

# **Kaleidoscope**



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# Early Childhood

## Mrs. Bedard's Class

"The Grasshopper who tried to get out"

We found a grasshopper, it was in a rose. – **Reese R**

We brought him inside. – **Lina S**

We put him in a container. – **Chase H**

He tried to get out because he wanted to be outside. – **Zion C**

We had to put wrap on top so he wouldn't jump out. – **Elise L**

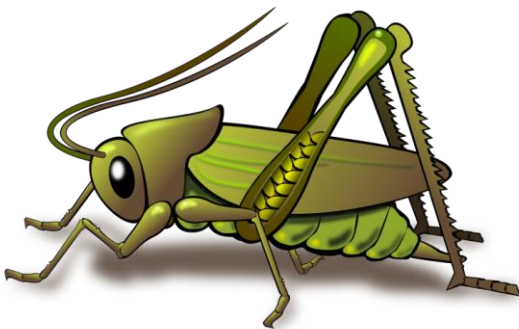
His name is Brownhopper. – **Caroline S**

He was poking the wrap trying to get out. – **Elayna S**

He has 6 legs. – **Keaton H**

He can jump. – **Evan W**

He has 2 antennas – **Aubrey L**



# Kindergarten

## Mrs. Sengele's Class

Jeb the scarecrow devises a secret plan to keep the local crows from having a party in his pumpkin patch. Before reading the end of the story, each kindergartener was to imagine what Jeb could do to keep his pumpkins safe from the crows.

Jeb's going to go crazy and stomp on those crows.

**Maria A.**

Jeb is gonna "boo" and wave the flags in the wind.

**Raelei B.**

Jeb would say go away. The crows were afraid that Jeb would eat them. And then Jeb was happy.

**Trinity B.**

He will find another pumpkin patch. He will go back to his house cause his pumpkin patch is safe.

**AnnaLee D.**

He is going to put the pumpkins inside his basement to keep them safe.

**Rory D.**

Jeb turned all the pumpkins into jack-o-lantern's. The crows were sad. The jack-o-lantern's didn't scare them away and then the tiger came. The crow's got scared and they ran away.

**Liam D.**

Jeb put the pumpkins in a box cause the birds won't find the pumpkins.

**Adelynn G.**



Jeb is going to find a friend and they will scare the crows away. (His friend's name is Bob)

**Cooper I.**

He's gonna scare them with pumpkin zombies and horns for their ears.

**Harrison J.**



# Kindergarten

## Mrs. Krause's Class

What was your favorite thing about the Field Trip to the Magic House?

My favorite part of our trip was climbing up and down the beanstalk.

**Oliver A.**

My favorite part of our field trip was having my mommy come along.

**Bobby A.**

My favorite part was the art place where I made a shield and a crown.

**Brayden B.**

My favorite part of the trip was the big slide where I shook my head.

**Maggie B.**

I had fun on everything at the Magic House.

**Xavier C.**

I liked playing on the big side and smelling the smelly jars.

**Ezra CL.**

I liked being with my mommy and playing with her.

**Calvin D.**

My favorite thing at the Magic House was going fishing.

**Kaleb G.**

I liked going in the market and fishing and playing in the pet store at the Magic House.

**Zion G.**



# First Grade

## Mrs. Robinson's Class

What did the first graders like about the zoo field trip?

I love the Children's Zoo. I love the part where we went on the train and I like lunch. I like the class (Feathers & Fur).

**Calista S**

I like seeing the lions and choo choo train and the slide and the Children's Zoo was fun, too.

**Lauren K.**

I love to see the jelly fish and petting the snake was fun, too. **Josie W.**



I like the Children's Zoo. I love the tigers and I like cheetahs. **Ryan P.**

I like the sea lions because I love to swim. I love the Children's Zoo, too.

**Jonah S.**

I love the Children's Zoo. I love the train. I love lunch. **Lily W.**

I love the Children's Zoo. I love the penguins and the playground. **Riese K.**





# Second Grade

## Mrs. Lingafelter's Class

In the fall I like to.....

In the fall I like to carve pumpkins. This year me and my dad carved a Darth Maul face in my pumpkin. We bought two pumpkins. Mom carved a girl face in Maria's pumpkin.

**James A.**

In the fall I like to watch the red, brown, yellow, orange, and green leaves fall to the ground. I like it because it is peaceful. I sometimes get a popsicle. Sometimes my family goes outside to play a game.

**Grayson G.**

In the fall I like to celebrate Thanksgiving because my elf comes. His name is Jingle. He is so funny, because once he sat on the light! I also really like Jingle.

**Hayden S.**



In the fall I like to have Thanksgiving. I go to my grandmother's house and we have a Thanksgiving party. We have turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, beans and soup. It is so fun. We play games and then we go home.

**Autumn W.**

In the fall I like to celebrate Thanksgiving because my cousins come over. On my mom's side we write a prayer on the table cloth and we go around the table and we read our prayer. We play games with my cousins like hide and go seek and capture the \*ag. My grandma and grandpa come too. I have two cousins. Their names are Ella and Luke and they have a mom and dad. Their names are Aunt Katie and Uncle Dan and he is fun to play with.

**Emily K.**

In the fall I like to pick apples and make pie. I like it so much because I like how you can make pie. That's why I like it. It's so good. I just can't help myself. It's just so good. But sometimes I don't eat it.

**Ian W.**

In the fall I like to make a picture. I collect leaves and then I put them on a piece of paper. Then I pick a spot and then I glue the leaves. Then I put the paper in a frame. It looks pretty.

**Keegan A**





# Second Grade

## Mrs. Rincker's Class

My favorite season is fall because it is beautiful. The trees turn colors in the fall. My mom and dad and sister and brother make a leaf pile.

**Natalie T.**



My favorite season is fall. It is nice and cool. The temperature is 60 degrees. I like it because my Dad makes camp fires. I like going to Holiday Inn Express. We have lots of fun. We eat Oreos and throw popcorn at each other.

**Liam G.**

My favorite season is fall because the colors of the leaves are beautiful. Wow! I can't believe it is fall. I also like the fall because there are apples.

**Grace M.**

My favorite season is summer because I get to swim, play sports, and go to VBS. Last summer I went to Holiday World. I had a great time. I also went to Johnson Shut Ins and Elephant Rock.

**Grace P.**

My favorite season is spring! Why I like spring is because I get to smell the pretty flowers. I can play outside with my friends. I like to go to Florida in the spring.

**Madyson R.**

Summer is my favorite season because I get to play with my dad outside. I sometimes have a pillow fight. Dad and I play soccer. Sometimes Dad and I camp outside in the backyard.

**Alex R.**

Winter is my favorite season. I like winter because it has snow. We build snow caves and make big balls of snow. I like it because Christmas is in the season.

**Connor S.**

My favorite season is winter. It always snows and it is so pretty. We always light the Christmas tree and we get new pajamas.

**Samantha S.**



# Third Grade

## Mrs. Batty's Class

If I lived in the rainforest I would be human. I would ride on boats. I've always wanted to live wild like Tarzan or the Boxcar Children. I don't think that's ever going to happen. I would love and care for the animals and would have a fun time.

**Kate M.**

If I lived in the rainforest I would be a toucan. I would stay up high in trees and fly 900 feet in the sky. I would look for trees to fly into. I would find a sloth and be friends. I also would go to the sky and find a friend macaw. We all flew to the sky.

**Jeremy M.**



If I lived in the rainforest, my pets would be a jaguar, a parrot, and an iguana. I would live in a treehouse. I would eat the banana plant. I would go boating on the Amazon River. There would be lots of trees and it would rain a lot. There would be blue morpho butter flies.

**Elise K.**

If I lived in the rainforest I would run with the jaguar and we would run all day. I would fly with the toucans over the canopy. I would swim with the amazon river dolphin in the Amazon River. We would swim all day.

**Ava I.**

If I lived in the rainforest I would see many colors yellow, pink, and orange. When I was there I went to sleep on a vine. I swung on ropes. Beautiful Butterflies flew over my head. I could talk to the animals. Life was amazing. I had many friends.

**Kylie B.**

If I lived in the rainforest I will want to see a nine-banded armadillo, blue poison dart frog, three toed sloth, blue morpho butterfly, and spider monkey. My house would be out of wood and cool stuff.

**Ian R.**

If I lived in the rainforest I would live in a tree house. My pet would be a butterfly, but here are lots more animals like birds, and cats. From the help of my pet, we can find enough food.

**Adam T.**

Hi, I live by the Amazon River. These are the pets I tamed; jaguar, anaconda, toucan, and some blue macaws. I live in a treehouse about 50ft wide and 60ft tall and 70ft long. I have a hanglider, a basketball, baseball, and mitt. I even made a golf club and holes and a course.

**Drake W.**

If I lived in the rainforest I would be a macaw. I would swoop from tree to trees saving animals from predators. I'd become famous.

**Dillon K.**

If I lived in the rainforest I would slither around the rainforest and hunt my prey. I would sleep in a den made out of leaves and sticks. When I am bored I will play with my friends Carl. We will eat together and play with each other.

**Brady B.**



# Fourth Grade

## Mrs. Pritchard's Class

The fourth graders wrote about the best gift they have ever received or could receive for their birthday.

The best gift I ever received was a water blaster. The blaster is good for the pool because it sprays water, you pull a cork to load it, and it is easy to fire. It is orange and white; bumpy, and awkwardly shaped. The point is, that water blaster was the best gift I ever received.

**Atticus B.**

The best gift I could receive is something I would use every day. I could use it to buy things like books, Legos, a car, and other materials. I would want to get it when I am 10.

**Nick B.**

The perfect birthday gift I got was my Nerf gun. I love shooting my sister and shooting my parents. I love it. Thank you, Lord.

**Kaleb B.**

The best birthday gift I have received is my iPad. It has a pink and black case. It was from my mom and dad. It will be useful for awhile and it is fun to play with. I take it a lot of places.

**Dani C.**

The perfect gift for me is hand sanitizer. My favorite scent is Mrs. Claus Apple Pie. I also like Cotton Candy scent, Strawberry Shortcake, Cinnamon Bun, Marshmallow, and all of the other scents!

**Kaelin C.**





For my tenth birthday, I got the best gift. It was from my whole family. I wear it every day. It is good on a hike or on a long walk. It is dark blue with a little bit of light blue in the middle. I take it off when it could get wet. It is an electronic. You have to charge it twice a week. It is like a watch and it tracks your exercise. I was so happy to get it! It was my favorite gift when I turned ten. You have probably seen me wearing it before.

**Joey F.**

My perfect gift was my Big Jo-Jo. Big Jo-Jo is a monkey with brown fur and a light brown belly. Jo-Jo has 5/30/07 on his foot. He has a hot pink, purple, and green big, fluffy tutu on him. I got Jo-Jo when I was born and my big brother gave him to me. I love Big Jo-Jo so much!

**Kassidy G.**



The perfect gift would be to move to Colorado right next to the best lake for catching catfish and bass. I would have the best bait for catfish and bass and I could fish with that dude on that fishing show called, "Monster Fish". He could teach me his secrets and tips and I could teach him my secrets and tips. I could have all the guns for hunting bears. I could have a dirt bike and a fourwheeler.

**Augie J.**

The perfect birthday gift would be a shiny, new skull because I have cracked my head. It would be a gift by God and it would be useful for a long time. I would have long term memory.

**Ryan P.**

For the perfect gift, I want something that has a picture of a dragon on it. The case (hint) will be pink and the dragon would be blue. The color under the case would be white. If you didn't already guess, it is a phone! (FYI, it would be a Samsung).

**Anastasia P.**



## Fourth Grade

### Mrs. Maske's Class

#### The Best Present

If I could get the best birthday gift it would be a hover board. It would have a lot of colors. If I did not get a hover board I might faint. I would let all of my friends ride it. That is the best birthday gift that I could get.

**By: Carter H.**

The best birthday present I could receive would be a neon-colored car. The car could change into anything. It would have colorful wheels. My car could also fly, swim, and turn into any vehicle. The best thing about my car would be that it could become invisible!

**By: Jacob K.**

The best birthday present I could have would be a hover board! It would be the color gold. I would use it to go around places. I would do tricks with it. It would have wheels. It can move around when you lean the same direction. It is heavy and it needs to be charged up with a cord.

**By: Evan W.**



The best birthday present would be a dog. The dog would be very adorable and kind. The dog's fur would be a golden, shiny color. The dog would eat, of course, dog food. It would go on walks with me. The dog would also be hilarious.

**By: Olivia S.**

My best birthday gift ever would be a lot of horses and a barn. I would have at least 100 horses with a big fancy barn. I would have all kinds of breeds in the world. I would let the horses inside my house but just a few at a time. They would still go to the bathroom outside. I would also train all the horses myself. They would be mustangs. So that means that they would have not human contact or have seen a person.

**By: Rebe D.**

If I could have the best birthday present ever, it would be an automobile. I would drive it throughout the city. I could drive to restaurants. I could also go to other states. I could drive across the country.

**By: Luke R.**

If I could receive the best birthday present ever, it would be a dog. I would be a Golden Retriever. It would be gold and have shaggy fur. It would be very playful. It would cuddle with me. It would sleep in my room every night. In the morning before school, we would play outside for a little while. Then when I get home from school, I would throw a Frisbee to my dog.

**By: Andrew M.**



The best birthday present I could receive is a horse and a pool. I'd love to have a hot pool. I'd also love to have a very nice and loving horse. I'd like to have a beautiful and pretty horse, too.

**By: Chloe W.**

The best present in the world would be a miniature pug. It would be so cool to have one. It would be very nice. I will play with it a long time.

**By: Ryan S.**

## Fifth Grade

### Mrs. Daniels's Class

The fifth graders were asked to complete this statement: "I think heaven....."

--I think Heaven will have a lot of light. There will be angels all around, and God will be there. It would be sin free and pure, but you have to believe in God to go to Heaven. Overall, Heaven is a perfect and pure place.

**Katie B.**



--I think Heaven is a place where nobody argues and everyone shares and is kind. Then, when I go to Heaven, I'll wait for the new heaven and the new earth. The I will go back down to earth; but one thing I want do to in Heaven is to meet people like Moses, Abraham, and Elijah and ask them what earth was like for them.

**Troy C.**

--Heaven sounds like an amazing place. I have had many dreams about Heaven. In all my dreams of Heaven, I have seen a white and gold palace on clouds, with a very colorful door. In one of my dreams, I went in and saw a huge garden with people playing with each other and animals. I see angels in my dreams of Heaven. When I die, I am sure I will go to Heaven because I am a Christian who believes in Jesus.

**Caleb C.**

--Heaven is the most perfect place in the world. Heaven is a dream that comes true, but God asks one thing for you to get into Heaven, and that is to believe! He wants you to believe that He is real, and that He is with you! He also asks that you are kind to one another, although we don't always do that. Heaven is a special place that we don't deserve. Heaven is AMAZING!

**Grace C.**

--Heaven must be a beautiful place. It seems like a magical place. When I think Heaven, I think God. When I think Jesus, I think angels. Angels must shimmer with glory. God must be even more amazing than we think He is. Heaven, I think, must be perfect, with no weeds, bad bugs, or anything bad. Can't wait to see it!

**Emma H.**

--Heaven is a beautiful place! I hear there are different colors! It's hard for me to think of something better than, like Black Ops, but it's true! It's better than Edison's Chuck E.

Cheese, Altitude, Party City, books, school, friends, learning, computer, Xbox, Netflix, pizza, music games, candy prizes, etc. If you want to go there, you need to believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Andrew H.**

--I think that Heaven is like a bright light with clouds and angels. Once I go to Heaven and I see what it really looks like, I am going to think back to writing this paper and compare how right and wrong I was when I was writing. I also imagine Heaven as a happy place where most things are clouds, and everything is good.

**Olivia J.**

--Heaven is a beautiful, beautiful place. It is a place for believers, God, and Jesus. Heaven is a place of love and worship. Heaven is a place where there is no pain, no sorrow. Heaven is filled with so much love and happiness, we can't even imagine.

**Dawson K.**



--I think that Heaven is like nothing is wrong; it's just perfect. Nobody is sad; they're all happy. There will be no mean people. I will be safe, like nobody will hurt me. If you are hurt, you will go up to Heaven and be fine. I think it will be beautiful.

**Morgan O.**

--What I think Heaven looks like is solid gold buildings and roads. The roads have pearl medians. The buildings have pearl edges and silver roofs. God's throne is solid gold and some silver, with pearls on it. It is also really bright. Heaven sits on white, fluffy clouds. There are also angels flying. God's throne is located in the middle of it all.

**Clara R.**

--I think Heaven is an interesting place. You do not know where it is or what it looks like. The Bible says if you believe, you will go there one day. It is probably pretty and big and is the place where God and all the believers are. Heaven is the best place you can be, because you are with God.

**Keenan R.**

--Heaven is the place where God lives. All believers go to Heaven. Heaven is said to be 100x better than the best place you think in the world! Heaven is beyond our imaginations. When you go to heaven, it will be like a dream come true. I think Heaven will be sort of like the Garden of Eden, and we can all guess that it will be perfect. I think it will be fertile and wonderful. This is my description of Heaven!

**Nathan S.**



## Sixth Grade

### Mrs. Daniels' Class

The sixth graders were asked to think about the words "forever/everlasting":

Whenever the word forever comes into my head I think of a circle. I don't know why but I guess it's just because if you were like in a roller coaster, and it was a circle, it would never end. It is weird, but that is what I think. It would go around and around and around. That's what I think when I hear the word circle.

**Quintin B.**

When I think of forever/everlasting, I think of time. There are many different forms of time, like a timer. A timer starts and stops, and tells how fast something or someone can do something, but time technically is never ending. You are reading/listening to this now and time is passing by. That is how it will be until the world ends. The conclusion is time can be stopped, but is always passing. Time to me is forever.



**Jordan G.**

When I hear the word forever, God pops into my mind. The reason is that God doesn't have a beginning or an end so he has been here forever. It is hard to believe he has been here forever but he has been here way before our time. Finally, when I hear the word forever God pops into my mind what pops into your mind?

**Abbey G.**

Forever means "continually", and Everlasting means "lasting forever or a very long time. Isaiah 40:28 says "The everlasting God will not grow tired or weary, he gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." Forever to me means work, you will work until you retire. Forever also means memories to me.

**Marlaina G.**



When I think of forever or everlasting I think of God's grace and love, and never ending

**Tyler H.**

The word that comes into my mind is heaven. Why? Because when I die, I will go to heaven and there I will spend eternity. Sometimes I think about what I will be doing for the rest of my life.

**Domiano L.**

Forever is a complicated word. It represents what the human mind could only perceive as never ending. To me, it brings a sense of looming and presence. For example, imagine walking down a hallway. This is an empty hallway, void of color or complexity. Imagine you walked down that hallway, but after an infinite number of years, it never ended. You walk the other way, but you never find anything else. Imagine the darkness in the night sky. It's just the night sky, but it harbors an eerie feeling of strength to crush you. Now, imagine a baby being born. He is new; yet, this baby has been here since the time before time.



One day the grown up man was crucified, yet he is still with you today. Someone once did that. A man named Jesus Christ the Son of God Himself came to Earth to save us, and succeeded. He is infinite and everlasting, and He loves you. The once cold and eerie darkness bring a warm glow once you realize who is there.

**Elliot J.**

Forever or everlasting are weird words. Some people use the words for marketing. *Everlasting Superglue! Lifetime warranty!* This is what some people say. The only thing that is truly forever is God. God has no beginning or end. We cannot imagine that because we live in a world where things are created, then they are destroyed. In Heaven, time as we know it will stop, and we will live with God *forever*.

**Ellie M.**

When I think of everlasting I think of space. Space is a crazy and wacky place. Are there aliens? We don't know. Are there gas stations in space? We don't know. Space is everlasting. People only say there's only one universe, but I believe there are millions of universes that make up a megaverse; which there are millions of megaverses that make up an infinitverse. Space is such a cool and crazy place. It would be impossible to discover all of it. Space is the sort of thing that will blow your mind up when you try to think of it. That is what I think of everlasting.

**Nick S.**



Forever/Everlasting—think of these two words. God is everlasting. Everlasting life is what God, the king of glory, power, and all of His creation, has promised us through baptism, and the death of His only son, our Lord, who was crucified and raised for us. God cleansed us, and saved us from sin through the water of Holy Baptism and the blood of His son. We are now God's children because we received the word of God as a child through baptism. We will live in the Lord Jesus in heaven because we believe in the Lord Jesus who died for us. This is everlasting—everlasting life!

**Sam S.**

Forever—Everlasting. These two words can mean a ton. Two subjects that are forever and everlasting are: war and greed, and peace and tranquility. There will always be torture and greed and war in Hell, but there will also be peace and tranquility in Heaven. The everlasting of war and greed are based upon humans' sinful nature, which is our greed and our desires for more, yet there is such a thing as peace forever—peace and tranquility, which is based not upon humans themselves, but God's love and willingness to forgive. The same human nature applies to the people who will be destined to Heaven, but they are forgiven—therefore washing away the human nature and letting them be in peace and tranquility forever in heaven.

**Jacob M.**

When I hear the words forever and everlasting, I think about living with God in heaven forever. They also remind me that God has promised us eternal life in heaven. They help me to remember God's unconditional love for everyone and for me. That is what I think when I hear the words forever and everlasting.

**Bella S.**

When I hear forever, I think of something that will never end. I think of something that can never be destroyed or can die. It could be something that is there and will never leave. A good example of forever is God. He never began, and He will never end. Forever can be a good thing or a bad thing. You could live in a paradise forever or live in a place where things that aren't very pleasant could be. I think forever could be a good thing.

**Kanalu W.**



# Junior High

Ms. Combs' Class

## Seventh Grade:

### **Things I Have Learned About Being a Good Friend**

**By: Cameron B.**

I have learned many things about being a good friend to others. I try to offer my friends help as much as I can. But I have also learned many things from this, such as it pays off to be a good friend, friends always have your back in a time of trouble, and that no matter what you do, friends will almost always forgive you.

First, being a good friend will pay off. If you're nice to your friends and support them, they will support you. Taking your friends places will lead them to paying you back for what you did for them.



Next, friends always have your back. Even if you're going through the worst time of your life, your friends will be there to comfort you and help you overcome your problems. I can rely on my friends to help me if I have a problem whether it's in sports or life in general.

Lastly, I can trust my friends to forgive me even if I do something completely stupid. When my friends do something stupid they know that I can forgive them even if it bothers me personally.

Throughout my life I have made new friends and I have lost some friends. Even though we may get into arguments over stupid stuff in the end we forgive each other and carry on. Over the years i have been a pretty good friend and I hope to stay like that even though I may have some rough times.

### **Things I Have Learned About Being a Good Friend**

**By: Emma B.**

Everyone should have a friend, whether you're 3 years old or 33 years old. A friend should be someone you can tell anything to. You should never lie to

Proverbs 17:17  
A friend loves at  
all times, and a  
brother is born  
for a time of  
adversity.

them, and they should never lie to you. If they are a true friend when you're in a fight with them; you will be miserable without them. You should always clear up a fight with your friend, you need them. You should never, ever, ever lie to your friend. They should never

lie to you either. In case they do, you should be a good friend and forgive them.

If you aren't truthful to them, then they have no reason to trust you. You need to make sure that you trust them because having a friend you don't trust is like

having no friend at all. You should make sure they trust you, also. If you lie to them, they will probably be upset just like you would probably be upset. If you aren't truthful to them, then they have no reason to trust you. You should be able to keep their secrets. If you find yourself telling other people their secrets, that's a problem. If you can't keep their secrets, then they shouldn't be telling you their secrets. Every friend should be able to keep secrets; it's one of the things that makes you a good friend. If you are mad at your friend or in a fight with your friend, you should always clear it up! If they are truly your friend, then you will want to find out why you're mad at them, talk to them about it, and clear it up! You should always have a friend that you trust right by your side.



### **Good Friend Advice** **By: Carson C.**

I think being a good friend is great. I think that many people need help in doing it. But, that's my opinion. Here are some things you can learn about being a good friend.



Be supportive. Being supportive is a good thing because it boosts their confidence. Being supportive can also help them with their struggles. You also have to be a good listener.

Learn to be understanding. Understanding is an important thing when dealing with friends. You have to learn to understand your friends' problems. You also have to understand your friends' responsibilities in their homes and stuff.

# Friends

Be dependable. Your friend will depend on you many times during your friendship. Your friend will need your support especially during hard times. It's hard to rely on a person who doesn't behave in a trustworthy way.

## **Good Friend Advice**

**By: Autumn D.**

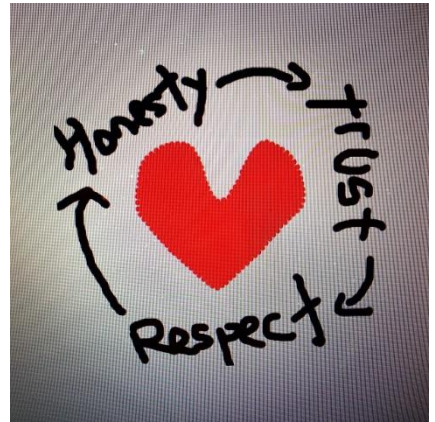
I have learned many things about being a good friend; these are only a few. Don't fight over little things because it's bad for the friendship. You shouldn't do this also because it could ruin the relationship with your friend. It could hurt you both even if that wasn't intended. You should always stand up for your friend. If they are in a predicament, then you should help them. Then your friendship can grow stronger. You should always be okay with them hanging out

with other people. This means that you trust them. Then you and your friend can be best friends.

## **Characteristics of a Good Friend**

**By: Maddy G.**

I have learned many different things about being a friend. I have learned you should have trust, honesty, and respect. You should always have trust in your relationship. People may want to tell you secrets, and they need to know that they can rely on you. Trust also makes your friendship stronger. Another thing you need to have in your friendship is honesty. You should always admit your mistakes if you do wrong. Honesty helps in your relationship so you won't have problems with trust also. Lastly, you should have respect for one another. Having respect shows you care for one another. You need this so your relationship won't fall apart.



## **Importance of Being a Good Friend**

**By: Declan G.**

The three things that will help you be a good friend are: being honest with each other, showing kindness toward each other, and being supportive.

Being honest with your friends is the most important thing to me. When you're honest with your friends, they can trust that you will be a good friend to them. When you're honest, your friends will want to be around you. If you lie about things, that friend won't trust that you're a true friend. They also won't want to be around you or feel safe.

My next reason is showing kindness. When you're kind to a friend, they will want to and should be kind back. Just like the golden rule states...treat others the way you want to be treated. If your friend is not being kind to you back, then that's a sign that that friend is not being a true friend, and they're not the right type of person to be around. But, it's still good to be kind back to them, even if they're still not nice to you.

My final reason is being supportive. Being supportive shows that you are a kind person. Some examples of being supportive is cheering them on when they're running in a track meet or an event. When they're going to do something that is extremely hard, be there to support them just like if they're performing at a talent show or something like that.



These are three things I stated of how to be a good friend. These help remind me of how to be a good friend.

### **Things About Being a Good Friend**

**By: Matthew H.**

You can be a good friend by supporting your friends, being nice, and keeping secrets. My first strategy is to support your friends in times of sadness. You need to tell your friends to get over the sadness and live the rest of their life well. If you always live in sadness, you can't do anything. The second thing is being nice. If you are nice, your friends will know you are a good person. Also, they might treat you like you treat them. Finally, keeping secrets is important. If you can't keep a secret, your friends won't trust you. If it is really serious, they might not want to be your friend.



### **Life Support**

**By: Megan H.**

Everyone yearns to have a lifelong friend, the friend that you have known as long as you remember, the friend that has stuck with you through thick and thin and gotten you through the tough times. The people who are lifelong friends generally have a give and take relationship. A person can't be constantly taken

from; they need to be poured into so they can pour out to other. If a friend needs you, you have to be willing to help them. I have also learned that friends are important. Life is a game, and your friends are the players, you can't play the game without the players. Your friends are like your life support, they keep you going when you aren't strong enough to handle things alone. The last thing I learned is that listening is key. When a person feels like they can't speak because they're constantly told to be quiet, the only people they can talk to is their friend. Everyone wants to feel like people care, by listening to someone you show them that you care. Play the game with players, and hang on to your life support.

### **Advice About Being a Good Friend**

**By: Khushi J.**

If you want to have good friends, you have to be a good friend too. One reason is that you should listen to what they're saying. If you listen to them, you

  
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would be a good friend because if you don't, they will think you only care about yourself. It wouldn't be fair if they listened to everything you said, but you didn't. Another way to be a good friend is to be honest with them. If you lie to them, they will not trust you, and if your friend doesn't trust

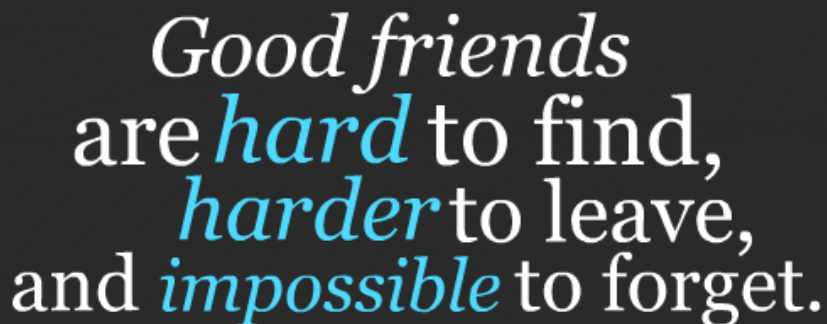
you, then you aren't really considered friends. For example, if you lie to them

and say that you haven't told anyone their secret but you actually did, you wouldn't be such a good friend. Last but not least, is you should be nice to them. If you aren't nice, you guys aren't that much of friends. If you're really mean to them, they wouldn't want to hang out with you. If you say rude things about them or their other friends, they wouldn't think it's best for you to be their friend. This is what I have learned from being a good friend.

### **True Friend?**

**By: Alice K.**

Everyone wants good friends, right? Well, to have good friends, you have to BE a good friend. So, here are a few pieces of "friendly advice" for you. Remember, that what you do, could make or break your friendship. My first point of interest is being nice. You need to be nice and supportive to your friends. Treat them how you want to be treated. Be honest. Always let a friend know what's on your mind. And lastly, listening. Listening is important because sometimes your friends need someone to talk to.



*Good friends  
are **hard** to find,  
**harder** to leave,  
and **impossible** to forget.*

## **Things That Good Friends Should Always Do.**

**By: Eli L.**

There are three things a friend should always do. The first thing is that you should always keep a friend's secret. That is something a good friend should always do, but there are secrets that you should tell like if they took something; that would be a problem. The next is that you should do things with your friends even though you don't like those things. What I mean by this is that not everything is about you and that does not mean you can't tell them you don't like them, but you should also do things your friends like. You should also be kind to them always. If you are not, who would want to be your friend? If you are not nice to them, they will not be nice to you, and you won't be friends with them anymore. So you should always be nice to your friend. Those are the three things you should always do when you have a friend(s).



## **Things I Have Learned About Being a Good Friend**

**By: Trevor P.**

Being a good friend is extremely important. One important thing is to gain that friend's trust. If you gain someone's trust, they will want to hang around



you more. It is also good to have someone's trust because it is easier to tell people secrets and for your friend to tell you something if you trust each other.

Another thing I have learned is that a good friend stays by their friends. Even when someone is not being nice to them, a good friend will stand by them. People will want to be with people who stand by them. If you stand by your friends, your friendship will grow.



Another thing about being a good friend is to help and support them. Your friendship will grow if you always help them. Good friends will help and support other friends, even if it is hard. This is why I think helping and supporting a friend is one of the most important things you can do.

I have learned many things about being a good friend. These are just a few of them. I hope to keep doing all these things. This is why I think being a good friend is extremely important.

## **Things I Have Learned About Being a Good Friend**

**By: Mary Ann R.**

I have learned quite a few things in my short life. Some about math, science, and history, but the thing I have learned the most about

was how to be a good friend. One thing I learned was to help friends with homework. It makes you feel good, and it helps them understand something they might not have gotten before. It also may help you learn more about certain things. Another thing I've learned is not to make friends out of sympathy. If someone does that, they won't be a very good friend. When I was in 1st grade, I made friends with someone who had to get hearing aids. I wasn't a very good friend to her. The third thing I learned is that you might have to do things you don't want to do. Most of the time I don't have a problem with that, but sometimes I do. Many of the things I don't really want to do end up being fun. I have learned a few more things than that about being a good friend, but this all I could think of.



## What Makes a Good Friend?

By: Anna R.

I learned that there are many characteristics that a good friend should possess. I will tell only a few of them to you. You should always be there for your friend when they need you. When they are going through hard times, don't run away from them, but stay and help them. Always look out for your friend. If they make a mistake or do something wrong, be able to correct them in a nice way. As the friend who needs correction, you should be open to constructive criticism; you shouldn't be upset when they are just trying to help you. You also shouldn't fight with your friend. When things are bad or going wrong, just forgive each other and everything will be alright. You shouldn't hold a grudge over them as well because that will break your friendship too. These are all great characteristics to have. You can even possess a couple more because that will make you an even better friend.



## **Eighth Grade:**

### **The America I Believe In**

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**By: Sophie B.**

I believe in an America with a united society. I think that there should be less hate and more love. America is in a panic right now, which is stirring all the people up. People are getting shot, and life isn't being valued. If we were a united society people would trust other people. In today's society, parents won't let their children leave their side. So many people are being killed because our own sinful nature. I believe life is valuable, and unnecessary killing should stop.



#### **The America I Believe In**

**By: Lemuel C.**

America has been changing over the past years. Many people running for president keep saying that they will make America again or make it a better place. It looks to me, though that it is getting worse and worse. I believe in a society that looks to God when going through a struggle. I believe in an America where people can help each other without attitude or looking down on people. I

believe in an America where when the president is having a problem, he or she looks to God for the answer. I believe America will finally wake up and smell the coffee and realize what we are doing is wrong. I believe in an America where God leads us and we follow him not the other way around.

### **THE AMERICA I BELIEVE IN**

**By: Sam C.**

I believe that America is the best country in the World. The reason I think this is because America is free and the American citizens have freedom. People



can say what they want and praise who they want; we have freedom of speech, religion, etc. In America we don't have to worry about starving or being killed because of our religion like some other countries do.

America has a good military that works hard so that we may have freedom. I respect the soldiers who fight for our country, and I am very thankful that they make this country free.

### **The America I Believe In**

**By: Millicent C.**

The America I believe in is one where everyone should love and respect each other. In our world today, clearly no one honors or cares about this

statement whatsoever. All people want to do is start fights and arguments for no apparent reason. Putting others down and arguing isn't what America was intended to be. We are all united as one and need to face our problems and struggles and help out one another.

Being harsh and judgmental with each other will get us nowhere. We all need to learn to love each other despite our differences or backgrounds. That is the *ideal* America that I believe in.

**The America I Believe In**  
**By: De'Jaun C.**

I believe that America could be this place where everybody likes each other and people don't fight or do anything wrong if everybody just followed the rules. America could be the best place ever if some people would just let us be and allow us to have the freedom we deserve. We all need firearms, freedom, faith, and family to move on in life. We can't live without those things. America could be clean and healthy, and we wouldn't have to worry about any dangerous people anywhere we go all the time. Just think about it. What would you do if everybody in America was happy and there was not one problem to worry about? Just imagine it.



**The America I Believe In**  
**By: Christopher H.**

I believe if the right leaders were elected and people would grow up a little, America could be a really good place. America could have a united society even when there isn't a major catastrophe. Homeless people could be better taken care of than they are now and maybe offered jobs. America could be a place full of patriotism and the willingness to defend others. Finally, I know America isn't perfect, but it can certainly become close.



**The America I Believe In**  
**By: Faith M.**

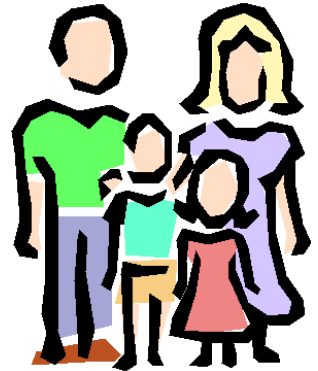
I believe in an America where neither Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton would be president. I believe we could eventually come back to Christianity, but it will take a miracle. Abortion would never have been legalized in the ideal America. Half naked people would not be the face of everything, and we wouldn't worship them. I believe we can change the way other nations see us. We can learn their languages instead of making them learn ours. Exercising and eating less fast food can help us not be known as a bunch of fat hillbillies. I believe we can be a fit, considerate nation.



## **The America I Believe In**

**By: Ryan P.**

There are many principles that America is built on. They are freedom, faith, firearms, and family. Freedom is essential in America. Many today say we aren't free, but I can challenge that. Your view of freedom is different than a man living in Syria who can't step out of his door because he is afraid of an airstrike. Then there is faith. In most countries people are persecuted because of their faith, but here you can go to church every Sunday. We can meet freely to protest because of what we believe in. Next, of course, is the right to own firearms. Now some may argue about this, but this is what makes us unique. Firearms give us the right to protect ourselves anywhere. Finally there is family. Family is what all of us are built on. The value of family is one that you can't replace. These are the principals that I believe America is built on and make our country great.



## **The America I Believe In**

**By: Bryan R.**

I believe in a different America than we have today. First of all, we need to not accept as many immigrants as we are now. At this rate, we will keep get

too many people in our country, and we won't be able to make enough jobs and housing for them. Also, we need to jettison legal abortion. It is killing babies that could one day be really important to the world. Finally, we need a better political system. Our country is getting bad leaders, and we aren't able to get rid of them until the next election. We need a system that will make America great again.

### **The America I Believe In**

**By: Hannah R.**

The America I believe in is strong and united, has equality, and has freedom and liberty. We are given freedom of religion, speech, and many more rights in this country. Everyone should be treated equally, no matter who they



are. Also, we need liberty. If the United States Constitution was never created, our country would be miserable and not have liberty whatsoever. Lastly, we, as a people, need to be more united and work together to fix problems, instead of hating and killing each other.

I think we should be strong and united. This is something our country could definitely get better at. We are united as a country, but we all need to get over our differences and love each other, whether you're from Alaska or

Washington. We definitely do argue with each other, but we are strong together when it comes to dealing with other countries.

Another thing that I value in our country or would like more of is equality. Now today's culture already has a lot of equality. This is shown in the various different people who are famous today. All of them are different, but there is no discrimination. Also, it's nice because no one would judge you on appearance, beliefs, or gender, but on who you are as a person.

Our freedoms need to be known. No matter what type of freedom we have, they are all important. Without the freedoms that we have today, our country would be chaotic. There would be more protesting, violent and peaceful. Also, our citizens would just be more miserable and depressed. Not being able to be heard or understood is probably the worst feeling. The freedoms we are given help our voices be heard and give us more personality.

Overall, our country is good and does what it needs to thrive. Like most countries, though, we are able to improve. We are very blessed to have the freedoms we do have and should never forget the rights we have as a people.



## **The America I Believe In**

**By: Cade B.**

America has become corrupt with all our bad government leaders and politicians. This is not what our Founding Fathers wanted to happen to our country. We need someone to make America great again. The America I want is one that doesn't keep secrets unless there are good reasons for it. We keep letting other countries take advantage of us because of all our country's loans. We need a proper economy, not one that will tax us to death.

## **The America I Believe In**

**By: Kyla E.**

The America I believe in has liberty, diversity, and rights for all people. My America, sadly, is not what America looks like today. At least, not as much as it should.

America was originally established on the promise of liberty. People settled to have freedoms they deserved. The biggest freedom people wanted in America was freedom of faith. To an extent, we still have that. But people just cannot stop bullying others for different beliefs.

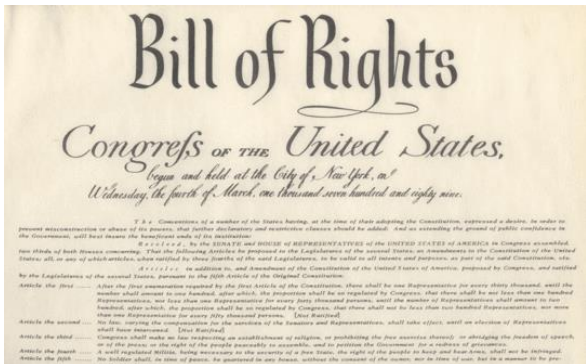
People chose to emigrate from other countries for freedom. This created diversity of races. All people wanted to do is feel that they could live a peaceful



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life in a place where they have rights. Americans were afraid of different. It created protests and wars. The government had to create rights so these things don't happen again.

We need rights. People living in America have been given these rights, rights to freedom speech, religion, and many others. However, that doesn't



mean people don't try to take those away. For instance, every person has a right to live. However, sometimes people don't get to choose whether they want to be a part of life. It is just taken away.

The America I believe will most likely never exist. So for now I will have to live in this one and accept that we aren't perfect.

## **The America I Believe In By: Molly S.**

I believe in an America with freedom, faith, liberty, and a strong and united society. I believe in the freedoms to vote, believe in what I want to believe, and choose the school and career that I want to have. We all have our own rights and the freedom of speech. America was founded on faith and created under God. I can have the right to be a Christian and worship where I

want. America was built on people from all nations and races. They are all united to be the strongest, most free, and overall, the best country. God bless America.

### **The America I Believe In**

**By: Justin W.**

I believe in an America that believes in God, guns, and family. I think if our leaders and government were more centered around the Christian faith that



they would realize abortion is wrong and stop it. I think that the leaders should not repeal the 2nd Amendment and keep guns. It would also go against the constitution where it says we have the right to keep and bear arms. I also believe in an America that is centered around their families. Many kids don't have a father or a mother because

they abandoned the family. Those kids do not have good role models in their life and do not want to strive, but if they had good parents that cared about them they would not be getting into trouble.

## **The America I Believe In**

**By: Will M.**

I believe that America is amazing. In this country you have many more rights than other countries have. Many countries don't have the freedoms that we have as American citizens. We are very blessed to have a country that allows us to have faith in what we choose to believe in.

During the election we get to vote on who is going to be president. In some of the countries, many people do not get a say in the matter of electing who will be there next leader. We are very blessed to have the right to do so. We might not agree on who gets elected, but we still can have a say and change the outlook on who will be elected.

We are very blessed to live in a great country that gives us so many things and helps us in some ways. We should all be thankful that we have a great country like this.





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