

I Run & My Shadow Runs Too

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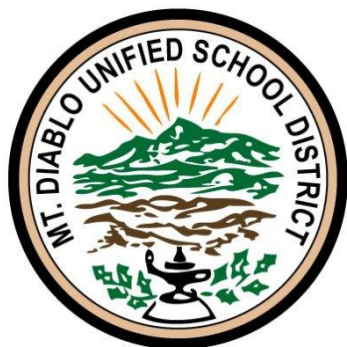
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*How can I pick
one topic
when there's
so many things
in the world
to write about ?*

- Malachi

What A Dream Tastes Like

I Wish In Life

By Ashley

I wish that the pandemic was not here

I wish that my brother was not sick for 24 years

I wish he could talk and understand how much I love him <3

I wish that my dad could have better eyesight

I wish that when my mom and dad are gone, I will take care of my brother

I wish that I will get an A+ on all my grades

I wish people who I love had not died

I wish they were here to make me happy when I'm down

I wish my bunny knew he was the best pet

And I wish that I will help my family

Ode to Spicy Chicken Wings

By Jaime

Oh, dear chicken wings—

Demigod of giving me diarrhea

I love when I take my first bite

Where I take most of the chicken in one bite

I like how you are spicy

And leave spicy sauce, just like Cheetos

You make me happy when I am sad

And outside, I am mad when someone steals the last wing

I am happy when I get a cold drink with that

Ode To My Phone

By Anna

Oh, phone!

King of not being boring

Demigod of funniness

Expert of music

Titan of Tiktok

Champion of Call of Duty

Thank you for helping me not be bored

Thank you for making me spend money on you, I guess

Odes to Love

By Jocelyn

Ode to poppies

Ode to pork

Ode to Six Flags

Ode to fruit

Ode to Christmas

Ode to swimming

Ode to shouting

Ode to my teacher

Ode to kittens

Ode to humongous animals

My Dream

By Ahamd

I have a dream

My dream is to open my own company

And not only here, but in many more places

I'd let more than 500 people inside it

There will be three floors

On the first floor, there will be groceries

On the second floor, there will be clothes and stuff

On the third floor, there will be home furniture

I will make my dream happen

Joy

By Leah

Joy feels like having a family vacation to Lake Tahoe

Joy smells like the air between the trees

Joy sounds like tiny waves

Joy tastes like my aunt's amazing cooking

Joy looks like the whole family having a good time at the lake

Go Home

By Emmanuel

I'm sleepy and it's cold

I wish I could take a nap

In my warm bed, with my stuffed animals

But I can't do that because I'm in school

I miss my dog

I would love to see him at home

With my bird and turtle, as well as my lizard

I wish I could go home

What We Love

By Aidan

More shooting stars

Less city lights

Being home

Pepperoni pizza

Breaking new ground

Riding my skateboard with my cousin

A chance for more game days

Be your own smile!

A Recipe For Fun

By Dylan

20 Chuck E Cheese cheesecakes

20 trillion In-N-Out cheeseburgers

20 peppermints

An infinite bowl of Captain Crunch

An infinite scoop of mint chocolate chip ice cream

Infinity years of playing Fortnite

20 billion broken glasses and bones

3 hours at Waterworld

30 rounds of boxing with my friends

100 parties at a steakhouse

4 chicken tacos with ghost pepper sauce and onions

20 billion paintings that I painted

And 25 books of poetry

Funny Dreams

By Camille

Foody clowns

Falling on accident and saying, 'I'm okay!'

Being alone in a room full of marshmallows, puppies, and a bunch of squeaky toys

Splat!! Slime in your face!

Tickling non-stop in my sleep

I keep these in the middle of my mind

And hold them when I become sad

Emotions

By Julian

Happiness is going outside with my parents to the park

Sadness is putting your head down

Anger is losing a soccer game

Fear is going down a waterslide

Hope is having a nice career

Nervous is a bunch of loud noises

Love is my parents

Life is the best

A Collection of Small Dreams

By Jacoby

My nightmare was

When I was going to my grandma's house

(Her name is Granny)

I had to figure out many puzzles

One day, I went to my friend's birthday party

And when it became night,

Freddy was hunting us

And then we were safe

In my nightmare, I was gone

I keep these small dreams in my brain

And hold them when I'm asleep

A Collection of Small Nightmares

By Aisling

Falling from the sky

Being surrounded by spiders

And stuck in time

Sinking into the water

A unicorn turning into a gigantic cockroach

I keep these nightmares down in the basement, if I have one

And I hold them when I go to sleep

A Dream

By Emmanuel

A dream must smell like something peaceful

A dream must sound like a nice, soft voice

A dream probably feels soft, like a pillow

I wonder what a dream tastes like

I'm thinking it tastes like a nice, fresh burger

If a dream could talk, it would say to me,

Hello

Today, dream of something else

To Love And Be Loved Back

Ode to My Old Dog

By Maylea

Oh, old dog!

Champion of running

Titan of playing

Demigod of being a star king of energy

You are nice and rude in the same way

You are so much energy

Thank you for having a lifetime with me

Thank you for everything

I miss you

My Dog Is On Fire

By Zheira

My dog is on fire in hot sauce

Burning it down

Oooooo

He jumped in the hot tub full of snow and animal cookies

Once he jumped out, he was burning it down

Cuz it's HOT outside

But once he ran around, he was sweating it down

Oooooo

Then he ran in the house

To get some water from his water dish

And was cooled down

Family

By Zheira

Family is sweet and kind

All the words together rhyme

It all rhyme

It all...ohhhh!

Family is all you need

Ohhhh!

R.E.D. is for LOVE

F.A.M.I.L.Y. is for f a m i l y

It's a rhyme

Ode to My Bunny

By Jose P

Oh, bunny!

Champion of soiling my bed

Queen of jumping

Champion of eating all the carrots

I give thanks to you, my friend

Thank you for eating all the weeds

Me and My Cat

By Estrella

My kitty is like a tiger, brown with black stripes

My kitty is playful. She is pretty.

She is kind to me. She likes to sit with me.

My cat loves me so much and I love her back.

She eats a lot, but still I love her.

She is shy and when people are at my house,

She hides under the bed.

It's okay.

I love her and she loves me back.

A Recipe For Family

By Johana

2 cups of loving parents

1 handful of caring brothers

1 dash of dog kindness

4 handfuls of loving grandma and grandpa

We all like meat or cheese tamales

Only on hot days, we go on a walk

And pass by the ice cream shop

My favorite ice cream is cookies and cream

Dogs Eat Food and the Food Gets Eaten

By Yoselyn

Bananas remind

Me of ice cold lemonade

They're good for dinner

Red reminds me of

Fresh strawberries. They're so good

For the hot summer

I like dogs so much

But I don't like when they bark

It hurts my ears. Awww.

Who Am I?

By Marley

I like doing art

I love doing art!

I like blue and pink for me

I am a nice girl

I draw a lot and make emojis

I like to draw my cat and watch Wish Dragon

It is cool!

My hobby is to draw strawberries

And good for me!

Who Are You?

By Zumara

Hi, my name is Zumara

Who are you!

Do you need help?

Do you want to be friends?

You are fun.

How did you get here?

Where is your spaceship?

Do you need money to buy stuff?

I have to go to school

Goodbye and good luck!

My Name Is Adrian

By Adrian

My name is Adrian

I like pizza with a lot of cheese

I like to play games, like Fortnite and Rogue Company

I like practicing, watching, and playing basketball

I have a brother who plays football

I have a sister who plays with dolls

I have a lot of friends

I am nine years old

I want to play in the NBA when I grow up

Who I Am / Title

By Husraa

Happy

Unicorn lover

Safe

Rainbow

Apple eater

Awesome

This Is Me

By Ximena

eXciting as Universal Studios

Ice cream-eater

Mute as a cute

Eats McDonalds and Burger King

Not a cat, but a person

A big dog that I love

This is me

Dead Ashes

By Jacob

Dead ashes taste like death

Dead ashes sound like my dad laughing

Dead ashes feel like sand

Dead ashes smell like his cologne

Dead ashes look like black sand

My dead ashes are from my dad

As Colorful As The Universe

Daisies

by Jocelyn

Daisies are the best flower because they're cute

Daisies grow in the ground

Daisies smell very good

Daisies have the color yellow

Daisy petals on the floor

Daisies in my room

Daisies in my garden

Daisies for my mom

Weird Rainbow Things

By Paige

A rainbow is

As red as a fire in the field

As blue as a blueberry in the fridge

As yellow as a roaring lion

As orange as orange juice in a cup

As purple as a grape that got squished

As green as celery on a cutting board

A rainbow is as beautiful as a tie-dye shirt

The Air In My Hand

By Jose

The air in my hand feels like a ghost

The air sounds like the strong wind

The air tastes like a fluffy marshmallow

The air smells like pepperoni pizza from Little Caesar's

The air looks like trees rustling around

I see air like a new day

Touching A Ghost

By Ahamd

I can touch the table

I can touch a dog

I cannot touch a ghost

Because it is invisible

The ghost can touch you

But you cannot see it or touch it

When a ghost passes by,

It feels like the wind

Sun

By Sammy

The sun is a smokey, bright yellow circle.

It smells like burnt bacon.

It sounds bubbly and crackling.

It goes around and around like a clock.

It feels like hot lava from a volcano.

It tells me I could die if I get too close.

Rainbow Fun

By Yoselyn

A rainbow is

As red as cherries on a bush in the forest

As blue as a blueberry in the sky

As yellow as sweet lemonade at a lemonade stand

As orange as an orange tree in my garden

As purple as a purple marker drawing purple grapes

As green and minty as a tree in the park

A rainbow is a unicorn of rainbow magic

Rainbow Simile

By Marley

A rainbow is

As red as a rose in the park

As blue as we see fruit, like a blueberry

As yellow as yellow bananas in the backyard

As orange as an orange chilling outside

As purple as grapes in my house

As green as mint outside in a tree

A rainbow is as Crayola as all the fruit

Poem of Blueberries

By Peter

It looks like a blue snack

It sounds squishy, like a soft ball

It smells like good fruit

It feels soft, like leaves

It tastes like sweet berry

What could it be?

Blueberries!!

Rainbow Forming

by Peter

A rainbow is

As red as strawberries in a case

As blue as blueberries in a cup

As yellow as lemons on the tree

As orange as an orange that can become orange juice

As purple as a grape in my mouth

As green as an apple that can turn into a smoothie

A rainbow is as colorful as the universe

Rainbow Simile

By Zumara

A rainbow is

As red as red roses in the park

As blue as blue roses in a vase

As yellow as the sun

As orange as an orange crayon

As purple as a grape in the kitchen

As green as the grass in the park

A rainbow is as rainbow as colorful markers

Rainbows Are Cool

By Savanna

A rainbow is

As red as a fox jumping to my house

As blue as the ocean or Mr. D's mask

As yellow as sunflowers and my mom

As orange as an orange and my bouncy chair

As purple as Mal's hair and clothes

As green as grapes at the store

A rainbow is as colorful as a unicorn's mane

Yellow Noodles and Hamburgers

By Ivanna

Lemon trees look like
Bananas, yellow noodles
Waiting to be eaten

Animals remind
Me of people, but in the
Woods for them

Beautiful woods for
Beautiful animals for
Beautiful rivers for
Beautiful woods

Rainbow Happiness

By Ivanna

A rainbow is

As red as roses in the park

As blue as blueberries in a muffin

As yellow as duck noodles

As orange as a fox doing a trick

As purple as fear

As green as grass by my cousin's swingset

A rainbow is as yummy as cake

Rainbow Simile

By Julian

A rainbow is

As red as an apple in my house

As blue as my blue jacket

As yellow as a banana in my lunch

As orange as a football being thrown far

As purple as grapes in a purple book

As green as grass and leaves at Heather's Farm

A rainbow is a lot of colors

Rainbow Simile

By Christophe

A rainbow is

As red as a rose in the garden

As blue as a whale in the water

As yellow as a sunflower in the park

As orange as a basketball in the park

As purple as flowers in the pot

As green as a leaf in the tree

A rainbow is like a poem on paper

Rainbow Window

By Jacoby

A rainbow is

As red as an apple tree in the fourth grade

As blue as blueberry pie in the window

As yellow as a highlighter wish

As orange as an orange shake in a belief container

As purple as plum juice in a blender

As green as a broccoli shake in the juicer

A rainbow is as cool as a Nintendo playing Fortnite

Rainbow

By Itzel

A rainbow is

As red as a tree in the redwood forest

As blue as a bouncy ball

As yellow as lemonade in the summer

As orange as an orange in a basket

As purple as a grape on the vine

As green as the grass

A rainbow is as cool as a rose

Haiku

By Jackie

Bees are yellow

They love honey and stinging

And they make honey

Dogs have hearts

Dogs are warm and give

Kisses and love

Ms. Exner is amazing

And has a cute dog

And is pretty

The End

Haiku

By Gio

Bees eat honey

They look like little suns

Flying around the park

Rabbits—they jump

They look like mice jumping

They are so cool

Night Sky

By Estrella

The star lights up the sky

Stars are dust in the night sky

I see the beautiful, glowing moon

The star leads me where to go

All the way back home

At night, I wave to the night sky

Try Them, You'll Be Surprised!

Green Beans and Spam

By Wyatt

after Dr. Seuss

Green beans and spam taste really good

You just gotta try them

to see how good they really are

You can try them in the kitchen

You can try them in the pool

You can try them in a car

You can try them in a bus

You can try them on a plane

You can try them on a train

You can try them in a treehouse

You can try them in a restaurant

And you can get all the ingredients at the store

You can add salt and pepper

You could even dip them in ketchup

If you try them, you'll be surprised

They are actually so good!

Recipe For A Golem

By Jaime

5 wheelbarrows of clay

3 gallons of black water

7 finger bones

Add purple water

Stomp on it for 3 billion years

Wait until lightning strikes on it

Put in grey food coloring

Add bear fur and bunny fur to it

Put a boulder on top of it

And add one drop of water

Advice for Meeting Peppa Pig

By Anna

If you jump in muddy puddles,

You must wear your boots

You have to buy her boots

And greet her, of course

You have to play dolls with her and Dora

And da baby cannot come!

5 Things We're Talking About

By Dylan

Love that laughter

Be in your moment

Believe in speaking out

Rethink silence

Be a rare genius

A Recipe For Call of Duty

By Jose P

5 handfuls of hot mics

10 buckets of fighters

1 handful of bot people

100 buckets of hackers

And 50 handfuls of little 7 year-olds with cracked loadouts

Grind a lot on Rebirth Island

Do a lot of matches

Then, if you win, it means you're ready

If you don't win, keep practicing

Technology of the Future

By Wyatt

Almost there

The same technology

Abandoned

There's only one

Fast relief in a

Free win

We did it our way!

Instantly clear

Everyday

How To Be A Fortnite Kid

By Jacob

- 1) Don't go outside
- 2) Don't touch the grass
- 3) Sing the Chug Song
- 4) Just play Fortnite
- 5) Rage
- 6) Wear a Fortnite mask
- 7) Watch people play Fortnite
- 8) Say 'dogwater'
- 9) Go touch grass!
- 10) Only talk about Fortnite with yourself and everybody else

Dragon

Quorra

A dragon is strong

But also small

You can see it in the day

But at night, it's a shadow

You can hear it

But you can't see it

From the shadows

It comes out

Haiku

By Adrian

Go to Disneyland!

Disneyland is fun and good

Disneyland has snacks

Dogs are so cool and

Cute. Dogs are fast. They can jump.

Dogs can swim and walk.

I like cats a little

But they don't listen. Cats can

see through the darkness

They are fast and cool.

If cats and dogs got together,

They will be friends

The Food Machine

By Itzel

The food machine is medium-sized and colored black

Press the red button

Tell the machine what you want to eat:

Pizza, ice cream, mac and cheese

You can get any food you need

The food machine has four legs and walks around the house

It's only for rich people

Planes & Cars

By Wesley

Planes are amazing

They are peacocks in flight

They fly above

Cars are cool

They have engines and speed

I love Lambos

Chocolatey Goodness

By Wesley

It looks black and brown

It sounds like someone eating

It smells sugary

It feels soft, like melting watermelon

It tastes like a caramel sweet

What could it be?

Chocolate!

5 Senses Poem

By Husraa

It looks happy

It sounds gooey

It smells yummy

It feels hard

It tastes fun

What could it be?

Pizza!

Things I Like

By Ximena

Dogs are cute

They have cute ears and

They are brave

Cats are cute

But I don't like them

Cats are okay

But I don't feel like getting one

Sunflowers

They look like lemonade.

They have yellow petals

They cool

Ramen

By Andrew

It looks like potato lines

It sounds like boiling potato lines

It smells sssooooo delish!

It feels like yarn in a soup

It tastes like potato

What could it be?

Top Ramin!

Five Senses

By Jackie

It looks like a blanket

It sounds like the rain

It smells like a cat

It feels furry

It tastes like cake

What could it be?

Dogs!!

Imaginary Stuff

By Savanna

Mermaids have a
Beautiful tail. They can talk
To dolphins

Unicorns are magical.
They can fly. I will ask it
To give me a ride

Getting Through

Directions to My House

By Paige

after Juan Felipe Herrera

1. The flowers are purple
2. A purple, silver, and aqua-spotted butterfly is flying south for the winter
3. A flamingo is walking home with a worm in its mouth
4. A dirty shoe in the mud
5. Turn my ice cream cone doorknob of my upside-down door
6. I see my pet parakeet eating my dog's dogfood

Jose G's Journey

By Jose G

after Juan Felipe Herrera

If I could help my parents do my chores,

If I could move from my apartment and get a new dog,

If I could run six miles with Scooby and fill his food and water

If I could go to a new school and make a new friend,

If I could play the flute, the hardest thing I've ever done,

If I could go to Reno and see the snow,

Then you should never give up

Growing

By Yaretzi

Growing is hard

It hurts

But we are strong

Strangers will say

You are colorful

But we think

We are creators

Maylea Life

By Maylea

I was born on June 6th, 2010

I have one dog, but I used to have another old dog

She's a girl and likes when I pet her

She likes sleeping and going to the park

My favorite color is teal

My favorite food is soup

I like to go to summer school and I like my teacher

My classroom has a TV and a clock

I have a stepbrother and a sister

This is what's going on in my life

What Was Hard To Get Through

By Leah

What was hard to get through

Was my Nana dying

My cousin moving to Texas

My cat running away

Math, which was hard for me

A lot of stuff I don't remember

Now, I feel better

I feel happy now that I got through it

Shadow Poem

By Johana

Whenever I walk, I see a shadow

But I can't touch the shadow

Whatever I do, the shadow goes wherever I am

There it is

If I am somewhere shady, the shadow is gone

I can hear the ice cream truck

I run and my shadow runs too

I pay for my ice cream and eat it

It tastes cold and smells good

I think my shadow is eating ice cream too

Maybe strawberry

Things I've Learned

By Aidan

I learned to swim at age six at a summer pool

I learned to ride a bike, the first person on my mom's side to learn how

I learned to walk at the age of two or three

I learned how to add and subtract

I learned how to speak English

I'm still learning how to speak Spanish

I learned to adjust to a new home life when I moved

I learned how to do school on Zoom

I learned to make the best of a difficult situation

My Life

by Yaretzi

My life is crazy

It is nice to have family

But it's hard to have a mean sister

And it's hard being the middle child

Cuz I have to do everything

My biggest responsibility

Is when I had to take care of my little sister

It was hard cuz I was still young

It's okay cuz she will watch TV

She always watches Sam and Cat

Death

By Malachi

Death—it takes you without sorrow

It leaves you wondering what will happen

Without you

What would you miss?

It leaves you in the coldness of the night

This might be sudden

You might not think it would happen

But don't cry and keep doing your thing

'Cause I will miss you

No matter where I am, dead or living,

I love you

Directions To My House

By Camille

after Juan Felipe Herrera

1. The red car is driving to work
2. Lemon trees and houses go by as we drive
3. Owners are walking their dogs
4. Stray cats are on the fences, watching all the birds
5. My dog comes running to me and gives me licks.
6. So cute! Eeeee! Puppy fluffy!

Threads of Hope

By Quorra

Honoring those we've lost to COVID

Our love got us through

You may be alone right now, but you are not alone

Never stop in the pursuit of protecting the tenant first

Build lasting relationships based on trust

Support for a more secure, fulfilling life

Threads of hope

Stars get to work

Nothing is everything

Smile!

How To Get To My Home

By Andrew

- 1) Drive straight
- 2) Stop when you see Don's Market, turn
- 3) Move over that way, to the left
- 4) When you pass the boat, you're getting close
- 5) When you see the house with a black roof, blue porch, two cats and white everywhere,

You've arrived

Living

By Sammy

after Juan Felipe Herrera

If I could pass quizzes in first grade,

If I could learn to walk on my feet at the age of one,

If I could make friends in the second grade,

If I could use a lot of soap to clean the dirty dishes,

If I could learn division in math,

If I could take out the garbage on my own for the first time,

If I could bellyboard on the biggest wave in the whole world,

If I could play video games to get through the pandemic,

If I could learn to write poems about pizza,

You can learn to do anything you want to do.

How To Write A Poem

A Classroom Collaboration

Feel free to write what you feel

Make sure to add periods

It's okay to be nervous

Write on the clouds

Read your poem at the entrance to Disneyland

Show it to your best friend

Put fun into your poem

Add happy ideas from your heart

Let your personality walk through your poem's doors



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