ON OUR WAY
ANTHOLOGY
OF POEMS
ABOUT PATHS
BY LOWER MANHATTAN STUDENTS
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On Our Way: Poems of Paths

When I began reaching out to the generous and brilliant second, third, and fourth grade teachers at local public schools PS 1, PS 89, and PS 276 to schedule this year’s children’s anthology, none of us could have guessed that, come March, our lives would have drastically changed. We had not planned for our daily rituals, the places we go, and the paths we take to get there to be disrupted. We had assumed our paths were clear.

But here we are: adapting. Poets House staff has spent our time in isolation creating ways to make our library, public programming, and educational outreach available online. We are proud of all we have accomplished in a short time, including this online version of our children’s anthology.

The anthology is one of the most anticipated events in the Poets House calendar. Students from seven classes at local public schools PS 1, PS 89, and PS 276 spend February and March writing poems and creating art in response to a chosen theme. This year, our theme was “paths,” in honor of the Poetry Path in Battery Park City—an immersive public art installation of poetry running from Rockefeller Park’s north end to the marina at Brookfield Place—which will open later this year.

Paths—both real and imagined—are essential to our lives, an idea that has been underscored by COVID-19. All of a sudden, paths we understood as normal—to school, to work, to the grocery store, to our friends’ houses—must be made virtual. For essential workers, paths to their jobs are now loaded with anxieties. More than ever, paths to imaginary places are vital. As Spirit Tucker (PS 1) writes, “Books are my escape from // the real world.” Sometimes a dream space is needed in order to leave reality for a moment.

This year, along with poet, playwright, and educator Dave Johnson and artist Felipe Galindo, I led poetry and art classes with the wildly original
students from PS 1, PS 89, and PS 276, composing poems and creating accordion books along the theme of paths. In our lessons, the students distinguished between real paths—to school, home, the park, the grocery store, the beach—and fantastical ones—to Candy Land, Fortnite Land, Cheeto Land, the Land of the Past and Future—reached through dreams and the imagination.

The poems you will find in this anthology are uplifting and full of strange, weird, and wonderful images. They ask you to look a little closer at the world around you next time you’re on your daily walk; to take an imaginary trip next time you’re bored or lonely; to honor the paths of essential workers; and to take solace in that, while we may not know where our paths may lead, we are, nonetheless, on one.

In gratitude,

Phoebe Kaufman
Executive Administrative Assistant
Poets House

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I try to fly.
I run to a smell.
I cook and make French fries.
I eat them.

The potatoes land there but can't fly.
I can't run.
I can smell.
Bam! The potatoes are mush.

I eat them.

I cook.
I can't fly.
I can't run.
I can smell.

Bam!

I eat them.

A smell of French fries.
I can't run.
I can smell.
Bam!

I eat them.
Anderlyn Mata
The Land of Dreams
I go from my bed to my Land of Dreams
I get there on the train of dreams
with question marks for cars with
my previous odd dreams as mammoth
as a sun and as small as an ant
then a nightmare strikes

MONSTERS!!! AS MEGA AS THE MOON

Then I wake up
I see it does not exist, like dragons.

Andy Cheng
Plants Vs. Zombies
In my bed I’m dreaming about Plants
vs. Zombies, as ugly as a pie. One time at home
I play Plants vs. Zombies but
the big, like an airplane, eagle came and grabbed me.
Later, I punched the big eagle
and it dropped me. I see no grass,
just an old, fat tree and I see zombies are coming.
I said, “Uhhhhh.” I said, “Oh, I know this game.”
I put a hundred peashooters to fight zombies.
Later it finished but a big zombie is coming
but Shylyn said, “Use more plants.”
But we tried. But it died.
Angelino Martinez
Fortnite Land
I got back to home and fell asleep in my bed and I was dreaming about Fortnite Land. And there I was dreaming and all of the stuff was made of Fortnite things like buildings guns boxes.

Bryan Xu
Train Land
From lunch to Train Land I get there when I hear, “Choo choo.” I take a freight train with my train brother, Andrew. Lots and lots of green trains going around and around up and down. I find my way back with the yummy smell of pizza.

Derick Deng
Andy and Angel and Anderlyn and Albert
Andy, Angel, Anderlyn, and Albert went to the park as large as the moon.

And Andy found a snake as fat and hungry as a tiger.

And Angel cracked his leg on an egg as hard as metal.

And Anderlyn littered so he got bitter as
a mint plant.

And Albert got mad and found an ad as big as the sun.

For whatever you play the animals ate as hungry as ants.

Gui Yuan He
Science Land
From dinner to the Science Land, I knock myself with a hammer that was big as a chair, to get to the Science Land. Bang bang!

It looks like it was a huge lightbulb that was lit as a fire.

You just have to think of two things and put them together and you have an invention:

dinosaurs + tree = tree rex

To go home you just have to use a cone hammer that was as sharp as a needle. You knock on your head to get back home…
Iaden Rivera
FORTNITE LAND
I go from home to Fortnite Land by a bear as big as a rock dropping me off. I play Fortnight all day and take a Fortnite train as loud as an air horn with my Fortnite friends it looks like Fortnite people

I go home by playing Apex and winning like a wrecking ball.

Isaac Mei
Train Land
From New York to the Land of Trains.

I get there by riding a chopper.

I get there at 5:30.

Drawing or playing like a cat playing with a mouse.
I travel with a conductor.

Lots of railroads.

Lots of trains like diesel, steam, and electric.

I get on the bird of Minecraft
World like I’m in a game world.

**Jason Chen**

**Dream Land**

I walk in a dream world.
   I see dinosaurs are alive again.

I walk around the world, sharks are surrounding the island like a mower mowing a lawn.
   A meteor is falling so fast it creates fire.

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Dinosaurs died and I fell asleep like a bear sleeping.

   I woke up in school so creepy like a ghost.

**Jezire Brown**

**Dreaming of Unicorns and Fairies**

In my dream I see a world called Unicorn and Fairy Land.

Where there is magic and where unicorns and fairies play like babies.
I was riding on a unicorn like a horse and flying with the fairies I was having fun like when I went to the park.

But when I woke up I went back to reality.

**Laila Sanchez**
**Land of Candy**
from the land of cat paws
to the land of candy
by eating three gumdrops
i get there when i sleep
i get there in an ice cream car
i—

**Laqawn Curry**
**Andy, Anderly, Angel, Albert**
Andy, Anderly, Angel, and Albert went to the movies

Andy mandy sandy ate
candy

Anderly canderly
ate hamederly

Angel wansel
hansel ate cansel

Albert halbert
solbert ate helbert

have fun at
the movies
like nerds
Natalise F. Sanchez
**The Land of Anime**
I went from my bed to my TV
to watch two shows of anime.

I hear a knock at the door
I see my unicorn
I get on its back
two cats jump on with me.
When I get to the Land of Anime
it looks very fantasy-like
and there are villagers
very nice and good
I spin three times and kick my feet
it’s all gone.
Once you’ve left Anime Land
there is no coming back.

Peyton Campbell
**Sweet Land!!!**
I get there when I’m done with 10 packs
of cookies. I get there in a bubble gum boat
I will get there with 100 bags of chips. What does
it look like? 20 packs of Skittles?
It looks like
80 bags of Takis and Hot Cheetos.
How do I get back?
Thinking about a cotton candy
Lamborghini…

Samayah Edmonds
**Marcquel and Mariah and Maison and Maya**
Marcquel went camping and
made a big bonfire as big
as PS1.

Mariah made some
s’mores on the campfire
they were yummy as fried chicken.

Maison ran around to
play so he can finally
lay down like a sleeping dog.

Maya she went to
the tent to fix the dent
as big as a mansion.

**Shawn Bracy**  
**The Land of Candyland**  
When I was asleep the
house objects were moving like floating ghosts
I went outside myself I saw
many giant candy lollipops and
trees with red apples
but my mother woke me
up loud as a thunderstorm
because it was school.

**Shylyn Grandison**  
**The Land of Roblox**  
When I play Roblox on a
computer like a robot and
I am at home when my
mom tells me to sleep I
sleep and dream of Roblox
and arrived there like a
train with my Roblox friends
and we played Airplane 3 and
got 4 endings like when
you snap your fingers.
Spirit Tucker
Fiction
Books are my escape from the real world. Once you read a book you can’t get unhooked. Like something stuck to you like a staple.

I open my book and leap in. Once you’re in, there’s no coming back. The book is as big as the world.

Once you’re in a book you’re alone and you can’t go back home. Once you’re in there you have no fear. It’s cold and dark just like my heart.

Terrence Daniels
Fortnite Time!!
I’m in a game called Fortnite Land and I have good players on my team. I jump out of the battle bug then I get loot to reel some noobs and get some boos. I wrecked a noob and got some loot and opened a chest and got home then I won the game and I woke up.

Toby Chen
The Land of a Quiet Place
I was running fast like a cheetah to the library and I look around and it’s quiet as a Diet Coke and imagine you have no cups then you drank a
Tommy Rivera
Zombieland
This is from home to Zombieland then I use a portal. I bring a ton of people like a family. There are a ton of zombies, like Walmart with 500 people in it, then I reach a bridge the size of a 20-foot building. When I cross it, an ice and fire dragon comes out, as big as a monster. I take them out with a big battle ax the size of a chair then I wake up like someone knocked me out or I black out so then I wake up again in my dream.

Yihao Huang
The Land of Candy
From: Home to the Land of Candy is sweet as my mom. I get there when I eat a candy cane I get there how? Drive a Twizzler plane. The plane is as high as the sky. I get there with my mom. What does it look like? Everything is candy you can have anything you want. How do I get back? I close my eyes and count to 5.
Alina Bautista
The Land of Phones
At home, bored, I go to the Land of Phones
on a flying boost phone as fast as a cheetah.
All away to the Land of Phones in the soft clouds like pillows.
Take one or more small mini phones
and play to get back home sweet home falling on
a soft pillow in your house, sleep swiftly
forgetting the best dream you ever had.

Amanda Lin
Candy World
From my bed at the right time,
I sit on the candy car by the way,
the super power makes me go to
the CANDY WORLD like a shooting star
passing away.
The Candy World,
lots of giant candies are being popped out,
some candy plants grow up one-by-one,
and little candy people play around.
But when I watch the ground of the Candy
World a little longer,
I saw another candy car come over
like a shooting star passing by.
Boo! I open my eyes. WOW!
Another world was coming.
The candy world was missing as if
I just got in.
Angela Chang

The Land of Mouse
from my home to The Land of Mouse
I fly away to the mouse’s belly
I sleep in the mouse’s belly
I jump to the mouse’s mouth
there are lots of little mice
the belly is dark
I use the mouth
and climb
right out.

之後我回家，爸爸媽媽看見我還沒有睡覺就說：“你這麼晚還沒睡覺。”
我沒有聽見就回到床上睡覺了

After that I went home. My father and mother saw me. I hadn’t gone to sleep
yet, so they said, “why didn’t you go to sleep yet?”
I hadn’t heard
but I went to sleep.

Arlena Wang

Land of Dead
Bed to the Land of Dead, I close
my eyes at night. Then I
leave in a Portal, and every-
thing is red like a rose, and
also dead. I go with my friends,
by going back I say, “D-e-a-d.
Dead as burnt bread.” I turn
on a toaster and it comes
out like a roaster.

Christina Liu

Cynthia, Cat, Candy, Cotton
Cynthia, Cat, Candy, and
Cotton went to the
barn. Cynthia made a horse and fell.

Cat played with the puppies and one bit her nose.

Candy played with the kittens and they scratched her.

Cotton ate ice cream and it fell.

Ethan Feng
Tropical Fruit Isles
I get there by a tree with bees in the morning and over the seas
8 different fruits are needed to teleport through the juice as sticky as slimy portals filled with fruits in the Land of the Tropical Fruit Isles it is filled with banana bees and isles of fruits. Surrounded with Apple Juice! But getting back won’t be too easy.

You must eat every SINGLE fruit and BOOM! you’re back at a tree.

Ethan Lin
The Land of Fun
On this sad day, I am bored as a vegetable.
I go into a portal that brings me here on flying cupcakes. Looks like a room of all different colors as bright as the sun.
Go to a portal and go to...
Candy, Games, Toys, and more.
Create anything as big as an elephant to as small as a mouse.
Remember the first rule which is to never be bored.

**Felisa Reyes**
**Miracles**
I’m on Earth.
Take a ride with a UFO on a unicorn.
Alone with no one like a lonely fish.
A special maze. A MIRACLE told.
Flying high like a pegasus.
Aliens.
Unicorns.
Far away from Earth like a rocketship.
Finish the maze in a way.
I found a MIRACLE.

**Gerard Green**
**Video Game Lands of Flames and Lames**
When I want to play a video game I tap the start button.
And everything is the fun part when I play. When I see Mr. Game I say, “Hey, you got a good name.” Mr. Game is my friend and he really has a good name. All I gotta do is fall down and I’m out of the dream. And in some games I eat ice cream. I play in a tournament of champions. If I lose I don’t like it. When everyone says I’m lame, I don’t get fame.
Games have the real good names and not any lames. When I play
games they are not all the same. But they all got good names and no lames.

Jia Jun Yang
Space of Fun Land
First I need to take a space ship when I drink a bottle of water. Space is black as a dark room.

After that you touch a door and you get in the house of evil. The rule is not touching the evil. Many kinds kill people. Evil helps people. Evil wants people. Places are evil they kill the Earth evil.

How I get back is an evil. To get back you turn blue, feel blue, everything is blue, even your body parts. So that’s how evil works. A spaceship takes you back to Earth.

Josiah Sutton
The Land of Fortnite
I get to the Land of Fortnite by thinking of it. I get there by playing it. I get there by getting on the battle bus. I get there with Turk, Journey, Rippy,
and 8ball. There are a lot of people and a lot of weapons.

**Kaylin Ko-Coello**  
**The Trip to Candyland**  
Kaylin, Kaylie, Kiesha and Karina went to Candyland.

Kaylin ate a lot of chocolate, but it was melting like an ice cream and it was all over her mouth.

Kaylie ate lots of marshmallows, but then it was as sticky as a Gooey Slime and it stuck to her hair.

Kiesha played in the ball pit, but got sick so she went back home as fast as a cheetah.

Karina went home because she didn’t like Candyland.

Then everyone except Kiesha went somewhere else. Like they were getting tired of candy so they went to Veggie Land!

**Kevin Williams**  
**MINION LAND**

I come from my home to go to Minion Land I take the Minion bus everything is yellow as a banana I get there and there are minions walking around in the minion city all
the buildings are yellow and the language they speak is Minion the only way you can get back is by taking the minion bus with Kevin the Minion.

Maxim Delgado
The Land of Apples
From Home to the Land of Apples and the Apples are tinier than a person’s head and I get there by eating 100 Apples and I Get there when I sleep and I Get there with an Apple Bus and I Get there with a ton of Apples and it Looks Like Red Apples and you can Bite everything you see and I Get Back By eating 1,000 Apples until you Bust and red Just like roses and you bit it like someone who’s really hungry.

Mercedes Cheung
Weird Trip to the Sun
Sandy, Salah, Sabrena, Sharold went to the sun to tan. It’s as hot as a grill there.

Sandy went to the end of the sun to see a star that was actually Sharold.

Salah climbed the sun for no reason like a rock.
Sabrena took a spaceship back to Earth because she betrayed her friends. She does not like them.

Sharold went to the top of the sun to be a star.

Everyone: don’t go to the sun. It’s hot!

**Quentin Chen**

**The Land of Flamingo**

I’m coming to the Land of Flamingo. I’ll get there by feeling chill.

When I arrive at the Land of Flamingo, I see flamingos. They are as pink as cotton candy. There are also pink hills. They are as pink as hearts. There are pink trees. It is pink like a flamingo. It also has pink modern houses. And I come back by telling a flamingo.

**Sophia Santa**

**Candyland**

From my bed to Candyland away like clouds

I fly I follow the sense of candy. It smells like perfume.

I can eat anything. I can eat my buddies, they taste like strawberries.

I go to my candy house. I can lick anything I see. My TV tastes like chocolate.

I go home with a scent of delicious pie. The pie I smell is breakfast that I EAT.
Tank Lin
The Land of War
I go from bed to the Land of War. I get there at night when I fall asleep. I get there by thinking of my name before I sleep.

I get there with a tank. It looks like a beach without water. It’s as dry as a desert. It looks like ants running all around. The people look like a whole school. I get back by getting woken up. I feel so good when I wake up. I feel like a person who moved and hasn’t come back in years. I missed my family and friends like I hadn’t seen them in the past 10 years.

Wei Hao Ruan
Land of Whatever You Want
To get to the Land of Whatever You Want you have to say whatever you want. When you’re there, say what you want your place to look like and you’ll see whatever you wanted then want more but it’s too much. Just want what you really want then go back to where you left off.

Yu Chen Yang
Earth of FUN!
In the night, I shall go to bed, Close my eyes and I see red like I’m a rose. Where am I? Earth of Fun. Open my eyes and I shall run as fast as a leopard. How did I get here? With my cat! Ready now? Go get a bat like a baseball player.
Now I see fruits walking around like it’s okay!
I want to go home! Scream as loud as an elephant.
How do I get home? Find a watermelon as big as space.
Touch that giant fruit and say, “Goodbye!”
There is a land, a land of characters in shows, video games. A world of only food and even imaginary ones! The world full of anything you wish for, even dreams.

The potato lane, there I fly, potato with eyes, I eat potatoes. I try to but can't run.

I run to a smell of banana, I cook and make French fries and mash potato.

He shoots and he wins. He says "good game".
From home to the land of technology.

Every time I saw a hammer I want to know it on my head. And the hammer was about 2 tons and I fell and going to the land of technology.

In the land of technology, you just have to think of two things and put them together and you have an invention.

Shoes + Apple = Smelly Apple.

every time you want to go home, use the technology hammer boo to look on your toes and you get back home.

too hurt but you still can get back to china!

sometimes I get to the land of the dead where my mom and I sleep when I dream I go to the land of the living. I bring a pencil and draw on paper and also a book.

USA

USA

I'm always on the move. I'm always getting and losing. I'm always feeling the other.

I'm always feeling loved and I hate the other.

I love you. What is my family. My husband, my children, my friends, my neighbors, and my treasures.

I can be happy wherever I am. It is a good place where the sun shines.
Annjo Balbutin

Just-ing
Jack, Julz, Jonah, and Jane
went to the airstrip to fly a plane

Jack pushed a knob that’s blue
and quickly the plane flew

Julz fastened her orange seat belt
chewing gum and drinking from a goblet

then Jonah starts playing his banjo
tunes that were horrible to undo

but Jane is still just terrified
praying furiously to end this ride

everyone made it safely it seems
with tangled hairs and close to tears

Aiden Padilla

The Weird Shark Path
The path was long in the water.
I feel jiggly and surprised
to be riding a shark.
And when I was on the shark, a fish came
and the shark ate it. I was
surprised. And felt amazed.
The shark ate the fish. And at dawn the path was shaky in the water.

**Alexa Deeg**  
**The Snake Path**  
The path was dark in the night.  
I saw something slither on a muddy log.  
And when something bit a finger as soon as I took another step a slithery thing passed me.  
I feel scared. And felt a rumble cross my stomach.  
“Oh no,” I thought. “I took the wrong path.” And at dusk the path was black in the dust as the moonlight shone on me.

**Andrew Stahmer**  
**The Broken Path**  
The Path was black in the night. I saw the Path dying in the moonlight.  
On the Path was a Stick glowing with all its Might.  
And when the Stick stopped I looked up and the Path was alive growing in the dirt.  
And I was feeling alive and felt like I would melt in the sky.  
And at night the Path was glowing in the moonlight with all its Might.
Asheria Chamberlain-Bunch
The Puppy Path
The path was brown
in the morning and I
heard a bark walking on
the sun. And there were
cute puppies. And for a surprise
the puppies came to me.
After one minute I was
dizzy and I was an unlucky
person. And it felt like puppy
love on me and at
moonlight I am going
to the Puppy Path again.

Ava D’Abreo
The Rose Path
The path was scarlet red in the light.
I heard the roses swish by the wind
on green grass of April spring.
And when I picked the roses, a dog came to me.
I loved him and dashed.
I threw the sea of roses.
I felt loved and appreciated.
It was getting late and time to go home.
And at dark
the path was pale in the night.
I went home and curled up by the fire.

Calum Butterworth
Spongebob’s Path
The path was spongy in the water.
I felt the sponge suck me up like water.
On the path was a snail
and when I saw the snail, an alligator ate it.
I only saw it for a second. I was
stunned. And felt so bad for the snail.
I didn’t like that gator. And at dawn
the path was so beautiful in the autumn light.
It was like an autumn leaf
floating in the wind.

Charlotte Hughey
The Zebra Path
The path was black
and white in the moonlight.
I found a zebra in a
field of flowers on a rock
and I saw a sock on it. And
when I got too close a
sound came out of its mouth.
It shocked me. I was feeling
special and very lucky.
The path was teal it was
like a summer seal in the dawn.

Chehoon Lee
Desert Disaster
Jim, Jake, John, and Joe
went to the desert.

Jim fell down onto a
cactus. “Ouch!” he cried.

Jake was bitten by
a rattlesnake. “Ouch!” he shouted.

John saw a cave ahead.
He went inside but fell
into a hole. “Oww!!!” he cried.

Joe found gold but fell into
quicksand.
Whoever is killed or not, there’s always a desert disaster.

Dalia Gerber
The Rose Path
The path was green and covered in thorns.
I saw a yellow glow from the bushes.

And when I crept near, the wind whistled a sweet song. I saw three red roses. And felt calm,

until the thorns grew tall. And at black midnight the path became treacherous in the dark rainy morning.

Eli Anhorn
The Peregrine Falcon Path
The path was white in the light
I saw something super fast in the white sky.
And when it dove so fast, it felt like it hit me. I was confused. And felt like I had a concussion that was bad. And at dark the path was black in the moonlight shining on me.

Emma Jernestaal
The Turtle Path
The path was dark blue in the moonlight when I heard a bubbling sound coming from the pond. And when I heard bubbling sounds, I tripped
and fell on the ground. I was shaking a little. And felt weird. Then I saw a turtle in front of me. Then a little later the path was gray in the dark.

**Ethan Ziegler**  
**The Python Path**
The path was brown in the light. I saw a creepy python on a log laying on the ground. And when the python ate an egg I gave it I was startled and I was shivering. I was creeped out. And felt like a scaredy cat afraid of a python. And at dark the path was light in the night with a full moon. Dun dun dunnun...

**Gabriela Schiffrin**  
**The Flower Path**
The path was curvy in the light. I saw flowers blooming on the bright green grass.

And when I touched a rose, a cold wind passed by in a flash. I was shivering. And felt happy around the flowers.

And at dusk the path was purple in the night sky, like a star booming.
Grace Chen
The Giraffe Path
The path was orange in the sunset.
I saw a tall creature
on the plain while it rained.
And when I got close, I saw lots
of big, brown spots. I was
happy. And felt special
because I saw a giraffe. And at dawn
the path was purple in the sparkling
shining moonlight.

Hayden Francetic
The Shark Path
The path was
grey and wide in an
ocean. I saw some
sharp teeth
in a hole with
water. And when
it snapped, a shark
came out very
fast. I was
shocked. And felt
too scared. I wanted
to leave.
And at noon
the path was gone
in the
very
big shadow.

Jordan Macari
The Tanager Path
The path was red in
the light. I heard a flap
and a chirp in a tree
that was tall. Very tall.
And when I saw a flash,
I jumped and got afraid.
I was shocked. And felt
a big boom that shocked me
even more. And right there
at the path was a
anager in the light
that shone red and bright.

Juliana Lambert
The Forest Path
The path was brown in the night.
I saw a slithering creature
on the grassy grounds in the
hollow woods.
And when it looked, I
read a book. A swan
swam trying to find a
delight. I was hanging
from the tree and felt no sight.
The birds sang their song.
And the light of
the path was bright in the summer
sky light.

Kabir Reddy
The Shark Path
The path was so sharky in the ocean.
I saw the blue
shark and I wanted to touch
it and when I touched the teeth
I felt like I was in the shark’s mouth. And felt scared
because it blended with the ocean. And at the ocean
the light was so crazy
and I felt like I was dead.
Kai Longo
The Minecraft Path
The path was green and blue and all square. I heard zombies in a cave. In the cave there were a lot of zombies. And when it turned dark, a lot of zombies rose from the dead. I was terrified. And felt like I was going to pee in my pants. And at night the path was dark in the shadows. I saw mist.

Karen Kang
Why is there Snow?
Amy, Andy, Ali, and Amanda found a way to the North Pole.

Amy found a lonely white fox and

Andy discovered a cave so dark and

Ali made angels in the snow and

Amanda was busy finding her accessories.

But they still wonder, “Why is there snow?”

Kaya Jariwala
The Bunny Path
The path was white in the light. I heard something scurry into the trees.

And when the thing ran past me, I felt its soft fur. I was curious about
what it was. And felt a little scared.

And I saw a bunny. And at dark the path was black. Shining with all its might.

Laura Oliveira
Lilly, Lolly, Lia, and Lucy
Lilly, Lolly, Lia, and Lucy went to the park to play.

Lilly discovered a hat with a cat.

Lolly was so mad that she hit a bat.

Lia could not wait so she sat on a man.

Lucy was tired so she fell down into a van.

You gotta be careful for you to not get fat!

Luisa Feitosa
The Lion Path
The path was blue in the summer. I saw a lion on the trees waiting. And when the lion jumped, a chimp was caught by surprise. I was frozen. And felt scared to be caught. And at
last, the path was green in the jungle where it lives.

**Luke Johnson**  
**The Peregrine Falcon Path**  
The path was orange in the barn.  
I saw a flicker in the distance  
on the bushes. It moved again.  
And when it moved I was afraid because  
when it shot out of the bush I realized it was a peregrine falcon.  
It felt as soft  
as a creature in the woods. And in the morning  
the path was blue in the daylight  
which was shining at me.

**Mikayla Losik**  
**The Dog Path**  
The path was a pink funny bunny at dawn. I saw a  
park so I started to bark.

On the dog plane my brother started to fart so I started to bark.

And when I got the smell I started to cry with another dog.

I was barfing and felt sick. And in the  
morning the path was pink and shiny.  
In the moonlight there was a dog treat.

**Mila Berry**  
**The Panda Path**  
The path was white in the moonlight.  
I saw a panda in the grass.
It was on the path in the bamboo.
And when the panda saw me, a crack was heard
from it chomping on bamboo. I was
amazed. And felt like the
panda was hugging me. And at dawn
the path was blue in the June sky.

Oscar Constandse
The Tiger Path
The path was light green in the summer.
I heard a sound on the jungle floor
on the leaves.
And when the tiger leapt, a gorilla attacked
by hitting him. I was
scared. And felt like
running away. And at springtime
the path was orange in the forest.

Pedro Klotz
Ava and Annjo and Abby and Ana
Ava, Annjo, Abby, and Ana
went to the mall to shop

and Ava found a dress to
buy at Everafter and

Annjo got sunglasses
at Gucci

and Abby got a top
at Gap and

Ana got a hat at
Gap, too.

Even if you lose all
your money, shopping is worth it!
Quinlan Butler
Kai and Kit and Kabir and Kate
Kai and Kit and Kabir and Kate went to the kitchen.

Kai ate some cookies and ate them all

and Kit wanted cookies, too, but he didn’t have any

and Kabir had some cake to eat for a week

and Kate stole two slices of cake.

You don’t always get what you want.

Reese Robbins
The Wolf Path
The path was narrow in the night. I saw a shadow in the dark light.

And when I heard another footstep, a light shined, bright on me. I was scared. And I felt like

the wolf ran away but he didn’t he was on the gray path ahead of me
in the dusk.

**River Kehoe**

**Lemonade**

Groot, Gabe, Gaby, and Goop went to a lemonade stand.

Groot got very icy lemonade.

Gabe got lemonade and a piece of candy.

Gaby got pink lemonade.

Goop got a whole gallon of lemonade.

The owner of the lemonade stand had extra lemonade so he dumped it on himself.

**True Houston**

**The Osprey Path**

The path was brown in the light. I heard the osprey eat a fish on a stick nest.

And when I saw it a big bird gave me the fish but not on a dish. I was angry. And felt surprised
in the light.
And at home
the path was
gone in the shining sunlight.
Abbi Yang
The Spell
I was in the library with my four friends in Emerald City, trying to find study books to make things hover above thin air, when one of my friends found a book. “I bet we can do the advanced spell,” she said. We all agreed. The book she found was very big and had lots of histories in it. Then my other friend multiplied a big book to practice on. We each said the spell.

Azalea Burlakova
The Rainy Day
Sarah, Sally, Sophia, and Shay had nothing to do on a rainy day.

Sarah begged for her mother to play but she said, “No way!”

It was a boring day but Sally liked rain and went outside to the alley.

Sophia was with her dad reading a book But she saw a hawk and cried, “Oh, look!”

Shay knew that it rained all day so she wished that it were May.

So now since you heard about these four silly girls
Ben Getler
The Alive Crystal Path
The path was a violet trapezoid in the night. I heard a crystal on a tree stump. And when the crystal shivered, a fine part fell off the crystal. I was amazed. And felt like the crystal was alive. And at dawn the path was blue in the almost full sky of orange.

Ben Jalkut
The Dorito Path
The path was gleaming in the light. I witnessed an explosion of cheese on a thin triangle. And when the Dorito crunched, a dim crumb dropped. And I felt the chip fall through. And at the end the path was broken in the pale dark corridor.

Dempsey Kelly
The Bigfoot Path
The path was blue in the night sky. I recognized an oddly big animal on a log that was small. And when the Bigfoot moved, the wood would glow and the Bigfoot would laugh. It was really cool. I was blown away by it. And felt lucky. And then the Bigfoot ran off. And at the moment the path was green in the fog, and then the Bigfoot flew.
Eamonn O’Regan

Eamonn and Eagle and Explosion and Eli

Eamonn and Eagle and Explosion and Eli went to Ireland one day. Eamonn got hit by a cow and Eagle milked a cow and drank the milk then got sick then Explosion got chased by a dog and Eli came home from farming covered in dirt then ate a burger not knowing it was not cooked. Whenever you farm just know to look up at the cows or else they will chase you home.

Eloise Pascuzzi

The Magic Path

The path was purple in a tunnel. I was a good witch in a room. And when the tunnel ended, a magic place appeared. I ventured on. I was lost. And felt great and scared. So I calmed myself down with ice cream. And at the top the path was more amazing in the dark. It was amazing.

Enzo LaBianca

The Pathway of Life (to Death)

The Pathway of Life is a path we only take once. A pathway of doors we only walk through once. As you walk through the
doors you feel there
are no doors or any floors.
And when you walk through
the final door everyone goes
quiet. Goodbye.

**Eric Weis**

**Life of Eric Path**
The path was black in St. Louis.
I saw the world
move 35 degrees.
And when I was 6 years
old, I died. I was
like a skeleton. And felt like a
skinny buttcheek. And at Arizona
the path was Blue in the Air
of Area 51.

**Everett Hunt**

**The Escape Path**
The path was long as a decade.
I would get there and I saw it
on a hoverboard.
And when it hovered to get an ice cream cone
I ran at it. I was
angry at it for looking me up. And felt very sad
about where I was. And at the last moment
the path was over and I went into the night.
I escaped.

**Finn Friesz-Fraley**

**Don’t Forget the Glider**
Noodles, Needle, Nick, and Nif
want to hang off of a cliff.
Noodles forget
how to glide.
Needle did it too far.
Nick didn’t glide far enough.
Nif was too scared to fly.
But in the end they all had a good day trip.

Jack McGrath
The Yeti Path
The path was as white as snow in the tall, dark mountains.
I heard a boom as cool as cold on the surface of the deep, white sea.
And when I blinked I felt a soft skin under my feet. I was confused when I looked down. And felt like a Yeti in the high sky. And at that place the path was green in the sky because the ground looked like grass in the sky.

Jude Littlewood
The Grim Reaper Path
The path was Orange in the reaper light.
I was killed that day by the beheader.
And when I got decapitated I was the saddest decapitated person in the world. I don’t like being decapitated and he himself (the Grim Reaper) killed me.

Karina Arora
The Unicorn Path
The path was a rainbow in the sky.
I saw a unicorn trotting on the path.
And when it moved, a cotton candy cloud appeared under its foot so it didn’t touch the ground. I stood there as quiet as a mouse. And felt the unicorn’s eyes on me. I turned around, but nothing was there. And at dawn the path was white in the morning light.

Kensi Li
The Puppy Path
The path was coral in the sky
I saw a stray puppy on the grass.
And when the puppy stirred, a piece of fur fell from its back. I was quiet then. And felt the puppy’s soft fur. And at dawn the path was sky blue in the daylight.

King Ibonnet
Rex and Roddin and Ronni and Rardi
Rex, Roddin, Ronni, and Rardi went to outer space (one day) for a party.
Rex made a new friend called Alien.
Roddin got captured by a spaceship.
Ronni found something smelly as a skunk.
Rardi made robots help.
And finally they finished making their ship.

Lilly Paperny
The Unicorn Path
The path was pink in the cotton candy light.
I saw a lollipop and a cake on a lollipop stick and
on the other side I fell.
I got my cupcake and I wanted
to go but they wouldn’t
let me so I let go and
fell again and this time I got
what I wanted.
I got home.

**Lucy Grbesa**
**The Unicorn Path**
The path was teal in the silent night.
I saw a unicorn sway
on the path.
And when the unicorn ran, a dust of purple
sparkles fluttered around her. I was
quiet. And felt the unicorn
quiver. And the path was purple
in the July night.

**Margot Godiwala**
**The Solar Path**
The path was black in endless night
I saw the stars clear and bright
for Miles and Miles away.
And when a solar flare started, an asteroid went astray.
Up here in space it’s just your average day. I was
not in range. And felt strange
vibrations from away. Oh no, that’s
a solar flare!
I got to run away!

**Maya Gourari**
**The Husky Path**
The path was white on the mountain.
I saw a husky. I heard he was limping. I witnessed it.
It was huge.
In the cave it was scared.
And when I saw him staring at me, I got more scared. It looked like a bear. I was shocked. And felt like a rock. When I saw more huskies they scared me. And at the cave I ran away. The path was dark at night. And that was the husky path.

**Niam Shah**

**The Ocean Path**
The path was blue in the deep, dark sea. I had some trouble waiting for me. And when I saw a Big (very big) great white shark, I was mad. And felt scared so I swam away and escaped. And at night the path was bright in the moonlight.

**Pia Saxena**

**The Pathway to the Magic Crystals**
There was magic all around, but there was not a sound. Walking around, no people, no sound, but all was very quiet, until I saw the magic crystals. A disco party! It was what I wished for... And that was loud, and now, there was some sound.

**Reese Lackmann**

**The Flamingo Path**
The path was blue in the zoo. I heard and saw water splashing on the right side of me. And when I saw it I ran away and I fell on a bird. I was
shocked. And felt like a bird.
I screamed and I felt like I was going to throw up.
And at the time it was not a Bird it was pile of Dirt.
The path was so cool in the night it glows up

Romi Galai
The Pathway to Music
The path was bright in the sunrise.
I heard a really nice sound
but my friends didn’t hear it.
And when it got more clear, I could hear it was
a song with words. It was
so nice to hear. And I felt confused
that my friends didn’t hear it. But
they said it
was nothing.

Skylar Cruiming
The Hamster Path
The path was white as snow in my backyard.
I could feel something warm
on my feet.
And when I looked down I saw a hamster crawl
on my foot quiet and asleep. I was
very surprised. And felt like giving
it a warm home but before I did I walked beyond the path.
And at Dawn the path was orange. And in the nighttime
the hamster lived in my home.

Sofia Cushman
The Bird Path
The path was black in the night.
I heard a noise it was
on a branch. I didn’t know what it was.
And when I saw it was only a log I really
wanted to know what it was. I was
scared. And felt I wanted
to hide and scare it. And at night
the path was dark in the woods
but I went right home.

Sofia Uriburu
The Christmas Path
The path was teal at dawn.
I saw a Christmas tree
on the ground.
And when the tree jingled, a jingling jingle bell
fell to the ground. I was
amazed. And felt the
jingle bell jingling. And at dusk
the path was pink in the beautiful
December light.

Sophia Schnabl
The Polar Bear Path
The path was pink and blue in the evening.
I saw a polar bear sitting
on the snow.

And when the polar bear stood up, a lot of snow
fell from its fur. I was
amazed. And felt excited and nervous.

It was cool. And as night fell
the path was white in the cool,
peaceful moonlight.

Teddy Riordan
Bingo, Bill, Bob, and Ben in the Middle of Nowhere
Bingo, Bill, Bob, and Ben
went to the Middle of Nowhere
to play one day.

Bingo saw a cactus and it came
alive it chased him and he almost died.

After that Bill found a hut he went inside and got bit by bugs.

Then Bob found a dead bush he touched it and started to bleed.

Then Ben saw a rock that is just a cone in disguise.

Then he got launched and he almost touched the sky.

Tyler Donnelly
His Majesty’s Royal Army
The path was blue and green in Kauai, Hawai’i.
I saw the King of the Army on the path to the kingdom.
And when he shouts, “YOU’RE AN AMAZING PERSON,” you should say, “You’re amazing.” I was happy then. And felt happy that he was happy! And at two the path was good in the kingdom.
Yay, yay!

William Creekmore
A Ruff Day
Oof, Ooch, Ouch, and Oog went to play football one day.
Oof ran the football and got tackled and lost the ball.
Ooch hiked the ball. The ball came alive and
Ooch ran for his life. Ouch tried to catch the ball but it hit him in the face and then he fainted. Oog was about to catch the ball. Then he lost the ball. When you play football, you have to win the Superbowl.
The Video Game Path
By Calum

To get to game world you have to open portal. It will take you there now you are in video game world!

Explore your favorite video games!

Now it is time to go home and go to bed.

We will do it again.

The Land of Video Games
By Oscar

From my house to the video land I thought it was close.

11,000 miles away from the video land I was there. I found a game that was cool! It was a game of him he was good at. When I woke up I was on the floor.

I was sad. I found I can play with a video game of him he was good at. When I woke up I was on the floor.

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I am a doctor to be continued.
Once upon a time, I was going to the temple of snow. It had been a memory for a baby yet. I went with my yeti.

Then we traveled to the forest of trees. We then traveled to the desert of cactus. Then we traveled to Mount Everest. Then we got to the temple of snow.

The path goes from the Niagara falls to the magical forest. The Niagara falls leads you to magical dust that mixes with your feet.

Once you go through, you are in a forest, and you become the most amazing tree. Once you get through the regular forest, you see the best sight of all the enchanted castle!

Next to the castle is a hotel and the royal family is waiting for you.

A cute little creature among me! A Panda! The panda lead me to a place and I followed her up Mountain and Hills.
One day, there was a man who was a white man. He always dreamed of going to space. He was so excited when he heard the news. He was so excited that he went every day to see if the moon was there. He brought his telescope and waited for hours. But there was nothing.

Soon the news was everywhere. But one day, he saw it. And his dream became true. He walked into the moon and waited for his spaceship to get there.
Adrien Apprendi
Blast Off
Hopy, Haddie, Henri, and Happy are going to the moon. They saw a moon monster but it was sad so they helped it.
“I have no one to play with,” the monster said. “We can be your friends, but you have to go back home with us to Earth.”
Nope, it was a bad idea.

Alexa Smyser
Bananas Everywhere
Bob, Boombo, Bo, and Bummy went to Banana World. Bob met a banana friend. Boombo relaxed under the banana tree. Bo made a peel pit. Bummy played with monkeys! If you want to go to Banana World you would love to do it!
Amanda Wang
Silly Land
From my bed to Silly Land
I go by being silly. I go to Silly Land
with my silly pals.
I am totally slipping.
It is totally silly.
If you want to go back
you just don’t be silly.
If you don’t be silly
you will be kicked out
forever.

Amelia Rogers
The Monkey Path
The path was green in the trees.
I saw a monkey swinging
on a vine.

And when the monkey swung, a giant spider
fell from the vine. I was
scared. And felt

the monkey stare. And at night
the path was dark in the
black sky.

Anna Bravo
Food Land
I go from NYC to Food Land.
You get there by eating.
I get there by taking a popcorn bike.
I get there with 18 foods.
It looks like a lot of food.
It’s shaped like pizza and a hot dog.
You get back by eating 100 foods.
Annabel Vincent

**Guess What Happened at Poets House One Day**

Bally, Hally, Ally, and Cally
went down to Poets House one day.
Bally made her poem too
long and explored Poets House
in second’s time.
Hally discovered a poem so
short she created it and whacked
it and hit a new park.
Ally made a poem she loved
and stamped it all over
City Hall Park.
Cally came home with
a surprise…
her poem was framed
and now advertised!
For whatever you do
just don’t find a poem
because it will crack!

Ayan Harrington

**The Sky**

Banana, Balloon, Bloch, and Blob
went to the sky.
Banana slipped
and fell down to Earth.
Balloon floated
higher.
Bloch walked into
the clouds and was
never found.
Blob was swallowed
by a cloud monster.
Warning: never go to
the sky.
Begoña Osorio Michel
Monkey Extravaganza
From jumping on a bed to the Land of Monkeys where cats are made of bananas.
I get there when I see a banana.
I get there with a monkey eating a banana.
It looks like everything is made out of bananas:
like streets, buildings, cars, and people.
It’s shaped like a monkey.
You get back by crossing your eyes and thinking of butterflies.

Benjamin Dumas
The Desert
Ayan, Abrech, Anu, and Abey went to the desert.
Ayan was swallowed by a cobra.
Abrech was poisoned by a cactus.
Anu was caught by a hunter.
Abey was hungry so she went hunting.

Christian Francis
To the Park
Nick, Nelly, Nico, and Nancy went to the park.
Nick went on the swing. Nelly went on the slide. Nico climbed a ladder. And
Nancy just walked around.

**Duke Michon**  
**Past and Future**  
I go from home to the past and future.  
You get there when you do stuff fast.  
I get there by doing 3,000 push ups very fast.  
Super buddies!  
Once you get there you can’t go back home.

**Hadley Glenister**  
**Lost in Candyland**  
Chickin, Chilly, Cat, and Corky went to Candyland.  
Chilly found lollipops and ate a lot of them.  
Chickin found gumdrops.  
Cat found five sweet things.  
Corky found cotton candy.  
The end.

**Henri-Pierre le Duquette**  
**The Land of Diamonds**  
I go to Cucumber Land and I end up at Diamond Land.  
You get there by mining 64 diamonds and binding the diamond you had in your hand....  
You’re there with friends among the diamond bands.  
To get home
you have to give your diamonds to charity.

**Jacob Schwartzberg**  
**Dunkin’ Donutland**  
I was at the airport getting off a plane.  
I went to Dunkin’ Donutland.  
I got there when I fell off a building.  
I got there by bringing donuts.  
Dunkin’ Donutland looks like donuts.  
Like raining donuts from the sky.

**Jade Winick**  
**Technology Land**  
I go from the couch to Technology Land in the middle of the night  
doing a secret handshake  
and going with an Apple iPhone and chocolate milk.  
I finally arrived and I saw the Apple Store full of robot people.  
But it is time to go home.  
I chug my chocolate milk.  
I am home and say, “Goodnight.”

**Jake Esarey-Elmgart**  
**Candy Land**  
The Land of the Candy.  
I get there by bringing a lollipop and it looks like candy and it is candy.  
You come back when you need to come back.
James Cripps  
**Ultra Serpentex**  
Hannah, Hamster, Hydra, and Hex went to Ultra Serpentex.  
Hannah rode snakes without a doubt, while going fishing for some trout.  
Hamster was not so brave. He rode a snake that he called, “Dave.”  
Hydra went on holiday. But he is coming back today!  
Hex found a snake pancake but then he stepped on a rake.  
All of them went together and they found an ultra feather.

Lucy Ausch-Arrowsmith  
**In the Wonderful, Wonderful Woods**  
Marbol, Mila, Mika, and Mia went to the forest.  
Marbol saw a tree with lots of leaves.  
Mila saw an owl who asked, “Is there a vowel?”  
Mika saw really tall grass.  
Mia saw a hawk and said, “What in the Mawk?!”  
There are a lot of leaves.

Mavis Pan  
**Searching Away**  
Bella, Bean, Brianna, and Bess went to search one day.
Bella that day
found a starfish ray.

Bean one day at her house
found a mouse.

Brianna, you ask, made
a beautiful mask!

And last of all, Bess
found a brand new dress.

And that is the story
about the sisters’ searching.

Michael Aaronson
Michael and Matt and Max and Mercy
Michael, Matt, Max, and Mercy
went to Muir Woods
National Park.
Michael hid in a tree.
Matt ate lunch
because he was
very hungry.
Max got a badge
from the Park Ranger.
Mercy hit his head
on a tree.
When you go to Muir
Woods, try to eat
before you go uphill.

Mila Economou
Off to Mivis
Deep under my bed where no one can see
I call my friend Snowy and she picks me up
in less than a second. Off to Mivis!
But even before that, I will do five gymnastics tricks. That’s what I’ll do, then call my friend Sue. By midnight I’ll be there, and when I get back everything will be gone!

**Mina Shinohara**  
**Fruit Loops Land**  
Fruit Loops Land is a fun place you go when you eat Fruit Loops. You go with a friend like Chewbacca. You leave when you eat something else. You can have so many different Fruit Loops.

**Oscar Benns**  
**Land of the Creeps**  
From the morning until night I wait and wait until the great midnight hour. I run to the graveyard and dig up the dead and meet my friends, Spell Book and Skeleton, Vampire and Zombie. I ride the Eyes-O-Spress till we get to the Land of the Creeps. It’s shaped like a grave. Trees are made of bones and spell out all words. I get back home by scaring the dead. Home sweet home! And then I go back to bed.

**Parker Saunders**  
**Basketball Land!**  
NYC to Basketball Land. You have to plan very well. I get there by myself and you have to slap yourself.
**Sofia Trent**  
**Diamondland**  
Diamondland is so cool I go there with my friend Mina who is made out of diamonds. You can buy anything. You get out of that land by looking at the sea.

**Yike Deng**  
**Candy Land**  
You can lick a lollipop to get there. But you also need to play indoors. You’ll also help your friends to come. It looks like a big candy. You can eat candy whenever you want.

**Yuvi Thakkar**  
**The Treasure Hunt**  
Yay, Yar, Yavi, and Yat went to a treasure hunt one day. Yay saw a monster. Yar saw nothing but treasure. Yavi saw a volcano and he thought no one would get the treasure. Yat was so scared to go with us.
Zoe Kim
Apple Land
I go from my bed to Apple Land.
When I eat apples I go to Apple Land.
If I pick apples
I will go to Apple Land.
When I go to Apple Land I
bring 100 apples.
Apple Land looks
like it is all red and it
has lots of apples and
if I get out of Apple Land I go
to Blueberry Land.
Alastair Chang-Kriegel
The Soccer Stadium
I go from school to the soccer stadium.
I get to the soccer stadium from a soccer ball.
I play soccer and score a goal with a soccer ball.
I go back to school for a soccer ball
and a soccer ball that leads me to soccer.

Alexander Pelfrey
The Land of Fun
I go to the
Land of Fun
after school.
I get there by
running with mom.
Ding ding! The
arcade games are
going off.
I ride
back with my cat.

Alexandra Gabbay
Cotton Candy Land
I came from home and closed my eye
and thought of cotton candy. To get to
Cotton Candy Land I eat a bunch
of candy, but just the fluffy kind.
When I want to nod I go home
by counting to 10 and thinking of cotton candy.

**Audrey O’Donnell**  
**The Land of Audrey**  
From school to Audrey Land  
I take the Audrey Plane and all the seats are full of Audreys so many Audreys and Audrey buildings and Audrey taxis, Audrey streets, and Audrey church and Audrey post offices and Audrey schools and to get back I think of my brothers.

**Ava Grace Brownsey**  
**Candy Land**  
I go from school. I get there when I fall asleep. How I get there is in a car. I get there with Cory, Jen, Stephanie, Ella, and Isaac. What does it look like? It has candy and fruit and how do I get back? I take a car and cotton candy clouds and old people use candy canes as their canes.

**Ayla Reimer**  
**Ayla, Ava, Alex, and Abby**  
Ayla, Ava, Alex, and Abby went to get ice cream.  

Ayla got chocolate ice cream.  

Ava got a brain freeze from eating too much ice cream.
Alex got sprinkles on her ice cream.

Abby got 6 scoops of ice cream.

It does not matter for you and me what kind of ice cream you get.

**Cole Smith**  
**The Tiger’s Path**  
The path was orange in the dark. I heard a roar on a rock. And when I looked at the sky, a tiger stared into my eye. I was shocked. And felt frozen. And at the end the path was sparkling in the blue light.

**Cory Herman**  
**Unicorns**  

**Daniela Dipietro**  
**Sally, Stephanie, Sam, and Suki**  
Sally, Stephanie, Sam, and Suki went up to the moon. Sally found a moon rock. Stephanie was floating. Sam was jumping. Suki was flipping!
When you go to the moon remember to always stay together.

**Elijah Olson**  
**iPad Land**  
When I play on my iPad on my favorite app I’ll be there with a hard hat. If you wish to be here, you will see nothing around. As you pass by Minecraft you’ll see hard hats. When I think of my little brother, you’ll be home.

**Ella Nightingale**  
**Puppy Land**  
I start at home. I go off to bed. I go to Puppy Land. I take 10 puppies. To get to Puppy Land I take the Puppy Bus. When I get there, there are so many puppies. There is a puppy castle. To get back home, I close my eyes and I think of lunch.

**Estella Ausch-Arrowsmith**  
**Zoe, Zoo, Zo, and Zebra**  
Zoe, Zoo, Zo, and Zebra went down to the rocketship. 

Zoe saw a planet.
Zoo saw a planet.  
Jupiter crashed.

Zo saw the planet Floopy and there was a war.

Zebra got captured by aliens.

They learned not to go to outer space, otherwise they would get captured.

**Isaac Barrett**

**Candy Land**

From Candy Land, hop to Jolly Rancher Land by eating 10 Jolly Ranchers.  
Jolly Rancher plane.  
Jolly Rancher streets.  
It’s the jolly Jolly Rancher bus!

**Isabella Yarlett**

**Candy Land**

I’m at home. I go down the candy slide when I get there I go on a candy train with my candy friends.  
I go home by climbing up a gumball wall and get home when the candy sun is down.

**Jacob Fedida**

**Soccer**

Cap, Cop, Ciep, and Cup went to a soccer field.  
Cap slid and fell. Cop scored a goal.
Ciep missed a lot. Cup also scored a goal.

**Jacob Gonzalez**  
**Sand Land**  
From day to night I think of a sand castle. I take a sand sinkhole to get there. There is a lot of sand behind me. Everything is made of sand. Trees made of sand. There are ponds.

**Jordan Brooks**  
**Maya, Malia, Marci, and Mort**  
Maya and Malia and Marci and Mort went ice skating (to have fun). Maya fell down. Malia was a pro. Marci used the bear. Mort was really scared. Always help each other no matter what.

**Liam Fitzsimons**  
**The Land of Oof Day**  
I go from home to the Land of Oof Day. On Friday I get hit by lava and get sent to the Land of Oof with Dylan and Massimo.
I get back by getting out of school.

**Marlon Henggeler**

**Soccer Land**

From home to Soccer Land.
Play ten soccer games with my soccer friends.
Run a soccer ball in a soccer field and I go home with a soccer goal.

**Matthew Wagner**

**My Fun**

I see a fun place made with candy.
It is called My Fun.
I’m there when I have fun.
There, everyone loves me.
Then I get bored.
Then I’m home and I am sad.
I wish home were like that.

**Michael Rigby**

**Pasta Land**

When I eat 10 pieces of bowtie pasta I go to Pasta Land. I get there in a train.
How I get back is: with sausage.

**Mila Ausch-Arrowsmith**

**Mia, Mila, Molly, and Missy**

Mia, Mila, Molly, and Missy went to the park.
Mia saw a bear and ran. Mila helped Mia get the bear away. Molly kicked the bear. Missy called the ambulance because Mia got hurt. The bear learned its lesson.

Nyomi Ngin  
The Land of Unicorns  
From the day to the night  
I go to the Land of Unicorns  
on the Unicorn Princess Castle.  
I go with rainbows and unicorn potatoes.  
The ground is made of clouds.  
Everyone is a unicorn and food is infinite and has faces on it. How I get back is to fart on every unicorn I see.

Oliver Kim  
Candy Land  
I go from home after breakfast. To the Land of Candy Land. All the buildings turn to candies. I fly over there in the air. I go with candies. There are candies everywhere. It’s a miracle over there. I get back in a candy car, but my home is very far.
Preston Smith
Soccer Land
From home to Soccer Land I score a goal I roll on a soccer ball and play with 10 soccer friends. One is Messi. I find a Soccer Land that looks like a soccer field then I go back home on a soccer train.

Saanvi Koli
Candyland
I get to Candyland from my house. I get there when I eat candy. How I get there is when I think of candy candy candy. I get there with candy. It’s all made of candy. There are candy puppies and candy castles. I get back when I think of a path and a path appears and I follow the path.

Saanvi Singal
Super Hero High
When I stand I see my sight. It’s a long tower with a pink light. Can this be a dream? But if I see my energy I get there. I show the characters how powerful I am. To get back they give me powers.

Shanaya Singh
Jordan & Jasmin & Jade & Jen
Jordan, Jasmin, Jade, and Jen went to California. Jordan went to a pool
and splashed.
Jasmin kicked a ball
and laughed.
Jade jumped a lot
and ran away.
Jen relaxed
under the sun all day.
For whatever you do
play all day.
Relax under the sun
or play play play.

**Zoe Nycz**
**Zoe, Zara, Zella, and Zack**
Zoe, Zara, Zella, and Zack
went down to the
park to play with
a stray dog who
strangely said, “Nay.”
Zoe took the dog home
and gave it a bath.
Zara gave it a bone
which made the dog run away.
Zella chased after it
back to the park.
Zack said, “Hey, that’s
my dog!” and took it
away.
For whatever you do,
don’t steal someone’s dog.
Aaryan Kurkal
Cake Land
I ate a cake
that I baked.
I appeared in Cake Land.
I walked around in Cake Land.
I was so surprised
and the cakes looked good.
I went close to the cakes
and took a bite of the cake!
Then I was back at my home.

Alexandra Geurts
Reading Land
You start in your bed and read.
Close your eyes and
you will be at Reading Land.
Will you still want to read
if you go away?
You can read anything.
Give it a try.
When you want to get back
just stop reading.

Azalea De Peralta
The Land of Fish
I start at home and then
I go to the Land of Fish.
When I go in the bath I
have to drink water. And
then I disappear. I go there with my goldfish. I am in the ocean, sea, river, or lake. And there are a lot of fish. I go back home when I fall in the midnight sun.

Batul Matawala

Rose, Rosey, Rora, and Rea

Rose went to the mall.
Rosey went to the mall.
Rora went to the mall.
Rea went to the mall, too.
So then everyone met.
And everyone was happy.

Bruna Seoane

Bella and Begoña and Bruna and Bia

Bella, Begoña, Bruna, and Bia went to the park (to play one day).

Bella swung on the swing. There were no troubles, and

Begoña looked at the sky. She saw all of the stars shining at her and

Bruna fell down when a leaf was chasing her and

Bia saw the sun set in the end.

All of them were happy in the light.
Charles Schieb  
**The Sports World**  
From home I go to Sports Land.  
I got there with Juventus, Ronald, Dybala, and Chiellini.  
They bring me to Sports Land.  
I get there by taking the Sports Path  
then driving a sports car to get there.  
I also get there with my sports equipment.  
It has millions of stadiums.  
I go back by going to a Yankees game  
then a Juventus game  
then an FC Barcelona game  
then WWE John Cena vs. The Rock  
then Lakers vs. Bulls.

Chloe Cho  
**Candyland**  
It’s time for candy.  
I get there when I  
eat a bunch  
of candy so there’s  
a big candy castle.  
The end clap clap clap clap.

Coral Torres-Hara  
**Ikea Land**  
Sofia, Sofie, Sean, and Sally  
went to Ikea.  
Sofia went to Ikea  
for the playroom.  
Sofie went to  
get a bed at Ikea.  
Sean went to get  
an ice cream at Ikea.  
Sally went to  
get an ice cream with Sean.
For whatever we like, like a bumble or a bee, it is always ourselves we find in a place called Ikea.

David Degruson
YYYY
Yanason, Yavid, Yames, and Yohid went to a Pokémon world. Yanason found a Charizard. Yavid got a legendary Pikachu. Yames killed a Kangaskhan. Yohid made a Pokeball. Everyone knows Pokémon balls.

Diane Epron
The Park
Jessica, Joe, Jile, and Jay went down to the park (to play one day). Joe discovered a slippery thing and Jessica sang a beautiful song so beautiful a bird came to sing. Jile played with Jay on the swings. And if you lose me, always check at the park because I’ll be there waiting for you.
**Dylan Zhang**

**The Pokémon Potion**

When I play my game, I enter a world.
It is called Pokémon World.
It is where Pokémon play and battle.
There is no school and only trainers who travel from town to town.
Battle trainers to get stronger.
Battle gym leaders to get badges.
You can only get back when you think of dragons.

**Eleanor Lee**

**Ella, Ellie, Eleanor, and Eva**

Ella, Ellie, Eleanor, and Eva went down to the park (to play one day).
Ella found some grass that sang and Ellie found a branch that could talk and Eleanor found a leaf that was colorful and Eva got lost and never could even play.

**Ella Fitzsimons**

**The Circus**

Isabella, Isic, Isle, and Istry went to the circus (to play one day).
Isabella went to the merry go ‘round and Isic bought some popcorn and Isle took home cotton candy and Istry befriended
a bee but the
bee was mean and
stung her.

**Gia West**

**The Beaming**
Coral, Cor, Conny, and Corn
went to the sunset.
Coral wanted to go to
the sunset.
Cor found light
beaming through.
Conny shaded
the light.
Corn burned
the light
and they all
beamed the light.

**Gurnoor Kaur**

**Three Brothers and Sisters**
Tia, Tim, Timmy, and Tom
went to the Taj Mahal.
Tia learned about
the Taj Mahal.
Tim looked
outside the Taj Mahal.
Timmy saw gems
inside the Taj Mahal.
Tom was looking
at gold outside.
The four of them
looked at the Taj Mahal.

**Jacob Harman**

**The Land of Confetti**
I start from my home to
the Land of Confetti. I get there by confetti falling on me. I get there with ten confetti friends. I see a confetti rainbow and a lot of confetti mountains. I get back by eating a piece of confetti.

James Law
Land of Pokémon
I get there with a train. If you have ten Pokémon cards, you get there. It looks like an island. I get back with a train.

Jasmine Winick
The Wishing Well
Sara, Sofia, Swirly, and Sophie went to the wishing well. Sophie found a magic rock. She looked deep inside, so colorful she forgot her troubles. They wished to never have troubles.

Liliana Goldman
Confetti Land
From my house to Confetti Land. How I got there was at 5am. I got there on 1,000 pieces of confetti. What it looks like is 100,000 dots.
Madeline Won
Land of Homework
Where we must do homework.
To Homework Land.
Lots, lots of homework.
It’s good for your brain
and you go with your friends
and it’s easy and hard
and you only do homework.
Homework, homework, homework.
The Land of Homework.

Massimo Britti
The Game World
First when I get there what
you’re going to see is a lot of games
that are cool!
There is no school.
The homework is just iPad. iPad is the only thing
there and school is made of iPad
and people are made of iPad.
I play to get out.

Mohid Usman
Candyland
I was at home.
I wanted to go somewhere.
I went to Candyland
with some gingerbread men.
I went on a candy plane and
I got to Candyland.

Mustafa Majid
Basketball Land
I start from my house to
the Land of Basketball. I get
there after I fall asleep.
I take a basketball plane. There will be basketballs everywhere I go.

**Sean Suh**  
**Pokémon Land**  
I get there from my house by riding a Pokémon car to Pokémon Land and playing with lots of Pokémon. I feel like I’m so happy here but I think I need to open my eyes so I can go back home.

**Sofia Rohalska-Sheikh**  
**Pizzaland**  
When you see a pizza you go to Pizzaland! I got to Pizzaland with a pizza. In Pizzaland it looks like only pizza. How do you get back to your home? By not looking at the pizza.

**Sophie Rojas**  
**Ice Cream Land**  
From home I go to Ice Cream Land. It looks pink and blue and white. It is very tasty. I took the ice cream bus with my ice cream dog. Then I went back to bed and thought of chips.
Thea Morse
Love Potion
Go home to the Land of Love
by taking the love train.
I take my BFF, Love Candy.
It is beautiful.
It is so red.
How do I get back, you ask?
I open my eyes.

Yanasorn Kiatlapnachai
The Zoo
Mohid, Mustafa, May, and Maddie went to the zoo.
Mohid discovered a horrible big cat that had a mane.
Mustafa killed a tiger.
May is in the bathroom.
I will follow the path no matter what I will go everywhere and explore but when I explore I will follow the path!

I love to follow the path And I will And once I will throughout the land path but I will follow the path because me and my teacher!

The land of dragons
The land of dragons stands really still.

Their one that find the magic will become best friends forever.

their is wonderful grass and stuff too
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This anthology celebrates the ninth year of a neighborhood arts-education initiative developed by Poets House, with the support of Goldman Sachs, to serve Lower Manhattan school children and build community through the art of poetry.

Throughout the year, poet Dave Johnson, artist Felipe Galindo, and Poets House Executive Assistant Phoebe Kaufman taught poetry lessons and led writing and art workshops for over 200 school children from three local elementary schools—PS 1, PS 89, and PS 276. Students learned analytical and critical thinking skills and cultivated an understanding and love of the art of poetry. In celebration of Poem in Your Pocket Day, some of these poems were distributed on our website and lines from the poems were posted on social media.
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