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**“Lost Ball”**  
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## THE WINNERS!

### KINDERGARTEN

- 1st Place: "A Broken Toilet" by Caisey**  
Coral Academy of Science Elementary
- 2nd Place: "Perrito" by Daenerys**  
Coral Academy of Science Elementary
- 3rd Place: "My Mom" by Tinsley**  
Nancy Gomes Elementary School

### FIRST GRADE

- 1st Place: "A Special Power" by Sadie**  
Individual Entry
- 2nd Place: "Rocky the Special Rock Star!" by Ferguson**  
Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada
- 3rd Place: "Lost Ball" by Enzo**  
JWood Raw Elementary School

### SECOND GRADE

- 1st Place: "Mom's Bhindi Masala" by Srialia**  
Coral Academy of Science Elementary
- 2nd Place: "Martin Saved the World" by Emmett**  
Brown Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "The Amazing Baker Lilly" by Lilly**  
Caughlin Ranch Elementary School

### THIRD GRADE

- 1st Place: "Todd the Turtle" by Sophia**  
Westergard Elementary School
- 2nd Place: "The Story of Special" by Zoey**  
Westergard Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "Special Difference" by Charlie**  
Hunsberger Elementary School





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PBS member station, PBS Reno, serving northern Nevada and northeastern California, is proud to host the PBS Reno Writers Contest.

Few things capture a child's imagination like a good book. PBS Reno 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 PBS Reno, 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 [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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**FIRST GRADE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

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JWood Raw  
Elementary School



# Lost Ball



written by ENZO  
illustrated by ENZO  
based on a real <sup>STORY</sup>

There was a ball who  
had a great owner!!



There was a ball who  
had a great owner!!

enzo 1



**But then when Masin took  
the ball to school things were  
about to be sad!**

but then when Masin  
took the ball to  
school things were about  
to be sad!

enzo 2

When Masin went to recess,  
he shot some baskets.



When Masin went to recess  
he shot some baskets.

enzo 3

But when Masin went inside,  
he forgot his ball.



Then, the ball got locked outside.



then the ball got locked  
out side.

enzo 5

The ball checked out the place.



Enzo 6

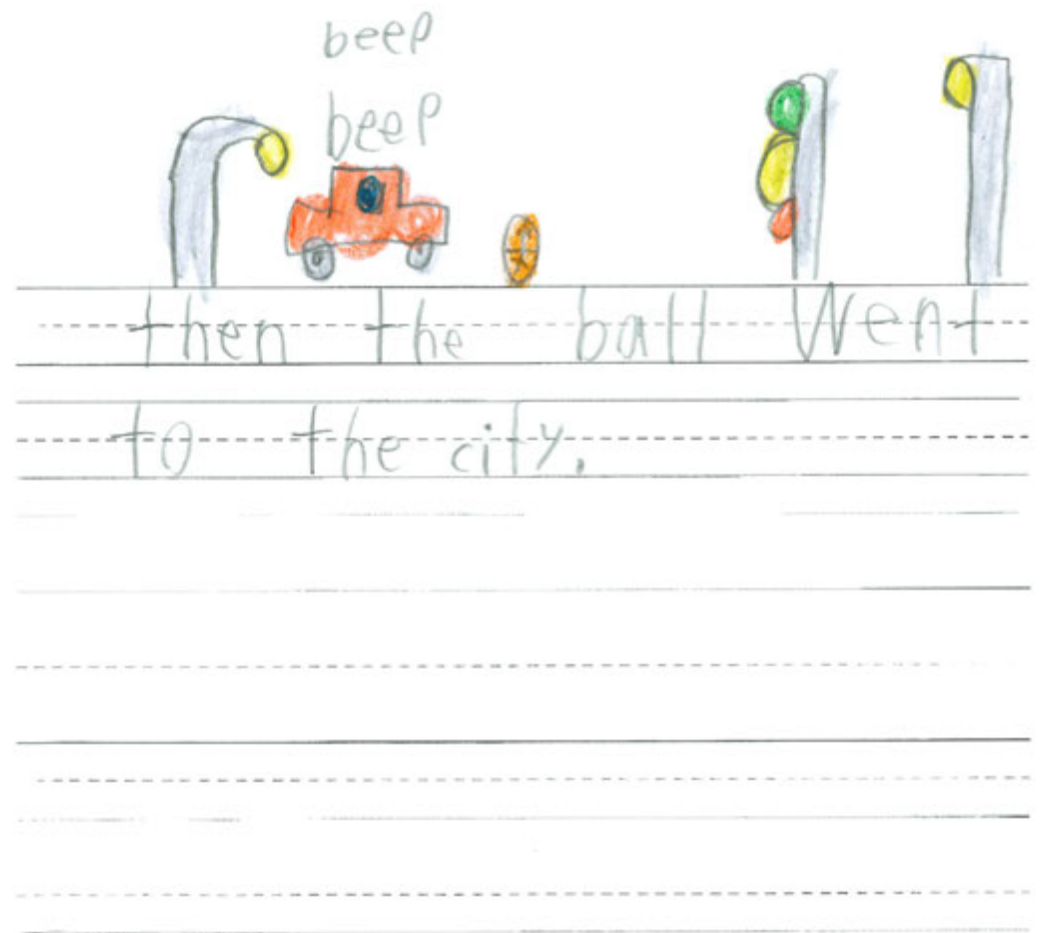
Then the ball saw an open gate,  
so he went out.



then the ball saw an  
open gate so he went out.

enzo 7

Then the ball went to the city.



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And then he thought  
about his old owner.



apa then he thought  
about his old owner

e120 4

So then he came up with a plan.



So then he came up  
with a plan.

ENZO 10

So he tried to remember  
his house,



so he tried to remember  
his house.

eAZO 11

but that didn't work  
so he came up with a new plan.



but that didn't work  
so he came up with a new  
plan.

ENZO 12

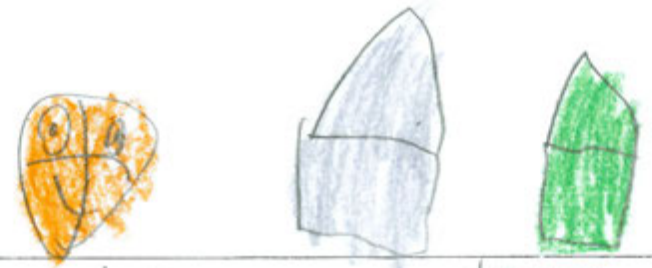
His plan was to go to every house  
and see if he could find  
his owner.



his plan was to go  
to every house and see if  
he can find his owner.

e n z o 13

First, he checked 1000 houses.



first he checked 1000 houses.

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And finally, when he checked  
the last house he found  
his owner!!!



Old finally when he checked  
the last house he found his  
owner!!!

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