

TRUNK NEWS

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Thursday, September 8, 2011



PTA Meeting

Thursday, September 15th, 2011 at 7:30 am



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Good communication is the hallmark of any quality school. Here at KAS we are regularly looking at ways in which we can improve our level and quality of communication. In fact, one of our goals for this school year has been that of engaging parents and already some very positive moves have been put in place to make this goal a reality.

As mentioned by Ben Voborksy, our Elementary Principal, we have focused hard on developing Moodle, our online communication and education tool. This allows parents a better insight as to what is going on in your child's class, while also giving tips and advice on how you could work with your child at home. As a parent, I am extremely pleased to be receiving this valuable feedback and I encourage other parents to log on as well.

Obviously, this and other weekly newsletters are an excellent source of information and we look to make it as entertaining and as informative as possible. I remind parents, however, that each week we have an online version of the newsletter that contains additional stories, samples of student work and other contributions. So once more please visit our school website and enjoy all of the information on offer.

We have also worked hard on placing more and more notice boards around the school, and we hope that this, too, will give an opportunity for parents to see more of what's going on at KAS. So over the next few weeks, as you come to drop off your child please make a point of checking these out.

It is really great to be back at school, I know the week off was a wonderful chance to catch our breathes after a hectic start to the school year. Now we can really all focus on what we do best and that is to continue building upon our already fantastic school.



A Letter from the Elementary Principal, Ben Voborsky

I hope everyone enjoyed the first break. All teachers and students are back at KAS being challenged, working hard, and having fun. Students have been engaged in many activities in their classrooms. Do you know what those activities are? Have you asked your student? Have you checked Moodle?

WHAT IS THIS MOODLE, YOU ASK?

Moodle is an online communication and education tool that puts you into the classroom so you know what is going on! All elementary teachers have Moodles up and running for their classrooms. This means you are part of the action in the classroom. All class Moodles have a general overview and more. It is the more that should keep you coming back!

Ms. Fredericks (G1) has her weekly notes. Ms. Greenall (G2) added this week's Math worksheets and more. Mrs. Kirby (G3) contributes an overview of what the students accomplished daily. Mrs. Shannon (G4) posted some great pictures, which students commented on. Look out for her daily posts. Ms. Wood (G5) provides which extension activities have gone home and so much more. Specialist teacher have Moodle's as well! This is just a snapshot of the vast amount of information that has been and will be contributed to class Moodle's. There is a lot more to come!

HOW CAN I ACCESS THIS AMAZING RESOURCE, YOU MAY WONDER?

Well, two ways. First, you should have received an email from KAS with your username and password. If you have any issues logging in or did not receive this email, please contact Ms. Afra at aelmedani@krtams.org, moodlesupport@krtams.org, or myself at bvoborsky@krtams.org.

In the mean time, the second way to log in is to go to <http://krtams.org/moodle/> and enter the username: **eleparent** and the password: **P@r3nt**.

Keep checking back at least once a week! New information is being uploaded all the time!



We are Grade One!!!

During our first week of school we each wrote a little about ourselves. We did this to help get to know each other and to share some of the things we like. Come check our "Who am I?" board outside of the Grade One classroom. We are looking forward to exploring numbers, reading, writing, and our exciting discovery units this year in Grade One!

Who am I?

For bigger pictures please visit our Enews website www.krtams.org.



Message from the Learning Center: Test Taking

At the Learning Center, we have noticed that tests have been coming up for a lot of middle and high school students this week. Some students have taken advantage of our after school time to prepare for these tests. We're so glad to host you all! Since tests will be part of the whole academic year, we thought we'd share a few tips. We all know that a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast, including some protein, on the day of a test are vital to optimum performance. We also know that studying for tests is necessary and pays off in the long run with higher grades which open more doors as student apply for colleges.

HOW STUDENTS STUDY FOR TESTS?

Quiet, consistent, clutter and interruption-free workplace is ideal for studying and all homework. Students must begin studying for tests several days in advance of the test day, with extra time the night before. What do we do with that time?

SQ3R is a common study strategy that works!

Survey, glance over the text you must read and remember. Look for highlighted sections, headings, diagrams and pictures with their labels.

Question, ask yourself what you know about each of these. Ask yourself what you want to know, or need to remember about each of these. Write down the key pieces of information you will be looking for as your read the text.

Read the text carefully. Think about each sentence as you read it. Ask yourself what is meant by the sentence. If you can't answer your own question, reread the sentence, but this time out loud to yourself. Always be sure you understand what you read before you continue on reading the next sentence or section. When you find an important fact, or an answer to one of the questions you jotted down during the 'Q' step, jot it down in your own words to be sure you understand it.

Recite out loud, what you just wrote down. Reading a fact, then writing it, then reciting it means your brain has interacted with the information three different ways, which means you have a much stronger chance of remembering it.

Revise, once you've read the entire text, review the notes you made. Read them carefully, making sure you understand what you are reading. Read them more than once. Keep those notes and review them the next days before the test and on test day.

PARENTS, We encourage you to share these strategies even with your younger children, and to encourage your older children to cut out the SQ3R section of this article and hang it in a visible spot near the place they use for study.



MR. HOVDE'S
AMAZING



Message from the Math Department: Grade 9 Students Practice Constructions

On the last day of classes before the Eid break, the grade 9 students had a chance to practice their fine motor skills by working with a compass and a ruler to do a series of constructions in class. By doing this "hands on" practice, the students learn the techniques of constructions as well as



reinforce the vocabulary words "congruent", "bisector", and "perpendicular bisector".

One look at these photos (thanks Mrs. Tranchellini) and it is perfectly clear that total concentration is necessary to perform these tasks.

Thanks to my students for their efforts and their cooperation.

Mr. Hovde

Thanks to all students who turned in an answer. This week we continue with the **Math Contest**. You know the rules, find the Math problem, solve it, turn it in the box and become **Winner** for the week!!!

Here are the **winners** from last week: Hassan G1, Asher G3, Rajveer G4, Justin G5 and Baalaj G7.



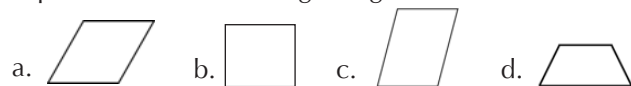
Elementary School Math problem:

Grade 1: Show the number 9 in tally form.

Grade 2: Fill in the blanks. _____, 15, 20, _____, _____, 35, 40 _____.

Grade 3: $3.50 \text{ SDG} + 8.00 \text{ SDG} = \text{_____ SDG}$

Grade 4: Which of the following shapes has exactly one set of parallel sides and no right angles? And what is its name?



Grade 5: List all of the factors of 42.

Middle School Math problem:

Fill in the missing number: 77, 49, 36, 18, _____

High School Math problem:

Six people participated in a checker tournament. Each participant played exactly three games with each of the other participants. How many games were played in all?



Help Your Child Learn Better

There will be an easy to understand presentation on some of the current understandings of the brain and learning. It will provide information for parents on how to better understand and guide children. All ages will be covered.

Dave Zakem will be presenting this in the Pre-School room on Tuesday and Wednesday (September 13 & 14) at 7:30 PM. Everyone interested in children and learning is welcome. Free admission but childcare will not be available.

For more information please contact Mr. Dave Zakem: dzakem@krtams.org.

Solutions from the last week: Grade 1: 13, **Grade 2:** even, odd, odd, repeat, **Grade 3:** a. 7 b. 4 c. 1 d. 0, **Grade 4:** a, **Grade 5:** 2, **Middle School:** 1991, **High School:** 5, Chip 2, Dale 3.

Circle one:
High School Middle School Elementary School
Name: _____ Grade: _____
Answer: _____

Who am I?



My name is Julia.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is pink.

My favorite food is Hot Dog.

I am from Sudan.

Something else about me I have three brothers.

Who am I?



My name is ASHU.

I am 5 years old.

My favorite color is red & blue.

My favorite food is BURGER.

I am from INDIA.

Something else about me I LIKE to

GIVE GIFTS to my FRIEND

Who am I?



My name is Younh.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is ORANGE.

My favorite food is PIZZA.

I am from Beneah Oregon.

Something else about me I have a BUSSTO
I like BUSES BUNTHE MOVES

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Who am I?

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My name is SYTS.

I am 2 years old.

My favorite color is LIT BLEU.

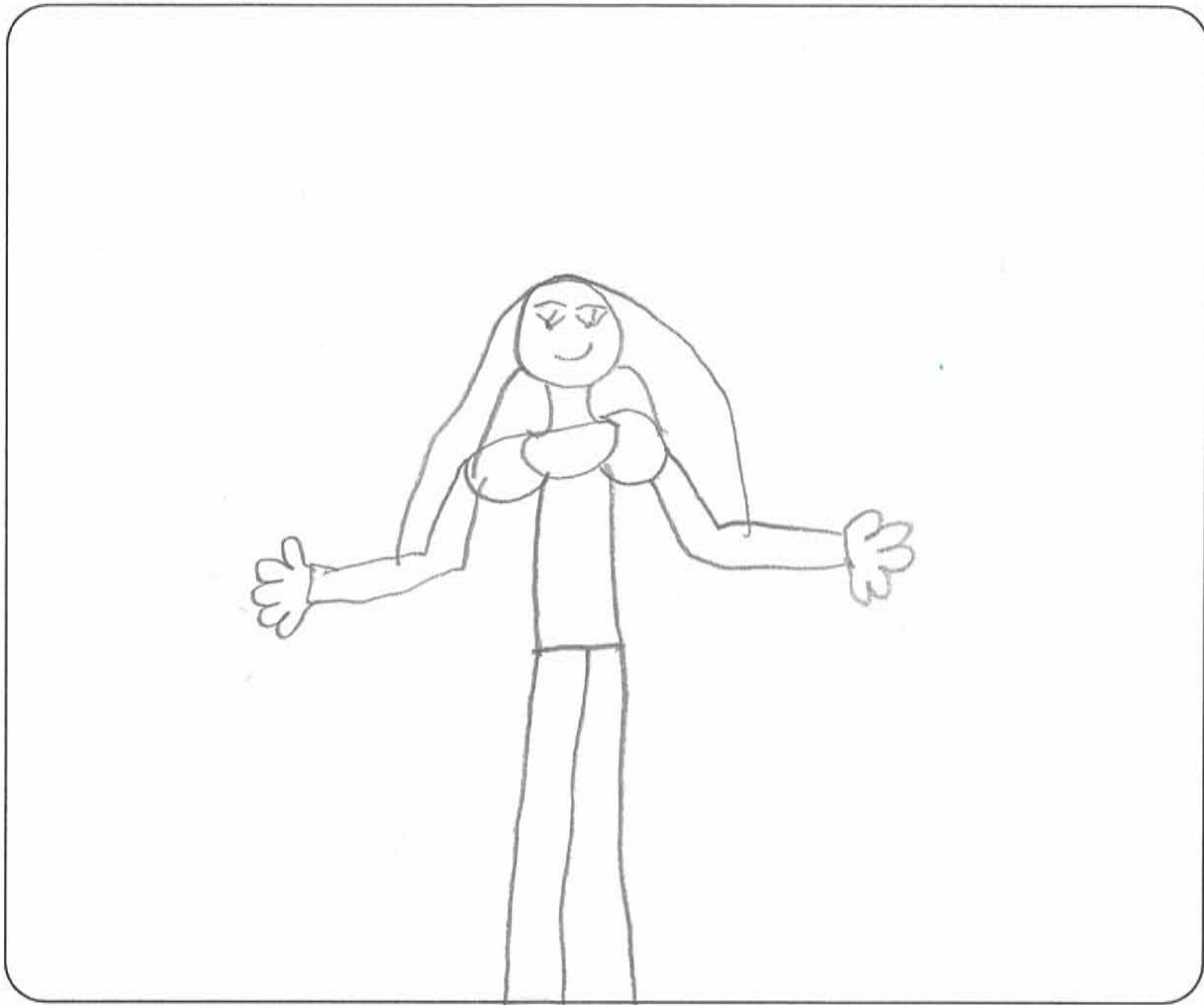
My favorite food is PIZZA.

I am from holand.

Something else about me I LOV school

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Who am I?



My name is Preet.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is Purple.

My favorite food is maggi.

I am from India.

Something else about me I am a girl

I love my Mom and Dad and

i have long hair.

Who am I?



My name is A E Y P A.

I am 5 years old.

My favorite color is purple.

My favorite food is STRAWBERRY.

I am from USA.

Something else about me I AM A

DEFECTIVE.

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Who am I?



My name is Nathaniel.

I am six years old.

My favorite color is yellow.

My favorite food is chicken.

I am from America.

Something else about me _____

I like to play in the water.

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Who am I?



My name is mu feng.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is blue.

My favorite food is CHICKEN.

I am from CHINA.

Something else about me mu feng

Who am I?



My name is Melanie.

I am six years old.

My favorite color is gold.

My favorite food is Pizza.

I am from Italy.

Something else about me remember

My mom love me I love my school I love

School I got a friend in the first day

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Who am I?



My name is Julia.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is pink.

My favorite food is Hot Dog.

I am from Sudan.

Something else about me I have three brothers.

Who am I?



My name is HASSAN.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is red.

My favorite food is BREAD EGG.

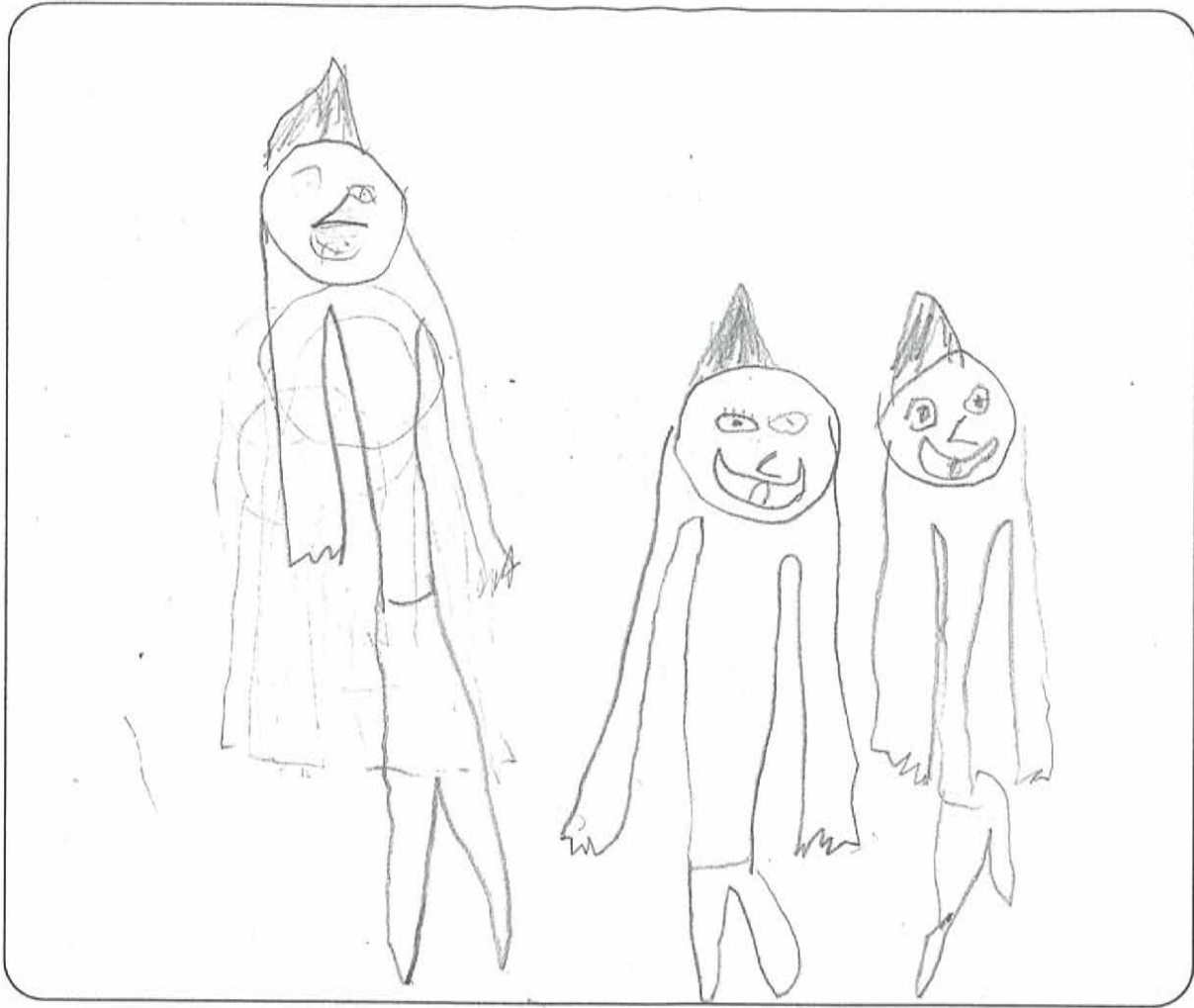
I am from PAKISTAN.

Something else about me: LIK WATCHING TV

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good to my hair

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Who am I?



My name is Abou Nimb.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is PLD.

My favorite food is BOJGER.

I am from Sudan.

Something else about me I like to

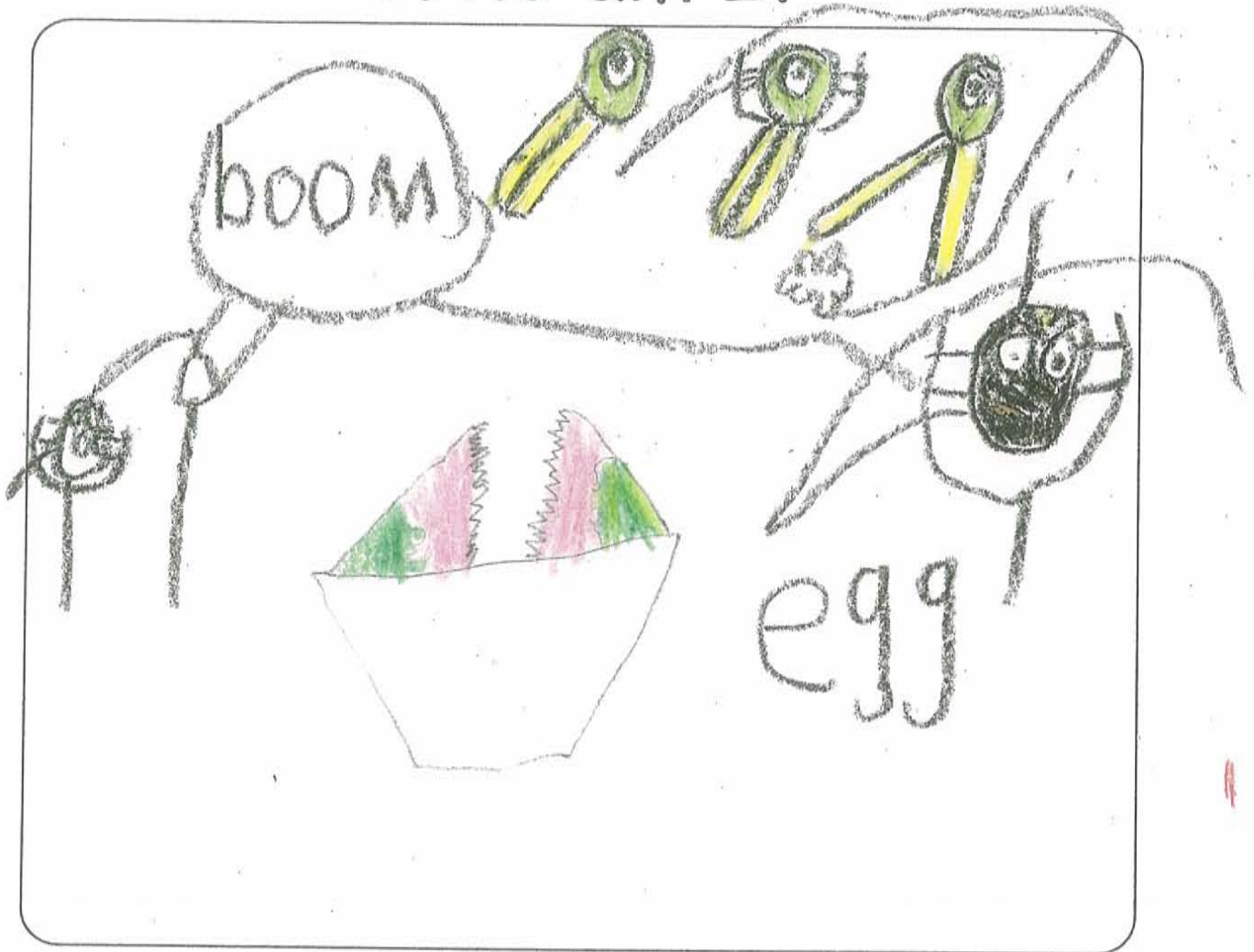
I like to

play with my friends.

Abou Nimb

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Who am I?



My name is HAFIS.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is pinkgreen.

My favorite food is MAEH.

I am from OPA MLHS ^{muffin} anangybirds.

Something else about me " I like angry

birds

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Who am I?



My name is GEORGEOS.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is blue.

My favorite food is chicken.

I am from Greece and Holland.

Something else about me I am good to

my nose

I am good to my nose.

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Who am I?



My name is ELLI.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is GOLD.

My favorite food is SANAWIG.

I am from SUDAN
sandwich

Something else about me ILIKETO
PLAYGAMES!

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I am 5 years old.

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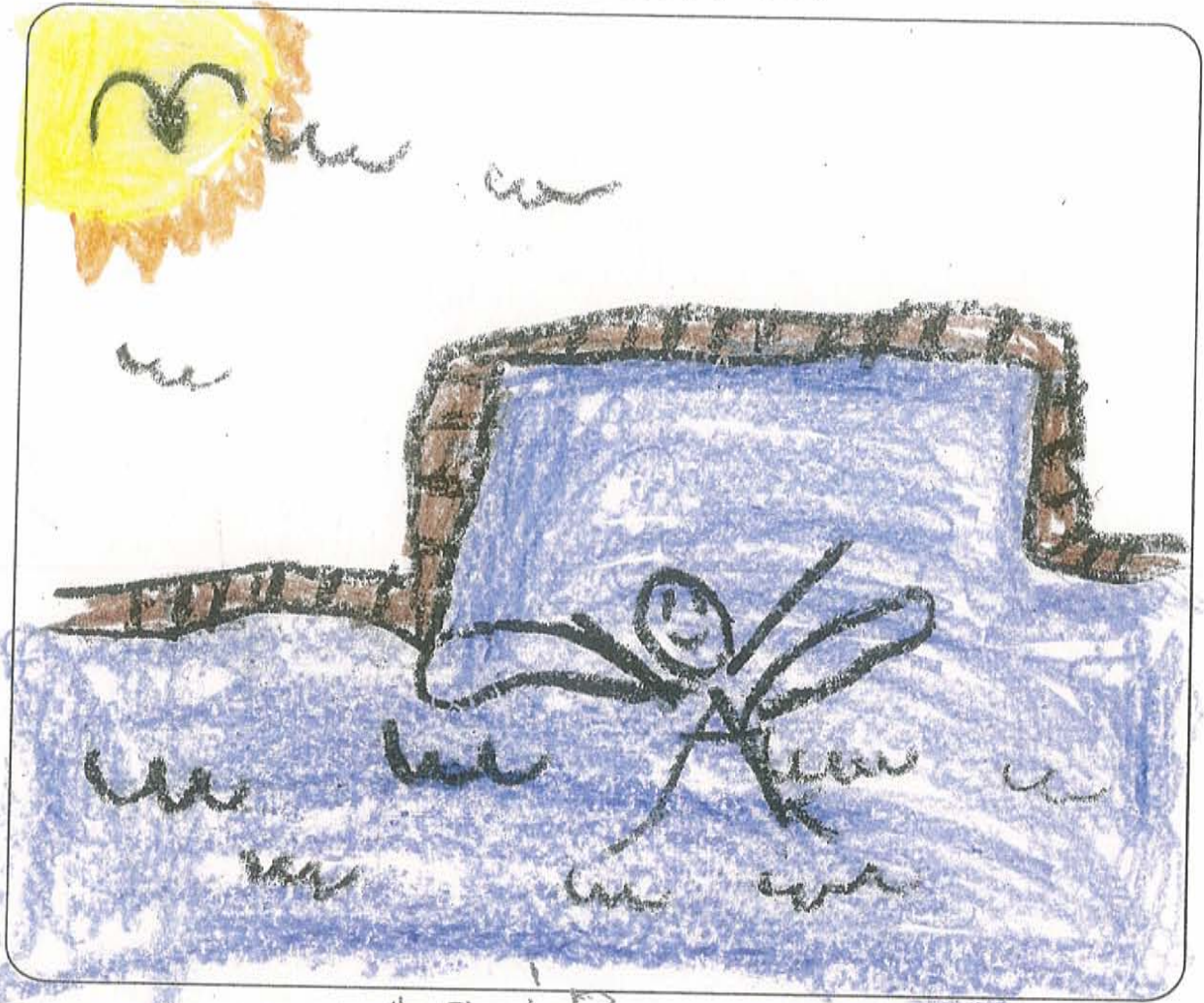
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Something else about me I LIKE to

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Who am I?



My name is Agib.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is OL The colors.

My favorite food is fechtast.

I am from Australia.

Something else about me ilichfamou

And my friend this is my friend

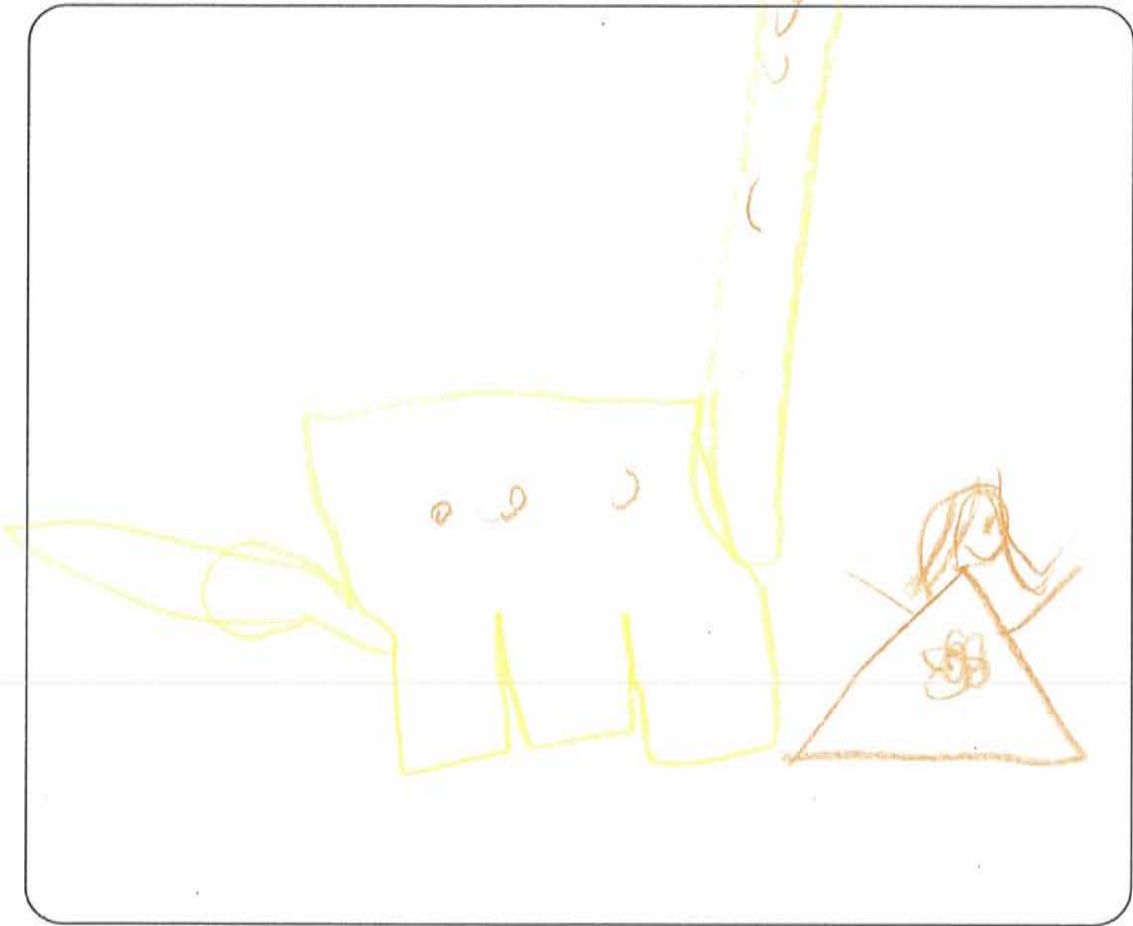
I like my family
and my friends.

and today is my first day of school

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Who am I?



My name is Messa.

I am 6 years old.

My favorite color is PINK.

My favorite food is SOUP.

I am from WORLDAN.

Something else about me MY

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