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Foreword:

The path to this magazine was a crooked one, but it was worth it, because in the end, not only did the magazine give a lot of people the chance to use their amazing writing skills, it also allowed a lot of people to find out how much they really like reading.

At first I had wanted to start a book market, but I decided on a magazine because I had no idea where I would find room for a book market. What if everyone in my school wanted to participate and sell their stories?

When the idea was just getting started, I was only going to include stories, poems, and drawings.

Then, I added book reviews. At first, I didn't want to, but I thought about my reasons why not to and couldn't find any. I had a reason for wanting to, though which was that I wanted to let people recommend books to other people. If you like a book, you should tell other people so they can read it, too.

Afterwards, I decided to add a vocabulary section. I'm hoping to include some words that most people don't know, so that the vocabulary section will be interesting. Everyone needs to learn how to make books fun, each in their own way, and I hope this magazine will help.

I decided to create a different theme for each issue to give writers ideas, which would help them write stories.

I made the theme for this issue friends parting for two reasons. First, so many people have parted from friends and can write about their experience. Second, it's about to be the end of the school year, and a lot of friends are about to part.

In conclusion, I hope you like this magazine, and I hope it helps you like reading even more and maybe even convinces you to try your hand at writing! 🦅

Goodbye Poems (Acrostics):

Goodbye

by Julian Albano

Going away
One day of sadness
Oh no please
Don't leave me
Blue tears
You will be in my heart
Every day of my life 🦋

Goodbye

by Casey Buchalter

Going home in tears
Opposite of happy
Okay it's time to leave
Do well in fourth grade
Being a good friend until you leave
Yelling, "Please come back now!"
Everyone is sad 🦋

Goodbye

by Brooks Friedman

Great buddies
Overhearing sadness
Overloading tears
Dreadfully walking away
Bye I said
Yelling "come back!"
Ever so sad 🦋

Goodbye

by Neil Kola

Goodbye to my classmates in 3JP
One day I hope to have you in my class
again
Oh my we are moving to 4th grade
Do be good to your teachers in 4th grade
Be kind
You are the nicest classmates in 3JP
Enjoy your summer vacation 🦋

Goodbye

by Jack Peters

Going away
One day of sadness
Oh no
Don't leave
Blue tears
You left me
Emotional damage 🦋

Goodbye

by Leah Silverman

Goodbye to my classmates
Oh why do I have to move on
Once in a lifetime chance
Do I have to go to fourth grade
Bye third grade, hello fourth grade
Yay, here comes summer
Extremely sad 🦋

Goodbye

by Theo Nisbet

Friends I see all around
Running because I am so happy
I don't know what to say
Expect me to be the best I can be
Nothing can be better than friends
Dreadful as I start to see you go
Saddened as I see you go bye

Ending the year in tears
Never to see you in this room again
Determined to see you just one more
time
Saddened as I see you go
I wish this was a dream but it's not
I don't know what to do 🦋

Goodbye

by Brooklyn Riddick

Going away
One day of sadness
Over sadness
Don't leave me
Blue tears
You left me
Ever see me again 🦋

Goodbye

by Evan Lipshutz

Goodbye my special friend
Only one thing I could think about
Open up a new life without my friend
Diving into a bed full of tears
Being a good friend before they leave
Yelling please come back
Ending the day in tears 🦋

GOODBYE

by Samantha Kaufman

Say bye on the way
How the sadness overcomes
Why does it happen 🦋

Various Poems:

I'm Going to Miss This Place

by Talia Farzad

Going to New Jersey
Oh I'm going to miss this place
Over sadness
Don't make me leave
Better visit a lot
You are making me so sad
Everyone is in tears 🦋

Hello Goodbye poem

by Derek Liu

Bye third grade!
Bye classroom and friends.
Bye fun year of third grade.
Bye year of learning and fun.

Bye, last year of quiet time.
Bye, ant writing and first year of NJSLA.
Bye math glossary and Charlotte's Web
book and play.
Bye team tallies.

Hello fourth grade!
Hello new teacher.
Hello harder NJSLA.
Hello new desk. 🦋

Autumn Leaves (a haiku cycle)

by Naomi Galil

Clinging together,
Two leaves, the last on the tree,
Knowing soon they'll fall.

Quiet all around,
The leaves crunching underneath,
Birds chirp overhead.

One leaf detaches,
As I watch, I think of you,
Why did you leave me?

Autumn to winter,
Snowflakes begin to float down,
The cycle goes on. 🦋

Loneliness

by Naomi Galil

Sitting,
Feeling lonely,
Hear the forest,
It only sounds dark,
As I sit, I think. 🦋

Heartbreak

by Dylan Ehrlich

Goodbye

Devastating heartbreaking

Crying, whispering, hoping

Such a sad sight

Leaving

Great times we had

Over the moon happiness

Open hearts, we told each other
everything

Didn't dare leave

But here we are

You left me all alone

Empty heart I had. Why you left me, it's
unknown

Crying, alone, lost

Hoping you'll come back for me

But no, not a thought🔥

Stories:

Goodbye Sloane

A True Story

by Sophie

Hi my name is Sophie. Sloane was my bestie and she always encouraged me. The things I remember are as sweet as honey playing, eating, and laughing. If I ever wanted a playdate, it was with her. We liked similar things and no one could replace her.

One day I heard that she was going to move to Canada. I was determined to get her to stay. It almost worked. She stayed for another year but who knows that could have been planned. I had a lot of fun that year. When the next year rolled around she left.

I was heartbroken. The only thing I could do was lay in a bed of tears. I was always down for years. I found a good friend but still no one can replace her. I still have an empty place in my heart.

Crying in my bed
At life with an empty heart
No person can replace you
All my life I miss you
Don't leave me
Always remembering our memories 🦋

Bye

by Taylor Palestrini

"I can't wait for the summer!" said Lily. "I know! IT WILL BE GREAT!!!" said Zoe. "RING!" "That's the bell. Let's go."

Lily started walking home while Bella and Zoe went to the mall. Lily walked into her house, and there was confetti EVERYWHERE. "Surprise!!!" screamed Lily's mom. "Your dad got a job in New York. We're moving!!!" "WHAT!? NO!!!" said Lily.

"Beep." "A text. Sleep over at Bella's house!!!" DING DONG. "Oh. You're here. Come in," said Bella. Everyone sat down and watched a movie. "I have something to tell you, Zoe, I'm moving to New York" said Lily.

"No!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Zoe said. "Tell everyone." "Okay. Girls, I'm moving." "No!" screamed everyone. The next morning everyone gave presents and helped pack the moving van. "Goodbye Lily". said everyone. Everyone left except Zoe and Bella.

"Goodbye best friends. I hope you visit a lot." said Lily. "We will." said the girls. They hugged. "Goodbye." Said Bella as she walked away. "Goodbye," said Zoe. "Goodbye." said Lily as she got in the car. THE END 🦅

Humbled Brag

by Naomi Galil

Once there was a peacock whose name was Brag, who was very self-absorbed and loved to brag. He had a sparrow 'friend', who did his laundry, baked for him, cleaned his shoes, and went wherever he went.

Whenever Brag joined a game, he changed the rules to make himself win, and if anyone protested, they somehow got disqualified very soon after.

One day the sparrow had to visit her cousin, who was having a baby. Brag woke up to find his dirty clothes by his bed, dirty shoes on the shoerack, and the sparrow's bed empty.

He tried to make bread, but ended up with sweet scrambled egg pancakes. When he went to a competition, he was disqualified because he had no partner. And imagine going to council in dirty clothes!

When the sparrow came back, she could not believe her eyes. Could that be Brag whom everyone was laughing at because he was losing a game of soccer?

When Brag saw Sparrow, a tear ran down his cheek. "You probably won't be my friend anymore. I've been terrible to you and to everyone else."

He was so dirty, hungry, shunned, and... humble. She was a good friend, so she helped him feel better, but he was never quite the same again. 🦋

Rhea and Leah

by Naomi Galil

On a warm, sunny day in June, two girls, Leah and Rhea, were fighting.

When they passed each other in the hallways at school, they glared at each other. When Rhea looked at Leah, Leah would sniff, hold her nose up high, and ignore Rhea. When Leah passed by, Rhea would slam her book in Leah's face and say, "I'm done reading for the day. I hope I didn't disturb anyone by shutting my book."

It was the last day of school. The principal held an assembly in the gym. Leah started boinging Rhea's curls, so Rhea started throwing paper airplanes at her. Finally, at the same time, they both turned around and ignored each other.

Lunchtime arrived. Leah and Rhea made a point of annoying each other. Leah drew a disgusting-looking monkey, labeled it Rhea, and sent it around school. Rhea was so annoyed, she spilled her books and said that Leah had tripped her.

During recess, Leah spread a rumor that Rhea's former school didn't want her because she wasn't smart enough. To get back, Rhea "accidentally" spilled apple juice on Leah's extra credit end-of-year diorama. Rhea knocked Leah off the monkey bars, so Leah shoved Rhea down the slide that Rhea was too scared to go on.

The bell rang, and the school year had officially ended. Leah and Rhea found each other in the crowd, and stared at each other for a moment. They knew they were going to miss each other over the summer, so they hugged. They said they were sorry for all the bad things they did.

"I'm sorry for tripping you. You'll still email me, right? Over the summer?" asked Rhea.

"Absolutely! You'll still send me photographs of your awesome summer camp, right? It was my fault that I blamed you." replied Leah.

"Of course," Rhea said.

They walked out the door holding hands. They were best friends and always had been, so they ended the school year with a wonderful happily ever after. 🦋

Fox and Crane

by Naomi Galil

Fox was sad because he didn't have any grapes.

One day, he saw Crane. Crane said, "Hello, Fox. Why are you sad?"

Fox said, "I am sad because I really want grapes, but I don't have any, and they are delicious."

Crane said, "Okay. I will go to my house to bring grapes."

"No thank you." said Fox.

Fox ate Crane. "I'm not hungry anymore." 🦊

שועל ואנפה

מאת נעמי גליל

שועל היה עצוב כי לא היו לו ענבים.

פעם אחת, הוא ראה אנפה. האנפה אמרה, "שלום, שועל. למה אתה עצוב?"

השועל אמר, "אני עצוב כי אני ממש רוצה ענבים, אבל אין לי ענבים, והם טעימים."

האנפה אמרה, "בסדר. אני הולכת לבית שלי להביא ענבים."

"לא תודה," אמר השועל.

השועל אכל את האנפה. "אני לא רעב." 🦊

Book Reviews:

Explorer Academy (series)

Author: Trudy Trueit

(reviewed by Naomi Galil)

The Explorer Academy series is about the adventures of a boy named Cruz. Cruz goes on adventures in his ship-school all over the world to rescue the 8 pieces of a mysterious formula for cell-regeneration which his mom created. His mom was a brilliant scientist before she died in a lab fire.

An organization called Nebula is trying to get the pieces of the formula before Cruz does and they'll kill him to do it.

They want the formula because it will make their pharmacy the best in the world and it will stop them from getting hurt when they commit more crimes.

Throughout the series, Cruz figures out a lot of secrets, one of them being that one of his fellow explorers is a spy for Nebula.

The Explorer Academy series has a lot of futuristic technology, like cameras that respond to your thoughts and gel that attacks you if you're feeling angry.

In conclusion, I thought Explorer Academy was a very good book series, and I hope you want to read it after reading this book review.

You will like this book if you're a fan of fiction and technology books. 🦋

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

Author: Grace Lin

(reviewed by Naomi Galil)

The Girl Who Drank the Moon is about a girl who was fed moonbeams at a very young age, and was given strong magical powers. Luckily, she has a witch, a dragon, and a bog to guide her through the difficult phase of having these strong, out-of-control magic powers.

The witch casts a magical timer on her so that all the magic is sucked out of her. When the girl turns a certain age, though, the witch will die and all the girl's magic will be returned, which will be disastrous for everyone, even the girl.

She doesn't know how to control the magic yet, so the magic will control her and burn her from the inside out.

The narrator tells many shorter stories that somehow fit into the main book, but the reader only understands how it's relevant later. The narrator also tells parts of the story from the point of view of different characters in order to fully tell the story.

That's a summary of the story, which I hope sounds interesting to you, but if not, you can always find a different book that you like.

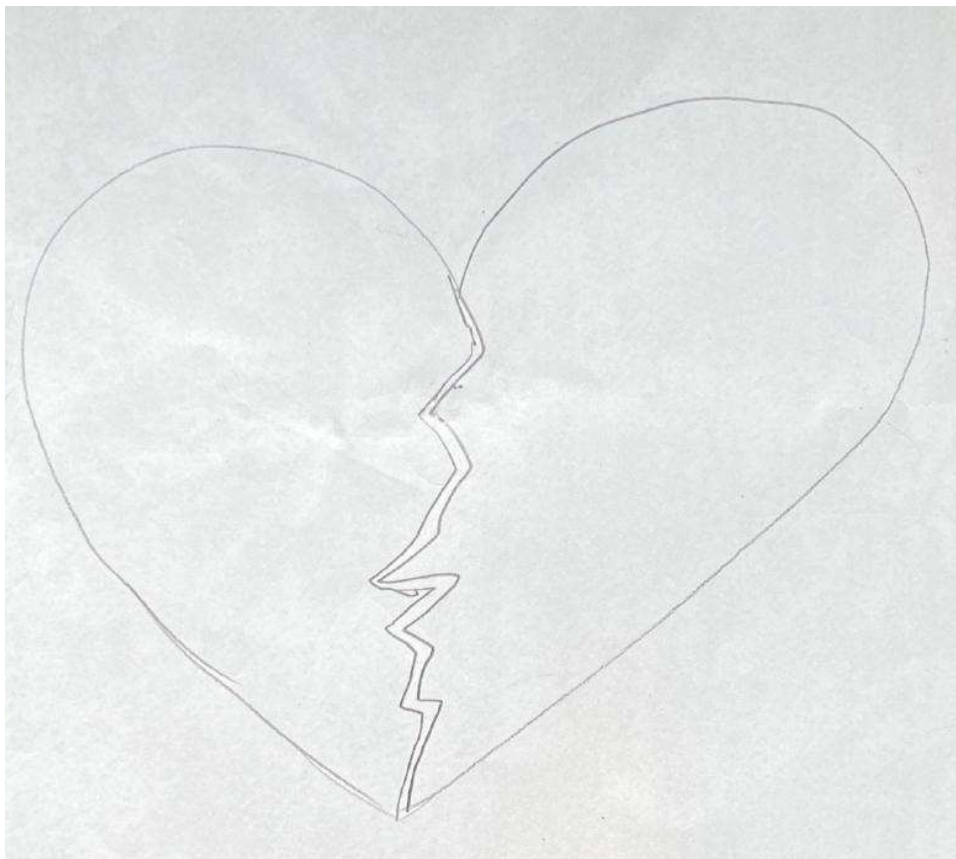
This book should be especially appealing to lovers of fiction and magic. 🦋

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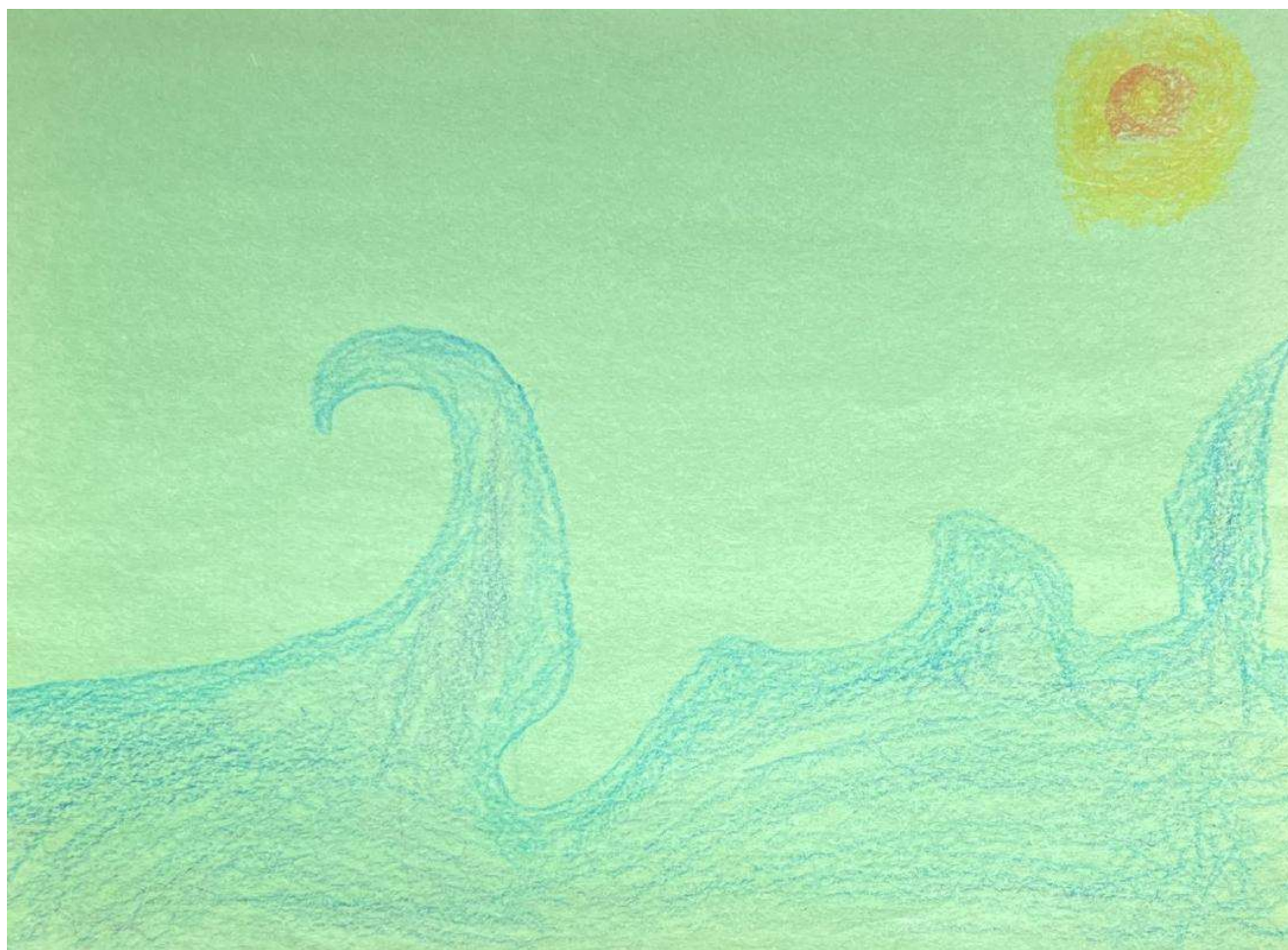
Weeping Girl by Sophie Kim



Broken Heart
by Sophie Kim



Sunny Ocean
by Naomi Galil



Snowy Circles
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Word to Know:

Exuberant (adjective) – to be extremely happy /*I was exuberant when I saw my test score.*

It's very clunky to say "Absolutely, extremely, completely happy", so if that's what you're trying to say, use the word "exuberant". It conveys that feeling much better.

I use this word when the hero's family is very proud of them and the hero is exuberant.