



Wings of Excellence

Eagle Ridge Elementary School
"Soaring for Excellence"

October 2010

220 North ABC Street
Milledgeville, Georgia

Fred the Frog By The Rainbow Room



Illustration by: Siera Ryder



Once there was a cute green frog named Fred. He was lonely and thirsty. Fred had no friends to

play with. At night Fred would sing, "RIBBET RIBBET RIBBET" to try and find other frogs. He was having no luck. It had not rained for 3 weeks and Fred had no water to drink or to swim in. One day there were HUGE dark clouds in the sky. The sky turned black. Big thunder went "BOOM". Lightning began to strike. Big buckets of water poured from the clouds. All of a sudden Fred heard lots of "RIBBETS" and frogs came out of the mud. They were everywhere! Fred and the other frogs became good friends and they had lots of fun playing in the water and the mud.

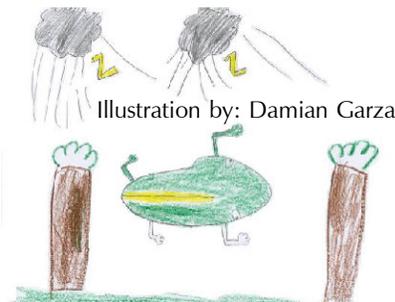


Illustration by: Damian Garza

A Word from Our Principal

Dear Eagle Ridge Parent/s,

Welcome to the 2010-11 school year. We are off to a great start at Eagle Ridge Elementary. We are very excited about the many wonderful academic adventures your child will take this school year as we travel through time and space to many faraway lands. Our journeys are limited only by our imagination. Our motto is "Soaring for excellence; Excellence begins with you and me". All students will have the opportunity to become "Excellent Eagles" this year and participate in the SOM recognition activities. Our focus continues to be academic excellence.

We encourage all parents to become active members of our Eagle Ridge family by joining PTO, volunteering to serve at school and on PTO activity committees, reading a book to a class, sharing career information, chaperoning field trips or just visiting your child's classroom. We value you as parents and welcome all support.

Parents are also encouraged to monitor your children's academic growth during the year. Students in grades 3-5 must meet or exceed the minimum standards on the CRCT in reading to be promoted to the next grade level; fifth graders must also pass math. Students in grades 2 & 4 must meet the local benchmark criteria for promotion mastery. Students need to come to school daily; reducing the number of absences always has a positive effect on academic achievement. **We made AYP again last year and with your support, we will definitely make AYP this year. We are not and will not be in Needs Improvement again.**

Thanks for your continued support as we continue to "soar for excellence" at Eagle Ridge Elementary. Always remember and that excellence begins with you (parents, students, community) and me (the ERE faculty and staff). We look forward to a great year of serving you and your children!

Sincerely,
Jeanette Scott

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Break	October 18-22, 2010
Parade of Costumes	October 28, 2010
Book Fair	November 8-12, 2010
Thanksgiving Break	November 22-26, 2010
Secret Santa Shop	December 8-15, 2010
Early Release Days	December 16-17, 2010

Contributing authors and illustrators for this edition of *Wings of Excellence* are students from the classes of Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Duys, Ms. Barbee, Mrs. Burns (The Rainbow Room), Mrs. Hollinshead, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Etheridge, and Mrs. Meeks.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Duys's Class created a book entitled,
I Like "Color"

I like black hairbows.
I like a gray heart.
I like purple chairs.
I like red fish.
I like dark pink hearts.
I like pink hearts.
I like green bikes.
I like red strawberries.
I like a yellow sun.
I like pink flowers.
I like green leaves.
I like blue presents.
I like orange oranges.
I like purple books.
I like blue shirts.
I like orange cups.
I like pink balls.
I like pink butterflies.
I like blue skies.
I like blue crayons.
I like blue cars.

Ty'Qwain Hooks
Shanice Mullins
Tykeria Lewis
Cam'Ron Grable
Trinity Lewis
Chelsea King
Ahmoud Simmons
Samantha Burke
Le'Tharius West
Shaniyah Spencer
Xavior Waller
Makhi Coney
Alexis placeSheffield
Amari Anderson
Breasha Bateman
Lanyjah Davis
Makayla Cunningham
Aleshia Wright
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Mrs. Crane's and Mrs. Eubanks's Class

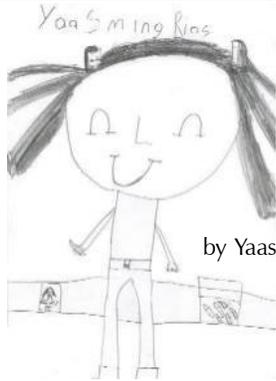
I love kindergarten because.....

We get to play in centers
We have centers
I like to color
I love drawing
I learned to count to 22
Counting is fun
I like going outside to play
I love doing school work
You learn to be good
I love Magician Fridays
I like Magician Fridays
I like math
I love to play
I like counting
I love playing outside
I love calendar time
I like learning the calendar
We get to play on the playground
We get to color
I learn a lot of stuff
We pay outside and do work

- Haleigh Batchelor
- Tamia Mack
- Rebekah Smith
- Tileiah Hurt
- Ashton Smith
- Justin King
- Zykevion Battle
- Evan Hitchcock
- Tymier Taylor
- Jasmique Grissom
- Ollieah Lary
- Victoria Butts
- Markayla Primas
- Brianna Webb
- Antonio Edwards
- Konyea Devereaux
- A'mya Darrisaw
- Tamia Watkins
- Jaylen Walker
- Justin Huff
- Elijha Wiggins



First Grade



by Yaasming Rios

Things We Like To Do At School
By The Rainbow Room

At school I like to write and sing! Syee Havior

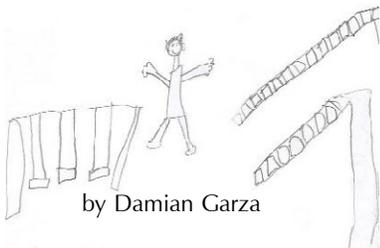
At school what I like to do is mostly color. Brian Payne

At school I like to write and I like to read. I LOVE TO READ! Ke'asia Veasley

At school I like to draw and read and play. Yaasming Rios

At school I like to check out books and read them and take an A.R. test. Yusef Sanders

At school I like to do art. I love to draw every day. I like to play. Ki'Asjah Burney



by Damian Garza

Ms. Barbee's class learned the difference between fact and fiction! Here are some fact and fiction sentences from the students in Ms. Barbee's class!

Fact Sentences:

The fox can jump. **Mantileto Holmes**

A bird can fly. **David Knowles**

A dog can run around. **Jamie Lowery**

A dog can drink. **Devin Walker**

The bird can lay eggs. **Austin Kirby**

The dog can eat. **Ka'ane Rapier**



Fiction Sentences:

My fox can jump up in the moon. **Ari Halim**

A cat can read. **Jameeze Perry**

My cat can fly. **Simeon Taylor**

I have a dog on top of my house. **LeCovian Thomas**

The cat went to school. **RaMiyah Hall**

A fox can fly. **Trinity Sanford**



by Kierston Warren

by KeAsia Veasley



by KiAsjah Burney



by Cambrie Harrison



Second Grade

My Favorite Tree

By: Ashanti Trawick

My favorite tree is at the park. I love to climb my tree. It is very fun! I have a tree at home. It is fun too. I also have a tree at my Grandmother's house. I have a lot of trees I play under, and I love them all; I always will.

I played with my tree this morning, but I ran out of time because I had school. My friends and I got a rope and tied it up to a tree. My friends and I swung on the rope. We had a fantastic time. We had so much fun! We played all night. Then they



Going Camping By: Zachary Batchelor

When you go camping you need to bring clothes, food, a tent, sleeping bags, and axe. You might get to see a

doe, fawn, raccoon, and maybe a hoot-owl. When I go camping I go in the woods. I like camping! One time when we got there, "Boo!" out popped a bear! Out it came with its blood thirsty teeth. So we stood very still. Then it went away. No one got hurt. We were so scared! I never get scared.

"My Friend"

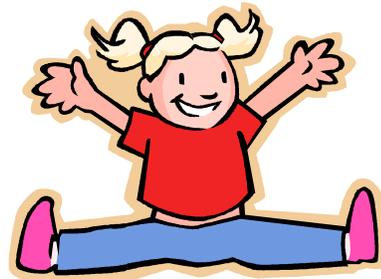
By: Savannah Lindsey

My best friend is Brandy. I like playing with her. She is funny when I look at her. When I make funny faces, she giggles. I also like to walk beside her. I like to play in P.E. with her. She is cute with the bow on her head. When we go out to play I will teach her how to slide down the biggest slide.

"Life"

By: Brandy Jones

Life is the best thing ever! When I was a baby, it was great. I did not have to do any work. I was the first one born in my family. I have a very great family. I have two sisters, a brother, a grandmother, and a mom. I do not have a daddy. I used to have a lot of dogs. I miss them. I only have two dogs left. I love dogs, baby poodles, puppies, and baby kittens. I love being a girl! My favorite part of school has been pre-k, and 2nd grade. Life is just great!





Third Grade

MRS. DREW'S OE STUDENTS ARE ADVOCATING HEALTHY TREES!

Dear Mr. Barlow and the Union Recorder,

We would like if you had an article asking people to help out at our school because we really want our trees to grow! They are not growing well now because the grass and weeds are taking over! To help them grow, we need to pull the grass and weeds away from each tree, so that we can lay mulch under each tree. There are so many young trees at our school, and every tree has ants and other crawling creatures underneath. We would like to have 10 pairs of kids sized and 10 pairs of adult small garden gloves. Some small digging tools would also be helpful! The H.O.P.E. students and the YES students of Eagle Ridge will be doing this for a long time. With help from our community, we H.O.P.E. to help our trees grow big and strong to give us shade and healthy air at school!

Sincerely,
Amiya Northern and Emily Arp

Dear ERE Students,

O.E. students are caring for trees and we need your help. On the south and north there is a big pile of mulch formed as wood chips. Get a bag, two jugs of water, and newspaper.

Step 1: Pull the grass away from the trees (Be careful because there might be saw grass and it can cut you! Also, watch out for ants, spiders, and even sometimes yellow jackets! If you see yellow jackets, dangerous spiders, or too many ants leave that tree alone.) Use gardening gloves to protect your hands!

Step 2: Smooth out the dirt.

Step 3: Put the newspaper around the tree!

Step 4: Get some water and pour it on the newspaper.

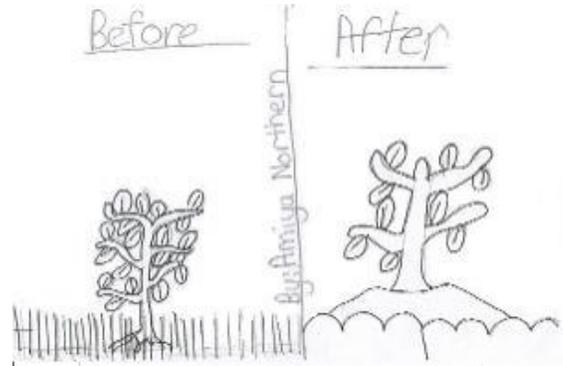
Step 5: Put wood chips on the newspaper in a big circle that looks like the crater of a volcano

You have mulched a tree!!! You can add more water if you like!

Love your friend,
Antonio May

P.S. Those wood chips stink very badly.

P.P.S. PLEASE DON'T MULCH THE TREES WITH A STRING! THOSE TREES ARE TOO LOW IN THE GROUND AND NEED TO BE RAISED AFTER THE FIRST FROST!



Dear ERE Students,

We're trying to get kids to start mulching trees. Do you want to help? If you do, here are some instructions:

1. Pull the weeds around the tree.
2. Put newspaper around the tree.
3. Put water on the newspaper.
4. Get woodchips and put some around the tree.

Love, **Cauy Wall**

Dear ERE students,

You need to help us mulch all the trees, and here's how you do it.

First, you pull the grass back so there will be a little circle around the tree, then put newspaper where the dirt is. Next, you pour water on top of the newspaper. Finally you put woodchips on the newspaper. Make sure you leave a little room in the middle of the trunk so the tree can breathe.

Please help the trees!
Abby Downie

Dear ERE Students,

The way you mulch a tree is...

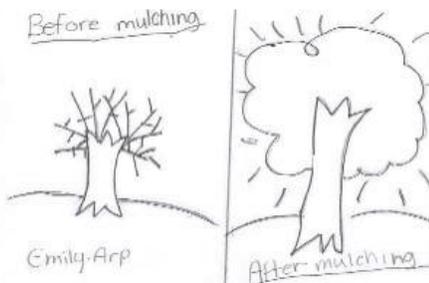
First you need to pull all the weeds out of the way and make sure you pull them by the root. Next, you put some newspaper around the tree. Then, get a jug filled with water and pour the water on the tree. Make sure to get all the newspaper wet. Finally, get some woodchips and put them around the tree, but don't put too many on the tree because you don't want to bury the tree.

Love, **Gabby Warnock**

Dear ERE Students,

Do you want to learn how to mulch a tree? Well, if you do, then I'm going to tell you how. First, you check the tree to see if there is a lot of grass. If there is, then you pull them but don't grab it by the top because you need to get the roots too. Second, you spread newspaper around the tree. Make sure you put the newspaper over all the dirt around the tree. Third, you pour water on the newspaper and make sure you get all the newspaper covered with water. Fourth, you are read to mulch...but, mulching trees is not as easy as you think it is trust me.

Love, **Kara Firesheets**



Maintenance Department,

Mrs. Drew has talked about your outstanding workers and what they have done. We need help with our playground at Eagle Ridge Elementary. First of all, we would like more sand around the merry-go-round because every time it rains there's a puddle around it. Also, we need you to put Round-Up on the grass in our sandy play area, so it will kill the grass. One more thing...there's a huge tree and a well beside it where someone lost a shoe and that's why we need a gate around it so nobody will get hurt. Thanks for all you do!

Love,
Emily Arp and Amiya Northern



Fourth Grade

Disney Memories

I remember the first time I went to Disney World. I was in the first grade! At first, I didn't know what it was. Then I heard so much fun stuff about it. My sister, Quanisha, my daddy, Juan, my mommy, Quavadis, and I left to go to Disney. I don't remember the first ride, but it probably was very fun! We went out to eat in the castle. It was so beautiful! My sister and I took a picture with Cinderella. Then we went on more rides. My favorite was a ride called Soaring. It felt like we were riding on top of the world! That night there was a parade with fire works! I couldn't see over the people, so I got on my daddy's back. After that, I fell asleep. We had so much fun!

by **Janiah Trawick**

The Best of Times and the Worst of Times

I had the best summer ever. I went to visit my sister in Augusta. She is 21 years old. She goes to school there. She works there too at the nursing home. When my sister and I went to visit her she took us everywhere. She took us to Chuck.E.Cheese! We went to the mall. She even took us to her pool! We spent the night at her house for two days. Then we went home. When I got home, I missed my sister. That's how my summer vacation was!

By **Zameria Evans**

My summer vacation was the worst summer ever! It started when I was at my grandmas' house. I stayed there and it wasn't fun because I really couldn't do anything. The only fun I had was my Cousin Angela's birthday party. It was fun we had games, music, and a lot of people came. During the party, me and my cousin Javantae got a hold to some firecrackers and a lighter. We popped the firecrackers outside in the yard. Javantaes' brother, Jerry took them from us and popped some of them. When he popped his, it made a smoke ring! It was big and really black!

Then, I went to Atlanta. I went to the pool but I didn't really want to. I just wanted to go to Atlanta and stay for two days. I left Atlanta and went back that weekend and stayed there. Then school came along and I went to school. And that's why it was the worst summer ever.

By **Bobby Lango**

Fifth Grade



The Making of a Champion by Janayia Davis & Makayla Butts

Here at Eagle Ridge Elementary we have a track star in the making. She is just ten years old and is in the 5th grade. She has been running with the Baldwin Jets for the past four years now. If you haven't guessed yet, we are talking of Daloria Boone.

Daloria says that her father wanted her to start running to run out all of her extra energy. You could

say, though, that it runs in the family. Her mom, dad, sister, and brother also ran track. She also says that her whole family inspires her and encourages her to run. The famous Florence Griffin Joyner better known as Flo Jo is also her inspiration.

This summer was very important to Daloria's track resume. She competed in a National Competition in California where she earned her first National Championship medal in the 9-10 year old girls long jump. In California she got to meet track greats like Carl Lewis, Rafer Johnson, and Sandra Richard Ross. She dreams of being a famous athlete and running in the Olympics one day.

She wants to thank all of those that have encouraged her and supported her in the past. She hopes to have their continued support.

The message that she would like to pass on to others from her experiences are to never give up and that hard work pays off.

We look forward to cheering Daloria on in the future. Run Daloria run!!!!



OE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING PILGRIM LIFE

What Caused the People of England to Want to Move to a New Land?

SPRING 1620

Pilgrim Log by: **Mason Richards** - 2nd Grade

I am 7 years old. In my family there are 10 people. We have been living in Holland for 11 years and my parents are unhappy. They are unhappy with our life in Holland because our kids have been losing the English customs. We wish we could live in England, but this is not possible because we can't worship God in our own way.

Pilgrim Log by: **Abigail Brown** - 2nd Grade

I am 7 years old. In my family there are 5 people...me, my two sisters, and mamma and daddy. We have been living in Holland for 11 years and my parents are unhappy. They are unhappy with our life in Holland because I am being more Dutch. We wish we could live in England, but this is not possible because we can't worship God in our own way.

Pilgrim Log by: **Emily Caudill** - 2nd Grade

I am 7 years old. In my family there are 20. We have been living in Holland for 11 years and my parents are unhappy. They are unhappy with our life in Holland because there aren't good jobs. We wish we could live in England, but this is not possible because we could not worship God our own way.

How was their journey across the Atlantic Ocean?

CROSSING THE OCEAN

Pilgrim Log By: **Gabrielle Sowell** - 2nd Grade

Crossing the great ocean was an adventure. At first the weather was O.K. Then, it changed. The seas became rough. Life on the ship was scary because of the hurricanes. Finally, we reached land. The voyage took us years. We were happy when we got off the ship.

Pilgrim Log By: **Jasia Jarrett** - 2nd Grade

Crossing the great ocean was an adventure. At first, the weather was good. Then, it changed and the seas became bad. At one point we feared for our lives when the ship split in half. Life on the ship was harmful because people died. Finally we reached land. The voyage took us 62 days. We were happy when we got off the ship.

Pilgrim Log By: **Eric Walker** - 2nd Grade

Crossing the great ocean was an adventure. At first the weather was windy, then it changed and the seas became bigger. At one point we feared for our lives when the ship went in the whirlpool! Life on the ship was awful because we had no privacy, no money to fix the ship, and other things that we hated. Finally we reached land. The voyage took us 7 months to get here. We were glad when we got off the ship.

LETTERS TO MRS. DREW

August 24, 2010

Dear Mrs. Drew,

I knew it was OE today, so I hopped out of bed. OE is so fun! It is so fun at school. I write worksheets at home too. Eagle Ridge is the best school I have ever been to in my whole life!

Love,

Rebekah Hadid, 1st Grade

September 14, 2010

Dear Mrs. Drew,

When I grow up I want to have 11 kids (5 girls and 6 boys). I want to be a veterinarian. I will have to take care of pets. I love pets. They are cute. Sometimes they bite...and that is the end of my letter.

Love,

Jasia Jarrett, 2nd Grade