

Kaleidoscope



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Early Childhood

Mrs. Sengele's Class

The three's classes are preparing for a field trip to the zoo so we asked the students what their favorite zoo animal is and why it's their favorite...

Monkeys because they swing on the vine and they swing on the trees that's why I like monkey's.

Isaiah

Giraffes because they have long necks so they can reach the leaves.

Keaton

Tigers and lions and zebras and antelope because I like them.

Almeric

Monkeys because they can hang with their arms.

Evan

Giraffes because they are big and they don't go very fast.

Riley



Elephant because they have water to blow.

Amelia

Giraffes because their neck is really biiiig, and they had a baby giraffe.

Ella

Zebra because they have white stripes.

Isabella

Cheetahs because they run so fast.

Abbigail

Alligators and giraffes and monkeys. I like the alligator because I call him Tomasoma.

Elayna

Elephants because they are nice and one of them has horns.

Nathan

Donkeys because they make funny noises and they can eat food but they had too much.

Josephine

Monkeys because I like monkeys and they swing and George is a monkey.

Elise

Bears because they can roar.

Myla

Koala Bears because they have floppy ears and stuff and they are so funny.

Ava



Tiger because I like tigers.

Jackson E.

Elephant because my dad and I went to see it.

Jackson W.

Tigers because I think they are scary and funny.

Emma

Cooley a big bear at the zoo, he always goes in the water.

Mia

Giraffe because they are big and tall.

Keegan

Dogs because I like dogs.

Aubree

Sea otters because you can see them.

Adelynn

Elephants because my dad put me on their back and I get a ride and I pet them.

Zion



Kindergarten

Mrs. Krause's Class

What was your favorite thing about the Field Trip to the Butterfly House and Carousel Ride at Faust Park?

I liked going to see the butterflies!

Ryan

I liked looking at the butterflies the best!

Braydon



I liked walking through the path and seeing the butterflies flying!

Jonah

I was sick, but if I could have gone on the trip, I would have liked the butterflies!

Calista

My favorite part of the field trip was our bus ride and Mommy being with me!

Owen

Seeing the butterflies at the Butterfly House was my favorite!

Bradley

Playing on the playground was my favorite part of the field trip!

Teagan

Playing at the Butterfly House was my favorite!

Jayla



I liked the carousel ride the best! I got to ride on a white horse!

Josie

First Grade

Mrs. Robinson's Class

These first grade stories might make you hungry...



My favorite place to eat is Chick-Fil-A. I like the ice cream and the chicken. It is so fun. I dip my chicken in ketchup.

Autumn

I like Taco Bell because it has my favorite taco. I like Applebee's because it has my favorite yogurt. I like Texas Roadhouse because of its drinks. I like Arby's because it has my favorite cheeseburgers.

Mason

I love Steak-n-Shake, but I call it Shake-n-Shake because it's like shake after shake and I like their shakes! McDonalds is good, too, because they have toys and I like the McFlurry's. Dairy Queen's ice cream is so good. I like the shakes, ice cream and smoothies.

Samantha



My favorite restaurant is Texas Roadhouse. It is just so good! I told my parents that I wanted to go there for my birthday and I did get to go there.

Emilie

My favorite place to eat is Texas Roadhouse. The rolls are so good there. Cold Stone Creamery has good ice cream because you can mix things into the ice cream. I would get strawberry cheesecake.

Andrew

Papa John's has good pizza. Papa John's has pepperoni pizza. I eat Papa John's pizza sometimes. I also like McDonald's. I eat McDonald's cheeseburgers. My favorite drink at McDonalds is Sprite.

Connor

At home, I like to eat fish sticks. I say a prayer, "Come Lord Jesus" before I eat. We play games at home, too. I like school. I like water to drink with my food. I like chocolate for dessert.

Keegan



First Grade

Mrs. Lingafelter's Class

What We Think About Weather!



I like sunny weather because I can play outside. I like to go to parks on sunny days. I like to slide down the slides and swing on the swings and climb on pretty much anything. It is so bright on sunny days that I just want to play outside all day long. It is also so warm on sunny days that you can wear a short sleeve shirt.

Livia

I don't like tornados because tornados give damage to people. Tornados can destroy schools and jobs. The bad thing about it is the business is going to think that man destroyed the stuff. Maybe tornados can go around the whole earth. It goes around enough times to destroy trees.

Ezra

I like snowy weather because you can drink hot chocolate. You can make a snowman. It is very wet. You can watch shows. That's why I like snow.

Ezri

I don't like hail because you could get hurt a bunch. You don't want to get hit by hail. The hail could break windows. You have to fix the windows and you have to pay \$5000 dollars. Hail is way, way, way too cold for me, just too cold for me. That is why I don't like hail.

Hayden

Rain is not good. The storm is bad. Thunder scares me because it's loud. I don't like wet rain. Rain makes wet puddles. That's why I don't like rain.

Serena

I love snow! I love sledding in the snow. My sled can make a trail. I love to play in the snow. I really like me and dad drinking hot chocolate. That's why I like the snow.

Alex

I like snow. You can build a snowman. We have bags of sticks at home. We use the sticks for the snowman's arms. We bring a carrot for the nose. Me and my daddy roll snowballs together. It is so much fun. We stack them high, then we make snowballs. We throw them at each other. It is so much fun. The snow is cold. If the snow was not cold the snow would melt.

Kaitlyn



Second Grade

Mrs. Rincker's Class

In the spring...

In the spring I go to Florida and Easter begins! The grass is green, vegetables grow like carrots. I also go to daycare and sometimes we go to the park.

Lizzie



I love to play in the pool with my family. I go on spring vacations and they are very fun. I go over to my cousin's house and play with my big cousins.

Sierrah

In the spring I like to play basketball outside and go to my Grandma and Grandpa's house. I go the St. Louis Zoo. Sometimes I ride my bike down the street. Sometimes I catch fireflies and watch the butterflies. I like to play chess with Josh.

Jeremy

In the spring I go to the St. Louis Zoo. I go on walks with my dog. I go on field trips and I go camping with my mom and dad. I help set up the garden. Spring is so fun!

Jack

In the spring I will go bike riding and have water balloon fights. I play tag and splash water in my sister's face and everyone else.

Ian

In the spring I like to hunt Easter eggs. Did you know I like to go on trips like to the St. Louis Zoo? I spend time with my family and when it gets warm enough we go swimming. I love spring!

Brindy



In the spring I like to watch my dad pack my camper and get it ready to go to Carlyle Lake. We watch the baby chickens when Papa gets them in the spring. I sometimes watch the St. Louis Cardinals play. I go bike riding and get the pool out when it is warm and make a garden. I like to catch lightening bugs and watch the butterflies. Sometimes we go fishing and when I get too hot I go in the shady places. It is fun!

Elise

In the spring I like to run through the sprinkler. It is nice to feel the grass on my bare feet. I go on little trips and have play dates. Spring is awesome.

Neal

In the spring I like to play outside. I like to play baseball. I love Easter. On Easter I like to go on Easter egg hunts at my Grandma and Grandpa's house.

Nolan

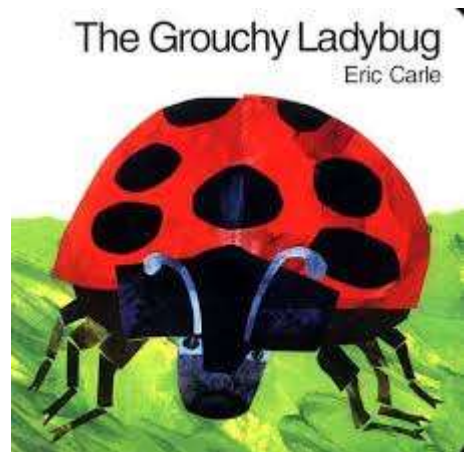
In the spring I've gone to Arizona and the Grand Canyon. Sometimes we go to watch the St. Louis Cardinals. We sometimes go fishing or swimming. I start playing baseball. I go bike riding. My sister has a birthday in the spring.

Drake

The Grouchy Ladybug.....

Once upon a time a ladybug woke up and wanted breakfast. So he went to a leaf and met a nice ladybug. The nice ladybug said to come and eat some aphids. "I want them all", he said. The nice ladybug knocked him off and said, "We need to share." He almost got back up, but the nice ladybug helped him up. He said, "Thank you", and they ate the aphids together.

Adam



Early one morning I was flying around a garden when I saw a leaf with some aphids on it. I went to it, but then another ladybug came. "Go away!" it shouted. "Why?" I asked. "Because I'm eating all these aphids for breakfast," it said. "We can share them," I suggested. "No!" he shouted. I looked at him.



"OK," I said, "You can have the aphids for breakfast," and I flew off. I looked for another leaf with aphids on it. "Here's one," I said. As soon as I landed on the leaf I saw the grouchy ladybug fly off still looking grouchy. I flew after it. "Are you OK?" I asked. I ate all of the aphids and I am still hungry," he said. I gave it some of my aphids. "Thank you," he said. I

looked surprised. "I will be friendly from now on because you are and I know how nice it feels." "Thank you," I said. "It does feel nice." And they flew off together!

Kate

Once upon a time there was a grouchy ladybug. He lived back in the Jurassic world. One morning he went to look for breakfast. He came upon a leaf. "I'll eat this." Then he got this feeling. He came upon a hornet. "Hey, you want to fight?" "No," said the hornet. Then he came upon a mosquito. "Hey, want to fight?" "No," said the mosquito. Then he came upon a velociraptor. "Hey, want to fight?" "Sure," said the velociraptor. "No, you're not big enough," and flew off. Then he met a T-Rex. "Hey, want to fight?" "Sure," said the T-Rex and hit him with his tail all the way into the water. There he met a megalodon. "Hey want to fight?" "Sure," said the megalodon opening its mouth and slapping the ladybug with its tongue back to where he started. Then he found more food, but next to it was another ladybug. It was his friend, the nice ladybug. "Want any?" said the friendly ladybug. "Sure," said the grouchy ladybug and they lived happily ever after.

Dillon

Third Grade

Mrs. Batty's Class

My name is Matthew. I live on a ranch. On the ranch, it is me, Mom, Dad, Sis, grandpa, and the three cats. My ranch is fun. My cats are fun. It is cool having cats at my ranch. My ranch looks like a big cat. At the end of the day we go to the underground house and go to sleep. PS cats rule!

Matthew O.

Hi, I'm Drake. I work at the Rainbow Ranch. My ranch is a rainbow. Even the animals are rainbow. My job is to round up the cattle. My dog also helps me. His name is Spot. I also have pigs, goats, horses, and cattle. My animals are very good. They hardly need to be rounded up.

Drake P.



Once upon a time, there was a cowgirl. She lived in a barn house, and had a big red barn. She had cows, horses, pigs, chickens, sheep, and donkeys. She has a pet dog named Carmel. She likes to play fetch. She has a big fence around the barn and house. The animals can't get out. The ranch is called A.R.

Anastasia P.

If I lived on a ranch, I would have a fence. I would have a barn named "Haelee Ranch." The animals I would have some cows, horses, dogs, and pigs. I would round-up my cattle and catch my chickens, and feed my animals. My animals don't get out because I would have a fence and I would put in electric barbed wires. I would live in a barn. The color of the barn would be pink. All the furniture would be pink. The kitchen would be pink. I would wear a cowgirl vest, hat, and boots. My windows would be so big. My horse I have named Isabella. I would have a sign that says Don't Touch the Animals. You can feed the animals and I would round up all the animals. I ride my horse every sundown and every night. I will be in my barn.

Haelee P.

If I lived on a ranch, my ranch would be called Ryder's Ranch. My house would be all brown and my furniture would be brown and made out of wood. For a living, I would milk cows, buy pigs, buy horses, and sell cattle. I would buy wood to make barns and make my ranch bigger. I would go mining for diamonds, gold, and iron to get me the things that I need and the ranch needs. In my barn I would have trades for cattle, cows, pigs, and trade horses. It is also for the horses, pigs, cows, and cattle to rest at night.

Ryder R.



If I had a ranch, I would have a huge house. I would have a shed for storage for one of my cows named Eli Manning, Mrs. Cow, and their calf named Cam Newton. I would also have four dogs. I would have a Chihuahua named Ted Ginn Jr., a German shepherd named Kelvin Benjamin, a miniature pinscher named Corey Brown, and a Doberman pinscher named Luke Kuechley. I would have two horses named Jaws and Molly and one pig named Calvin Johnson. I would have a fence for the pig and one for the horses.

Luke R.

If I lived on a ranch my house would have a basement and a work closet. My ranch would have broncos, chickens, cows, cattle, cats, and bulls. I would have dogs called Rocksy and Lola, who are black labs. One day, I was feeding my chickens and a bull ran out of its pen. Then I ran out and tried to get the bull back into its pen but it ran into another pen. It was the bronco pen. The broncos ran out. I tried to calm the broncos but the bull was too angry. I put some food in the pen. The bull took the bait. I closed the door quickly. I'm probably going to build the fence bigger later. Now I can calm the broncos down. It worked! Then I built the fence bigger. Now that is hopefully enough.

Gunnar S.



If I lived on a ranch I would have horses, cows, rabbits, goats, chickens, donkeys, and two dogs. I would also have a huge place for crops to be planted and harvested. I would have a huge house to live in.

Jesse S.

If I lived on a ranch, I would round-up animals, feed animals, and get eggs from the chickens. My barn would have horses, cows, chickens, and more. The barn would be red with red barn doors. I would water the plants and there would be a corn field. I also would have bunnies for fun. I would also have a cute little house that would be made out of brick. I would have a dog and a cat. The dog's name would be Rusty. He is a boy. My cat's name would be Patches. She is a girl. On my ranch I would plant corn, wheat, and more. I would have an apple tree, peach tree, and orange tree. There would be horses and I have 2 horses. One of them is black. Her name is Patty. The second one is Arnold. That is what my ranch would be like.

Olivia S.

If I had a farm, I would have a big red barn. I would have a large house. I would have horses, sheep, chickens, cows, and pigs. I would have lots of crops too. I would ride my horses every day. My chickens would lay eggs too. I would have corn, wheat, beans, vegetables, and fruit. That is my farm.

Chloe W.



Third Grade

Mrs. Pritchard's Class



The third graders in Class 3-2 wrote about their favorite season. Is it no surprise that summer is the favorite season of most third graders?

My Favorite Season

My favorite season is summer. I like summer because it is hot and you could go swimming and have school off. In summer you can have water gun fights and play with friends. I also like it because it's fun. I spend a night at my brother's house and ride my bike. I read books and do summer stuff.

Nick B.

My Favorite Season

My favorite season is summer. Some seasonal activities I enjoy are: playing outside, riding bikes, and playing ball. Some things about this season's weather are: it is warm and sunny. Some more things I like about this season are: July 4 and Father's Day.

Atticus B.

In the spring, I like to go swimming on warm days. I go to my friend's and spend the night. Then we ride our bikes and then I go home. I play video games when I get home. Then I play with friends on my ps4.

Kaleb B.



My favorite season is summer. I like to play. The weather is nice. I like this season because it's fun!

Kaelin C.

My Favorite Season is Summer

I like summer. I like it because it is warm. I can go swimming or ride in boats. We go on picnics. We go to the water park, the park, or Six Flags. I get to jump on the trampoline. I play on the swings at the parks. I like to go to the beach and ride jet skis. And, there is no school and I get to sleep in and I get to play video games that I love.

Taylor D.

My Favorite Season

My favorite season is summer. I like the warm air and summer vacation. I get to play baseball. Summer begins five days after my birthday. Because it is summer, I get to go swimming and have sleepovers. That's why I love summer!

Carter H.

My favorite season is summer. In the summer, I play soccer with my friends and I swim with my family. I also like that it is hot so I can have fun with my friends. I love summer.

Syd H.



My favorite season is summer. In summer, things I enjoy are golf, swimming, playing outside, and camping. I like this season because it's warm and you don't have to worry about jackets and coats. There are two more things I like: my family and I can go on vacation and I can sleep in.

Timmy R.





My favorite season is spring. I love to celebrate Easter in the spring. It is so fun! The Easter bunny brings us toys and he brings candy and a bunch of chocolate. I like all of the warm weather. You get to play in the spring. I love playing football. And sometimes, we will play inside when it's rainy. We will play basketball inside. And I play Madden Mobile.

Connor P.

My favorite season is winter! I like winter because you can build snowmen and my family goes on vacations. You can have snowball fights and you can build snow forts. Here are some reasons I like the windy weather: all the fluffy snow and cold ice, and best of all, there is no school! Here are two more reasons, my brother has no guitar because it's too cold and I can have hot chocolate whenever I want! That's why I like winter.

Madelyn Z.



Fourth Grade

Mrs. Maske's Class

Sprinklers
Playing Outside
Running freely
In spring
Nothing is boring
Going to Six Flags
By: Olivia



Sunny and nice
Play with friends
Run across the field
Inside and outside
FuN
Good times
By: Keenan

Sunny
Plants
being **R**ained
on **I**n spring
Newborns
Grown
By: Dawson

Sun
Purple
Rain
Ice cream
Naps
Green grass
By: Kyle

Sunny
I pick **P**eaches
I love to **R**ide my hover
bIke
Nature
I **G**row flowers
By: Madyson

Sunshine
Pretty sunny
flowe**R**s
He has r**I**sen
rai**N**
dig**G**ing
By: Ben

Sunny days mean going out
Purple flowers
Rainy days
I like the smell of flowers
New flowers grow
Green grass
By: Emily

warmer day**S**
Puddles
Riding bikes
outs**I**de
New fresh air
Green leaves
By: Nathan



Sunshine
Planting a garden
Running in the green grass
playing in the ra**I**n
clouds **I**N the sky
smellin**G** the flowers
By: Douglas

outside flower**S** are growing
Playing outside
remembering Christ has **R**isen
painting br**I**ght colors
Never wearing a coat
Going to watch a musical
By: Katie

Cheer**S** for spring
Peaceful
Rainy
Flowers are bloom**I**ng
Night at 9:00
Flowers **G**rowing
By: Emma

Sunny days
Playing in the Sun
Running in the rain
ra**I**ny days
Pick**I**ng flowers
Havin**G** fun vacations
By: Logan



Fifth Grade

Mrs. Daniels's Class

The fifth graders were asked to complete this statement: "If I could....."

--breath underwater, I would visit all the animals. I would also become the ruler of the sea.

Bella S.

--I would be a dragon. I would be the world's most famous creature.

Elliot J.



--breath underwater, I would go into the sea and explore the deep. That is where a human has never been. I would discover and see new creatures. It would help me to appreciate God's creation. The best part is I would never have to come up to take one single breath.

Jordan G.

--teleport, I would have vacations every day. I would go to the store and buy stuff every day. I would use my powers for good and save the world. I would teach people to write and learn.

Nick S.

--meet God right now, I would be happy. I would also want to praise Him and love Him. It would be cool to meet Him before I die, and to not die and just go to heaven right now.

Abbey G.

--I would go to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In my first year, I would go to Diagon Alley and go to Ollivanders and get a wand.

Kanalu W.

--I would want to make a PB & J for lunch, but I can't because I'm in school. PB & J's are so good. I love them. You should try to make one too, sometime.

Sophie T.

--I would turn into different animals. I would do this because then I could talk to the animal that I turned into. Then, I would also be able to fly, swim, and walk.

Ashleigh J.

--I would run fast. Why? I could help people get to places quickly. I could save lives and help the military.

Domiano L.

--I would teleport to any restaurant on earth. I could teleport to vacation and come back when I need to. I could teleport back in time to see all historic events. I could go back and get something for a dime.

Sam S.



--I would turn into different animals. I would do this because then I could talk to the animal that I turned into. Then, I would also be able to fly, swim, and walk. That is why I would turn into different animals.

Ashleigh J.

--I would have a plane. I would fly to my sister so that I could explore college life with her.

Lillie C.

--I would fly home from school every day. I would go around the world and hitchhike on airplanes.

Ellie M.

--I would go to Florida. Then, I would fly my parents and all my family. Next, we would go to the beach to swim and get ice cream. Finally, we would go shopping and then go back home.

Paige H.

--I would want to go into the T.V. Why? Any magical, adventure, royal/fantasy movie or show would be fun to experience. As a kid, I always wanted to go inside my T.V.at home.

Marlaina G.

--I would want to go back to being a baby, because I have always wanted to see what it's like being a baby. Wouldn't you just love to remember what it was like to be a baby, when everyone did everything for you? I sure would.

Kinley H.

--I would fly everywhere and every time. It would be so cool to fly to feel the wind in my face.

Tyler H.

--I would make everything free so that no one has to pay. I know some people are poor and have finance issues. If only some rich people would share, it would be just fine!

Riquerah G.



--I would fly to Grandma's house. I wouldn't walk. If I could fly, I'd spectate everything. I wouldn't ride in a car.

Gavin T.

--I would fly everywhere I went. I would fly because it would be easier to get around.

Eli G

--I would soar like a bird in the sky. When I'm done, I'll sit on the Statue of Liberty. After that, I'll fly home and repeat this the next day.

T.J. P.

--I would teach everyone how to play hockey like me, because I'm like the best player on my team ever.

Quintin B.



--go to the NBA, I would be on the Golden State Warriors. I would join them, because Stephen Curry played for them. He is my favorite basketball player. I admire him a lot.

Jake W

--I would meet Stephen Curry. I would be very joyful. It would encourage me to play harder and be more confident.

Jacob B.

--fly, it would be amazing. If I was lost, I could fly up and see where to go and where my home was.

Joey C.

--I would time travel. If I didn't want to do something, I could just jump forward. If I did something wrong, I could do it again, but the right way this time.

Blake M.

--I would watch the Taylor Swift commercial over and over, because it's funny. She is running on the treadmill, slips and falls face forward.

Octavia W.

--be "minor inconvenience man," I would have other people say "Fly!" or stuff like that, but we have a plane for that. If I have a flat tire, I could snap my fingers and it's gone. This is just a joke.

J.J. M

--spend a million dollars, I would give \$5,000 to charity, buy a hoverboard, get a pet alpaca, put a Starbucks in my room, give Jordan \$100,000, get a purple golf cart and drive it everywhere, and get the school some basketball hoops. With the rest, I would probably get clothes and shoes.

Katie M.

--be rich, I would so I could help homeless, poor kids in need and buy baseball equipment.

Payton F



Sixth Grade

Ms. Combs' Class

Sixth Grade Descriptive Paragraphs

I am as loud as a lion's roar. I take people anywhere they want to go. I'm not the safest object there is, but I'm very fun once you learn to use me properly. I'm as fast as lightning. I can't drive on streets without special tuning. You don't need a license to drive me. Can you guess what I am?

By: Cameron B.

To get to me, you open a door. What keeps me from falling is a hardwood floor. I am next to a bed where this kid lay; it is a good thing it is not rough like a bale of hay. If you are on the other side of me, you can hear what this kid will say. I will stay up strong no matter the day. A window is put into me with drapes or a curtain. They are very pretty; it is certain. It is time to say goodbye; bet you won't guess who I am.

I am the wall.

By: Kyle C.

I am a black, rubbery object. I am Ryan's favorite object. I have black plastic on my sides and black laces. I have a black zipper and two silver swooshes with a rhinestone pattern on them. I feel like dolphin skin. What am I? I am Nike shoes.

By: Ryan C.



My favorite object is round and orange much like an edible orange. It bounces really high and is fun to play with. It can be played with or it can be displayed in a case. My object can come in all sizes and be played by any. My object is a basketball.

By: Carson C.

My favorite object is black. It is square shaped and has lots of buttons. It also makes many clicking noises. It can take beautiful pictures and holds memories. It comes in many different sizes. It sits on my tripod, could you ever guess what I am? I am a camera.

By: Maddy G.

I am black and white,
You can use me day or night,
I make a beautiful sound,
Unlike any other,
A sound as beautiful as a gown,
Unless I am played by a clown,
I can range from high or deep,
I am yours to keep,
My keys are smooth,
My sounds can sooth,
I am a keyboard (musical)

By: Megan H.



I can move all on my own. I have oxygen, but I am not living. You drink me every day, but not in this form. I am home to most animals that you usually can't see. I can be clear or murky, fresh or I have salt. I hold fish of many kinds. I am the water in a fish tank.

By: Eli L.

My favorite thing is soft and furry. It is white with brown ears. It is small but makes a loud bark. It likes to sleep a lot, and it likes to curl up next to me sometimes. It is very gentle and loveable. Whenever it has a bath, it can smell as fresh as flowers. It loves all food no matter what kind. It also likes to take walks in the nice, warm weather. What is it? It is my cute little dog named Lexi.

By: Trevor Pickerell

I am soft and smooth with a colorful body. I am very small. I need attention if I am to be friendly. I am told to be quite beautiful. I can be loud or quiet, and create a gentle breeze. If I get startled at the sight of your hand, I will protect myself with my mouth. I'm as fast as lightning, but I can't go very far. I am held behind bars, but I wish to be free. The place where I live always smells pleasant. I live with a friend. I was never alone. I have feathers that keep falling out and I don't know why. No one, except my friend, understands me when I



speak. When I speak, it is a high pitched chirp. If I try to fly away, I run into bars. I am blue, white, and black. I am a parakeet.

By: Mary Ann R.

I am very playful and energetic. I am like a twig, very skinny. I run around the house playing with my brother. My coat is furry and feels like a blanket. My fur is like the color of tree bark. I am brown. My eyes are small and as brown as chocolate. My ears are small, yet I can hear really well. My tail wags very fast when I am happy, and you hear me bark a lot too. My smell is very bland. When you scratch my lower back, it feels really good to me. I love to get treats when I behave, but when I am in trouble, I get scared and run to my kennel. Can you guess what I am? That's right! I am Anna's dog named Cooper.

By: Anna R.



I am round and bouncy, and I'm a type of a ball. I smell like rubber, and I don't weigh much. I feel like leather, and I'm full of orange and black colors. I am dribbled around, and I play in a sport that is fun but aggressive. I am shot in a hoop, and I score points for each team. I am a...basketball!

By: Trinity S.

I have a very bright screen. I'm an object that is in almost every home. I have exactly 74 keys. I feel very smooth. I can sometimes sound like a fan because I have one in me! I bet you know what I am. I'm a computer!

By: Garrett S.

I sit against the wall in my owner's dining room. Beside me are some cubbies filled with wonder. It's filled with all the music that gets played on me. On top of me sits a metronome. It helps my owners keep a beat. They practice on me to play the right key. Of course sometimes they guess the key with luck. Can you guess what I am? I'm a PIANO!!!

By: Sydney S.

I am orange. I don't do much but eat. My other two friends and I go into the corner behind a plant and sleep. I always look forward to the morning when my owners turn the lights on so I can see around. The nights can be scary because I cannot close my eyes. I can move fast when I am trying to be scooped up to be transferred somewhere else. When it is time to eat, I go to the surface and eat. I have many orange scales and love when my home gets cleaned, so I can see outside of my tank. I love



swimming through the crystal clear waters of my tank. I am a goldfish.

By: Maggie S.

My favorite object is white. It has two blue lights. Every day when I come home, I get on it. This object is known to blow up, but mine has not. All my neighbors always want to use it, but I don't want them to get hurt. Can you guess what it is? It is a hoverboard.

By: Beau S.

Hello, today I am going to tell you about a special thing. I am brown and look like chocolate. I am super fluffy, like a bear! I am miniature of my kind. I am very fat, though. I weigh three pounds six ounces, but a normal weight is two pounds and five ounces. I am very spoiled, and my family loves me. My favorite thing is when my owner, Carmen, pets under my cheek; it is like a massage. I am seven years old, but an average lifespan is 10-12 years. I think I will live until I am old because I live inside. I eat carrots, cherries, and hay. If you can't guess what I am, I am the Swiatek pet bunny named Russell.

By: Carmen S.



I am something almost everyone likes. I smell great and taste even better. I have a rough and hard outer covering that can get a little soggy. I sound crunchy. The sight of me appeals to people. I hope I appeal you too. I am a taco.

By: Logan W.

I am handmade. I am built with wood and nails. I make the dancer look beautiful on stage. I am sometimes very stinky. I can be many colors, but I am pink most of the time. I am a shoe that dancers wear. Can you guess what I am? I am a pointe shoe.

By: Ella W.

I can touch its smooth, shiny, and brown wood. It has four, long, wiry strings. It fits right under my chin. It has a neck that holds the strings, reaches out, and twists into a scroll. Little, round pegs sprout out of the scroll. When played, it can sound beautiful. When I play it I can smell a faint smell of rosin.

By: Jenae W.

They have been with me since I could crawl; sometimes they have hair, but sometimes they are bald. I love to dress them and play house with them. I wish they could talk, but they are as quiet as a mouse. They will be with me for a long time to come. I will pass them on to one of my own. I hope they give them a great home. My.....dolls.

Quinn O.

Junior High

Ms. Combs' Class & Mrs. Daniels

Eighth Grade:



I think that boys and girls should be in different classes. It has been proven that a lot of boys and girls do better on tests with the other gender not there. These tests show that many boys or girls get distracted by the other gender or don't pay attention when they're there. Boys and girls also learn a different rates most of the time. Girls tend to be able to understand school work at a younger age than boys, but as they start getting older, the

boys tend to do better on advanced test than the girls do. Most of the time, the studies done one this showed that one gender without the other do better in school than when they are together.

Mixed classes are sometimes good to, though. When You grow up and get a job, if you never interacted with the other gender, than it is a lot different for the first time if you're trying to get a job. Some boys and girls found out that they will do better with the other gender. They prepare you for the future to know how to get along with the other gender. That is why I think mixed gender classes can be a good thing and a bad thing at the same time.

Thomas B

I think boys and girls should not be in different classes. When you grow up you will have to probably work with guys. You could have a guy friend and he could be your best friend so you would want to be in the same class with your friend. It says that if you had all boys in a class and then girls in a different class there will be more disruptions during class. That's why there should be girls and boys in the same class.

Maddy B

I think that boys and girls should be in the same class because it would get boys and girls talking to each other which would be helpful in the future with relationships. I see how it could be distracting in classes. But overall I think that boys and girls should not be in different classes. Some of the facts I found about it on some websites states that "The interest in public single-sex education has increased in recent years, as more pressure is placed on schools to graduate students, improve test scores and keep teaching methods fresh." Some schools are turning to same sex classes because it helps them academically and sometimes mentally. But it could be bad because when they go to high school, college, or the workplace they would not have the proper skills for it and there would still be boys and girls.

Josh B

I think boys and girls should be in the same classroom. Studies show that boys have better grades when there are girl students in the classroom. Boys and girls can build relationships for the future. Boys and girls have personality traits that shed on each other. After all isn't that how God made us?

Jacob B

In many studies scientists have noticed that boys and girls learn better in separate classes. The reason they believe this is because they think that boys are more intimidated of the girls in their vocabulary such as in English, then the girls are more intimidated by the boys in P.E., woodwork, and science. I think that the girls should be in different classes than the boys because it would prevent more distractions like trying to impress someone and it would prevent there being no stress over boyfriend and girlfriend. Then again I also think that the boys would need to be in different classes because most often in school when the boys are just talking to each other then next thing you know the girls are right behind you listening to what you are saying or they will just talk over you. Then you always have those girls at a school that always think they are better than everyone when they aren't and that prevents the boys from enjoying like P.E.

Although it all depends on if the boys and girls would get along. It might also help the girls more than the boys with interacting more with each other but that could be the same with the boys. In studies they show that very few schools are better in separate classes.

Bryce C

There are many different reasons why boys and girls should be in separate and the same classroom. There are multiple reasons that I will explain in the following two paragraphs. Boys and girls should be in separate classrooms because studies show that boys and girls learn differently in different subjects. In some subject they each have different learning styles unique to the gender. An



example is that girls tend to learn in a different style than boys. Teachers studied this and found out that having gender-specific lessons improves a student's participation, behavior and achievement. Another reason is that boys and girls can focus more on their studies without having to worry about what the other boys or girls think about them while in class. Students might also feel more free to answer questions out loud while with the same

gender so that they don't feel that they have to impress the opposite genders. I also think boys and girls should be in the same classroom because there is evidence that boys and girls in opposite classrooms produces stereotyping. Since they are in separate classrooms each gender has a different way of learning. They might read different books or be treated differently because of their gender because boys and girls are often thought of as opposites. It is also healthier to have friends of the opposite gender because you could get different opinions on things and just develop better relationships in general with different people which will help you out in life because you might end up needing to work with a lot of different people on something and you might not all be the same gender.

Lauren F

I think that classrooms should be mixed between male and female. I think this because if all a male or female's life they only are around their gender they wouldn't know how to respond or talk to the other gender. This is important



because how can we, as adults, function around people if you don't know how women are, or how to do simple things with them if all we know is our own gender. Then also it would be much harder to form relationships with the other gender. This is important because we can't form a society without the other gender. It can also be bad in a way to have mixed classes especially in the older

grades such as high school. This is because there can be a lot of drama with relationships. This isn't good because it distracts from school. Which can render them as adults for they don't have as they could've in high school. This would be if you did if you did get into drama, but each one has a valid reason but I prefer having the classes with the other gender.

Scott H

I feel that boys and girls should not be separated into 2 different classes because at some point in their life boys need to be able to talk to girls and vice versa. According to Michael Kimmel of cnn.com "Today, singlesex schools may provide some benefits, though these tend to be benefits that accompany the economic privilege of the families that can afford them. (That is, single sex private schools tend to also be schools for the elite.) But singlesex classes, in otherwise coeducational public schools, are entirely misguided." Regardless, the theory is wrong. In fact, singlesex classes might do more harm than good.

Maximus L

I believe that classes with mixed genders can be good and bad. It can be a good thing that the genders are separated because then they won't distract each other from their work. They might feel more comfortable knowing that they don't have to impress someone of the opposite gender. Many people believe that girls work more diligently when boys are not in the room and vice versa. This would result in potentially better grades and a change in confidence. Having classes with just

boys or only girls can be a bad thing. One gender won't learn how to interact with the other, causing possible social issues in the future. Real life isn't separated by gender. It would be an uncomfortable transition to not interacting and meeting people of the opposite gender to working with them every day. People who go to a coeducation school would have a better understanding and interaction of the gender opposite to them.

Colleen L

Boys and girls should be separated into different classrooms. This should be done because boys and girls learn differently. Studies have also shown that they perform better academically while in same sex classrooms. This means that while in co-ed classes, the boys and girls interact too much and don't focus enough on their actual school work. Girls are more passive learners while boys are more of the kinetic type. Boys and girls are also intimidated by each other's abilities in different classes. Also boys and girls spend too much time trying to impress the other gender instead of focusing on the task at hand. There are less stereotypes around a same sex class because they're not afraid to say the wrong thing around their same sex.



Hunter L

I think boys and girls should be in separate classes. Their brains both function differently. Girls are more passive learners, they are good visual and auditory learners and do well with lots of class discussions and diagrams. Boys are kinetic learners and they need to learn by doing. The opposite gender can be a distraction. Girls learn faster than boys. If the girls understand it and the boys don't then the girls will be stuck in a boring review class. If they are separate then they can be at their own skill.

Mark M

I think that boys and girls should be in the same classes. I feel this way because when boys and girls are in the same classes it teaches them how to interact with the opposite gender. If you go through your childhood not knowing how to talk to the opposite gender it will be difficult for you later in life. I also feel you need to understand how to work with the opposite gender, things such as group projects help with this. If you do not have mixed classes you wouldn't learn this ability either.

William O

The argument of whether or not boys and girls should be in the separate classes both have very valid points. For the pro separate, their argument could be that boys and girls have very different thought processes, and are different overall needing to be taught in different ways. However, those opposed to separate classes could say that different classes can prevent the development of talking, and developing relations of those of the opposite gender. I believe that boys and girls should be in the same class. I believe this because it can, and most likely will, help the development of social skills with others. Also, much like different ethnicities, boys and girls learn from each other. These are the various reasons I believe that boys and girls should be in similar classes.

Jeremy O



I think it is both a good decision and a bad one. The genders need to learn how to work with one another but it also might be a distraction and a disadvantage. I think there should be an all girls schools, all boys schools, and schools with both genders. That way, it would be the parent and child's decision. It would be beneficial to have the genders

separated because boys and girls have different learning patterns and absorb information differently. Also, many girls and boys don't get along which can be a disruption to the class. I think it should be an option, but the parents and child should be able to decide what works best for them.

Elke S

No, they should be in the same class. Most schools have boys and girls in the same classes. When you have boys and girls in the same classes you can get a better variety of questions and answers. Also the class will be better behaved with boys and girls because girls normally talk to girls and boys normally talk to boys. Boys and girls are also very good at being with each other in classes (like no big fights).

Elise H

Seventh Grade: Poetry

North Korea Kia Limerick

There once was a man from North Korea.
He liked to drive his little black Kia.
He entered a race
And came in first place
Then built a brand new pizzeria

Evan B.

Kitchen Sink

What happens in the kitchen sink?
Do the dishes make a giant ring?
Or do the forks play with the knives
As they swim around with a smile?
Do the spoons go diving
While the plates are in hiding?
What happens in the kitchen sink?

Lemuel C.



Still I Ride

My horse and I we must ride
Our destination is paradise
We ride through rivers, storms, and ice
Though very shaky, I ride.

Does every challenge affect me?
Do I always have to suffer?
Even though I sometimes lose faith
I must trust in my horse
My horse is strong and carries me
Why do I doubt? He gets me through all
But there will always be doubt
Still I ride

Why are there so many challenges to riding?
Why so many hills, rocks, and slippery paths?
You don't know if you're going the right way
I must let my horse guide me

I fall off my horses back
And I lose my path
I don't know where to look
My horse finds me, bends over, so I get on
Some people don't think they need the horse
to cross this dangerous path
But when they get to the end
There will be none, they could not follow the path
Does the horse complain?
Does it get tired of leading me?
No, it loves me incomparably
It even died so I could get to the end

Paradise is here now
I ride
I now serve the horse as I did before



I ride

Now there is nothing to fear
No pain, no suffering, no hunger, no thirst
There is no more loneliness

I ride

No more doubt no more fear

I ride

My horse is infinite love

God is eternity; Jesus is my horse that carries me

I ride

I ride

I ride

Noah C.

The Race

Dirt goes flying, my engine roars.
Over the hills my dirt bike soars.
I go past the others with a giant grin,
It's another day and another win.

Nick D.

Thanks

Thanks for supporting me when I am
wrong
Thanks for protecting me and making me strong
Thanks for helping me discover my dreams
Even though at times you can be really mean
Thanks for the happy times that we have shared
Thank you for showing me that you really care
Thanks for the loyalty, laughter, and love
Thanks for being someone that I am proud of

Olivia G.



Love and Hate

Some say the world runs on hate
I say in love
What do we know of our fate
I choose to think of things above
Not earthly things that lead astray
Focusing on His great love
Following His way
I'm worthy of.

Molly S.



Donuts

Donuts
Round, delicious
Sugary, glazed, powdery
Police officers love them
Amazing
Josh Y.

The Face of Death-Narrative

He is following me now
I can't get away
sometime ago I was lead astray
can't go back
cause it's so black
I've tried to run away

Once I was so gay
but now it's just sadness
I JUST GET FILLED WITH MADNESS
it is so unfair
I can't believe I dared
to face this evil alone
I am now gone
he is right there

I can see his face

DEATH

Bryan R.

Limerick~There Once was a Man From Ghana

There once was a man from Ghana
He walked and fell on a banana
When he hit his head
He could only see red
There lies this poor man from Ghana

Gabe S.

Life

Life is a fragile thing from
the birds in the air and the animals that
creep
Life is a short thing
like a fly, or the babies that cry
But life does have a meaning
for those who live for the master of all creation

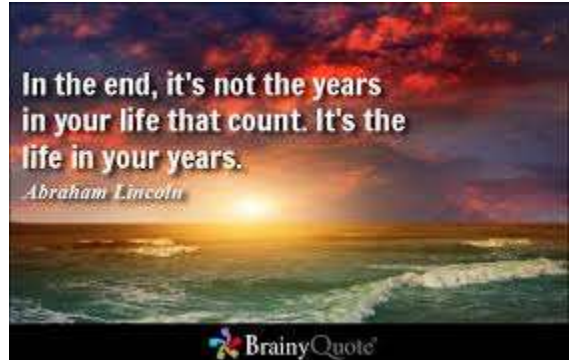
Justin W.

Stuck in a Box

I'm tired of being stuck in this box, with rules and standards that fill up like
rocks.

I'll never be free, or get out of this box.
I'm always trapped in structure or lines,
That keep me from thriving or getting a nine.
Potential is key, but not in this case;
I hope someday to get out of this place.

Millicent C.



A Trip-Cinquain

I took
A very big
Trip to Paris and Rome
It was very cold and wet there
My trip

Christopher H.



Not Till Tomorrow

Every day you see it, it makes you want to burst
That feeling you get when you know it won't work
It builds up inside you and one day you'll go POP
But until then, it cowers beneath the surface
You don't want it to be there, you don't want to feel it
Yet you hide it so no one knows it's there
You can't take it anymore, you have to let it out!
But no one can know that your feelings aren't right
So you put on a smile and go about your day
Only to realize that grief is impelling its way to the top
One day it will control you and you can't be yourself
Until that day comes it will sit on a shelf

Kyla E.

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