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Snowflake

magazine for kids

**PLIMOTH
ROCKS!**



Snowflake is for students up to about 5th grade and their older friends and connoisseurs (look that up) of good writing no matter how old the writer.

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Oh pray their ship returns . . .

'fore the storm commences





*You'll never believe
I've been to the
past, and I have a
pilgrim friend
called Abigail
Smith.*

*Look at this cool
Wampanoag bench my
mainlander friend saw!
She is brave!*



*Looks like father
the nail smith has
one good fire!*

That boy is brave to go to one of them.



Look at the new comers! They are funny!!!

They have survived the storm!

Thank God!

The ship is in good shape it seems!

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I AM A PILGRIM

by Brian Martinez

I am a Pilgrim boy. My name is Brian. I am ten years old. It is November and we are living in Plymouth. It is rainy and snowy and very cold. There are mice on the Mayflower. We have to continue sleeping on the ship until more houses are built. The

mice bother us at night when we are sleeping.

We left from England because the church was not nice to us. The church would not let us pray the way we wanted. So we came to the new world. Now we can pray the way we like.

by Toni Sanchez

I am a Pilgrim boy. My name is Toni and I am nine years old. My sister and I have to build a fire and cook the meat. We also have to collect feathers to make mattresses for sleeping.

My sister and I work hard every day. But we have a friend named Squanto. We learn how to plant and play Indian games like lacrosse. He also teaches us how to find the best berries.

Soon we will have a big dinner to thank our Indian friends. We will be eating lots of food and learning how to play more games. My belly will be very happy!

by Ally Colon-Aldana

Hi! I am a pilgrim girl. My name is Alexandra. I am 10 years old. I clean my home and make my sister's and my bed. I love everyone. I don't like being a pilgrim. My mom said I have to go on the Mayflower. It has rats and mice on the boat. The food is bad. It is always wet and dark down below where we have to stay most of the time. Many people have gotten sick. I hope we come to the colony soon. I'm tired of being on this ship. I am bored in the Mayflower and can't wait to get off.

by Tyrone Cornet

My family has finally landed in Plymouth. We eat big pigs in Plymouth. We had a race and we had a feast. Then we played. We invited the Indians to our feast and after, we played and ate more. It was fun. We ate cranberries from a bog. Then we saw a turkey in a log. We shot it. After we ate, we had to go to sleep. My bed was hard. While I was sleeping I had a dream about the king getting arrested. Then I woke up and realized I was in London.

by Janet Contreras

My name is Janet. I'm a Pilgrim girl and I'm 8 years old. I'm scared to be alone by myself. I'm alone because my parents died. Soon we will be in the new world. We are traveling on the ship named the Mayflower. I'm bringing clothes and my pillow. I'm excited for the New World.

POETRY & *similar sentiments*

Nia

By Denise Umaña

Nia is my best friend ever.
Every time when I get hurt
She is always there for me.
When I need someone to help me she is always
there.

I love apples

By Siedny Didier

Apples I like. Apples I eat,
Apples are crunchy. Apples are sweet.
When apples are ripe, then I pick,
Don't eat the seeds, they will make you sick!

Granny Smith

By Brian Martinez

Apples taste good because they are sour.
Did you know they start from a flower?
My favorite is Granny Smith you know.
I like to eat them really slow.

Apples Are Healthy For You

By Janet Contreras

My favorite apple is Red Delicious.
I eat one everyday, they are nutritious.

Our class went on a field trip to Smolak Farm.
We learned to cause a tree no harm.

When you pick an apple from the trees,
Be sure not to bother the bees.

I was Invisible

by Steven Le

One day I woke up and was invisible I couldn't change back to my real form. When I went down stairs for dinner my parents and my baby brother couldn't see me my mom said to me "What happened to you honey" I don't know I just woke up and I was invisible. When I was done with my breakfast my mom took me to the doctors. When I was at the doctors Mr. Bumbles was our doctor he never seen this situation so he gave me some tests on me then he gave me some pills that would help and when I came home and was still invisible so I took one more pill and was my real form again and then I went to bed.



Catch me if you can!

by students from the Literacy Skill Development Program
Grades 1-3

Ms. Mary DiGregorio, teacher

We have read and heard so many versions of the story "The Gingerbread Man" that we decided to put it onto a plaque. We used all the fun stuff: frosting, cookies, marshmallows, gumdrops and more. It was fun! We put our imagination to work. Some students wanted to bring out the characters of the story, the Gingerbread Man because he was a fast runner, but was he? Others wanted the wolf, because he ended with the snack!

Our plaques were fun to do and we learned:

That the Gingerbread Man was not as smart as he thought.

Best of all we can eat him because he's a cookie!

The End

photo by Jenny Le and Charles Thornton



FIVE STAR BOOKS

BY: ABBY POWERS - LOWERY &
MAYA REYNOSO WILLIAMS

Various publishers have sent us books for review. We decided for this issue to print only reviews of books we would recommend.

THESE BOOKS ARE PUBLISHED BY FIVE STAR LEGENDS. THE BOOKS ARE "I JUST AM", "TIC TALK", AND "RATTLESNAKE RULES".

"I Just Am" by Tom & Bryan Lambke is a book for 3rd and 4th graders and the age range would be probably 8 - 10 if you want to read it. It's a great book about not teasing and bullying anybody, or saying someone else is not normal. The subject of the book is a teenage boy who has Down syndrome and he tells about his life in pictures and words (captions). We like this book because it gives you a fun and interesting lesson that is good to learn. *\$14.95, hard-cover.*

www.FiveStarPublications.com

The next book "Tic Talk" is about a boy with Tourette Syndrome. It is by Dylan Peters, a 9 year old boy, who tells his story in his own words. It is for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders (possibly 5th). The age range for it would be 7 - 11. It is illustrated by Zachary Wendland and painted by Kris Taft Miller. It is a great book about differences that make you special. Tourette syndrome, if you are wondering what it is, is something when you have a problem in your brain, and you have double blinking which is holding your blinks for a longer

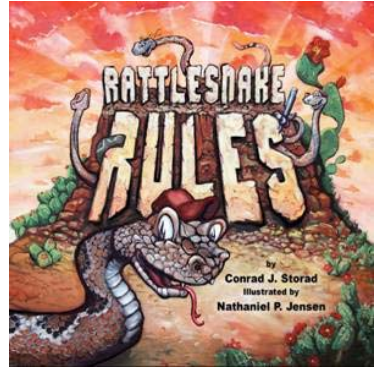
time, tilting your head and other things called "tics". (Not the bugs that attach to you! So don't make fun!) The book is about his life with this Syndrome. We like this book because it was an interesting story and both sad and happy. It's also about how differ-

Abby and Ms. Theolien
photograph by Maya Jr.



ences don't make you uncool or stuff like that and that your friends liking you or not liking you doesn't depend on your differences. We really think this is a good book and can really change the way you

think about people. *\$15.95, hardcover.*



And last but not least is "Rattlesnake Rules" by Conrad J. Storad. There are two parts. The first part is about a rattlesnake and his adventures. He lives in the desert and travels to a jungle and sees all new animals. The 2nd part is facts and includes a diagram of the different parts of a rattlesnake. The age range is for 3rd to 5th graders. *\$16.95, hardcover.*

We love books, and would recommend these three for students, but don't take our word for it. We wanted to know what a teacher might think of

these books so we asked Ms. Theolien, who was our 2nd grade teacher.

Ms. Theolien told us that she would recommend these books to teachers and librarians for their classrooms and libraries.

Teacher's Comments

I Just Am. This book in which a young man with Down syndrome talks about his experience is one of the most heartfelt books I have read in a long time. It is touching, funny and inspirational. I was teary-eyed while reading this book. We can learn a lot from Bryan who just wants to be who he is, he doesn't want to be labeled or be treated any differently than any of us: What is Normal? We shouldn't treat people by how they look or their disability but everyone should be treated with respect and dignity. *I Just*

Am gives voice to children with Down syndrome and the challenges they face everyday.

In *Rattlesnake Rules* the author uses vivid illustrations and poetry to teach his readers about the lives of rattlesnakes— what rattlesnakes do to survive and protect themselves in the world and how humans can protect themselves from rattlesnakes. This will be a wonderful book for snake lovers all over the world ssssssssss

Tic Talk gives you a small glimpse into the life of a 9 ear old child who suffers from Tourette's syndrome and how difficult it was for him to tell his friends for fear of being teased or treated differently. This book is a great reminder to us to have tolerance and accept people for who they are. This is a great book.

WINTER POEMS

ELEA (KI)

Hanukkah
Candles
Chocolate

TATIANA (GR 2I)

Happy
My Grandma's coming on
Christmas
She will sleep in my not too
little bed
I'll sleep with mom and dad.

JUSTIN (GR 1I)

X-mas
Presents
X-mas tree
Ornaments
Snow cold
Toys
Visit
Snow-ball fight

LEO (GR 1I)

Santa
Snow
Christmas
Days are short
Hanukkah

BRIAN (GR 1I)

Christmas
Winter
Snow

ANGELICA (GR 1I)

Snow
Christmas Wind Santa Claus
Coal Presents
Glove jackets hot chocolate
boots hat scarf

AIDAN (GR 1I)

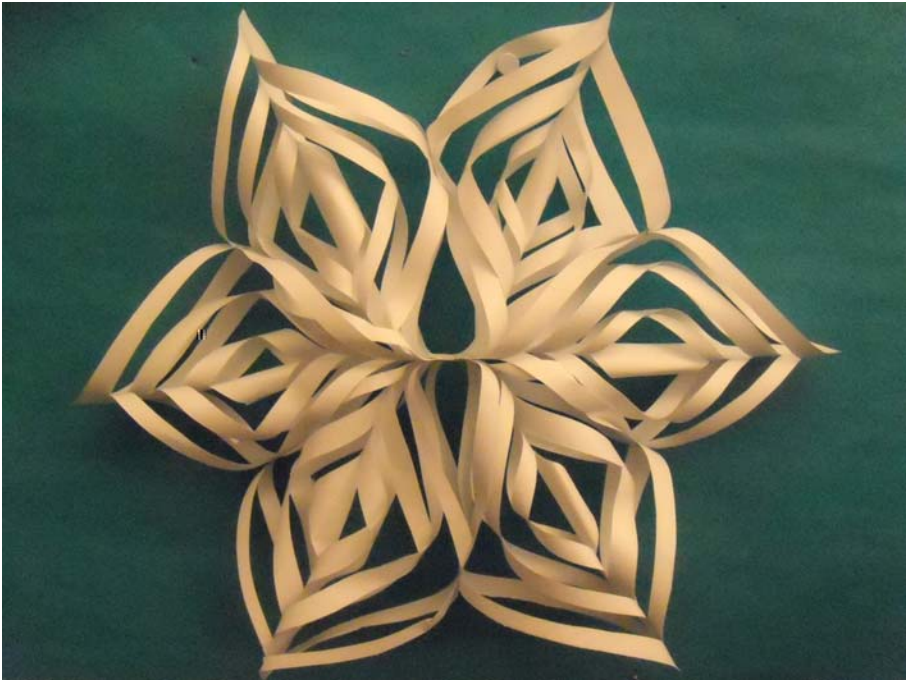
Going to get a Christmas
tree
Hanukkah
Cold
Long nights
My Birthday on January 17
Candles
Gelt
Shovels
Driedel
My mom's birthday and
sister's birthday

**THANK YOU JEREMY
FOR TYPING UP OUR
POETRY**

**SNOWFLAKES HERE! SNOWFLAKES
THERE! SNOWFLAKES EVERYWHERE!**

DO YOU ENJOY CUTTING PAPER? DO YOU ENJOY MAKING PAPER SNOWFLAKES? WELL WHY NOT GET A PRIZE FOR THEM?! THIS IS A CONTEST FOR THE BEST PAPER SNOWFLAKE! YOU CAN DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER SNOWFLAKE! ENTER YOUR SNOWFLAKE IN THE CONTEST AND YOU MAY JUST WIN. THE RULES ARE, YOU CAN ONLY ENTER ONE SNOWFLAKE IN THE CONTEST, IT HAS TO BE PAPER, AND IT HAS TO BE MADE BY YOU! JUST PUT YOUR SNOWFLAKE IN THE BOX THAT IS IN THE OFFICE. BUT MAKE SURE YOUR SNOWFLAKE HAS YOUR NAME AND YOUR CLASS ROOM. PLEASE ENTER THE SNOWFLAKE BY JANUARY 31ST, AFTER THAT THE CONTEST IS CLOSED! YOU JUST MIGHT WIN! -MAYA SR.

LUCY'S SNOWFLAKE PHOTOGRAPHED BY MAYA SR.



MR. SABIN'S SUITCASE

A REPORT AND FANTASY ABOUT OUR PRINCIPAL
BY STEVEN KILLOREN

MR. SABIN IS A NICE PRINCIPAL.
HE LOVES TO TALK TO US.

MR. SABIN LIKES TO PLAY WITH US. HE LIKES TO RELAX IN HIS CHAIR AND DRINK HIS COFFEE. MR. SABIN IS VERY RESPECTFUL TO EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL.

HE IS VERY FUNNY; HE LOVES TO TELL JOKES. MR. SABIN IS ALWAYS BUSY BUT HE LOVES TO BE NICE. HE IS ALWAYS FRIENDLY TO US. HE HELPS S AND TALKS TO US. MR. SABIN IS ALWAYS THOUGHTFUL TO EVERYONE.

THE TEACHERS SAY HI TO HIM TOO. HE COULD SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WORKING IN THEIR CLASSROOMS DOING THEIR MATH, SPELLING AND WRITING. MR. SABIN ALWAYS GOES UPSTAIRS AND TALKS TO THE KIDS. HE ALWAYS LAUGHS WITH US. HE WOULD ALWAYS GO AND CHECK THE CAFETERIA AND SEE WHAT THEY WOULD COOK. THEN HE WOULD GO AND CHECK THE SPECIALISTS TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN THE SCHOOL. MR. SABIN IS ALWAYS PROUD OF EVERYONE WHEN WE DO SOMETHING GOOD LIKE IN MATH. MR. SABIN IS A LEADER EVERY DAY; HE ALWAYS HELPS US ALL THE TIME. MR. SABIN IS ALWAYS QUIET.

MR. SABIN WORKS AT THE HEALEY SCHOOL. IT WAS A BIG BUILDING FULL OF KIDS. WHEN MR. SABIN CAME IN HE CAN HEAR KIDS TALKING AND LAUGHING, GETTING READY TO WORK. EVERYONE WOULD SAY HI TO MR. SABIN.

HE WOULD LEAVE THE SCHOOL AT 2:30 AND SAY BYE. THEN THE KIDS GO TO THE PLAYGROUND. THE HEALEY SCHOOL IS A GOOD PLACE TO WORK.

ONE DAY ON A FRIDAY THE 13TH MR. SABIN WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET. IT WAS DARK AND HE DROPPED HIS PHONE, THEN HE PICKED IT UP. HE TURNED AROUND AND HE LOST HIS SUITCASE. THEN HE WENT IN HIS CAR TO SEE IF IT WAS THERE. HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE IT WAS SO HE CHECKED OUTSIDE.

HE WENT HOME AND HE COULDN'T FIND HIS SUITCASE. SO HE WENT TO THE HEALEY SCHOOL AND HE KEPT LOOKING FOR IT. HE KEPT LOOKING FOR IT BUT HE COULDN'T FIND IT. NOW HE WAS GOING INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. IT STILL WASN'T THERE. HE CHECKED AT HIS DESK. HE DIDN'T FIND IT. SO HE CHECKED IN HIS DRAWERS. IT WASN'T THERE. 'WHERE IS MY SUITCASE?!!!' SO HE WENT BACK TO HIS HOUSE. HE CHECKED UNDER HIS BED. IT WASN'T THERE SO HE CHECKED IN HIS KITCHEN AND IT WASN'T THERE. HE COULDN'T STOP LOOKING SO HE CHECKED BEHIND HIS COUCH BUT IT WASN'T THERE. SO WHEN HE DIDN'T FIND IT HE WAS CHECKING MORE PLACES SO HE CHECKED BEHIND HIS TRASH CAN BUT IT WASN'T THERE. HE CHECKED UNDER THE TABLE AND HE COULDN'T FIND IT. HE WAS SO SAD. HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE THIS SAD.

MR. SABIN WENT TO SCHOOL AND HE KEPT LOOKING FOR IT IN THE HEALEY SCHOOL. HE CHECKED IN HIS OFFICE. HE JUST COULDN'T FIND HIS SUITCASE. HE WENT UPSTAIRS TO MRS. GEORGE'S CLASSROOM. HE ASKED IF SHE HAD SEEN HIS SUITCASE. SHE SAID NO. HE WENT TO MS. COMEAU'S CLASSROOM AND ASKED IF SHE HAD SEEN IT AND SHE SAID, "YES, I SAW IT OUTSIDE LAST NIGHT. I PICKED IT UP TO GIVE TO YOU TODAY."

MR. SABIN SAID, "THANK YOU FOR FINDING IT." HE FELT HAPPY! HE GRABBED HIS SUITCASE AND SAID BYE.

WEIRD THUMB!!

I am an 8 year old girl named Ella Bauerle and I have a really weird thumb. It can bend all different ways. Most would say it is double-jointed but some disapprove of the people who say others have double-jointed thumbs. Not many have double-jointed thumbs. Double-jointed thumbs can be different; my thumb bends in and looks really weird! Sometimes I can make my thumb go in then bend my thumb.