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"THE WONDER LAND"
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THE WINNERS!

KINDERGARTEN

- 1st Place:** “Astro Wonders” by Uriah
North Star Online School
- 2nd Place:** “I Wonder About Nature” by Eleanor
Poulakidas Elementary School
- 3rd Place:** “The Tasty Clouds” by Allistair
Bohach Elementary School

FIRST GRADE

- 1st Place:** “Maddy Has a Solution” by Sophie
Coral Academy of Science
- 2nd Place:** “I Wonder...” by Maya
Honors Academy of Literature
- 3rd Place:** “The Pickle Jar” by Emerie
Yerington Elementary School

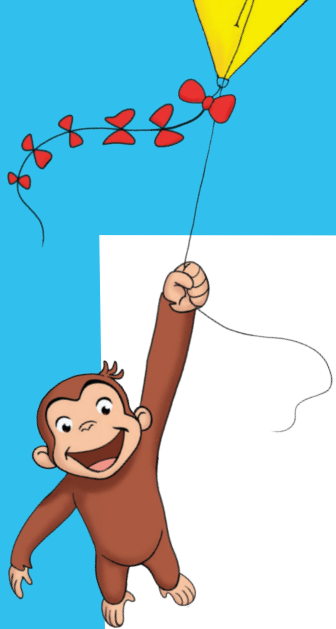
SECOND GRADE

- 1st Place:** “A Rainbow Rock” by Ivan
Coral Academy of Science
- 2nd Place:** “How Chameleon Got His Color Changing Skin” by Reagan
Hall Elementary School
- 3rd Place:** “An Adoption Story” by Ava
Individual

THIRD GRADE

- 1st Place:** “The Adventure in Space” by Kelsey
Coral Academy of Science
- 2nd Place:** “The Wonder Land” by Claire
Westergard Elementary School
- 3rd Place:** “Finn Goes to Taylor” by Winston
Taylor Elementary School





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PBS member station, PBS Reno, serving northern Nevada and northeastern California, is proud to take part in the PBS Reno Curiosity Classroom Writers Contest.

Few things can capture a child's imagination like a good book. PBS Reno Curiosity Classroom Writers Contest invites children, kindergarten through third grade, in communities across our area to use their boundless imaginations to create original stories and illustrations and then submit them to their local PBS station. This year, thousands of children from across northern Nevada and northeastern California participated in the PBS Reno Writers Contest, building their creative voices, and developing critical reading and writing skills.

Visit our website at pbsreno.org/writerscontest to find out more about the contest, read the winning stories and watch the winners announce their stories.



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THIRD GRADE: 2nd Place

“The Wonder Land”

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Westergard Elementary School



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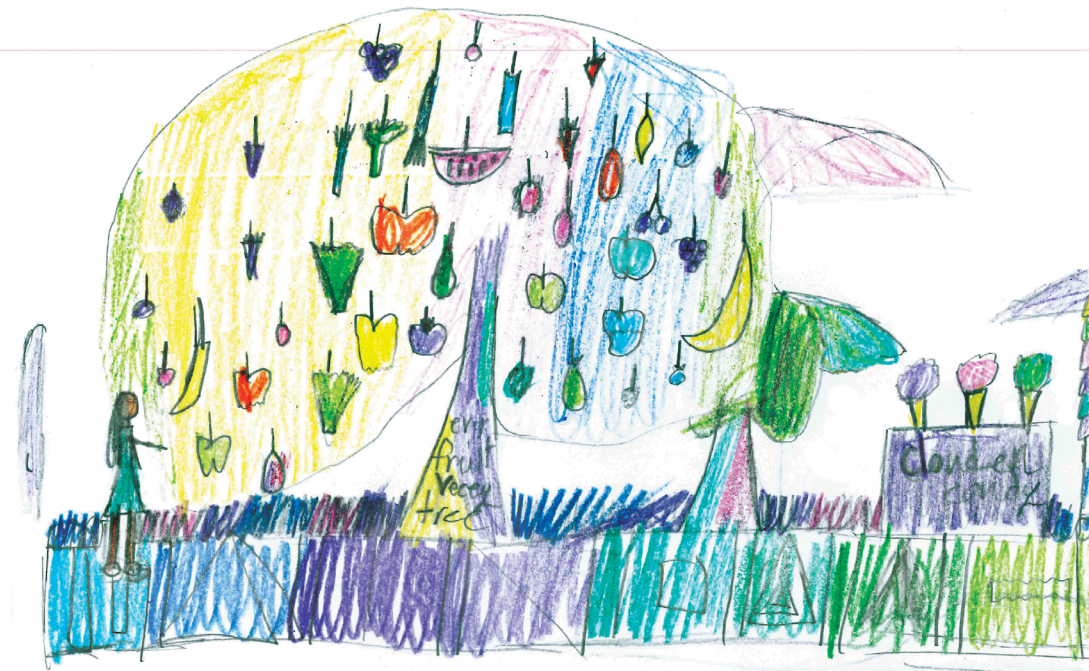


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was another door behind the first. She opened it and the most wonderful thing she had ever seen in her life. She had found herself in a wonder land. There was every shade of every color imaginable. She took a step in and the door vanished. For a moment she was frightened, then



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She saw rows of books.
She saw tables and chairs.
She saw a book with her name.
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