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## *What The Flag Means to Me*

**BY AUDREY RUED**

The Flag is a symbol of Justice  
It represents peace and equality  
It symbolizes us freedom and liberty  
It makes us indivisible  
The flag represents our rights  
Our flag is a blessing  
It flies high above our heads like an eagle  
It represents all the hard times that we have been through  
It shows bravery and perseverance  
Our flag is irreplaceable

## *Beautiful Old Glory*

**BY BREANNA RUBINO**

Beautiful old glory  
So high in the sky  
The flag symbolizes justice and equality for all  
We honor all the people who died for our country  
Freedom for everyone  
Peace all around us  
Waving back and forth up above  
So proud in our hearts  
For this country I feel grateful  
Proud to be an American girl  
Never a more beautiful symbol  
In our hearts

## *When You Look at the American Flag*

**BY HALLE MORRONE**

When you look at the American flag  
You see liberty and justice  
When you look at the American flag  
It reminds you of the bravery the  
People went through  
When you look at the American flag  
I saw that are flag irreplaceable  
Because it's the one thing that keeps us all together  
When you look at the American flag  
You see hope and bravery and justice for  
all.

## *The Beautiful Flag*

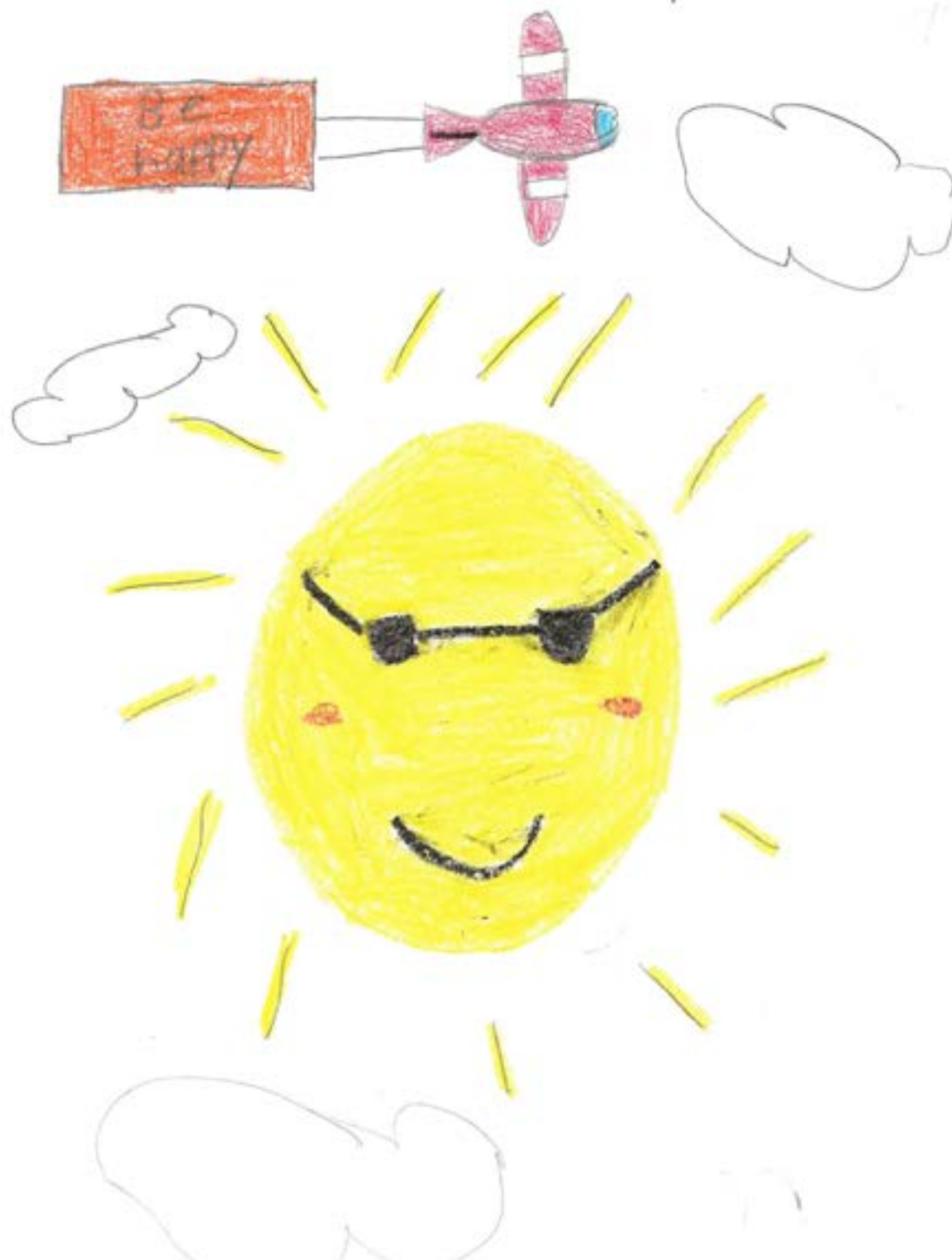
**BY, ELLA TITO**

Our beautiful flag  
It catches my attention every time I walk by it  
Every single time I feel what our soldiers felt  
They did EVERYTHING for us and our country  
The flag gives off freedom  
It reminds us that we are strong and we can do  
anything  
If we mess up we get right back up  
We will keep fighting until we can't anymore  
Our flag is everything  
The stars represent each of our 50 states  
They glimmer like shooting stars  
This shows that we have faith for our country  
It is like the flag is talking to me with its beautiful  
colors  
We will never give up  
EVER

## *The Power Of The Flag*

**BY CHIOKE**

The flag I see today is a flag that I love  
the red white and blue shine bright through the sky  
It's a beautiful day when I see the flag  
Give me liberty or give me Death  
If this flag was a person  
I would to give it a warm hug  
I take passion when I Pledge Allegiance to this beautiful flag  
that soldiers fought for  
the red white and blue shine so bright in the sky  
America deserve to be represented by this beautiful flag  
Old Glory  
I love this Flag



## *A message from the publisher*

When I was 8 years old, my family went on a summer vacation to a small town about an hour north of New York City called Central Valley.

One night we went downtown for ice cream at the drugstore and were surprised to find the streets empty. When we walked to the firehouse, we saw the dispatcher sitting outside on a chair that was leaning against the building.

"Where is everyone?" I asked.

"Over at the Joneses," he replied, indicating a house with a tilt of his head. "They just got one of them new television sets. Whole town's watching Milton Berle."

The idea of an empty town sparked my imagination, so I wrote an article about it and submitted it to the community newspaper.

How thrilled I was when the story appeared on the front page!

Imagine, then, how thrilled I am years later to be able to make it possible for other students to be published. I hope you enjoy seeing your words (and art) in print as much as I did. And still do.

— LEAH S. DUNAIEF

BY HENRY  
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## America's Treasure

BY SAUL PREIS

as bold as the colors it was made of,  
waltzing in the breeze as it sways,  
honored with proud patriotic parades ,  
it guards us and our rights,  
standing proud like a mountain,  
as strong as a diamond,  
hard to look away from,  
it's a thought  
an emotion  
It's Old Glory,  
America's treasure,  
It's our flag.

## Our Proud Flag

BY CATHERINE BUNGER

Our proud flag  
standing so tall  
Waving in the breeze for all to see  
The stripes sewed together  
Like a united family  
The stars shine so brightly  
Just like our personalities should  
We recite the pledge to show respect  
respect for the heroes who fought for our country  
When I look at our flag I feel proud  
Proud to be part of this country  
Proud to have freedom  
Proud to be an American  
Our proud flag



## Brilliant Birds

BY CATHERINE BUNGER

Brilliant birds,  
twirling with the wind,  
Shopping for their food,  
Eating at nature's restaurant,  
Shivering and looking for sweaters,  
Traveling to Florida with their friends,  
Constructing their homes,  
Doing their dance routines,  
Waking up and singing us songs,  
Brilliant Birds.

## Sprouting Spring

BY AURA VALDIVIA

Such a beautiful time of the year  
All the animals come out and cheer  
They come back from migration  
To begin the next generation  
You see the squirrels shopping for food  
And the birds making nests on the good wood  
The flowers are dancing in the sun  
Showing off their brightness a ton  
The tree leaves begin to grow just as fast as you talk  
Making you certain that soon you will go on a spring walk  
The weather is so warm like the sunshine  
But also has a breeze to remind us of the cold times  
The birds are singing a wonderful song  
Making all the world want this yearlong!

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# The Beauty of Gingerbread

BY AURA VALDIVIA

As colorful as a beautiful rainbow.

As adorable as a set of cute

puppy dog eyes

As unique as a

wild imagination

So crunchy like Tostitos chips

As smooth as a bird's feather

Smells like a warm,

melted hot chocolate next to a calming fireplace

Tastes like a nice, relaxing cinnamon cake on a calm winter after-  
noon

A delectable treat to eat with families and friends.

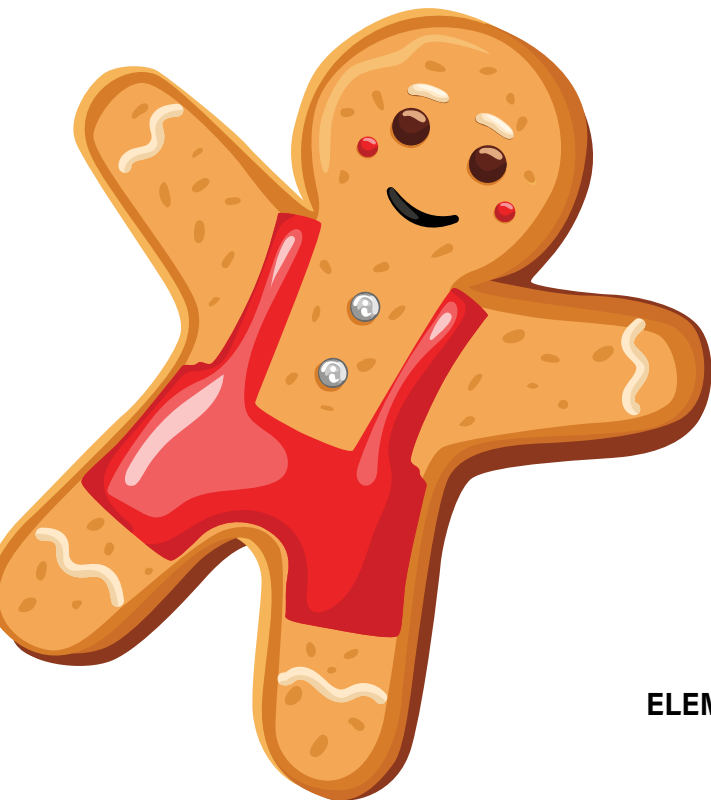
A Gingerbread man is a warm memory to look back to

Have an attitude of pure kindness

They are baked with

Joy laughter

This is certainly the beauty of Gingerbread men



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## The winner- you see?!

BY CHARLIE SEVERIN

As the ball flew,  
swishing and swaying closer to me,  
I look up to see, pacing like soldiers  
my rival team!

As time froze slower,  
and ball froze over,  
it felt as if I was predator,  
and it was prey-

The catch was up to me.  
As I darted and dashed,  
the ball finally caught up,

I flew upwardair  
stiffest as can be-  
I caught the ball, falling free!

The score shot up,  
like a bullet being shot,  
we reunited to cheer, to see!

It felt quite godly,  
our winning spree!

The perfect collison,  
the kind that you dream!

I was the winner- the winner, you see?!

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## *Daisies*

**BY KELLY YIN**

Daisies grow bigger day by day  
Needs water and sunlight  
Reminds me of a lion's mane  
Soft, fuzzy  
Takes a shower in the rain!

## *Dandelions*

**BY CALEB ZUMMO**

The plant that makes a wish come true  
It doesn't work for me  
Does it work for you?  
I wished it worked for me  
How about you?

## *Petals in Spring*

**BY SIENA MILLER**

Petals  
Falling raindrops  
Coming from the sky  
Swarming all around  
Fluttering down  
To  
The ground!

## *Purple Pholks*

**BY JULIA SIMON**

Like a beautiful flower,  
A Purple butterfly  
Hides all alone  
Then far away, there's a friend  
calling it's name,  
Feels all alone  
Then realizes  
There's a whole universe  
Inviting her to come!

## *Dandelions*

**BY MICHELLE CHEN**

So beautiful  
Snow white  
Fluffy as a pillow  
When I blow it  
All of the white seeds  
Glide like parachutes  
Through the air!

## *The Evergreen Tree*

**BY TALIA PEW**

Flip it over  
Yum! Ice Cream Cone  
The Needles  
Are the little sprinkles!

## *Dandelion*

**BY GABRIEL MOTTOLA**

You sit in a meadow  
So yellow  
You grow  
You're a beautiful white flower  
You'll sit in this meadow  
Until you get blown away!

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## *Red Stripes, Blue Squares, White stars And Warm Hearts*

**BY GRACE KOLLMEIER**

The flag isn't just a piece of cloth, it's a symbol  
A symbol of justice  
So we can all have rights and freedom  
A symbol of equality  
So we are all important  
A symbol of bravery  
So we can grieve for the ones we lost,  
And cheer for the ones that won  
A symbol of glory  
So we feel proud  
A symbol of peace  
So we can all live a calm and peaceful life  
A symbol of perseverance  
For the times that we thought we wouldn't make it  
A symbol of love  
For the country we love  
The flag isn't just a cloth,  
It's a symbol of our warm hearts  
of justice  
of equality  
of bravery  
of glory  
of peace  
of perseverance  
of love  
Love for the amazing country we have



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## *Old Glory*

**BY CHASE CULVER**

With my right hand over my heart  
I see the flag ...  
wave in the wind for freedom  
stand tall for our soldiers  
I see the flag ...  
raised for bravery  
have stars for indivisibility  
I see the flag ...  
have stripes for the people  
fly for hope  
I pledge allegiance to my flag!  
For the bravery of the soldiers who have  
fought for my freedom and for my Country  
!  
I see the FLAG!

## *Old Glory*

**BY MAVERICK BABIS**

When I see Old Glory  
Deep down I feel liberty  
When I see Old Glory  
Deep down I feel Freedom  
When I see Old Glory  
Deep down I feel Indivisible  
When I see Old Glory  
Deep down I feel ...  
Glorious Maverick

## *Our Proud Stars and Stripes*

**BY OLIVIA MOU**

When we see the stars and stripes  
The flag brings us joy.  
It honors the ones who have sacrificed their lives  
For us to have the freedom we have today.  
The flag symbolizes equality  
How we're all different,  
But are all united  
The flag shows bravery  
It shows the people who have fought  
To make the United States possible.  
The flag is a symbol of love, freedom, and equality  
So we can cherish the brave people  
who have lost their lives  
For us, for our flag  
And our amazing country.