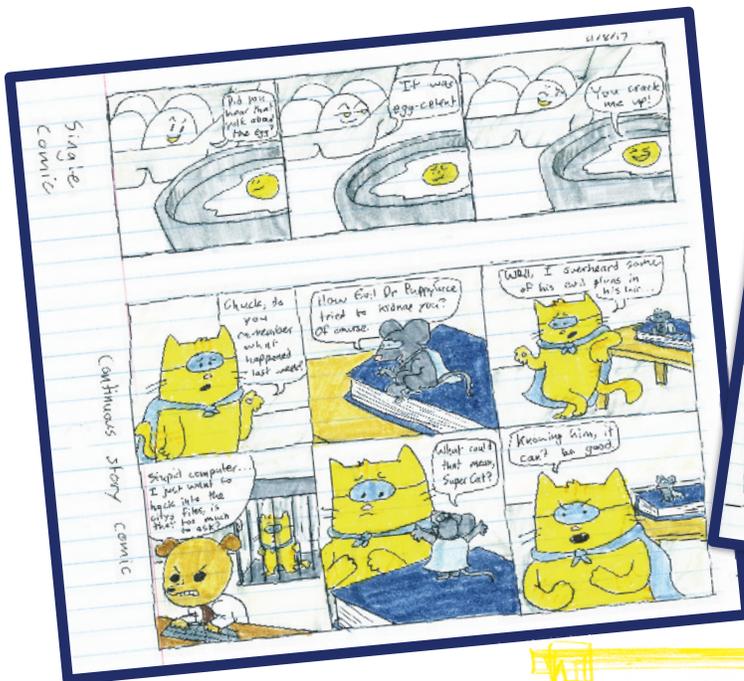
You may be wondering what's the story behind this drawing (I don't care if you're not wondering, I'm going to tell you anyway). One day, in school, we started a debate unit in Reading. We got to choose our three favorite out of four topics. I wrote (it might not be what I wrote):

1. Space
2. Sharks
3. Orcas

A few days later we got our groups, and I got (YES!) Space. So blah blah blah, we started working and I got bored once and started drawing on my folder. I didn't finish for awhile. When it was done it looked like an underdeveloped version of this drawing.



Star Club Highlights



Comic Workshop

At our November Star Club meeting, Hastings alum and current LHS ninth grader Annie O'Donnell led a brief workshop on how to write a comic strip, complete with style and story tips.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STAR:

Teachers: Feel free to submit class work.

Students: Submit work any time (rolling submissions), or join us for monthly Star Club meetings for comradery and inspiration.

WE ACCEPT:

Writing: includes opinion pieces, essays, newspaper articles about school events, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, jokes

Visual Art: includes photographs, drawings, comics

HOW TO SUBMIT WORK:

*Digitally is the preferred method: send to star@hastingspt.org Or, you can place your paper submission in the Star Box at the PTA table in the lobby

Star Group Story

By the December Star Club attendees:
Asees and Rajvir Kalra,
Finn and Will O'Donnell,
Lal and Nil Oksuz,
and Jack Sullivan

We asked each member to picture a favorite book as they answered questions (rewritten in bold blue as part of the story). A different writer answered each question, without knowing what the others had written. It was like Mad Libs for story writing! For fun, see if you recognize a book that includes any of the characters or settings mentioned in the following story...

One day I realized I was a character in my favorite book. When I realized I was this character, I was going to play with my dog. I suspected I was in the book when I saw the house. The setting looked like a castle. I met a snake-like man. When we met, he asked, "Do you have a plane?" After that, I said I also wanted to become a wizard and play Quidditch. The story ended when I fought with Voldemort and got out by doing tae-kwon-do.

Underground Apple

Story and Drawing by Khushi Krishna (Grade 2)

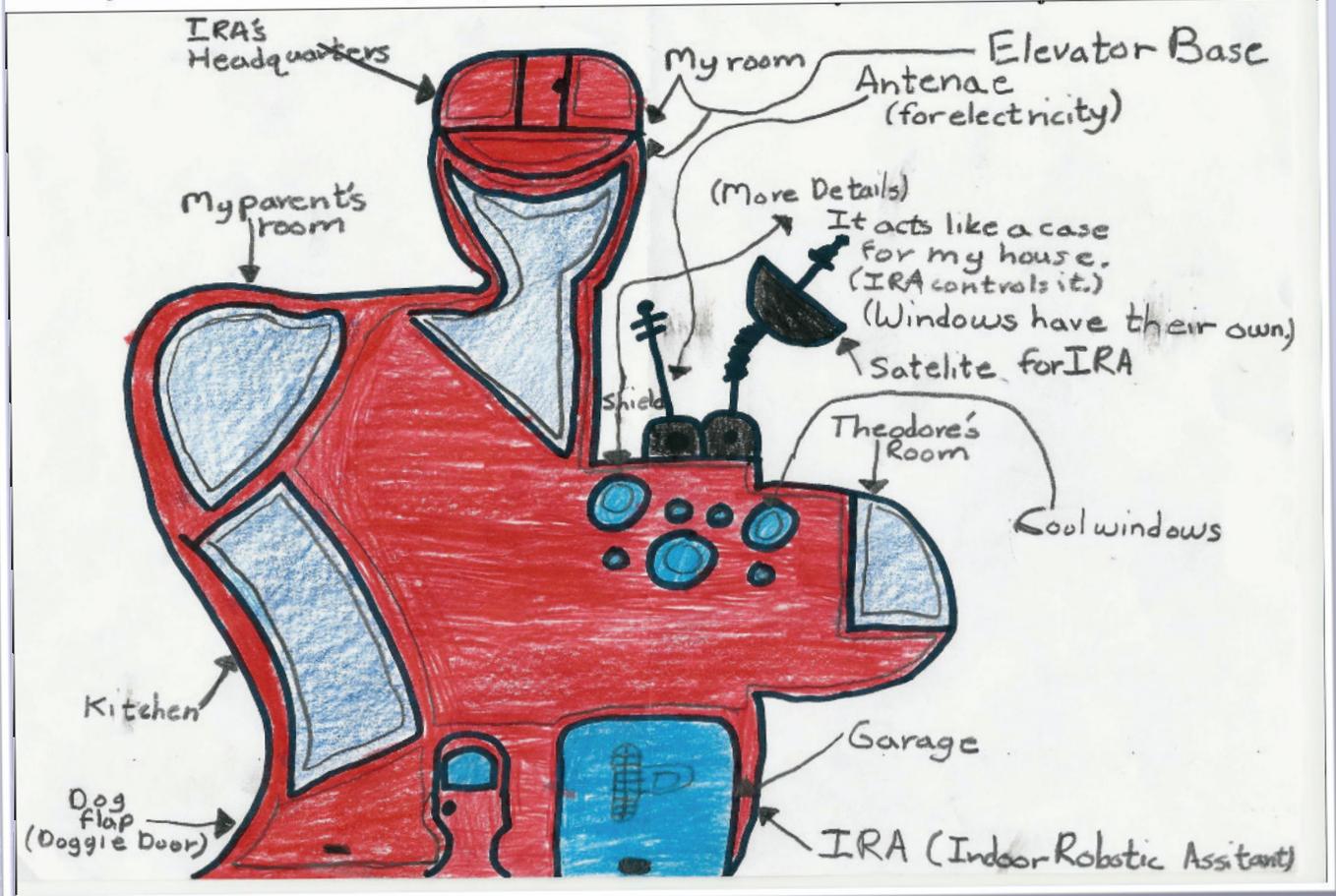
There was a worm who lived in this apple. His name was Hulahoop. He went on an adventure to look for his friend. There were spooky spiders, skeletons, cats and pumpkins. But still he couldn't find his friend. Then he found some food. He ate it. Suddenly, he found a monster. "Help me!" He cried! Then he ran away. And the monster came closer and closer. Hulahoop had to run faster until he saw his friend. Then the worm said, "What kind of apple is this?"

"Underground apple," his friend said. Then they had their own adventure. Then they found a plane. "Who are you?" his friend said. "I am Burf," he said. "Do you want to go on an adventure?"

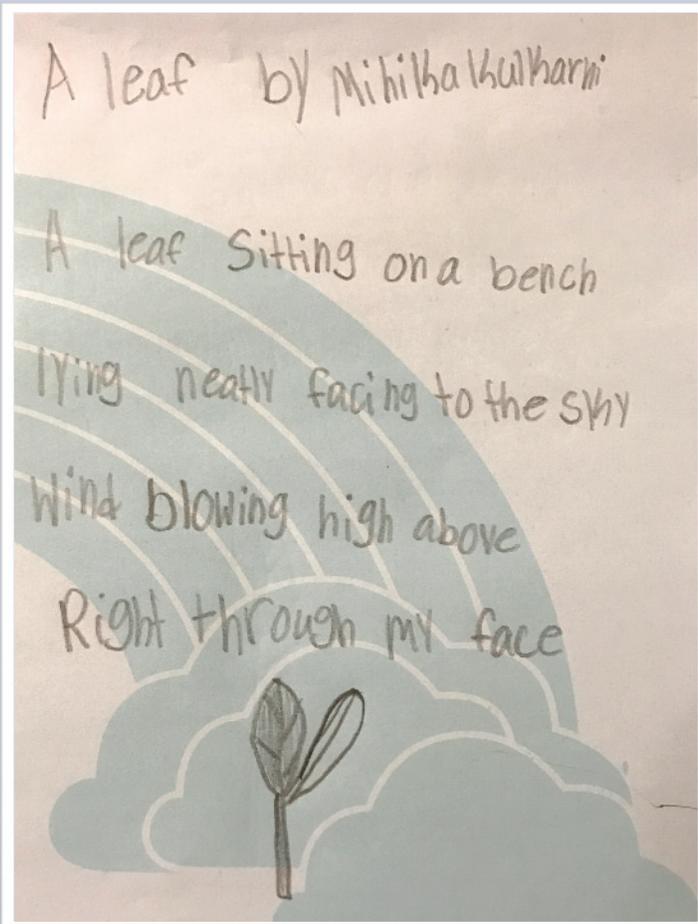
Hulahoop said, "Yes!" All three went together. This adventure is secret, nobody will tell. Ssh!!!



If you lived on OutSpace, what would your house look like? By Sophia Kao



BY SOPHIA KAO (GRADE 3)



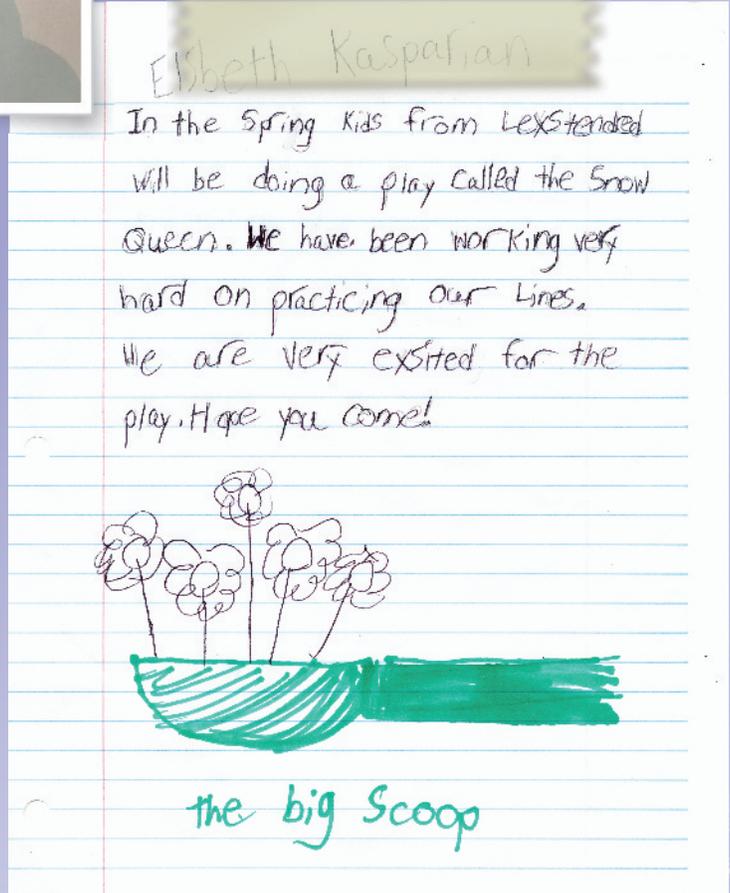
POEM BY MIHIKA KULKARNI (GRADE 2)



BY ALEX GAO (GRADE 1)



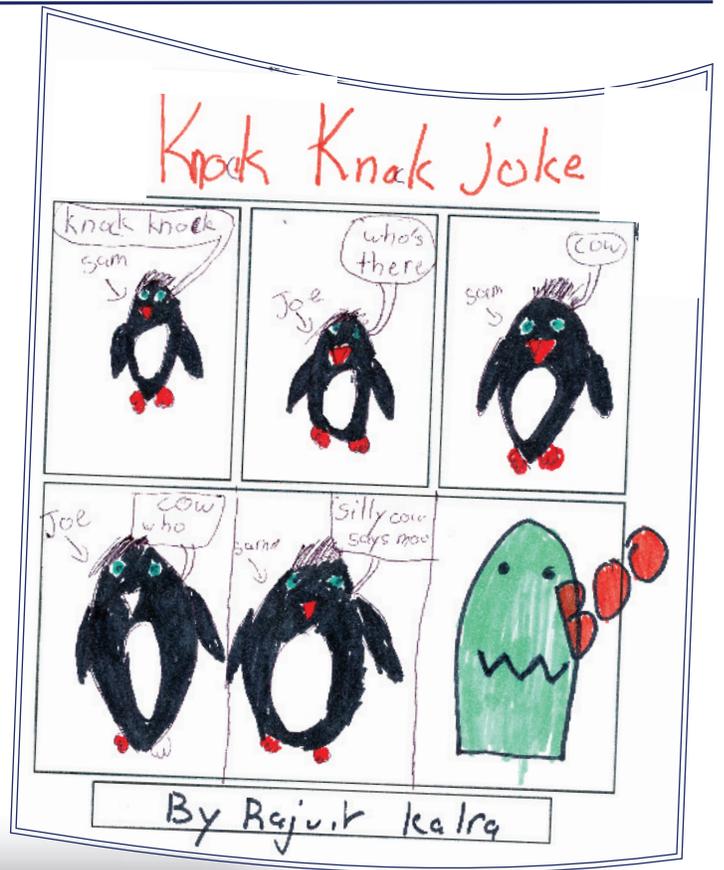
BY ASEES KALRA (KINDERGARTEN)



BY ELSBETH KASPARIAN (GRADE 3)



BY ASEES KALRA (KINDERGARTEN)



BY RAJVIR KALRA (GRADE 3)



Penguins
 Haiku and illustration
 by Timmy Rinaldi (Grade 3)

I like animals
 I like one animal lots
 I like penguins lots

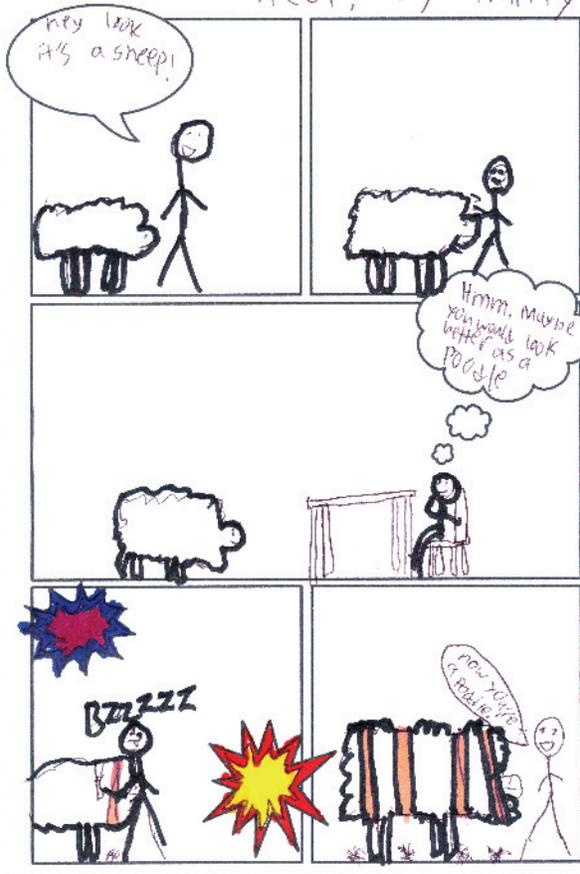
Joke

A student is talking to his teacher he asks his teacher would you ever punish me for something I did not do of course not says his teacher good because I did not do my homework.



BY ELSBETH KASPARIAN (GRADE 3)

it's a sheep! by timmy



BY TIMMY RINALDI (GRADE 3)

**From Thompson Island:
An Interview with Counselor
Niamh O'Reilly**

*By Charlotte Longley, Surina Patel,
and Eliza Epstein (Grade 5)*

Q: *Why did you move from Ireland?*

A: I moved here for this job because I really like Outward Bound.

Q: *What's your favorite thing to do?*

A: Exploring the salt marsh.

Q: *What is the most important thing here?*

A: Building teams that work well together and have teams that trust each other.

Q: *What is the hardest thing for you to teach?*

A: The geology lesson because I want to explore so much.

Q: *When did you first start working here?*

A: August 2017.

Q: *What do you like to do in your free time?*

A: Make and play music with my roommates and explore the islands.

Q: *What's your favorite part of the island?*

A: Building teams that work well together and have teams that trust each other.

Q: *What's your favorite part of the island?*

A: The salt marsh or the beach at the north end.

Q: *How did you find out about the job?*

A: I studied outdoor education in college and I learned about outward bound.

Q: *If you could do anything, what would you do?*

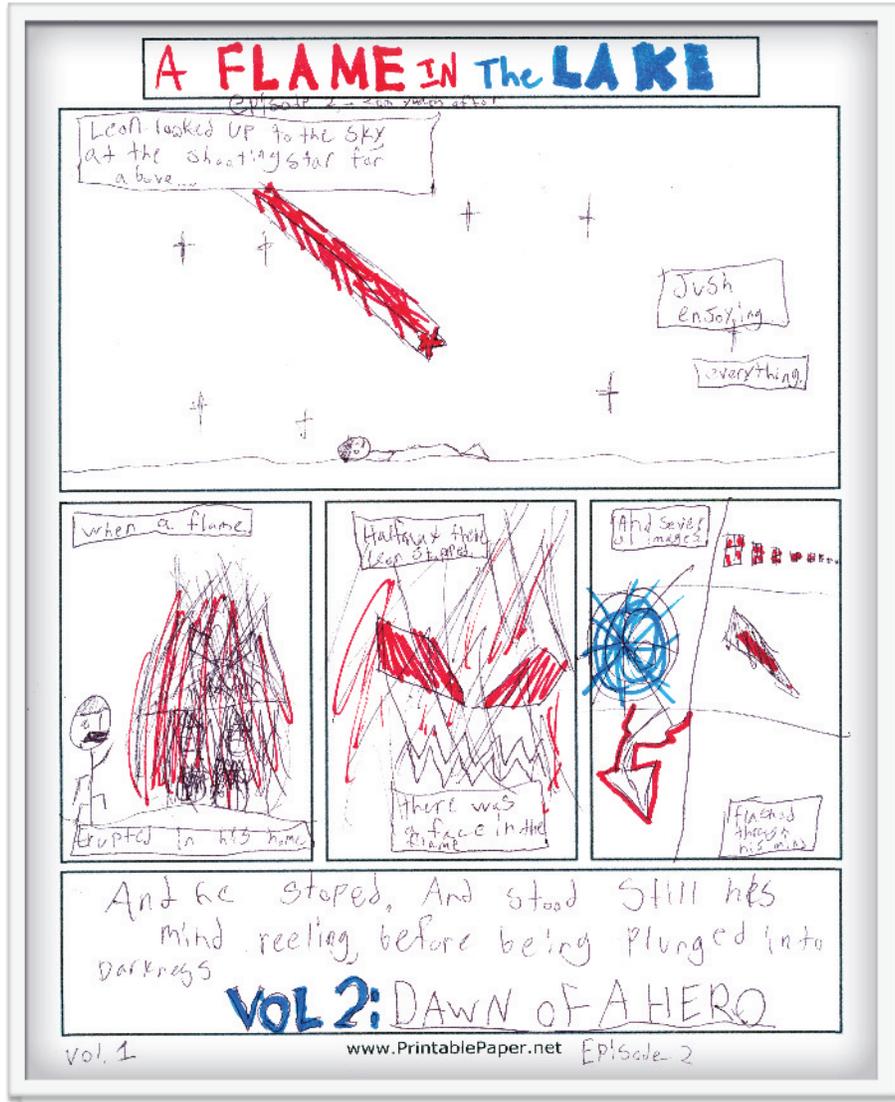
A: This job! I love my job.



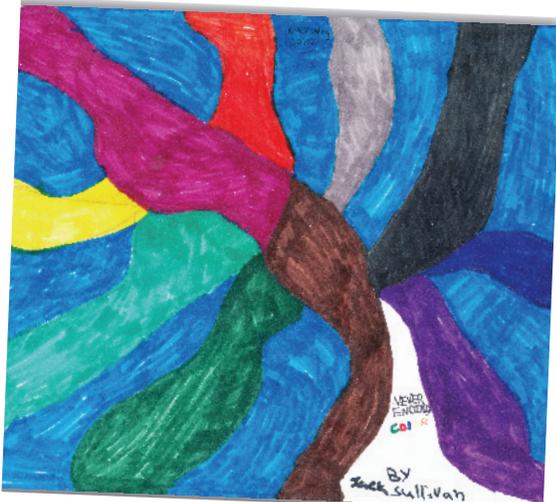
On October 5 & 6, 2017, the Maria Hastings fifth grade class traveled overnight to Thompson Island in the Boston Harbor.



More Artwork by the Star Club "Regulars"



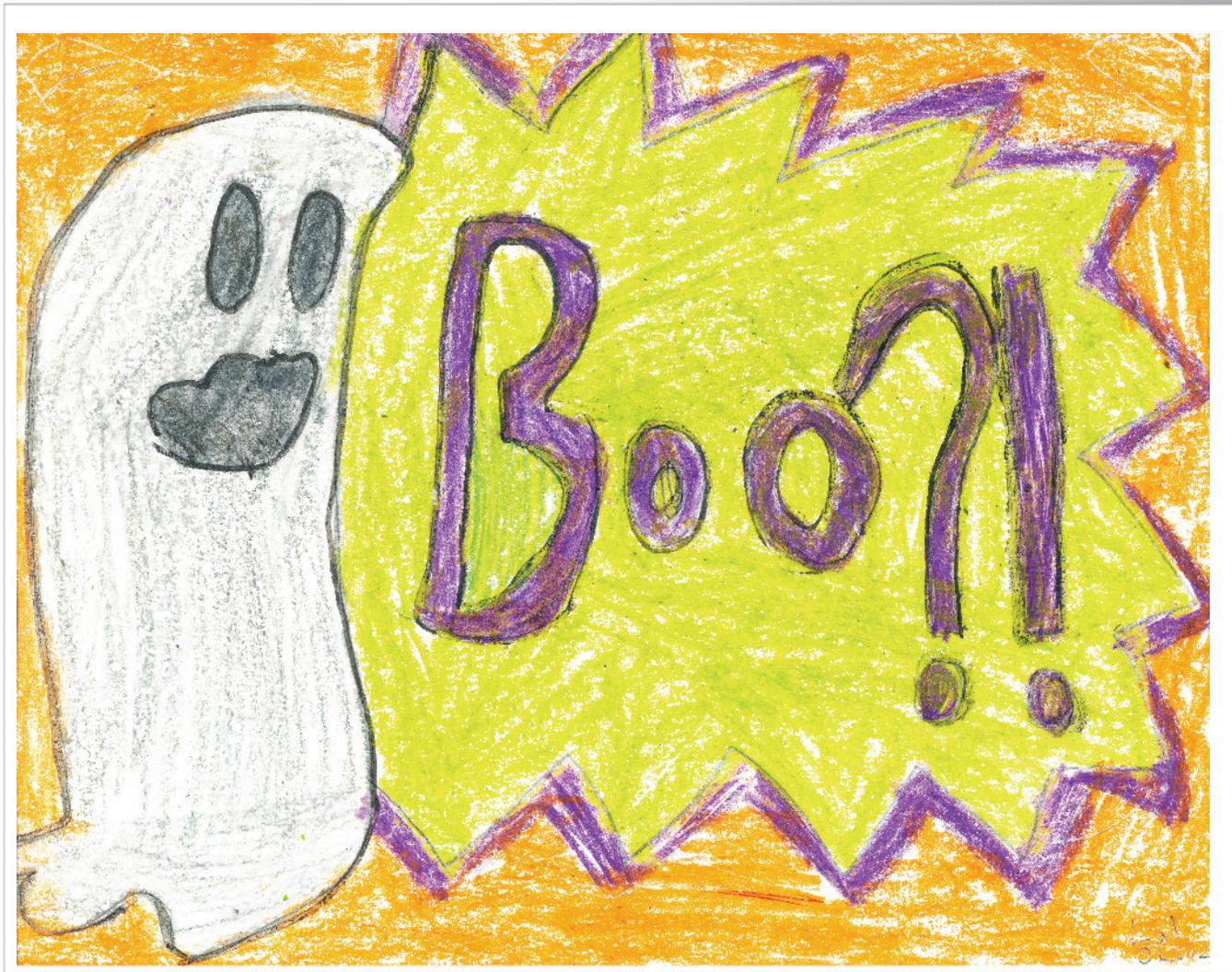
BY ANTONY RINALDI (GRADE 5)



BY JACK SULLIVAN (GRADE 3)



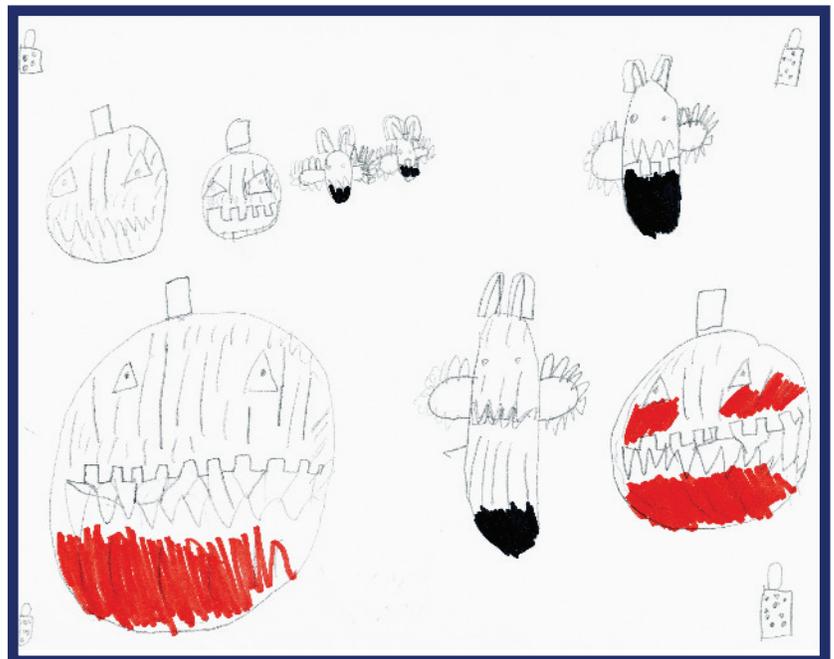
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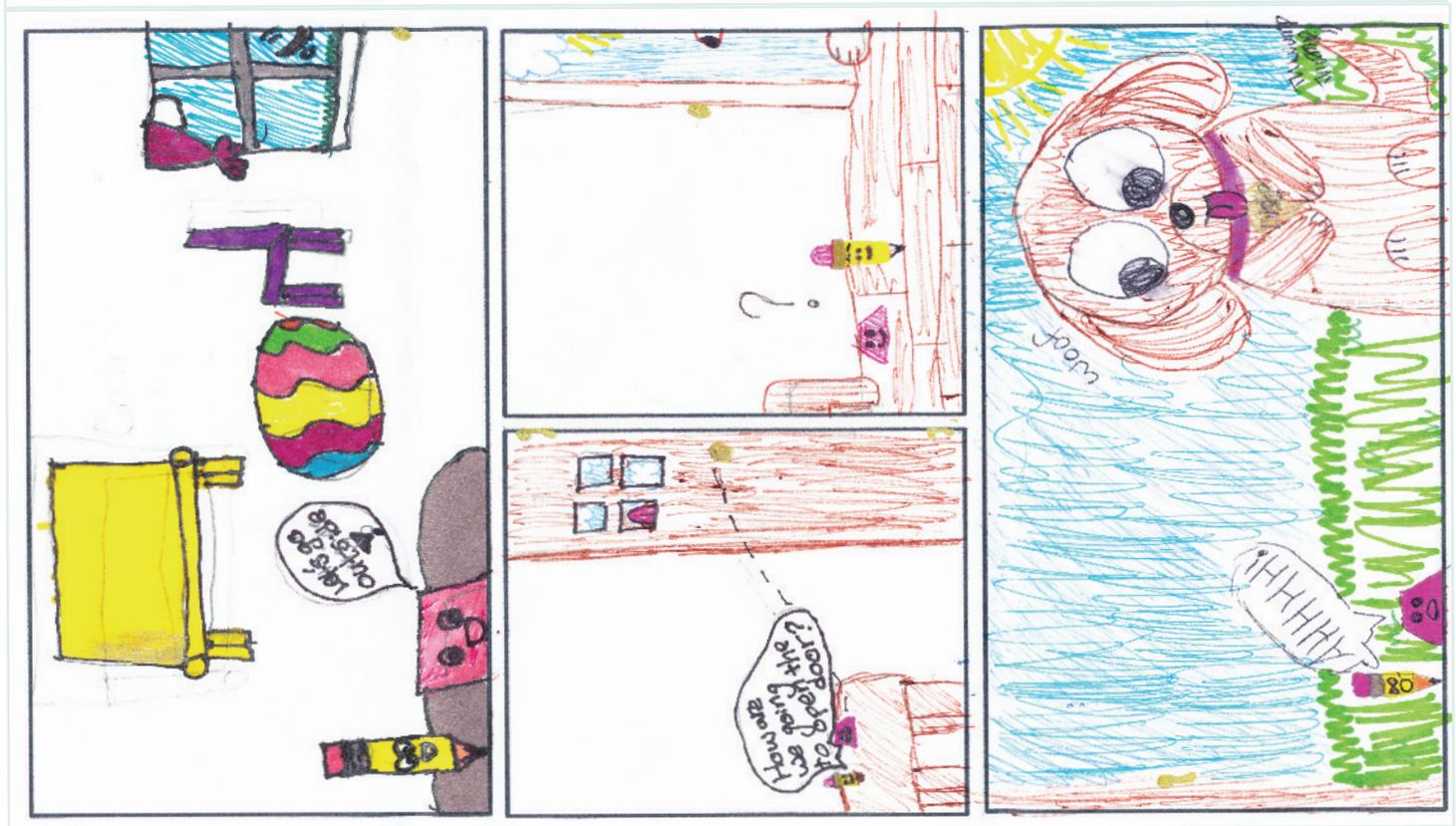
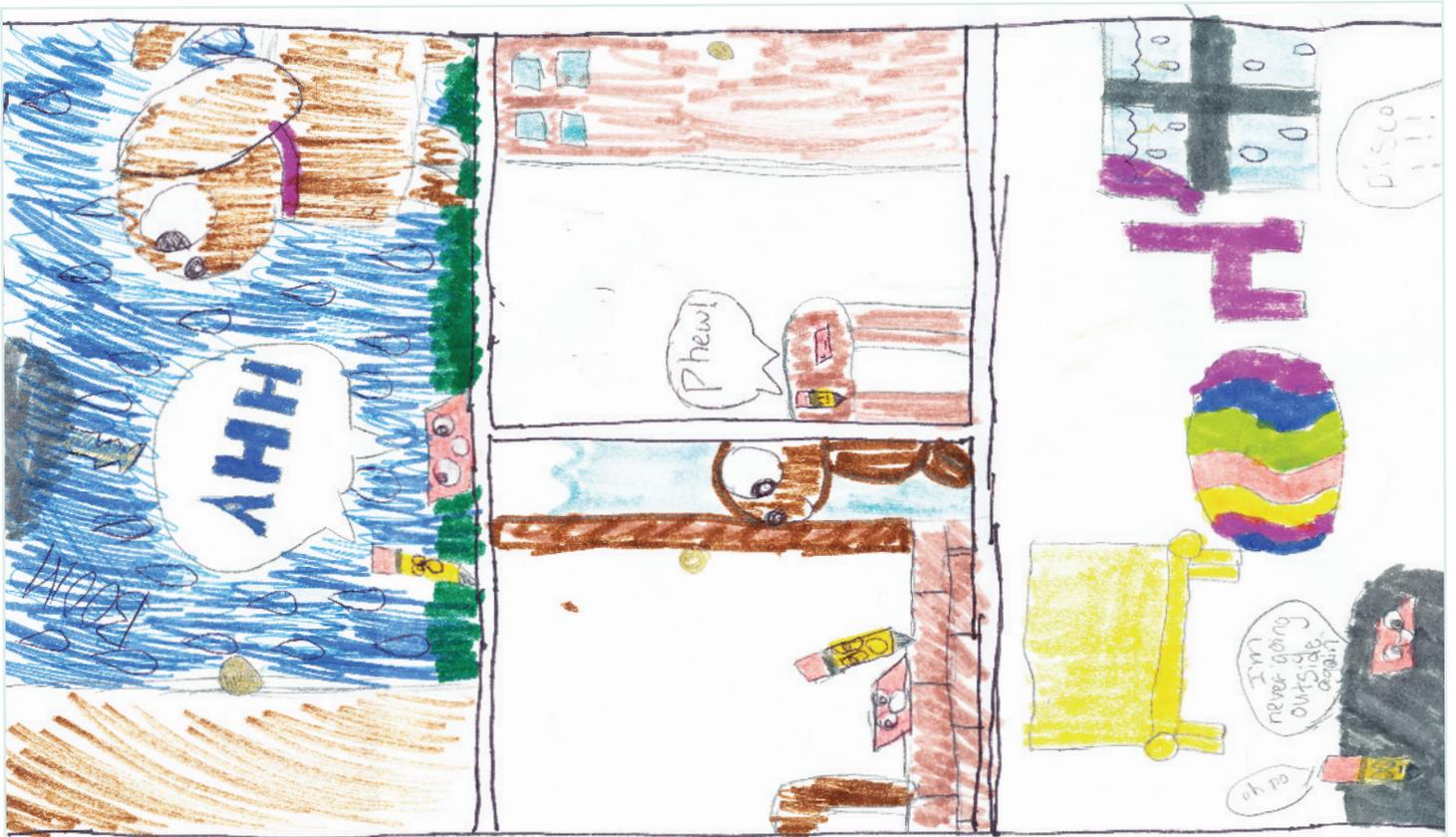
BY LAL OKSUZ (GRADE 5)



BY GABE OSTROWER (GRADE 3)



BY ASEES KALRA (KINDERGARTEN)



COMIC BY CHARLOTTE LONGLEY & SURINA PATEL (GRADE 5)