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**"A RAINBOW ROCK"**  
by Ivan





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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

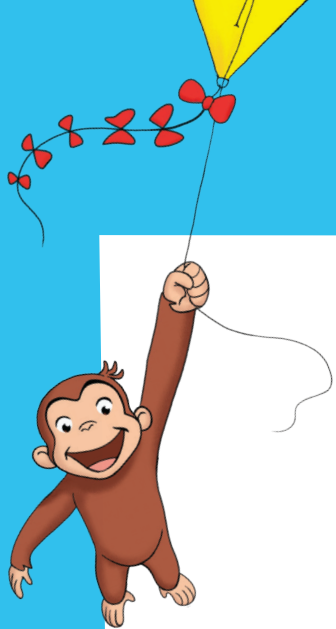
### SECOND GRADE

- 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](https://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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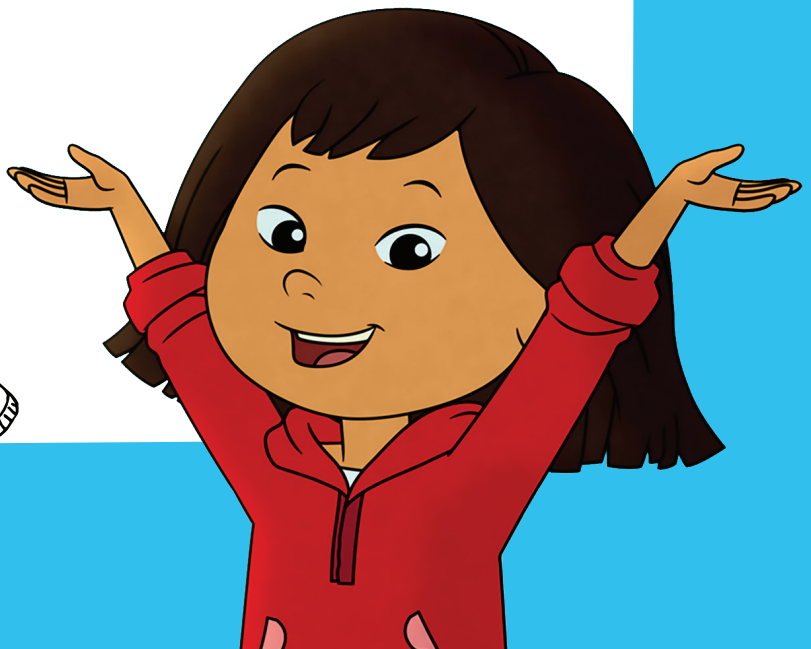


**SECOND GRADE: 1st Place**

**“A Rainbow Rock”**

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Coral Academy of Science

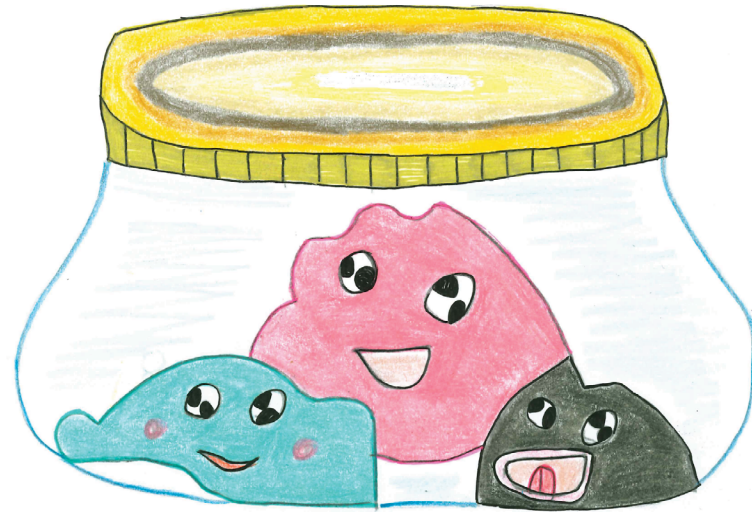






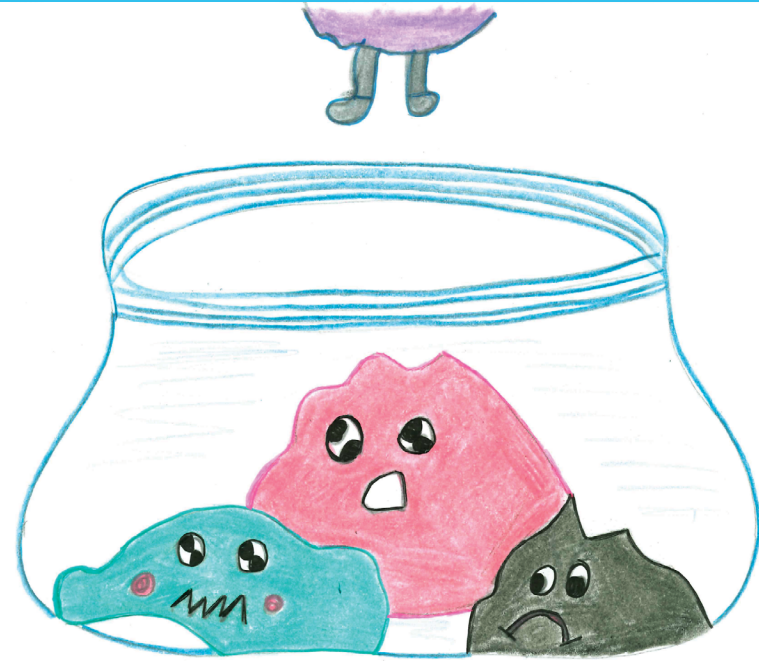
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They were carefully collected  
by a boy who loved them all.  
Quartz was pink, Obsidian  
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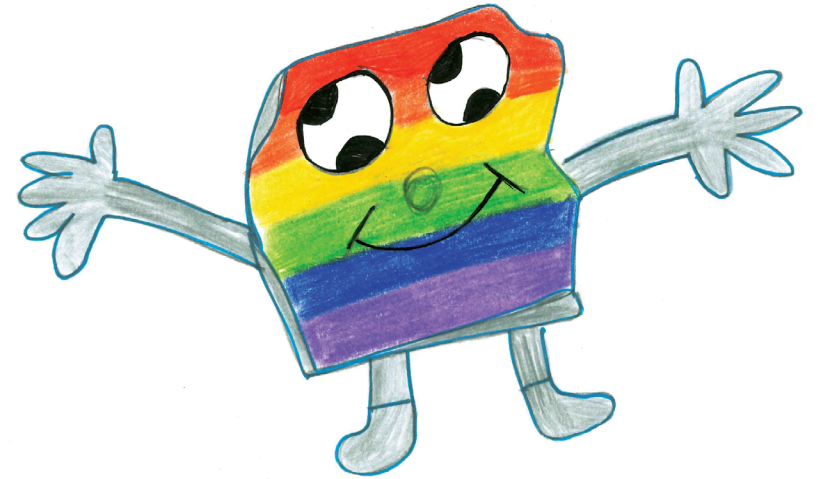
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A big rough rock fell on them.  
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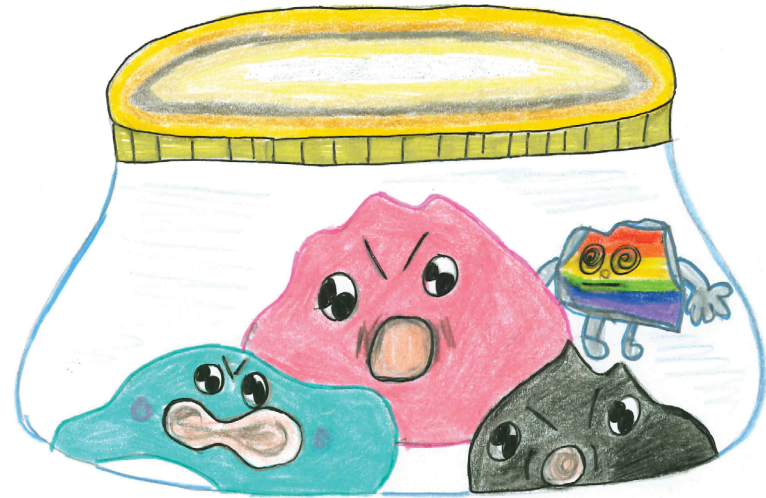
And Turquoise just  
turquoisily turquosed.  
The new rock was not pink,  
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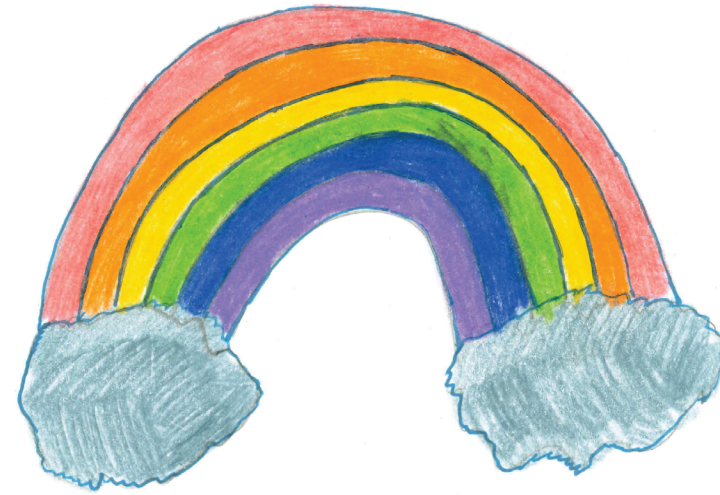
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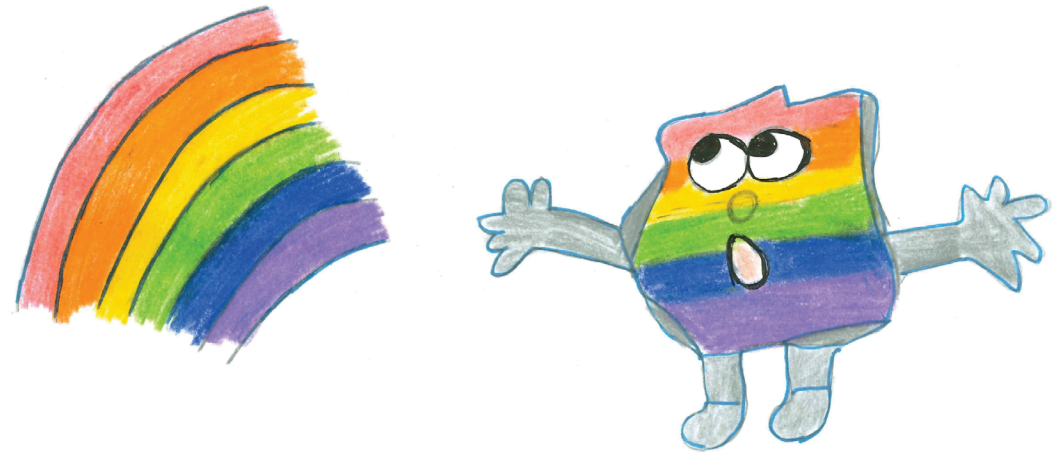
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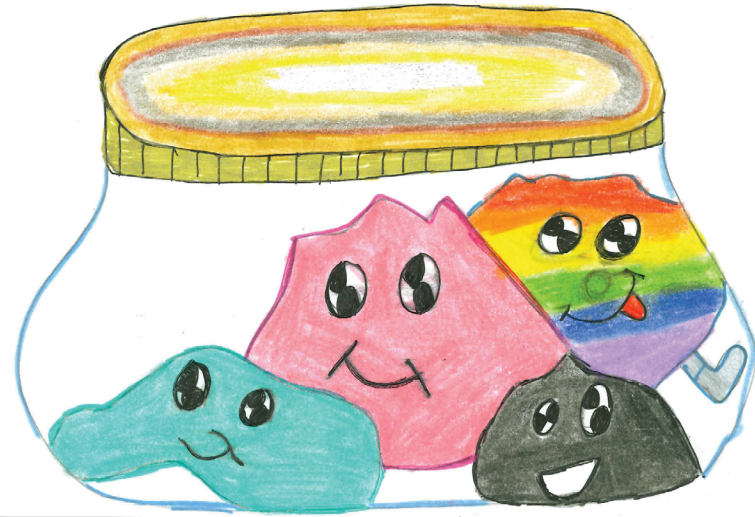
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