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DEDICATION

Class 501: This book is dedicated to Mrs. Perez, Amere Soul, Veronica N. Chapman, and former President Barack Obama for being great inspirational people of color for us to look up to. They inspire us to be our best, love learning, and inspire the world! They also inspire us to never give up and be proud of who we are!

Class 507: As a class we want to dedicate our book to PS6's wonderful leader Ms. Perez. She is a motivational leader who looks for the best in our whole school family. We want to thank her for her commitment to the PS6 family and for giving us the opportunity to participate in the Behind the Book Program.

Class 407: Our class would like to dedicate our book to Mrs. Perez, our school principal. We would also like to dedicate our book to PS 6X The West Farms School where the teachers and staff help us every day.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What does it mean to be PROUD of yourself and to “DREAM BIG”?

In this program, the 4th and 5th graders in the classes of Ms. Jarvis, Redd, Diaz, and Luboja explored what makes them feel proud and how they can build on that feeling in their lives.

Using the book *King Khalid is Proud* by Vanessa Chapman, the students investigated both the significance of pride in their lives and the moments when they feel proud of themselves. When asked what they thought the word meant, some responded “being happy,” or “feeling good about what they have done.” After reading the book, the students understood that King Khalid, the book’s title character, achieved something significant in his life and is definitely proud. During the author’s visits, Vanessa led them in exercises to demonstrate that everyone has different sources of pride. In a writing workshop, students responded to the question, “When you feel proud, how are you feeling?” Some said that they “felt accomplished,” while others said it meant “wanting to celebrate themselves more.” Students then wrote about how they planned to keep pride at the center of their lives.



Inspired by King Khalid's passion for coding, special speaker Stephanie Haughton of STEM Kids NYC discussed ways for the students to use technology and coding skills to create their own apps. They saw how they could use their imaginations to accomplish different goals. Students all felt that working as a group gave them the tools that helped solve difficult issues. Led by two teaching artists from Young Audiences of New York, Nadia Burgess and Imani Whyte-Anigboro, one class explored words to illustrate believing in themselves and their dreams for the future, which included words like "Successful, Happy, Enthusiastic, Rich." Another class formed images that demonstrated the activities that gave them a sense of pride. Through their reading, discussions, workshops, and artwork, this program helped the 4th and 5th graders gain the self-esteem needed to acknowledge their unique gifts and the potential to achieve their goals.

We hope our writing and artwork will demonstrate the pride we feel in our achievements.



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CHRISHAY

When I feel Proud I feel
wonderful. my dream is to become a gymnastic
star. When I accomplish my dream
I feel successful. I am proud
because I believe in my self.
I matter to the world because I
can teach people to believe in
there self. Dreaming big means
to dream about the stuff that
make makes me happy



DERECK

When I feel proud I feel excited because I am going to dance on stage tomorrow my dream is to become a basketball player



JEILENNE

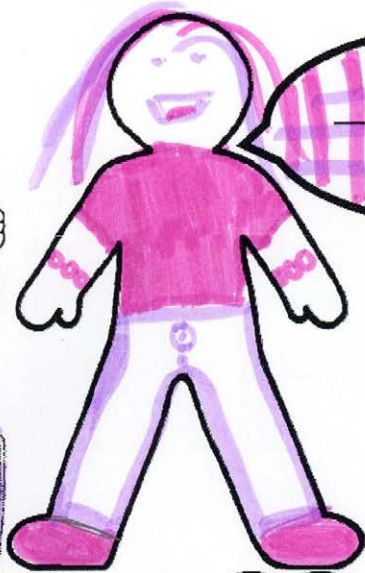
When I am feeling proud, I feel positive. My dream is to be an artist because I am very good at drawing stuff. When I accomplish my dream, I will feel confident. It is important to feel proud of myself because I am successful. I matter to the world because I can teach people to learn. Dreaming big means to make the world a better place and share my gifts with the world. What makes me feel proud is to dance like a dancer and draw like an artist.



All About Me

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Jeilene

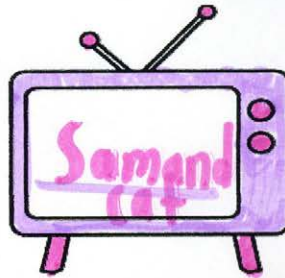


This is me! I have black hair.

My Favorite Book is...



My Favorite T.V Show is...



My Favorite Sport is...



When I grow up, I want to be a... artist

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My Favorite Food is...



This is my family!

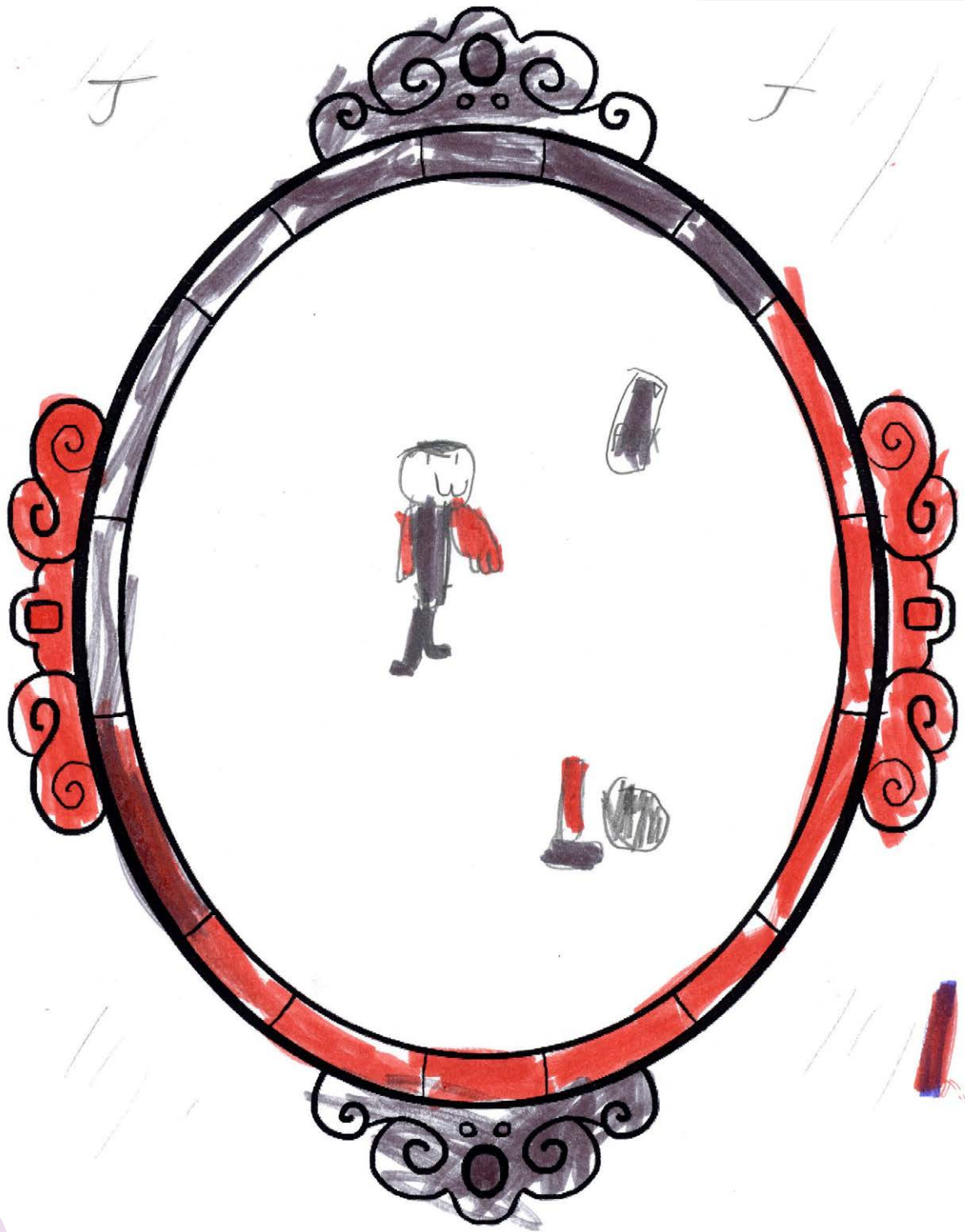


My Favorite Color is...



JEREMIAH

When I feel proud
I feel emotional, my dream
is to be an online doctor.
I want to accomplish one of
my dreams is to be in a soccer
tournament, I will feel
successful when I
accomplish my dream
because I never accomplish
my dreams before.
It is important to
feel proud of myself
because I am successful
I matter to the world
because I can teach
people to be better
Determine what I do
what makes a
happy.



ELIJAH

When I feel proud I feel amazing
my dream is to become a better person
when I accomplish my dream

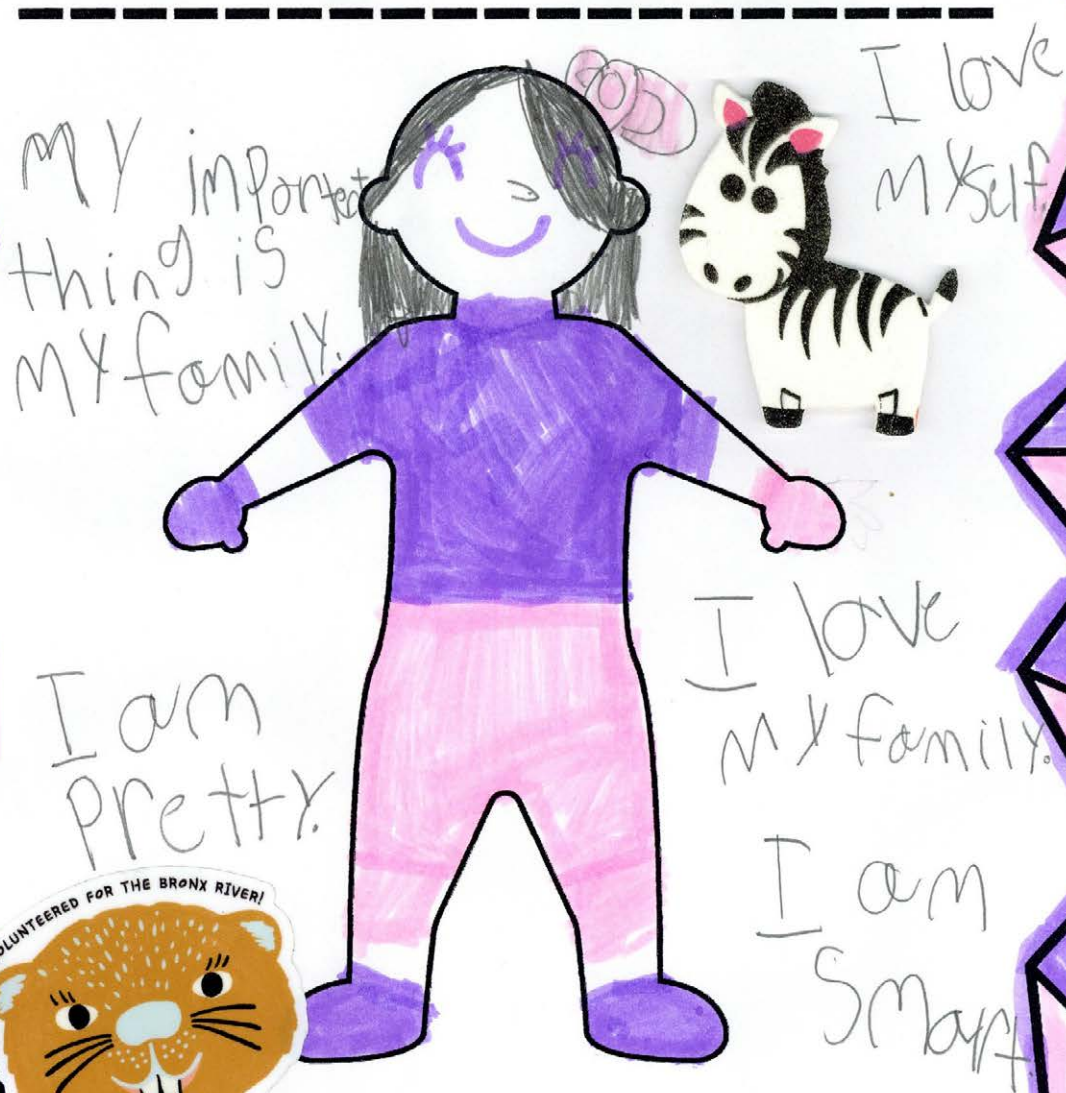
I feel successful and impressed
and excited it is important
to feel proud of myself
because you can
believe that you can
do things that matter
to the world because
I can teach people to
believe in themselves and
to make the world
a better place



JOLETTE

When I feel proud I feel
amazing. My dream is to become
a nice person because some
people don't have money.
I am

All About Me Journal by



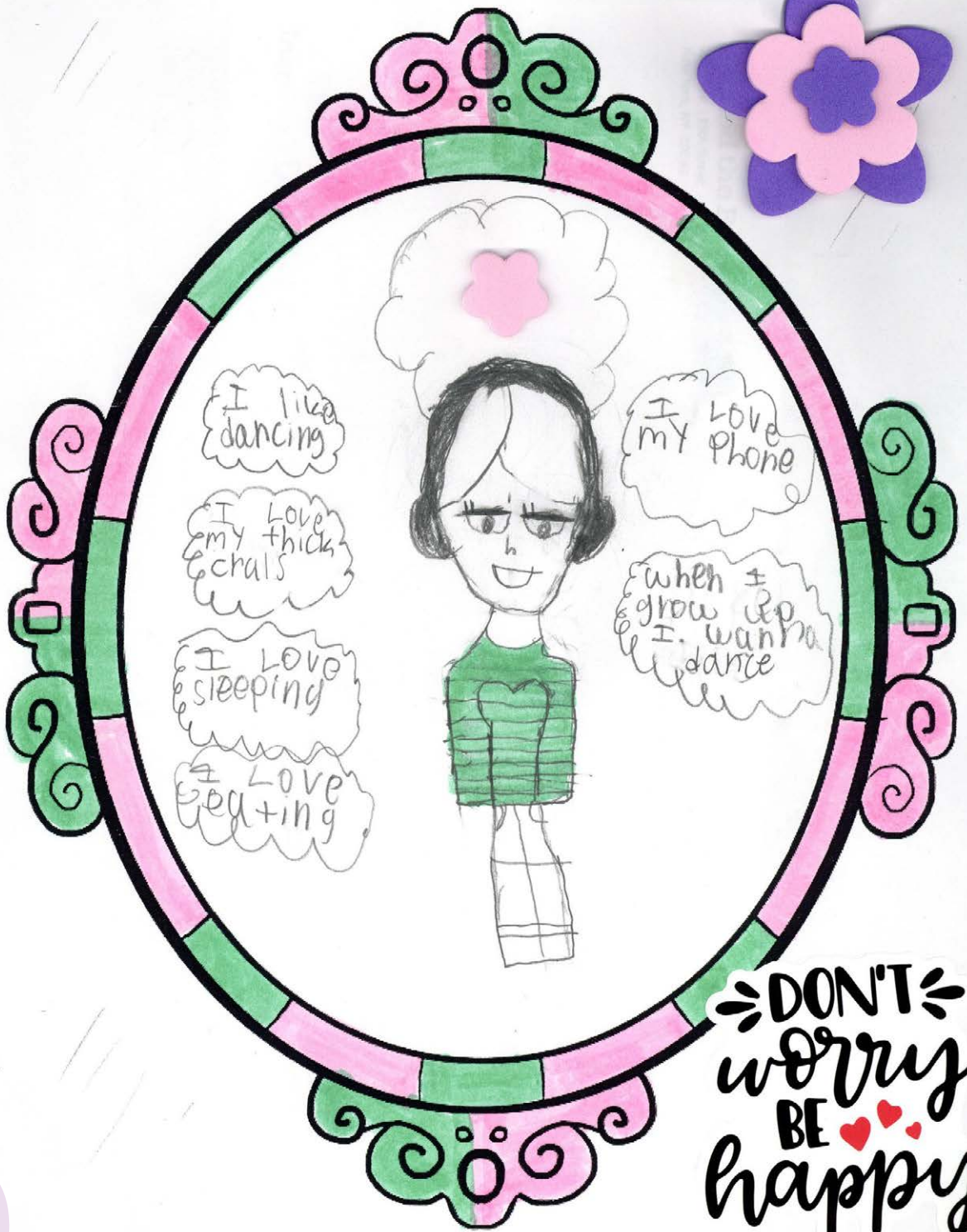
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NIA

Hi my name is Nia, I am 11 years old and i'm very proud of my self, i'm so proud I can shout it out LOUD!!! i'm proud because I have the BEST ELA teacher, i'm proud because i'm black and proud, I am proud because I can wake up every day and feel so confident, I am proud because I am independent, I am so proud of MYSELF because I am AMAZING at dancing. I am mostly proud because every morning when I wake up I am still breathing air. I can even turn the word proud into a song



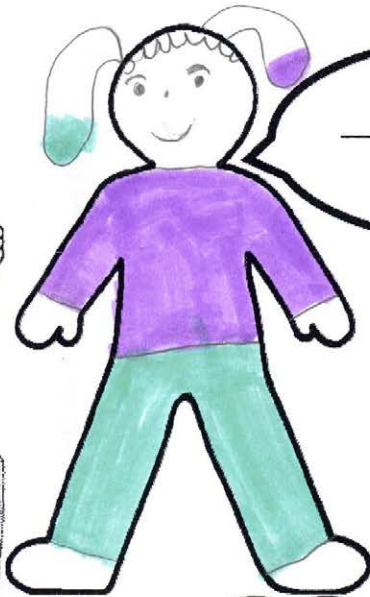
≡DON'T≡
worry
BE 
happy

SAFIATOU

When I feel proud I feel incredible because for example I helped my little brother when he was hurt and I helped him, one day I hope to have a big family and be a doctor I would feel very happy for my self and successful and impressed when I accomplish my dream. I am smart and incredible. I matter to the world BE PROUD OF THEM SELF.
Dreaming big means to do what makes you happy.

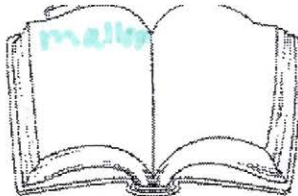
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Home Sweet Home

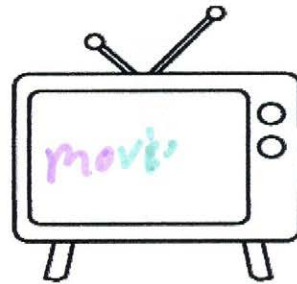


This is me! I have
pink
hair.

My Favorite Book is...



My Favorite T.V Show is...



My Favorite Sport is...



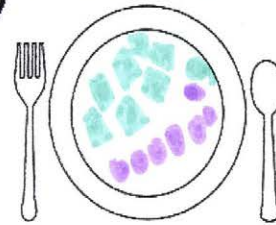
When I grow up, I want to be a...

doctor



My Favorite Food is...

McDonalds



This is my family!



My Favorite Color is...

purple
lime green

I live...

in a
apartment
no:

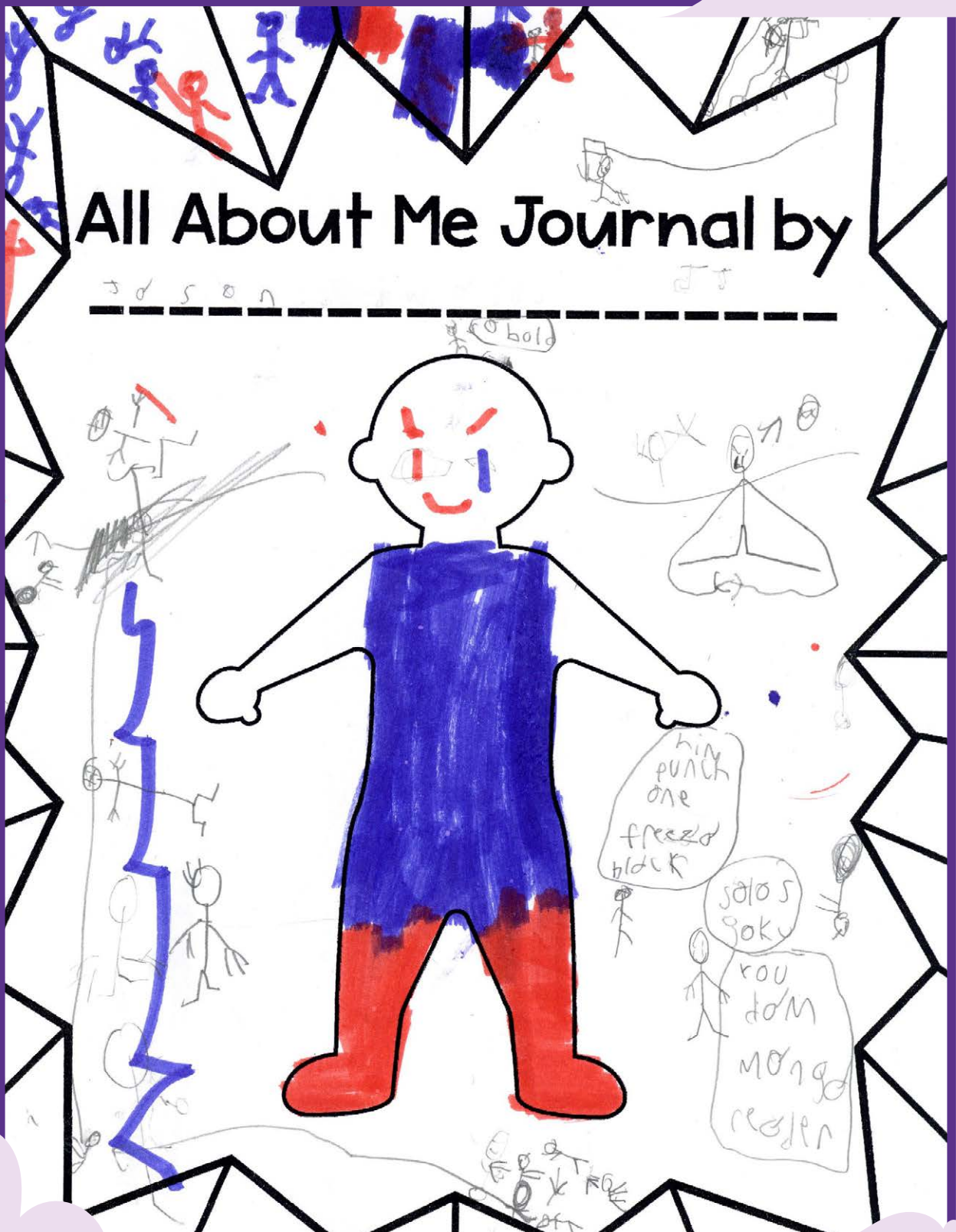
JASON

it feel good too be proud and amazing
and confident incredible. I want to
accomplish my dream to be a famous
youtuber. I will feel so happy.
• when I accomplish my dream I
will feel happy and positive and also
confident and satisfied and I will
say lets go and watch my favorite
youtuber and say how they
made me want to be a youtuber
in a video then I get my fans and
do a 5 hours long livestream of me
play roblox minecraft and more
things and make 30 million dollars when I
do I will feel happy

All About Me Journal by

Johnson

JS



FATOUMATA

When I'm proud I feel satisfied and incredible. for example when I make food and it turns out good, I get happy and confident. I feel very very very positive and powerful that I accomplish some thing I've been dreaming about. my dream is to be a model and fashion designer and a woman when I'm older, something that makes me proud is being black, Muslim, woman, tall, beautiful and proud 🧡💖!!



stay humble
struggle hard
& be kind

GABRIEL

- It is important to feel proud of myself because I am amazing, hardworking, and I could do anything I put my mind to.
- I matter to the world because I can teach people to behave, be good to people and be grateful.
- Dreaming big means to live my best life, doing what makes me happy, and that I have a very big goal.
- I feel amazing when I am proud.
- My dream is to become a youtuber. I want to accomplish one day's building cool stuff, and becoming.

All About Me Journal by Gabriel

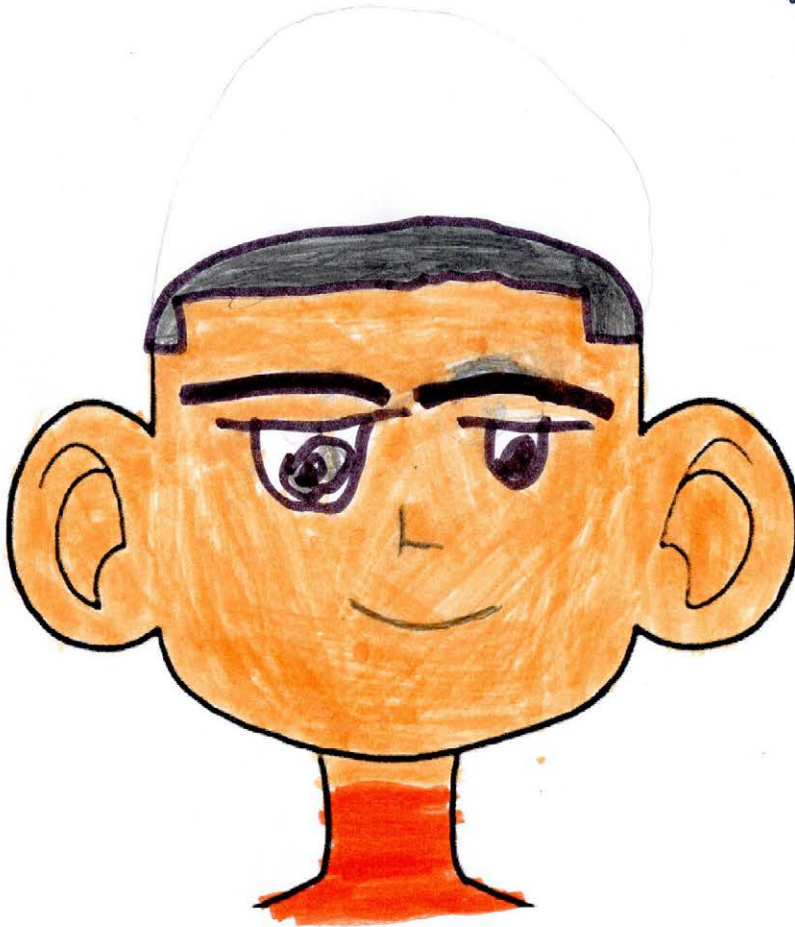
*Positive
mind
Positive
vibes
Positive
life*



FRAIMY

When I am proud I feel satisfied, powerful, happy. My dreams are becoming an astronaut and dad. When I accomplish my dream I will feel impressed, smart, talented. It is important to feel proud of yourself because it can encourage myself to do more. I matter to the world because I can teach people to dream big and be yourself. Dreaming big means to believe in yourself and do something big!

* be silly
* be honest
* be kind



Write down how do you look like: (1. I have blue eyes, 2. I have green hair, etc.)

- 1. I have a basketball
- 2. I have black hair
- 3. I have brown skin

- 4. I have a red sweater
- 5. I have shoes
- 6. I have clothes

AMIERE

When I feel proud I feel powerful a bit.

I am proud when I do something good.

My big dreams are, for me to start a business where we will run the world. People will be teachers, fire fighters, mayors, presidents, and so on. And to be a YouTuber on my free time. And my last big dream is to win the lottery and win \$1,832,032,000.

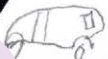
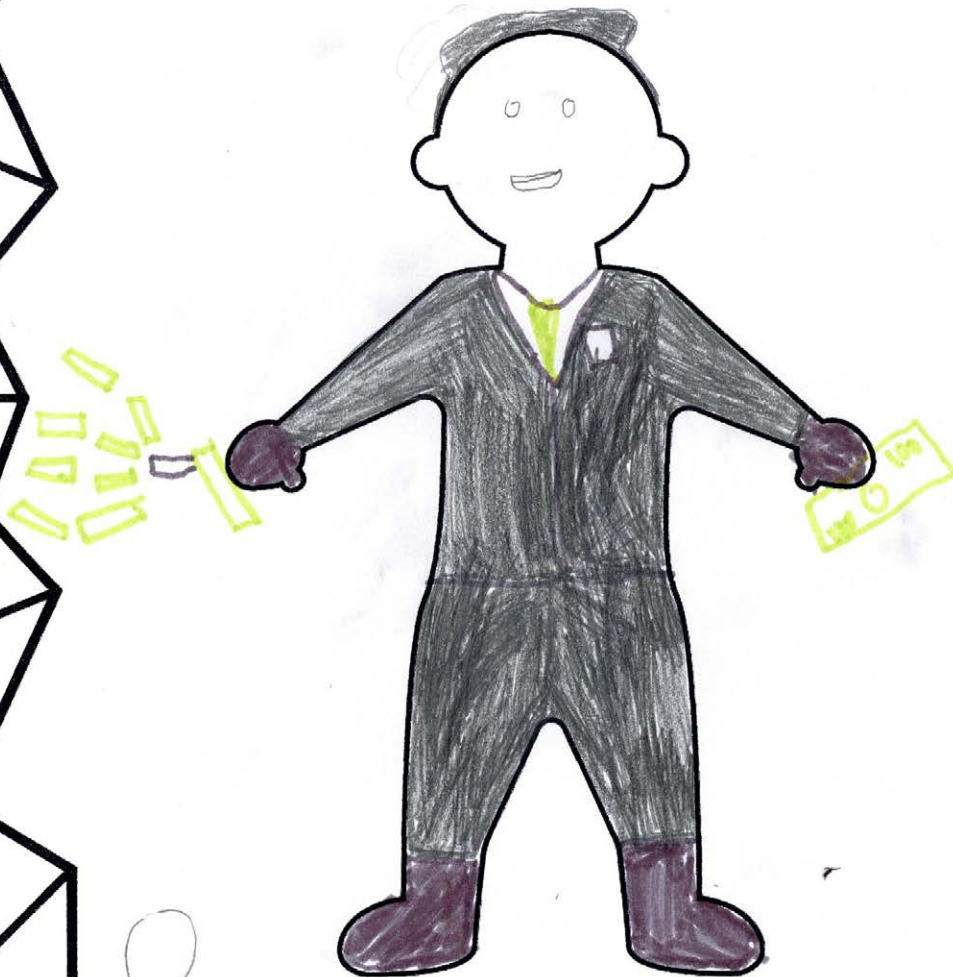
When I accomplish my dream I will feel super proud of myself.

It is important to be proud of myself because I am special. I matter in the world because I can teach people to be whatever they want to be. Dreaming big means to live the way you want to live.

*Work hard.
Stay humble.*

All About Me Journal by

Am Iere



NAII

- ①. One day I want to accomplish, solving big math problems in seconds.
- ②. When I accomplish this, I am proud of myself!!

poem: p-r-o-u-d

I am strong, I am confident, I am powerful,
I am proud. I'll say it stronger I am proud
and loud!!!. I am proud when I reach
I goal I'm going to be proud
and loud. P-r-o-u-d, proud. If people in
the back can't hear me then I'll say it
louder. I'm proud when I rhyme
sometimes I don't notice I do it all
the time.

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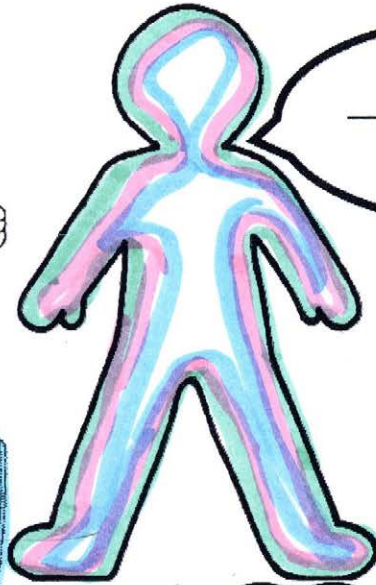
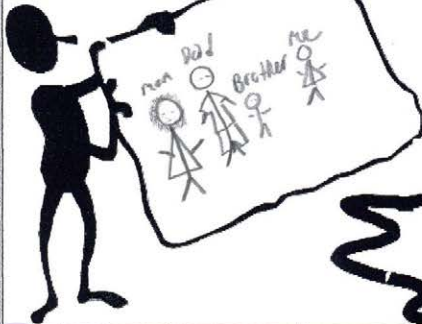
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My Favorite Sport is...

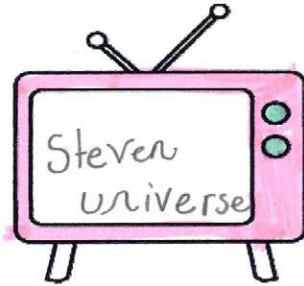


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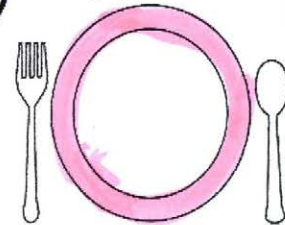
This is me! I have
Short
hair.

My Favorite T.V Show is...



My Favorite Food is...

Empanadas



When I grow up, I want
to be a...

Nurse



My Favorite Color is...

light blue



LEAH

me siento feliz conmigo misma y contenta tal y como soy

En el futuro yo quiero ser una Buena Veterinario yo me sentiria emocionada y muy feliz por cumplir mi sueño

una niña inteligente orgullosa y independiente porque puedo enseñarles a no votar la basura en el mar y no a ser les daño a los animales y tambien a los niños

tener ideas en grande es tener Buenas ideas para el futuro y para mejorar el mundo



BERTHA

When I feel proud I feel excited.
My dream one day is to
become a police officer and a doctor.
If I ever accomplish my
goal I will feel so excited
and positive. It is important
to feel proud of myself because
if I don't I will never
get to where I want to be in the future.
I matter to the world
because I can teach people
to be kind and help out.
Dreaming big means to do
what makes me happy and
share my gifts with the
world.



All About Me



My Name Is...
Bertha

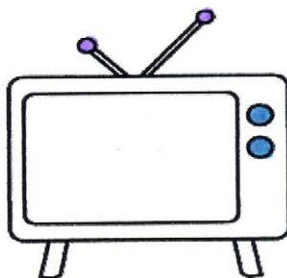


This is me! I have
Long
hair.

My Favorite Book is...



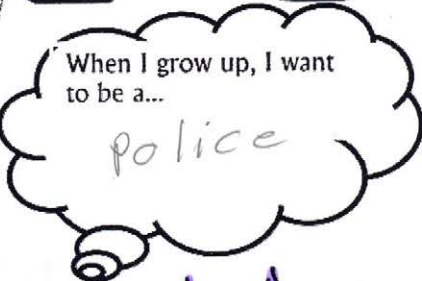
My Favorite T.V Show is...



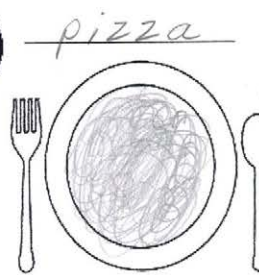
My Favorite Sport is...



When I grow up, I want to be a...



My Favorite Food is...



This is my family!



very fun

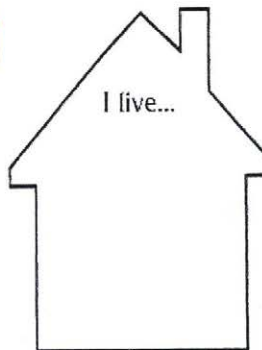


I am 10 years old.

My Favorite Color is...



I live...



NASIR

When I am proud, I feel satisfied, happy, and nice because I feel like I have accomplished something big. I hope to become a YouTuber and my first milestone would be 100 subscribers. The reason is because I want to share my love of video games with others. Usually I am proud when I do things like help elderly, do chores etc. As well as when I give back to my family because they are deeply loved by me. I am confident that I will fulfill this dream of becoming a YouTuber because I make videos almost every day and it goes well. It is important to be proud of yourself because you are unique and hardworking, and you're in this amazing place!



Write down how do you look like: (1. I have blue eyes, 2. I have green hair, etc.)

1. I have brown skin
2. I have black hair
3. I have black eyebrows
4. I have big ears (I can hear far)
5. I have black eyes
6. I have nose

VICTORIA

When I'm proud I feel positive, satisfied and incredible because I did something that made me proud. I hope to fulfill my dreams, to become a teacher and to help children grow, like Ms. Diaz. And when I accomplish my goal I feel proud of myself and also impressed because when I try for the first time, I think I can't do it, but I can and I know. I feel like I can be proud because then I know that the second time I try I'll be confident enough to do it. For all of the kids out there, dreaming big means that you want to accomplish something in life that you really like and you really want to accomplish it, like me, I want to be a teacher so what I want to do is accomplish it. That's what makes me proud and impressed.



Write down how do you look like: (1. I have blue eyes, 2. I have green hair, etc.)

1. I have brown eyes
2. I have brown hair
3. I have a love for apples

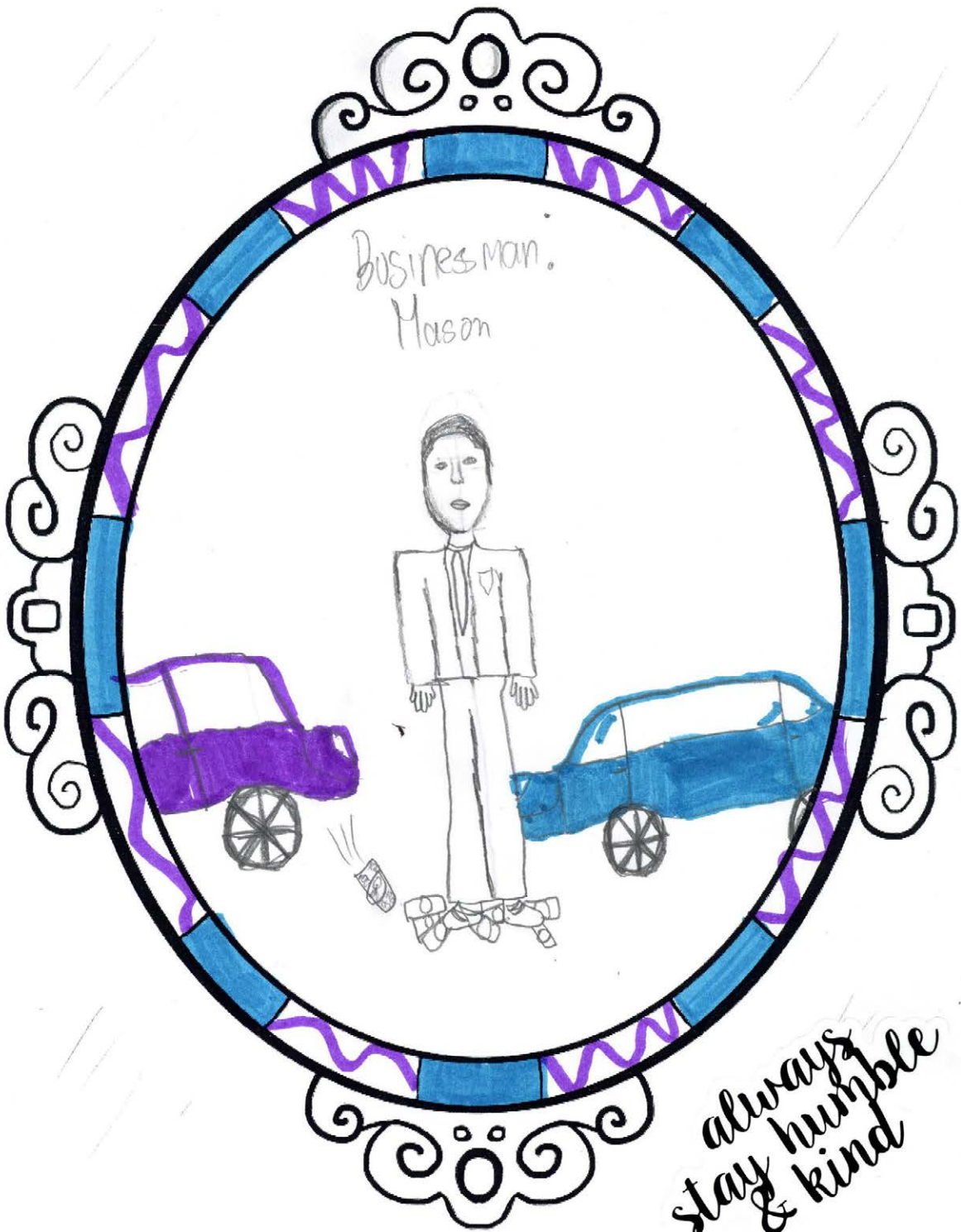
4. I have earrings
5. I have a mask

MASON

One thing I want to accomplish is to have a successful business and good life. I'd feel very confident in myself if I accomplish my dream. I will also feel proud because it can show other people to always reach your dreams and goals.

Another thing I want to accomplish is making a powerful, inspiring book. I would feel very good because it is one way I can motivate people to Never stop dreaming and always reach your goal, even if it's challenging.

The Last thing I want to accomplish is to live in the beautiful town of New Haven, CT. I'd feel positive and independent because I can live in an amazing safe place without hesitating.



*always
stay humble
& kind*

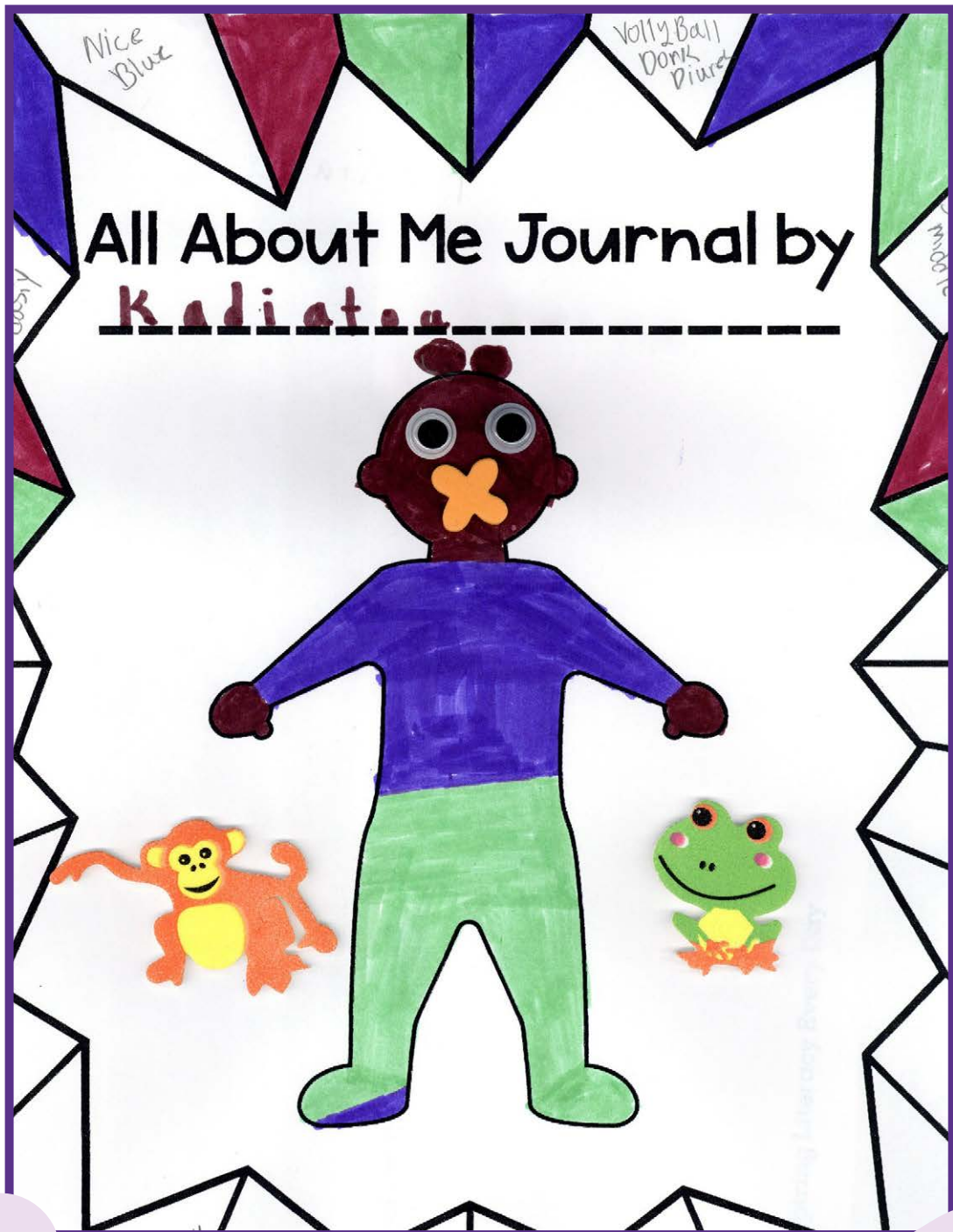
RACHEL



Write down how do you look like: (1. I have blue eyes, 2. I have green hair, etc.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. I have <u>brown eyes</u> | 4. I have <u>ears</u> |
| 2. I have <u>black hair</u> | 5. I have <u>a nose</u> |
| 3. I have <u>lashes</u> | 6. I have <u>a mouth</u> |

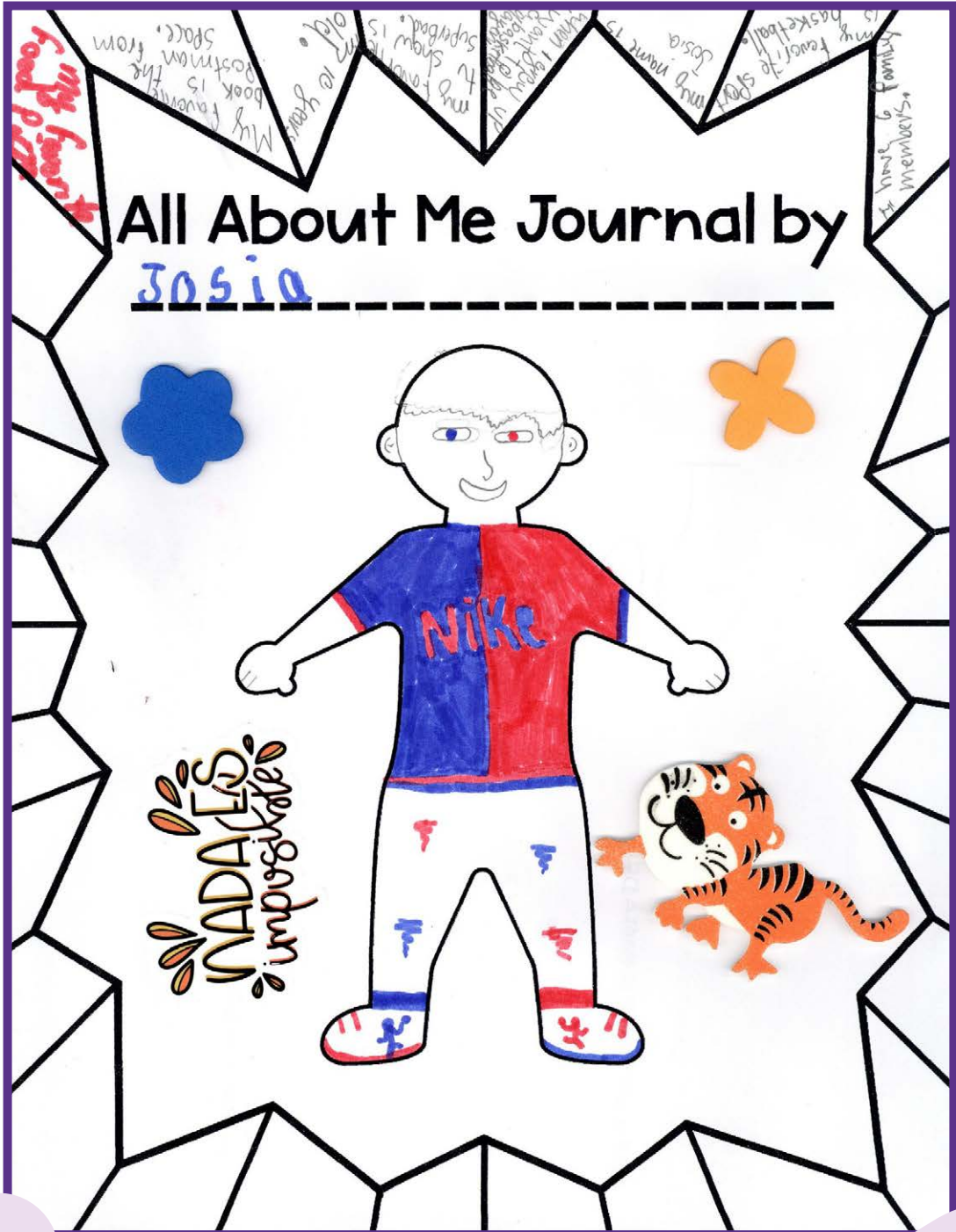
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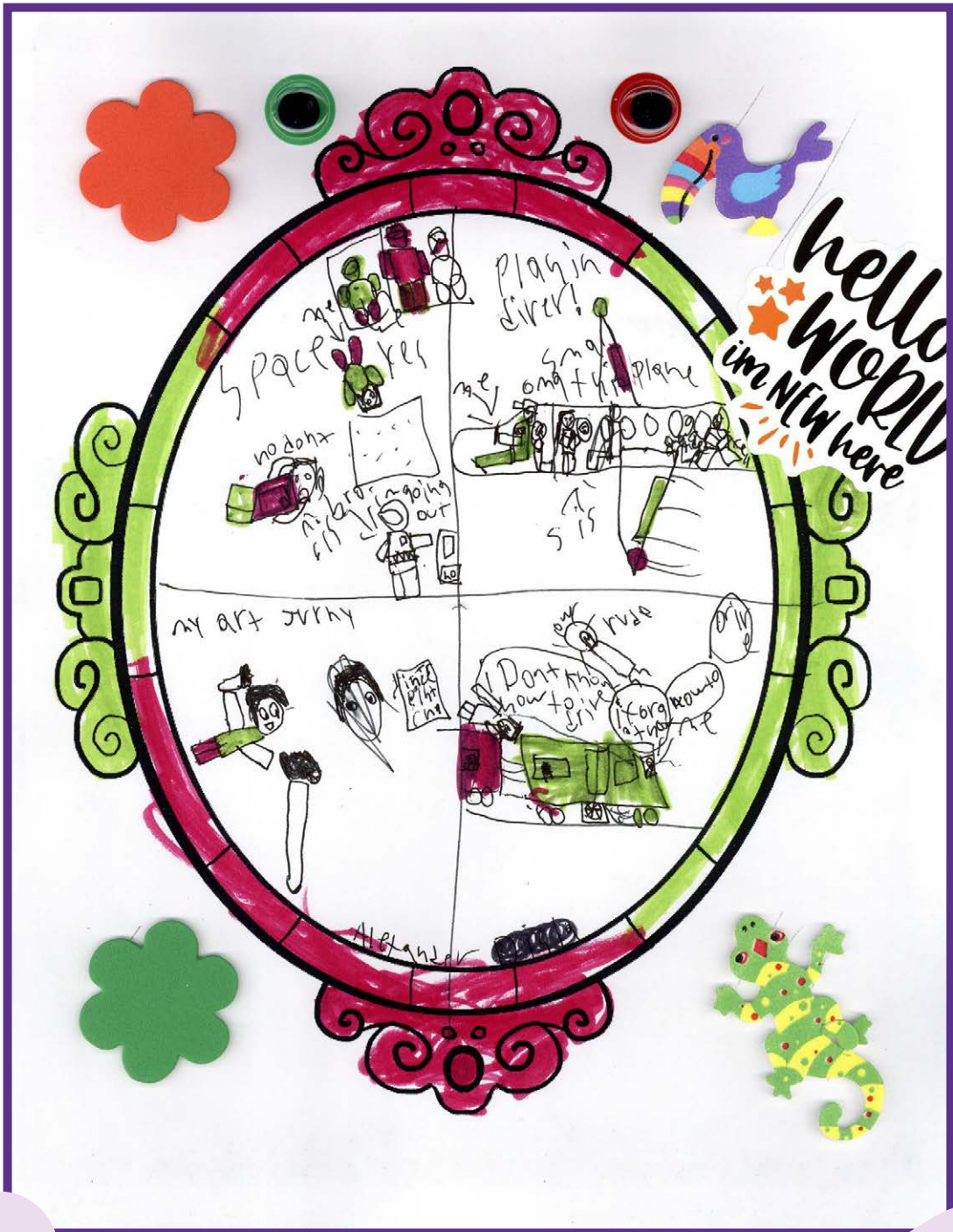
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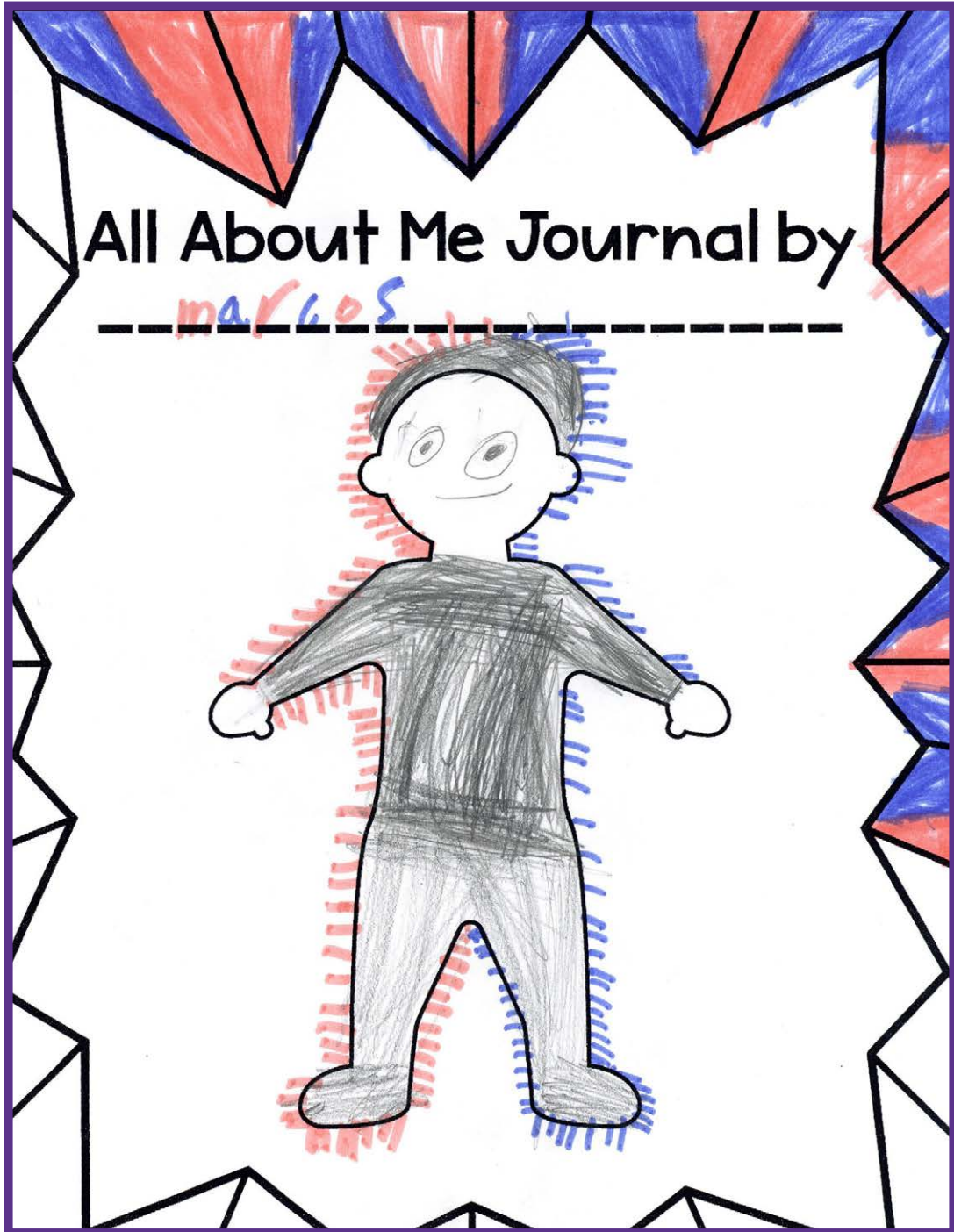
MARIA



ALEXANDER



MARCOS



STACY

I feel good, I feel like a new person and really good.

I want to be an actress of Hollywood and a proud person with other people. Just like in movies and I want to be happy.

I know I go feel good when I act in the future, I know I go feel really excited with myself and my life.

I know I am proud because when I wake up I feel proud, when I do my homework I know I am proud.

When I am proud I feel happy. And I know I am proud for everything I do.

JACQUELINNE

When I'm proud I feel good about myself and I feel confident about everything I do. I would also feel very positive and powerful. I'd feel amazing because I just accomplished a goal and that makes me happy who wouldn't be happy. I'd feel like I am everything and I feel like everyone else can be proud like I am.

I would feel good about everything and believe in myself to be confident.

I am proud on what I accomplished. Writing this makes me proud. My name makes me feel proud too.

I will be proud when I see the same community.



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EZEQUIEL

Hi my name is Ezequiel I feel good and I brave in the dark because when I feel proud at my self I feel incredible and amazing. And I am brave in the dark because I always go to the dark in my house but I don't get scared ones. also what my dream is to be a really good chef. And when I accomplish something I feel excited and successful. It is important to be proud of myself because I am a nice person and I will feel good for myself. And I matter to the world because I can teach people to learn manners and to help people to calm down.

Proud



Thunder storm

TIFFANY

I feel happy and good because I want to be a artist.
painting and drawings. I will feel amazing. I am a
hard worker. I matter to the world because I can teach
people to paint and draw.



AILAN

when I am proud I'm happy. I want to be an artist. I am happy about it and I want to create anime. I feel successful and smart.

It is important to feel proud of myself because I am nice to people and I feel happy. I matter to the world because I can teach people to draw and play basketball. Dreaming big means to follow your dream. Live my best life.



MAKAYLA

When I feel proud I feel satisfied and pretty normal. Because I don't really jump or sing when I feel proud I just say that I am proud of myself and move on. I have many dreams I hope to accomplish. Like being a singer or a teacher or starting a business. If I ever accomplished one of my dreams I would feel very proud and happy. I would jump and spin happily. I would also feel successful. It is important for me to be proud of myself because when you accomplish things you feel more proud so it's important for your confidence. I am important in this world because I can help people with their confidence and be themselves no matter what. Dreaming big means to take chances and doing what makes you happy.



ZYAIRA

Hello my name is zyaira. When I feel proud I feel

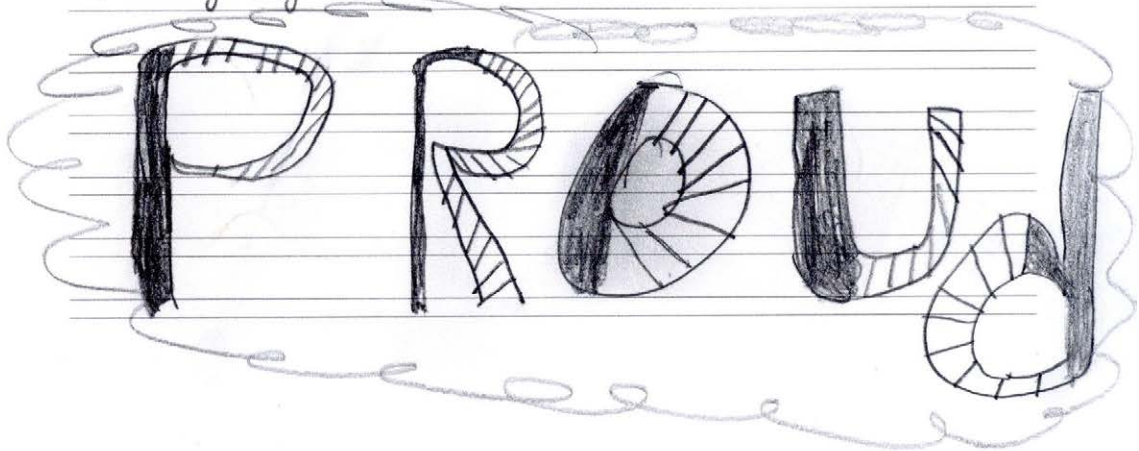
Happy, thankful for what I accomplish.

My dream is to accomplish to be successful and happy.
When I accomplish ^{my} dream I feel
successful, confident, excited, talented.

I am making the world a better place.

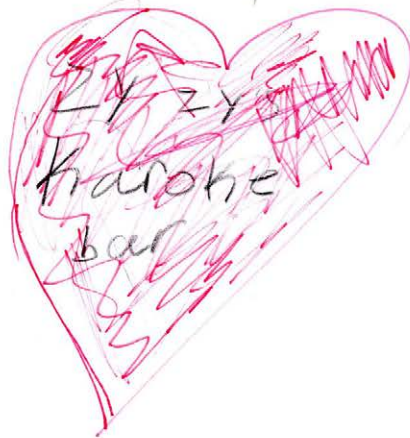
I can teach people to "share my gift to the world."

Dreaming big means to take chances.





Love!!
Laugh!!
Laugh!!
Laugh!!



BLM

BRANDEL

I feel incredible and achieved because I knew I completed something I wanted to do. I would like to become a professional soccer player and play with the team Real Madrid. I would feel successful that I made it that far into my dream. It is important to feel proud of myself because I am happy for what I did. I can teach people to follow their dreams, take chances in life, and to feel proud of yourself of completing your dreams.



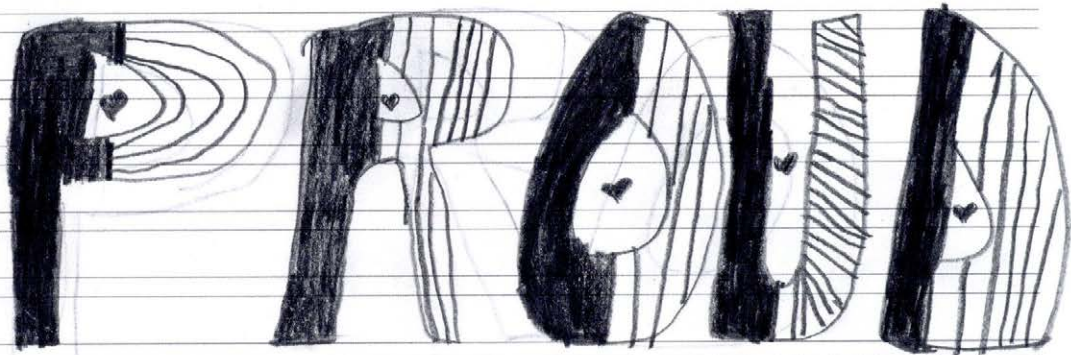
DAMANGELIS

What it feels to be proud is you feeling powerful of your self and incredible. Then you could feel satisfied.

My name is Damangelis and I would like to accomplish being a singer, singing at different states, countries, and places. If I accomplish my dream I would go CRAZY because I have been wanting to sing in front of people, crowds. I been literally wanting to do it for a long time to.

;) Thank you Behind the Book Program! ;)

Ho! By the way I wish you best!





DIEGO

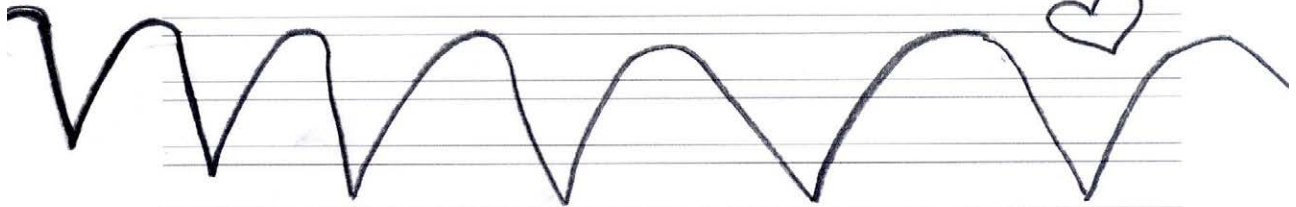
When I feel Proud, I feel Powerful. My dreams are to be the smartest in the school. When I accomplish my dream I will feel impressed and someday I will become a lawyer. I matter to the world because I can teach people to do the right thing. Dreaming big means to make the world a better place.

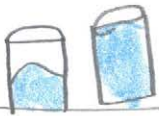


Soccer

JAILEY

When I feel Proud I feel happy.
One of my dreams are to be a fashion designer
in florida. when I accomplish my dream I
will feel excited. It is important to feel
Proud of myself because I am incredible.
I matter to the world because I can teach
people to cook. Dreaming big means to
share my gifts with the world.





KRATOS

It feels good to be proud because
you can do more stuff when you're proud.
and I feel proud that I am on
the basketball team. ~~and my team~~
is to be shooting with Stephen Curry on
the court, and my team is to
take a pic with Diddy and. ~~and~~
any other team is that I want to
have 7 million \$. and I want to
play in the NBA one day.
and one day I will teach
people to play basketball. I am amazing
that I will get 4 million \$ and I feel
good that I am what I am. ~~and~~
I am amazing.

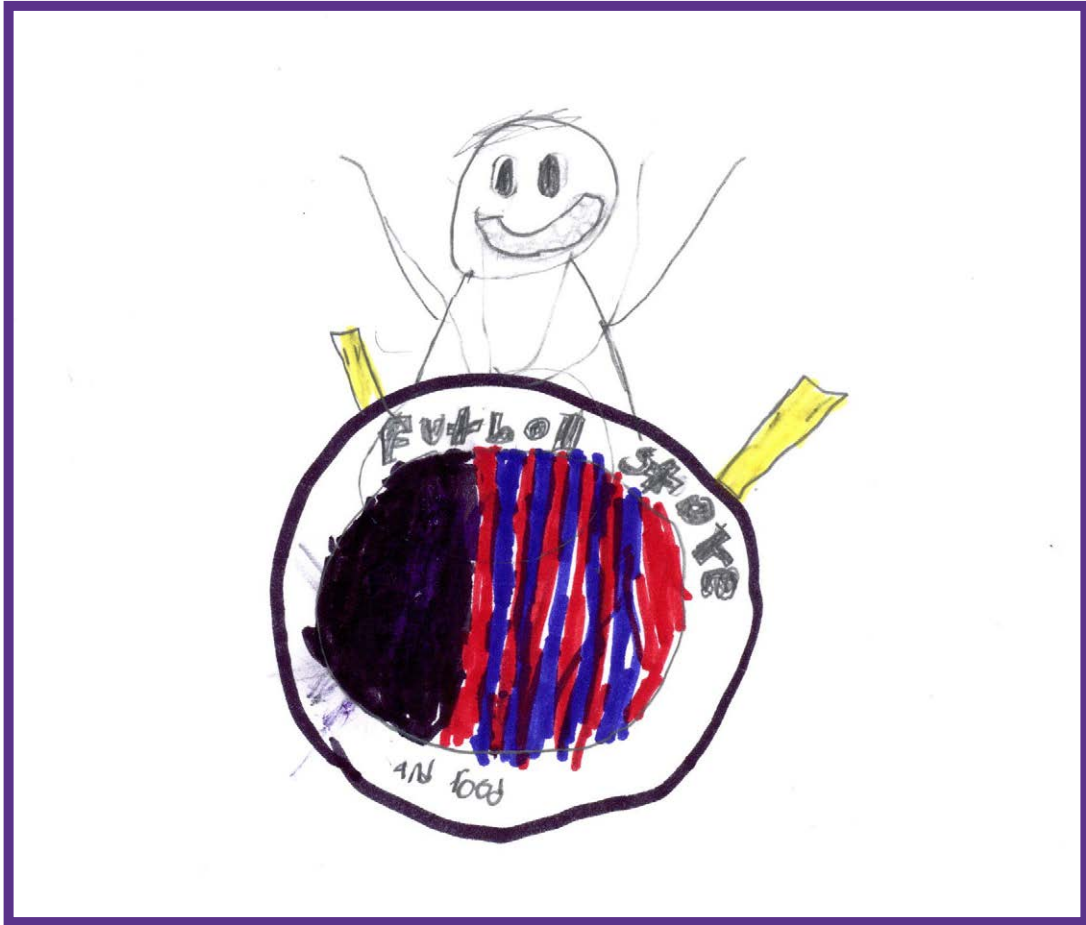


DIXON

My dream is to be the soccer player
just like other soccer players, and when
I accomplish it, I will feel proud and amazing.
It is important to feel proud of
myself because I am completing
my dream to be a soccer player. I matter
to the world because I can teach people
to play soccer and succeed in their dreams.
Dreaming big means to take chances
and live my best life.



ALEXIS



JACKCELYN



MELANY



SAMANTHA



MARCUS

When I feel proud I feel powerful, I feel like this because I'm cool my dreams are playing a sport I want to accomplish going to the NFL by being successful I will feel happy when I accomplish this dream it is important to feel proud of myself because I am happy, I matter to the world because I can teach people to never give up on your dreams.

BRUCE

I feel satisfied and positive when I'm proud of my big dream is to be a game developer. when I complete a game. I will feel successful. It is important to feel proud of myself because I am positive. I matter to the world because I can teach people to clean up after themselves. Dreaming big means to believe in myself and be my full self.

AURIA

How it feels to be proud is when you feel like you reach a goal.

My dream is to be a artist and to help others learn more about art, and to show the creative in art.

I feel satisfied when im proud.

I feel amazing when i accomplish my dream.

I am proud of myself because I am a helpfull person to others and myself.

I matter to the world because I can teach people to help others and themselves.

Big dreaming is wanting to reach a goal even when it seems hard.

ANDRE


When I Feel ^{proud} proud I Feel Happy.
I Feel like this because I get stuff
that I want. my ^{dreams} ~~dreams~~ ^{is} is to play
in the NBA. I want to accomplish th
by is to go to basketball practice.
I ^{will} ~~will~~ be excited. I am ^{proud} proud of my
self is to take care of my self.
I matter the world I can teach
people to play basketball

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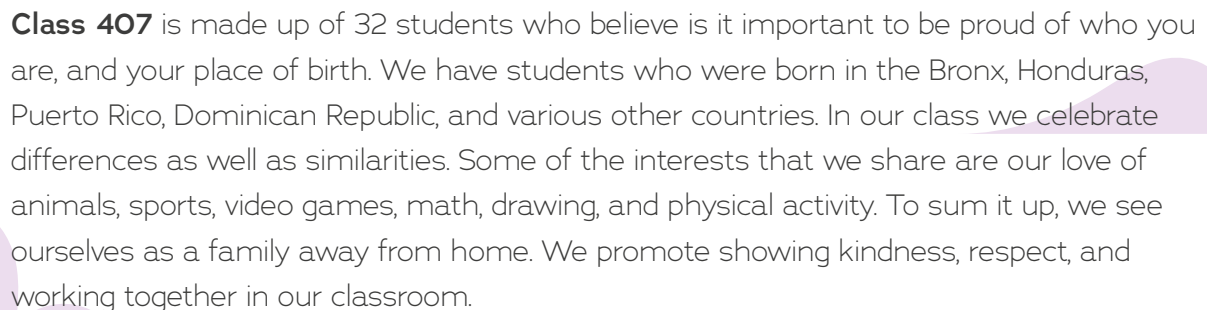


ABOUT THE STUDENT AUTHORS

Class 501 is a team of 32 students with great personalities and lots of curiosity. We are a mixture of cultures that creates one beautiful, unique classroom community. Each of us is passionate about our dreams of becoming someone that will inspire future generations. We live by our school BRIGHT matrix: Believe in ourselves, Respect each other, We are Intelligent, We are Goal-Oriented, We are Honest, and We are Team Players! We understand the power of being proud of each other, but most of all, of ourselves. Therefore, we value the importance of doing something that makes us proud of ourselves!

Class 507 is a family of 31 students with different skill sets and strengths. Each one of us uses our strengths to create a community that supports, cares, and loves each other. We live by our motto “This year when we learn, we grow!” and use this to motivate us in all our classes and activities. We know that when we work our hardest, we can achieve anything! We look forward to being our best, love learning and inspiring the world as we move forward to middle school and beyond!

Class 407 is made up of 32 students who believe it is important to be proud of who you are, and your place of birth. We have students who were born in the Bronx, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and various other countries. In our class we celebrate differences as well as similarities. Some of the interests that we share are our love of animals, sports, video games, math, drawing, and physical activity. To sum it up, we see ourselves as a family away from home. We promote showing kindness, respect, and working together in our classroom.



ABOUT BEHIND THE BOOK

Behind the Book brings authors and their books into classrooms to build literacy skills and foster a community of lifelong readers and writers. Working with classes from Pre-K through 12th grade, our series of workshops is designed to bring books to life and inspire students to reach their full potential. Behind the Book is embedded in the class curriculum, nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and self-confidence in New York City public school students. All programs meet the Next Generation Learning Standards. The staff who has been behind the books this school year include: *Executive Director* Andrew Frank, *Director of Programs* Anmarie Paul, *Program Manager & Volunteer Coordinator* Alexandra Berndt, *Program Administrator* Kelly Choi, *Curriculum Developers* Keturah Abdullah and Roya Nabizadeh, *Program Facilitators* Tatiana Colgin, Amere Cortijo, Shirly Hernandez, and Elizabeth Valentín, *Program Interns* Avanti Tulpule, Kaylee Young-Eun Jeong, and Grace Riginos, *Director of Development* Amanda Carr, *Development Manager* Roshana Nabi, *Operations Manager* Christy Hood, *Marketing and Communications Strategist* Vivian Cruz-Rivera, and *Student Book Art Director* Adriana Moreno.



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NEXT GEN LEARNING STANDARDS ADDRESSED

4R2: Determine a theme or central idea of text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize a text.

4R3: In literary texts, describe a character, setting, or event, drawing on specific details in the text.

4W4: Create a poem, story, play, artwork, or other response to a text, author, theme, or personal experience.





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