

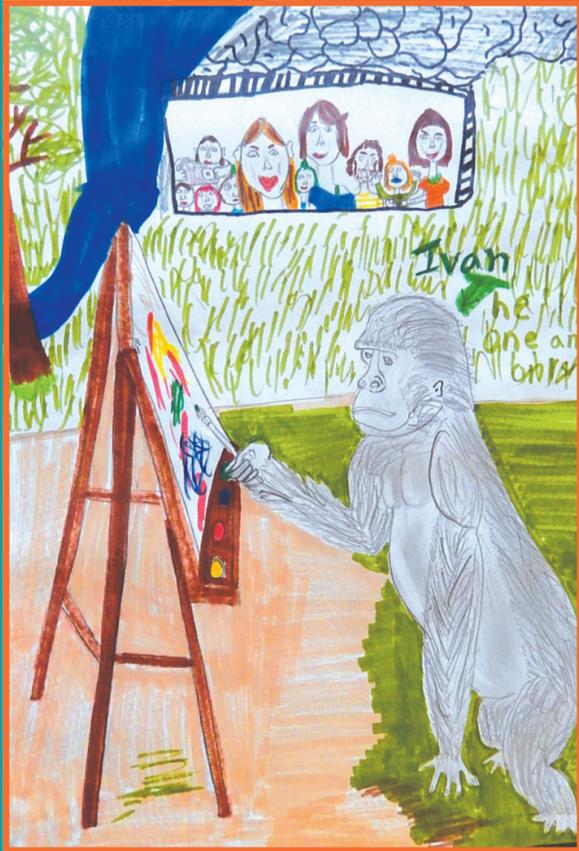


SCHOOL PAGE



ARTWORK, POETRY, AND WRITING FROM TACOMA STUDENTS

REFLECTIONS OF OUR TACOMA YOUTH: BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE.



Ivan, the One and Only: "Ivan, Tacoma's famous gorilla who lived at the B & I shopping mall, inspires me because when I read the book the One and Only Ivan, by K. Applegate, I realized what cruelty people can have towards animals. When I grow up, I want to stop that. Tacoma should never forget Ivan."
— Grace Ritchie, 5th grade, Grant Elementary



A Caterpillar's Dream: "The caterpillar believes and dreams he can become a butterfly. The butterfly has inspired the caterpillar."
— Madeleine McKeown, 5th grade, Grant Center for the Expressive Arts



Dancing in the Sky: "I picked dancing in the sky because it is beautiful and inspiring to me."
— Madison Duray, 1st grade, Downing Elementary



"This photo makes me believe I can hug the sky. It makes me dream of Hawaii. It inspires me to enjoy the view, and to take more pictures."
— Jady Chessman, 1st grade, Fawcett



I Dream, I Inspire, I Believe: "I dream of going to Disneyland because of the princesses and Disney characters. My brother went to Disneyland and I would like to go, too. I would like to go on the Donald Duck Safari."
— Jessica Heenan, 1st grade, Downing Elementary

I AM FROM

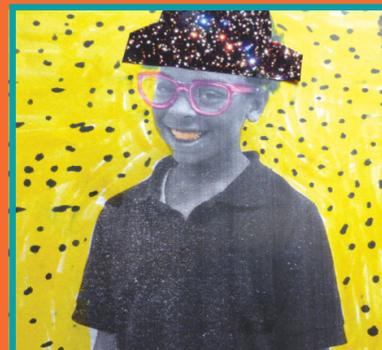
Students at McCarver Elementary's after school program, sponsored by Peace Community Center, are soaring in the following poems and their artwork as they tell us a little bit about themselves and their lives. The project was led by a team from Peace Community Center. More poems and art are on display at the Tacoma Children's Art Museum in the café area.



I am from the memory wall, from pencils and books.
I am from the green, tall, amazingly roomy house and bacon-filled air.
I am from the little tree that keeps my cat there.
I am from watching the Super Bowl and having fun, from cats and Grandpa and my dogs.
I'm from heart attack and strokes and from my little kitten Tucker.
I'm from not starting fights, and finishing them, and "Daylight."
I'm from going to the park.
I'm from Vancouver, Washington, and Cuba, spaghetti and ribs.
I am from crazy dares, Xbox and animals, and pictures under my TV and in my house.
—Malachi, 5th grade



I am from art and happiness in my body.
I am from Kashis, Mason, Mom, Dad, and Grandma, Ezra, Duce and uncle, and from family times and happiness.
—Tyson, 4th grade



I am from the fireplace and the big red couch.
I am from my small tan house and the smell of my mom's perfume.
I'm from swimming.
I'm from Seattle and carrots and meat.
I'm from playing and pictures of my Mom in my house.
—Kirsha, 3rd grade



I'm from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a dark, red brick house, chili bacon cheeseburgers, and mac and cheese
—Steven, 5th grade

Tyson, Kirsha, Steven, and Zion's poems have been abbreviated to allow more room for their amazing art.



I am from my big house and the smell of cookies.
I'm from: "Go do something," and, "Mind your own business."
—Zion, 3rd grade

I am from wind chimes from my red door and my fish, and Thor.
I am from a white and yellow house and feeling cozy.
I am from vegetables and fruit.
I am from having fun with my family and going to the beach.
I am from Mom and Grandma.
I'm from signing with my Mom, being a Boy Scout, and from going to the park.
I'm from using my manners and doing my homework and Grandma's pudding pop song.
I'm from going to the ocean.
I'm from Tacoma, Washington, fish and pizza.
I am from playing with my trains, and a picture of my Uncle Tony on the refrigerator.
—Anthony, 2nd grade

I am from a brick house from an Xbox and three dogs
I am from seeing a good side of the city.
—Trevon, 3rd grade

I am from fiction books, fish, and wiener dogs, from my bedroom, a red-colored wall, and a snake.
I am from feeling sad.
I am from walking my dog.
I am from friends and sleepovers, from Mom and Dad.
I'm from reading books and math, and from no good time.
—Naomi, 3rd grade

I am from my heels, nails, my dress, my lip gloss, nail polish and my doll.
I am from bowling and strawberry pie.
I am from the white wall in my room and strawberry shortcake.
I am from the home of my Mom.
I am from my family and my room, from playing with my three brothers, Dad and Mom.
I'm from shopping for sparkly clothes and skinny jeans, and vampire movies like Hotel Transylvania, and The Snow Queen on Netflix.
I'm from, "Don't hit your brother," and, "Don't goof off," (except at recess), and Nicki Minaj.
I'm from eating popcorn and watching TV.
I'm from Seattle, and Yakima, and spicy food.
I'm from fighting with my brother and pictures of all the kids and Washington State.
—Deziyah, 2nd grade

I am from my red Hot Wheels bike, from construction sets and climbing stairs to reach my bed.
I am from the trees.
I am from going to Seattle, from Nikea and Alex.
I'm from playing and sitting and stories.
I'm from math.
I'm from watching football.
I'm from Vancouver, Cuba, chicken, and fish.
I am from playing with people, running, and pictures on walls.
—Levi, 2nd grade