

# SIX FEET OF SEPARATION

A YOUTH NEWSPAPER FOR BERNAL HEIGHTS AND BEYOND



*Self portrait, Fiona Charne, 5*

## What I Know About Coronavirus

By Elsie Grathwell, 2

I want a pacifier from inside the mail thing for Tessa. Tessa is a baby. A pretend baby. We can't go to the store to buy a pacifier because of coronavirus. Mommy will buy the pacifier from the internet and I always wait for the mail to come here, and you always say <sings> "The mail is going to come really fast when you don't talk and I love you."

## School's Out!

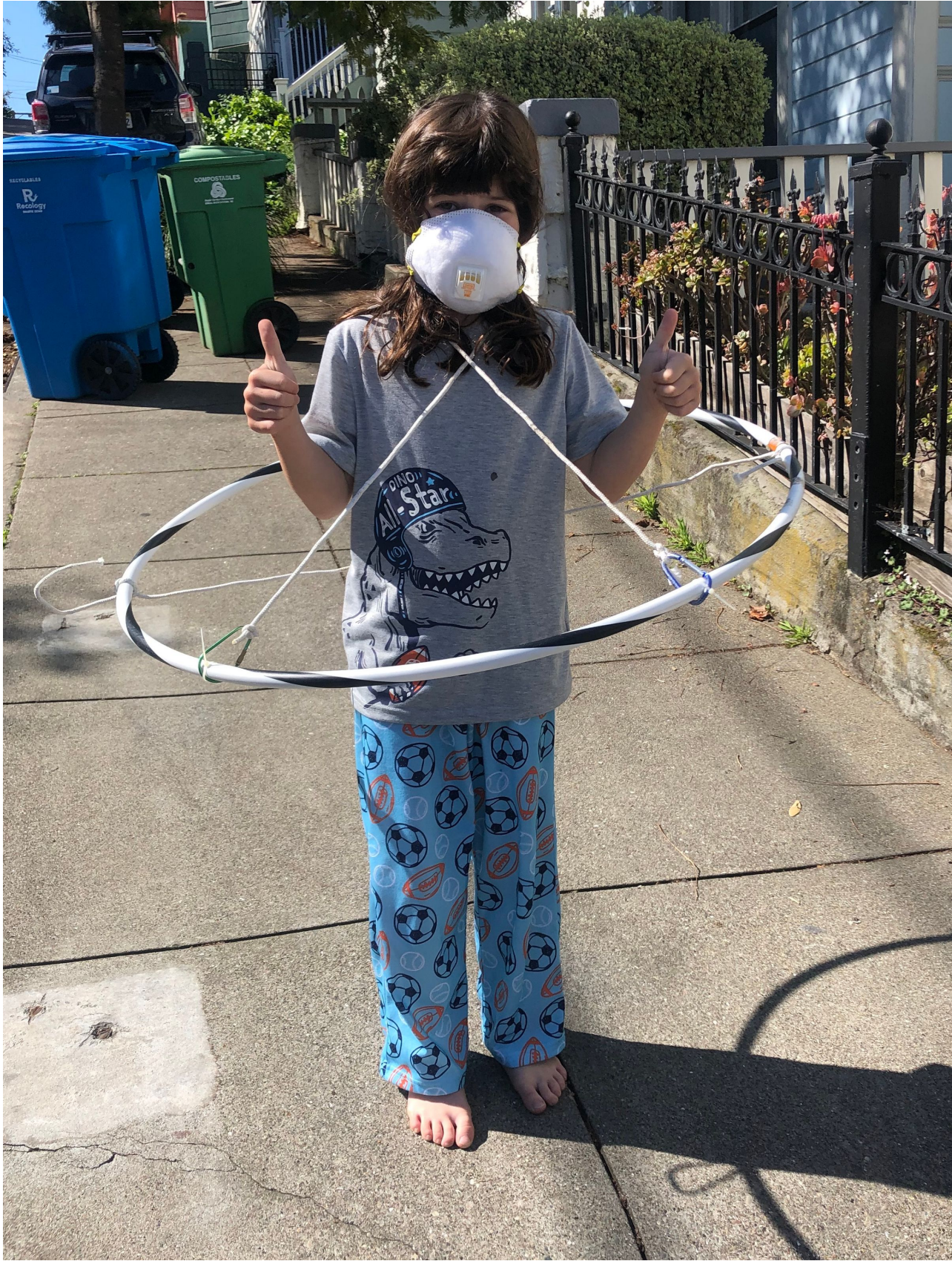
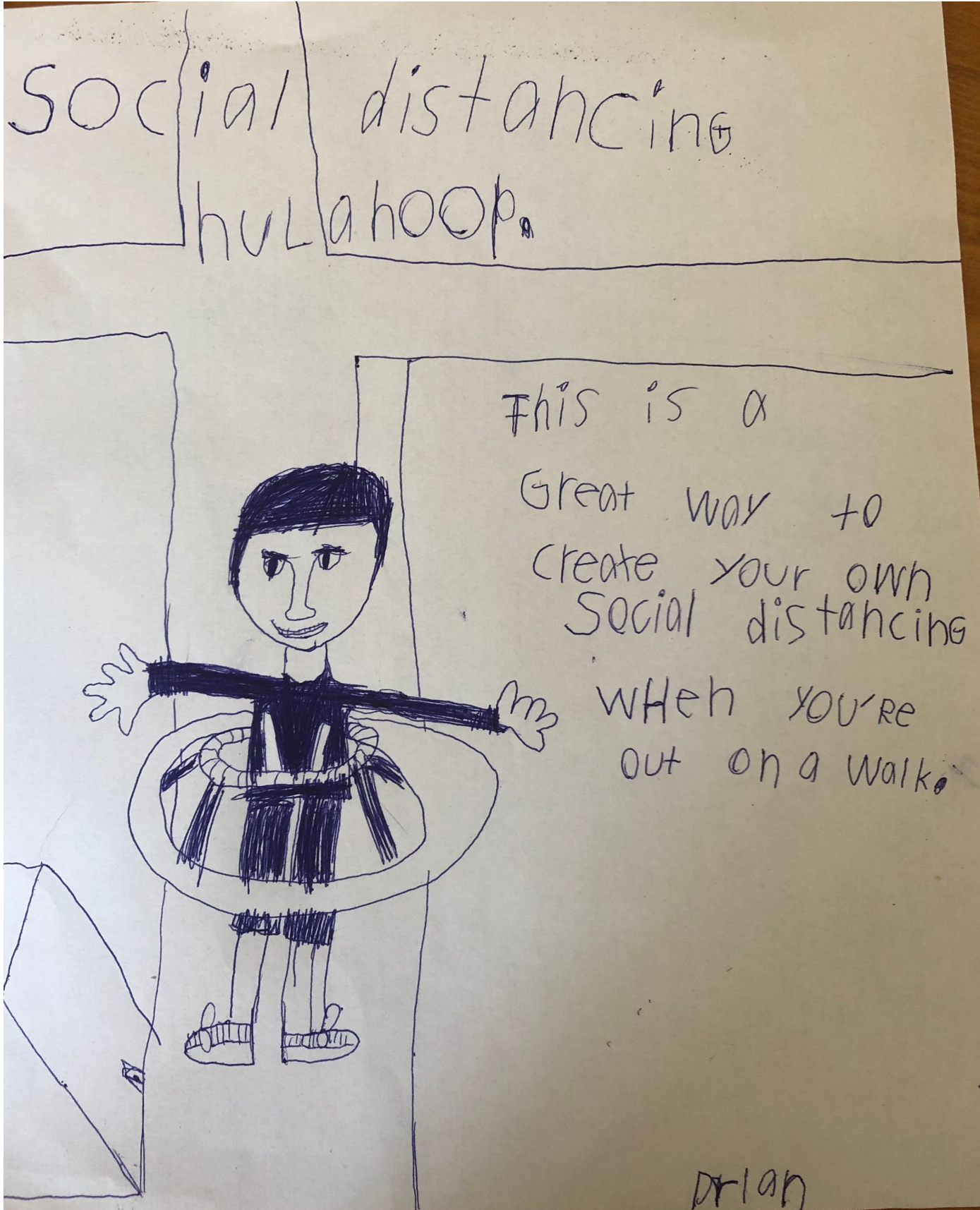
By Noa Panasik, 10

My teacher gets a text message she reads it and looks at us. Our class is confused, "are we in trouble?" Some of my classmates questioned. My teacher said ok with a sigh you know we have been talking about the coronavirus we all nodded. She said well school is out but that does not mean yayyyyyyyyyyyyyy screamed everyone we can work from home we can work from home but some people in the class I noticed they were scared I was really happy because I can listen to music and pet my cats all day but then I saw some worksheets and I was like oh no this is not going to be good she passed out so much math my worst subject and then everybody sat down and honestly cry it was so sad but I was trying to tell all my friends you know we can just watch movies and listen to music and pet our dogs and cats and stuff but now that I'm actually in it it's so boring.



Six Feet of Separation

Ideas



Dylan Miller Belgard, 6, and his social-distancing hula hoop

Prank

By Wolfie Ford, 6

Get a glass of water and put a yellow or gold marker in it. Then it looks like pee!

MADdy Libs

By Maddy Moon, 9

Many families are stuck at \_\_\_\_ (adj.) home. You may feel \_\_\_\_ (verb), \_\_\_\_ (verb), and \_\_\_\_ (verb). Your \_\_\_\_ (body part) many \_\_\_\_ (verb) out of boredom. Don't despair! \_\_\_\_ (noun) is on the way! Loaded with \_\_\_\_ (noun). \_\_\_\_ (number) of people are looking on screens singing \_\_\_\_ (adj) songs, \_\_\_\_ (adj) dancing, and \_\_\_\_ (-ing verb) for laughs. If you are bored still do not despair everyone is in this \_\_\_\_ (noun) together.



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# What It's Like to Be Stuck Home During the Coronavirus

**By Andrew, 9**

On the first day I was hoping I could play with our neighbor kids, then I found out I couldn't. This kept happening.

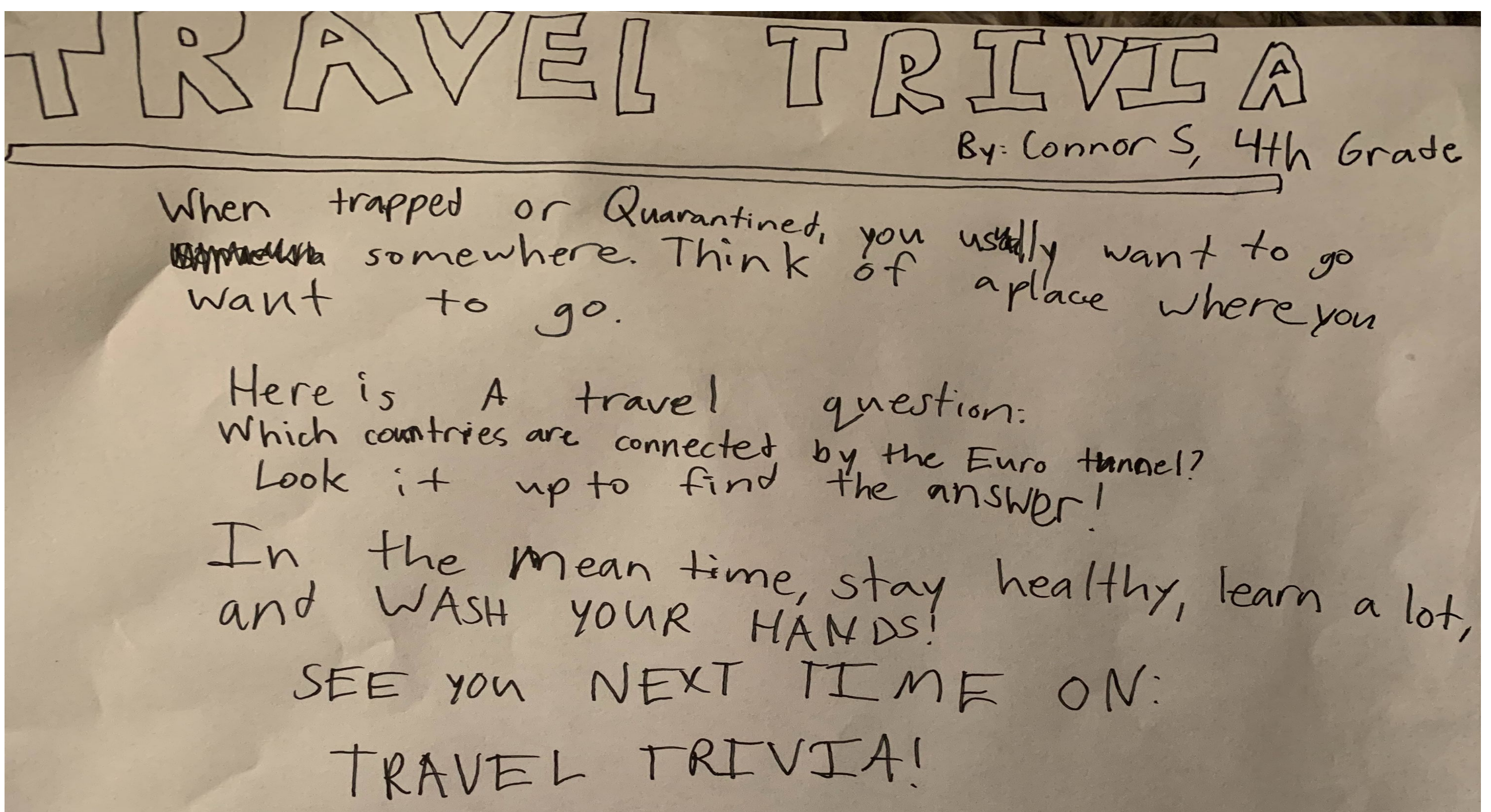
On the second day I had to get exercise by running around the block instead of PE. My parents got me a Chromebook so I could do work from home with my school. I was happy because it had chat, but it still wasn't the same as being with my friends — we couldn't play together. We had a zoom meeting about our pets, but everybody was talking at the same time and nobody could hear each other.

On Wednesday I had to skip my piano class and hapkido. On Thursday my dad took me shopping with him and we got stocked up with food, I started to see more and more

masks on people's faces around town and by then almost all of the hand sanitizer had been bought in the store — even online. That weekend I had to stay in the backyard if I wanted to play outside.

On Monday I could tell my parents were getting really worried. On Tuesday my teachers were setting up videos and lessons to send to us on the computer. On Wednesday I had to skip piano and hapkido again.

I don't know what the coming weeks will be like. Maybe the covid19 lockdown will last longer, maybe we won't even be able to go outside at all. Possibly by the time the lockdown is over some grandparents may die. I'm really worried about that. I hope we can get back to our normal lives soon.





# CRITICISM

## *Wings of Fire*, by Tui T. Sutherland

By Ayla Neiman, 9

*The Dragonet Prophecy*  
"When the war has lasted  
twenty years  
The dragonets will come.  
When the land is soaked in  
blood and tears  
The dragonets will come...."

The series *Wings of Fire* is daring, fun and magical. Who knows what will happen to the dragonets of the prophecy: Clay, Glory, Tsunami, Sunny and Starflight? But first they have to escape.

Will Glory be killed? Will Sunny find out why she has no poisonous tail and why she is too small? Who are their parents? It is up to you to find out.

The author uses cliffhanger after cliffhanger to draw you in as she builds a world full of magic and adventure using magnificent details. I highly recommend you read this amazingly powerful series.

## *Big Game*, by Stuart Gibbs

By Tasso, 13

A book review i have for the article is about the book *Big Game*. The book is about a middle school student who's parents live and work at the most fascinating zoo in the world. When he is walking with some elephants he hears a gun shot a finds out that it was intended for a rhino. I liked the part where the main character solves the mystery of who was going after the rhino. The book is action packed and extremely funny. One of the characters, a really tough bodyguard, is afraid of animals. It was an incredible book and we recommend it for kids between the age or 8 and 12. It is a 4.5 star rating out of 5 stars it is grate and we hope you read it.

## TV Show: "The Good Place"

By James Kee, 9

One of my favorite TV shows is "The Good Place." I like the show because it is an interesting story filled with mystery and excitement. The show takes place in the afterlife, with four humans, a former demon, and a Good Place robot.

Another reason it's one of my favorite shows is that you always want to keep watching after an episode. For example, if things are starting to come down to a chill vibe, there's always something coming their way and you always want to know what it is. That's like how I feel when I watch an episode and I finish it, I always want to keep watching.

I also think it's interesting because there are some really big twists throughout the season. And that is why I am recommending this show to you.



# CRITICISM

## Literary Roundup

By Delilah Kaden, 14

These books have been sorted by the age of the reader that I would most recommend them for, but I recommend them all for everyone no matter what age they are! Please enjoy!

### Children's Books

*The Ottoline Series* by Chris Riddell

This is a series of four books detailing the various adventures of a girl named Ottoline and her best friend Mr. Munroe (from a bog in Norway) who love solving puzzles and coming up with clever plans. The illustrations are wonderful. I have read all of them probably about 5 times; they are some of my favorite books.

*The Goth Girl Series* by Chris Riddell

These books tell the story of Ada Goth, daughter of Lord Goth. She lives in a huge mansion where all sorts of strange and interesting things happen. She works with some friends that she finds along the way to solve the mysteries of what goes on in her house. The illustrations in these books are also amazing. I would also suggest this book to parents who want to read something with their kids, as there are lots of references to famous books, sayings, and people, that little ones might not understand but are pretty darn funny.

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

This is the thrilling story of a girl who is inspired to go out and change her family's

fortune. I really enjoyed reading this book; I couldn't set it down.

*The Inkheart Series* by Cornelia Funke

These books are fairly long (around 600 pages), but I still highly recommend them. They are still pretty easy reads. The first book, *Inkheart*, tells the story of Meggie, who gets caught up in an adventure with characters who have mysteriously sprung out of a book. She is accompanied by her father, her great-aunt, and an old friend of her fathers. These books are thrilling page turners with exhilarating twists and turns. These are some of the best books that I know for escaping into another world.

### Teen Books

*One of Us Is Lying* by Karen McManus

I have read this book three times but it never gets old. If you like drama and mystery then this is the book for you. Essentially, a group of four high school students are suspects when a classmate is murdered. As the police investigate, so do they. In a race against time they strive to figure out who did it. As the story unfolds, secrets are revealed and relationships (both platonic and romantic) form.

*The Inkheart Series* by Cornelia Funke

I recommend this book for teens as well. Please read the description above.

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll

This may seem like a childish book, but I would  
(cont.)



# CRITICISM

## Literary Roundup, cont.

argue that it is perfect for teen readers. It was written in 1865, so the words used are not how we speak today but that is part of what makes it such a fun read. This is probably one of the best books of all time for escaping to another world.

*Throne of Glass Series* by Sarah J. Maas

I couldn't come up with a good synopsis of this book, so here is the one from the authors website: In a land without magic, where the king rules with an iron hand, Celaena, an assassin, is summoned to the castle. She comes not to kill the king, but to win her freedom. If she defeats twenty-three killers, thieves, and warriors in a competition, she is released from prison to serve as the king's champion. The Crown Prince will provoke her. The Captain of the Guard will protect her. But something evil dwells in the castle of glass—and it's there to kill. When her competitors start dying one by one, Celaena's fight for freedom becomes a fight for survival, and a desperate quest to root out evil before it destroys her world.

*No one Writes to the Colonel and Other Stories*  
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

This is a collection of short stories that I find absolutely wonderful. His writing is perfect for transporting you to his world. I highly recommend this book for people who enjoy surrealist writing.

## TV review, "The Good Place"

**By Ella D., 13**

When Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell) finds herself in the afterlife, she's both relieved and surprised that she's made it into the Good Place. But it doesn't take long for Eleanor to realize she's there by mistake.

She hides in plain sight from the Good Place's architect, Michael, and his all-knowing assistant, Janet. Her seemingly perfect neighbors, Tahani and Jason, and open-hearted soul mate, Chidi, help her realize that it's never too late to change.

With the help of her new friends -- and a few enemies -- Eleanor becomes determined to shed her old way of life in hopes of discovering a new one in the afterlife.

"The Good Place" is a funny and relatable show that kept me laughing the whole time, and I think it would be a great show to watch while having to do "social distancing". I would definitely recommend to tweens and teens. You can find it on NBC, Netflix, Hulu, Sling TV, Youtube TV, and fubo TV!

## Review of Tonight's Dinner

**By Ender N., 7**

Meal: Linguine with Meat Sauce  
3 out of 5 stars

It had some really good meat sauce. A little too much pasta and too much parsley. It was chunky good. And the pasta was a little too flat. Oh and nobody asked me if I actually wanted cheese or parsley. Mom said it's part of the recipe.



## Film Corner

### "Spies in the Skies"

By Ben Kee, 7

Let me tell you about a movie called Spies in the Skies. First of all that movie was one of my favorites. Cause there was a lot of funny parts. For example the spy turned into a pigeon and that was my favorite part and there were a lot of action and they made weird teams of funny looking pigeons and my favorite character was the guy with the robot hand but he was evil.

### "The Terminator Series"

By George Krumel, 9

I like Terminator for three basic reasons: One, is because most of the actors are British people, and I like that, because it reminds me of my relatives from Birmingham England. Two, is because Terminator 2 really hooks you in. Three is because they made so many, you may never be done. They made six!!! Now I will tell you the basic plot to all of them. Don't read if you don't like spoilers. In 2029, the company Cyberdine v. Humans. Jon Connor leads the soldiers to fight. But Cyberdine sends a Terminator back in time to kill hi when he's young. There's the Terminator basics. That's my Terminator review.

## 17 Things to Do at Home

By Hannah Duane, 17

1. Write your own story book on pieces of paper. Draw in the pictures. Staple it together.
2. Write your grandparent a real letter and put it in the post box, or take a picture of it and send it virtually.
3. Learn how to make pancakes.
4. Learn how to make jam.
5. Learn how to clean shoes with an old toothbrush and baking soda.
6. Do yoga with your mom/dad/sibling. Do partner yoga if you're feeling silly.
7. Draw a crest and come up with a motto for your family. Have a go fish tournament every day to figure out who gets to sleep with it in their room.
8. Learn how to sweep.
9. Organize your shirts by color.
10. Write all of your friends March Valentines and either put them in the mail or take pictures and send them. Make sure to tell each one how awesome they are.
11. Wake up early with one of your parents to make the other breakfast in bed.
12. Learn how to sew up holes in your pants.
13. Make a color wheel out of crayons.
14. Make a doll house in a shoe box out of paper and glue.
15. Write a poem.
16. Make 100 paper snowflakes and drop them from the ceiling.
17. Make hopeful, happy signs and put them in the window.

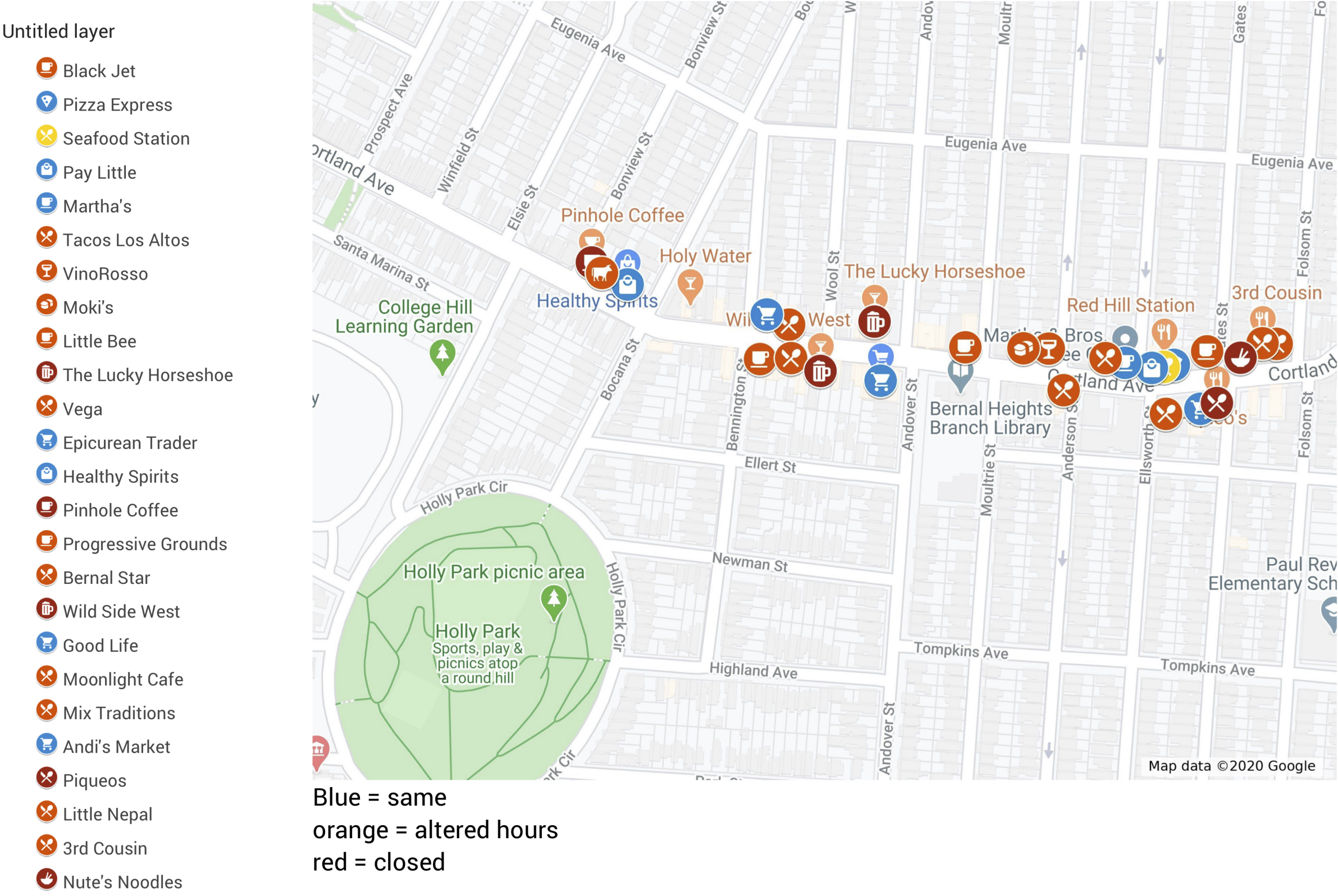


RUCKUS By Lilou C  
In RUCKUS a very fun card game you make sets and steal sets from other players and at the end there is a winner. The winner usually is the one to call RUCKUS. The one to call RUCKUS is the one to use up all their cards when a player calls RUCKUS the game is over. In RUCKUS the cards have funny names and pictures. You can steal the sets that other players already put together. The only part I don't like is the stealing because the other players were stealing my happy robot!



# DATA

## Restaurants of Bernal during Coronavirus



By Griffin Morgan, 14

In this time of social distancing, we are staying home and eating in more. I have been down to Cortland street about two, maybe three times this week. As a result of the combination of the foot traffic dropping and social distancing, small businesses are struggling, among them restaurants. True, a lot of restaurants are still doing takeout, but there are lots of workers like waiters who are not needed, and not coming to work. Here's a map with the hours and status of each restaurant on Cortland. Keep in mind that lots of these are subject to change, as everybody is still trying to figure everything out.

## What Do We Do Right Now?

By Cleo Grace Jones, 7

We do lots of fun things well we are stuck in side. Read to find out.  
We bilt a cool climbing thing.  
We even have some tea time in the aftronun.  
Me and my sister bilt a fort and played witch.  
We had storie time with my sisters sccol.  
We had some storei time with ar grand parens.  
Those are some thigs that we have done.  
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**By Riley Shapiro, 7**

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## Shelter in Place

**By Kayne Belul, 19**

Quarantine quarantine  
Wandering teenagers  
Else all the hope of con-  
-tainment is gone.

Public beware of them,  
Given their penchant for  
Asymptotically  
Passing it on.

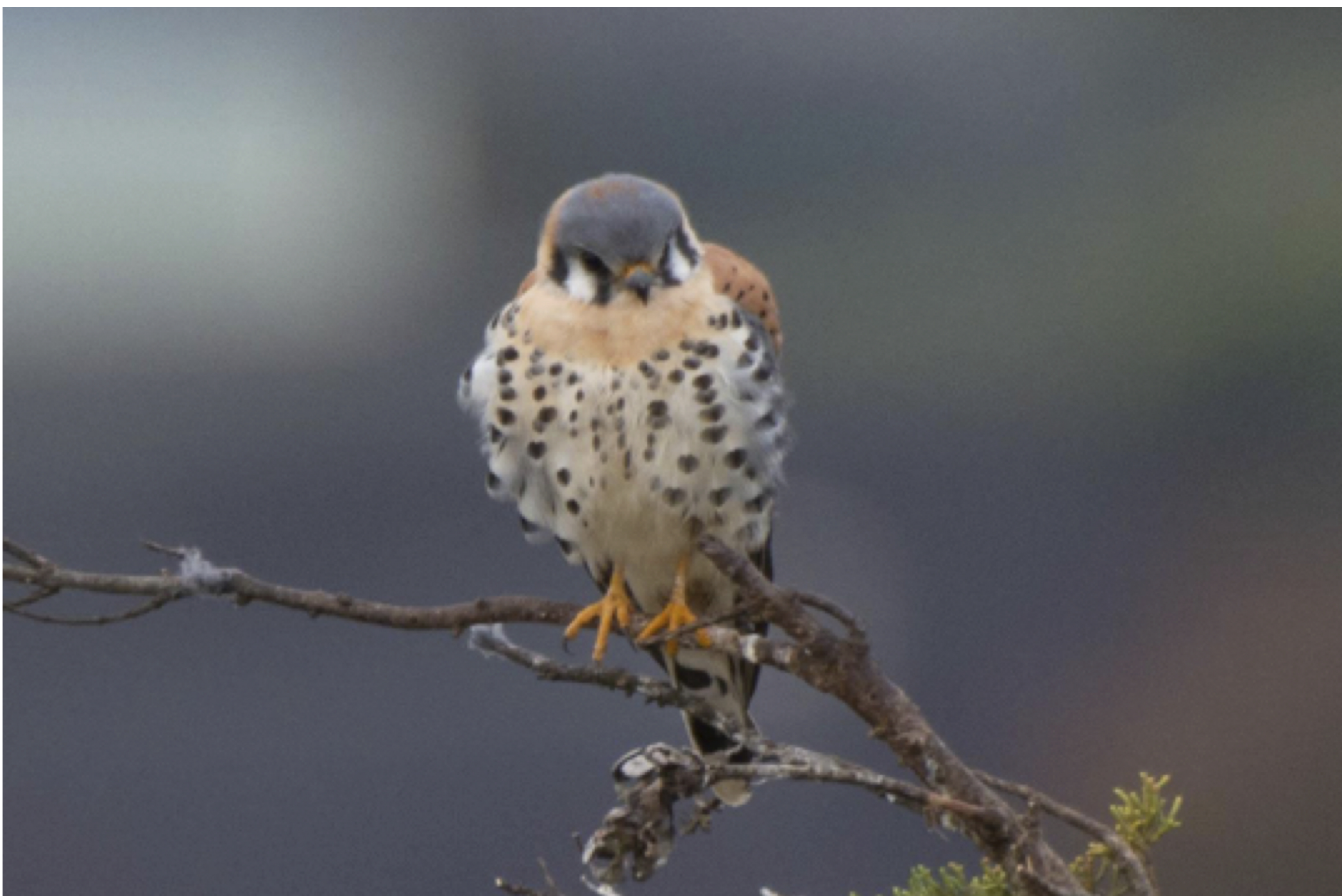


# American Kestrel

By Eddie Monson, 12

While I have been walking around Bernal Hill this week, I have noticed a male American Kestrel hanging out. First off, the American Kestrel is a member of the falcon family (scientific name *Falconidae*). This Kestrel is the smallest falcon in North America at roughly the size of a dove. The Kestrel on Bernal Hill is normally found in a tree on the south side of the hill, east of the stairs on the hill across from Ellsworth street. Here are the google maps coordinates for that tree (37°44'33.1"N,

122°24'50.6"W). Since I have seen this Kestrel multiple times I thought I might share some info on it. Kestrels enjoy open spaces and you will often see them perched on fences or telephone wires. They are solitary so you will only see one at a time. Kestrels prey on small rodents such as shrews, voles, and mice. They will also prey on insects like butterflies and moths. Occasionally Kestrels will even eat small songbirds! American Kestrels appearances

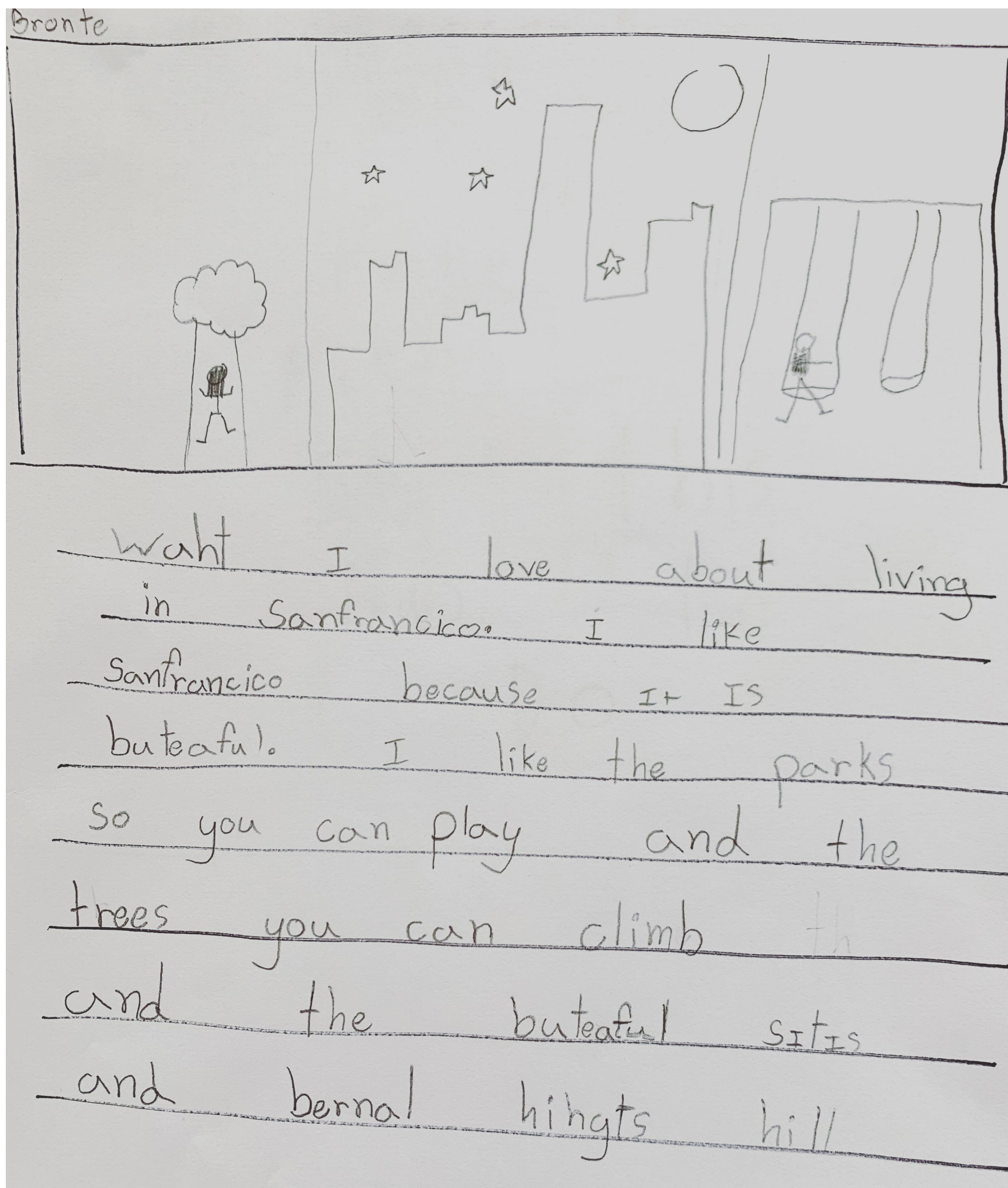


**This is a photo I have taken of the kestrel on Bernal which shows the most features that I have described. Hope when you guys are up on Bernal you will look for it!**

vary depending on the sex. Females tend to have orangish backs with black streaking and a rufous tail. Their wings are the same color as the back and have black wingtips. The bill is small and hooked with yellow near the face. All Kestrels have a black teardrop around their eye and a black line going down further back on the head. All Kestrels also have a black spot on the back of the head with a peachy color surrounding it. Kestrels

all have blue caps with a rufous dot in the middle. Female kestrels have white chests with brownish spots that look a little like streaking. Male kestrels have more rufous backs and blue wings which when folded back make a blue V around the rufous back. Males have rufous tails as well and their chests are a little peachy (although this can vary depending on the individual) and have black spots near the lower chest.





By Bronte G., 6



Hedgehog, by Levi, 4

## Things to Do if You're Bored When You're Stuck in Your House

By Inez Standen-Bloom, 10

- *Try a drawing class with Wendymac on Instagram:* This is a fun and easy drawing class.
- *Make a schedule:* It helps me get ready for the day and you can switch things around each day if you want. You can create your own, but my blocks are math, reading, creative time, or a family member can help you with collaborative time.
- *Try to make a goal:* It's fun to try to work your way up to a hope/goal.
- *Make a book:* It's fun to create a story. It can be whatever you want it to be!



# Dreams

Vivid dreams By: Ava Sullivan

Ever since we have been asked to stay at home I've been dreaming more. Last night I had a dream about milk sprinklers. It was really weird. It all started when my mom was gonna pick us up from school. Suddenly some sprinklers turned on in the cafeteria then milk sprayed out of them. Then I realized that my lunch box was at the other side of the room. I left it there. That meant I had to run through the sprinklers in order to get my lunch box. I got my lunch box but I was ~~dripping~~ dripping with milk. That's the end of my dream.



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# Advice

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## Tips for Squabbling

### Technique A

**By Cora Colin, 11**

1. If you want something that they have, don't beg. Instead, act bored and pretend that that thing is very boring. (It is not. It is very important. ) Your sibling will also get bored and will move onto something else.
2. If you tell on them, make sure you have plenty of reasons and evidence.
3. Make bets. Say "If you give me a dollar, you can \_\_\_\_\_. " (Hit me on the arm, play with my legos, go on my bed for 1 minute, etc.)
4. Compliment them
5. Give them something. When quarantine is over, you can go down to the Pay Little corner store. They sell big lollypops for 25 cents.

### Technique B

**By Casper Colin, 7**

1. Never tell on the person, it doesn't do anything.
2. If parents aren't watching, scowl.
3. Kick.
4. Punch.
5. Trip them.

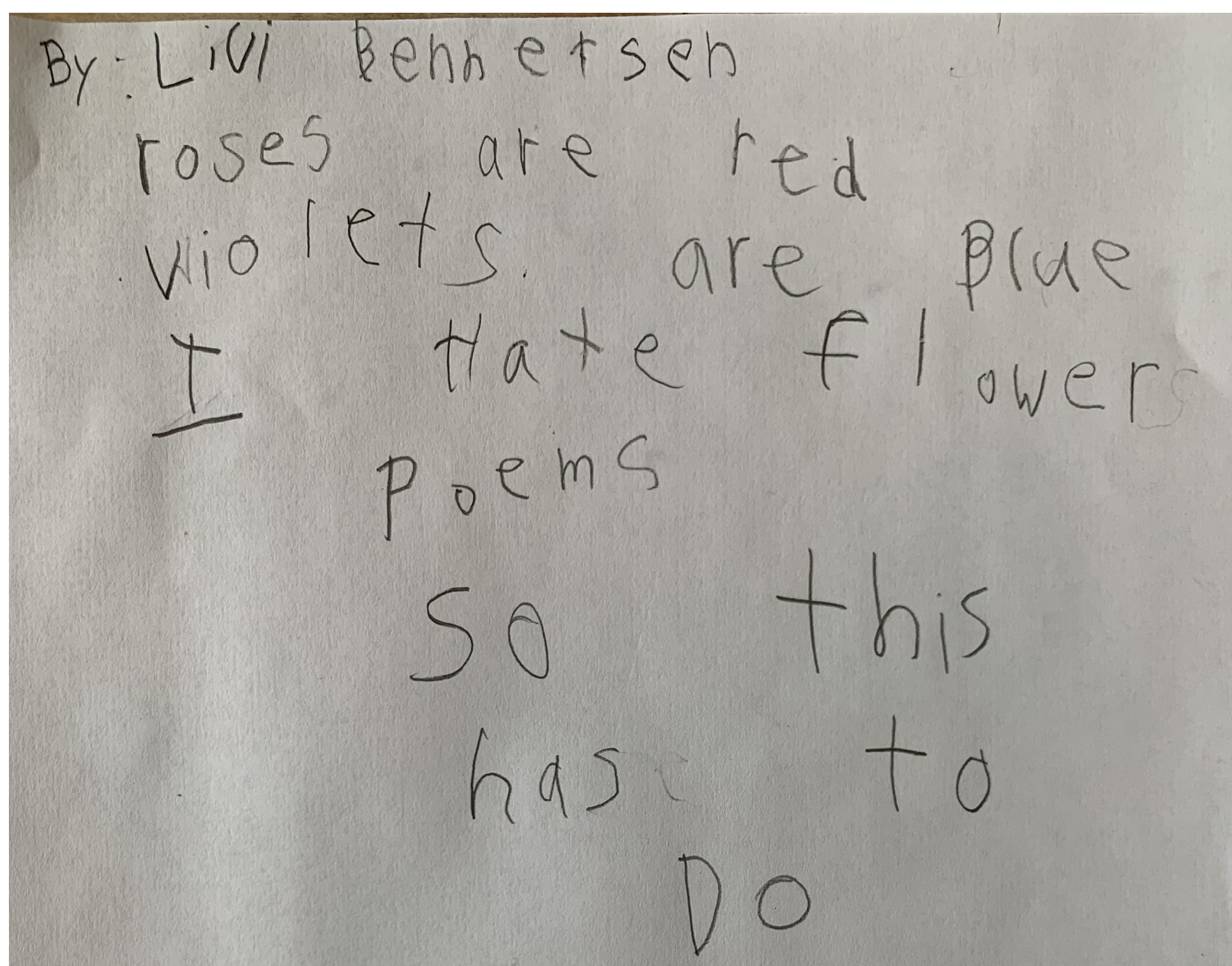
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## How to Clean Your Room in Under Five Minutes

**By Isla Mooallem, 11**

1. Start by taking everything off of your bed.
2. Throw on your blanket and straighten it so it is aligned with the bed.
3. Next put your pillows on the bed.
4. Lastly you need to pick up any books, clothes or paper on your floor and put them away.
5. Now hopefully you will have a clean room. If not, this does not work.



**By Livi Bennetsen, 6**

## **Shelter in Place, from a Cat's Perspective**

**By Mable Johnson, 8**

My life used to be peaceful. It was usually just me. I would lay on a bed and soak up the sun in my fur. I just napped, napped and napped. Eventually I would get tired of napping and get up and eat. My owner would open a can of food, and I would hear the crack of the can and smell the delicious contents. It would be so delicious I would be dragged off the bed to look up at my owner. She would always wait about five minutes and then give it to me, which would make me think, why did I come off the bed early. Sometimes when I waited one of the owners, one of the littler ones, would come and pet me and I would purr but mainly it was because I could see my food being dumped into my bowl. After having my sharing of food, I would wait by the door to be let out. Then when someone finally let me out, I would rush outside and feel the air through my whiskers. Then, something strange happened that changed my days.

My owners, the smaller ones and the larger ones, were now all home all day. Now I have to wait to use my litter box in the bathroom because so many people were trying to use the bathroom at the same time. Everything was louder and it was harder to get a good nap in peace. Now all I wanted to do was be outside away from all the noise. But that didn't help much because one of the littler ones would usually be outside and a big round thing would be bouncing where I was standing. It would really scare me. So I'd go wait by the door, but it took more than 30 seconds for my owner to let me in which would put me in danger of the big round thing. My owner, one of the bigger ones, would always be in the kitchen and since I couldn't find a good spot to rest there, I just decided to do my regular nap on the bed.

The sun was still warm and it was now pretty quiet because my owners finally left the house for a walk, so I guess I could say that my life hasn't changed that much. Even though it got louder I guess I should be lucky to have what I have.



# Conversations

With Lukas Bennetsen, 9

Interview with Anna  
By: Lukas Bennetsen

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Sushi and fried calamari.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Blue and Black.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do?

A: Hang out with friends and family.

Q: What is your favorite drink?

A: sherly temple.

Q: What is your favorite sports?

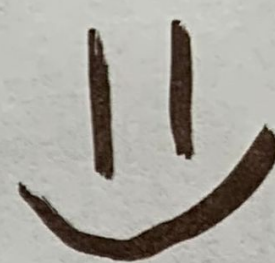
A: Horse back riding and Ice Skating.



Lukas Bronte

# Interview With Bronte

By: Lukas Bennetsen



Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Blue

Q: What is your favorite thing to do

A: Play with my friends

Q: What is your favorite  
food?

A: bagles

Q: Do you like swimming?

A: Yes

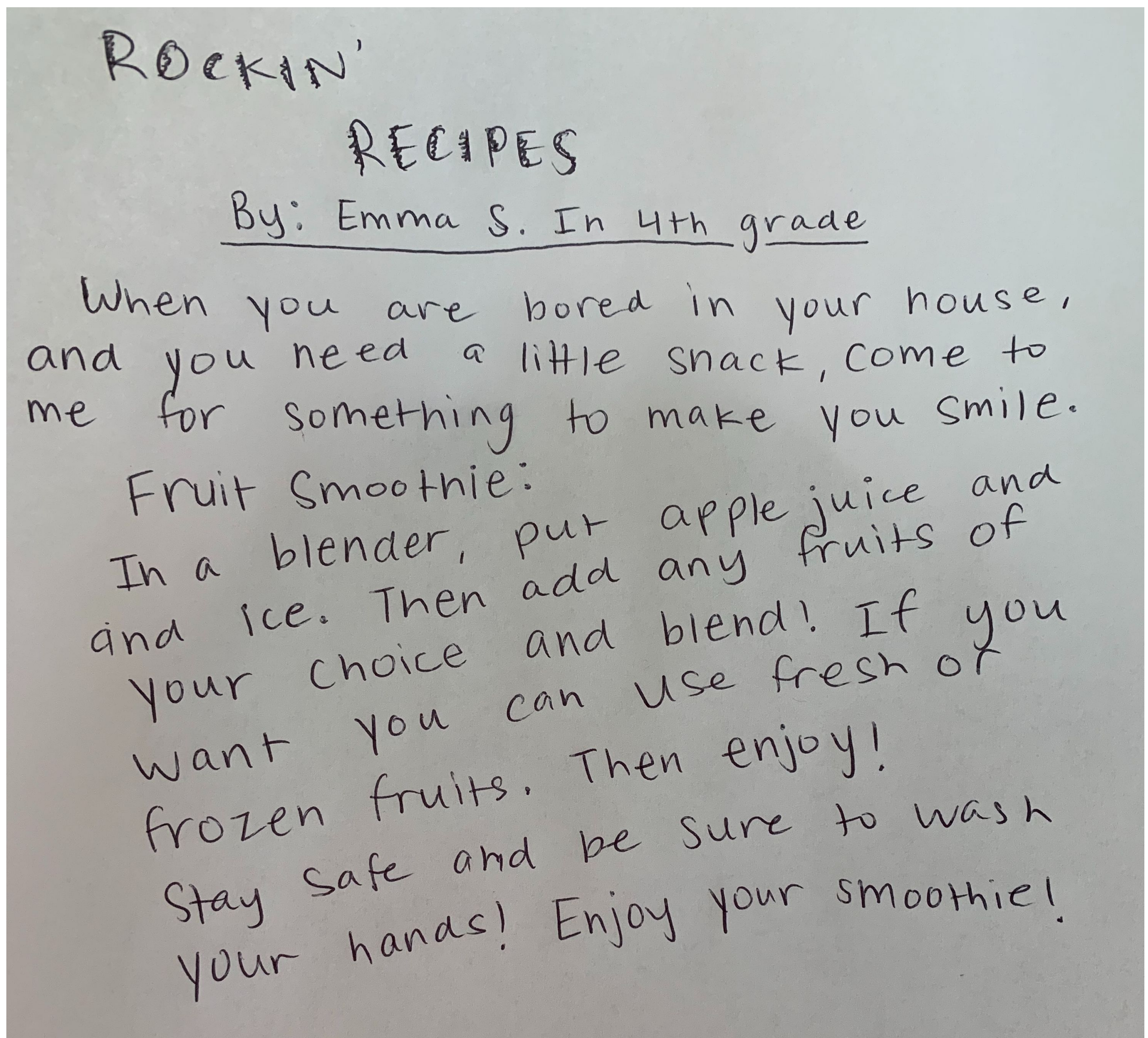
Q: What is your favorite drink?

A: lemonade



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# Cooking



By Emma Sullivan, 10

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## Easy and Delicious Banana Bread

By Jemma Duthie, 9

1 teaspoon of baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon of salt  
1 1/4 cup of flour  
3 ripe bananas  
2 eggs  
1 cup of sugar  
1/2 cup of vegetable shortening

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# Cooking

## Easy and Delicious Banana Bread, cont.

THIS IS HOW YOU MAKE IT!

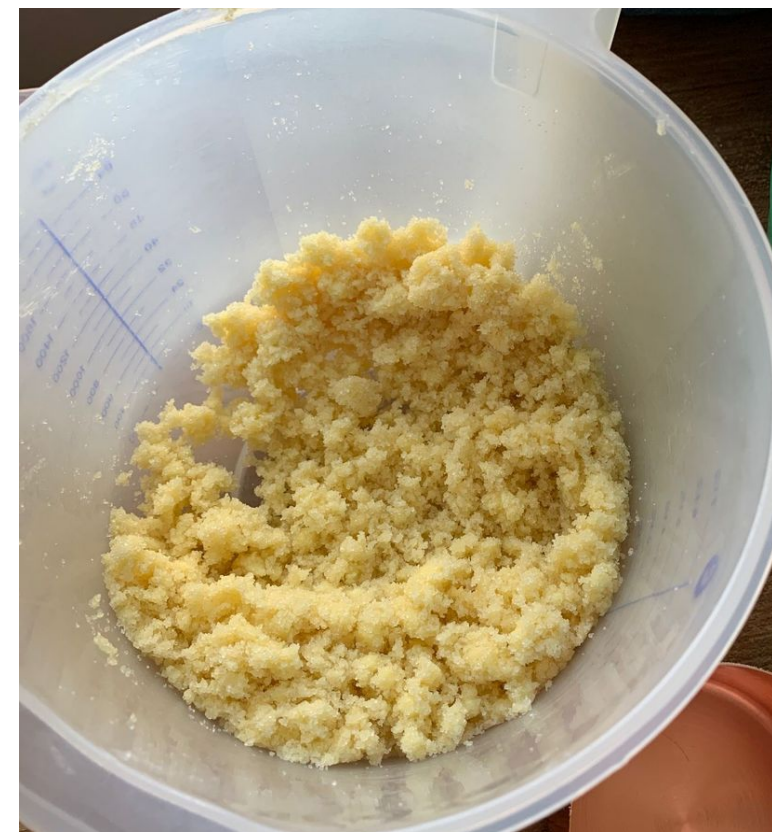
1. grease+flour 1 loaf pan
2. preheat oven at 350 degrees
3. cream together sugar+vegetable shortening. Set aside
4. mash bananas
5. add mashed bananas +2 well beaten eggs. Set aside
6. 1 1/4 cups flour 1 teaspoon of salt+1 teaspoon of baking soda. Set aside
7. blend together (do not over mix!)
8. bake for 45-50 minutes
9. EAT!

### NOTES

You can use chocolate chips. Also different kinds of nuts like...walnuts, almonds and much more. You can double the recipe. And you can put so much more in the banana bread!

### TIPS

- When you mash the bananas you should use a fork
- When you crack the eggs do it in a separate bowl, so if you get shells in its easy to get them out
- When you grease the pan you should use butter&nbsp;and a paper towel. Fold the paper towel so its thin, take it and put it in the butter and rub it around the loaf pan (butter it GOOD)





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# Your Quarantine Horoscopes!

By Anna Bennetsen, 11

## Aries

(March 21 - April 20):

You are a very energetic person and being quarantined is hard for you. You long for the fresh air and freedom of the outdoors, and you get grumpy and bored being holed up for too long. Here are some suggestions for you: Read a thrilling book! Make something creative, like a fortune teller or sew a bag! Do cartwheels in your room! Do anything you need to do to get your mind off being quarantined.

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21):

You are very patient and don't really mind being quarantined. Try teaching others how you remain calm. Try learning to do origami! You aren't the most flexible, so try working on that. Persist through these tough times!

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21):

You are an adaptive person, so try and wait out the quarantine. You are very smart, so try reading a book. You can also be nervous and tense, so try not to worry about COVID 19 too much. You are curious and inquisitive, so try writing an article for THIS NEWSPAPER!

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22):

You are imaginative and interested, so try writing a book (or a newspaper article!). COVID 19 is making you a bit cautious and tense, so try doing a silly dance to loosen up. You are emotional and loving, but even you might get tired of your family after being within 5 feet of them at all times! Try finding a place to be yourself and get some quiet time.

## Leo

(July 23 - August 22):

You are generous and warmhearted, and your family thinks of you as a role model. You are also a very social extrovert, so text/call your BFFs! You can also be a bit bossy, so try and do something calming, like reading a book. You are also a bit intolerant, so make sure you get that "me time". You will make it through this quarantine!

## Virgo

(August 23 - September 21):

You are a bit of a perfectionist, so you can be fussy, but you also kindhearted and shy. Try and write letters to people you care about. You are a bit of a romantic, so watching some movies would be a good fit for you. You are a hard worker, so try and do a fun arts and crafts project. You are also practical and diligent, and you will endure the quarantine!



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# Your Quarantine Horoscopes!

By Anna Bennetsen, 11

Libra

(September 22 - October 22):

You are charming and social. You miss your friends, for goodness sakes! Try calling, texting, or writing letters with those people who you can be yourself with. You are a bit flirtatious, so try watching some rom-coms or romantic movies. You are a peacekeeper, but also gullible. Try and maintain that peace while also becoming a bit stronger willed. Chillax your way through this quarantine!

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21):

You are a lovable person but are also compulsively stubborn. Try an activity that requires passion, which you have plenty of. You are energetic and exciting, and you don't like being cooped up inside. Do some dancing or something else that will keep you active. Cartwheel your way to the end of the quarantine!

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21):

You are optimistic and good-humored. Try cracking a few jokes to your family. You are restless, and staying still is hard. You are also active and freedom-loving, so the quarantine annoys you BIG TIME. Distract yourself with things and people you love. You are philosophical and intellectual, so try reading a novel. Persevere through this quarantine!

Capricorn

(December 22 - January 20):

You are ambitious and disciplined, so try a big project like learning to play an instrument or teaching yourself to bake. Whatever you decide, make it big! You are patient (sometimes) but you can be a little too careful. You are humorous, so try to spice things up with a seasoned joke. Make the most of this quarantine!

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19):

You are a friendly humanitarian, and you are worried about your fellow humans. You are also honest and loyal, and you will be a super trooper during this quarantine! You are incredibly inventive, so try doing something crafty. You can also be a bit unpredictable, so don't take it the wrong way if people say no to your ideas. Forge new horizons during this quarantine!

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20):

You are imaginative and sensitive. Try coming up with a game or an imaginative story! You are also selfless and sympathetic and are worried about others above yourself. You are a bit weak-willed, so try and use this time to build up confidence. You can be a bit secretive and vague sometimes, so try and remember, sharing is caring! Prevail through the quarantine!



# What Can I Do at Home?

By Neve Schmidt, 9

As I sit in my room I look out my window and gaze at all the houses in Bernal and Noe Valley and wonder what might be happening inside each of them...

The Blue House:

“Hey there, Blue House!” I called through my window, “Whatcha doin’?”

Blue House replied dreamily, “I’m watching the little children make the most delicious chocolate chip cookies, and I’m also trying to not smell it as much as possible, so I don’t start drooling.”

I winced, as a drip of drool started making its way out of Blue’s mouth.

“See?” Blue said crossly, as she hurriedly slurped it back up. “If I get distracted, I start drooling. Now go somewhere else so I can focus on not smelling the cookies!”

I laughed to myself as I searched for another house to go to. Moving on, I could hear the sounds of Blue trying to sniff up all the cookie scents.

“That old bat doesn’t want to smell any chocolate chip cookies, but the moment I leave she tries to get as much of it in her nose.” I muttered to myself. “Oh, and one day I have to tell her that she doesn’t have any nose to smell them with.”

The Red House:

Since Blue didn’t want my company, I headed over to Red (House) instead. “Hiyya Red,” I holler as I swooshed toward the Red triangle, which was growing by the second. At first Red didn’t seem to hear my call, and I was about to turn around and find a different house to say hello to, when a bright face appeared on the front side of the house.

“Whazza-up?” Red said, looking so excited. If you didn’t know this house very well you would have thought he had just celebrated his birthday 20 days in a row. “I was in the middle of doing a GoNoodle with the family.”

“GoNoodle?” I asked puzzled, “What’s that?” “You don’t know about GoNoodle?!?” Red said so surprised that a burst of flame shot up from his chimney.

“Ow! That hurts! So, GoNoodle is used for indoor movement. OW!! They’ve started the fire again! Oh, I really wish I could tell them that lighting the fire hurts so-OW!!!!!!”

I left Red to his whimpering, and flew up into the sky, “Oh Red, you are such a good friend, but it will never make sense to me about how you are the only house in town who gets hurt when someone inside of you lights the chimney.”



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## Foreign Correspondents

### Dispatches from beyond Bernal

# Trapped in Tahoe

By Hazel Richter, 11

Each day is a long, screen-filled day with everyone doing their own work-- but with breaks to go walk, throw snowballs, and make snow angels out in the five feet of snow that has just fallen from the now sunny skies. The first day, we walk all of our stuff up the 10 million stairs and into the home we will be in for the next six days, hoping something will be different than in San Francisco where I learned that all my friends are just sitting at their house all day. We heard that there will be five feet of snow and can't wait to ski each and every day. But then, thanks to Covid-19, all the mountains in Tahoe close, and now I think to myself, our day is going to be the same as my friends in SF. But at least our daily routine is a little different.

Each day, the same routine, the same boring eight boring hours of the same old thing. Monday through Friday, the same old, same old. Every day, we wake up and do a quick yoga class on my school computer, but we don't always do the actual poses, just stretch out on the floor and listen to the instructor's voice that tells us to breathe in, breathe out. The same old, same old. Next is breakfast. Sunday to Wednesday was Lucky Charms, same old, same old. Then we ran out! Something finally new for a change - some fried eggs and a piece of toast for every person.

Next, everyone goes to their own separate areas. Dad at the kitchen table with his computer, iPad, phone, and all of his neat spreadsheets. Oren doesn't have his usual area, walking around, trying to find something to do while everyone else has their work to keep them busy. Mom sits upstairs in the loft with her with the computer, every now and then warning Oren to turn off the TV, checking the New York Times once in a while to see the new stories about the coronavirus, like dad. While I

am sitting in my room, doing google hangouts with my friends and trying to get all of my homework done before the end of the week.

Every day, everyone in the same spot, doing the same thing. At 10 am, we have our drawing class with Wendy on a live Instagram. The first day, we draw a dog, next is a tree, and last is a cat. Each day, every day. Then we go outside, a while later. That is the one thing that changes. In all the days that we go outside, we never do the same thing. The first day, we build a snowman. With one carrot for a nose, two blueberries for eyes, and three almond buttons, with a cigar made of a stick. We named him Harry.

When we're up the next day, ready to build snowman #2, Harry is covered head to toe in snow, his nose is buried underground and Harry the Snowman is nowhere to be seen, just a couple of twigs sticking out of the ground. But today we will make a new snowman, well it's more like a cyclops snowman, with one eye and a zipper instead of buttons. This snowman has his hand open like he wants to shake people's hands, but that shouldn't be happening now, maybe we should have made him so that it looked more like an elbow bump.

But the next day, his fate is the same as Harry, covered head to toe in snow. So today, instead of making a snowman, we play in the snow doing snow angels, snowball fights, and Oren even jumped off the porch onto the six feet of snow where he then got stuck in it for ten minutes. On the last day, we drive to Lake Tahoe and walk around the edge of the Lake. We trudge through the snow and throw snowballs at Mom.

When we get back to the house each day I open up my google hangouts and every day, I either write or see the same thing: "I want 2 go back 2 school."



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## Dispatches from beyond Bernal

### How to Make a Birdhouse

By Stieg Saugen, 6, Cole Valley

We saw scrub jays in our backyard and got the idea to make a birdhouse for them. Here are the steps to making a birdhouse.

- 1) Research how to make a scrub jay birdhouse online. They like a 1 ½" hole 6" from the bottom of their bird house
- 2) Design your birdhouse using paper and crayons
- 3) Find some wood in your garage
- 4) Shape your wood with a saw to look like the design on your paper
- 5) Cut a 1 ½" hole in the front of the birdhouse so the bird can go in
- 6) Decide if you want to put a perch or not, if you do choose a piece of pipe
- 7) Glue it together using wood glue and let it dry
- 8) Now you know how to make a birdhouse, have fun!





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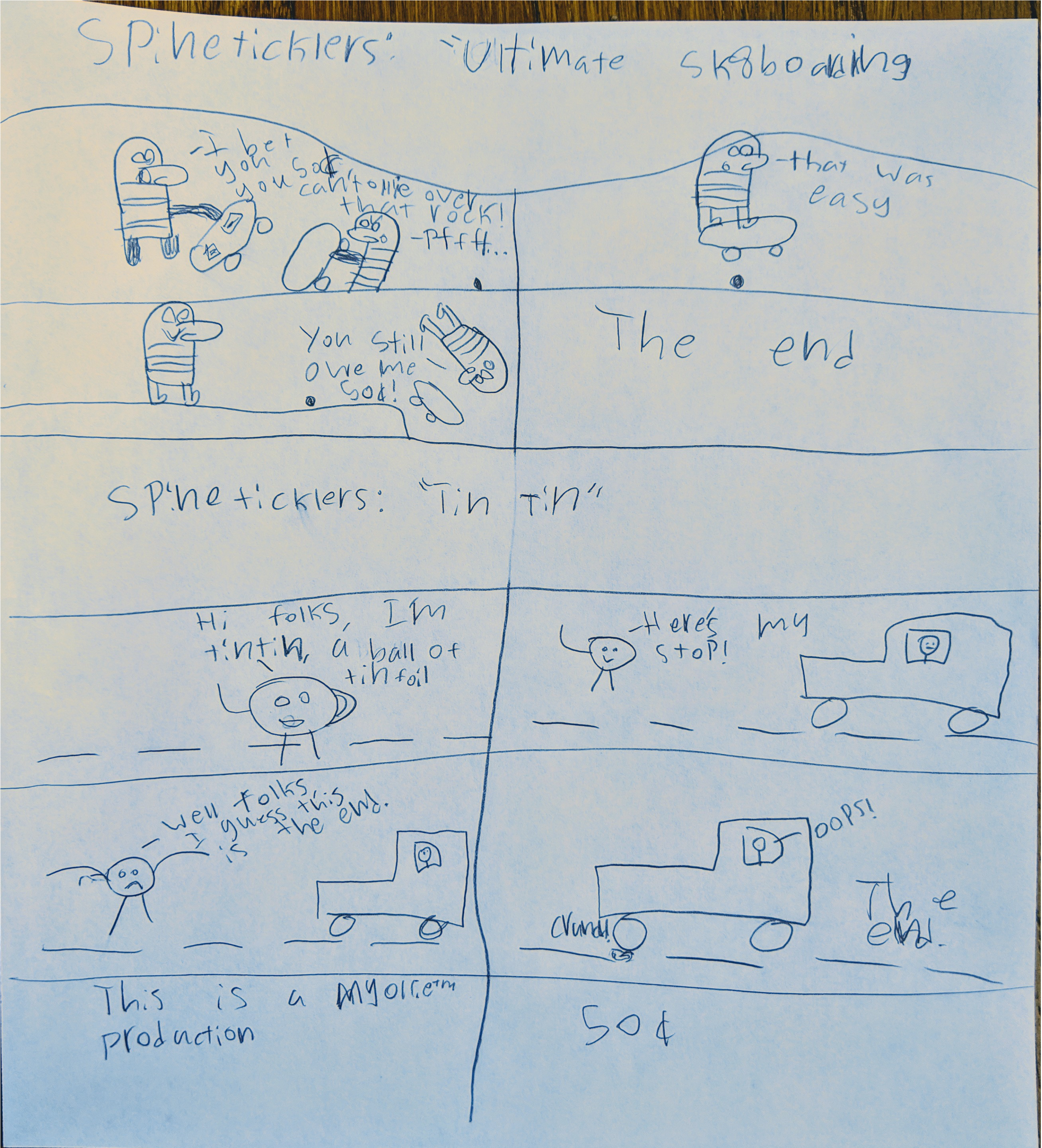
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