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CHAPTER ONE

The GiggleIT Project: Global Student Writing Through School Libraries

What is the GiggleIT Project?

History

The GiggleIT Project was created as a free resource for all school librarians worldwide by the International Association of School Librarianship - Children's and Young Adult Literature Special Interest Group.

From 2009-2019, student works submitted by their school librarians were hosted on the IASL website on individual pages for each registered school.

In 2020, the GiggleIT Project transitioned to a “publish at your place” model, so this first decade of GiggleIT student works are now collected in a free eBook series available on the IASL website IASL-online.org so kids all over the world can read these stories, poems, jokes, and riddles.

How to GiggleIT Now

Visit the GiggleIT Project on the IASL website for free lesson plans and instructions
IASL-online.org/advocacy/giggleIT.

There are two Spotlight Projects for each of these themes:

- Animal Antics
- Colors of My World: Through My Window
- Food, Festivals, Fun
- Lucky Me, Lucky You!
- Trickster Tales

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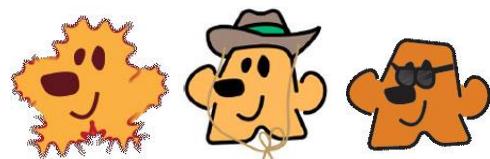
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CHAPTER TWO

Bridlewood Elementary School – Flower Mound, Texas USA



Our GiggleCritters

Our Town & School

Flower Mound is located between lakes Grapevine and Lewisville in Denton County, near Dallas and Fort Worth. Our town was so named because the large Mound was

thought to be a sacred ground of the Wichita Indians and is covered with native wildflowers (Indian Paintbrush and Bluebonnets) between March and October.

Texas is in the south-central part of the US and is also largest state in the continental United States. Texas is nicknamed “The Lone Star State” as it used to be an independent republic.

Bridlewood Elementary is named for the Bridlewood subdivision and serves 530 students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Courses such as Physical Education, Art, and Music are taught along with the core of Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Our mascot is a bronco horse. There are many after school activities that students participate in like Chess Club, Fillies dance team, Bridlewood Literary Society, Lego Club, Mad Science, Golf Club, Choir and Drama Club.



Lucky '13 Texas Poems

Taco - By JLR and DNM

Taco
Beefy
Tortilla
Very lucky
Burrito

Glossary: Taco – beefy meat covered in a tortilla that you can add spices to
Tortilla (say tor-tia) – bread that is rolled up

Cowboy Hat - by AW and MH

cowboy hat
western
protection

lucky as gold

wide

Glossary: Cowboy hat - a wide and tall that protects people from the sun

Horseshoe - by AS and LL

Lucky horseshoe

Lucky if upright

Unlucky if upside down

Used for games

Rusty brown and silver

In the dirt and ground

A stallion's shoe

Protects a bronco's hoof

Made of metal

Clipping and clattering

Glossary:

Horseshoe - a fabricated product of metal designed to protect a horse's hoof from wear

Stallion/Bronco – other names for strong male horse

Hoof - the thick, hard material that covers a horse's foot

My Chili Pepper - By RS, ZB, and JG

I wish I had chili pepper.

I wish I had water now!

I wish I had a magical wand

So I could teleport this taste out of my mouth.

I wish I had not ate that pepper...

But my sister said it was lucky.

I wish I hadn't ate that

Because it tasted very funky!

Glossary: Chili pepper – a small, hot-tasting pod (of capsicum) used dried and chopped in sauces and spice powders. Varieties range from mild to hot, including cascabels and jalapenos.

Lucky '13 Texas Tales

The Lucky Bull Rider - By TR

It was 2013 and Tex was getting ready for a rodeo. He was not just watching – he was riding!

"Mom," he yelled. "Should I report in sick?"

"Sure, honey, do what you want, but you won't get any awards or anything," was his mom's answer.

As most people would be, Tex was nervous about riding the bull. Tex wanted to get a trophy, so he went.

His dad Tyler drives to Fort Worth to drop him off. Tex goes to the contestants area where he meets his bull, Spot.

There were many legends about this bull, bad legends! They were so bad Tex could not breathe!

But Spot wasn't fierce at all – the legends were just to scare bull riders, but Tex didn't know that.

When it is Tex's turn, he felt like his stomach was going to fall out.

Finally, he was out of the cage. The bull starts bucking, but then he stops right in the middle of the arena and lays down!

Everyone laughs and Tex is humiliated, then joins in because he believed those legends.

Tex wins the Funniest Ride Award and hopes he can ride again.

Glossary: Rodeo – an event where people compete by riding horses, bulls, and catching animals with ropes

Bull – a type of male cattle that bucks and jumps wildly when people ride it

Fort Worth – Texas USA city “where the West begins”

Bull rider – a person who tries to stay on bucking bull's back for 8 seconds with no saddle

Arena – an area where sports are played

Chips and Salsa - By MV and BF

One normal day in The Pantry in the period of Food (yummeeee!!!), two heroes were formed – one by peppers, garlic, salt and olive oil (named Salsa) and one by corn flour cooked to the perfect temperature and lightly salted (named Chips). Then they were united to do good - WA-CHAA!!!

Then one day, an evil avocado villain named Avokochio came to The Pantry. He started causing trouble – he spilled juice boxes and knocked over cereal. He was despicable!

Chips and Salsa noticed that Avokochio was causing trouble and went after him!

When they saw Avokochio, he tied them up with string cheese, but Chips sliced them out with his sharp, salty edges.

Salsa launched his peppers at Avokochio, but missed. The peppers bounced off the jelly jar, celery, and Rice Krispies treats, then hit Avokochio in the face and knocked him down!

The Pantry was saved from Avokochio! They turned him into Guac and made him their new sidekick – Chips and Salsa were heroes!

Glossary:

Avocado – pear-shaped fruit originally from Mexico

Pantry – place where food is stored

Salsa – a dip made from peppers and a sauce

Guac – short for guacamole dip made from avocados

Celery – a green vegetable

Jelly – mashed sweet, sugary fruit spread

Rice Krispies treats – dried rice cereal mixed with melted marshmallows and sugar, cut into rectangles

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CHAPTER THREE

Christa McAuliffe Elementary School – Highland Village, Texas USA



Our GiggleCritters

Our School

Our school, Christa McAuliffe Elementary, is located in the southern portion of the United States. We are in Denton County, which is in northern Texas. Our town is Highland Village, which is north of Dallas.

There are about 500 students in our school. Our principal is Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly and our assistant principal is Mrs. Whitney Parlin. Ms. Linda Thiebaud is our librarian.

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studies teacher in Concord, New Hampshire. NASA announced in July, 1985, that McAuliffe had been chosen from among more than 11,000 applicants for its "Teacher in Space Program." The tragic explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, took the lives of McAuliffe and six other crew members. Christa McAuliffe is a reminder to everyone of what classroom experiences are or should be. It is for her and the teaching profession that the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees named this elementary school.

We are fourth and fifth graders at McAuliffe.

Trickster Tales from Texas

Mason and Minnie - By S.D.

Once upon a time, in a land where cacti grew taller than the tallest cowboys, there lived a young elf owl named Minnie. Minnie had always enjoyed her life in the desert, but she was always bothered by her neighbor, a rattlesnake named Mason. Mason was sly and clever and the whole village knew it, so Minnie tried to ignore it. Sometimes, it got a little hard.

"Hissssssssssss," It was Mason.

"Yes, Mason?" Minnie replied in her calmest voice possible.

"May I come into your lovely home?" Mason sneered.

Minnie frantically searched her brain for a reply. She knew bad things would happen if she let him in. "I, uh, my house is, um, a mess! Yeah," Minnie blurted out quickly.

Mason frowned and slithered away. "I want her house so bad! So roomy and cosy...." Mason thought. "If only I could get her out of her house. Then I could slither in and it would be mine!" Mason smirked. "THAT'S not a bad idea....."

Mason slithered out of his house and crouched at the foot of Minnie's cactus. "Now, to lure her out." He thought and thought. "I know! If I make owl calls, maybe she'll come out, thinking it's another owl!" Mason prepared himself, then as loud as he could manage, screeched an owl call. Minnie peeked her head out. Not seeing an owl, Minnie pulled her head back in.

Mason was disappointed as he trudged back to his cactus. "What can I do now?" He thought aloud. He paced the floor, thinking, "What if I trade her something for her home?"

"Minnie!" Mason hissed.

"Yes?" Minnie replied again.

"I have an offer for you. I'll trade you my lovely home for yours." Mason said slowly.

"I'm sorry; Mason, but I love my home. "I won't trade it for yours." Minnie answered.

Mason sulked away. Once again, Mason searched for something to do. Suddenly, he hears a booming "Yeehaw!" and loud galloping from outside. He ran to the door and peered outside. What he saw surprised him. It was a cowboy!

All of a sudden, an idea popped into Mason's clever brain. He scurried outside and out to the feet of the horse. He hissed loudly, sending the horse bucking in fright. The cowboy tumbled off as the horse galloped as fast its long legs could go: STRAIGHT at Minnie!

Mason cackled in delight as the horse got closer and closer to Minnie. Suddenly, the horse skidded to a stop, dust whirling everywhere around him. Mason quickly thought up another plan. "If I can't have it, no one can! Mason sneered. He loudly hissed at the horse again, sending it rocketing straight at the cactus!

Minnie watched in horror as the horse rammed into her home. Pieces of the cactus exploded onto the desert floor. A little cactus flower floated down beside Minnie. "Oh," She wept. "My home and all my things are GONE!" She sulked off, in search of a new place to live.

EPILOGUE

Minnie roamed her new home, satisfied with the new decorations she had just put up. Her new home was a large hole in an old oak tree. It had everything she could ever want: a river, a garden, many trees, and a beautiful lookout over the valley. She never forgot how Mason destroyed her old home, of course, but Minnie lived a wonderful rattlesnake-free life. She was extremely happy.

The Talking Tree - By N.V.

A new visitor, Mockingbird, came one day to the town that rested in the hottest part of the desert. He flew to Longhorn's house and nested inside the nearest cactus. Longhorn came outside to see how his cacti were doing. He looked at the one that Mockingbird was in and said, "This one looks pure and ripe."

Mockingbird heard him and didn't want his new home to be gone. Longhorn was about to cut it down, when he heard the cactus say (It was Mockingbird, hidden), "Why are you going to cut me down when I have feelings, too?"

"Was that you, Cactus?" asked Longhorn.

"Well, sure it is, and why do you want to cut me down when you haven't even gotten to know me?" replied Mockingbird, aka the Cactus.

Longhorn was frightened and ran inside his house. He had to spread news of the talking cactus, so he went to Armadillo's house and told him everything.

"I don't believe you," said Armadillo.

"Well, why don't you come see for yourself," said Longhorn.

Armadillo decided to come. When they reached Longhorn's house, the cactus was gone.

"Where is it?" asked Armadillo.

"I don't know. It was here a minute ago." said Longhorn.

"This was a waste of time." said Armadillo.

Longhorn was shocked until he heard something. "Who is that? Asked Longhorn.

"It is me, the talking tree!"

Longhorn ran away yelling, "The tree is talking!"

"What a goof!" exclaimed Mockingbird as he wiped away his grin and flew away.

The Horse and the Talking Pepper - By L.M.

On a strange afternoon, lizard was looking for something to eat. Lizard is a selfish, rude pest that nobody likes at all. His number one fear is leader cow. Whenever he hears Leader Cow's name, he shivers and cries that he might get squashed!

Lizard said, "Oh, I'm starving! Hey, I wonder what horse has in his garden. I hope he has red hot chili peppers! So spicy and juicy! Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm!"

Horse, not noticing Lizard, said, "I can't wait to water and pick my pepper garden today! Do you know I have tons of peppers?"

"Yessssssssssss! He does have a lot of red hot chili peppers! I can't wait to sink my big fat lips into a fat, juicy pepper! Oh, no, I can't let Horse see me eating his peppers! I'll hide until he leaves. Yep, that will work!"

All that waiting made lizard hungry. So, at sun down lizard finally got inside Horses' garden. "Ahhhh, this is so good that I will hear some more tomorrow! What! I can't get out! Awww, I guess I will have to wait until I lose some weight!"

Next day, Lizard whined, "Ohhhh, my stomach hurts so much. Awwwww! Ahhhhhh!"

"What is that noise?" asked Horse.

Lizard replied, "Uhhhhhhhhh.....Me, the grand talking pepper! I will rule out if I am not known to your people!"

"Oh, oh, oh! I have to show Leader Cow. He will know what to do!" exclaimed Horse.

Lizard said, "No, no, no, don't even think about showing me to Leader Cow! He will squish me if he gets close to me!"

"Of course I won't because you are a very rare species! And besides, why would he want to squish a rare pepper like you?" Horse asked.

"I'm not a pepper, I'm a liz.....I mean, yes, take me to your leader!" said Lizard.

Horse replied, "Okay, whatever you say, amazing talking pepper!"

Along the road, Horse and Lizard ran into Armadillo, the kind and fierce one.

Horse said, "Hey, Armadillo! What's going on here?"

"Nothing.....Hey, why do you have a pepper?" asked Armadillo.

"Oh, I'm giving this to Leader Cow. He will for sure give me a reward for finding this!" exclaimed Horse.

Armadillo asked, "Why, he has thousands of peppers at his ranch?"

"NOT a talking PEPPER! This one is so special that it likes me!" Horse exclaimed.

Armadillo, who was not so sure, said, "Oh, really? Talk pepper, talk! See.....nothing."

Lizard spoke out, "Have you ever heard of a smart Armadillo?"

"Who said that? Was it you, Horse? I know that that pepper didn't say anything to me!" Armadillo exclaimed.

Horse replied, "Sure it did. Like I said, it's a magic pepper."

"Okay! I want to see what Leader Cow has to say about that!" Armadillo responded.

A couple of hours later, Armadillo, Horse, and the magic Pepper, AKA Lizard, were on their way to Leader Cow's ranch. That is when they ran into Coyote.

Coyote asked, "Hi, Fellas! What do you have there? Whatever it is, is it for me?"

Horse and Armadillo said together, "No, it is for Leader Cow only! AND, it's a talking Pepper!"

Coyote replied, "Okay, okay, okay, so it's really a talking Pepper?"

Horse said, "Yes, I will make it talk. Talk, Pepper, talk."

No response.

Coyote said, "I guess it doesn't talk after all."

Pepper spoke out, "Have you ever heard of a cute Coyote?"

Coyote exclaimed, "Who said that? Was it you, Horse, or you, Armadillo?"

Horse responded, "No, it was the Pepper, like I said!"

"Okay, I'm coming with y'all." Coyote replied.

After arriving at Leader Cow's ranch in the mountains, Horse told him, "Leader Cow, look, I have a talking Pepper!"

Leader Cow, unbelieving, asked, "Really, well doesn't keep me waiting! Make it talk!"

Horse answered, "Yes, sir! Talk, Pepper, Talk! Now!"

No response.

Horse cried, "Oh, I don't know what is happening!"

"Well, you have certainly waisted my time!" said Leader Cow.

Pepper piped up, "You call yourself King? You are a disgrace to the West!"

Leader Cow said, "No one will talk to me like that!" With that, he threw the magic pepper back to horse's house into a bunch of bananas.

Lizard said, "Wow! I am hungry again. I will eat a banana."

Horse replied, "Okay, do not talk to me!"

Banana (AKA Lizard) said, "Oh, we should have told you about those peppers....."

Road Runner and the Talking Tree - By C.A.S.

One day, Road Runner was running when he saw Coyote. Road Runner was bored and wanted to have some fun; so Road Runner ran circles around Coyote. Coyote got mad and told Road Runner to stop.

Road Runner just laughed and said, "Catch me if you can!" Road Runner took off running and Coyote chased him. They ran all over the desert.

Road Runner jumped into Armadillo's hole. He said, "Can you go find Coyote for me? I need you to spray this at him when you see him." Road Runner handed Armadillo some pepper spray. "You have a hard shell and Coyote can't hurt you." Road Runner tolled Armadillo to get it to Coyote fast!

When Armadillo left, Road Runner closed the door and locked it. He found some bread and birdseed in the pantry. He then put the food in his bag and ran out of Armadillo's house.

When he got outside he saw both Coyote and Armadillo running his way. Road Runner was getting tired, so he found a huge tree and started pecking at it. The tree was hollow so Road Runner just pecked right through the wood.

He heard Coyote and Armadillo coming so he grabbed some sticks and made stairs inside the tree. Road Runner forgot to close the hole, so when coyote and Armadillo came by they got suspicious. Road Runner heard them coming, so he quickly made a little platform.

Armadillo was tired, so he asked Coyote if he could rest in the tree. Coyote was tired so he asked if he could join Armadillo. Armadillo said he could.

Road Runner was hot, thirsty, and hungry. When Coyote and Armadillo got inside the tree, Road Runner had an idea. He said in a low voice, "Puny animals bring me some water and I will spare your life."

Armadillo and Coyote got scared and said, "Who are you?"

Road Runner replied, "Why, I am King of the Trees, and I demand some water!"

Coyote and Armadillo got even more scared, so they went to get the talking tree some water. On the way, they ran into Wild Wolf. They told Wild Wolf the King of the Trees sent them to get some water. Wild Wolf didn't believe them, so he came along.

When they got back, Wild Wolf said, "See, this ain't a king! It's just a dumb ole' tree!"

Road Runner then said, "I am the King of the Trees and if you think you're so smart, why don't you bring me your king, hmmmmmmmmmmmmmm?"

Wild Wolf was dumbstruck. He then left to get Cobra the King. He told Cobra, "King, there is a talking tree and he wants to see you."

King Cobra agreed to come along. When he got there, he asked the tree if it could talk. No reply. He asked again, but again there was no reply.

King Cobra got mad and said, "You fools! You disturbed me for nothing! This is your first warning; next time I'll make you sit on a cactus!"

He left and the animals started screaming at the tree. Then Road Runner jumped behind a cactus and said, "We cactuses have been trying to tell you, trees need lots of water to stay alive! Their King wasn't smart enough to tell you he was drying up!"

The animals ran off!

Mockingbird, the “innocent trickster” – by M.

Once there was a young Mockingbird and a young White Tailed Deer fawn.

One simply DIVINE summer's morning in the woods of North East Texas, young Mockingbird was hungry for a tasty mid-morning snack. Soon, she came upon White Tailed Deer's berry patch.

She thought to herself, "I think I'll steal a tiny snack from White Tailed Deer's little berry patch. I'm sure she won't mind at all...."

So, when young little White Tailed Deer went inside to make herself a delicious berry pie, Mockingbird didn't even struggle to fly down and DIG IN! About three hours later, White Tailed Deer came back and before the Deer could see her, Mockingbird (quite quickly) flew up, up, up into the highest tree she could find so that White Tailed Deer wouldn't find her.

When White Tailed Deer saw her berry patch she said in shock, "My, my, who would've done such a thing?"

White Tailed Deer said, "I'm going to stay outside until the sneaky little criminal shows itself. Yes, yes, that's what I'll do!" So, White Tailed Deer did just that. She waited and waited, but no one ever showed up!

Mockingbird waited and waited but the Deer never left. Since then, White Tailed Deer never ever left her garden again and the young Mockingbird learned her lesson and never ever tricked anyone again!

Snow White's Seven Dwarfs in the Scottish culture

Our Snow White is **Scottish Lass**.

Our school mascot is a Highlander; and the definition of Highlanders is one who lives in a highland and a native of the Highlands of Scotland. McAuliffe is a Scottish name.

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Our Seven Dwarfs are:

Lewi L.- There are many lakefront homes and homes with a lake view here surrounding Lewisville Lake.

Extremo -Highland Village has had over 70 days of extreme weather of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tekki -(Technology) The use of technology is a priority in Lewisville Independent School District. It supports the use of technology for research, creating, and collaborating. The goal is to have access of technology on a daily basis through a variety of equipment and software.

Sporti -Our students participate in a variety of sports here including Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

Shoppy -Highland Village is the ultimate shopping destination! The plethora of shops include retail (clothing), restaurants, sporting, printing, photography, hair salons, florists and many more types.

Woodsy -Highland Village has extensive trees with trails designed for walking, jogging, and bicycling. The trails go through neighborhoods and parks.

T.T. Patriot (True Blue Patriot)- Lewisville Independent School District has several Blue Ribbon Schools, and McAuliffe is one of them! The Blue Ribbon Program is a United States government program that was created in 1981 to honor schools. It is the highest honor an American school can achieve. Highland Village also has an annual red, white, and blue festival on the Fourth of July Celebration.

Through My Window: Our Haiku Poems

School – by AC
I'm a Highlander.
I do awesome at school, too.
McAuliffe is fun!

I Love the Outdoors – by AG

I love the outdoors,
Trees are so pretty in spring,
It is always nice.

The Balloon Festival – by AG

All the bright colors
The balloons are rising up
It's very pretty.

The Little Wolf – by AS

A new wolf was born.
She was a little brown wolf.
The wolf is happy.

Triathlons – by AW

They are tons of fun!
They make you feel good inside.
They get you healthy.

Brownies – by AW

The little brownies
Are covered with pink frosting
With sprinkles on top.

The Park – by DP

It's like castle
A humble abode for kids
Brings fun to all minds

Brazil Soccer – by BF

Soccer's a beast sport
But Brazil has the best team
Their men's team is beast.

Lake Lewisville – by BP

When the sunset goes,
The lake gets dark and quiet.
Noise disappears.

Kid's Kastle Pond – by BP

Coming from water
Is a frog leaping up high
His very first time.

Me – by BW

I like to read books.
I have been stung by a wasp.
This is a great town.

Reading is Great! – by CA

Reading is so great!
What book are you reading now?
I would like to know.

Football – by CD

I throw the football!
The football flies like a bird;
The ball will be caught.

My Dog – by CH

My dog's friendly.
My dog's name is Oliver.
He runs really fast!

Shops of Highland Street – by CM

The shops are awesome!
They have good places to eat.
We also have stores.

Farms – by CW

Flower filled meadows
Animals gazing on grass
Crops growing so high!

Books – by CY

I love to read books!
Books I read are very long.
They are very fun.

Highland Village – by CY

Highland Village rocks!
We have a shopping center.
We have a small lake.

The Great Phoenix – by DH

A majestic bird
Immersed in eternal flame,
Reborn out of ash.

McAuliffe – by DM

We love McAuliffe!
Highlanders, we are the best!
McAuliffe is best!!!

McAuliffe – by DP

McAuliffe is great!
Marcus Marauders kick butt.
Alex can throw fast!

My Highland Village – by DW

Crowded school hallways,
Rolling hills and biking trails;
My Highland Village.

Texas Rangers – by EV

To Texas Rangers
Bases fully loaded - Bam!!!
Grand slam hit with pace!

Volleyball – by EN

I serve it over,
The crowd cheering once again.
I wait patiently.

The Creek – by FR

The creek flows like spring:
Flowing, bubbling, rushing flow,
Always rushing past.

Soccer – by FH

Soccer is the best.
Running up the field so fast!
Soccer is my sport.

Animals – by FR

I love Animals!
They are really fun and cute.
They like to play, too.

My School – by EV

It's very crazy!
You get to do crazy stuff,
You get to make crafts!

Kids Kastle – by GM

In our Kid's Kastle,
We see loads of wood and rocks.
Kids play and have fun!

Football – by GH

You walk in and hear
A lot of people screaming;
Then you know, "Touchdown!"

Nature – by HH

Flowers are blowing;
Pollen is in the air today.
Nature's very nice!

Highland Village – by HH

At Highland Village
Fabulous Fun Everywhere!
Best Place in the World.

Sports – by HT

I like to play sports.
My favorite sport is fun.
That sport is soccer.

Baseball – by JB

Baseball is my sport.
Baseball's the best sport ever!
Baseball is so fun!

Texas – by GS

The big Lone Star State;
Cowboys ride through desert,
The old western days.

Football – by JT

Football is the best!
It is so much fun to play!
I play it a lot.

School – by JS

When I go to school,
It is fun and it is hard!
I learn many things.

McAuliffe – by KD

I love McAuliffe,
We have lots of fun at school,
We are always kind.

Lewisville Lake – by KD

Approaching the lake,
Flipping off the inner tube,
Laughing my head off!

Nature's Love – by KG

Butterflys fly near
All our friends smile with cheer
Natures love is here!

Flowers – by KW

The flowers stand tall;
The flowers fly in the wind.
Flowers are lovely!

Running – by LB

Running is awesome!
Running's good for exercise.
It keeps me healthy.

WalMart – by LC

Grab the shopping cart!
Get all my sandwich items;
Picnic by old tree.

I Love McAuliffe – by MC

I love McAuliffe,
Always make good choices,
Work hard and play hard.

WalMart – by MC

Highland Village rocks!
Cool Highland Village schools!
Police always help.

Sun on the Lake – by MD

The hot Texas sun,
Beating down along the lake.
Never bores watchers.

Highland Village Rocks – by MH

People love to shop.
We have a lot of flowers.
We have a small lake.

The Fox Kit – by MM

A new fox was born.
She loved to play and tumble.
She stays by her mom.

Kid's Kastle – by MR

Kid's Kastle is great.
Children laughing very loud;
I can have much fun!

My City – by NF

Putting on my shoes
Walking in my neighborhood
Loving my city

Dance – by NH

Nice pointed toes!
I calypso, turn, then leap!
Point, jazz, and ballet.

Marcus and McAuliffe – by RJ

McAuliffe is cool!
Marcus kicks butt at football;
Marcus is cool!

A Soccer Ball – by RS

The soccer ball zooms!
It hovers above the ground.
It rolls in the net.

The Briarhill Bulldogs – by SM

Go red and silver!
Don't leave hope when you're down
Beat the other team!

Highland Village – by SO

Highland Village rocks!
I love this town; it's jolly!
It is a nice town.

Lewisville Lake – by TR

A wet hole on land
Has colorful fish in it
The Lewisville Lake.

Books – by TR

I love to read books.
I love to read chapter books!
I like funny books.

All About Texas – by WD

Texas is advanced;
Is one of the safest states,
Second biggest state!

The Night – by TM

It is pretty scary;
Stars are bright, the moon will light
Who know what will come?

2012 Limericks

There once was a cactus from Amarillo
Who loved playing in the creepy weeping willow.
The willow made him weep,
Then he had to sleep;
Had to sleep on his very tough and rough pillow!
- by KH

There once was a cowboy who told all “Hello!”
He went to the store and purchased some jello.
The jello was jiggly.
It made him wiggly;
Then the rough cowboy turned a very bright yellow!
- by BV

Once upon a time in a land far, far away,
There was a cowboy, and he decided to stay.
He thought he would ache,
When he saw that snake.
But all that snake did was ask for directions to May.
- by MD

All the cacti in Alpine grew years and years ago
Where a cowboy in the Big Bend just wanted to go.
He dreamed a dream
With pumpkin pie cream;
But in the end all that was left was a mango.
- by KK

There once was a cowboy from Amarillo,
Whose mustache was as wispy as a willow.
The cowboy traveled ‘round
And at the desert he found
His ‘stache made a good home for an armadillo!

- by SD

On a bright, sunny day in Dallas,
There was a small girl named Alice.
She took a ride on her horse,
And got off of course,
And ended up in east Texas' Pales(stine)!

- by SD

There once was an armadillo that had a pillow.
The armadillo lived in a humungous willow.
He came out of the crowd,
And took a big bow.
When he walked to see the sea, he saw a pillow!

- by SW

There once was a man who went to space.
He could never dream of such a place!
He flew to Mars,
And then to the stars.
He never wanted to leave such a wondrous place!

- by KH

Those are our rocking and home run hitting Texas Rangers.
They're playing a game with so many, many dangers.
Nelly hit a home run;
Now they skillfully won!
Those are our rocking and home run hitting Texas Rangers.

- by ER

In Texas we live in peace together
And the trips in Austin are an adventure!
The birds fly with ease;
The lakes create a breeze.
If we would only keep up with the weather!

- by LS

There once was an armadillo from Dallas.
He loved to look up cities in an atlas.
He fell on his head
And crawled into bed;
But tried to look in the atlas for Dallas.

- by SP

There once was a man with a doll and a fat cow.
That doll and his fat cow really knew how to bow.
They went to a dance,

And they did love to prance;
But then the doll and the cow forgot how to bow!
- by CH

There once was a man born in the Alamo.
He now lives in a place called Amarillo.
Then came a twister,
And he found his lost sister
And got an adventurous cat called Squanto.
- by AS

There once was a man from Highland Village.
He noticed his sports car had high millage;
But when it broke down,
He sat with a frown;
So he rode his horse home named Fillage.
- by BC

I once spotted a quite large and lonely Longhorn,
(While he was eating some buttery popcorn).
It went to the state fair
And saw a big bear.
What a sight, when the bear was seen blowing his French horn!
- by TB

The Texas Rangers Baseball team was in first places
Until they started tripping over their shoelaces.
They can't make a catch
Unless they make a stretch!
Yet they still never get a trophy in their case...
- by CK

There once was a tall man whose name was Big Tex.
He was almost as tall as a ferocious Rex
From his cowboy Stetson
To his brown boots on.
He towered over the citizens of the large state Tex.
- by DC

Texas is a great state to run wild and free!
This is my absolute favorite place to be!
You can stand proud
For all the crowd!
There are great things in Texas for y'all to see!
- by AB

Once upon a time there was a Bluebonnet flower.
It sat there all day waiting for a rain shower.
Once the shower came
The flower exclaimed!
The Texas State Flower jumped up with a lot of power!
- by KK

Lucky '13 Poems and Tales

Leprechauns at the end of the rainbow.
United Kingdom has lots of Leprechauns!
Clovers with four green leaves.
Key of luck is shared with Texas.
- by NR, RT, and TS

Glossary: Leprechaun: A very lucky little man that brings good luck and stands at the end of a rainbow, usually beside a pot of gold.
Clover: A four leaved clover is a plant that is hard to find and is rumored to bring good luck to whoever finds it.
Texas: The second biggest state in the United States; just smaller than Alaska! It is located in the southern part and measures 267,339 square miles.

Great Priced
Oil
Of
Dallas

Luck is Oil
Unlucky is no Oil
Cars use lots of Oil
Kingsville is lucky in oil wells.
- by KD and KC

Glossary:
Kingsville is a town in the south part of Texas
Oil wells are places where you can drill for oil.

Here in Texas, Leprechauns Wear Cowboy Boots - by SE
Leprechauns wear cowboy boots and carry a pot o' gold.
Upside down pennies are considered good luck.
Clovers with 4 leaves and rabbits feet bring you good luck.
Kids and adults are careful not to spill their salt shaker when eating their steak.
Y'all better say "HOWDY!" if you see a leprechaun wearing cowboy boots!

Glossary: Cowboy Boots: Common footwear made of tough leather for western folk known as Cowboys.

Pot o' Gold: A pot filled with golden coins which a leprechaun has at the end of a rainbow.

Clover: a 4 leafed luck symbol common on Saint Patrick's Day, a luck and green filled holiday.

Salt shaker: It is considered bad luck when knocked over unless you throw some over your shoulder.

Y'all: A Texas slang word that means "you all"

Howdy: A western way of saying hi or hello.

Green fortune

Odd Timing

Off the trail of bad luck

Different from challenging.

Leaf clovers

Unexpected

Charms

Knowing it's strange.

- by BP and ES

TEXAS- by CO and GR

Texas is really great,

We are the Lone Star State!

If you win the lottery,

You might be accused of a robbery.

If you see a cowboy shouting, "Howdy, Y'all!"

You better get your hat, and start jumpin' like a bouncy ball!

If your house gets hit by a tornado,

You'll probably lose your tickets to the rodeo.

If you find some oil,

You will soon be spoiled.

We are lucky to have such great award-winning apple pie,

And if you taste it you will fly!

Glossary: Y'all: means You All

Lone Star State: The Texas flag has one star on it.

Marcus Pep Rally - by CA and SM

One afternoon there was a McAuliffe Elementary pep rally.

The Principal, Mrs. Mattingly, walked up on stage.

(Audience: shhhhhh)

Mrs. Mattingly started talking about the BIG high school football game.

(Audience chants: Go, Marcus, Go!)

Football players are running through the door.
Cheerleaders cheering, shaking their pom-poms.
(Audience: clapping)

The Marcus football players are so lucky they have such good players to win the game.

Sadly, the pep rally was over, but all the students had a smile on their face as they walked out the door.

Glossary: McAuliffe Elementary: An elementary school named after Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was an astronaut.

Football game: A sport that includes a leather ball and a field with numbers on it.

Marcus High School: A high school near Dallas, Texas that has a Marauder as their mascot.

Cheerleaders: People who lead in cheers for their school

Marcus - by JL and LM

Marauders have luck.
At football games we always win
Riding away with victory
Choosing our best plays,
Using our best effort,
Success of victory we have!

Gingerdillo - by four of Mrs. Thiebaud's 5th grade classes

Luckily, Santa and Mrs. Claus were baking cookies.
Unluckily, they had no flour.

Luckily, they were able to borrow magic dust from the elves.
Unluckily, when they put the cookie in the oven, it jumped out as Gingerdillo! He told Santa and Mrs. Claus, "Run, run, run as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm Gingerdillo!"

Luckily, the workshop was close by so he could hide.
Unluckily, Gingerdillo was grabbed by a hungry elf with snow-covered hands.

Luckily, Gingerdillo slipped through his hands. "Run, run, run as fast as you can! I ran away from Santa and Mrs. Claus and I can run away from you, too. You can't catch me, I'm Gingerdillo!"

Unluckily, Santa and Mrs. Claus were chasing him. "Come back! Come back, Gingerdillo!"

Luckily, the magic dust allowed him to fly. He chanted, "Run, run, run as fast as you can! I ran away from an elf and I can run away from you, too. You can't catch me, I'm Gingerdillo!"

Unluckily, Santa and Mrs. Claus hopped on Rudolph and were in hot pursuit.

Luckily, Gingerdillo dropped into Santa's sleigh.
Unluckily, Gingerdillo fell into Santa's bag.

Luckily, it was time for Santa to begin his journey around the world.
Unluckily, over Texas, the ride became bumpy from a Texas twister.

Luckily, Gingerdillo fell out of the bag he had hidden in.
Unluckily, Gingerdillo went spiraling straight to the ground!

Luckily, Santa was watching out and sprinkled his own magic dust.

When Gingerdillo landed in Amarillo, he was a live armadillo!
And luckily, there were other armadillos there who accepted him as one of their own.

Luckily, Santa called out as he sped off, "Merry Christmas to all and to all, a good night!"

Glossary: Santa Claus: Also known as Saint Nicholas. He brings gifts to children at their homes on Christmas Eve, December 24 as they are sleeping. He wears red, has a long, white beard and is jolly

Mrs. Claus: The wife of Santa Claus. She is white haired and plump and usually quiet

Elf: Assists Santa Claus in workshops making toys for good little boys and girls

Rudolph: One of Santa's reindeer who leads Santa's sleigh because of his bright red nose that lights up in the night sky

Twister: another name for a strong tornado

Armadillo: a small mammal with a leathery armored shell

Amarillo: a city in the panhandle (northwestern part) of Texas

2014 Animal Antics

Animal Antics – Our Pets

The German Shepherd Sally buried some bones, the bones were bitter, so she buried more bones to make the bitter bones better but the bitter bones were still bitter.

- by KM

Glossary: Sally- A dark brown and black German Shepherd dog

bitter- A harsh, disagreeably acrid taste

buried- To put in the ground and cover with earth

Sassy and the Sweater – by SL & JM

Sassy slipped on silvery sterling earrings. Sassy stitched silvery stitches in the silk sweater. Sassy slipped on silver shining slippery ice. She soared through the air and slipped a second time. The stitches slipped out of the silvery sparkling sweater. Sam soared to Sassy on the slippery speckled ice. Sam spun around swinging her scarf. Sam gave Sassy sweet sour candy.

Glossary: Sassy: a pet dog

sterling: a metal that is made of 92.5 percent of pure silver

stitch: a complete movement of a needle with thread on it

soared: to fly very high in the air.

speckle: a small spot, mark or discoloration.

spin: to rotate or whirl around.

sweet: Food that is sweet has a taste like that of sugar or honey.

Tate the Tall Turtle – by HM

Tate the tall turtle took Tim the tall turtle up the tall tower. Tate the tall turtle then took Tim the tall turtle to his tall shop. Tim the tall turtle told Tate the tall turtle to take the tall tank to live in. Tim the tall turtle told Tate the tall turtle thank you. So Tim the tall turtle took the tall tank and went to bed.

Glossary: Turtles: You can find turtles in backyards, on ranches, and along roadways in Texas. Maybe in the desert. To find them in the desert it kind of depends on the type. In this tongue twister Tim and Tate are both box Turtles.

Choco – by PS

He is a mysterious creature

A delirious creature

One that sits on everything

Including bleachers

He likes tacos

You may know him as Choco Taco

This dog got his name from Choco.

And a taco

Then it was combined

To rhyme

As Choco Taco

He is my pet

That chases Pepp.

But overall

I think he is a doll.

Glossary: Choco: I wanted to name my dog chocolate, and my brother wanted to name him taco, soooooo.....

Taco: A Mexican food.

Pepp: Short for Pepper, my other dog's name.

Bleachers: Something that we sit on during sport games.

Doll: A toy, or a name we call a perfect thing or person.

Animal Antics – the wild creatures

Rattlesnakes - by JM

Rattle shakes when it moves

Animal -- ouch!!!!

Texas wildlife.

Touch -- don't think about it!!

Lizards are a delicacy.

Eastern Diamondback – 84 inches

Suonosiop

Nostrils are excellent -- NO PERFUME!!!!!!

Age -- just count its rattles.

Kick it -- NO WAY!!!!!!

Eye sight is excellent -- HIDE!!!!!!

Strikes out -- watch out!

Glossary: Rattlesnake: A snake that is poisonous and has a rattle.

Suonosiop: Poisonous spelled backwards.

Rattlesnakes - by MR

Really Venomous

Attacking Animals

Terrifying Texans

Terrifically Terrible

Longest is around 30 inches

Extremely Enticing

Scaring Citizens

Not invincible to Roadrunners

Annoyingly Numerous

King of our Snake World

Edible, I guess!

Snakes of Terror!

Glossary: Rattlesnakes: a type of snakes found in Texas, known for the rattle at the end of their tails

Venomous: full of venom, sometimes poisonous

Roadrunners: a type of bird, very fast, eats snakes

Coyote - by NB

Color is orangish brown

Omnivore at night

Yells a song at night

On the prowl at night
Together as a pack they hunt
Everyone sleeps during the day

Glossary: Coyote – It's a large wild dog, is orangish brown, and lives in North and South America (and Texas).

Omnivore - An omnivore is an animal that eats meat and plants.

Prowl - It is when something is moving or is hunting.

Longhorn - by LL

Long body that runs all around the desert

Outrageous running and jumping

Nice soft fur

Gallop across the desert arena.

Horns that reach all the way to the ceiling

Old creature existing hundreds of years

Rough to their opponent that tries to ride them

Not tamed, a very wild animal

Glossary: The longhorn is the Texas state mammal. The longhorn is almost exactly like a bull. They are all around in Texas. Longhorns are in rodeos we have in Texas. Longhorns are as well-known as Texas. Texas is known as BIG and longhorns are BIG!

Armadillo - by LG

Running in the sand, they leave footprints in the sand

Morning till evening they will sleep

Armadillo will take care of their babies

Dig underground as a home

It will jump high when it is startled

Leaping into the water it will walk

Little bodies when born feel like candle wax

Oh, mommy, can I have some milk said the babies

Glossary: Armadillo - a shelled mammal that lives in very hot places in Texas

Kangaroo Rat- by AS

A kangaroo rat - what even is that?

Does it jump really high or does it touch the sky?

Maybe it kicks its big legs like a real kangaroo.

Will it jump at your face or will it run away?

It must just be regular.....
NO!!! I know it is probably a normal kangaroo.
I'm assuming you all think I'm crazy,
but I've never seen or heard of one.
I mean, it's a kangaroo rat - what even is that?!?!

Glossary: Kangaroo Rat: A rodent that does not drink water and is spotted mostly at night. Found in the Trans-Pecos area in Texas.

Awesome Alliterations - by AE

Amy Armadillo aimed an apple at Andy Armadillo's adder Alex
Lilly Longhorn laughed loudly at Loxlen Longhorn for landing looped in the Lambs-Ears
James Jackrabbit jumped over Jane Jackrabbit's jeep

Glossary: Armadillo: a large mammal with a protective shell that can curl into a ball

Adder: a small European snake

Longhorn: a cow-like animal with long horns

Lambs-Ears: a soft plant

Jackrabbit: a large Texas rabbit

Jeep: a type of car

When A Turtle Twirls Twizzlers - by ZM

Turtles twirl twizzlers at twilight.

Turtles love their twizzlers, am I right?

If turtles love their twizzlers,

then do they love their scissors?

Turtles twirl twizzlers at twilight.

Foxes wear rock filled socks.

If you ask about it they'll say, "It rocks!"

If they like it that much,

then do they like them in a clutch?

Foxes wear rock filled socks.

Bunnies slowly chew fruit gummies.

If you saw it, you'd say it's funny.

I wonder if the bunnies

also think it's funny.

Bunnies slowly chew fruit gummies.

Glossary: Turtle - A shelled reptile.

Twizzlers - Licorice

Scissors - Metal object used for cutting things.

Fox - a catlike creature with red fur and a bushy tail.

Clutch - A small handheld bag

Bunny - a small mammal with a little tail and long ears.

Gummies - also known as fruit snacks. Small, bite-sized chewable snacks.

As I walk into the house, a strange rustling sound came from the trees
I step outside of the house to see what it is.
I looked around, and then I looked up
To see a brown nut soaring towards my head and it barely missed!
I searched on the ground for the nut that almost hit me.
As I was looking, another nut fell from the tree and landed on my back.
I twirled around to see that acorns were falling from the trees.
This was strange because there were barely any acorns on the ground.
I finally spotted an acorn.
As I went to pick it up, a small brown creature tore past me and stole the acorn.
I couldn't go inside now, I had to figure out what that creature was!
I looked up to see a squirrel giggling and laughing at me.
I picked up a stick and threw it at him.
The stick missed, so the squirrel threw an acorn at me
Unlike the stick, the acorn hit me square in the face.
I gave up and went inside.
Next time, I won't mess with a squirrel!
- by AW

Glossary: Squirrel: a small, brown furry-tailed mammal

Festivals, Food, Fun: Yummy Poems 2015

Festival - by JB

Fries

Everywhere I see food

Saltwater taffy

Taking food from the stands

I'm looking at the wonderful food

Vanilla ice cream

Amazing food

Love looking at all of the unique food!

Glossary: Fries—a potato cut in thin wedges and fried in grease

Saltwater Taffy—Sweet and chewy candy

Stands—Shops giving food out for exchange of money

Chocolate Ice Cream - by ES

Creamy chocolate goodness
Heaven on Earth
Obviously delicious
Craving it when I'm sad
Obviously its brown in color
Always made especially for Valentine's Day
Lasts longer in a cold place
In many shapes
Totally perfect with nuts or caramel
Easy to melt
It cools you down when you suck on it
Cold and clear
Every part of it is smooth
Cream or beige colored usually
Really soothing and delicious
Extremely yummy
A lot like frosting
Magnificent flavor

Glossary: Ice cream—a frozen dessert, usually made with milk

Valentine's Day—A celebration observed on February 14. Many people exchange flowers or cards or candy.

Fries - by JE

Fries are the best state fair food that I have ever had.
Red ketchup goes great with fries.
I love them for their crispiness and flavor.
Eat them with burgers.
So, so good!

Glossary: Fries—Cut up potatoes fried in grease until crispy

Burgers—A sandwich with lots of layers of meat and veggies

Ketchup—A table sauce made with tomatoes

Festival Food: Ice Cream - by GG

Icy and cool on a blazing hot summer day.
Creamy and coolness will make you shout, "Hurray!"

Every flavor melts in your mouth.
Cold and frozen, or hot and fried in the South,
Ready to make y'all feel refreshed.
Every day last will be the best,
At the Texas Fair.
Mouths will smile when they test this ice cream.

Glossary: Y'all—A short way of saying you all in Texas
Texas Fair—A three-week long carnival with food, rides, and games

Texas Fair Treats - by RV

Funnel cakes are the best.
Astounding!
Ice cream is going to be your favorite!
Root beer floats are like heaven...
The iced tea is lovely.
Really delicious foods,
Excellent fair treats.
Amazing hot dogs all around!
Turkey legs that will make your stomach full.
Sandwiches fill you up!

Glossary: Funnel cakes—A sweet batter fried in hot oil until crispy
Root beer floats—A drink made with scoops of vanilla ice cream and icy cold root beer soft drink
Hot dogs—A cooked sausage served in a slice bun

Chili Cook-off - by MR

Walk up to the table,
Give a ticket.
They'll give you chilis
and hope you vote on it!
Some chilis are meatless,
Others are like stew.
If there's another kind,
You should try it, too!

Glossary:

Chili Cook-off—A festival where the teachers cook chili and the kids vote for the one they like best.

Chili—A spicy dish made of ground beef, hot peppers and beans

Fried S'more - by KJ

Fried food is the best!

Running to get

Irresistible to any life form

Everyone wants it!

Dinner is served.

So worth the troubles;

Money is not needed.

Oh, mer gersh! So good!

Really long line to get to it.

Everyone who doesn't like it is not human!

Glossary: Oh, mer gersh—oh, my gosh

S'mores—a traditional nighttime campfire treat popular in the United States consisting of a fire-roasted marshmallow and a layer of chocolate sandwiched between two pieces of graham cracker.

Drumstick - by AR

Delicious!

Recipe is easy.

Use a plate to put the food on.

Me and you can enjoy it!

Sometimes a chicken leg;

The stick is the bone.

Is a food,

Crunchy and hard on the outside.

Kind words make it more fun to eat!

Glossary: Drumstick—a chicken leg. NOT used to bang on a drum.

Chili - by RL

Cold or hot, I love it.
Have fun with family when you eat chili.
I love chili.
Luscious is what it is.
I heart chili!!!!!!

Glossary: Chili—A bean and meat mixture
I heart chili—I love chili

Festival Foods - by LG

At the fair there is so much to do!
There are also many rides, too.
The fair food is the best!
It is so good, you'll have to take a rest.
They have a great Funnel cake
That so many people bake.
The famous Fletcher's Corny dogs
With a line so long you might miss the hogs.
Fried Snickers are to die for...
Man, this place will leave you poor!
The best thing there is the ice cream.
Don't eat it before a ride that makes you scream.
The finger-lickin' Barbecue Chicken leg –
It will literally make you beg.
The food is so good you'll have to wait in line.
It will leave you with just a dime.

Glossary: Fair—An annual event that features people, food, carnival rides, and farm animals

Funnel cake—A sweet batter that is fried until crisp
Fletcher's Corny dogs—First sold in 1942, it is a sausage coated in a thick layer of corn meal and deep fried in hot oil until crisp
Fried Snickers—A chocolate candy bar deep fried in oil at the fair

Curly Fries - by JT

Crunch, crunch, crunch
Ummm...delicious!!!
Really tasty
Love, in the form of a spring.
You should probably wipe the grease off your hands.
Fun with the fair foods
Right at the Texas State Fair.
It will make your last buds explode (not literally)
Epic and are different.
Satisfaction at its finest!

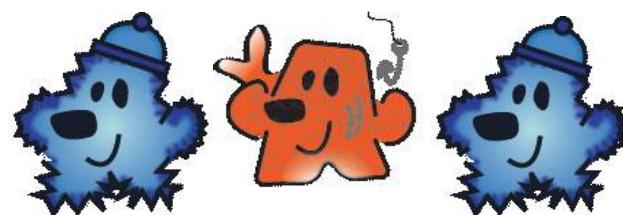
Glossary: Texas State Fair - A fair celebrated at downtown Dallas each year
Curly Fries— French fries that are curly, deep fried potatoes. Comes in various flavors

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CHAPTER FOUR

Donges Bay Elementary School – Donges Bay, Wisconsin USA



Our GiggleCritters

Our Class & School

We have 27 kids in our class and our teacher is Ms. Figg. We are known as “The Figglets” in our school. Some of the things we like to do in our free time include, playing on a trampoline, going hunting, going camping and we have lots of cool places in our state to do that, swim in any of our thousands of lakes in our state, play video games, play sports and participate in after school theater. We live in an area that has all four seasons, so we get lots of snow in the winter and have really warm summers.

Donges Bay School has about 500 students and both boys and girls attend this school. In our school we have math, reading, science, music, art, gym and also social studies where we learn about our state. We also get to have a library class and check out books, and learn how to do things on the computer. Our school district was recently voted the number 1 district in the state. We are very proud of that!

Our school and city are located near the shores of Lake Michigan which is one of the Great Lakes. Wisconsin is located in the center of the United States, but we are almost completely surrounded by water on three sides with Lake Superior on the north and the huge Mississippi River on the west and Lake Michigan on our eastern border.

Our state is home to the famous Green Bay Packer professional football (not soccer) team located in Green Bay WI.



Our Fortunate–Unfortunate Story of Traveling Throughout Wisconsin, USA - by “The Figglets” (Ms. Figg’s 4th Grade Class)

Fortunately, our class was going on a field trip to many regions of Wisconsin, USA.

Unfortunately, the bus broke down at our first stop, Lake Geneva.

Fortunately, while we were in Lake Geneva, we were able to compete in the Winterfest snow and ice sculpture competition.

Unfortunately, our snow sculpture fell on the judges... and we were asked to leave

Fortunately, when we visited Madison, the state capital, our class was able to tour the University of Wisconsin and to visit Lake Monona.

Unfortunately, some of our class fell in and were wet for the rest of the day as we visited Camp Randall where Civil War soldiers lived.

Fortunately, we got to visit the Capitol Building and see where the governor works.

Unfortunately, we ran up the steps... and were asked to leave the building.

Fortunately, when we visited Milwaukee, we got to go the Milwaukee Brewers professional baseball game and eat bratwurst.

Unfortunately, some of the kids got sick so we headed to Discovery World Museum where they had to lay on the bed of nails before we could continue.

Fortunately, at Bradford Beach we got to play in the sand and build sand castles, fly kites and play volleyball.

Unfortunately, while we were eating lunch, a seagull attacked us!

Fortunately, we got to go to Kopp's Custard Stand and get dessert.

Unfortunately, all they had left was broccoli-flavored frozen custard.

Fortunately, when we visited Ozaukee County where we live, we rode our bikes on the InterUrban trail that is over 30 miles long throughout the county.

Unfortunately, some of the kids got flat tires and had to push their bikes for miles over bridges, up and down hills and through cornfields.

Fortunately, when we arrived near Lake Winnebago, we were able to boat through the Fox River into Lake Winnebago, the largest lake in the state.

Unfortunately, our boat sank and we had to swim to shore!

Fortunately, when we visited Green Bay, we went to a Packers game with front-row seats, wear our cheeseheads, and got a free football stadium tour with the team's well-known quarterback Aaron Rodgers as our tour guide.

Unfortunately, he got hurt while he was practicing, so Clay Matthews gave us the tour instead and let us run wild in Lambeau Field...we were asked to leave.

Fortunately, when we visited Door County we got to visit Peninsula State Park, one of 24 state parks in the state of Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, part of our class got stuck at the top of the tower that overlooks Lake Michigan which made us late for the outdoor drive-in movie theatre.

Fortunately, we got to go to a restaurant that has goats on the roof on the way in Sister Bay.

Unfortunately, one of the goats got down off the roof and started chasing us...we were asked to leave.

Fortunately, when we visited Blue Mound State Park, the tour guide brought us down to the Blue Mound Cave.

Unfortunately, the tour guide went outside to get his flashlight and forgot to come back - we got stuck in the underground cavern for over four hours!

Fortunately, we got exercise running down the sand dunes at Kohler-Andrae State Park that is located on Lake Michigan.

Unfortunately, while exercising on the dunes, some raccoons ate all of our food at our campsite.

Fortunately, when we visited Manitowoc on the Lake Michigan shoreline, we got to stay in a World War II submarine overnight at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

Unfortunately, it started moving with us on board!

Fortunately, we made it back to Donges Bay School without any major injuries.

Unfortunately, we were late and our parents were worried.

But it was a great trip throughout Eastern Wisconsin in the USA!

Glossary: Bradford Beach= popular beach on Lake Michigan.

Bratwurst= a hot dog shaped sausage that came from Germany. Many of the people who live in our area are from Germany.

Cheesehead= a yellow foam hat that looks like a slab of cheese. Wisconsin is very well known for its cheese.

Civil War= a war between the northern states and the southern states in the 1860s. The North won and abolished slavery.

Football (American) = An American sport with 11 players on each team, played with an oval-shaped leather ball. Each team has a different jersey shirt or uniform. Players can use their hands for throwing or carrying the ball and their feet for running or punting (kicking the ball to give it to the other team or trying to score a field goal.) Every time a player runs the ball past the goal posts, his team gets 6 points, with a 1 point after-score kick. Every time they make a field goal kick over the goal posts, that team scores 3 points. The whole goal of the game is to have the most points when the time on the clock runs out. (by M.)

Green Bay Packers= our 13-time world champion National Football League team, more than any other team!

Kopps Custard Shop= Famous Milwaukee frozen custard (like soft ice cream) shop.

Lambeau Field= the football field that the Green Bay Packers professional American football team plays on. Named for Curly Lambeau, a very famous player and founding coach of the team in 1919.

Milwaukee Brewers= our National League baseball team.

Seagull= a large, common, usually gray and white bird that lives near the ocean or lake

- Inspired by Remy Charlip's book *Fortunately* (New York, Simon & Schuster, 1964).

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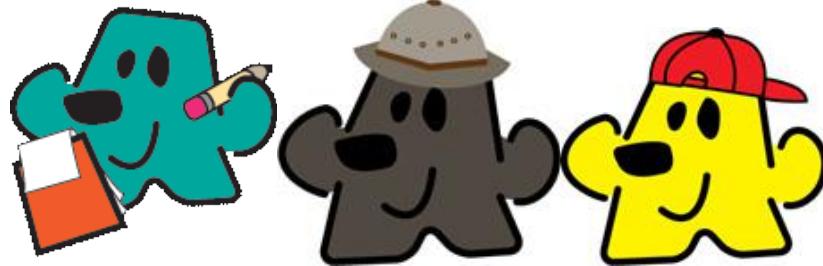


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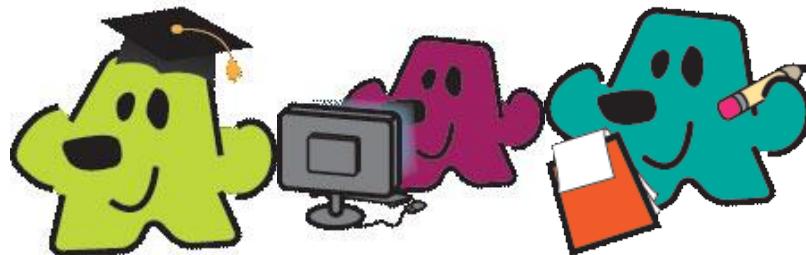
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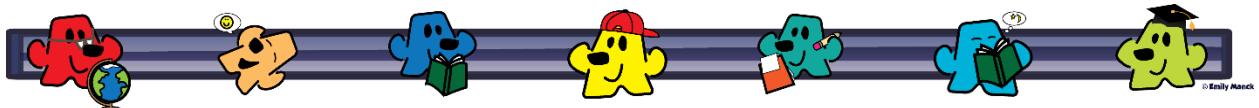


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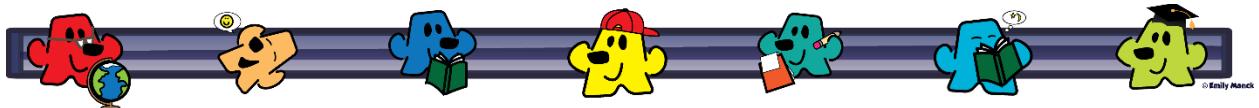




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