

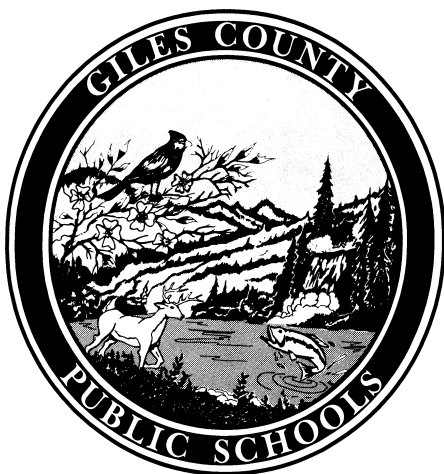
Virginia Department of Education  
Parent Notification Letter  
Right to Request Information on Teacher Qualifications  
As Required Under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On January 8, 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) was signed into law. Section 1111(h)(6)(A) states that as a parent of a student in our schools, receiving Title I funds, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers instructing your child. Federal law requires the school division to provide you this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the School Board Office.



## **EASTERN ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

The EEMS Title 1 program is off to a wonderful start. We have added some new staff members to our program, which has helped our students tremendously. Mrs.

Sarah Woods worked last year as a part-time teacher, but we've been fortunate to have her full-time at EEMS. She recently has been helping with EEMS



school improvement, and is a great asset to our team and to our program. Miss Kelsey Blankenship has also joined us as a long term substitute. The students are truly benefitting from this additional staffing, as our small groups are now smaller and even more targeted and individualized. We are excited about the year ahead.

The Title 1 students have been working very hard this year. We are so proud of their efforts, and know they will continue to grow and develop as scholars. We hope you will enjoy reading some samples of their writing, which follows.

### 1st Grade

My favorite thing about fall is Halloween and raking up leaves.  
By Rhett Keffer

My favorite thing about fall is eating pumpkin pie.  
By Jada Davis

My favorite thing about fall is my dog rides with me in the tractor.  
By Cody Cook

My favorite thing about fall is jumping in the leaves.  
By Ryan Metz

My favorite thing about fall is I get to make necklaces out of leaves.  
By Spencer Martin

My favorite thing about fall is I jump in the leaves.  
By Brenna Ramos

My favorite thing about fall is that I get to carve pumpkins.  
By Kandice Cooper

My favorite thing about fall is jumping in the leaves.  
By Gunner Hutson

My favorite thing about fall is playing in the leaves.  
By Megan Rice

My favorite thing about fall is sliding in leaves and throwing them over my head.  
By Starla Heinlein

I am thankful for my sister Hannah.  
By Caleb Deck

I am thankful for Mommy and Daddy.  
By Eli Dowdy

I am thankful for the awesome Transformer Game.  
By Brent McCall

I am thankful for my dog, Rocky.  
By Alexis David

I am thankful for my Danger Game.  
By Joseph Linkenhoker

### 2nd Grade

I am thankful for my video games.  
By Parker Smith

I am thankful for Mommy and Daddy and my family.  
By Kasse Doby

I am thankful for my daddy and my mommy.  
By Ethan Wickline

I am thankful for my brother and sister.  
By Odessa Farrier

I am thankful for my family.  
By Isaiah Chapman

I am thankful to play with my brother and help him.  
By Kaylee Wilson



I am thankful for my kitties. I have 6 cats.  
By Amber Aistrop

I am thankful for my dogs.  
By Carson Gordon

I am thankful for playing with my dog.  
By Stephanie Scott

I am thankful for the food I have on my table.  
By Matthew Schumann

I am thankful for my birthday and my skateboard.  
I am thankful for my camouflage pajamas and  
winter sleeping bag.  
By Jacob Garner

I am thankful for Mom, Dad, Lola and Odessa. I'm  
thankful for my farm and for soccer.  
By Owen Farrier

I am thankful for my family.  
By TJ Smart

I am thankful for my Uncle Brandon because he  
brought up pizza last night. I'm thankful for every-  
body in the cafeteria because they fix us lunch.  
I'm thankful for Mrs. Barnett too. When we are  
hurt, she helps us.  
By Caitlin Webb

I am thankful for Mommy, Grandma, Papa, my  
dog, my cats, my sister, and goldfish.  
By Sydnee Snider

I am thankful for Mom, Dad, Maw-maw, Paw-paw,  
my little cousin, Owen, and his brother Caden. I  
am thankful for my sister and brother too.  
By Cullen Myers

I am thankful for my mommy, my daddy, Grandma,  
and Great-grandpa. I am thankful for my dog, my  
brother, my sister, and my fish.

By Abby Robinson

### 3rd Grade

My favorite book is Cinderella. It is about a girl  
who is a maid and the step-sisters take her  
invitation to the ball. When she gets ready for the  
ball, they tear up her dress. Her fairy Godmother  
gave her a dress and she got to dance with the  
prince. My favorite part is when she has a fairy  
Godmother and she makes Cinderella a very  
special dress.

By Marissa Shillinger

My favorite book is Playful Bunny. It is about a  
bunny that is happy. My favorite part is where the  
bunny plays with the dog.

By Gracie Merrix

My favorite book is The Hallo-Weiner. The Hallo-  
Weiner is about a dog that gets picked on and for  
Halloween he is dressed up like a hot dog. I like it  
because it is funny.

By Mitchell Meredith

My favorite book is Junie B. Jones Goes On  
Vacation. It is about Junie B. when she goes to  
Hawaii. I like it because it is very funny.

By Hayley Howell

My favorite book is SpongeBob Square Pants. It  
is about SpongeBob making a jelly sandwich. My  
favorite part is when Patrick runs over it with a  
lawn mower.

By Dylan Wickline



My favorite book is Lions at Lunch Time. It is about lions. My favorite part is about the lions.  
By Henzlee Eaton

My favorite book is Bad Boys are Back. It is about these really bad boys that used to be in town but then they move to Alaska. Then they come back to town and they're robbing banks and other bad stuff, but a man teaches them how to be nice.

By Mason  
Greenway



My favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. It is about a boy that goes to middle school. My

favorite part is about the jocks.  
By McKenzie Smart

My favorite book is Clifford. It is about Clifford's missing calendar. My favorite part is when he goes to his dog house and it is not there.

By Kaitlyn McCroskey

My favorite books are the Pokémon books. I like them because I love Pokémon and that's what they're about. There are lots of Pokémon and they battle and the trainers catch them and go on journeys.

By Garrett Stephens

My favorite book is the Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed. It is about little rats that won't wear clothes until one day, Wilbur starts getting dressed. I like this book because there are little moles and it's a good story.

By Caitlynn Cook

My favorite book is The Toughest Cowboy. It's about a cowboy named Grizz Brickbottom and his dog. I like this book because it is funny and they pick their noses in the story.

By Alexis Hines

#### 4th Grade

Here are some of my favorite things. My favorite place is Tennessee. The dump truck, bush hog, and tater are handy. I like the garage.

By Landon Maxey

The gang was going on a trip to Texas. Scooby didn't want to go because he was scared because he'd heard that a ghost was there. Shaggy had to save Scooby in the van, then BOOM! Scooby shakes the van. As the gang leaves Texas, they get to the haunted house. The ghost is there, but the gang is trapped and Scooby takes action. He takes the ghost out and it turns out to be the Mayor. The Mayor said, "I would have gotten away with it if it wasn't for you meddling kids!"

By Shane Roop

My favorite place is the tree house. It is a really fun place. I love to go there because it is fun and creative. It's big, but not that big. There are animals there so that makes it really fun. My



brother and I built it out of a tree.

By Kelsey Underwood

My favorite thing is to ride my

four-wheeler. I like to be on my muddy four-wheeler. It is cool and fun.

By Jacob Pauley

My favorite place is in a hotel in Tennessee. There are lots of hotels in Tennessee. It is sunny there. It is pretty, fun, and always quiet. People are always happy again. There are pools there. It is hot, and it is still hot at night.

By Charissa Ross

At my first football game, I was so nervous. I tackled the receiver. I passed the ball and got a touchdown! We were 18 to 6. It was so exciting. Then we were 20 to 12. I caught the ball. I threw the ball and we got a touchdown. We won the football game! We celebrated. Good game! We drank Gatorade.

By Alexis Reynoso

My favorite trip was going to Florida. We got on the boat. We threw in the line and waited. We caught a large fish!

By Anthony Burton

## 5th Grade

### My favorite pet

I have a lot of pets. Their names are Jasmine, Maggie, Jassie, Buttercup, Rocky, and Bobo. My favorite is Jasmine. Jasmine is my favorite because she is very soft and she is very playful. She is a cat and she falls asleep on you. I like it when she falls asleep on me, because I can rub her. I take good care of Jasmine. I feed her every single day and give her a bath every 2 months. She is very special to me. I love all of my pets, but Jasmine is my favorite. I love her!

By Haleigh Myers

### Monster diary

Dear Diary,

Today was bad. I lost all my bones. It was horrible. This kid named Bob knocked out all my bones by accident, but I didn't mind. So my spirit went to lunch for me. When I went to lunch, the food went right through me. Then I said, "Aw!" I was so hungry I ate one of my bones, and it didn't work out too well. A girl named Sally came up to me and put my bones back together. So I went home with my new best friend, Sally. She was so nice. Then I decided what to do. I said to Sally, "Do you want to go to the Halloween dance?" She said yes, so we are off. Well, I hope nothing else happens!

Rachel Broyles

### Halloween

One of my favorite holidays is Halloween. Halloween is in October. There are lots of reasons why I like Halloween. One reason I like Halloween is because of the Halloween Carnival. The carnival is fun because we all get to play games. Another reason is it is during gym time. Everybody dresses up in their costumes for Halloween that day. I'm going to be a policeman. I will have a set of handcuffs on my side. Kids dress up in costumes on Halloween. This is another reason why I like Halloween. Another reason I like Halloween is because we get candy. We all will go trick or treating and get candy. I go right beside Pizza Hut. I love Halloween because we all will dress up, we will go to the Halloween carnival at school, then trick or treat!

By Austin Smith

## NARROWS ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

November 15th is Pack Your Mom Lunch Day.  
One first grade class at NEMS wrote about packing a lunch for someone special.

If I packed my daddy's lunch, I would pack him a chicken sandwich with pickles. I would also make her some noodles. I would give her ice cream for dessert.

Audrey Shue

If I packed my mommy's lunch, I would make her a sub sandwich with chicken, lettuce, cheese and ranch dressing. I would put in sweet tea for her to drink. I would also give her a salad for her to eat.

Hope Smith

If I packed my mommy's lunch, I would make her a ham sandwich with cheese. I would put in Doritos for her to eat with her sandwich.

Chase Smith

If I packed Donna's lunch, I would give her a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I would put in a banana and a pickle.

Shaine Hamilton

If I packed my Daddy's lunch, I would give him ice cream, pizza and grapes.

Haley Lawrence

If I packed my mommy's lunch, I would make her a salad with greens, pickles and onions. I would also give her a pizza.

Ethan Epling

If I packed my mom's lunch, I would make her a salad, a chicken sandwich with green olives and macaroni salad. I would put in a candy bar.

Gavin Blankenship

I would give her water to drink. I would make Mom her favorite sandwich on white bread with peanut butter and grape jelly and some soup in a hot bowl. I'll give her a banana and a piece of Apple pie for dessert.

Chloe Tiller

I'll pack an apple, a sandwich, some deer jerky, carrots with Ranch dip, and fruit pizza for dessert. I'll put some tea in a bottle for her drink. Her sandwich will be on white bread with peanut butter and jelly. I think she will like it!  
Kaylee Ludwig

I would pack my mom a sandwich on regular bread with mayonnaise. I would also pack a laptop for her to check her Facebook while she eats. I'd also pack her a 2-liter of pop.  
Brody Robertson

I would pack my mom a grape juice box. I would pack her a ham sandwich with mayonnaise. I would also pack my mom some Doritos.  
Aiden McGlothlin

Another group of 1st graders wrote about other topics.

My favorite sandwich is bologna and tomato. It would be on white bread with mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, lettuce, onions, American cheese, bologna and tomato. I'll put it on a plate with some Chicken Ramen noodles and have a root beer to drink.  
Adrianna Cumbee

My favorite sandwich is creamy peanut butter and grape jelly. I like white bread with jelly on one slice and peanut butter on the other then smash it together. I want the crust cut off. Put it on a plate with Doritos and I'll eat it up!  
Reed Perdue

Say No To Drugs...  
Say No to drugs because they could make you die. You should not smoke because I'm little and the smoke is bad for me and will make me cough. Cigarette smoke stinks!  
Tobacco will make your teeth yellow and make you sick.  
If you drink and drive you will get drunk or make a wreck.  
Mason McCroskey

November 26th is National Cake Day. NEMS 2nd graders described their favorite type of cake. Yum!!

My Favorite Kind of Cake  
My favorite kind of cake is ice cream cake. It is

always creamy in the middle. It is sweet, colorful and cool on my tongue. I always ask for this kind of cake on my birthday. The topping on this cake has ten gumdrops and the layers are chocolate. I love ice cream cake!  
Jonathan Lloyd

My Favorite Kind of Cake  
My favorite kind of cake is ice cream cake. It is strawberry cake with chocolate ice cream. I like this ice cream cake because it is sweet and cold. It really looks pretty with sprinkles on it. It is creamy and good. It is 14 layers tall and there are 58 more layers. I love this cake all the time.  
Hunter Thornton

My Favorite Kind of Cake  
My favorite cake is vanilla. I think it tastes good. It is good because it is always creamy and has peanut butter on the top. I like this cake for my birthday with gumdrops, gummy bears, and Reece's Pieces. My cake is very, very, very tall. It has seven layers. I love this cake always!  
Paul Johnson

My Flower Cake  
My cake is going to be a chocolate cake. It is going to have sprinkles and flowers and candy on it. I will call it the flower cake.  
Kaitlyn Albert

The Wedding Cake  
Today we made a cake. It was made with chocolate and sprinkles and cookies. We put flowers on top of the cake. It was a really tall wedding cake. Everyone thought it was very good and beautiful.  
Elisa Comer

Strawberry Muffin Cake  
If I made a cake, I would name it Strawberry Muffin Cake. I would put in strawberries and cream. I would also add chocolate milk. Next, I would put it in the oven. Next, I would take it out and then I would put sprinkles on top of the cake.  
Thomas Meredith

November 4th is Candy Day. Some of our students have invented a new candy!

My Heart Candy  
Candy is delicious. If I invented a new candy, it would be chocolate, strawberry and vanilla candy. This candy's name is Cotton Candy Strawberry. It

is my favorite. It would be like a heart candy.  
Shelby Mullins

We have been celebrating Red Ribbon Week at NEMS. Some of the 2nd grade students wrote about living drug free.

Say No to Drugs!

I do not like drugs. They can make you sick and die. I like to play with my friends. We play basketball and volleyball. I also like to swim.

Cristin Blaker

Say No to Drugs!

If someone asked if I want to do drugs, I will say no to them. I can play basketball and other sports with my friends. If I spend my money on drugs, I will not have any money for clothes and shoes or jackets or hats.

Aliyah Taylor

Ways to Say No to Drugs

No, I don't want to spend my money on drugs!

No, I don't want to smoke cigarettes because they make your teeth yellow!

No, I don't want to drink alcohol, because if you drink and drive you could wreck!

No, I don't want lung cancer from drinking and smoking! That is bad for you!

Leah Hughes

Ways to Say No to Drugs

Don't do drugs! If you do, you will do bad things and you will go to jail. If you drink and drive you can have a wreck. Don't smoke tobacco! I would rather drink soda than that nasty stuff called beer. Doing drugs, smoking cigarettes, and drinking beer is all bad for your health and if you do it, then you are going against the rules of God. Don't do it!

Alyssa Smith

Ways to Say No to Drugs

There are ways to say NO to drugs, like saying, "I've got better things to do than drugs" or "I don't want my teeth to turn yellow." Drugs are stupid because you can lose your life, or lose you friends and family. I wouldn't do drugs or smoke cigarettes because it can cause cancer. I won't do drugs because I want to go to heaven. I would rather go to the park and play than do drugs. I hate drugs so, so much! They are so very, very, very bad for you!

Jacob Blankenship

Some NEMS 2nd Graders chose to create a new Sesame Street Character.

New Sesame Street Character

My new Sesame Street character is a zebra. It is going to have black and white stripes all over his body. His name is Bailey. He is nice. He gives cakes to people. He gives people stickers for free. He would give people stickers for free. He will also give people cupcakes. He wants to give cake to the hungry people.

Jayson Bailey

My New Sesame Street Character

My new Sesame Street character is blue. She has black polka-dots. She likes to play and eats nuts. Her name is Grace. She is fun and her voice is squeaky.

Chloe Smith

My New Sesame Street Character

My new Sesame Street character is a fairy. She loves to read and she loves to watch TV too. She loves to eat pizza. She is pink and lives in a pumpkin. She is always happy.

Holly Gabbert

My New Sesame Street Character

This character is Super Dog! He tries to cheer Elmo up. His favorite color is blue. Super dog's real name is Rover. He pretends to be a super dog. Rover makes everything worse every day. Rover has yellow ears. He talks like a boy.

Ike Naylor

A few of the 2nd Graders of NEMS wrote about packing lunch for Mom.

Pack a Lunch for Mom Day

I will pack my mom a sandwich on wheat bread with cheese, tomato, lettuce, mayonnaise and pickles. She'll like the vanilla pudding and crackers that I pack for her. I'll put some pretzels in a snack bag. I'll give her Pepsi to drink. I'll leave a special note in her nursing bag to remind her I packed her lunch.

Jillian Blankenship

Pack My Mom Lunch Day

I will pack my mom two hotdogs with chili, mustard and ketchup. I will also pack her 15 Bar-B-Q chips and a tossed salad with pink Ranch dressing. For dessert I will give her a slice of strawberry pie. She

will have a bottle of tea to drink. I hope she loves her lunch.

Jordan Shipbaugh

The television show Sesame Street aired its first show on November 10, 1969. Some of our 3rd grade students were asked to create a new Sesame Street character. Here are their descriptions.

Oshu

If I could create a new character for Sesame Street she would be Oshu. She is a woman and she's pink and she has long, long hair. She can change into any animal she wants. One day, she may be a puppy, and then she might be a fish. The next day she will be a bird. Oshu is kind to everybody. Elmo and everyone on Sesame Street are her friends.

Trinity Harris

The Big Elmo

I invented the new Sesame Street character, Big Elmo. He would be a bodyguard and protect me from Little Elmo. Little Elmo is his archenemy. Big Elmo is someone who will control his temper. He will not play board games or Bingo. Don't tell anybody about Big Elmo because I want to keep him a secret!

Jacob Robertson

Burp Burp

Burp Burp is Malena's new character for Sesame Street. Burp Burp is always burping. He is green and short and is a boy. He is new in Sesame Street. He just moved next to Elmo. He is tap dancing right now! He is a big fan of dancing. He is fluffy and cute. He just moved away from Burtown. He hates vegetables, but he loves sandwiches. He loves the movies and eating popcorn. He loves watching TV a lot. He is stubborn a lot. He loves Bingo. Fruit is gross to him. He loves animals. He is my cousin. Shhhh... it's my secret. So don't tell anyone because he's good a pranks!

Malena Sweeney

Small Bird

Here is a new Sesame Street character, Small Bird. He is a bird. He is only a couple of inches long. He can fly and he lives in a tree. His color is dark yellow. His name is Earl. He likes to dance.

Breonna Perdue

Candy Monster

I am inventing a new character for Sesame Street. I am talking about Candy Monster. He loves candy! Sometimes he is nice. He can be mean, but he likes people. He doesn't like animals. He loves candy and he loves to walk and talk. He is so cool. I mean it!

Emily Walkup

Hat Woman

If I could create a new character for Sesame Street, her name would be Hat Woman. She would have long hair and long legs. She would wear lots of different hats. She shares them with everyone. They like wearing all of her hats.

Courtney Cumbee

Clock Woman

If I could create a new character for Sesame Street, it would be Clock Woman. She would have a big round face. She would also have one long hand and one short hand. She always changes the time when Elmo and the other think it is summer.

Haley Baker

Bunny Girl

If I could create a new character for Sesame Street, her name would be Bunny Girl. She would have a pointed face. Her hair would be black and white. She likes to play in the snow and make snowballs to throw at Elmo.

Emmalea McCroskey

Flag Woman

If I could create a new character for Sesame Street, it would be Flag Woman. She would be red, white and blue. In the morning, she would climb the flag pole and wave all day. In the evening, she would slide down the flag pole and then she would sleep until the next morning.

Carla Payne

The NEMS 3rd graders were also given the option to write about their favorite sandwich.

My favorite sandwich is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I like ham and cheese sandwiches too. If I could make my own sandwich, it would have ham, cheese, mustard and ketchup. I would name it the Willy Nilly Sandwich.

Willy Proffitt

During Red Ribbon Week, students were asked to write about a life without drugs. Here is an example from one of our third grade students.

You can live better if you do not drink or smoke. It is bad for your lungs. It is bad for your body and you can die. It can make you do badly in school. It is very good not to drink or smoke. Without drugs, you can walk around the block and ride your bike. You can even run around the house two times and walk your dog. SAY NO TO DRUGS!

Emily Wofter

#### How to Say No to Drugs

1. Say no if someone asks you to do drugs.
2. Say no to drugs.
3. Don't do drugs.
4. Put a cap on drugs.
5. Don't chew tobacco.
6. Don't do alcohol.
7. I'd rather go to a football game than do drugs.
8. I'd rather go to a circus than do drugs.

Saylor Collins

#### How to Say No to Drugs

Don't do drugs. They are bad for you and they are not worth killing people. They can also give you a heart attack and they can cause you to get dizzy.

I'd rather spend time with my sister and my baby sister than do drugs.

Sierra Dalton

#### How to Say No to Drugs

Drugs are bad because they can kill you. Drugs are bad for you because you will walk silly.

Dustin Brewster

This group of 3rd Graders from NEMS wrote about their favorite cake for National Cake Day, while some wrote about Pack Your Mom Lunch Day.

#### Pack Your Mom Lunch Day

I will pack my mom a sandwich on white bread with ham, American cheese, mayo and tomatoes. I'll also pack her chocolate chip cookies, Mt. Dew and a Halloween cupcake.

Caiden Bell

#### Pack Your Mom Lunch Day

I made my mom a ham sandwich for her lunch with pickles, mustard and lettuce. I also put in a cup of coffee, with creamer with vanilla, a banana, a

pumpkin pie, squash, zucchini bread, and apple pie.

Halee Kast

#### Pack My Mom Lunch Day

I would pack my Mom a delicious lunch. I would pack my Mom a salad with carrots, tomatoes, cheese and cucumbers and ham and ranch dressing. I would also make her a hero sandwich with lettuce and tomato and I would pack her a banana and strawberries and water and a pudding and some chips and some coffee. For dessert, I would make her an upside-down cake.

Megan Atwood

#### National Cake Day

1. You need bread.
2. Cook the bread for about 3 minutes.
3. Take the bread out of the oven.
4. Cover the bread with the icing.
5. Let the bread cool for about 20 seconds.
6. Then cut the cake.
7. Then pray for everything.
8. Then you may eat it until you get so full that you'll want to get very hungry for the delicious dessert.

9. Then add a cherry.

Tyler Stevers

#### Pack Your Mom Lunch

I'll pack Mom a turkey sandwich on white bread toasted with cheese, mayonnaise, mustard, lettuce and tomatoes and jelly on the side. I'll give milk to drink. I'll also pack some carrots and a piece of Oreo cake for dessert.

Sherry Naylor

#### Pack Your Mom Lunch Day

I would pack my mom a ham sandwich, an apple, a banana, a salad, a tomato and peanuts. I would also pack pickles, a cucumber, a pumpkin pie, coffee, squash, zucchini bread, a cake, and a grilled cheese. Then I'd pack ice cream with icing, a hot dog and lettuce.

Kaitlynn Blankenship

#### National Cake Day

Pineapple upside-down cake is sweet, like a piece of candy. The color is red on the top. It has pineapples and cherries on top. It tastes good. It is my favorite cake.

Jacob Agee

### National Cake Day

I love chocolate cake. It is my favorite. The smell of the cake smells like chocolate. It is good. I like icing on it and blueberries on it. It is brown. It tastes like chocolate.

Parker Shuff

Some of our third grade students just come to Title I for math. They have been working on problem solving and writing their own word problems. Here are some examples.

Nicolas has 7 Pokemon books. Kayla has 3 Pokemon books. How many books do they have in all?

Nick Lawrence & Dawson Snidow

Nick has 24 Beyblades. Paul has 3 Beyblades. How many Beyblades do they have in all?

Samantha Ball & Paul Huffman

Reid has 10 trucks. Ty has 5 trucks. How many trucks are there in all?

Dawson Snidow & Reid Bowman

The 4th grade students at NEMS were given a choice of topics on which to write. One topic was to tell how to carve a pumpkin, one was to describe a favorite pet, other topics were to write about a favorite place to hike, National Cake Day, Thanksgiving, a Favorite Sandwich, and finally, some have written about whether the Bald Eagle was a good choice for our National Bird.

### Carving a Pumpkin

Carving a pumpkin can be fun. You need a pumpkin, newspapers, a sharp knife and a table. Then you can start carving. Cut out the top and remove the seeds. Now you can start carving. When you are done, you can put a candle in it. Happy Halloween!!!

Fleet McDaniel

### My Favorite Pet

My favorite pet was my only dog, Ryan. He was a huge, short haired dog with brown eyes. Ryan was very protective of me. He never left my side. I loved him so much. When he died, I thought I had lost everything.

Michael Pennington

### My Favorite Pet

My favorite pets are cats and dogs, but cats are my favorite. Cats are soft. They are clean and they learn to use the litter box. I should know because I have two of them. When one of my cats was a baby, she got sick in the pound and I saved her before she got worse.

Katelyn Spangler

### My Favorite Pet

My favorite pet is a dog. I have had two dogs in my life. My first dog was Buddy. My mom made him live in the woods. My second dog was Sniffy. She had to go to my aunt's home. When I grow up I am going to be a vet. Then, I can have all the pets I want.

Amanda Perkins

### My Favorite Animal

I love cheetahs. That's my favorite animal. I probably would have one if they weren't wild animals. I love how they are the fastest animals in the world. I think their fur is pretty. Since I can't have a cheetah I'll stick with a little kitten.

Olivia Wilson

### My Favorite Pet

My favorite pet is a dog. Dogs are fun to play with. I like to go for a walk with a dog and run and jump. I would love to have a beagle. They are fun to hunt with. They can catch rabbits. Maybe someday I will have one.

TJ Wiseman

### Hiking in the Rockies

I would take my family on a hike to the Rocky Mountains. The Rocky Mountains are three thousand miles long. They run from northern Mexico to northwest Alaska and they form the western continental divide. What I like about the Rocky Mountains is I get to see the woods and the sky. It is fun. I see bears and leaves. I can camp with my family. There are five different waterfalls I can take my family on this year. There are five lakes and five mountain peaks. I can't wait to go to the next hike.

Britney Epling

### Hiking at Mountain Lake

I like to hike at Mountain Lake. You can have a picnic and see bears, deer, and a wild butterfly. It is also fun to play hide seek. You can go to a hotel go to bed or you can roll in the grass or do an

Easter egg Hunt or ride bikes. It seems like you can see the whole world! You can go to the country club and play tag or you can go skiing in the winter, but they don't allow pets. If you want a hotel room, you have to pay extra. Hikers can park for free in a lot just past the entrance to Mountain Lake. I cannot wait until we go!

Courtney Kast

#### The Bald Eagle

I like having the bald eagle as our National Symbol. The reason I like the Bald Eagle is because you can see them almost every day. At one time the word bald meant with no hair. Bald Eagles are found throughout most of North America from Alaska to the East Coast.

Logan Conley

#### The Bald Eagle

I am glad they chose the Bald Eagle as our national bird because the Bald Eagle is the greatest bird in the nation. The Bald Eagle is not picky when getting its food. The Bald Eagle is cool. Don't kill the Bald Eagle!

Cory Nelson Howard

#### Don't Kill the Wolves!

I would pick the wolf to be our national symbol. The wolves are being hunted and are becoming extinct. Wolves are legendary because of their spine-tingling howl, which they use to communicate. In the 48 states, wolves were hunted to extinction. Some wolves survived and have been protected. I think the wolf should be our national symbol because they need to be treated equally.

Taylor Conley

#### My Favorite Sandwich

My favorite type of sandwich is bologna with mustard, lettuce, tomato and onion. It tastes really good. My favorite thing is tomato. I dislike cheese. I like pickles, too. I don't like peanut butter or jelly either. I like pumpnickel bread. I always top my sandwich off with Doritos. Just give me a bologna sandwich any day.

Anthony Truman

#### National Cake Day

Today is National Cake Day. My favorite is pineapple upside-down cake. I do not like the cherries in the middle but I love the pineapple. It smells delicious. My nana makes it for me all the time.

Aaliyah Bowles

#### My Favorite Sandwich

On my sandwich I would put lettuce, turkey, mayonnaise, onions, pickles and cheese with white bread. My favorite sandwich is turkey! I love pickles on the side with chips and coke.

Carrie Meredith

#### My Favorite Cake

My favorite cake is chocolate ice cream cake. It is filled with sugar. I can have Hershey Kisses, cookie dough, and Chips Ahoy. Cake is really good and it tastes really good. So take my advice and grab a piece of cake! First you make the batter, then you put in the candy, then you put in the ice cream. It tastes really good! There you have it; you've got ice cream cake.

Tony Meredith

#### This Is My Favorite Sandwich

My favorite sandwich is the BK Stacker. It has bacon and the bacon is really juicy. It has cheese. It is good because it is melted. The best part of the BK Stacker is the secret sauce. It is really good. It is the best part of the BK Stacker. That is my favorite sandwich.

Isaiah Coffey

#### My Favorite Sandwich

My favorite sandwich is chicken salad. When I was young, I thought it was going to bite my teeth off. But, it didn't. Also, I thought it was alive. When I bit it, it would die. My dad told me it wasn't alive. The chicken salad sandwich had sweet relish, mayo, and I add ketchup last. I put it on a bun. I want one now!!!

Noah Martin

#### My Favorite Sandwich

Do you have a favorite sandwich? I do, it's steak and cheese. My dad loves it. My mom does not like it. I do not know if my sister likes it or not. I know one thing, my dog loves it! I love to make my mom her lunch with light bread, mayonnaise, pickles, mustard, tomato, bologna, cheese, peanut butter, jelly, grapes and berries. That is all she likes. I just like pickles on mine. My dad loves mustard. You can give me a sandwich any day!

Autumn Blankenship

#### My Favorite Cake

My favorite cake is chocolate éclair cake. Put graham crackers, then put chocolate. Do not put it in the oven. If you do, it will taste nasty. It's so

yummy good. It tastes like graham crackers and chocolate. We have it on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and on jewelry parties.  
Michael Bailey

#### Thanksgiving

Long ago were Pilgrims and Indians. The Indians lived in the United States first. Then someone came up with a feast. They called it Thanksgiving. There was lots of food like ham, turkey, and beans and biscuits, squash, corn and lots more. From then on, we celebrate that holiday each year.  
Michaela Steele

#### My Favorite Cake

My favorite cake is chocolate with nuts. It's really good, but my mom doesn't like it. I love it so much. It smells really good. I'll eat it every day. I'll also eat chocolate every single day. It smells really good. My mom puts nuts, flour, mix and that's it. It tastes sweet, really sweet. I love it so much.  
Olivia Shrader

#### My Favorite Cake

My favorite cake is fudge cake. It's so good that I would eat it all the time. It tastes so awesome I could explode! The only thing I dislike is in the middle, the nasty flavor. My mom makes it taste good. She tops it off with whipped cream. Happy Cake Day!  
Zachary Tiller

#### National Cake Day

Today is National Cake Day. My favorite type of cake is ice cream cake. First think you have to do is put ice cream. Then you put icing at the bottom. Then you put bread and sprinkles at the top.  
Josie Shrader

#### National Cake Day

Today is National Cake Day! My favorite cake is cheesecake. Cheesecake is so good and every time I eat it, it makes me want to go crazy and jump all around. It tastes like mints. It is really easy to make. Me and my Grandma, Grandpa and Mommy make it. It's colors are white and brown. It feels wavy. Yummy, yummy, yummy, yummy!  
Josey Martin

The 5th Grade students at NEMS have been working very hard on their writing skills. Here are the stories they wrote for Halloween. They are spooktacular!!

#### The Scariest House

My brothers and I said we would go to the scariest house in Narrows. When we went to the house, they slammed me in to the gate. They wanted to go first, but I ran and beat them to the door. I touched the door knob and it was cold. My brothers and I walked slowly. When all of us got in, the door slammed behind us. We heard a person laughing and an organ playing. We started to run for the door, and when we got to the door it was locked! We ran to the basement. When we got to the basement door, we gulped and went in. The basement was full of cobwebs. They were tickling us when we went through them. We saw a light, so we went to go see what it was. We got closer, and closer, and closer. Then it vanished! When we got to the glow of the light, Jason was reading a book of ghost stories. We got so scared that we ran to the attic. The attic was the scariest place I had ever seen. There were cobwebs and broken glass on the floor. We were walking and we heard a shaking sound. We went toward it, and there was a shadow, and a white thing. Cole had a flash light and he shined it on the white thing. It was a skeleton. We ran downstairs and opened the door, and ran until we were out of breath. We stopped and then we saw Jason with a weapon. He was running at us, so we ran all the way home without stopping. When we got home, we promised we would never go into that house again.  
Chase Blaker

#### The Funny House

It was the night of the haunted house. I was a little scared because I heard it was going to be very scary. I was glad I was going with my best friends. Chase, Josh, and Jacob arrived at my house. We all were dressed up in our clown costumes. We were wearing a big red nose, funny hats, big shoes, and funny bib overalls. We laughed at each other because we looked so funny. Mom took a few pictures of us then we headed to the Haunted House. On the way there we talked about how we were all a little scared. We told each other all the scary things that we had heard about the Haunted House. We all four agreed to go in, and Chase was going to go first. Mom let us out, and there we stood with nothing left to do but go in. Once inside it was very dark, scary music was playing, and the sound of people screaming echoed through the house. Chase started up the stairs. When he got halfway up the stairs a ghost came down the stairs and he tripped and fell to the bottom. We all

laughed and forgot all about the ghost and headed up the stairs. We went down the long, dark hallway and went into a room with an open door. Once inside, the door slammed behind us and a witch jumped out. Jacob turned to run back out the room and went down the hallway full of talking heads, spider webs, and wondering eyes, but we never got scared because we were still laughing. We then went down the stairway to go out. At the bottom, a skeleton jumped out, and we all turned to run. Josh and I turned the same way and we ran straight into each other and fell to the floor. Chase and Jacob stood over us laughing. We then went outside still laughing and waited on mom. We got into mom's car and told her all about the funny things that happened. She laughed along with us. We talked about how we were so afraid to go in there when we first got there, but then we came out laughing. Chase thought the funniest thing that happened was when Josh and I ran into each other. Jacob thought the funniest thing was when he ran into the door. We arrived back at my house. We were sad our fun night was over. We had so much fun and laughed a lot. The Haunted House, we were so afraid of ended up being so funny. We called the Haunted House the Funny House.

Josh Brooks

#### The Haunted House

One October night, I decided to go to a haunted house. I wasn't scared of haunted houses. One time I went and I wasn't scared at all. I really don't get scared of haunted houses. When I arrived to the house, I got sick and peed in my pants. I got out of the car and saw a black cat. Then I saw a coyote peeking from behind the house. My brother saw a cracked sidewalk, wolf, and a witch. We were so scared. We touched the door and somebody touched us. We walked in. All of us were in the house. We saw all kinds of weird stuff. My brother saw a jiggling chain. I saw a rocking chair moving. Mom saw a broken window and said 'watch out'. All three of us fell over a chainsaw. We were walking up the stairs. We heard somebody whispering. We stopped. My mom said 'what's that'. I said 'I don't know'. We opened the door and saw Jason talking to a skeleton. The skeleton was hanging from the ceiling. I was really scared. We screamed, and ran down the stairs and out the door. We all felt very, very sick. My brother screamed to the top of his lungs. I gulped! We got in the car, and left. We were driving down the road. I said I was scared of that house so much. Mom told us we wouldn't go back.

My brother was sound asleep. I wondered how he could sleep. I don't want to ever go back again!

Madison Cox

#### Scary House

My mom, dad, my brother and I went to a scary house. We arrived at 8:00. It was the scariest house I have ever seen. The sidewalk was broken and I thought I was going to fall in. There was a black cat was on the porch. The black cat was not cute at all. It was the scariest house I had ever seen. We opened the door. We smelled mildew. It was dark in the house. We heard a baby crying. We put my dad in front, but he did not want to be in front. The door shut on its own. That made me scared. The phone rang, but we had no idea why it rang. It scared my brother and he ran to my mom. There was mildew on the wall. I couldn't see at all. We got to the end of the hallway. We were at a group of stairs. We took the one on the left. It took us up to the attic. We heard a baby crying and we ran to the door. There were cob webs everywhere. We saw a red glowing light on the rocking chair. Someone was sitting in it. We ran to the door. There were some more stairs that we went down. They took us to the kitchen. We went into the kitchen, a spoon fell, and it scared us. There was blood on the floor. We ran down the stairs and out the door and to the car. We saw another black cat that was not cute at all. My mom was crying and it was scary. I will never go back there anymore!

Nicole Payne

#### The Haunted House

Hi my name is Zack. I'm going to tell about a haunted house. It all started like is. I slowly shut the car door, and walked up the broken sidewalk. I heard a witch laughing and saw a black cat. We also saw the over grown grass covering the gate. I was about to ring the door bell and say trick or treat when the door opened on its own. All that came out of my mouth was trick. I entered the house, and it was dark and cold like someone changed the temperature. The door shut on its own. I was already crying like a baby. I was going upstairs when I heard laughter. It was a child's laughter. I kept going upstairs. At the top there was a door. I opened it. There were spider guts on it. Inside I saw broken glass and a broken window. I saw cob webs everywhere. I knew that I was stuck. The door was locked. After I just said that, I noticed that the room I was in had an open door. When I went to go out, it shut. I started to

cry out for help. After I started crying the door opened on its own. I slowly walked down the hall and ran down the steps as fast as I could. I got to the front door of the house. I pulled and pulled and it finally opened. I ran to the gate and I ran home as fast as I could. Mom and Dad asked me how was trick or treating. I said good. She asked if I ran into some scary houses. I said no I told her I was going to bed, but that was a lie.

Mia Spangler

#### The Haunted House

On Halloween night me, Abbi, Mia, and Jocelyn arrived at a haunted house. We were afraid to get out of the car, because it looked scary on the outside. When we got out of the car, we all screamed "ahhhh"! As we opened the door it slammed shut behind us. We were all frightened. Then as we began to walk through the house, weird things started to happen. First a ghost flew at us, and then a person dressed up in a scary costume tried to grab us. Then we ran toward the front door and left. We stayed outside for a little while, and then we walked back inside. Then we saw a big pumpkin on the table frowning. There were spiders and cobwebs hanging from the ceiling. We could not see very well because it was dark as midnight. Then we saw an organ and it was playing by its self. Once again we screamed "ahhhh"! When we started to walk we saw a black cat, and then Abby tried to catch it. Then the pumpkin ate it. Then I saw a glowing light up the stairs. It turns out it was a glow-stick. We were going to enter the attic. Then we entered the attic. Mia started to run down the stairs and jumped in the car. Me, Abby and Jocelyn looked in the attic it was an evil Elmo. Then I said 'run for your life'. And then we got in the car and drove off.

Becky Taylor

#### Spookiest House on the Block

Once there were four friends that were going to the Halloween dance then walking to this spookiest house on the block. The four friend's names were Emma, Courtney, Hannah, and Danielle. Courtney said " Hey! Did you hear about that boy that had gotten swallowed whole by a zombie at that house you were just talking about? And Hannah said that an old woman had lived in that house and had died in it and her ghost is still haunting it. Well it is just a story that my brother Parker had told me because last Halloween he trick-or -treated at that house and had saw the old ghostly woman in the old

rocking chair .But Danielle and I were speechless. After the Halloween dance was over, we approached the spooky, creepy, and dreadful looking house. We saw a black cat that eventually scared me when I had my hand on the knob. It was under the old rocking chair on the front porch. My friends and I were entering the house then as I took about 6 steps in, the door behind us shut and locked. We hurried over to the front door and gasps for breath as we struggled to open the door and turned around and we all said" (GULP) UHOH!!!!!!....." Hannah, "Where are we?" I said. Hannah responded back, " I don't know where we are." Courtney pulled out a flash light from her book bag and started going up the deathful looking steps .Be careful Courtney I said in a low voice. Just then we all jumped from a soft organ sound but then it got louder and louder then it went to a med tone then it stopped, right at that moment we heard a witches cackle, Danielle paused in her foot steps and said "Guys come here." "What?" We all said. Danielle said "stand right here and tell me you don't feel breathing on your shoulder. So I stood there and I didn't feel anything. Just as I was standing I heard an organ that had gotten louder and louder then I heard it get softer and softer then it stopped. Right as it stopped I felt the breathing that Danielle had told me about, so I turned around and saw Franken Stine right behind me, and I screamed and ran up the stairs as my friends followed behind. Behind my friends Frankenstein followed us up to the stairs and we shut the bedroom door in his face. Everything became normal again.

Emma King

#### The Scariest House Ever

My friends called me to meet them at this house that was never there before. When I got to the house I started to feel sick. They told me that it would be ok. I still didn't think that it would be safe. It was the scariest house I had ever seen. We started to go towards the house. Then I started to see snakes on the house, but my friends didn't. As we were walking, a tree almost hit us. I got really scared and wanted to go home. They kept going to the house. We entered the house and on the first floor there was the bathroom. When we opened the door and we saw a Zombie. Blood was all over the bathtub. We got so scared that we forgot how to open a door. Then we tripped over a book that said. Leave, but we didn't leave. We went to the bedroom instead. When we got to the bedroom, I

heard laughing. My friend didn't. I wanted to leave badly but I didn't. I opened the door and saw a floating lamp and a Zombie sleeping. We both got scared that we screamed loudly. We fell down the steps trying to get out. We were trying to get out of the house, but the door wouldn't open. Then we saw a Zombie in the kitchen. We finally got out of the house. They said there going back, but I'm never going back again. It scared all of us really bad, but they still want go back.

Mikel Martin

#### The Haunted House

I woke up at 3:21 am. My friends and I went to the Haunted House. It had an over grown yard, broken windows and a hole in the roof. The door knob was cold. We entered the house, and a cold chill went down my body. Then the door slammed behind us. We tried to open the door. It wouldn't open. Then we saw pitchers on the wall and a body on the floor, and it was scary. Next we went upstairs. A rocking chair was going back and forth. There was nobody in it. Then from there we went into the attic it was pitched black there was a little light. There was a picture and it was a women in it and. Then we saw a rocking chair and that same exact woman in it. Then we ran down stairs and went out the back door. Then we ran across the overgrown yard and passed a scarecrow. Then we ran out of the yard and ran home to safety.

Dustin Peas-Gonyea

#### The Haunted House

Ahhh! It's Halloween. I hate Halloween because every year my mom takes me to this haunted house. It gets scarier every year. It was 7:30; I am getting dressed in my Halloween suit. My mom said hurry up because Kristen, Jocelyn, Slater, Reagan, and Brooke were waiting for me. Finally we went to the house. As I knocked on the door we got scared. I saw a man with a chainsaw. It looked like he moved a little, so Reagan went over to the guy with the chainsaw, and poked him. He was alive. Kristen screamed and he disappeared. We saw cracked steps, tall grass, and axes stuck in trees. Slater said he saw a ghoul on top of the roof. It was hideous. Then the basement door opened. I said Come on guys, let's go check it out. When we got inside, the basement door quickly shut behind us. Brooke said where's the light? Slater said he found it. He turned the lights on. Just then, bats started flying out of nowhere. Then we saw this goblin that started to run at me.

Reagan picked up a board and hit the goblin. The goblin disappeared. Then we saw a vampire on top of the ceiling. We ran. We decided to go up stairs to the attic. When we got up there we saw cobwebs everywhere. Whenever we got further in the attic Jocelyn said that she heard a piano playing. Slater said there's ectoplasm everywhere. Reagan said look, there are zombies everywhere. Brooke yelled ghost and she was out of that house in seconds followed by everybody else. I will never go back to that haunted house ever again. The things that scared me the most were the ghost, ectoplasm, goblin, piano playing, zombies, and the cobwebs. I can't imagine seeing another house that scary.

Shyla Quesenberry

#### Halloween Night

My arm's got goose bumps as we got near the house. It was Oct 31, 2011. My friends, Zoey and Jocelyn forced me to go into the old house up the street. We walked up on the sidewalk and went to the back door. We knew it was trouble. We opened the door and there was the basement. Zoey pushed me down the stairs and she said, "Oh I'm sorry I slipped". I told Zoey, "I am going to get revenge". When I entered the basement there was a guy with sharp teeth. I was scared and a little sick. When we heard a noise from upstairs we ran up the stairs. There was the mirror room. As we entered the mirror room there was a little girl there we asked if she was ok. She did not reply back so we kept going. Then we met a vampire. He was so scary I jumped into Zoey's arms. She said, "Get off me" and I just stayed there. After this I went to the attic. As we walked up the stairs to the attic there was a light under the door. When we walked in and there was a T.V. that came on all by itself. We went to unplug it but it was already unplugged. As we went to the back there's a rocking chair with a zombie in it! We all ran out of the room, down the stairs and through the door and we were gone. I'll remember that night as if it was yesterday. My friends and I met again on Halloween the next year but we never went back there again.

Heaven Bowles

#### The Scary House

Once there were two kids that said that the house looks cool. What they did not know is that if people go in, never come out. Kids say don't go in or you will disappear. But, they don't listen, because they

thought they were exaggerating. They walked to the door and walked in the living room. It got cold when they walked in like a ghost went right through them. They walked closer, and then music started to play. It got louder. When they went to the basement door, it got even louder. They went down the stairs and then they saw a skeleton that had a secret message that said, 'A chuckle star a hidden room waits',. Then the music got really loud. They heard a chuckle. They followed it and they found the hidden door. They opened the door. They saw skeletons everywhere. The piano was playing by itself. A ghost was laughing. He said, 'Destroy them'. Then they saw two Dr. Zombies with chainsaws. They ran up the stairs and out the house and screamed all the way home. They vowed to never go there ever again. Then, the kids at school said, 'we told you so. They never went on that block again.'

Sean Williams

#### Halloween at the factory

It was Halloween night. I was going to go to the old abandoned gummy bear factory. So I ran down the stairs and my mom asked where I was going and I said I was going to the park, where the factory was. I ran down to the park. I decided to go inside so I went inside and it smelled bad and it did not look like a gummy bear factory it had blood on the walls I tried to run out the door but it closed and locked I was so scared I felt like I was going to get sick. I ran back down stairs and I fell. A lot of paint cans fell on me and it scared me. I picked up my phone but I did not have service so I panicked and ran in the kitchen and tried to yell but nobody could hear me I tried to bust the windows but it did not work my hand was bleeding and my mom called me I just got service in the attic and I told her to come get me I'm locked in the doors at the gummy bear factory. She ran to the park and the door would not open. She was panicking. Just then I found a window that was open in the attic so I ran to it. Then a Mummy popped out of the window and chased me down stairs and just then my mom knocked the door down and I ran outside and fell down the steps and he was still chasing me and my mom hit him with her purse and he fell down and I ran to my house my house and I was safe and sound. I will never go there again, or go around that street. It was so scary. Looking at that building now still creeps me out. That was the scariest factory I've ever been to!

Parker Caldwell

This group of 5th Graders from NEMS chose to write about their favorite sandwich, packing lunch for Mom, Red Ribbon Week, or their favorite cake.

#### My Favorite Sandwich

I'm making my own favorite sandwich on whole wheat bread. It has turkey, ham, chicken, and 3 different cheeses like mozzarella, American, spicy pepper jack. It will also have mayonnaise on it. I'll put it on a plate with Salt and Vinegar chips, and strawberries with yogurt. I'll have a big Coke with it and sit down in front of the TV and chow down.

Sydney Blankenship

#### Don't Do Drugs

Don't do drugs because they can kill you. People die everyday because of drugs and smoking. When you smoke the nicotine makes your body crave more and more. Skoal can give you mouth cancer which can kill you. If you drink beer you may become drunk. You should never start drinking because then it is hard to stop. Smoking can turn your lungs black and cause you lung cancer which kills. Don't drink, do drugs or smoke! Take your life seriously!

Michelle Tickle

#### Don't Do Drugs

Why drugs and tobacco are bad for you? I'll tell you. Smoking cigarettes will turn your lungs black. If you dip snuff you can get mouth cancer. Be smart- don't do drugs or you could die. Don't do drugs and let God come into your heart. God blesses people who don't do drugs. You can't do drugs and go to Heaven.

Dustin Cumbee

#### Pack Your Mom Lunch Day

Today, I'm packing my mom's lunch. I will make her a ham sandwich, cut up some apple slices, and put some chocolate chip cookies in a snack bag for her. I will also pack her some vanilla pudding. I will pour Sprite into a coffee mug and put it in the freezer until it freezes and then put it in her purple and green lunch box. When she got to work and sat down for lunch, she was so excited about what I packed her and she loved it!

Mallory Johnson

#### Don't Do Drugs

People that do drugs get cancer and do their brain damage. If you do drugs you won't be healthy and you can lose your hair. Don't smoke or dip snuff

because you will not have a good life! If you get cancer from doing drugs, you'll be really sick and have to spend time in the hospital. If you drink alcohol, do drugs, or smoke you are going against God's plan. Don't do drugs!

Cheyenne Dove

#### Don't Do Drugs

If you do drugs it will kill you!! Drugs can give you cancer and also do damage to your body. There are lots of different drugs, cigarettes, tobacco, and alcohol and if you abuse them they can kill you! Cigarettes can give you lung cancer by breathing the smoke. Tobacco gives you gum or mouth cancer and alcohol gives you a disease of the liver. If you do drugs then stop doing them!! Don't do drugs!!

Courtney Whitt

#### Don't Do Drugs

It all started on my last day of school. There was this boy that offered me some beer and cigarettes. I said NO! Absolutely not! The next day, someone came knocking on the door. I opened it and it was that boy trying to get me to take some alcohol. I told him no again and slammed the door. The next morning, I looked in the newspaper and read that a boy, age 17 had died of lung cancer. I called his parents to say how sorry I was. They said it was really hard to live with. So that's why you shouldn't do drugs!

Seth Johnson

#### Be Smart! Don't Do Drugs!

Be smart and don't do drugs! Drugs can mess your whole life up! Cigarettes, Skoal, Marijuana, Heroin, pills, steroids, CrystalMeth, Cocaine, Crack and alcohol are all things to avoid! They can do damage to your body and cause cancer. Doing drugs is Not Smart!

John Warner

#### Pack Your Mom Lunch Day

November 1st is Pack Your Mom Lunch Day. I will pack her the best lunch in the world. Hmmm, I know, I'll pack her 3 PB&J sandwiches, 2 cans of Mt. Dew, 1 square of lasagna, and 2 chocolate chips cookies. For dessert, maybe I'll pack a slice of German Chocolate cake. That's her favorite!

Caleb Wall

#### My Favorite Cake

One day, I made a cake that was so huge and I put frosting and cherries on it. I also put nerds and some chocolate on it. Then I had a better plan. I should make a square cake and pile them on top of each other with nerds on it. It started getting bigger and bigger and bigger until I had to get a ladder to decorate it and a jet to deliver it. I realized I should share it with everyone, even those in China. Everyone loved it. Then I got me a piece to eat, and the world was happy.

Landen Eastburn

#### Packing My Mom Lunch

When I woke up this morning the phone was ringing. I went downstairs to answer it and it was my mom. She asked me if I could pack her lunch for her. She ran out of time getting ready for work. She said she didn't care what I fixed her, so I'm off to pack her lunch. I am going to pack her a sandwich with ketchup, mustard, tomato and lettuce on turkey. I'll also pack her chips and a few doughnuts. Well, now that her lunch is finished my dad is going to drive me down to Mom's work so I can give her the lunch I packed for her. I walked in her office and it smelled terrible, but she was hungry. I gave Mom her lunch, but I told her I thought she should just come home with us, that it smelled too bad there too work anymore.

Christian Tiller

#### Don't Do Drugs

I will not do drugs because they can kill you, cause cancer or make you very sick! One day there was a little girl who saw her mom smoking and she told her that smoking would make her teeth turn yellow and would hurt her lungs. She saw her dad drinking and she told him that drinking was bad for him. That it could cause liver damage, or if he drank and then drove he could kill himself or some other innocent person. She just wanted to make sure her parents knew the bad side to smoking and drinking!

Nicole Clark

#### Don't Do Drugs

Do not do drugs because they can kill you and affect your brain cells. Smoking is very harmful to your body. It can cause your teeth to yellow, and give you lung cancer or emphysema. Don't ever use drugs!

Jake Burton

## Pack Your Mom Lunch Day

The time I packed my mom lunch, I packed her a delicious sandwich and some brownies and a piece of cake, some chips and a lovely note telling her how nice she is to me.

Harley Huffman



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