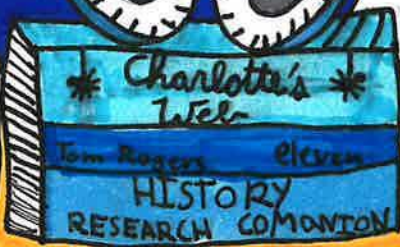


By Naya

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Mia

BEAUTIFUL

LOVE

COOL

The word "Mia" is written in a large, flowing, pink cursive script. Below it, the words "BEAUTIFUL", "LOVE", and "COOL" are written in a pink, hand-drawn, blocky font. The page is decorated with several small pink hearts and smiley faces (two vertical lines above a curved line) scattered around the text.

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Dear Mia,  
Happy Birthday Princess!  
I Love You!

-Daddy



I LUV U - MIA



Name: Mia

A: Answer the Following Questions:



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1.  $20(7+5)^3 + 45 \div 9$

(A) 527  
(B) 294

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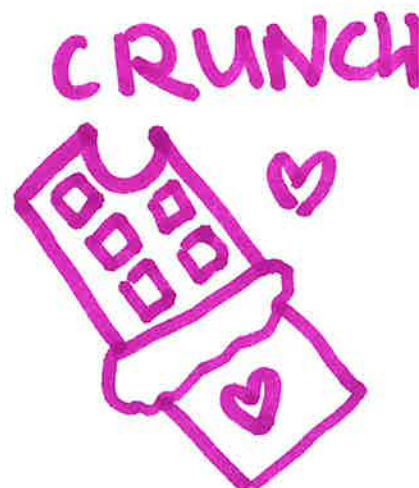
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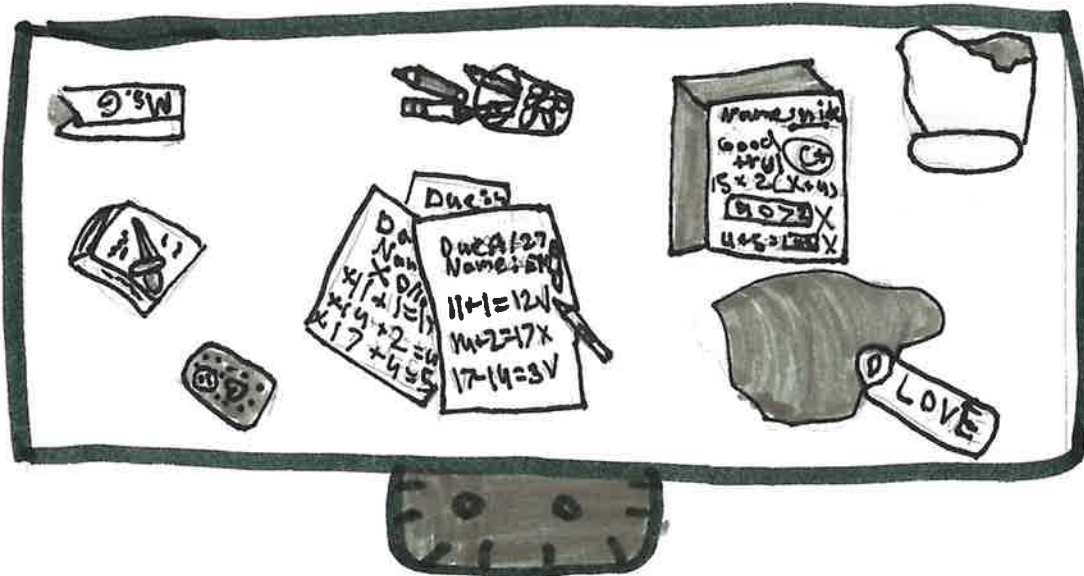


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I Luv  
U!





♡ Like  
Litteraly! ♡

♡  
I  
hate  
School

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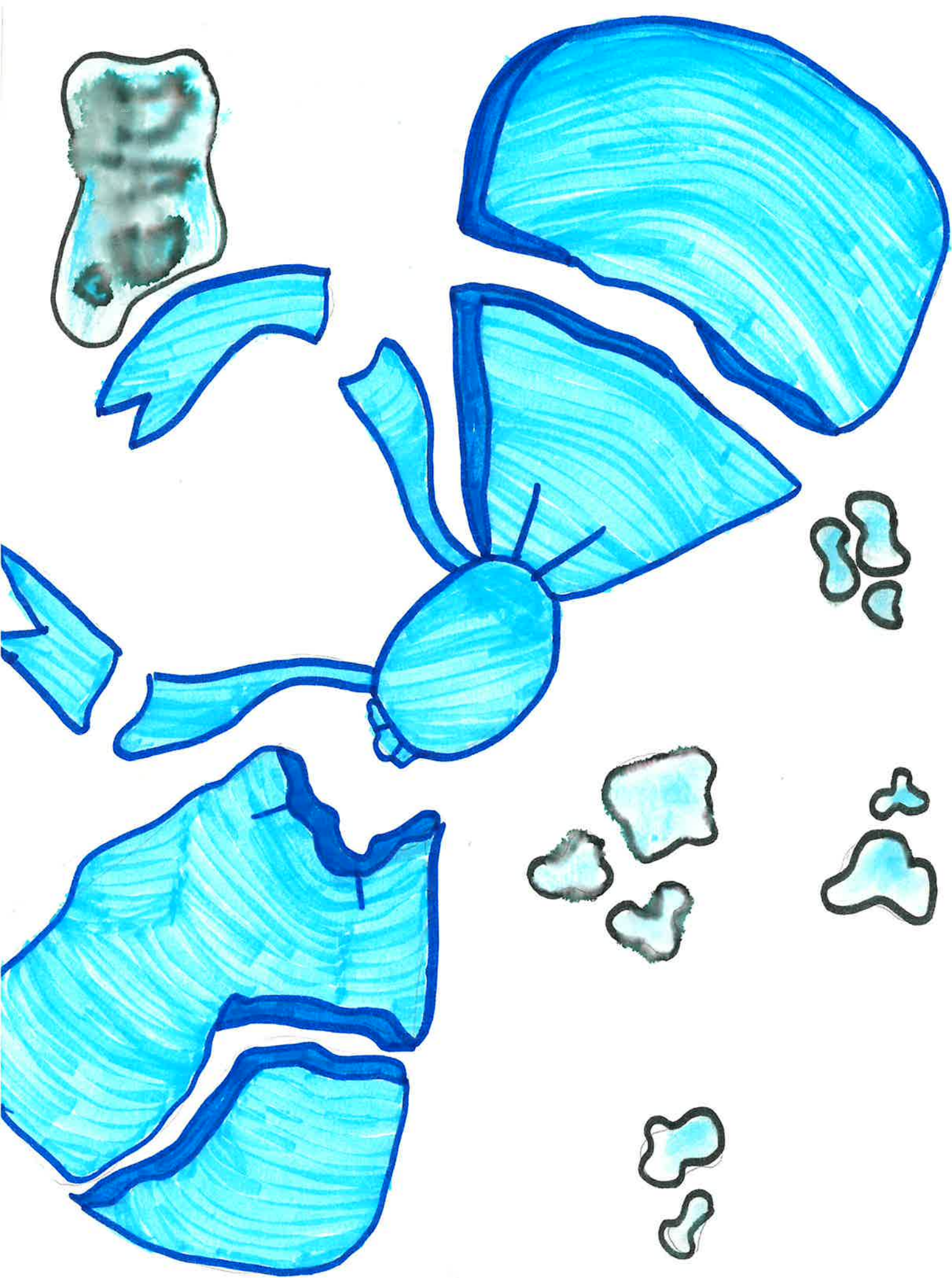
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BRD!





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♥ Miracle!



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