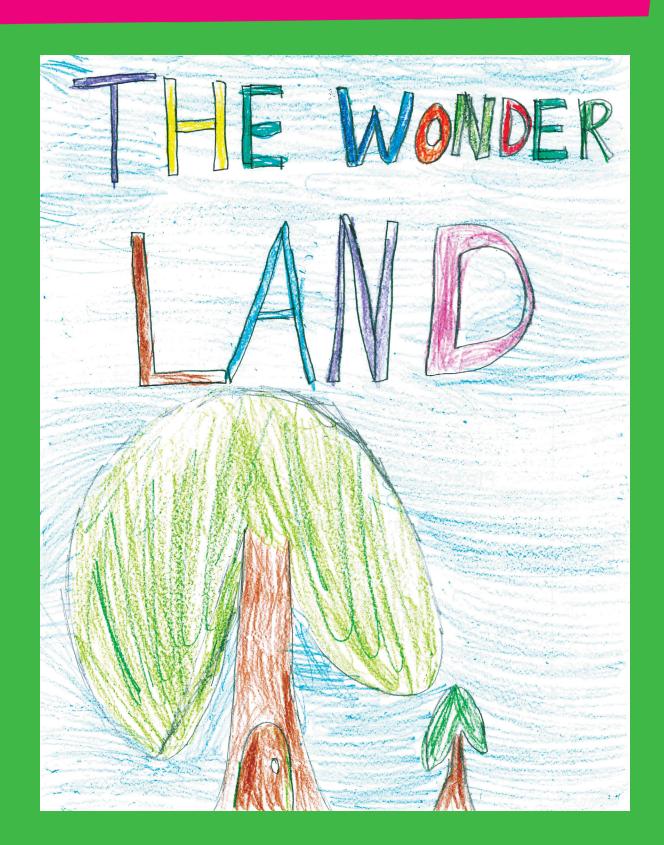


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THIRD GRADE: 2nd Place "The Wonder Land" by Claire

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Once there was a girl named Ella. She was walking home from school when she saw something wonderous on the side of the road. She had seen a door where she had never seen a door before. She was sure of it because she took the same route to school every day. She reached for the handle and opened it. There was another door behind the first. She opened it and the most wonderous 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 as suddenly as the door had gone, her fears did the same. She started into the wonder land, as if she had lived there her whole life. She saw twisty roads and ice cream as tall as one could dream of. She started to skip and then she started to run. She had seen so many types of animals, it was as if there were as many in there as in the sky. She wound her way through the animals. She suddenly saw a tree, not a normal tree, but a magnificent tree. It seemed to sway without a breeze. She saw a door at the base of the tree. She reached out for the handle and opened it. She was in some sort of library. She saw rows of books. She saw tables and chairs. She saw a book with her name. Ella looked up and saw even more books. She took the book. Then, she saw a woman sitting in the corner of the library. She said, "I will grant you one wish." Ella suddenly thought of home. She said, "I want to go home." She saw a swirl of color and was out of the wonder land.

