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# If I Were in Charge of the World

### Zalaa Afzal

If I were in charge of the world

I’d cancel bad books,

Boy stuff,

Libraries,

And bedtime.

If I were in charge of the world

There would be more delicious chocolate,

Time to shop,

Time for ice cream,

And more Hello Kitty stuff.

If I were in charge of the world

A person who is short,

Pretty,

And eats nothing but chocolate can still be allowed to be in charge of the world.

# The Shortcut

### Zalaa Afzal

Wendell and Floyd left their house early because they were always late for school. They decided to take a new shortcut. They saw a volcano. The volcano was going to explode. Floyd and Wendell tried to pass the volcano but hot lava came out so they ran. When they passed the volcano they were covered in lava so they had to shake it off.

Later on when they were walking, there was a river. There was a huge hippo sleeping in it. Wendell and Floyd had to swim quickly and quietly so the hippo wouldn’t wake up. Right when they reached the end of the river, the hippo woke up because Wendell made a huge sleepy, snoring sound. They both got up as fast as they could and ran until they ran out of breath.

Meanwhile when Floyd was walking, Wendell stopped and saw a snake, then another and another. They ran so fast and hid from the snakes.

Floyd saw the school then they jumped over the fence and ran into class. Finally, they were not late for the first time. They were not late for school. They were so happy!

# How to Annoy My Sister

### Alexandro Aguilar

I enjoy annoying my sisters but they hate it. I annoy them every single day. The only reason I do this is for the fun of being a little brother. One thing I do to annoy them is to talk and talk and talk. But when I do this they start screaming until a few hours later when they start punching me.

Another thing I do is to keep the dog away from them. Every time they try to get him, I pet him, and give him food and treats. But every time I take the dog they just scream and punch me again.

Also, when I want to annoy my sisters, I ask them a lot of questions. Like, where are you going? Why can’t you take me? Can I come? Or just repeat, please please please! But when I do this they are kind enough to just scream at me.

I love annoying my sisters, because it’s fun, but someday I’ll stop because I don’t want to get beat up anymore. Or will I?

# My Happiest Moment

### Alexandro Aguilar

Once I was sleeping and my two sisters woke me up. My mom showed me something, it was a present. The present was a box of Legos. I was so happy and excited. I made my Legos into an airplane as my mom made three boats. I made lots of other different things like people, castles, and even a miniature boat. It was lots of fun.

Another thing I did was play with my two big sisters. We played with all of our presents for a little while and then we went to sleep. In the middle of the night when everyone was asleep, I got up and watched TV. One of the shows I watched was Family Guy. I enjoyed my day a lot and that is why this is my happiest moment.

# First Pheasant Kill

### Briggs Alavezos

One day my hunting dog and I were so excited to go hunting. My dad and I wanted to go hunting, so we got up and got our hunting dog. It was the junior hunt in Manteca California. We got signed in and I ate a little burrito with eggs and bacon. We went out to go to the hunt and drove to the field. Then everyone 16 and under started to get in a line. We all walked forward until a dog went on point. Then the first couple times I did not get one.

 I went and had a little snack then went out again. One dove flew up and I shot it. The other came up and I shot that one too. I was happy.

# The Bad Shortcut

### Briggs Alavezos

Wendell and Floyd took a new shortcut to school. First of all, Wendell and Floyd did not want to be late for school or else their teacher would get them in trouble. They wanted to test this new short cut. They had to climb a very steep rock wall. They got some rope and tossed it up and pulled. They slipped on quick sand. “Hey Wendell I think we are going to slip all the way down the hill.” A couple times they sank to their heads but they managed to stay up. The quick sand ended and they were happy.

Next they could see the school. “Floyd, do you see what I see?” There were five alligators that were sleeping. “I think the best idea is to get a vine and swing past the alligators.” So that’s what they did.

After the alligators, they could see the school better. They darted and they heard the early bell. They got there just in time to. The two boys were never late after that. “Well Floyd I think we are not going to do that again.” They agreed so they never had another problem again.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Andrew Brunn

In the break of dawn before school, Wendell and Floyd mapped out a new shortcut to get to school on time. Wendell was at Floyd’s doorstep and Floyd was still in his pajamas. Floyd quickly dressed in his school clothes, did his hair, and walked out the door. Wendell and Floyd ran into many different problems on their new shortcut and took treacherous paths.

They ran into their first problem. A thick jungle lies before them with greenery and mystery. They walked through the thick and sticky jungle and heard a rumbling sound in the distance. Wendell whimpered, “What was that?”

“I don’t know,” said Floyd shakily. They tiptoed out of the jungle leaving behind them a mystery of danger. Then, Wendell and Floyd knew exactly what lay in front of them.

“Volcano,” yelled Wendell and Floyd. They booked it, trying to avoid getting burnt by rushing lava. Rocks were flying everywhere and one just barely missed Floyd, skinning his back.

Wendell yelled, “This shortcut sucks!”

“Ya think,” screamed Floyd. After a long period of an exhausting running, Wendell and Floyd finally made a safe distance between them and the volcano. Wendell and Floyd thought that was it, but it was only the beginning.

A dozen strong guard dogs patrolled the area and growled at every sound they heard. Wendell and Floyd quietly walked away from the guard dogs when they saw two bows and twenty-four arrows lying on a tree stump. Before they could realize that it was a trap, they took the bows and arrows and started to run. The guard dogs ran after the boys. Wendell yelled “What are we doing, we have bows and arrows!” The boys did a 360 and started shooting the guard dogs one by one. Each dog fell hopelessly to the ground, whimpering their last words. Wendell and Floyd cheered and moved on a dirty, windy road.

Wendell and Floyd heard the school bell ring in the mere distance. They ran as hard as they could, thinking that they could be early to school for the first time this year. A bullet whizzed right between them and hit the maple sapling. They turned to see five bandits loaded with weapons and wondered what to do. As the bandits surrounded them they remembered that they still had their bows and arrows and started shooting in all different directions. They were mesmerized when they saw all five bandits lying on the ground with arrows in their bodies. Floyd ran as fast as he could and Wendell followed shortly after. Both ran up the school’s hillside just as the late bell rang. They rushed in the classroom and exclaimed “We are here!” Wendell and Floyd were happy to get to school early and promised to never ever go on that shortcut again!!!

# Secret Shortcut

### Jackson Brunn

Wendell and Floyd took a new shortcut to school. Wendell came up with a new shortcut to get to school. They ran into an enormous mountain and had to go around it, but there was no end. They also tried to dig under the mountain but they couldn’t get through it. So they just had to climb up it.

Later on, they ran into quick sand. Wendell wasn’t looking and he fell in. Floyd got a stick and tugged to get him out. Meanwhile they ran into more trouble, sleeping alligators! They had to be really quiet because if they didn’t, the alligators would wake up and bite them. Wendell and Floyd had to walk on the alligators’ backs to get on the other side of the river and they did. What a relief!

Wendell and Floyd ran as fast as they could and made it. They came just in time for the school bell to ring once again. Wendell and Floyd never took a shortcut ever again.

# My Summer Vacation

### Tanner Burwell-Lovitt

Last summer I went to a police academy for four hours a day and two weeks. We did a lot of things there like holding a real unloaded gun and we got to see a volunteer get tazed. The coolest thing was on the second to last day when we went to Mountain Mike’s pizza and got to arrest some volunteers then ate some pizza. This year, I am going to the police academy again and I hope I get to do similar stuff to what I did last year.

One thing I’m doing this summer is getting a new videogame on July 31st. It’s called “Kingdom Hearts 3D Dream Drop Distance.” It’s supposed to be the last back story game until they make Kingdom Hearts 3. Another thing I’m doing this summer is going to the movie theaters with my dad to see movies like “The Avengers” and “The Amazing Spider – Man.” I am, most of all, looking forward to Spider – Man because he is my favorite superhero.

The last thing I plan on doing this summer is hanging out with my friends Brian, Kylee, Austin, and my best friend, Ahmed. We are probably going to go to each other’s houses and stay there all day.

That concludes my list of summer activities I have planned this summer before school starts on August 9th. I’m going to be in the 7th grade this year and in two years I’m going to be in high school and four years after that I’m going to be in college.

# In Charge of the World

### Claire Cadiz

If I were in charge of the world

I would cancel homework

Sickness and not feeling well

And school

If I were in charge of the world

There would be more turtles

More Ice Cream

More Candy

Flat screen computers

Free iPads

And magical ability to fly

If I were in charge of the world

A person who

Plays on the computer too much

Likes to chase cats

And doesn’t eat a full lunch

Could still be in charge of the world

# The Shortcut

### Claire Cadiz

Wendell and Floyd decided to take a shortcut to school. “Boy, I sure don’t want to be late!” sighed Floyd.

“HA! I’m not sure that’s even possible!” Wendell complained. The two boys galloped along.

“Hey… I know a shortcut!” whispered Floyd under his breath, careful not to let anyone hear.

“Well then let’s go! I don’t want to be late AGAIN,” sighed Wendell. So the two boys hurried off.

Over the hill and through the woods, Wendell and Floyd skidded to a stop. “Great. WATER.” mumbled Wendell.

“Don’t be a scaredy cat,” Floyd groaned. The boys sailed across on a nearby boat. “Ninja Turtles!” they exclaimed. They dove down under the water to escape them. The Ninja Turtles swam fast at their heels. Floyd and Wendell escaped just in time.

The two boys moaned and groaned when they found what was ahead of them next. Demons, then quicksand, then MORE demons. Floyd grabbed a stick and Wendell grabbed a leaf. “How will that help?” a confused Floyd asked.

“Fine,” muttered Wendell, who dropped the leaf and grabbed a vine. They battled their way through the demons, sending them flying at every step. They crossed the quicksand with Wendell’s vine and battled through the rest of the demons.

They crossed to a rocky pathway that twisted and turned through the mountains. “Some shortcut,” mumbled Wendell. As they crossed through the mountains, they felt relieved to have no more obstacles. Suddenly a mountain top behind them blew off and cold snowflakes fell everywhere. The temperature dropped rapidly.

“S-s-s-s so c-c-cold.” shivered Wendell.

“Oh stop complaining.” sighed Floyd, a hint of shivering in his breath.

They ran out of mountain range and into a mud pit. They scrambled through the mud to school. They busted through the door, ran down the hall, and slid into their seats just as the bell rang.

“Nice to see you boys,” hummed the teacher with a twang of annoyance in his voice.

“Well at least we’re on time.” Floyd whispered to Wendell.

“Ha-ha,” grumbled Wendell sarcastically. “On time and muddy.”

# Bad Day

### Erika Carlson

The day that our STAR testing finally ended in 7th grade, we had another problem to worry about. Our math proficiency testing was coming up, and to our teachers, it is almost just as important as the STAR. We had two weeks to get ready for it and I’m pretty sure that at least the majority of my class was stressed out.

The first day of the first week, we had to study problems on the practice proficiency…numbers 1-10. My teacher made us have our work shown for every problem, and if we didn`t show it, we had to call our parents. Also if we just didn’t do the work at all, and made up an excuse, we would get an infraction. At the end of the week, we were up to the last problems of 31-40 and I was A LOT less stressed because I had been studying hard and I knew how to do just about every problem in the practice proficiency. That was actually great, since my teacher said that the practice test and the real test were almost identical. Over the weekend though, we had to take the proficiency test home and finish problems 41-50. BAD TIMING! Besides the sixteen hours of my sleeping, I had absolutely no time during that weekend to work on math problems!

When the weekend was over, I was scared to death because I didn’t do my practice homework, so I was thinking of what excuse I could say to make my teacher realize that I was telling the truth. We got in class and I told him, “I didn’t have enough time during the weekend to do my homework,” which was actually true. In his class there were absolutely NO excuses though! He didn’t believe me and I knew right then that I was at risk of getting an infraction and so I just tried to keep quiet, but he continued asking me questions. I noticed that the more he asked, the more he got upset with my answers and I really just wanted to run and leave.

After class was over, my teacher required me to stay in and call my mom to let her know that I did not do my homework. Then he gave me my very first infraction and because of this, my day turned out very bad.

After taking the proficiency test the week after, and in case you were wondering, I did end up passing my test! YAY!

# The Shortcut

### Veronika Cavanaugh

One day Veronika and her friend Kendra had to take a shortcut to school because their teacher Mrs. Alexander said if they are late one more time they would be in big trouble. Veronika told Kendra to get up really early. The day, Kendra woke up and went to Veronika’s house. Veronika did not expect Kendra to wake up at 6 am and come over without calling, but she got dressed anyway. When she was done they were off.

Veronika and Kendra took the shortcut and on their way to school and ran into some evil trees. Kendra asked Veronika “Can we please take the other way? I’m a little scared!”

 Veronika told her, “No because it is a shortcut and we will be there in no time. I will be here by your side.”

Kendra said “Okay lets go.”

 Veronika said very cheerfully, “Yes.” Veronika ran and the trees got up from the ground and chased her. Kendra walked in relief that the trees weren’t chasing her. Veronika outran the trees and Kendra came right behind her and they kept going.

The next thing they came across were ninja horses. Kendra asked if they can go back, but Veronika told her, “No.”

“Do you want to back to the evil trees?” asked Veronika.

“No.” Kendra said in fright.

Veronika asked, “Don’t you have a black belt in karate?”

Kendra said, “Yes.”

Veronika said “Okay then kick some horse’s behind.”

After that the two friends kept walking Kendra said, “We are lost.”

Veronika said, “No we are almost there.”

After those five words, the two girls saw something so amazing. It was a huge and scary volcano and it was getting ready to erupt. The both of the girls were scared.

The volcano erupted, but it was not lava. Surprisingly it shot out some cute penguins. Veronika told Kendra, “Penguins now can fly. Well it’s a good thing I brought my umbrella.”

Kendra said, “Ha, ha very funny.” Veronika gave her a funny smirk. The girls walked around and they could hear the school bell.

Veronika said, “We can make it if we run.”

So the two children ran to the sound of the bell. The girls ran and ran and ran until they were at school.

Veronika said, “We made it.”

Kendra said, “Yes we are not late. No bad punishment for us.”

The girls sat in their seats and the teacher congratulated them for not being late, and the teacher asked them what they did to not be late. The two girls said only three words, “Woke up early.” Now the girls take a new short cut each day. After that the two girls were never late for school again!

# The Dogs

### Ayrikha Cavanaugh

One day my sister went with her friend Kendra. My sister spent the whole day at Kendra’s house. She said she was going to the lake on a boat but she did not go. I did not know if Kendra had any dogs. It was 8:00 PM when I went to go pick up Kendra and Veronika, my sister.

There was oncoming traffic coming both ways. My mom parked her car on the other side of the street. Kendra’s garage door was open. I went into the driveway.

GGGGGRRRRRR!

I did not know what it was until I saw three big dogs running after me. I started running. The three big dogs were barking and because I was wearing some shorts, I felt fur on one of my legs. The dogs were catching up to me. I ran very fast and was screaming so loudly!

Finally Kendra came out with Veronika. When Kendra called her dogs, the dogs stopped in their tracks.

Veronika walked me to my mom’s car. My sister and I climbed into the car. We went home and laughed about it.

# Rock And Roll

### Tristan Dooley

I was five years old when I first ever listened to music. It was a good song. It had a good beat to it. I can’t remember the name of the song, but it was a really good song.

 I can’t remember the meaning but I wish I could hear that song again. It was a rock and roll and it was so good. Most guys played guitars and one guy even played the drums.

The entire song had lots of fireworks. It is a Fourth of July kind of rock and roll song. It has a good singer in it.

# Shortcut to School

### Diana Duarte

Once upon a time, Max and Alex took the shortcut to get to school faster. But then some frogs got in the way. They could hear dogs barking on the road. They were scared and ran to school.

The next day they had problems going through the forest because the monkeys wouldn’t let them go and some snakes were blocking the walk path. There were also some alligators that were sleeping and blocking the way. They jumped over the alligators and they fell in a puddle. Then they heard the first bell. They made it just in time.

# A Night Terror

### Ava Dudley

Once I had a night terror and it was about a lady. Here I go. We were looking for my brother’s ice-cream, but when we finally found it, it tasted awful. Out of nowhere a stranger came and said, “Why don’t you stop eating it?”

 My brother said, “Okay.” I looked at him.

Then the lady followed us inside our house. We were scared and met our grandma at our house. We all went in my room. My brother and I were scared. My grandma told the lady that she was scaring us. The lady told our grandma to shut her mouth. She didn’t so the lady gave her another chance.

 The lady took our grandma out into the hallway. My grandma still didn’t quiet down. The lady then took leaf cutting scissors and cut grandma’s eye lashes off. I screamed like a baby girl and said I hear you. She didn’t stop so that’s when I woke up from my dream.

# The Shortcut

### Erick Enriquez

Wendell and Floyd decided to take a brand-new shortcut to school. They walked along a dusty road hoping to make it to school on time.

“You found an awesome shortcut, Floyd,” Wendell said.

“Yeah I found it last night,” replied Floyd.

“Well it’s a good thing that-,” just then, Wendell was cut off by an ear tearing growl. Wendell and Floyd turned around and saw a giant wolf standing 16ft high and heading their way.

“Run,” shouted Floyd. They ran away, every step crucial to escape capture. “We’re going to make it,” exclaimed Floyd. He just jinxed them. His last word had barely escaped his mouth when a field of spikes came into view.

Wendell and Floyd came to an abrupt halt. They turned around and saw the giant wolf still in pursuit but somehow they had made the gap between them larger.

“Grab the vines,” commanded Wendell. They swung from vine to vine until they landed safely on the other side. Meanwhile the giant wolf tried to stop itself from falling but just had too much momentum. It rolled into the field of spikes and died as it was speared by the sharp spikes.

“Now since that’s over let’s hurry. If we’re quick we could still make it to school on time.” Floyd explained. They hurried toward school but found themselves in front of a huge rock wall.

Wendell asked, “Now what?”

“Now we scale the wall to get to school.” It took them 15 minutes to get over the wall and down to the floor.

As soon as they were over the wall they could see the school. They ran straight past the double doors of the school, through the hallways, and into their classroom just as the school bell rang. They quickly sat down as their teacher called role and were still on time.

“Yes!” Wendell cheered silently.

# The Scary Shop

### Cole Flores

Last year I went to a Halloween store. The first thing I saw when I walked in was a demon hanging from the roof--with ripped up clothes, a zombie-looking face and no legs. I was so scared I almost fainted!

Next was a scarecrow with a pumpkin face and straw for arms and legs. His eyes were lit up and bright red and he said creepy things as he moved his legs wildly. This frightened me too.

Then I saw a girl’s cut-off head that dripped blood. I couldn’t stop staring, even though I was scared, and I wanted to get it for Halloween. There were fake cigarettes, scary masks, and a shirt holding a baby zombie in a baby carrier.

I can’t wait to go back this Halloween!

# Secret Shortcut

### Julian Gosal

Mike and Julian went to a new shortcut at first, they met ninjas and the ninjas were trying to kill them. The ninjas had a treasure full of weapons. Next, they had to go through the deep rapid river and they actually survived. Later they had to go through the volcano. They got bad bruises but they survived it. Then they went through the cave of monsters and were scared it had monsters, spiders, and bats. While they were in there, they thought they weren’t going to make it but they did. Finally they went through the bumpy train tracks and then they reached the school.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Avneet Gosal

One day, my friend and I took a secret shortcut to school. We took a secret shortcut to school because we were always late.

First, of all we got trapped by a volcano, and we got past the volcano by going under it.

Later on, we saw a river. It was going fast, and there was sleeping crocodiles in it. The two girls were very good swimmers so they swam as fast as they could and made it to the other side.

Then, a bunch of robots came and the two girls tried to go around to the other side. Right then, a voice came and all of the robots left.

Later on, a bunch of snakes came, but the two girls did not give up.

Lastly, the two girls heard the school bell and ran to their seats. When they sat down, the late bell rang. “Well you made it in time,” said the teacher. A while later the two girls were late again.

# Sea Cadets

### Gabriela Grijalva

Every summer Naval Sea Cadets get to choose whether they want to go to boot camp or not. I chose to go because I learn more for my group like, marching and the commands. Each of the cadets get to choose which boot camp to go to. The commander has to approve it and of course there’s a cost to pay. I chose San Luis Obispo Military base. I stayed there for a week. Some of the other cadets chose San Luis Obispo, too. So whoever was going could either choose to ride with the commanding officer or their parents. I chose to ride with the commanding officer and other cadets did too. We went as a group all the way to San Luis Obispo.

When we got there we signed in, and went to our cabins. Girls were separated from the boys because of sexual contact and privacy. We did a lot of stuff, like running two miles every morning and learning about what kind of stuff the military does. The fun part about boot camp was doing activities, like the military courses and watching some of the men and women do there drill’s. They taught me about leadership and different things about the navy. One of the things they taught me was knot tying. I had so much fun.

The day of our graduation was kind of sad to me, because I was going to miss everybody I met there, and the fun I had. My mom and brother were there to watch me, and I will never forget this experience.

# Playful

### Dylan Gross

It was so fun to play night tag outside with all of my friends. We played for a little more than two-hours. My friend lives on a court, so the boundaries were the start of a new road and the house at the end of the court. We were all having fun until a kid almost got hit by a car, even when it was three in the morning. We stopped, went inside. and just played Xbox until 8:00 in the morning.

 My best friend had a party, but he was at the one where we were right then. He had asked his mom if I could go with them 3 hours before the party. She said yes, but we need to set the party up, like put up a few banners go put prizes out in the orchard and stuff like that.

 It was a swim party for about 3 hours, and his dad barbequed. We had a contest at the end to see who could do the best trick on a trampoline or into a pool. We flipped a coin to see what we would do. Heads was the trampoline, tails was the pool. I got to flip it, and it was tails. Everyone wanted it to be tails except one kid, and that was the kid who almost got hit by a car. There were 1st 2nd and 3rd places. I got 3rd, my friend got second, and my other friend got 1st. The guy who won did a cartwheel and then a front flip into the pool holding his breath for 47 seconds. No one could do that but him, so we automatically told him he got 1st place.

 And that was the end of my playful weekend.

# Secret Shortcut

### Dylan Gross

To start off the morning Karan and I were obviously late to school, again. We always want to get to school on time, but we always seem to run into something you don’t see every day, such as flying monkeys or dancing hotdogs, which happened a couple weeks ago. Now the same thing is starting to happen: first the annoying and deadly hoard of cymbal players, next is the one and only Niagara Falls, at last but not least, who would guess the Spartan 300 attack.

 “Great,” said Karan. “Because of your stupid idea we are probably not going to be on time for the 79th day in a row.”

“Hey, your dumb idea two weeks ago caused us to eat 12 dancing hotdogs,” I replied.

“You have to admit, they tasted pretty good,” Karan said with confidence.

“They were horrible,” I barked.

“I wonder if there are still more of them out there somewhere,” Karan wondered.

“You’re so unpredictable,” I told him.

As Karan and I kept on walking towards school they heard big Bings, and Bongs.

“Uh Oh, we said, “The cymbal players are coming!!!” BONG BONG BONG BONG!!!!!!

“We need to…” hur-CLING!!

“Whoa!” Kar- CLING!!

“OWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW!!!!” I screamed.

10 MINUTES LATER……

“Where am I?” Karan wondered.

“Karan, KARAN! Wake up! Were about to fall down NIAGARA FALLS!! Hold on to this rock,” I said. “If we let go we will die!”

5 MINUTES LATER…

“Hey, at least we only have to worry about the 300 Spartan attack,” I told Karan.

“You do realize they have sharp spears, bows and arrows, and swords,” he said.

“I know.”

“Hey, I think I see school,” Karan said surprisingly.

“Wait a minute. I do too. Hurry maybe we can still be on time and not run into the 300 attack.”

As Karan and I made it on time but the Spartans showed up in their class and we died.

THE END

# The Secret Shortcut

### Ethan Harris

Wendell and Floyd took a new shortcut to school so they wouldn’t be late. The shortcut wasn’t what they thought it would be.

First, Wendell and Floyd got trapped by ninjas and zombies who surrounded them in a circle. Wendell and Floyd were scared. Floyd took one of the ninja’s swords by running and sliding into the ninja. He jumped up and grabbed the sword. He swung the sword and started hitting the ninjas and zombies. The ninjas and zombies didn’t want to fight. They were scared and didn’t want to die so they ran away. Wendell and Floyd continued on to school.

Soon they found themselves in a dark forest trying to get to school, but they got stuck by a swinging chainsaw trap. Wendell and Floyd heard the buzzing of the chainsaws as they turned on by themselves. “We’re not going over there!” said Wendell.

Floyd said, “Who cares? We’ve got to get to school. If we don’t get there we’ll get a citation and get in trouble again.”

“Watch me!” yelled Floyd as he ran and jumped over one swinging chainsaw and slid on his feet when he landed. He spun like a tornado on the ground to get by the second chainsaw.

“Ok, I will do the same thing as you,” said Wendell. Wendell copied Floyd and then did a karate move to break the chainsaws.

“Hurry, let’s run!” said Floyd. Then they fell in the mud and then hopped out of the mud easily. They ran again all the way to school.

Their teacher said, “Go outside because you’re too muddy. Go dry up outside.”

Because they made it to school on time, they didn’t get in trouble by their teacher.

# My Happiest Memory

### Mario Hernandez

My happiest memory is when I got lots of money. I asked my dad if we could go to the store and he replied yes. I bought Gatorades, chips, sodas, and salsa to go with the chips. After we went home, my mom asked, “Could you and your dad go pick up the groceries from the store?”

I said, “Could I pay for them?” We got oranges, apples and tomatoes.We also got salary. My mom made soup it was really good. I helped her make it and I cut the tomatoes and celery. My favorite part from the meal was the tomatoes because they were really juicy. My mom paid me twenty four dollars for all of the courage I put into the food. That’s why this is my favorite memory.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Vivian Hernandez

Wendell and Floyd took a new short cut to get to school. At first they ran into a volcano, but the volcano was exploding. Red lava was coming out really fast and was about to flow into Wendell and Floyd. They walked around it really fast and jumped over the lava. It was going really fast, so they had to run really quickly to make it. When they jumped over the volcano, they fell in a pile of mud and got dirty. They were alright and continued walking.

Then they went through Pencil Forest, but it was hard to get through since the pencils were very sharp. They were thinking of a way to pass them so they went around them, but it was hard to get around them. Wendell got poked by a sharp pencil. Finally, they got out of Pencil Forest. Meanwhile, while they were walking, they saw big giraffes. They got scared so they gave themself a moment to calm down. They went on top of the giraffe’s neck and slid down them. When they sledded down the giraffes, they fell in the water. They were on the hill to get to school and when they heard the bell, they started running. They made it to school on time. The teachers told them to go sit outside so that they can dry themselves. After what happened, they were never late to school again.

# The Surgery

### Manpreet Kaur

“Good luck”, encouraged my mom and dad, but the trembling in their voice gave away the fear. I was seven years old when I had been given anesthesia for the second surgery on my right arm. I let out a scream when they orderly gave me the shot. It was like glass poking in on bare skin. My head kept falling to the side and then jerking back up as I was being carried along in a little car-like structure. Not sure what it was, though. I felt so…….un-alive.

 Alright, you’re confused aren’t you? Let’s go to the flashback. I was born legs-first which, let me tell you, is quite rare. And as the doctor tried to take my right arm out, but he pulled my hand back too hard! My fingers bent back to my wrist and it hurt a million! (For the record, I’m left-handed so the thought of suing the doctor didn’t work out.)

Back to the story? Okay! As I was getting rolled in, I gave a last glance to my parents. My dad burst into tears and my mom couldn’t stop hers either.

After four hours of difficult surgery, I finally became conscious. But I had to stay in the hospital three more days because my cast wasn’t ready. After I got my cast, hot pink of course, I had it on for three months. Lack of education caused me to be homeschooled. But it didn’t bring me down.

Finally that November day-- oh, how I loved that November day—the cast came off! The first thing my parents said to me was, “Hello, good morning!” I could feel their happiness. And that made me happy. In fact, my dad was so happy that he took me to the movies, Toys ‘R Us, and got me ice cream.

# Dear Diary

### Janiece Lucas

Dear Diary,

Today I got stuck on a branch when my friend, Monkey, helped me down from the branch. After Monkey helped me get down, he showed me how to sing on a branch. I took him to the monkey bars.

Sincerely,

Spider

# When I Got Scared

### Janiece Lucas

I was going downstairs to watch a movie that my mom rented. It was a very scary movie. Just looking at the cover, it was called The Orphanage. It was not scary at the beginning, but it got scary in the middle of it. The movie was about a little girl who was mean to the parents and the kids. She did bad stuff to them. It got very scary. I had to close my eyes for a long time, but by the time I opened my eyes, it was over.

# If I Were in Charge of the World

### Emma McLarty

If I were in charge of the world,

I would cancel bad places like where the devil lives,

Clowns because they have weird costumes,

School because I get a little bored,

Pool cleaners because they sneak up on me,

And rocks because I’m always barefoot and they hurt my feet.

If I were in charge of the world

There would be more hot tubs,

More swimming time because I love to swim,

Dinosaurs because I want to see them in real life,

More pets because even I have a bird and two dogs,

More dangerous stuff because I like stuff like that,

More humming birds because I love to see them all the time,

And more and more soccer because I love to play that game.

If I were in charge of the world

A person who did not comb their hair,

Did not take a shower,

And doesn’t know how to touch the bottom of the pool on the deep end would still be allowed to be in charge of the world.

# If I Were in Charge of the World

### Giulia Pantano

If I were in charge of the world, I would cancel Justin Bieber, sharks, weapons, drugs, annoying little sisters, and shots.

 If I were in charge of the world, there would be more giraffes, pandas, zoos, beagles, music, money, and ice cream.

If I were in charge of the world a person who hates sharks, spiders, and some famous people would still be in charge of the world.

# Swimming In A Lake

### Giulia Pantano

A month ago, I was going to a lake for the first time! I was excited to feel the cold water, swim, and play in the sand.

The lake was in Livermore and it was very big. It had a picnic area, paddle boat area, and a huge water area. It looked so cool; I wanted to stay there forever. When I was swimming, the water was freezing cold and I played with my sister. After an hour of swimming, I ate lunch, then played in the sand and then swam again.

I was laughing, and finding in shells in the water. It was awesome. My mom, brother, and sister came with me. It was fun until more people came and the beach was almost packed with people. It was kind of hard to swim because I haven’t swum in a year. The lake was big and had little rope separating the lake for height from babies to adults. It was fun for my first time to a lake. I played water tag with my sister and we did handstands in the water. It was the best time of my life. I want to go there every day. After when I left, I was so exhausted, and I was so happy.

# My Exciting Trip

### Ilaria Pantano

One day, on my birthday, we decided to go to Disney land. It was fun. We rode on different rides and went to different places. On my birthday we wore costumes, got our faces painted, and went to Ariel’s Grotto. We had so much fun. It was also my sister’s birthday. That is what made my day.

I also got autographs by different characters. I got it from fairies and princesses. I also got pictures with them. Tinker Bell liked my sister’s pen. We stayed for 3 days and 4 nights. It was fun. I hope I will go again.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Ilaria Pantano

Wendell and Floyd took a new shortcut to school. Along the way something made them stop. They got dirty at the first stop, because it was a volcano that was about to explode. They had to climb up and down it to get to the ground.

After that, the worst was coming. Up ahead was Pointy Pencil Forest, the worst place to be. All kinds of pencils were attacking. But Floyd and Wendell climbed a tree and stayed there until the pencils were gone.

They were almost to school. They heard the bell, but up ahead was the giraffe pack making their way to Green Leaf Island. They then ran past them but on the way they fell in a puddle of mud. They were about to quit but something caught there eye, the school.

They were never late again.

# Hawaii

### Karan Patel

Going to Hawaii made me excited and happy. I liked Hawaii, because we got to snorkel and look at all of the fish. We snorkeled deep in the Pacific Ocean. There were all kinds of fish, like simple orange fish to stingrays. I saw my favorite sea animal, the non-poisonous water snake. To snorkel, you have to breathe with your mouth through the tube and there are also these goggles which you could see all of the animals from.

There was also the infinity pool. There was a bar in the top left corner of the pool and another pool that had a volleyball court in it. We went to Maui, an island of Hawaii. It only took a couple hours to get there, unlike the Caribbean.

We also ate barbecued chicken on the beach. In the bar, they had lots of sodas .I drank Dr.Pepper and Dr.Thunder most of the time.

We also got to ride on horses. The caretakers didn’t handle the horses. They taught you and then you got to ride by yourself. My horse led me to the forest and it also ran very fast in the water.

When I left Hawaii I never wanted to leave the islands. Hawaii was one of the best moments of my life. There are a lot of things to do in Hawaii. I wanted to go there again. So this year we decided to go to Hawaii again in late July.

# If I Were In Charge of the World

### Karan Patel

If I were in charge of the world, I’d cancel homework, boring books, vegetables, gravity, sisters, nice things, brushing your teeth, and Justin Bieber.

If I were in charge of the world, I’d have zombies, chocolate as vegetables, video games in school, everything would be free, rated-R movies would be G, no rules, no presidents, Apple would be selling infinity items a day at 1000000 dollars an item, zero gravity, no parents, no laws, no clones, no weird people, you can teleport, you are invincible, aliens would be real, man-eating monkeys, King Kong, Men in Black would be real, and everything would be awesome!

Someone who likes rollercoasters, who likes video games and likes rated-M games can still be in charge of the world.

# My Memory

### Mariana Perez

When I got on a boat at Six Flags, I was excited because I had never been on a boat. It felt scary because it was spinning a lot. While it was spinning we saw some water. It looked like a waterfall and we got all wet. My mom told me to close my eyes, but I did not close my eyes. I left them open because I wanted to see the waterfall. I felt happy.

# A Shortcut to School

### Taylor Reed

Mia and Kendall were late to school every day for the first few weeks of 4th grade. They would wake up early and run to school, but something always stopped them from getting there on time. After the first few weeks of being late, Mrs. Walkermen was fed up with their schemes and outrageous stories. She announced in her most firm voice, “You must be on time tomorrow, or else!” Mia and Kendall had no clue what they were going to do. They decided after a two hour talk that they were to set off for school at 6:59 AM.

The girls woke up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and Mia made it over to Kendall’s house just in the nick of time. At the exact time they planned, 6:59, they set off for school. It should take them 66 minutes to get to school and be in their seats before the late bell. Kendall told Mia about the shortcut she found last night when she was going to get her sister from her play date at Kimmy’s. Kendall guided Mia to the back road which led to the shortcut.

After about 12 minutes, they approached an enormous ape throwing banana peels. Kendall was a worry wart. She worried and worried and worried! She also panics in times like these. After being hit in the back with a banana, something clicked with her because she grabbed Mia’s hand and she ran and dodged the banana peels. After 23 minutes, they were walking back on their trail to school.

Not long after the ape incident, a crowd of business men crowded around the two girls asking them to buy this or buy that. Mia took charge this time by telling the business men “no thank you”, “no thanks” but of course they did not listen. They wanted them to buy something. Mia shouted with her loudest voice, “There are people over there they would love to buy your items!” The mob dashed in the direction of the way Mia was pointing. The girls were so exhausted from all that running and the mob they sat on the curb of the side walk drinking the water they brought with them. In a flash, the mob was back. “Oh-no!” “This cannot be happening! I thought they were gullible!” cried Kendall. “We’ll never make it” cried Kendall again. Mia whispered “Jump into the bushes! We will camp out until they clear out.” Kendall nodded in agreement. After about 9 minutes, the businessmen cleared out. “We only have 22 minutes until we are late to school.” Mia said as calmly as she could so she would not worry Kendall.

The girls ran and ran and till they could not run anymore. Then they came across the weirdest thing… it was raining, hailing, and there was a tornado in the middle of the summer. How weird! Kendall was sucked up into the tornado. When she reached the top and could see the school and she shouted, “I see the school, I see the school!” Mia shouted back up “Is it close?” “Yes it is,” replied Kendall. Kendall flew across the street. She shook all the dirt off her and the two girls ran through the snow, hail, and other weird weather.

They heard the bell ring! “We’ll never make it!” said Kendall. “Yes we will,” replied Mia. The girls made it to school before the second bell rang and Mrs. Walkermen was surprised! “Thank you for being on time girls.” That is all Mrs. Walkermen told the girls. “We are taking the shortcut every day from now on! Agreed?” “Agreed.”

# If I Were In Charge of the World

### Alexis Rodriguez

If I were in charge of the world I would cancel school, vegetables, and commercials.

If I were in charge of the world there would be more pizza, pancakes, and more time to sleep.

If I were in charge of the world a person who couldn’t score a goal or make a three pointer could still be in charge of the world.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Maritza Ruiz

Wendell and Floyd took a shortcut and got lost. First Wendell and Floyd went through the swamp. It was gross and the water wasn’t clean. There were sleeping crocodiles. They felt scared because the crocodiles might wake up and try to bite them.

Next they went through the green forest. There were lots of forest animals. They ran quickly to get through the forest. They were trying to avoid the poison ivy that would cause them to itch.

Then they went through a lot of lions. The lions looked angry. Wendell and Floyd felt scared because they thought the lions might eat them. The lion’s tongues went across their lips like they were hungry.

Then Wendell and Floyd ran out of the forest and saw their school. They ran to their teacher. They did not tell anyone about their secret shortcut; they kept it a secret!

# Agent Fredison

### Nicole Safty

“AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!” I screamed with all my might. I bet no one heard me. I was trying to outrun an avalanche. Ice was being sheared into smaller pieces with my snowboard; snow fell on my face and I couldn’t tell if it’s the snow or my emotions that’s “frozen with fear.” “CAROLINE! UHH ACTIVATE ROCKET BOOTS!” I shouted to my watch.

“CRITICTAL ERROR… ERROR 847837437!” buzzed the watch. My eyes widened with fear.

“TTRRREEEEE!”

EARLIER THAT DAY!

“ZzzzzZZZZzzzzzz.” I snored in class and I was in my usual dream, being awesome as always.

“FREDSION WAKE UP AND ANSWER QUESTION # 67 ON PAGE 908!” shouted my teacher right in front of my face.

”GAHH… uh the answer is 87?” I replied in a question.

“NOPE ITS 1! You stupid piece of trash,” called a boy. My teacher sneered as she pointed to the whiteboard to this math problem: 1X1=? I glumly slumped down into my chair.

“RING RING RING… I SAID RING RING… IS ANYONE GONNA ANSWER?” went our school’s phone. They really need a new ring tone. The teacher answered the phone “ HEY FAILURE FREDSION! YOUR CHECKING OUT!” shouted the awful teacher. “I hope forever,” the teacher mumbled coldly.

”Uh, alright…” I mumbled and walked slowly to the office. Time didn’t go by faster as I thought. When I came to the office I saw two men in black suits. “Are you Fredsion McLege?” asked the first guy. ”Uh yes, yes I am. Who are you guys?” I asked. “OUR names don’t matter. Just come with us,” told the second man

“I’m not supposed to talk to strangers,” I replied.

“We are from the FBI,” the first man grumbled.

”WORKS FOR ME,” I shouted as I walked into their car.

“Fredsion, your parents were kidnaped by Dr. Gunsin,” grunted the driver.

“GASP!” I gasped.

“So we are taking you to the lab where you can get high-tech stuff to defeat this … man.” Then all of a sudden the car turned in to a jet plane. We lived in Florida, but in 5 minutes, we were at Brazil. They landed in the water. My eyes widened in fear as water was all around the car jet thing, we sunk down, down, down. Then soft a bump startled me. We landed in a high-tech base.

”WOW COOL!” I ran out of the jet car thingy and ran into the base itself. “WHAT DOES THIS THING DO!? OOOH WHAT DOES THAT DO?” I shouted.

“DON’T TOUCH TH- and you touched it…,” muttered a scientist.

“BOOOOMMMMM!” exploded the Malfunctioned machine that I touched.

“Cough cough!” I coughed.

“Ok, even though you blew up HALF of the facility, we are ordered to give you this,” one of the scientists’ grumbled coldly. He gave me this watch that had a digital face. “Its name is Caroline. We haven’t fixed the little problems, confessed the man.

“MUST DESTROY.” went the watch.

“Ok … um let me fix that,” the scientist went nervously. I was unsure that the watch was going to help me when they came back with her, well “it.” As they gave me the non-destructive Caroline back to me, the lights went out and I was taken away.

TO BE CONTINUED???

# Agent Fredison: Part Two

### Nicole Safty

Then the power went out and I felt a hand on my shoulder, and it started pulling me away. I tried to scream but something was over my mouth. I tried to get a good, long look of the villain, but all I saw was a sack on my head. Then I tried to kick the kidnapper, but he just hit the back of my head with his ice cold hand. I couldn’t do anything so I fell asleep, exhausted from trying to fight the guy, but it was very hard to sleep when you’re being dragged on the floor. Then, when I woke up, there was a blinding light right above me.

“Am I dead?” I asked worriedly.

“NO,” croaked an awful sound. “Well not yet anyway.”

All I did was gulp. I tried to get up, but I found out that I was tied to a wooden chair. The evil bald man was just glaring at me.

“Just sit down you little brat. You can’t go anywhere; you’re stuck here on my chair,” hissed the bald bad guy. ”Oh, how rude. Let me introduce myself. I’m Dr. Gunsin! Be afraid, young one,” chuckled Dr. Gunsin.

When the doctor finally left, I was looking for a way out.

“Caroline,” I whispered to my watch.

“Yes, Mr. Fredsion?” buzzed the watch.

“Uh, do you have a laser on you?” I questioned.

“Laser?” asked the robotic watch. “LASER ACTIVATED!” screeched Caroline.

Then a HUGE laser as tall as a white board times 3 started zapping the ropes one by one. Free at last. Caroline stowed away her laser and we were off. I never ran this fast in my life, but well, other than that one time in P.E class. I heard a cry for help so I applied my nonexistent brakes and opened a door that led to the noise.

“HI MOM HI DAD,” I beamed.

“Hi son, now can you help us to GET US OUT OF HERE?! Please,” boasted my father.

My parents were both tied onto a chair. Caroline got her laser again and started cutting away. Then my parent’s disappeared randomly.

“IT’S A TRAP! They were holograms!” Caroline observed.

I ran out of the room to the hallway.

“MR. GUNSIN LIED! HE DOSENT HAVE MY PARENTS,” I shouted “I WISH I CAN SIMPLY PLACE AN AVALANCHE ON HIM!”

“Avalanche started, sir,” went the destruction-crazy robot watch.

“RUMBLE, RUMBLE,” went the evil lair. The exit was right outside. I was almost out when I saw snow for miles.

“Uh oh, Caroline, uh, give me a snowboard,” I grumbled with snow up to my knees.

“Snow board activated,” Caroline buzzed. Then the watch untangled itself off my wrist and into a snowboard that looks like it has flames. I jumped on the snowboard and away I went. I felt something on my wrist when I went downhill. Caroline was on my wrist.

“Wait, if you’re on my wrist then who am I riding on?” I asked.

“Your ridding on an imposter sir do you want me to …MALFUCTION!” Caroline went crazy. And so did the fake Caroline snowboard.

TO BE CONTINUED … AGAIN!

# Diary

### Sumtal Safi

Dear Diary,

I’m a really big lion and I live in the African plains. There are a lot of really big trees around me and a lot of grass around me too. Africa is a really big continent. I find my food in a lot of places because that’s a good thing about Africa. There are a lot of small animals or really big animals in Africa.

 I have very sharp teeth. My teeth can cut through a lot of things. For example, I can cut the skin and bone. I can kill my prey. But I can also kill myself if I want to because that’s how sharp my teeth are. So now I told you how sharp my teeth are.

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha

Bye,

The Awesome Lion

P.S: To get sharp teeth, you have to be a lion.

# My Happy, Mad, Scared and Sad Memories

### Sumtal Safi

Have you ever been happy, mad, scared, or sad before? I have. One time I was happy when I was in Canada, but there was another time when I was sad when my sister turned off my ps3. Also, there was one time when I was scared when I watched “The Woman in Black” and another time when I was sad when I didn’t do anything during my summer break last year.

First, I was really happy when we went to Canada two years ago. I had the most fun time in Canada. I was happy because I visited my cousin. They were very fun. We went swimming in a water park and the swimming pool was very big. I will never forget that day.

Second, I was mad when my sister turned off my ps3 when I was playing video games. I was really mad because I was doing really well but she turned it off just to get me mad. Although I was really angry at that time, I was only mad at my sister for about ten minutes.

Third, I was scared when I was watching a scary movie. The movie was called “The Woman in Black.” I was scared because of the frightening pop ups in that movie. Those pop ups scared me so much that I stayed up late at night because of that movie.

Fourth, I was really disappointed when I didn’t do anything during summer break last year. I was so bored because I hung out with the same friend the whole time that summer break. It was really boring that summer because all we did was play football and play video games the whole time. We didn’t do anything else besides those two activities.

In conclusion, I was happy when I went to Canada, mad when my sister turned off my ps3, scared when I watched the movie “The Woman in Black,” and sad when I didn’t do anything last summer break.

# If I Was In Charge of the World

### Roy Samaniego

If I was in charge of the world, the whole world would be made into Hershey chocolate.

If I was in charge of the world, the water fountain would shoot out Kool-Aid instead of water.

If I was in charge of the world, I would be the tallest guy in the world.

If I was in charge of the world, an “F” would count as fantastic and everything would be free.

If I was in charge of the world, I would be able to give citations to the teachers, be able to play video games in class, and have the teachers give us the Wi-Fi password.

 If a person like me could be in charge of the world even though I made 5 errors in baseball or that I can’t touch the bottom of a pool, I would be in charge of the world.

# My Worst Day

### Adriana Sanchez

One morning I went outside to play as I do every morning. My brother and sister wanted me to play kickball with them. I agreed, although I didn’t know how to play kickball very well.

When I tried to kick the ball, I kept missing it so I tried more than ten times. I was very annoyed, but I knew that I should keep on trying. Then I tried very hard and when I believed in myself, I finally kicked it. It wasn’t that high, but I did kick the ball.

I was kind of proud of myself. It wasn’t such a bad day after all.

# If I Were In Charge of the World

### Adriana Sanchez

If I were In charge of the world, I’d cancel vegetables, sickness, and medicine.

If I were in charge of the world, there would be candies, ice creams, and more shopping stores.

If I were in charge of the world, a person who is afraid of hikes and roller coasters and can’t do the splits would still be allowed to be in charge of the world.

# Diary of a Dog

### Gabbi Sansoni

June 23

Dear Diary,

Hi diary! A little beagle like me got in a fight with my owners! Today my owners were fighting again! I tried to tell them that fighting is not the case but all they say back is, “Shut up you dumb dog! Stop it! Stop barking!” But I am not barking (I guess they don’t understand English)! They would not stop fighting, so I went outside to see what my dad was doing. Like always he was fishing in the pool. A stick and rope was his fishing pole. “Not plastic fish again-- we can’t just eat kibble all the time!” my dad barked. But I was fine with kibble. At least it’s a different flavor every time! Like mouth-watering steak and home -style salmon. The only one I don’t like is the veggie one. And of course I get the veggie kind tonight. I guess I got my hopes up too high again!

June 26th

Dear Diary,

 Ok, today I decided I am going to run away! My parents have gone missing and I’m going to find them! I will miss little Kelly though. I would always comfort her when her parents were fighting. At least I will be coming back. Wait--what if I brought Kelly with me? That would be perfect! I’ll go get her! Wish me luck to get her to come, Diary.

June 27th

Dear Diary,

I ran away, but without Kelly. She just said, “I love you but quit barking at me! Am I doing anything that bugs you?” So now I am on my own. I can already picture Kelly crying that she misses me. I miss her too, but I must find my parents. As I walked along the road I saw my family! I ran up to them and they said, “What are you doing! Why did you follow us? Just go back home! Please, we are running away because our owners (not Kelly) told us to get out and opened the front door to let us out!”

“But why? I don’t care-- you should have stayed!” I said as I ran away.

June 30th

Dear Diary,

Now I really hate my parents! They hurt me like a stab in the heart! I wish they had never run away-- ever! Sorry I’m being so harsh. It’s just that a little beagle like me has no parents anymore.

 Bye diary. Wish me a good life.

July 4th

Dear Diary,

Today is the 4th of July. It’s my favorite holiday. I love the fireworks and I get to eat human food! Steak!!! But the only problem is that my parents are not here. I love this holiday because I get to celebrate with my family but all I have is Kelly! Diary I really hope they come back. Now I am mad at Kelly’s parents. I am mad they let them go! But if I were my parents I wouldn’t go! I would just stand there staring outside with a look on my face that said what am I supposed to do! I heard a knock at the door. Probably a party guest for dinner. But when Kelly opened the door it was not party guest it was my parents! They had come back on my favorite holiday! I was so excited that I did a flip in the air! Kelly gave me a piece of steak for that. I ran to my parents and said, “Hi! How is it going! You came back on my favorite holiday! I missed you so much and I love you so much too! “We came back because we could not live without the little beagle in our life! We could not stop thinking about you so we came back!” my parents said. Well I’ve got to go eat some steak and be with my family! Talk to you later Diary!

July 6th

Dear Diary,

Today I went to the park with my mom, dad, and Kelly! We had so much fun! I got to catch Frisbees, slide down the slides and I attempted to do the monkey bars. Note to self: Never try monkey bars again! It is hard! I like to run around so the park is the perfect place for me! On my way home I saw a fly and I went to bite it. I realized it was a bee! It stung my lip and I spit it out. Thank God we live close to the vet. We were at the vet and I had to get a shot in my lip! Oh the horror! They did not even put me to sleep for it! They did it right away! Oh my lip still hurts! At least I don’t have a big swollen bump on my lip! Well I think I am a big boy now! I got my very first shot! Well Diary I hate to tell you this but this is my last page! So I will get another Diary somehow and write in that one soon. I will miss you Diary but at least I get to keep you!

 Farewell diary

# When My Dog Broke Her Leg

### Gabbi Sansoni

One day my dad and I were chasing my dog, Coco, around the house because she had got a Popsicle stick in her mouth. As we were running my dad threw a big pillow at her. Instead of being hit with a pillow she slipped and bumped into the wall, hard! Then she fell on to the carpet and howled in pain. My dad took a look at her and said, “She needs to go to the vet.” Then he picked her up then put her in the front seat of his truck as me and my sister jumped in the back seat and drove to the vet.

We had told our vet, Dr. Vega, the story of how we chased her around and how she bumped into the wall. Dr. Vega took Coco into the back room to take an X-ray. He told us, “Coco has a broken leg.” We asked how many days she would have to stay at the vet and he said three days that she would have to stay. The front desk workers said, “Have a good day and pick her up in three days!”

It was sad without Coco at home. No crazy dog running around the house. No dog going in your room stealing your socks. No dog that will snuggle with you. It just wasn’t the same without her! And the three days were a long three days! As that day came along we all jumped in the car and drove to the vet. When we got there Dr. Vega was holding coco. She had a hot pink cast on her left leg and was wagging her tail like crazy! We took her home and left her on her bed and let her chew her bone, which was her new welcome back present. We were always carful when we pet her and were very gentle. She could not walk for a while.

About eight to nine weeks later we took Coco to the vet for a checkup. She still had her cast on though. They said that they could check her leg and take the cast off! And of course there was no cast when she was given back!

# Disneyland

### Maddi Sansoni

One day in 2009, we took a family trip to Disneyland, and I had the best time ever. We rode rides like Madahorn, Tower of Terror, California Screaming, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, and Splash Mountain. We ate delicious food like hot dogs, pizza, hamburgers, corndogs, chicken, ribs, potato salad, salad, and ice cream. We also got Mickey Mouse hats. Then we went to a place called Bibbidy Bobbity Boutique. They did my hair and makeup, I looked so pretty. I was a rock star and my sister was a diva. Lastly we watched the fireworks and lived happily ever after.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Sarina Saran

Wendell and Floyd found a new shortcut to school.

Wendell and Floyd saw aliens picking up sand for their ice cream. Some of them were playing jump rope. The ice cream and sand made mud that Wendell and Floyd got stuck in. They grabbed sticks and a jump rope from an alien and lassoed to the tree. They climbed out of the mud and kept going.

Next, they were trapped by zebras and frogs. The frogs hopped around and the zebras kicked Wendell and Floyd. The frogs ate flies and they fed the zebras grass to distract them so they got away.

Eventually, Wendell and Floyd found themselves in a dark jungle. They were swinging from the vines when they ran out of vines. They used the jump rope to swing from the vines so they wouldn’t get bitten by crocodiles and alligators. They saw hard workers chopping down trees. Wendell and Floyd took a saw and cut down a tree to use to float down a river.

Suddenly, they come to a waterfall. Some rocks stopped the log so then didn’t go over the waterfall. Wendell and Floyd climbed out of the river. From the top of the waterfall, they could see the school. They ran down a trail to school.

Wendell and Floyd made it to school on time!

# My Happiest Memory

### Avinoor Singh

My happiest moment was when I won an iPad for the first time. The way I won an iPad was because I put my ticket that I paid a dollar for and I was also the last person to put the ticket in. So that is the reason why I was picked so easily to win the iPad. I won it at the Tracy mall where the raffle was held. I was happy that I won it because I always wanted one.

 I felt so excited that I started to play the iPad over and over again as if I enjoyed it. It had a lot of fun games so that was exciting for me. It also had Netflix which meant I could watch movies which is exciting too. The iPad had a lot of exciting apps so far. I really had an exciting time playing my iPad.

# The Adventures of Simon and Dexter

### Avinoor Singh

One summer day, two friends named Simon and Dexter went on an amazing adventure. They decided to begin their adventure in the woods in the Golden Gate National Park. When they entered the woods, they came across a bunch of ninjas that tried to attack them. The reason the ninjas tried to attack Simon and Dexter was because they attack any person that dares to go in the woods. Simon ran as fast as he as he could while Dexter ran slowly. Once they found the exit they escaped and the ninjas were gone.

Next, Simon and Dexter arrived at a volcano that sounded like it would erupt. The volcano erupted with a lot of lava that became is a dangerous situation for Simon and Dexter. The river of red and orange lava was extremely hot. Suddenly, a huge fire dragon appeared in a huge bolt of fire. The dragon used the massive eruption that seemed to swallow up Simon and Dexter. Luckily Simon and Dexter jumped out of that lava while the dragon exploded.

Finally Simon and Dexter ran up a staircase that led them to the castle. The castle had a huge crack because a huge war happened here. Simon and Dexter were able to make it to the top of castle although it was not easy at all. They found the way out of the castle, but a black knight blocked their way because he wanted to challenge them into a duel. Simon said no and threw a rock at him. The knight was defeated and Simon and Dexter escaped the castle.

After a long day, Simon and Dexter returned safely at home and they talked about their most amazing adventure at the Golden Gate National Park.

# My Happiest Memory

### Deepanshu Singh

My happiest moment was when I got a special gift for Christmas which was a Kinect. I was very happy when I got it. I said thank you to my mom and dad for getting it for me.

Kinect is a body moving game: here you can dance do sports ride cars swimming running and much more stuff.

It was the greatest gift I ever got for Christmas. I would play it day and night. I was so happy when I got a new game.

# The Secret Shortcut

### Deepanshu Singh

This is a story about Wendell and Floyd in the secret shortcut when. Wendell and Floyd went to school and their teacher said that Floyd and Wendell were late for school again. They said they were late again because they had to face on aliens. The next day, they were late again. They were late because there were 200 frogs in their way at the zoo. So, they took a secret shortcut. When Wendell and Floyd took the shortcut, it took them into a weird place where there were lots of animals. Floyd couldn’t find the school so they climbed the tallest tree to find the school. Then they heard the school bell and said we can still make it on time.

# The Dying of Rue

### Michael Reed

The Hunger Games is about a boy and a girl from every district who have to fight for their lives. From all the districts only one person can win. That means that everybody else dies, including Rue.

Rue is an 11 year old little girl, and she is from District 11. She is smart and good at climbing trees. District 11 is based on agriculture, which is why she is good at climbing trees. Marvel is Rue’s enemy and he is from District 1. He is a career, so that means he can team up with District 2 and 4. To survive, Rue and Katness allied with each other. Katness is from District 12, which is based on mining. They became friends, while they were training.

Before Rue was killed, she was trying to distract the careers by lighting up three fires so Katness could blow up their supplies. The careers were District 1, 2, and 4, who were the only districts that can team up against everybody else. Her friend blew them up but Rue failed to light the last fire. Marvel threw a spear at Rue and it went up her stomach. As soon as that happened, Katness used her bow and arrow and killed Marvel. In the end, Rue was only able to light two fires and that was the end of Rue’s life.

THE END

# Diary Of A Mouse

### Taylor Reed

May 5

Dear Diary,

Today I visited my best bud, the Dog, and he was chasing a cat. He was not doing very well so I stepped in. Not my best move. I came out with a bitten tail and a ripped ear. Mom is not going to be happy. Remember in the future: Don’t chase cats or even help chase cats.

Your beaten up friend,

The Mouse

May 7

Dear Diary,

Today was Dad’s birthday and I could not wait to give him my present! Dog taught me how to set up the gift I gave dad. It is called a mouse trap! It looks like a foot massage thingy! This morning I set up the mouse trap and dad stepped in it! I proudly announced, “Do you love your present?” But it was interrupted by a piercing scream. “Dad,” I said to him, “you are not supposed to scream, it is a mouse trap it is supposed to massage your feet, I think,” Dad yelled, “mouse traps are supposed to catch mice not massage feet!” You could tell Dad was angry. “Sorry!” I squeaked in my most innocent tone. He was not buying it. “You are grounded mister!” On the bright side, I got dad to let me have cake! Remember in future: Mouse Traps do not give massages, they are to trap mice.

Your grounded friend,

The Mouse

May 12

Dear Diary,

Well yesterday I was ungrounded! Dad only ungrounded me because he said I did not know better. I was invited over to Dog’s house and when I got there he was swimming. I went in with him for the first few minutes. It was so cold my fur was not helping keep me warm. I finally got used to it and I jumped off the step like dog did. Dog was a swimmer because he loved swimming. Other dogs I knew hated swimming but Dog loves it. As soon as I jumped in, I started to drown. I remembered something important, I can’t swim! “Help,” I screamed “Help!!” SUPER DOG (aka Dog) came to my rescue. He saved me! That night I told my family about it. Dad rolled his eyes and called me a trouble maker. Mom laughed and laughed and laughed and said not to swim anymore. All my brothers and sisters laughed and laughed. Remember in the future: Do not swim!

Your barely alive friend,

The Mouse

May 17

Dear Diary,

Today Dog and I are being investigators to find the mystery of my lost cheese! First, we asked mother if she knew anything about it and she replied, “Nope, sorry sweetie.” None of my brothers and sisters knew about it either. Only one suspect left, Dad. We set up a Cheese Cam and put a plate of cheese out the same type as mine. We checked the Cheese Cam later and saw that dad ate it! How rude! I knew it was him! When we confronted him he said he did not eat it! Who could it have been then? Dad told us to check the Security Cheese Cams. I did not know we had those. I checked them and I was surprised and angry with myself. I told Dog he could not check them because he could not fit through our tiny door. I guess I was so hungry I ate my cheese too fast and I didn’t realize I had none left. I thought someone ate my cheese. Oops! Remember in future: Make sure it is not you before you think it is someone else.

Your cheese eating friend,

The Mouse

# Secret Shortcut

### Jerry Walser

One day, Mike and I tried a shortcut to school. We packed what we needed and headed off. At first we thought the shortcut was great, but later we found out that it wasn’t. There were several problems.

First, we ran into two ninjas. So, we took their gear that had their ninja stars and grappling hooks. Very funny and humiliating, for them!!! Ha, ha, ha!

We walked for a while and came across a swamp. Then we ran into crocodiles, climbed a tree, and swung vine to vine to get across to the other side of the swamp. This is how we escaped the crocodiles.

Once again we ran into something. It was a rumbling volcano that was ready to explode! Some flaming, red magma came out of the top of the volcano. We ran as fast as we could… but Mike tripped.

After a long and exciting adventure through the shortcut, we FINALLY made it to school!

# My Happiest Memory

### Mia Watson

One day, we went to the shelter to go pick out a dog and we found the perfect one. He is a long haired chihuahua with white and brown fur and a pink nose. Also, he has a tail that when it is up, it drops down like a fountain. He is cuddly and sweet. He will curl up on your lap and go to sleep. He loved me so much that we put our names on the list to get him. Then we went to PetSmart to go get all the supplies that you need for a dog. Five minutes after, we got home. The shelter called and told us that the owners wanted the dog back. We were so sad.

The next day, I went to school and I was still sad because on that day, I was supposed to go pick up the dog from the shelter. I was really upset that I was not going to do that. Around at lunchtime, the office called me to come up. I thought it was just my lunch, but when I went in the office, there were my grandparents with the dog right in their laps. I was so excited that my mouth flew open. I ran, picked up the dog, and ran back into my class room. I told my class all about the dog. When I got home, I heard the story. It turned out that the owners were rude and not willing to pay to get him out of the shelter. We named him Milo.