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**“Martin Saved the World”
by Emmett**



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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 to find out more about the contest, read the winning stories and watch the winners announce their stories.



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SECOND GRADE: 2nd Place

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Brown Elementary School



Martin saved
the
world



Once upon a time there was
an alien named Martin.
He looks like an octopus
but with 5 tentacles.



Once upon a time there
was an Alien named Martin.
He looks like an OCTOPUS
but with 5 tentacles.

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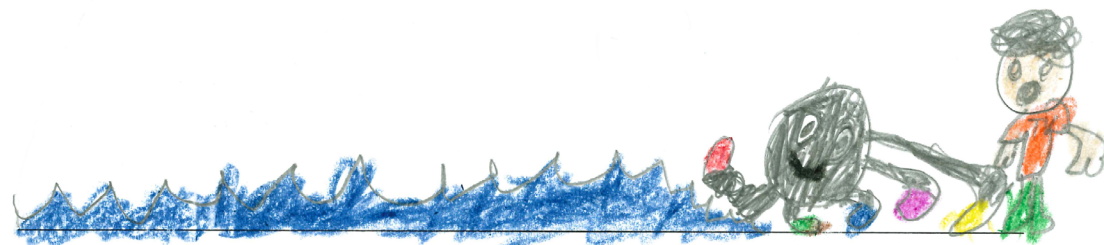
**Then there were evil aliens.
They used their ray-guns to
attack Martin's planet.**



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they used their ray-guns to
attack Martin's planet.

2

**Martin's parents sent him
to Earth. Martin was washed up
on the shore and was found
by a family.**



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to Earth. Martin was washed
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by a family.

3

They thought he was just an injured octopus missing 3 of his tentacles. They didn't know he was special.



They thought he was just
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of his tentacles. They didn't
know he was special.

4

Martin's tentacles had special abilities. Martin's abilities were Fire Power, Plant Power (can make a fortress), Water Power, Healing Power, and Electricity Power.



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**One day Martin's family
was relaxing. Then the evil aliens
attacked Earth.**



One day Martin's family
was relaxing. Then the
evil aliens attacked Earth.

6

Martin thought he was too young to save his old planet, but now he was ready to fight back.



Martin thought he was too
young to save his old planet
but now he was ready to
fight back.

7

He used his Fire Power to burn the alien's spaceship so they couldn't get more supplies.



He used his Fire Power to
burn the alien's spaceship
so they couldn't get more
supplies.

8

**He used his Plant Power
to make a wooden fortress
to protect his family.**



He used his Plant Power to make
a wooden fortress to protect his
family.

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He used his Electricity Power to shock the evil aliens so his family could get the ray-guns.



He used his Electricity Power
to shock the evil aliens so
his family could get the ray-guns.

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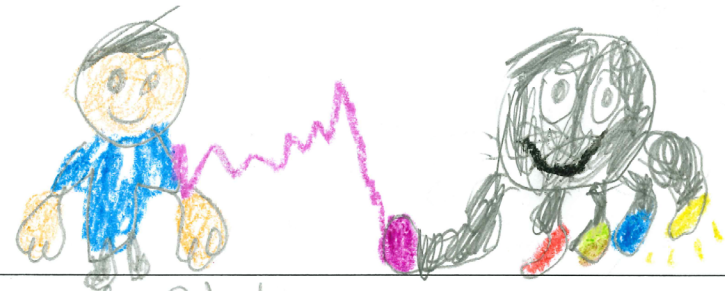
He made a big wave
with his Water Power
to trap the aliens.



He made a big wave with his
water power to trap the aliens.

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The fight was over.
Martin has won. He used his
Healing Power to give to
the humans after the fight
was over.



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12

**Martin saved Earth and
his new family and humans
realized he was special.
And he lived happily ever after.**



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realized he was special. And he
lived happily ever after.

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