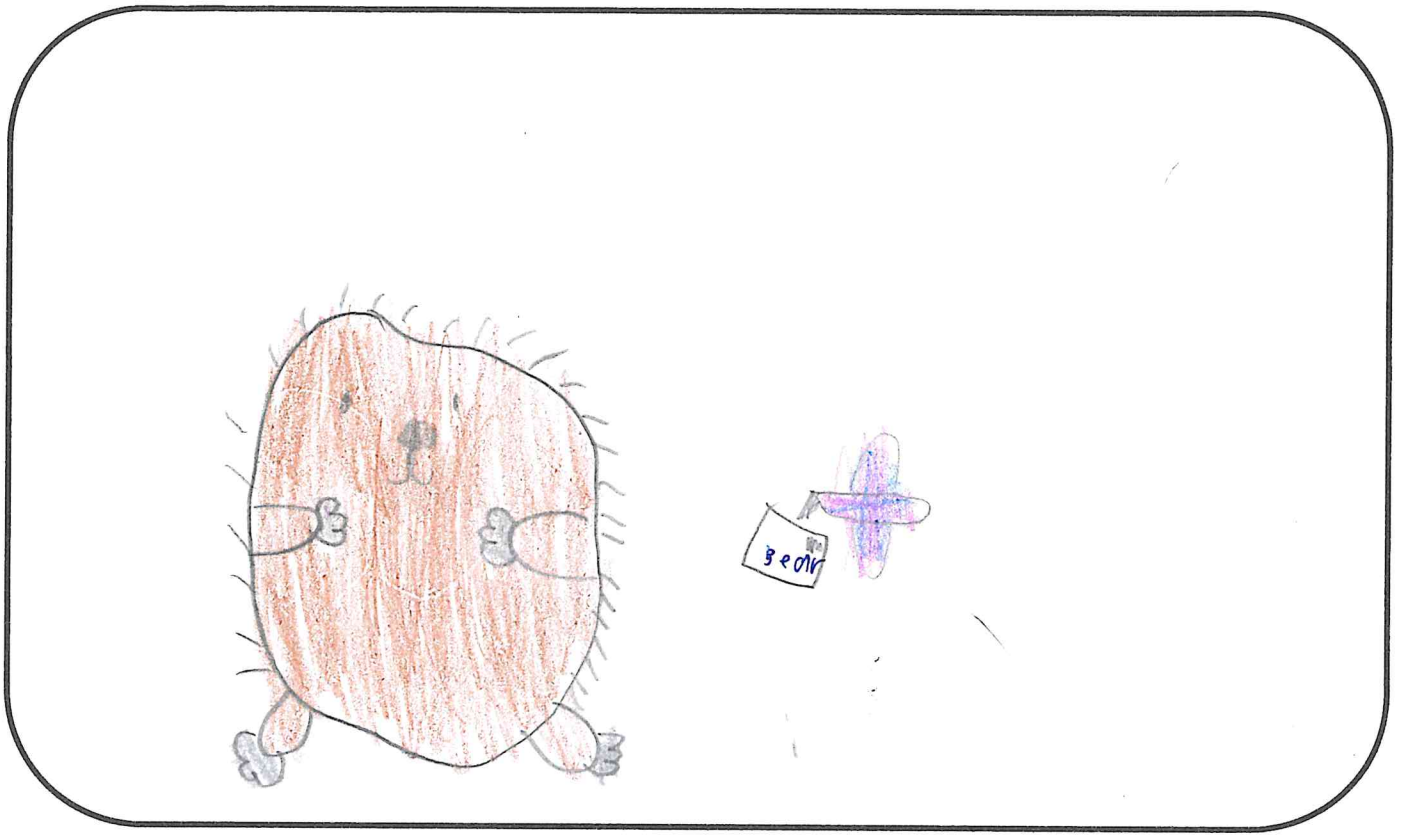


Hedgehog and
Bear's Valentine

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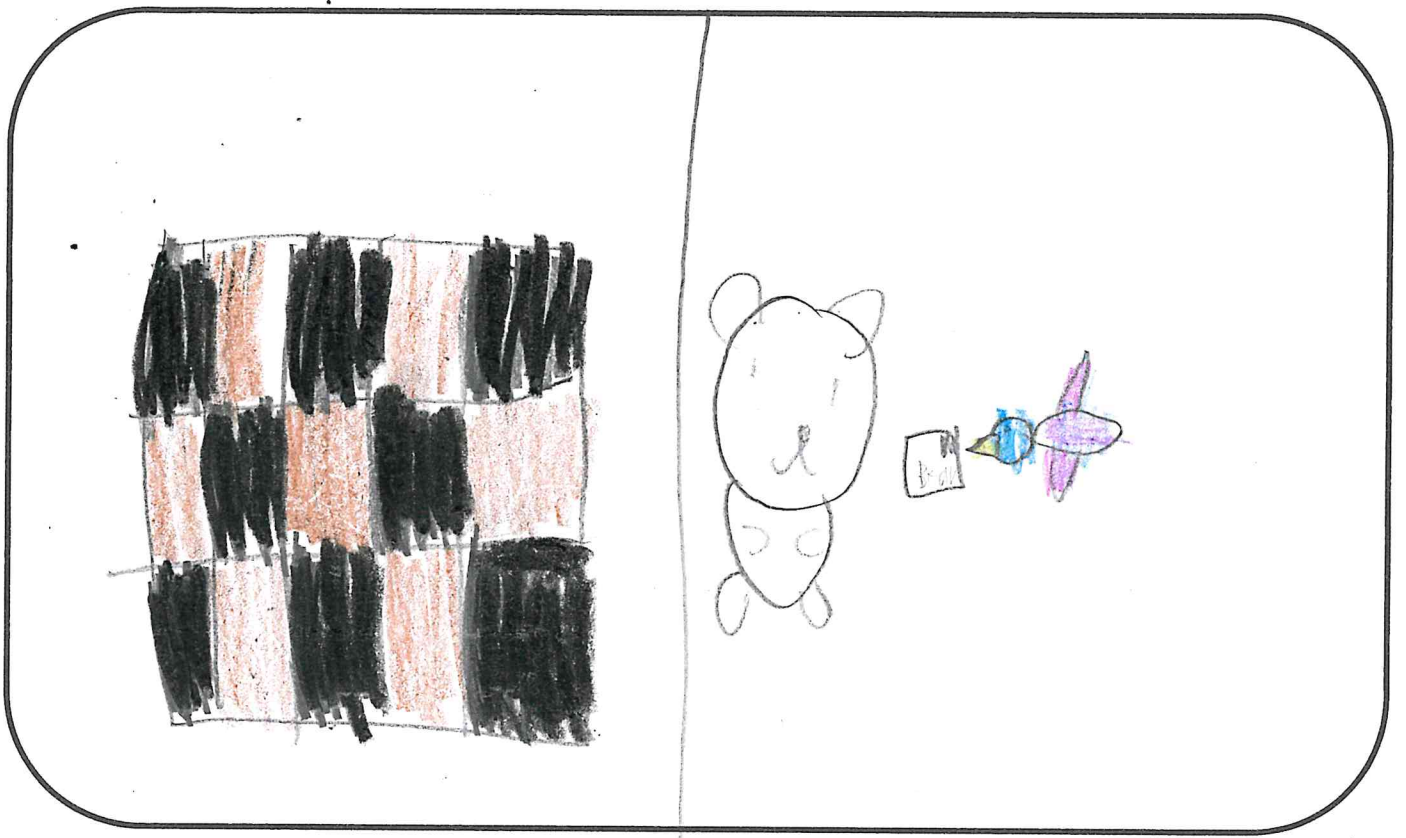


It was ^a sunny day ⁱⁿ the red-wood forest late in the afternoon.

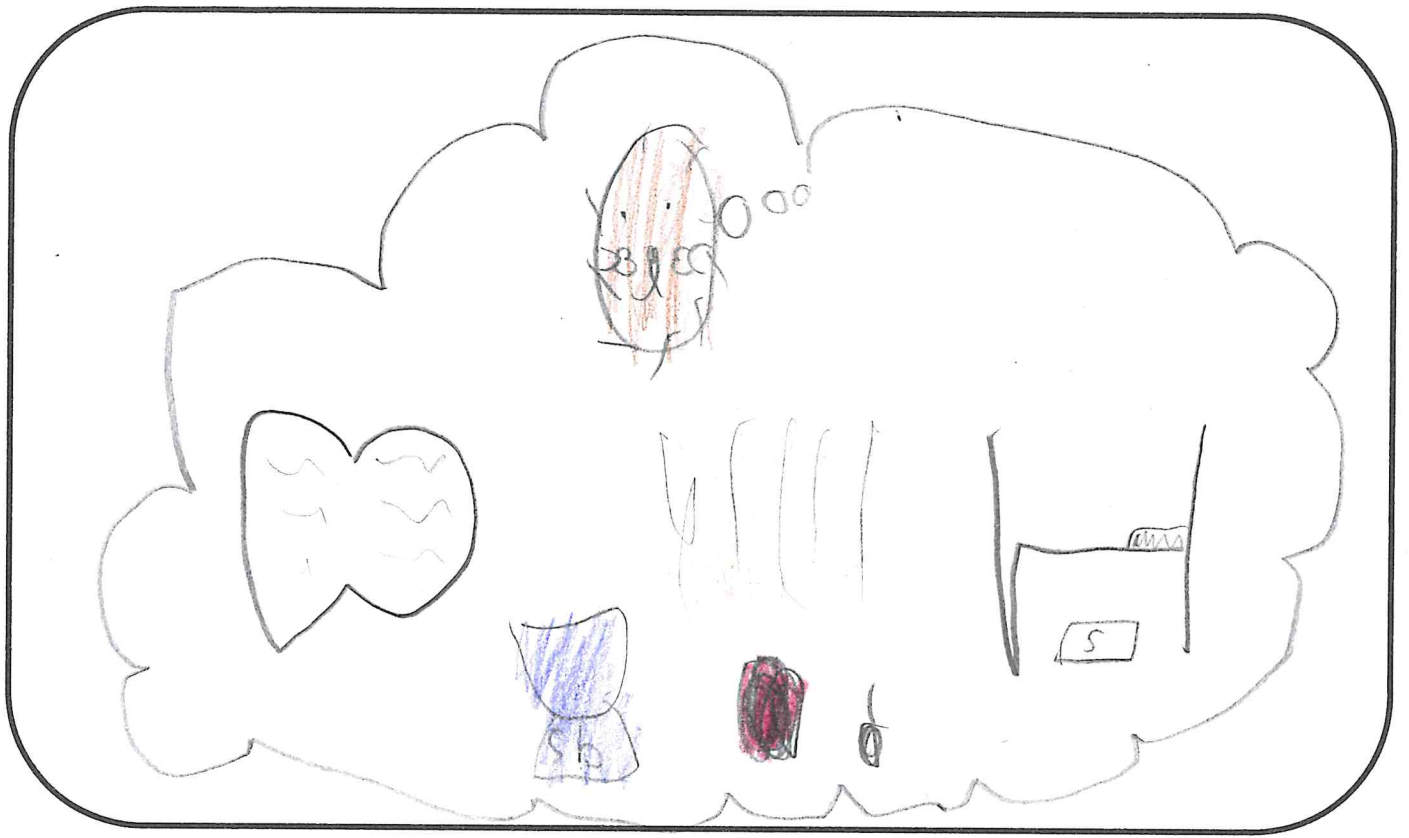
Hedgehog sent Bird to Bear's house to give ^{him} a valentine.

Hedgehog told Bird to take it to Bear.

Bear was making a



valentine for Hedgehog when
Bird arrived. "Thanks," said
Bear. He opened the valentine
right away. It said "I love you!" He
hang it on his fridge. Bird and
Bear played chess the rest
of the afternoon.



That evening Hedgehog was making dinner. He was wondering if Bear would send him a valentine back. He ate his spaghetti. He read a book and went to bed.

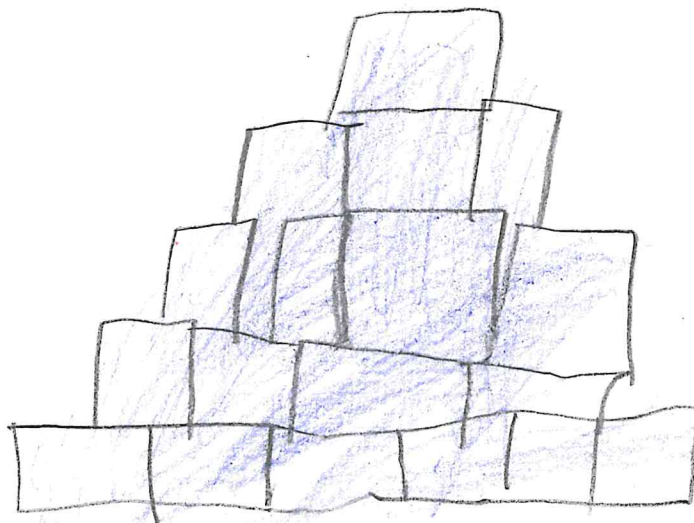
The next morning was



Valentine's Day. Hedgehog
felt excited to get a
valentine from Bear. He ate
eggs and bacon for breakfast.

By lunch time Hedgehog
had no valentine from Bear.

He was wretched. He made



snow fort

a snow fort. Would Bear

ever send him a valentine?

Hedgehog saw something

in the sky. What was that? It

was coming towards him. Was

that Bird? It was!

What was he holding?



Hedgehog opened the door.

Bird gave Hedgehog an envelope.

Hedgehog opened it. It was

from Bear. It said, "Happy Valentine's Day!" And now it was!